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Encounter free-flying butterflies and live exotic bugs at The New Children's Museum, new summer exhibits open in early July

West Hartford, CONN (July 3, 2013) – What would summer be without fascinating bugs and fluttering butterflies? Wing your way to The New Children's Museum and encounter these amazing creatures in two new summer exhibits opening in early July.

In this sought-after outdoor butterfly exhibit, visitors wander through a colorful and lush butterfly garden surrounded with hundreds of live native fluttering butterflies. Watch free-flying Monarch, Painted Ladies, and other fascinating species sip nectar from flowering plants as they interact with plant life.

Emerge from this engaging exhibit after watching the fascinating dance between butterflies with a better understanding about the life cycle and migration patterns of the butterfly and the environment needed for the survival of these spectacular animals.

Visitors may then enter an ancient temple to observe live, exotic bugs from around the world including a bird eating tarantula, emperor scorpion, black widow spider, giant cockroaches. These spineless wonders, or arthropods, are the group of creatures that include insects, spiders, crustaceans, millipedes and centipedes.

From the strikingly beautiful to the mysterious and sometimes terrifying, they are one of the most diverse and abundant life forms on earth. In fact, if all the insects on earth were piled up on top of the ground we would be 3 feet deep in bugs!

Both exhibits are free with museum admission.

The New Children's Museum features over 100 live animals, including the now famous Fennec foxes, hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. The New Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for science and nature exploration.

The New Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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