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**Spectacular Spud  
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## Mantis Project

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### Special points of interest:

- \* On-Line Store
- \* Project Ideas for the Future
- \* New Potato Heads

We did acquire a Mantis “growing” kit this year. As with any project, unexpected things may happen. The mantis egg cases hatched early. Their fruit fly dinners did not hatch at all. We did find a replacement food source for them. However, as mantis are a very hungry hunter,

they did eat each other as well.

The first egg case only hatched out two young and the second around 100.

It was very fascinating and we were able to photograph and video much of the hatching.

This is a project we will do again. Next time we will



Two day old Mantis

have a backup food source and better cameras and other resources to document the mantis development.

## The Fiscal Story

Each year we draft our fiscal reports. This is done around October for planning purposes.

When the museum officially became a non-profit organization, we deposited \$150.00 in a business checking and \$100.00 into a business sav-

ings. Currently there is \$347.85 in the checking and \$100.19 in the sav-

## Fiscal Story continued

We acquired a beautiful star garnet for exhibit for around \$300.00 Our Post Office Box costs \$70.00 a year. The website costs \$120.00 a year. Due to limited funds, we did use a personal credit card to



Nice Apron for your 'Hot Potato'

cover the expense this year.

I personally deposited from my own income \$604.30. We did receive \$6.04 for rebates using our Wells Fargo Debit Card. Our cats did find \$0.38 to deposit as well.

As anyone can see we do need additional funding. The money currently available is going to purchase an accounting program.

All projects done so far have been paid for by personal funds as well.

## Our On-Line Store

We do have an on-line store with merchandise. After our board meeting, we voted to use the Café Press website as they make and ship the items. The Museum would re-

ceive a commission check for any sales. Please do shop there for a gift this

[HTTP://WWW.CAFEPRESS.COM/SPECTACULARSPUDMUSEUMINCgiftshop](http://www.cafepress.com/spectacularspudmuseumincgiftshop)

Holiday Season.

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All funds made are designated to go directly to the museum.

## The New Potatoes

The new potato heads have been created and are on the shelves. They are declared the More Healthy Potato.

Mr. Potato Head and Ms. Potato Head now have legs, slimmer bodies and their mouths are more flat for many of them. You will have

to discover your own opinion about them.

Other releases this year are....Spongebob, KISS in a new box design, four new Star Trek potato heads, The Three Stooges, and The Wizard of O. Z. set. It is quite a year for the spuds.



A Gift Shop Item

## Upcoming Projects

We are trying to decide what projects should we have this year. Our budget is very small but we will do the best with what we have.

A possibility is a car that runs on water, ladybug growing kit, butterfly kit and maybe a pond eco-

system aquarium set up.

You are always welcome to send us your ideas by e-mail, voicemail or even on Facebook. Any ideas we can look at,

price and vote on are welcome.



Gift Shop Item

## Idaho Potato Commission

We had a wonderful meeting with the Idaho Potato Commission. As a result we are able to use some of their literature and information on our website. This group has

a wonderful website of their own filled with potato information, recipes, pictures and a zone for kids as well. More information is on our website or you may go visit their

website at <http://www.idahopotato.com/>



## Pictures and More

As part of our ongoing work, we are aware that some of our cameras and video options are limited. Researching better options at a good price is very important. Currently, we have chosen some photography, video and micro-



Mantis drinking from a sponge

scope options that will be a great improvement.

As part of our education service, we will be able to pro-

vide closer documentation of projects that we will have available in video form for direct purchase.

These will be available for home and classroom use

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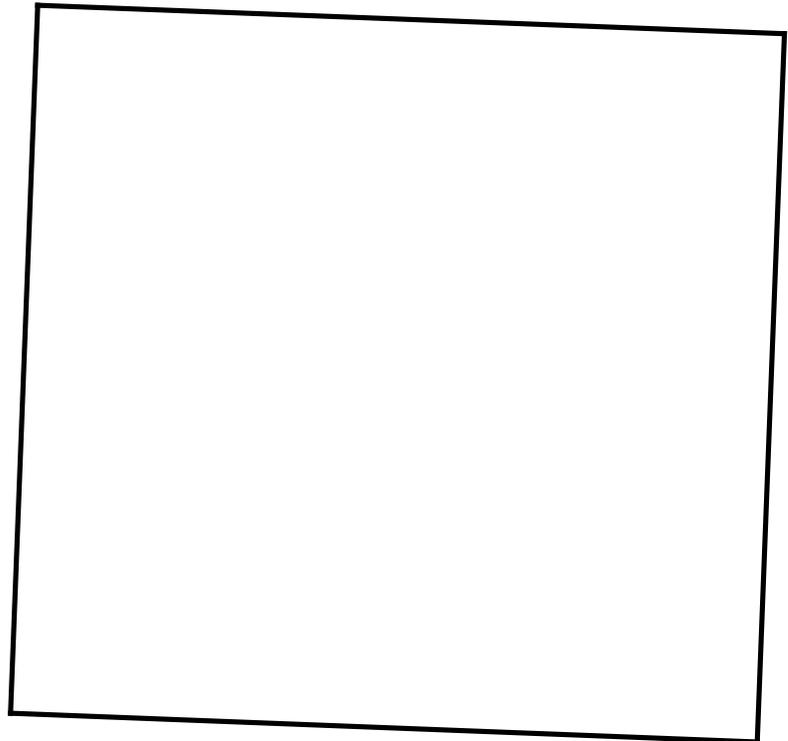
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## Spokes Spud Corner

As you know, my spud family has changed a lot over the years. This year the changes continue. Not only have there been changes, there have been new additions as well.

We will see how our new characters fit into our family as well as your toy box.

Every year our household gives to Toys for Tots. We all hope you do as well.

This year we have had a few projects and not as many field trips. With the Winter approaching and the cold weather keeping us indoors please expect

this to be a time of planning for more education, fun and adventure for the upcoming year.



**Monster Potato**