

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

May 11 Opening of the summer art exhibition, Transitions

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April 2024

Transitions Exhibit Opening



Hope, oil painting by Michael Branca
Branca's work in the Transitions exhibit depicts change, a sapling sprouting from a decomposing stump.

The L. C. Bates Museum's summer art exhibit, Transitions will open with a reception for the artists on May 11 from 4 to 6 PM. The L.C. Bates 2024 Summer exhibition explores the theme of Transitions through the works of over twenty artists who live in Maine or have connections to the state and work in a range of media, from pencil drawings to collage, painting to printmaking, and from photography to digital media. At the opening, you may meet the artists and several artists will present talks about their exhibited work.

The Transitions exhibition is the result of a collaborative effort between the L.C. Bates Museum staff and two Colby College students, Sofia Escobar Amaya '26 and Lee Trombly '26, under the supervision of Colby

Conservation Workshop

Safe, Practical Storage and Display of Historic Objects

Explore the best ways to care for your personal or museum collections. Come join this free Monday, May 6, 2024, collections care and storage workshop to learn how to better care for your historic objects or family treasures. This National Endowment for the Humanities sponsored workshop will be led by renowned conservator Ron Harvey from Tuckerbrook Conservation. There will be a take home archival storage container for each participant. The May 6 workshop will run from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Call or email the museum to register for this Preservation activity.



Summer Science Day Camps

L. C. Bates Museum summer day camps explore the museum collections and the Good Will-Hinckley trails to provide fun learning for children. The camps focus on hands-on experiences including visiting the pond with nets in hand, printing on an early letter press, making clouds in a bottle, collecting minerals and much more. For more information and a camp brochure please contact the museum. The camps include:

Dig Into History Camp June 24- 28

Earth And Space Camp July 1- 3

Eco Exploration! July 8-12

Nature Camp July 15-19

Wetlands Camp July 22-26

Naturalist Camp July 29 - Aug 2

Museum Volunteers Needed

Please come join the museum team and help provide educational activities and events for visitors from our community. Or, help research and catalogue museum collections.

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 to information about making a donation. Your donations help make the museum possible!

April 2024 Events and Programs

During April school vacation week come visit the museum and take a self-guided tour or do a gallery scavenger hunt. There will be daily hands-on Earth and Space activities and Natural Science Art projects.

Saturday, April 6, 10AM Maine Mammals

From marten to moose, Maine mammals are magnificent! Join us to learn about the more than 50 wild mammals that call Maine home. We will inspect the furs, feet and skulls of a few species learn where they live. We will observe the differences in herbivories, carnivores and omnivores, And make a mammal habitat diorama craft to take home!

Saturday, April 13, 10 AM Birds that Fish!

Maine is a land of magnificent waterways, drawing visitors from all over for world-class fishing. Some birds love to fish, too! From Osprey to Heron, learn about the special adaptations and behaviors these birds use to catch their dinner. Observe their unique bills that make them strong fisherman.

Wednesday, April 17th, 10 AM Old Time Toys

Take a trip through history and explore some of the popular games kids played a hundred years ago! Roll a hoop, play a proper Victorian game called Graces, try a ring toss, write on a slate board and more, as well as making a craft to take home.

Thursday, April 18th, 10 AM Fish Prints

Create and take home your own artistic print of a Maine fish! Inspired by the traditional Japanese art of *Gyotaku*, which began as a way for fishermen to record and compare their catches—but we use replica fish instead of the real thing!

Friday, April 19th , 10 AM Earth and Space Day!

Fun learning activities for all ages break down BIG concepts — like space exploration, atmospheric conditions, rising sea levels and more — into understandable and memorable experiences. Form impact craters on the moon, navigate a Mars Rover remotely, launch a bottle rocket and more!

Saturday, April 20, 10 AM "Why the Long Face?" + Art

Join us in playing this delightful game of faces, featuring some of the taxidermy animals of the L. C. Bates Museum! Come imitate weasels, run like rabbits and explore the fabulous and funny faces of the L. C. Bates. Afterwards, we will draw some of our favorite animal faces!

Saturday, April 27th, 10 AM Owl Things Considered

We think the owl family (technically two families) are so intriguing and extraordinary, we're giving them a day of their own! Come learn about the amazing adaptations owls use to rule the night, and how to identify common Maine owls by sight and sound!

Winter Hours
December to Mid-March- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 3:00 PM.
Or other times by appointment. On snowy days the museum is closed.

Weekly Saturday Morning Programs at 10 AM

Adults \$4.00 Youth Under 18 \$1.00

Group Rates

Call or email the museum to set up a group or school program.

L. C. Bates Museum

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April 8 Eclipse

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Museum Provides Eclipse Glasses to Over 1,600



NASA CAMP, NASA and NISE provided the museum with safe solar eclipse glasses and learning activities that have been enjoyed by many in our community. The eclipse will be on April 8. Where the museum is located the eclipse will be about 90% visible, but you can travel north to see a complete eclipse.

Jason Brown Photographing Hubbard Dioramas

In preparation for the future book about the history of and collections in the L. C. Bates Museum, Jason Brown has been taking wonderful photographs of the exhibits. The LCB book will celebrate the unique "cabinet of Curiosities" natural history museum and its educational experiences for the community.



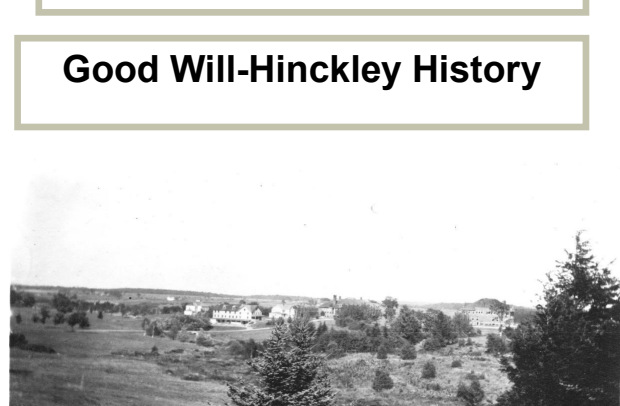
Newsletter Nature Fact



Glass Lantern Slide: Robin

From its beginning, the L.C.Bates Museum has provided educational programs. Collections of hand painted early lantern slides of birds, flowers, trees, insects and more were used for teaching Good Will students and visitors about their natural world. The slides are now archivally stored in the museum.

Good Will-Hinckley History



Historic view of Good Will-Hinckley looking east from Guilford Cottage. The Picture shows Moody School, L.C. Bates Museum, Buckminster, Christian Endeavor, and Bailey Cottages.