



# THE PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER

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## “DIGGING, DIALOGUE, AND DRAGONS”

AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



Drs. DorothyBelle Poli and Lisa Stoneman will present “Digging, Dialogue, and Dragons.”

Together, Stoneman and Poli are examining the connection between lycopod fossils and dragon folklore. This work began in 2013 after Stoneman heard Poli present her research into the fossils and the living lycopod characteristic of producing explosive fire. Their interest in how folktales may have arisen from ancient peoples’ perceptions of the natural environment quickly led to a collaborative effort, now known as The Dragon Research Collaborative, that continues to expand. Have you ever wondered where monsters, such as dragons, come from? Could they be grounded in the real world - created by early people encountering fossils in their environment? Decide for yourself as you engage with the fossilized remains of

350-million-year-old organisms. Immerse in the lore that preceded natural history; envision your own monsters; create a story that gives your monster life. Learn some science along the way. For more information about us: Check out the Dragon Research Collaborative on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or at [dragonrc.net](http://dragonrc.net)

Dr. DorothyBelle Poli is an evolutionary biologist who specializes in the plant physiology of plant hormones. She also has a research focus on Carboniferous fossil plants. Currently, Poli is a Professor of Biology at Roanoke College where she teaches cell biology, evolution, and plant diversity. She also is a Research Assistant at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, VA, where she studies the Commonwealth’s paleobotany collection.

Dr. Lisa Stoneman is a social scientist whose specialty is English pedagogy. Her interests also include folklore, particularly that of the Celtic and Appalachian regions, and democratic pedagogy practices. She is currently involved in several interdisciplinary research projects that bridge her education and folklore interests with science. Stoneman teaches disciplinary literacy and general education courses as well as supervising students in the field for the Education Department at Roanoke College. She is an Associate Professor of Education.



*Please join us for a great program, fellowship, lunch, and bring a friend!*

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August 13<sup>th</sup>

(To register, please complete this form and return it with the registration fee to the Center by August 9<sup>th</sup>)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Any special dietary accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_

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Unless otherwise informed, The Phoebe Needles Center will consider your registration as permission to use your photograph if it appears in video or still photos including our web site unless otherwise requested.

## INFORMATION AT A GLANCE...

You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social time and coffee. The program will begin promptly in McCauley Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow immediately after the program. Special parking for handicapped and those with difficulty climbing steps can be found behind the McCauley Hall. To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the page, call the office at 540-483-1518, or you may also go to our website ([www.PhoebeNeedles.org](http://www.PhoebeNeedles.org)) to register and pay for the event using PayPal. Please make your reservations the Friday before the event. **The fee for non-members is \$18.00 and \$10.00 for members.** The fee includes the program and a lunch. Fee is non-refundable after the reservation deadline. Although we will try, we are not able to accommodate all needs relating to diet. Vegetarian entrees are available by request with advance notice. Pets are not permitted. Dress is casual. For more information, contact the Phoebe Needles Center. All buildings, rooms, and porch areas are smoke-free.

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