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## SB Museum of Natural History Hosts "Out of the Closet" Treasure Sale

*Sales from books, rocks, folk art, and more support Museum collections and research*

- Sat–Sun, Feb 25–26, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
- Free admission for shopping
- Shop community-donated books, rocks, folk art, and more
- Proceeds support Museum's collections and research

**SANTA BARBARA, CA**—On Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History will host a sale featuring treasures from closets around town, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM. Admission is free for shopping.

This stand-alone sale is an expansion of the popular "Out of the Closet" booth at the Museum's annual holiday sale. The items for sale in that booth each winter come from people in the community who want to benefit the Anthropology Department's collections and research. Funds raised by that booth have enabled the department to acquire several nineteenth-century Chumash baskets and a variety of works by modern-day Native artists.

This February, the Department of Anthropology is teaming up with other departments at the Museum to put on a larger benefit sale, offering a unique selection of books, rocks, folk art, nature education materials, and more.

"Supporting our collections and curators is vital to continuing our active scientific research," says Director of Guest Experience Kim Zsembik, the sale's organizer. "Many shoppers are familiar with the Library and Anthropology Department sales during the Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace fundraiser. This new experience includes community-donated treasures to support the Earth Science Collections, too. Jewelry makers will find rough rocks and minerals to polish for their creative projects, and in doing so they'll be supporting our earth science research."

Items are priced to sell. To experience the best selection, shoppers are encouraged to avoid delay.

For more information, visit [sbnature.org/calendar](https://sbnature.org/calendar).

## About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

*Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature.* Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum seeks to connect people to nature for the betterment of both, and prides itself on being *naturally different*. For more information, visit [sbnature.org](http://sbnature.org).



Colorful crafts and textiles on sale to benefit the Museum's Anthropology Department



Beautiful books being offered for sale by the Museum Library



Rose quartz (left), travertine (center), and azurite (right) and more will be on sale to benefit earth science research