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REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN SHOW RETURNS TO OMSI LABOR DAY WEEKEND

PORTLAND, Ore. (August 14, 2012) – Curious weekenders and reptile enthusiasts alike can crawl, creep and slither their way to one of the largest gatherings of reptiles and amphibians in the Pacific Northwest this Labor Day weekend.

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will present its 26th annual Reptile and Amphibian Show, Sept. 1 through 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Entrance is $3, and free for OMSI members.

Nearly 100 exotic animals will be on display at this popular event, including a large variety of captive-bred snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs and more. Experts will be available throughout the weekend to answer questions about these amazing and often misunderstood creatures.

New this year are displays of egg shells, snake skins, rattlesnake rattles, venom glands and other intricate reptile parts for visitors to observe.

In addition to the many animals on view in the OMSI auditorium, there will be a hands-on area where visitors can touch non-venomous species.

Live presentations from popular guests include:

• Dr. Rosemary Lombard and her incredible (but not edible!) pancake tortoises.

• Dr. Mark Burgess, DVM, who will answer all your questions about keeping and caring for reptiles.

• Mr. Lizard, who provides an interactive, hands-on experience with his mobile reptile zoo. Mr. Lizard and his animals have been featured in a variety of media, including The Late Late Show, CMT, Animal Planet and Harper’s Bazaar.

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These entertaining experts will present at the following times:

**Saturday, Sept. 1**
11 a.m. Pancake Tortoises
12 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo
1 p.m. Pancake Tortoises
3 p.m. Pancake Tortoises
4 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo

**Sunday, Sept. 2**
11 a.m. Dr. Burgess
12-2 p.m. Informal “Ask the Vet” session with Dr. Burgess
1 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo
3 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo

**Monday, Sept. 3**
11 a.m. Venomous Reptiles
1 p.m. Venomous Reptiles
3 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo
5 p.m. Mr. Lizard’s Mobile Zoo

**About OMSI**
Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation’s leading science museums, a world-class tourist attraction, and an award-winning educational resource for the kid in each of us. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit [www.omsi.edu](http://www.omsi.edu)

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