

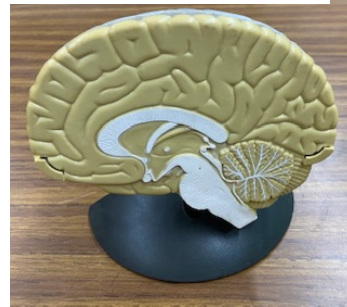
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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

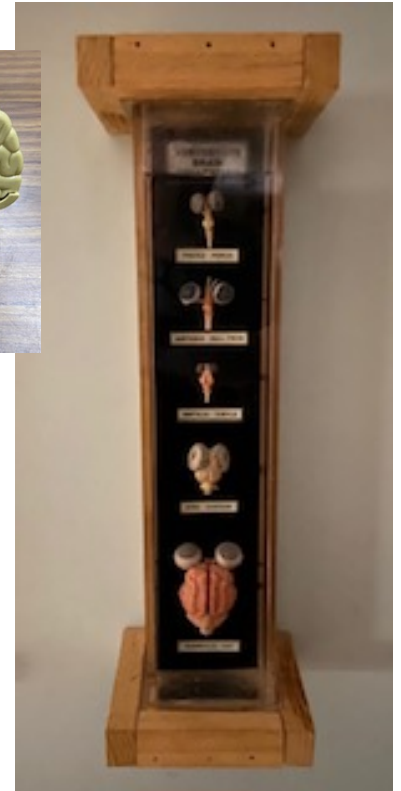
To: friends and family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: August 15, 2020
Re: Update

Greetings to one and all!

I love making connections to science, history and the arts as our mission indicates. While the display comparing the brains of the five most common vertebrate classes—fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals—is not the most visible object at Raven Hill, many visitors notice it as they enter the Animal Room. Likewise, kids are fascinated with the human torso and putting all the body parts in place, like one big puzzle. The science of the brain in both “exhibits” is obvious. The history and art—not so much!



Brain model



Vertebrate brains



Credit goes to Professor Laszio Seress for this picture of a human hippocampus, alongside a seahorse.

But, the name for the small part of the brain, which controls our memories, as well as being connected with learning and emotions is the hippocampus. And, the term “hippocampus” comes from the Greek words “hippo” meaning “horse” & “kampos” meaning “sea monster”, because the shape looks like a seahorse. It was named by Julius Caesar Aranzi, a pioneer in human anatomy, in the mid-1500’s, hence the history connection!

The art connection comes from neuro-artist, Greg Dunn, well known for his Asian-style paintings of neurons and handmade micro-etching lithographs of neurons in the hippocampus.

Stay safe and keep in touch. Use your hippocampus wisely to make good memories! Call anytime 231.675.6025 or email cheri@miravenhill.org and let us know how you and your family are doing.



Neurons by Greg Dunn

Take care, *Cheri*