



# MUSEUM MEMO

## APRIL

## 2023

207 S. Central Avenue Open every day 10 AM – 4 PM  
(386) 517-2025 - [www.flaglerbeachmuseum.org](http://www.flaglerbeachmuseum.org)

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### DINOSAURS IN FLAGLER BEACH!

#### BONES BEING DUG AT BON TERRA

Prehistoric bones were found as early as 1932 at this site.

Bones of prehistoric animals have been found in quantities at Bon Terra Estates, located north of Flagler Beach on the Ocean Shore boulevard and arrangements have been with Rollins College of Winter Park to make extensive excavations and secure complete skeletons of the animals. Courtesy of THE FLAGLER TRIBUNE - February 11, 1932



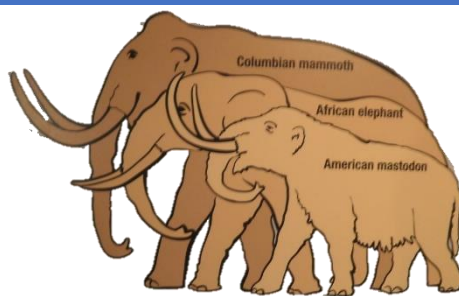
Creal Family at the Dig Site

The prehistoric bones and teeth that are on display at the museum were collected by the Charles Creal and George Robble families in the 1960s and early 1970s. They were found on the Bon Terra Estates (also known as Bon Terra Dairy) property in the Hammock area of Flagler County. The Creal family found a few mastodon teeth while fishing in the Intracoastal Waterway. The owner of the property granted them permission to dig for more specimens on the property under the condition that they only dig one hole at a time and fill it back in before digging another. Mr. Robble fashioned a metal probe that they used to locate areas to dig.

The Florida State Museum in Gainesville provided the identity of most of the items that they found. The only fossil item on permanent display at the museum that wasn't found on the Bon Terra property is a vertebra from a whale that was found in a coquina shell pit West of Flagler Beach. During April we will have a few specimens on display that are too large for our permanent display.

Visit the museum to see all the prehistoric bones on display. Hold a 10,000-year-old mastodon tooth & jawbone or a mammoth tooth and vertebrae.

#### MASTODON TOOTH



#### MAMMOTH PELVIS



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EVENT**

**Fall for Flagler -  
September 23, 2023**

**Quarterly Flagler Beach Historical Museum  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 11th, 5:30 pm at the Flagler Beach  
Commissioners Chambers at City Hall**



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