



North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC, Offers Exhibit Based on Ferns of the Smoky Mountains

A new exhibition created by Discover Life in America, a non-profit based in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is now open at The North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, NC. *Ferns of the Smokies* reveals the beauty and diversity of ferns and their allies through 20 high resolution scans, on view in the Education Center through July 2, 2012.

Developed with funding from the Knoxville Garden Club, the exhibit showcases almost half of the 49 ferns and fern allies that exist in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Though black bears and white-tailed deer are commonly recognized as the mascots of the Smokies, visitors are encouraged to take a closer look through the images of the exhibit to discover another world within the Park.



Climbing Fern

audience. DLIA's mission is to help the ATBI identify and develop resources and partnerships to conduct the inventory and related educational activities.

Considered by many to be one of the world's biggest and most ambitious science projects, the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory aims to decipher the mysteries of the Smokies' intricate ecosystem by finding and cataloging every species of plant, animal, and microorganism in the park. Since collecting began in 1998, the ATBI has uncovered over 900 species new to science, as well as over 7,300 species that are newly documented to exist in the Park. The ATBI project involves hundreds of "citizen scientists," volunteers who collect specimens for the scientists to analyze, thereby keeping the project cost-effective.

The central mission of The North Carolina Arboretum, an affiliate institution of the 17-campus University of North Carolina system, is to cultivate connections between people and plants.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Arboretum at 828/665-2492 or visit (www.ncarboretum.org).



Maidenhair Fern

Discover Life in America (DLIA) is involved in a quest to identify and understand all species of life within the 800-square-mile ecosystem of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. DLIA researchers seek to learn more about the components, abundance, and diversity of life, from spiders in the soil to slime molds in the forest canopy. The primary tool of DLIA is the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI), which brings scientists from around the world to inventory the estimated 80,000 species of living organisms in the Park. The project develops checklists, reports, maps, databases, and natural history profiles that describe the biology of this rich landscape to a wide

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be May 24th for the June 2012 issue and June 24 for the July 2012 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. Don't be late - send your info well before the deadline.

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Exhibit Dates: September 1 - 29, 2012

Awards: A minimum of 6 awards will be presented:
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Exhibit Location: Riverside Studios in Asheville's River Arts District



Riverside Studios, 174 West Haywood Street, Asheville, NC

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UNC Asheville in Asheville, NC, Features Works by Tiffany Purser

UNC Asheville in Asheville, NC, will present the exhibit, *Dissolution*, an art exhibition of stoneware funerary urns by UNC Asheville senior Tiffany Purser, on view in the Highsmith University Union

Gallery from May 4 - 15, 2012. A reception will be held on May 4, from 3-6pm.

Purser, who is studying art and philosophy at UNC Asheville, created this exhibit [continued on Page 53](#)