



## Unearthing Atlantis Exhibit Facts

- What:** Year-round exhibit offers visitors of all ages hands-on exploration of the techniques used by modern archaeologists. Visitors are invited to make wall rubbings, uncover ancient bones, dig for fossils - all within a commerce building recently uncovered from the Lost City of Atlantis.
- Where?** Atlantis Marine World, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY
- The Exhibit:** A 2,000 square-foot footprint, the themed exhibit is divided into four primary sections. The first area consists of several tablets displaying the Atlantean Alphabet, which was created for the exhibit. Visitors are invited to carefully observe the sediment layers to discover relics from ancient culture, as well as evidence of marine animals. The second section contains both a bone uncover and pottery assembly activities. In the bone uncover, visitors use archaeology tools (chisels and brushes) to excavate animal bones (pygmy sperm whale, horse skull with ribs, and a bottlenose dolphin skull, flipper, ribs, and vertebrae) and pottery. The third section is the exhibit's dig area. Visitors are invited to sieve artifacts and animal remains - bringing home their finds as a souvenir of the adventure. The fourth section, the Field Lab, is opening in September 2007 and will welcome visiting school groups.
- What's Unique:** The exhibit has its very own mascot, Oceana Joan, one of four new characters who make up the Aqua Squad. The Aqua Squad is joining the Aquarium to complement the Aquarium's education programming and designed to help younger guests understand their role in protecting our oceans and environment.
- Admission:** Included in the Aquarium admission: \$19.00 ages 12 to 61; \$16.00 ages 62+ and children 3-11. Children under 3 admitted free.
- Information:** Atlantis Marine World (AMW) opened in Riverhead, NY on June 15, 2000, as the first large-scale Aquarium to open in New York State in more than 35 years. Themed around the "Lost City of Atlantis," AMW blends science and nature with myth, inviting visitors to explore its inhabitants while discovering the Lost City. Today, nearly two million people have visited the Aquarium, enjoying its interactive exhibits. AMW is also the home of The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, New York's only authorized marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation center. Additional information can be found at [www.atlantismarineworld.com](http://www.atlantismarineworld.com).