

## Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

### Birds and Leaf Kits are Most Popular with Students

### Friends of L.C.Bates Museum Fall Annual Appeal

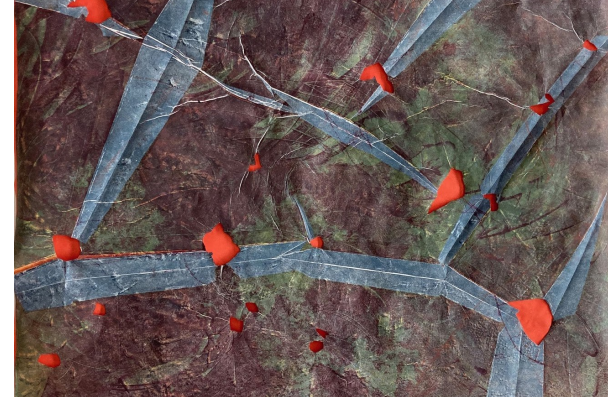
#### Friends Annual Appeal

The friends of L.C. Bates Museum's Annual Fall Appeal is hoping to raise funds for additional learning activities for children and to make repairs to the museum building brick vents. The Friends is an all volunteers organization that works to raise funds to support and enhance museum programming for our community and preserve the Romanesque Revival building which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I have been engaged by the L.C. Bates Museum since the 1940's, when I was a boy at Good Will. It opened a wider life for myself and, many others have told me the same thing. We look to widen the lives of many more.

During these extraordinary times, your support will be much appreciated and used to support visitor experiences. Below is a form that can be used with a donation sent to the Friends.

John Willey, GWHS 1952 Pres. Friends of L.C. Bates Museum



Karen Adrienne, *Flying Over*, monotype on tyvek, 22 x 25 in., 2021 is included in the museum's summer virtual exhibit. Visit the L. C Bates Summer Virtual show, Marks and Tracks. The interesting exhibit can be viewed online at [web.colby.edu/lcbateexhibitions/home/summer--2021](http://web.colby.edu/lcbateexhibitions/home/summer--2021)

#### Museum Happenings

The Museum is continuing to assemble and deliver educational learning kits to students. The leaf and bird kits are the most popular with children.

The museum volunteers are storing humanities and natural history collections in acid free boxes on safe shelving. They always find it enjoyable to help preserve the collections for future visitors.

Good Will-Hinckley alumni from the 1960's and 1970's recently visited the campus and added stories about their experiences in the museum. These tales and the memories they shared help grow the understanding of the history of the museum.

#### Support the Museum and the Environment

**Purchase a reusable Hannaford Shopping Bag at the Skowhegan Hannaford's Store during October for \$2.50 and \$1 will be donated to the museum. This bag donation funding will be used to support programming for children and families in our community.**



#### National Thrive Outside Day October 9

To celebrate National Thrive Outside Day, the Museum will encourage families and friends to visit the trails. A 10 AM program will include providing Leaf Kits for children to use as they explore the forested Good Will-Hinckley Trails. The National Thrive Outside program is part of a nationwide group of networks and collaborations working to make the outdoors accessible and equitable for all people. Trail brochures with maps are available in a box at the trail head behind the museum. These also tell the stories of the historic monuments and entrances along the trails. G. W. Hinckley, the founder of Good Will would agree with Thrive Outside Day. He developed the trails, summer camping and hiking trips for the children at Good Will.

#### October 2021



**The Museum building is temporarily closed due to COVID safety issues. Please feel free to enjoy the trails. Also, the museum has an elementary school-age Leaf Exploitation Kid's Kit to use along the trails.**

#### Newsletter Nature Fact



#### Museum's Operculum Collection

The operculum, meaning little lid, is a corneous or calcareous anatomical structure like a trapdoor which exists in many groups of sea snails and freshwater snails, and also in a few groups of land snails. Next time you see a sea snail at the beach, look for its operculum.

#### GWH History



**Early 1900's lantern slide of Hemlock Cabin on the GWH Trails. The campus had several cabins that provided outdoor experiences for staff and children at Good Will. Photograph from the GWH Archives.**

#### Although Closed for Visitors, Behind the Scenes In the museum is very Busy

Many projects that improve the museum exhibits and catalog and store the amazing scientific and historic collections are being undertaken. Volunteers are preserving the 25 foot lower floor exhibit case, cataloging GWH archival records, developing new kits and cleaning and safely housing objects. Conservator Ron Harvey is preserving and documenting historic ornithological specimens.



#### Needed -Museum Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the museum activities, such as; trail pickup, assembling Kid's Kits, fundraising and collection cataloging. If interested in one of these opportunities, please contact the museum.

**Friends of L.C. Bates Museum Annual Appeal 2021** very gift to the L.C. Bates Museum benefits our Maine community. Please consider making a contribution, and know that your gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make a donation for the 2021 Friends of L.C. Bates Museum Annual Appeal for the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please make checks payable to Friends of L.C. Bates Museum

Thank you for Supporting the L.C. Bates.

Please mail your kind donation to:

Friends of L.C. Bates Museum, P. O. Box 159, Hinckley, ME 04944, 207-238-4250, [lcbates@gwh.org](mailto:lcbates@gwh.org)

#### Upcoming Events

All outdoor programs are dependent on the weather. Programs will be canceled if it is rainy.

**Saturday, October 9, 2021, 10 AM–** National Thrive Outside Day- Leaves and Trees in Fall. Hike the trails and do the self-guided tree walk. Children will receive Leaf Kits to use along the trails and then take home.

**Saturday, October 16, 2021, 10 AM–** Outdoor Old Time Toys and Games –Roll a Hoop, spin a top, and more.

**Saturday, October 30, 2021, 10 AM–** Learn About the James Webb Telescope launching in mid-December. Explore some Earth and Space activities including Packing the James Webb for transport into space. Learn why the James Webb will provide better images of the universe.

Free Self-Guided Tree Walks for 14 species can be picked up at the museum.

#### Join the fun! Become a Friends of 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!

[Click here](#), go to the museum's website [www.gwh.org/lcbates](http://www.gwh.org/lcbates) or call the museum for information and a membership request form.

Interested in making a contribution to the museum? Contact us at [lcbates@gwh.org](mailto:lcbates@gwh.org) or 207-238-4250 if would like to information about making a donation to the museum. Your donations help make the museum possible!

#### Museum Hours and Admission Fees When We Can Reopen

April to Mid-November - Thurs., Fri. & Sat.: 10am to 4:00 pm  
Sun.: 1pm to 4:00 pm and other times by appointment

November to March - Open by appointment or chance, usually  
Wed. - Sat. 9am to 4:30pm and Sunday 1 to 4:30 PM

Adults \$3.00  
Youth Under 18 \$1.00  
Group Rates

*Become a museum member and get free admission!*

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