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*"If history
were taught
in the form
of stories,
it would never
be forgotten."*

- Rudyard Kipling

SFSM Exhibit Construction Progress Report 06/06/2013

It has been a privilege working with the team at the South Florida Science Center for the last 9 months. I seldom get to work with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals. What they have accomplished in such a short period of time has been amazing. Tomorrow (06/07/2013) they will re-open as the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium.

Three quotes come to mind as I reflect on the time that we have worked together.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Harriet Tubman

"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it."

Greg Anderson

"It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else."

Erma Bombeck

It is really that simple. Dare to dream, enjoy the journey, and have the courage to show that dream to the world.

Well done Lew Crampton, Kate Arizza, Tony Lualdi, Esteban Parchuc, Jeff Gourdouze and all the rest of the staff and leadership at the new South Florida Science Center and Aquarium.

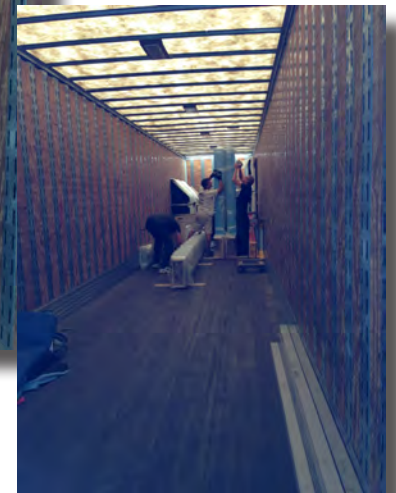
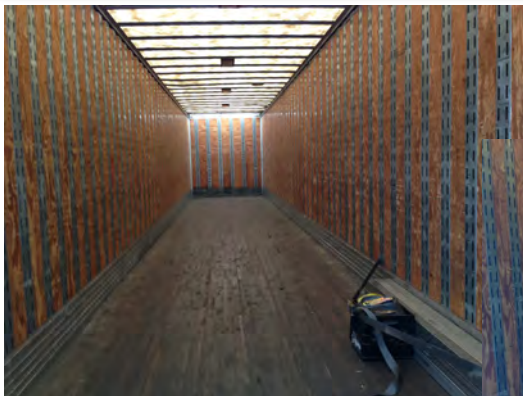
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As we near the opening of the new South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, AST Exhibits is getting close to finishing our exhibit work. Following are some images of the process.



It always starts with lots and lots of packing and wrapping. We have worked hard on these pieces and want them to arrive safely.



Packing the truck always seems to take a really long time.



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Of course, some people help more than others.



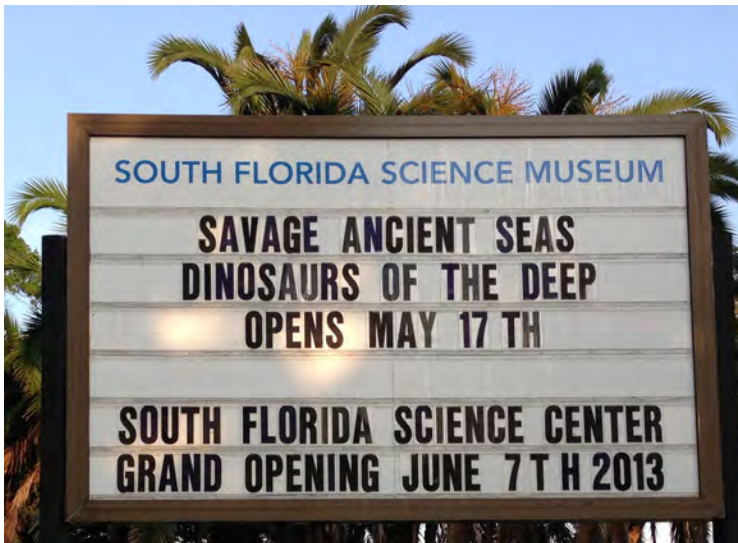
Here we see Cliff doing his best to look interested in keeping this piece of the Conservation Station from falling over until it can be strapped to the wall.

Eventually, the truck made its way to the loading dock at the SFMS and the actual load-in could begin.





The staff at SFSM did a really great job getting the job site ready for our arrival.



Of course, the SFSM sign out front reminded us all that we had better keep moving if we were to finish before the Grand Opening.



This is Jon Pressler, our mount maker. He drove down from Virginia for this installation. I noticed a bumper sticker on his car that I had never seen before.





Mike is installing the base platforms for the Everglades exhibit and Cliff is painting the mural on the facility wall.

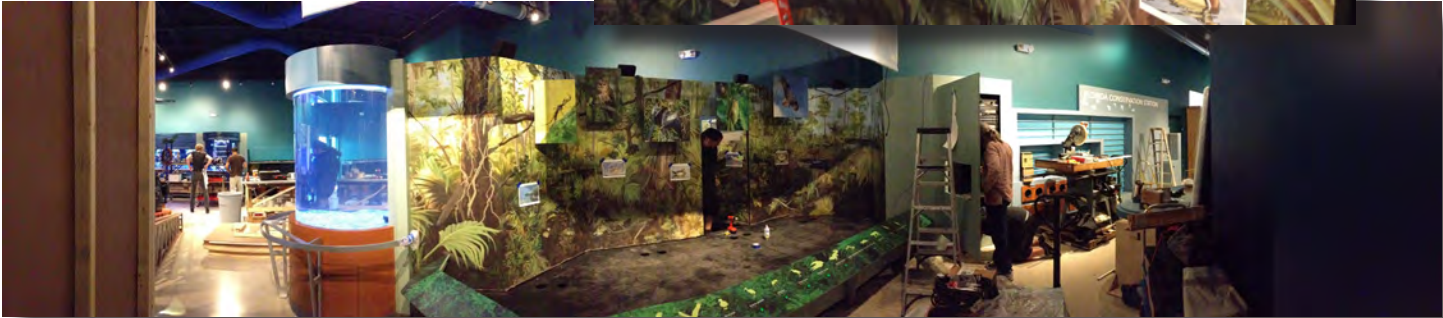
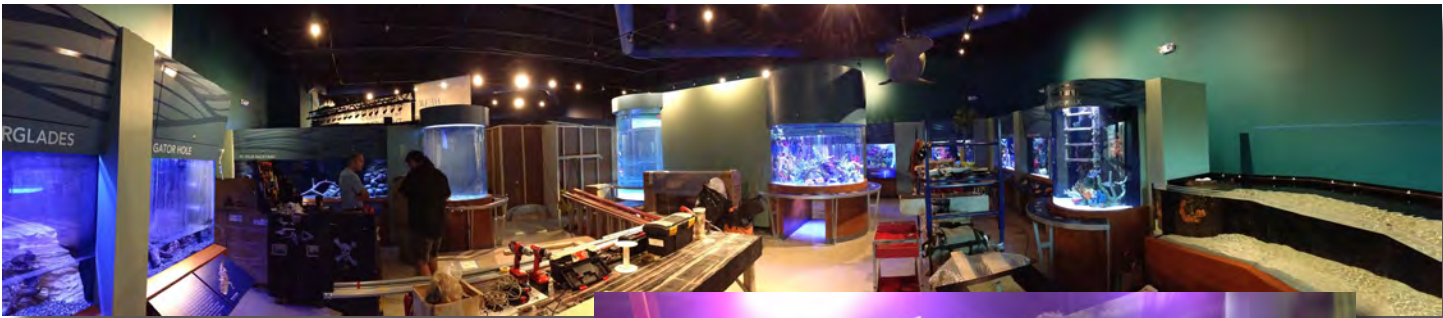


Above, the crew rolls the Everglades exhibit wall into place. Right, Mike sets up his workstation.



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The crew continues the installation. There isn't a cleaner or more methodical installation crew in the business. Their skill with everything from electrical work to carpentry to scenic paint are a huge asset for any project.





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The installation crew continues to make progress and we look forward to sharing the finished product soon. Look for another update.