

Year	Accession Number	Description
2006	A1782	Diorama mural paintings by Ralph Love and Marilyn Griffith depicting Colorado Desert, Mojave Desert and Southern California Mountain Forest scenes. All three dioramas seem to have been fabricated about 1970.
2011	A1794	Donation of salvaged skull of an American badger (<i>Taxidea taxus</i>) by Bob Baird. According to Mr. Baird, the skull was found along Box Canyon Road, in Shavers Valley, central Riverside County, at some time between 1995 and 2000.
2011	A1807	Cranium of loggerhead turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) donated by Rodolfo Ruibal. Dr. Ruibal (now a retired biologist/herpetologist from UC Riverside) is a native of Cuba. He apparently collected the skull as a youth and kept for years as a memento.
2011	A1812	Two taxidermy mounts, a great-horned owl (<i>Bubo bubo</i>) and male ring-necked pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>), prepared by George Kaloostian, while an undergraduate biology student at California State College, Fresno; both animals apparently shot or salvaged in the wild. Dr. Kaloostian went on to become a prominent entomologist, a researcher for the USDA and member of the scientific community here in Riverside. The mounts are similar in kind and appearance to other mounts we have from Riversiders active during the early 20th Century. Dr. Kaloostian was born in 1912 and his family emigrated to the US following the Armenian genocide.
2011	A1816	Shell Collection of the late Anne F. Spradlin. Mrs. Spradlin began working in the La Sierra library in 1966, and continued volunteering there following her retirement in the 1970s. When her husband died in 1977, she began to travel widely, and documented her trips by collecting marine and freshwater mollusk shells. Anne Spradlin died in 2007 at age 94.
2014	A1844	Fossil mandible from a horse (<i>Equus occidentalis</i>), recovered by Kim Scott, paleontologist under contract to CALTRANS during the highway 91 expansion through Riverside. The jaw was recovered from 11 feet below the original ground surface near Pachappa Hill, in aeolian "desert loess" deposits mixed with other surface deposits. The term "desert loess" refers to mantles of silts and very fine grained sands that settle out of the air column after sandstorms, and forms at the margins of dune fields. It is most likely that the aeolian material came from the Santa Ana River and associated dune fields to the north and west. According to Scott, the occurrence of desert loess in the geologic record is rare and with this being an exposed environment where bone typically rots away before it can be buried, the fossil is even rarer, making this an exceptional find.

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2014	A1866	Fossil Collection of A. Marvin and Doris Bowen (via nephew Ty Schuiling). 57 objects and lots of international origin (inventory attached); standouts include invertebrate specimens from historic localities in Great Britain and Denmark, some attractive trilobites, fossil fish from Wyoming and fossil plants (and one insect) from Arkansas and Illinois. A. Marvin Bowen was born in Bowen, Arkansas, ca. 1910 lived into his 90s. He was an aircraft engineer at Convair/General Dynamics in San Diego, where he settled after marrying Doris in the late 1940's. Doris grew up in Baudette, MN, graduated from the University of Minnesota, and had a long teaching career in public schools in Minnesota, Portland Oregon, and San Diego. Marvin seems to have begun collecting fossils at an early age near his boyhood home, and continued during his time in the Midwest and in the San Diego area. The donor is a Bowen nephew, Ty Schuiling: a geologist, a graduate of UCR and the University of Arizona, Schuiling recently retired as director of the San Bernardino County Association of Governments (SANBAG).