



Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

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The Sailfish Conservation is Almost Complete

December 2022

Museum Support Very Much Appreciated - Thank You All!

Many thanks to all who have supported the Museum and its work to use its collections and resources to provide learning opportunities for our community. Hearing the excitement in the children's voices as they explore the museum or make a trail side discovery is a clear result of your generous gifts.



Come take an engaging tour in the museum galleries to learn to identify the regional birds and animals. It is also fun to draw the animals or try a museum scavenger hunt. The museum has Kid's "Wonder Packs" for visiting elementary school age children.

Museum Happenings

Conservator Ron Harvey's work on the historic Fred C.N. Parke sailfish is progressing and assuring the preservation of the unique marine specimen. Museum visitors have been able to view the conservator as he worked on the mount and the wonderful results of this work. Most visitors comment that it is interesting to see how conservation work is implemented.



Kids Natural Science Kits are being created for families and elementary school classes. The kits include learning activities about birds or insects. Call the museum for information about picking up a natural science kit for your children.

The museum is providing natural science outreach programs for school classrooms. Contact the museum to schedule a program, plan a spring field trip or book programs for your classroom.

Bird Monument Along GWH Trails



The Good Will-Hinckley Trails offer year round hiking or snow shoeing through quiet natural areas. Come enjoy a walk in the winter forest habitat and get a trees guide at the museum an learn to identify trees by their bark and winter twigs.

Museum Volunteers

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

A Lifetime of Learning Awaits Visitors and Volunteers at the L.C. Bates Museum



Jon Willey still visits and supports the museum and says this about his first museum visit as a new boy at Good Will. "... Sept. 1944; - in the inky dark of the Large Animal Hall, Buddy Randall switched on the exhibit-case lights. A snarling Bob Cat glared up at me from the nearest case. I suddenly needed to know, - to comprehend - all I could see, and that has been my first need ever since."
(John Holt Willey, GWHS 1952)



Summer 2023 Art Exhibit

Colby College student curators, Anna Jaubert and Zehra Gundogdu ,guided by Professor Veronique Pleach are beginning to plan and develop the 2023 LCB summer art exhibit, *In Balance/Imbalance*. They will be creating virtual and in person exhibit venues with artists' work that explores and depicts the exhibition theme.

Museum Birds Exhibit

Rosamond Purcell photographs taken at the museum are on exhibit. Included are engaging images of ornithology collections.



Newsletter Nature Fact



Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*)

These open-country hunters are one of the world's most widely distributed owls, and among the most frequently seen in daylight. Don't look too eagerly for the ear tufts, which are so short they're often invisible. More conspicuous features are its black-rimmed yellow eyes staring out from a pale facial disk. They use acute hearing to hunt small mammals and birds.

GWH History



Holiday Treats being Given to GW Girls
Photograph From the GWH Archives

Bring Your Camera Along When You Visit!
Capture wonderful photographs in the museum and along the trails.



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 lcbbates@gwh.org or 207-238-4250 if you would like to information about making a donation. Your donations help make the museum possible!

December Activities:

Saturday, December 3, 10 AM—Make an Old Fashion Top Game

Color a wooden top and make a game sheet— then have fun playing the game.

Saturday, December 10, 10 AM— Maine Birds in Winter

Come tour the Audubon Gallery to find the birds you will see in the winter landscape.

Saturday, December 17, 10 AM- Endangered Animals Tour

In this guided tour, we will highlight some of the endangered, threatened and extinct species found in the museum's collection. We also, happily, will talk about some species that have made remarkable recoveries thanks to recent conservation efforts!

Thursday, December 29, 10 AM, Bills and Beaks Tell What They Eat

Put on your wildlife biologist cap, and hone your observational skills, as we follow the clues find in various birds' beaks to learn about their lifestyles and behavior. Why do hummingbirds have long, skinny beaks, while the Red Crossbill has a unique, asymmetrical beak?

Looking for something special? The museum offers group tours, outreach programs and birthday parties! For a list of our offerings or more information please email the museum, lcbbates@gwh.org.

Winter hours

November to March - Open by appointment or chance.. Call to make an appointment. Usually Available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM.

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

The L. C. Bates Giftshop has Wonderful Fossils, Puppets, Minerals, Jewelry and more.

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