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## **“Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders” Opens June 13** *Special exhibit explores the world of arthropods*

Wilmington, DE – Step right up and behold the Devil with Two Heads! Witness scorpions that glow in the dark! Experience the offending stench of the Giant Vinegaroon! Freakish, bewildering marvels of the insect world are on display in the Delaware Museum of Natural History's latest special exhibit, *Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders*, on view **June 13 – September 7**.

Resembling an old-fashioned circus sideshow, this exhibit explores the truth, myths, and mysteries surrounding some of nature’s most curious creatures – many of them alive and on view. Those daring enough to enter will be captivated by the deceptive and treacherous techniques these insects can wield on unsuspecting predators. They will learn about how the Giant African Millipede, though harmless-looking enough, can unleash a harmful cyanide secretion. The “Devil with Two Heads,” also known as the Vietnamese Centipede, exposes how it can confound predators with a tail that looks just like its head.

To capture the essence of the traveling circus, large, colorful hand-painted banners introduce the visitor to the inhabitants they are about to meet. They also give the first impression of the topic about to be explored, and delineate each section of the exhibit.

### **Exhibit Highlights:**

- **Rogues Gallery** - Feast your eyes on some of the most notorious and dangerous bug criminals of our time – or are they?
- **Glowing Terror** – Explore one of the great mysteries of the bug world – why scorpions give off an eerie green glow when placed under a blacklight.
- **Theatre of the Macabre** – Bugs not only look creepy, but some of the things they do are downright disturbing! Learn more about some weird and whacky bug behaviors.
- **The Gaff** – Behold the Ter-An-Tula: Part termite, part ant, part tarantula, all terror! What sideshow would be complete without the inclusion of a fantasy creature that challenges you to decide: Is it real? Or is it a fake?
- **Dr. E’s Kitchen Cabinet of Curiosities** – Bugs...as food? With even the World Food Organization promoting bugs as a good source of protein, Entomophagy has become a hot topic. A visit to Dr. Entomo's Kitchen Cabinet reveals a "taste" of some buggy delights.

*Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders* is sponsored by DuPont with additional support provided by Artisans’ Bank.

**WHAT:** *Dr. Entomo’s Palace of Exotic Wonders*

**WHERE:** Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807

**DATE:** Saturday, June 13 – Monday, September 7, 2015

**HOURS:** Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday 12-4:30 p.m.

**ADMISSION:** \$9 for adults, \$7 for children (3-17), \$8 for seniors, FREE for children 2 and younger. FREE for Museum members.

**MORE INFO:** Visit [www.delmnh.org](http://www.delmnh.org) or call (302) 658-9111

### **About the Delaware Museum of Natural History**

As the only natural history museum in the state, the Delaware Museum of Natural History opened its doors in 1972 to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. The Museum houses Delaware's only permanent dinosaur display, surrounded by exhibits of mammals, shells, and other specimens from around the world. The Museum cares for world-renowned scientific collections of mollusks and birds, including one of the top-fifteen mollusk collections in the United States.

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**Image Caption:** Freakish, bewildering marvels of the insect world, including live Emperor Scorpions, are on display in the Delaware Museum of Natural History's latest special exhibit, *Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders*, June 13 – September 7.



**Image Caption:** Some bugs, like the Giant Vinegaroon, use bad-tasting or even poisonous chemical secretions to ward off would-be predators. Visitors can learn more about this unusual defense mechanism in the Delaware Museum of Natural History's latest special exhibit, *Dr. Entomo's Palace of Exotic Wonders*, on display June 13 – September 7.