

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

Explore the Early Tree Buds Along the Trails

Come Learn About Returning Spring Birds in the Audubon Gallery

March 2023

In Balance/ Imbalance Opening May 6, 2023

The interesting summer museum art exhibit, In Balance/ Imbalance is being curated by two Colby College students, Zehra Gundogdu and Anna Jaubert, under the supervision of Professor Véronique Plesch. It includes 25 Maine artists' work that interprets Balance and Imbalances in our natural world using varied mediums.



**Crow and KFC, 2009
Barbara Sullivan,
Shaped Fresco.**

Museum News

The museum is developing plans for summer camp and programs for children and families. Do visit for a Saturday morning family program.

Through NEH support the museum is installing several shelving units with archival storage boxes to hold historic GWH documents and photographs.

Museum Volunteers

Come join the museum team and help provide educational activities and events for visitors from our community.



Archival GWH Collection Care Continues

G. W. Hinckley, founder of GWH, wrote many articles, papers and books about Good Will home that document the history of childcare. They continue to be catalogued and stored in acid free materials and are a source for research.



Heterometrus species, Giant Forest Scorpion

Interesting specimens from around the world can be seen on a tour of the LCB.



Owls are Children's Favorite Bird

When you ask young visitors to point out their favorite bird it is always an owl. And, very often it is the snowy owl. The children say how they like the owls big eyes that seem to look at them and their large size. The museum has a number of species of owls, so the children can learn about different owls as they tour the gallery.

Newsletter Nature Fact



Whale Vertebrae

This large whale vertebrae dating from the late 1800's is exhibited in the Marine Biology gallery. By comparing this backbone to other mammals' vertebrae young students realize how big whales can be. Whale's bones are spongy, covered with a thin layer of compact bone and have a very fatty marrow.

GWH History



The Good Will farm buildings and barns in the early 1930's after they had been moved together at one location north of the Green Road. Photograph from the GWH Archives.

Museum "Wonder Boxes"

Museum "Wonder Boxes" and Packs are learning experiences designed for elementary school students and families to explore. When visiting the mammal or bird galleries, you can check out a box with hands on activities to explore. The "Wonder Boxes" include skulls, puppets, pelts, tracks, activity sheets and more. With the Squirrel box, learn about red squirrels, grey squirrels, flying squirrels and chipmunks.



Join the fun! Become an L.C. Bates Museum member!

Member Benefits

- Announcements and invitations to events and exhibit openings
- Museum Newsletter
- Free admission to the museum
- 10% discount at the museum gift shop!

Call or Email the museum for information for Membership Information

Interested in making a contribution to the museum? Contact us at lcabates@gwh.org or 207-238-4250 if you would like information about making a donation. Your donations help make the museum possible!

March Activities For Families and Children

Saturday, March 4th, 10 AM Mammal Skulls, Teeth and Claws

Examine mammal skulls, teeth and claws to determine how they help each mammal. Learn how some skulls and their teeth are designed well for hunting, chewing wood or grazing. Count how many teeth a beaver has and touch sharp bobcat teeth. Make a paper skull craft to take home.

Saturday, March 11, 10AM Amazing Sea Shells

Tour the sea shell collections to learn about the interesting adaptations of different sea shells. See and touch tube worms, scallops, cone snails, cowries and our local clams. Find out how their shells protect them and grow. Start a small shell collection to take home.

Friday, March 17th, 3 PM St. Patrick's Day Green Hunt

Look For the Green! Grab a paper and green marker and see how many green things you can find and draw in the museum. You will find green birds, insects, shells, frogs and more that are well colored to camouflage in the green leaves and grass. Learn a little about the advantages of Green. Make a green puzzle to take home.

Saturday, March 18, 10 AM Native American Baskets

Join us for a tour of the museum's Wabanaki basket collection, including fine examples of Penobscot and Passamaquoddy art and craftsmanship. Learn more about some of the natural materials and ingenious techniques involved. Make a small paper basket.

Saturday, March 25, 10 AM Capturing A Bird On Paper

Join us to tour the bird gallery to look at bird adaptations and then find a bird or two you would like to draw. Learn about birds as you observe and draw their feathers, feet and bills.

Winter hours

November to Mid-March - Open by appointment or chance,. Call to make an appointment.

Usually Available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM.
Saturday Morning Programs at 10 AM

Adults \$4.00 Youth Under 18 \$1.00
Group Rates

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