Museum events

sure to please the whole family

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CLEMSON — Art, history, beautiful gardens, fun, family and food.

That sums up what Upstate families will be enjoying this weekend at two different venues in Pickens County.

In addition to the South Carolina Botanical Gardens providing the perfect backdrop to an afternoon stroll, the Bob Campbell Geology Museum (on site) will open its doors for "Museum Day," an annual event with tons of activities lined up for all ages.

Admission is free. The day will hone in on local geological resources used by indigenous people and the techniques used to fashion them according to Todd Steadman, representative from the Botanical Gardens.

The Museum's newest exhibit, "Earth Skills," will also be unveiled Saturday.

"It highlights Native American artifacts from the Museum's collection and focuses on the use of naturally occurring materials used to manufacture everyday tools," he said. "To help kick off this exhibit, prehistoric technology expert Roger Lindsay will be on hand to share his knowledge about the ancient art of making projectile points. Mr. Lindsay has spent more than 20 years researching, reproducing and honing his skills in using a bow and arrow, blowgun and atlatl (a spear thrower), and he will be demonstrating the use of these hunting implements."

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According to Steadman, Lindsay can hit a target with an atlatl at 50 yards, and pop a balloon with a blowgun or bow and arrow (all of which he's made) at 15-25 yards. A collection of tools that he has reproduced will be on display.

"It should be very interesting and a lot of the fun for the entire family," he added.

Families can gear up for T-shirt making, fossil identifying, sieving for minerals and much, much more.

The free event will run from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. For more information, call (864) 656-2536.

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Kids search through the sieving tub in hopes of finding fossils at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum. It's just one of many events that will satisfy the family this Saturday.



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Danny Ochiuto paints a fish during last year's museum event at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum. This year, it will kick off again on tomorrow.



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In honor of this year's theme featuring Native Americans, their lifestyle and weapons, demonstrations will be held showing the skill of spear throwing, among others at the Bob Campbell Geology Museum.