LAWRENCEVILLE BIKE SHOP TO DISPLAY HAND-BUILT BAMBOO BIKE AT CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER

OWNER OF LOVE BIKES WILL DISCUSS HOW BAMBOO BICYCLES ARE BUILT

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28, 2013 – Nic Brungo, the owner of Love Bikes, will bring a one-of-a-kind, hand-built bamboo bicycle to Carnegie Science Center’s Bikes Plaza, sponsored by Peoples Gas, on Saturday, Sept. 7, from noon–2 pm. The event is presented in conjunction with the Science Center’s newest exhibit, *BIKES: Science on Two Wheels*.

Brungo is the founder of Love Bikes, a full-service bicycle shop in Lawrenceville that handles bicycle repair, custom builds, frame painting, and other services. Brungo opened the business in 2011 to serve Pittsburgh-area cyclists, putting to use the training he had received from Barnett’s Bicycle Institute, a school that offers courses in bicycle mechanics and materials for bicycle repair shops.

A producer of hand-built bamboo bicycle frames, Brungo will have a partially-built bamboo bicycle on display for Science Center visitors. He will also discuss the process of building this type of bicycle frame and explain why bamboo is used for the building material.

Bikes Plaza is located on the Science Center’s back lawn along the Riverfront Trail. Outdoor programming is free with general admission and will be held on select Saturdays through October.

*BIKES: Science on Two Wheels* delves into the history and science behind one of America’s favorite modes of transportation through interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and bike-related activities of all kinds. More than 60 bikes from various eras are on display – made possible through partnerships with The Bicycle Museum of America, Bicycle Heaven, and others – to help visitors learn more about the evolution of the bicycle.

*BIKES* is free with general admission. Visit [CarnegieScienceCenter.org](http://CarnegieScienceCenter.org) for more details about upcoming events.

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Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes and off-site education programs.

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