

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

Summer Camps Excite Young Naturalists

Come Visit the GWH Trails on National Trails Day

National Trails Day



G. W. Hinckley, the founder of Good Will-Hinckley felt trails and natural areas were important for the children at Good Will and the community. He worked to develop the campus trails, including those in "Sunset Park", the natural area behind the museum. Here he is pictured at Sunrise Fireplace that is located along the trails.

Come walk the trails or join a 9 AM guided walk to learn to identify trees for National Trails Day on June 3.

June 2023



Summer Art Show Curators

The museum thanks the two Colby College students, Zehra Gundogdu and Anna Jauber, who curated the summer art exhibition In Balance / Imbalance. They worked on all phases of the exhibition process from contacting artists to hanging the show. Their efforts well supported the museum as it gave them real life experience in the museum field. Their professor Veronique Plesch guided and supported the students as they created their engaging exhibit.

Newsletter Nature Fact



Trillium Lantern Slide

G. W. Hinckley felt it was important to have lantern slide programs to teach about local plants and birds. This early 1930's hand painted lantern slide was developed by T. H. McAllister-Keller Co Inc. Many of the Hinckley's flower lantern slide photographs were taken by Mr. Philbrook on Good Will property.

Museum News

The museum is pleased to have funding for summer masonry work to preserve the brick work on the two roof vents and their slate caps. Check out this work when you visit the museum.

A Colby Arts and Humanities Summer Intern will be supporting museum collections care and programs. She will be researching collections and developing new learning experiences for visitors.

Museum Summer Camps

Nature Camp

June 26-30th

Eco Exploration!

July 10-14

Please call or email the museum for more information about the camps.

Educators Excited to Share Learning Indoors and Outdoors

The museum has been hosting many school groups for field trips, on topics such as wetlands and erosion. There are so many locations on the Good Will-Hinckley campus and in the museum that lend to teaching about these topics—including our glacial marked bedrock, glacial erratic boulder, stream, pond, and tree trail. We're very lucky to be able to use those outdoor spaces to teach students about forests and wetlands, geology, and pond life (frogs and tadpoles are a big hit with all age groups!). Inside the museum, we tie outdoor exploration to close observation of tree rings, rocks and minerals, and mammals that live in ponds. Beavers are the ultimate ecosystem engineers and affect both wetlands and erosion!

Museum Gift Shop



Come Visit the Gift Shop!

The L.C. Bates gift shop is restocked with lots of exciting new finds, including lovely gem necklaces, rocks and crystals, fossilized mosasaur teeth and ammonites, calcite geodes made for cracking, puppets and stuffed animals, historical toy replicas, and solar system models. And for the curious and adventurous, we have owl pellets all ready for dissection! There's much more—come and visit us soon.

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!

June Museum Activities For Families and Children

Saturday, June 3 **National Trails Day Tree Walk** **9 - 10:30 am**

Celebrate the gift of public trails access! Grab binoculars and come out for a guided nature walk to learn to identify trees on an easy walk near the museum.

National Trails Day Trail Pickup **10 AM to Noon**

Join us to pick up and clear small branches and sticks along the GWH. Help keep the trails cleared for visiting walkers. This project is part of Fairfield Trails Day events.

Saturday, June 3, 1 - 2:30pm **Bird Art in the Audubon Gallery**

After observing some birds in the Audubon Gallery get inspired to create some art. Materials will be provided.

Wednesday, June 7, 9:30am-3 pm **Workshop: Caring For and Storing Objects**

Join conservator Ron Harvey of Tuckerbrook Conservation for this free workshop. Learn best practices for handling historic collections and storing methods. All participants will receive an acid free storage box to take home. Please call or email the museum to register for the workshop.

Saturday, June 10 Ocean Day Program. 10 AM **World Oceans Day**

Friday, June 8th is World Oceans Day—but we are celebrating on Saturday so everyone can come! Come tour the Marine Biology Gallery and learn about varied ocean animals. Through hands on observation learn about star fish, sand dollars, crabs and more. Make a sea shell craft to take home.

Saturday, June 17, 10 AM—11:30 AM

NASA-NISE Earth/Space Activities

Use NISE Earth and Space Kits to explore STEM. Make craters, build a satellite, make a cloud in a bottle, use solar beads, make a pocket solar system, sun dial and more.

Thursday, June 22, 1 - 2:30pm **Fish Prints**

Create and take home your own artistic print of a Maine fish! Inspired by the traditional Japanese art of *Gyotaku*, which began as a way for fishermen to record and compare their catches—we use replica fish instead of the real thing!

Friday, June 23, 1 PM **Amazing Seashells**

Learn about ocean mollusks, shelled animals that live in the ocean. Discover their special tricks for successfully living in salt water. Examine the many beautiful shapes and colors of seashells. Blow through a conch, look at holes made by worm shells, learn about different species of mollusks and see some shells reflect light. Make a shell craft.

Saturday, June 24, 10 AM **The Magic of the Letterpress**

The concept of movable type was invented in China a thousand years ago, but the refined and efficient Gutenberg press of 1439 launched Europe into the Renaissance. Come learn the art of setting type and printing on our 1830's Seth Adams Acorn press. Print your own card or a picture to take home!

Summer Hours
May to November Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 4:30 PM
Or by appointment
Saturday Morning Programs at 10 AM

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

Call or email the museum to set up a group or school program.

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