Museums and Special Collections

The University of Aberdeen has the only large, international collection of zoological specimens in the north of Scotland. The Zoology Museum's collections are worldwide in scope and cover more than 200 years of biological study at the University. Highlights on display include a stuffed Bengal tiger, great ape skeletons, and historic blue whale limbs and whale skeletons.

Open 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday. Entry is free. See 2 on map.

Volunteering
Volunteers are an important part of the team. Working closely with staff, they assist with a wide range of activities including collections, conservation, learning and events. For more information visit our website.

We are online
Keep up to date on social media:

Twitter: @uoamuseums @scc_aberdeen
Facebook: University of Aberdeen Museums
Special Collections Centre, University of Aberdeen
Instagram: @uoamuseums

The University of Aberdeen is a charity registered in Scotland No.SC013683
Exhibitions

Canaletto in Aberdeen
Recent research in the University of Aberdeen has confirmed that the collection includes a painting by Italian artist Giovanni Antonio Canal (1695–1798), better known as Canaletto. This work is on display alongside other related works in the collection.

The Gallery, Sir Duncan Rice Library 21 January – 24 February 2019
Open Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm

Coming Soon
June 2019: MLitt Museum Studies ‘Curating an Exhibition’ course will open their newest exhibition in the Sir Duncan Rice Library ground floor foyer.

September 2019: Audubon’s Birds of America will be on display in our next temporary exhibition in the Gallery in the Sir Duncan Rice Library.

Evening Lectures
The common books of Aberdeen, 1398–1511
Dr Claire Hawes FAS Scot, University of Aberdeen
Tuesday 15 January 7.30pm Regent Building Lecture Theatre Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

A Canaletto rediscovered: a nineteenth-century collector from Dyce and his bequest to Aberdeen University
John Gash, University of Aberdeen
Thursday 7 February 6.00pm Fraser Noble Lecture Theatre
Friends of Aberdeen University Library, combined with late opening of Canaletto in Aberdeen exhibition

The state funeral and heraldry of Mary Queen of Scots
John Malden, Heraldry Society of Scotland
Tuesday 12 February 7.30pm Regent Building Lecture Theatre Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Behind the scenes at Blairs
Dr Alison Burke, Curator, Blair’s Museum
Tuesday 12 March 7.30pm Regent Building Lecture Theatre Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Natural children and infamous bastards: being illegitimate in medieval Scotland
Dr Susan Marshall, University of Aberdeen
Tuesday 23 April 7.30pm Regent Building Lecture Theatre Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Testing Times
Professor Craig Ramsay, University of Aberdeen
Thursday 25 April 6.30pm Sir Duncan Rice Library
Friends of Aberdeen University Library, the AGM will take place between 6.00pm – 6.30pm

Events
May Festival 24th – 26th May
We have various events and activities planned throughout the University’s annual May Festival. For more information please visit our website. Taking place at the University of Aberdeen’s stunning King’s College campus in Old Aberdeen, the May Festival offers more than 120 events spanning popular themes including literature, music, film, science, visual arts and sport. More information about May Festival can be found at www.abdn.ac.uk/mayfestival

History Week
We will be working with the students of Aberdeen University History Society to deliver events during their History Week 18–24 February. Visit our website and social media for more information.

DolphinFest 2019
26th April Zoology Museum
Join us on the second day of RSPB’s DolphinFest for a series of talks and activities, celebrating the incredible marine environment and wildlife we see around the North East Coast. Discover how climate change is affecting the seas by attending a screening of the award-winning documentary Chasing Corals. Take part in family-friendly hands on activities throughout the museum and learn how different organisations are helping to protect the marine environment. www.rspb.org.uk/dolphinwatch