



## Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

### Summer Art Exhibit Virtual Opening May 7

#### Kid's Say the LCB Science Kits are Awesome

#### Art Virtual Opening May 7

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 5 PM the L.C. Bates summer virtual exhibit *Wilderness and Culture* will open with a virtual introduction to the exhibit by the curators and talks by exhibiting artists. The exhibit curators, Maria Minuesa and Caroline Scarola are Colby students who have been guided by Professor Véronique Plesch. The link to the art opening is: <https://colby.zoom.us/j/91223042488?pwd=SWQ4K2Q2d3J3R2dydFJU2tJM2drUT09>



#### In The Jungle

The art exhibit includes Nina Bohlen's thoughtful painting, *In the Jungle*. The engaging work explores the natural world and human creation through energetic brushwork and vibrant color.

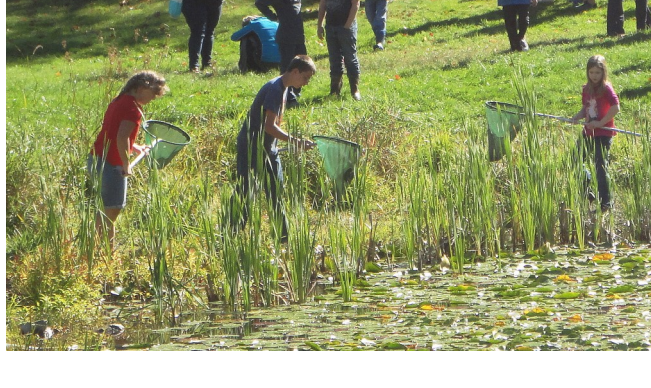
#### Museum Happenings

The museum participated in *Humanities On the Hill*, a virtual talk and visit with NEH and MHC staff and our congressman Jared Golden. The National Humanities Council has provided support for safe collections storage and the Maine Humanities SHARP funding has provided support during COVID and for museum interpretative exhibits and programs. The museum visitors and researchers have benefited from the needed Humanities support.

The Friends of L. C. Bates Museum is very excited to receive \$500 from Franklin Savings Bank for the new Resource Lending Library program.

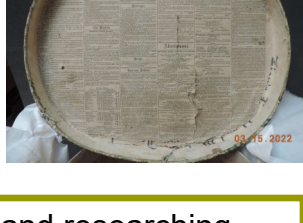
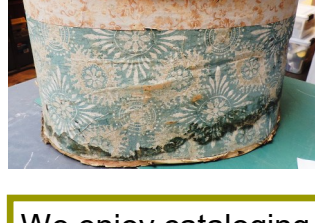
#### Needed—Museum Volunteers

Volunteers needed to help with spring trail pickup, making science resources, fundraising and cataloging collections. Please call or email the museum to learn more about volunteering at the museum.



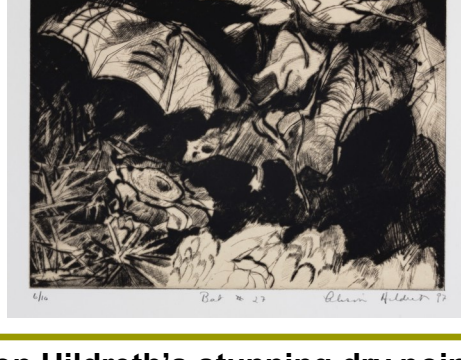
**Spring is here! The "Artificial" Pond is beginning to thaw. Soon it will be time to explore the pond's amazing wetland wildlife with nets in hand.**

#### BandBox



We enjoy cataloging and researching museum collections, including this bandbox. The 1848 bandbox, invented for use as a suitcase, is made from shaved veneers of spruce. The top and bottom were made from pine boards, cut to the desired shape and nailed in place. They were covered with bright colors and designs of wallpaper and lined with newspapers of the period. The bandbox shown is tagged as being made in Maine; however, this hasn't been confirmed. Hannah Davis of Jeffrey, NH invented, manufactured and sold the first bandboxes in the US.

#### April 2022



**Alison Hildreth's stunning dry point, *Bat 27, 1997* is exhibited in *Wilderness and Culture* exhibition.**

#### Newsletter Nature Fact



Diorama: Skunks Stealing Eggs at Night

The 100-year old Charles D. Hubbard skunk diorama is the only L.C. Bates diorama without a painted background. To celebrate the dioramas, each month we explore some fun facts about the diorama animals. Skunks are nocturnal mammals known for their ability to spray a liquid with an unpleasant scent from their anal glands. Luckily, they have warning coloration that reminds all to keep their distance.

#### GWH History



#### Historic Picture of Sunday School Bridge

This walking bridge is located on the trail north of the museum that leads to the Prescott Building. It is now surrounded by trees and wetland wildflowers.



Homeschool family dropped by the museum to pick up their own Kid's Kits.

#### Kits Are Effective Learning Tools

Classroom teachers, homeschool parents and their students are pleased to have the Museum natural science kits. A home school parent said "The kits and Nature Nugget videos support me planning and presenting lessons." Another said, "I'm using these fabulous kits as our SCIENCE curriculum!" and a teacher wrote, "During COVID, the kits have provided exciting environmental activities for my students."

The Bird, Insect, Leaf and Shell Kits have been the most popular and have been used in 16 schools and by many families and homeschoolers. Because of the value of the kits, the museum hopes to continue offering them now and going forward. Call the museum if you would like to pick up a kits for your elementary school-age children.



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#### 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

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