

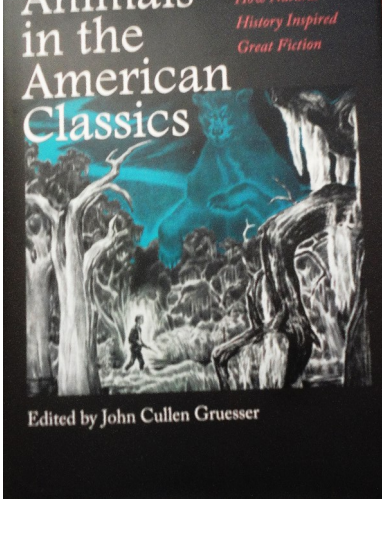
## Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

Many Thanks to All Who Have Supported the Museum in 2022

Looking Forward to an Exciting 2023 at LCB

### New Book, *Animals in the American Classics* includes a photograph of Hemingway's Marlin

*Animals in the American Classics* includes a chapter by Susan Beegel about marlins and Hemingway's writing. A picture of the marlin in the museum caught by Hemingway in 1935 in Bimini is included in the book. The 2022 book was edited by John Cullen Gruesser and includes chapters by numerous scholars. It takes a fresh approach to exploring animals through literature.



### Museum News

The museum continues to make hands on Student and Kid's kits and "Wonder Packs" to support learning about Maine wildlife. They are designed for lower elementary school age children and include Bird and Insect kits. The kits may be picked up at the museum by families and homeschoolers.

Museum fossil collections catalog records are being updated with new photographs and information. This cataloging will support research and exhibitions.

### Hinckley Post Office Hand Letter Cancellation Machine



The museum was recently donated a letter cancelation machine used at the Hinckley Post Office that must have processed and canceled many letters from Good Will. It was patented in 1914 and has a stamp showing it was used last 1952.

### Museum Volunteers

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

### Fun Things to Try at LCB

Young museum visitors can find lots of things to explore to learn about Maine wildlife and history. Activities include writing on a slate board, sorting rocks, trying NISE activities including the Bear's Shadow, making a mini diorama, playing bird sounds, drawing animals and more.



### Lower Floor Gallery Has A New Railing

Joe and Joshua continue their well planned updates of the lower floor gallery and its exhibits. Recently, an appropriate historic railing/fencing has been installed around the large farm tools and vehicles. As shown in the photograph, they have moved early heavy farm equipment to make it more accessible for visitors.

### Newsletter Nature Fact



### Gemsbok in the Mammal Gallery

The gemsbok (*Oryx gazella gazella*) is the largest oryx. It can stand up to 54 inches tall and weigh 524 pounds. It has striking coloration: gray-brown with contrasting black and white body and facial markings. It is native to the extremely dry, arid regions of Southern Africa; notably, the Kalahari Desert.

### GWH History



Good Will Boys with their Whitney Cottage House Mother. Wonderful and hard working house mothers guided the daily lives of children living at Good Will.

Historic Documents that Record the History and Life at Good Will-Hinckley are being documented and archivally Stored. Pictured is a package of Letters



### 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](mailto:lcabates@gwh.org) or 207-238-4250 if you would like to information about making a donation. Your donations help make the museum possible!

### January Activities: Saturday Morning Children's Nature Programs

**Saturday, January 7, 2023 10 AM — Mammal Skulls, Teeth and Claws —** Examine mammal skulls, teeth and claws to determine how they help each mammal. Learn how some skulls and their teeth are designed well for hunting, chewing wood or grazing. Count how many teeth a bear has and touch sharp bobcat teeth. Make a paper skull craft to take home.

**Saturday, January 14, 2023 10 AM — Earth and Space Activities—** Explore how craters are made, the planets in the solar system, clouds and more.

**Saturday, January 21, 2023 10 AM— Amazing Sea Shells**  
Tour the sea shell collections to learn about the interesting adaptations of different sea shells. See and touch tube worms, scallops, cone snails, cowries and our local clams. Find out how their shells protect them and grow. Start a small shell collection to take home.

**Saturday, January 28, 2023 10 AM— Rocks, Rocks —** Learn about many types of rocks and minerals and how we all use them. Marvel at the wonderful colors of our Maine state mineral. Start a mini mineral collection.

**Looking for something special? The museum offers group tours, outreach programs and birthday parties from April to November! For a list of our offerings or more information please email the museum, [lcabates@gwh.org](mailto:lcabates@gwh.org).**

### 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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