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**A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE**  
**State Representative Ruth Fahrbach**



**Museum of Natural History,**  
**Archaeology Center**  
**a real treasure trove for our state**

Located on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs, the Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center is full of signs of our state's past and peaks of the future.

According to the museum's Web site [www.cac.uconn.edu](http://www.cac.uconn.edu), the Museum took the first step toward long-term transformation with the completion of the second floor expansion in the Spring of 2007. Renovations to the Hillside Road building created new classrooms and exhibits for programming with the Connecticut Archaeology Center, aiming to bring the perspectives of many academic disciplines together to explore natural and cultural history of southern New England.

The opening of the permanent programming and exhibit space is the first in the Museum's 20-year history. According to its Web site, further expansion onto the building's third floor would create much needed collections and laboratory spaces.

The biological collections held at the Museum are just a portion of the University's broader collections. According to the Museum's Web site, the Systematic Research Collections in the Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UConn contain hundreds of thousands of specimens of mammals, birds, insects, invertebrates, fossils, plants, fish and parasites. The department's new state-of-the-art collection facility serves individuals and institutions from all over the world as well as providing extensive online collection information.

Members of the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center can take advantage of the programs, services and benefits that the Museum offers and discover new learning experiences. Membership with the Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center provides:

- Reduced rates on workshops and other programs

- Newsletters and updates
- Advance notification of programs and events
- A 15 percent off discount coupon on a book from the UConn Co-op Bookstore
- Invitations to previews and other special events
- Guest passes for workshops and programs

The Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, though donations are appreciated. For more information or directions, log on to [www.cac.uconn.edu](http://www.cac.uconn.edu) or call the museum at (860) 486-4460.

*State Rep. Ruth Fahrbach represents the 61<sup>st</sup> District, including Suffield, and parts of Windsor and East Granby, in the General Assembly.*