STEM? What the !@#$%$#$ is STEM, and why are we hearing so much about it right now?

Good question, because the components - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics - have been around since the invention of the wheel. But, as you can imagine, as the acceleration of technology into all aspects of our lives has increased, the need for a steadily growing stream of STEM trained graduates into the workforce has also increased. Unfortunately, the demand for STEM graduates has dramatically exceeded the supply, and STEM-based industries are hard-pressed to find the people they need to fill their jobs. Thus, the pressure on the suppliers - 2-year, technical, and 4-year colleges - has also increased. Recently, the higher education institutions in NH pledged to double the number of STEM graduates they produce in response to the need.

WHOA! That's not as easy as it may sound. One of the reasons this is more challenging Click Here to continue.

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**Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction**

Mark your calendars for December 12th! Our annual Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction will be at the Newington Town Hall. We still need help with the auction, so if you want to volunteer please contact us. Looking forward to this special day!

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**November Docent Calendar**

**Monday, November 4**

WADE Study Group Meeting - Monday, November 4th at 5 pm. Social time begins at 5:00, discussion from 5:30 to 7:00. The host provides the venue and drinks and the guests bring snacks for the group to enjoy.

Host: Dave and Barbara Corbett, 1 Jady Hill Avenue, Exeter, NH 03833 Phone 775-0064. If you would like to be added to the WADE email list contact Brian Fitzgerald brifitz@comast.net

**Tuesday, November 5**

November Monthly Meeting, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Durham Evangelical Church. Speaker will be Inga Potter, a UNH Graduate Student studying Ocean Sunfish (Mola Mola) will come to discuss her research.

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**Dinosaurs:** In the mid 1990's, I had an opportunity to participate in two dinosaur hunting expeditions. The first was looking for the oldest dinosaurs ever to be found on...
Earth in the late Triassic Period. The second was at the other end of the dinosaur geological time line looking for the most intelligent dinosaur before they all went extinct. My program includes a lecture on dinosaur physiology, the highlights of the expeditions and a display of fossils, some dating back to 228 million years ago and all for your hands on examination. Presented by Arnie Silverstone.