



FACT SHEET

- ◇ The Museum of Arts & Sciences is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the County of Volusia.
- ◇ Museum collections and research include Cuban and Florida art, American Fine and Decorative Arts, European Fine and Decorative Arts, pre-Columbian and African artifacts, Pleistocene fossils, Florida history and regional natural history.
- ◇ The Museum houses changing arts and sciences exhibition galleries, permanent collection galleries, a gallery of American art, paintings, decorative arts and furniture.
- ◇ **The Cuban Foundation Museum** contains one of the largest collections of Cuban Art outside Cuba. This rich gallery was reinstalled in 1995 with the inclusion of Pre-Columbian Taino pottery and Spanish Colonial artifacts in silver, rare woods and tortoiseshell.
- ◇ The **Planetarium** is a 96-seat facility. The 40' domed theatre has a Minolta MS-10 sky projector that portrays the sky as it would appear under perfect conditions.
- ◇ **The Anderson C. Bouchelle Center for Decorative Arts** contains such objects as Russian enamels, French gilt bronze, and American Brilliant Period Glass.
- ◇ **The Abraham and Dorothy Frischer Sculpture Garden** is a 2.5 acre exhibit which holds works by major contemporary sculptors.
- ◇ The 24,000 square-foot Root Wing opened in October 2001 and houses the **Root Family Museum** which encompasses 20th century American cultural and technological artifacts relating to the history of Coca-Cola.
- ◇ **The Kim A. Klancke, M.D. and Marsha L. Klancke Environmental Education Complex** in Tusawilla Preserve opened in Spring 2005. Nature trails throughout the 90-acre preserve in adjacent Tusawilla Park are maintained by MOAS.
- ◇ In association with the Nature Conservancy, MOAS owns and operates **Gamble Place**, a 150-acre preserve featuring the "cracker-style" house built by James Gamble (of Procter & Gamble) in 1907. Gamble place is located at 1819 Taylor Road in Port Orange, Florida.

- ◇ In 2000, **Dow Museum of Historic Houses** (formerly Old St. Augustine Village) opened to the public. This grouping of nine historic houses spanning the period 1790–1910 nestles among courtyards and gardens.
- ◇ **The Charles and Linda William’s Children’s Museum** opened in 2008 and is the first hands-on science center in Volusia County. This 9,300 square foot space houses more than fifteen professionally designed interactive exhibits geared especially toward children that demonstrates various principles of science, engineering, and physics.
- ◇ **The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building** is a state-of-the-art, 4,400 square foot addition to the Museum, storing and displaying important works from the Museum’s collection in a glass-fronted, open storage format. **It is the only such facility for art and decorative art objects in Florida.**
- ◇ **The Kenneth Worchester Dow and Mary Mohan Dow Gallery of American Art** is a 4,000 square foot exhibition interpreting and presenting, in historical context, 300 years of American painting, sculpture, pewter, silver, period furniture and decorative arts.
- ◇ The impressive 13-foot tall skeleton of the **Eremotherium laurilardi** or **Giant Ground Sloth** was excavated in 1975 and dates back approximately 130,000 years. The Volusia County giant ground sloth is the best preserved and most complete fossil of this species in North America and has made its home at The Center for Florida History of MOAS for the past 30 years.
- ◇ **The William and Helena Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art** showcases 84 objects from the Museum’s collection, including large interpretive panels on Chinese history and society. T’ang and Wei horses, Han and Ming tomb figures, Ch’ing gemstone carvings and Ming blue and white objects are among many other cultural items.