The Peabody was founded in 1866 with a gift of $150,000 from philanthropist George Peabody, the uncle of O.C. Marsh. Today the Museum’s renowned collections of 13 million specimens and artifacts are the basis for research, publication, exhibition and education in the realms of natural history, archaeology and ethnology.

The Peabody’s renowned vertebrate paleontology collection, third largest in the nation, includes Deinonychus antirrhopus, a relative of Velociraptor discovered by Yale’s John Ostrom, along with fossils collected and named by O.C. Marsh: Brontosaurus, Stegosaurus and Triceratops. They are on display in the Great Hall of Dinosaurs over which looms the world’s largest and most famous dinosaur painting, Rudolph Zallinger’s Pulitzer-Award-winning *The Age of Reptiles*.

One of the Peabody’s earliest collections is the outstanding rock and mineral collection started by Benjamin Silliman for use in his pioneering teaching of geology and mineralogy at Yale, several specimens of which are on exhibit in the new Hall of Minerals, Earth and Space. Elihu Yale would have a soft spot for this exhibit. Critical to the founding of Yale University was the fortune he amassed trading diamonds, a gem featured here in the history of diamond cuts.
O. C. Marsh

Othniel Charles Marsh was a founding curator of the Yale Peabody Museum and a pioneer in the study of vertebrate paleontology in the United States.

The Fellows

As an O. C. Marsh Fellow, you will enjoy stimulating talks and the conviviality of the accompanying social functions while embracing a mission to help fund important projects. You will be recognized as a Fellow at the giving level selected and your goodwill and generosity acknowledged in Peabody Explorer and other publications. This year your gift will be used to match a generous grant the Museum received from Connecticut Humanities.

Membership and Benefits

• Membership in O. C. Marsh with the privilege of attending program talks at no additional charge except those in December and May that occur during a seated dinner.
• Membership in the Yale Peabody Museum with free admission privileges at hundreds of participating museums and science centers.
• Invitations to exhibition openings and special events.
• Privilege of attending catered cocktail receptions, the Holiday Dinner, Dinner with the Director, and informal dinners following selected programs at the cost noted.

Information

The O. C. Marsh registration form can be found online at peabody.yale.edu/support/oc-marsh-fellows-program. For additional information, contact Melanie Brigockas at 203.432.5099 or peabody.pr@yale.edu.

O. C. Marsh Fellows Program, 2015-2016

Tuesday, October 13
5:30 p.m. reception, $20 or prepaid reception fee
6:20 p.m. talk
Dinner in the Bird Hall, $40

Five Things Everyone Should Know about the Native American Archaeology of Connecticut
Brian Jones, Connecticut State Archaeologist

Wednesday, November 18
5:30 p.m. reception, $20 or prepaid reception fee
6:20 p.m. talk
Dinner in the Bird Hall, $40

Field Work in the American Southwest
Jacques Gauthier, Professor of Geology & Geophysics at Yale, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology, Yale Peabody Museum

Wednesday, December 9
HOLIDAY DINNER
6:00 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. dinner and talk, $70 inclusive

Love in the Time of Monkeys: The Role of Food, Jealousy and Paternal Care in Monogamous Owl Monkeys of Argentina
Eduardo Fernandez-Duque, Professor of Anthropology at Yale; Director of Science and Co-Founder, Fundacion ECO of Formosa, Argentina

Wednesday, January 13
5:30 p.m. reception, $20 or prepaid reception fee
6:20 p.m. talk
Dinner in the Bird Hall, $40

The Search for Dying Embers: Botanical Explorations in China and Southeast Asia
Patrick Sweeney, Collections Manager, Division of Botany, Yale University Herbarium

Thursday, February 18
5:30 p.m. reception; $20 or prepaid reception fee
6:20 p.m. talk

Unlocking the Secrets of Ancient Oceans
Pincelli Hull, Assistant Professor of Paleontology in the Department of Geology & Geophysics; Assistant Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology, Yale Peabody Museum

Tuesday, March 1
5:30 p.m. reception, $20 or prepaid reception fee
6:20 p.m. talk

Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot
Peter Crane, Carl W. Knobloch, Jr. Dean of the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies; Acting Curator of Paleobotany, Yale Peabody Museum

Tuesday, May 10
6:00 p.m. reception; 6:30 p.m. dinner, $75 inclusive

Dinner with the Director
David Skelly, Director, Yale Peabody Museum; Frank R. Oastler Professor of Ecology, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Photo at right: Tiny plankton living in the sunlit and twilight layers of the open ocean, like this Hastigerinella digitata, record the history of the open ocean through the chemistry and shape of their shells. Image thanks to K. Osborn.