



Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

Museum Science and History Summer Camps

The Sky Shed is 10 Years Old

The Educational Sky Shed

Some visitors ask what the little domed building is behind the museum. It is the Sky Shed. For 10 years the museum has been pleased to have the kindly donated SKY SHED equipped with telescopes. It has brought astronomy learning experiences to many. Pictured is the Sky Shed being assembled in 2013 and a young visitor peeking out the door. The museum offers Earth and Space activities that explore astronomy. A museum summer astronomy camp will include interesting observations of the sun and moon made using the Sky Shed.



Museum News

The museum has found winter visitors often come to spend time in the Audubon Gallery to learn to identify the regional birds. Some have called their gallery visit a "Winter Birding Must." Many take photographs of the birds and some bring books they use to help them learn about the many bird species they can find in Maine.

Insects In Winter? Winter Insects Along the Good Will- Hinckley Trails is the museum's most popular outdoor guide. You may get a copy in the museum that will enjoy using as you explore the trail side winter habitat and its many bugs.

Museum Summer Day Camps

Summer natural science, history and astronomy camps will be offered at the museum in June and July. The different camps will explore the museum collections and outdoor spaces. The camps activities are designed to promote curiosity and fun learning experiences. Please contact the museum for more information and to sign



Museum Volunteers and Interns

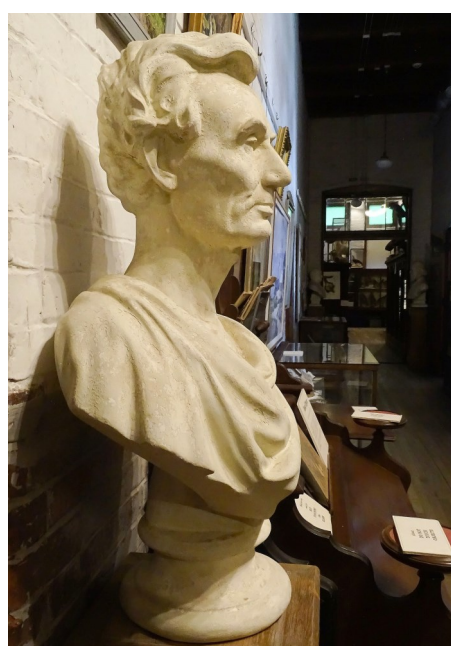
Come join the museum team to help preserve collections and provide educational activities for young visitors from our community.



Museum Science Kits For Classrooms

Exploring Museum Natural Science Kits at home or in your classroom can make learning fun. The museum is pleased to develop and share birdlife kits for second grade students.

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President Lincoln

February 20 is President's Day. All February is an interesting time to tour the museum's exhibit of plaster busts of presidents. And, to go on the trail for find the monument for president Teddy Roosevelt.

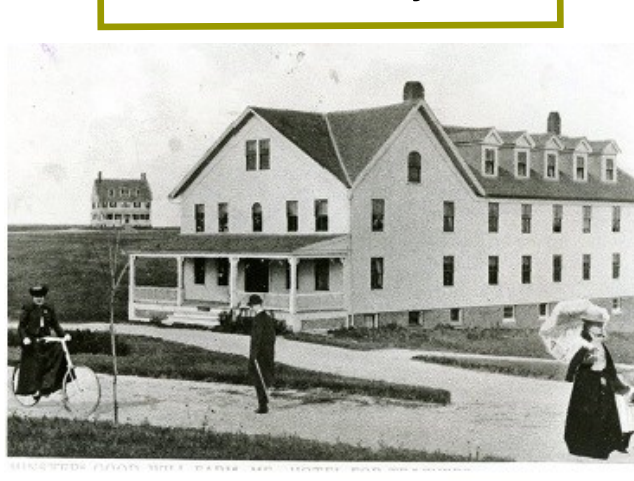
Newsletter Nature Fact



Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*

The harlequin duck is a small sea duck. It takes its name from Harlequin, a colorfully dressed character in Commedia dell'arte. Harlequin Ducks in winter congregate on rocky shores of the Pacific Northwest and the Northeast's Atlantic coast, including Penobscot bay in Maine. In summer they nest north of Maine along shallow fast-moving rivers and streams, even around rapids and waterfalls, often in forested country. This specimen can be viewed in the museum's duck exhibition.

GWH History



Buckminster building that served as a laundry and housing for teachers at Good Will. Photograph from the GWH Archives..

Safely Cleaning Exhibited Birds

Quiet winter days are a good time to arrange birds on display such as this Wattled Ibis. The way the birds are exhibited and their labels can support learning in the museum and introduce less familiar bird species like this Wattled Ibis to visitors.



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!

February Activities:

Thursday, February 2, Groundhog Day

While the Groundhog Day tradition may not be an especially accurate method of weather forecasting (especially in Maine), we are still excited for an opportunity to talk about the noble groundhog, *Marmota Monax*. Also known as a woodchuck or whistlepig, its association with the arrival of spring comes from the fact that it is a TRUE hibernator! Come look at a ground hog in the museum.

Saturday, February 4, 10 AM Birds That Fish Tour

Tour the museum gallery's birds that fish. With Maine's wetlands and ocean frontage, there are many Maine birds that fish for their food. Look at their different adaptations such as bills and feet that help them fish. Draw your favorite bird fisherman.

Saturday, February 11, 10 AM Make a Sailors Valentines or Shell Picture

Using real shells try an old sailors tradition of making a valentine with seashells and small stones or make a picture using shells. All the materials will be provided, just bring your ideas!

Saturday, February 18, 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, get to talk about some species that have made remarkable recoveries thanks to recent conservation efforts!

Saturday, February 25, 10 AM Earth and Space Kit Activities

Explore the moon and its craters make a moon phase activity to take home.

During school vacation week come visit the museum and take a self-guided tour or do a natural history scavenger hunt.

Winter hours

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

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

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