Continuum: Work in Progress

Confident in Your Ability to Preserve Windows

The lenticular effect on this window reveals that the glass has been replaced in the past.

Gummed strips suggest a lack of intentional design in this window, a situation that is not uncommon.

Museum History

The museum is open to the public and provides educational programs about the history and culture of the region.

The museum is the location of the former law office and law library of Bancroft and Foote, founding attorneys of the Bates family.

Get Involved

Educating the Outdoors and Conservation

The museum’s natural history collection provides opportunities for visitors to learn about birds, mammals, and plants.

The museum is home to a variety of species, including the Maine state fossil, trilobites, sharks teeth, coral, mammoth teeth and more.

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 14

Explore the museum’s exhibits and learn about the different animals native to the region.

Museum Volunteers

Register Now for A Conservation Workshop

Monday, October 16, 2023 from 9:30 to 2 PM

Conservator Ron Harvey will present a free workshop on object conservation.

Museum Notes

• October 2023 Events and Programs
• Friends of the Bates Museum
• Colby Student Leading NISE Activities
• Colby Chemistry Club Activities
• Museum Volunteers

Questions or comments? Email: lcbates@gwh.org

To remove your name from our mailing list, please call or email the museum.

Assistance with field sites is available for groups of under 20. Please call or email to arrange a visit.

Volunteer and Docent Opportunities

Inhospitable and uninviting: the museum is in need of volunteers to assist with exhibits, maintenance, and outreach.

Join the fun! Become an L.C. Bates Museum member!

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- All Day - October 9 and offering learning activities for boys on Page Terrace at Good Will.
- Explore the exhibits, learn about the different animals native to the region, and have fun while you do it!

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- October 20 - Explore the exhibits, learn about the different animals native to the region, and have fun while you do it!
- October 28 - Explore the exhibits, learn about the different animals native to the region, and have fun while you do it!
- November 5 - Explore the exhibits, learn about the different animals native to the region, and have fun while you do it!
- November 12 - Explore the exhibits, learn about the different animals native to the region, and have fun while you do it!

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Bills and Beaks Tell What We Eat

Saturday, October 28

Learn how to identify which animals are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

Variety of skulls that are in the collections and discuss what you can discover from skulls!

Saturday, November 4 and November 11

Eclipses to prepare youth for the one on April 8, 2023.

With volunteer help, newly donated objects of interest for visitors.

With paper and pencils or watercolors in hand explore and draw or paint your favorite animals in the museum.

Catch food, from bugs to frogs. Make a bird bill craft to take home.

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Make craters, create a cloud in a bottle, use solar beads, learn about solar eclipses, send up a stomp rocket, make a sun dial and more.

The Maine state fossil, trilobites, sharks teeth, coral, mammoth teeth and more. Make a fossil story and see some special ones from the storage collections.

Speak with experts about the different animals native to the region and learn about their different bills and beaks that help them catch food, from bugs to frogs.

Spring Festival

Sunday, April 23 and April 30

Make a bird bill craft to take home.

Earth and Space Activities

Explore the Cabinet of Curiosity

Saturday, May 6 and Saturday, May 13

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Colby Chemistry Club Activities

Friday, April 21

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