

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

The Museum is Sharing Kid's Kits with School Classes

Friends of L. C. Bates Museum Giving Tuesday Nov 2

Giving Tuesday

The Friends of L.C. Bates Museum will be posting a Giving Tuesday Fund Raising page on Facebook Tuesday, November 2. Please consider supporting the Friends work to provide funding for children's educational programs and historic building repairs. We are working to make needed repairs to the mortar on the top of the chimney/vents and to museum windows.

Your donations will provide funding for meaningful programming. Teachers and families write that the Kid's Kits and Nature Nugget videos are an important and reliable resource for their classrooms. They report the museum activities and sharing of collections brings engaging learning opportunities to their classrooms that they could not provide.

The Friends is an all volunteer organization that works to raise funds to support and enhance museum programming for our community and preserve the Romanesque Revival building.

During these extraordinary times, your support will be much appreciated and used to support visitor experiences. Thank you!



2022 Wilderness and Culture

Caged Lion (1976–77), Bernard Langlais's monumental wooden sculpture on the lawn next to the L.C. Bates Museum, perfectly encapsulates the notion of captivity. Taking its cue from the fall 2021 state-wide initiative and 2021–22 Annual Humanities Theme at Colby College on *Freedom and Captivity*, the 2022 L.C. Bates summer exhibition invites artists to reflect upon the meanings that these two concepts hold for the natural world and the ways in which we conceive, represent, and imagine freedom and captivity in nature. Possible avenues of reflection are, for instance, wilderness, cultivation, and domestication.

Museum Happenings

The museum is pleased to have volunteers help prepare Kid's Kits and deliver them to schools. More kits are available because of the kind work of volunteers including Colby students and FedCap participants and donor support. Please contact the museum if you are interested in kits designed for second grade classes and families lower elementary school children.

The museum is making some virtual tours of the gallery exhibits. These are designed to support teachers classroom learning. The will include bird and mammal exhibits.

The Museum building is temporarily Closed due to Covid Safety Issues. Do come to the museum to enjoy the trails. For elementary school age children receive a Leaf Exploitation Kid's Kit to use along the trails.



Volunteer Cleaning and Documenting an Early Campus Dental x-ray Machine

In 1927 Good Will was gifted a dental x-ray machine called the Waugh Radiographic Unit. It was placed in the dental office located in the Prescott Memorial building. The machine contained a transformer, rectifying can and interrupter jar for the electrical connection. A solution of sulphuric acid, distilled water, epsom salt and mineral oil was part of the operating needs as well as a can of bicarbonate of soda. The attending dentist on campus was responsible for maintaining the operation of this machine.

November 2021



Jennifer Sanborn donated three containers of butterflies and moths she had collected. The museum is especially pleased to have a large Atlas Moth to put on exhibit.

Newsletter Nature Fact



Stargazer from the Parke Collection

The **stargazers** are a family of fish that have eyes on top of their heads (hence the name). The family includes about 51 species (one extinct), all marine and found worldwide in shallow and deep saltwaters. In addition to the top-mounted eyes, a stargazer also has a large, upward-facing mouth in a large head. Their usual habit is to bury themselves in sand, and leap upwards to ambush prey passing overhead.

GWH History



Mrs. Jones and her Grange Cottage girls, date 1910-1914. House mothers guided learning and working together in the cottage setting.

Important Science Collections Are Being Stored

An almost 6 foot Andean Condor wing has been safely stored by volunteers working to preserve and house museum collections. The wing is in a custom made covered box with supports of foam and Tyvek.



The older bull Moose mounted in the museum is a favorite of most visitors and reminds them of how large a moose can be. Moose, (*Alces alces*), largest member of the deer family Cervidae. Moose are striking in appearance because of their towering size, black color, long legs, pendulous muzzle, and dangling hairy dewlap (called a bell) and the immense, wide, flat antlers of old bulls.



Needed—Museum Volunteers

The museum needs help with many activities from trail pickup to assembling Kid's Kits and from fund raising, to cataloging collections. Do call the museum to learn more about the interesting volunteer opportunities

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: _____
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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, Hinkley, ME 04944, 207-238-4250, lcbates@gwh.org

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, November 6, 2021— Come try Old Time Toys like Hoops, Graces and Tops.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 — Explore Earth and Space with NISE Activity Kits and Games. Learn about the James Webb telescope and send up a stomp rocket.

Check out the educational Nature Nugget Videos at Colbycommunity/lcbates

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 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 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

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