

Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

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New Museum Educator Hannah Calkin



The museum's new educator, Hannah Calkin is excited to be providing natural science activities and tours for museum visitors. Her background in education and museum studies gives her the tools to make your visits and programs meaningful learning experiences.

New Ammonite Fossil Stand

Helpful volunteer Mike has designed, built, and installed a solid new exhibit stand for the a large Devonian specimen of ammonite fossils from Ertrod, Morocco. Come visit to observe and study this interesting and touchable display of ammonites.



Museum Summer Day Camps



L. C. Bates Museum summer day camps explore the museum collections and the Good Will-Hinckley trails to provide fun learning for children. The camps focus on hands-on experiences including visiting the pond with nets in hand, printing on an early letter press, making clouds in a bottle, collecting minerals and much more. The camps include:

Dig Into History Camp June 24- 28

Earth And Space Camp July 1- 3

Eco Exploration! July 8-12

Nature Camp July 15-19

Wetlands Camp July 22-26

Naturalist Camp July 29 - Aug 2

Museum Volunteers Needed

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

March 2024

April 8 Solar Eclipse



WOW! Visitors have stopped by the museum to pick up over 1,200 pairs of free solar viewing glasses provided by NASA and NASA Camp. We hope for a clear day for all to safely view the April 8 solar eclipse. On April 8, the museum will offer NASA activities that explore the reasons for the solar eclipse. Even the museum raccoon is wearing glasses for safe solar viewing.



Conservation Workshop

On May 6, 2024, conservator Ron Harvey will lead an NEH sponsored free workshop, **Safe, Practical Storage for Historic Objects in Small Museums, and family Homes.** Please contact the museum to register for this informative program. It runs for 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Newsletter Nature Fact



Mackerel, *Scomber scombrus*

This historic Atlantic Mackerel mount, was prepared by Bangor taxidermist Fred Parke. Mackerel species typically have deeply forked tails and vertical tiger like stripes on their backs with an iridescent green-blue quality.

GWH History



Merrill Weaving Room

The Alice Mills Merrill weaving room was located in Gould Grammar. Students enjoyed creating many hand woven rugs and scarfs using the looms. Pictured in this 1950 photograph are Good Will students working on the looms, including (second from the left) Lois Young and (second from right) Evelyn Taylor.

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 would like to information about making a donation. Your donations help make the museum possible!

March 2024 Events and Programs

Saturday, March 2nd, 10 AM Sea Shells, Sea Shells

Explore the different kinds of sea shells (mollusks) and learn how they are adapted to life in the oceans. Learn why their different shell designs, colors and more help and /or protect them. Find out about a shell that can dig into the sand and one that can endure a cold winter beach when the tide is out. Make a colorful shell collections to take home.

Saturday, March 9th, 10 AM Birding-In

Birding-In is what we call Birding in the L.C.Bates Museum Audubon Gallery. In the gallery you can get ready for spring trail side birding by touring the many museum specimens of birds that are found in Maine. Look at the Hubbard dioramas to see birds in their Maine habitats. (Hubbard went to the locations where the types of birds were found to paint his backgrounds for the dioramas.) You will see bird beaks and can listen to bird songs to learn to identify them by ear. Children can go on a bird scavenger hunt, dissect an owl pellet, or play Bird Bingo!

Saturday March 16th, 10 AM Mammal Teeth Tell What They Eat

From lions to squirrels examine the teeth and skulls of herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores to learn how they can tell what different animals eat. Make a skull craft to take home and do a scavenger hunt.

Saturday, March 23nd, 10 AM Solar Eclipse Kit Activities

Prepare for carefully viewing the Monday, April 8, 2024 solar eclipse that will be visible in Maine. An eclipse here will not happen again for 20 years.

Examine why eclipses happen and experiment with making a model eclipse. Draw and eclipse. Learn how you can safely view the solar eclipse. Receive a free pair of solar viewing glasses donated by NASA and NASA CAMP to give to museum visitors.

Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM Old Time Toys Program

Turn Back the Clock! Explore Old Time Toys and Games Come roll a hoop, play a 300 year old game, Graces, do a ring toss, write on a slate board and more as well as making a top game to take home.

Winter Hours

December to Mid-March- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 3:00 PM.

Or other times by appointment. On snowy days the museum is closed.

Weekly 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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