Current Exhibitions and Displays

WOMEN IN SCIENCE: Portraits, Archive Material, Trails and Talks
Basement Gallery
March - December 2018

100 years ago, the first group of women won the right to vote in the UK. In this centenary year, there is widespread recognition of the political role women have played in society. But what about the vital contributions women have made to science over the centuries? Throughout 2018 the Museum will be celebrating women throughout history who have contributed to our knowledge of the universe. Check back regularly for updates about our activities.

Is there a scientific woman you think should feature in our year of celebrations? We would love to hear about them. Drop us an email at audience.engagement@mhs.ox.ac.uk.

Now:

Self Portrait Colour
Photograph of Sarah Acland
with her Portuguese Guitar,
Early 20th Century

Portrait Display
This display celebrates women who have been part of the scientific world, from the 1700s to the present day. Each scientific woman is linked to our Museum, either through an item in the collections or by their roles at the University of Oxford. It includes Sarah Angelina Acland, who was a pioneer of colour photography in the late Victorian and Edwardian period, and Mary Somerville, who was known as “The Queen of Nineteenth Century Science”. Can’t make it to the display?

Family Trail
Women have been involved in science for thousands of years as astronomers, mathematicians, instrument makers, and merchants.
Use this family trail to travel through our collections and find out about women like Caroline Herschel, an astronomer, and Ada Lovelace, the forerunner of computer coding.
Drop-in, ages 7+
Coming Soon:

In the Archives - June 2018
A display of rarely seen material from the Museum’s archive featuring Sarah Acland, Elizabeth Hippisley and more.

Shout Out For Women Trail- July 2018
This trail across the collections of Oxford University’s Gardens, Libraries and Museums aims to highlight just some of the incredible women who are represented within our wonderful collections and buildings, from artists and scientists to curators.

Talks
Dr Patricia Fara - Thursday 22 November 2018
The author of *A Lab of One’s Own: Science and Suffrage in the First World War* joins us at the Museum to talk about her work. Keep an eye out on our events page for booking details.

Online Exhibitions
The Museum has been creating virtual versions of exhibitions since 1995:

Anna Dumitriu: BioArt and Bacteria

Back from the Dead
Dear Harry

Geek is Good

In Print

Natural Histories
Revealing The Brain

Let’s Get Physical

Atmospheres

Fancy Names & Fun Toys
The Renaissance in Astronomy

Traces

Eccentricity

Elliott Brothers
Anvilled Stars

Al-Mizan

Steampunk

Compass and Rule
Telescopes Now

Heaven on Earth

SIS 25

Moonscope
Time & Place

Small Worlds

Science in Islam

Wireless World
The Astrolabe, East and West

Astrolabes of Africa

Bye Bye Blackboard

Titan: a new world explored
Drug Trade

The Transits of Venus

The Most Noble Problem in Nature

Star Holder
Images of Tycho Brahe

The Geometry of War

The Measurers

Early Photographs
Oxford Virtual Science Walk