

## Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

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February 2024

#### Curating the Summer Art Exhibit



#### New Maine Fossil Exhibit

Colby JanPlan student Josh Goldman has researched and created a case exhibit of Maine fossils in the Mineral Gallery. The exhibit includes sponges, trilobites, shells and more that document the geologic history of Maine. The exhibit is designed to provide a learning tool that meets the needs and recommendations of teachers. A printed guide and children's hunt for the fossil exhibit will be available for visitors.



Colby College student curators, Lee Trombly and Sofia Escobar Amaya are carefully selecting work for the 2024 L. C. Bates Museum summer art exhibition, Transitions. After viewing many artists work, they have selected art pieces for the exhibit that depict the Transitions engaging theme. Professor Veronique Plesch is supporting the students as they learn all aspects of curating an exhibition. The Transitions exhibit will open on May 11, 2024 with a public reception and be on exhibition until October.

#### Newsletter Nature Fact



#### Snow Goose

The **snow goose (*Anser caerulescens*)** is a medium size species of goose native to North America. Both white and dark morphs exist. Its name derives from the typically white plumage with black wing tips. Snow goose populations increased dramatically in the 20th century. Snow Geese breed in colonies in the arctic and sub arctic. They winter in regions on both American coasts as well as in some inland areas, frequenting open habitats, marine inlets, freshwater ponds, and agricultural fields.

#### GWH History



#### Good Will Making Maple Syrup

It is that time of year again! Pictured are Good Will boys out at the campus sugar shack with Walter Hinckley boiling down maple sap. The maple syrup was a treat used in the Good Will children's cottages.

#### Museum Volunteers Needed

**Please come join the museum team and help provide educational activities and events for visitors from our community. Or, help research and catalogue museum collections.**

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

#### February 2024 Events and Programs

##### Friday, February 2, Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is a fun way of forecasting winter, especially in Maine. It is a great time to meet our 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 learn more about the remarkable animal. Take your photograph with the groundhog and see if he sees his shadow.

##### Saturday, February 3, 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 adaptations such as bills and feet that help them fish. Draw your favorite bird fisherman.

##### Saturday, February 10, 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 17 10 AM Endangered Animals Tour

On 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 24, 10 AM Earth and Space Kit Activities

Learn about the upcoming April 8 solar eclipse and why eclipses happen. Try exploring solar NISE solar kits and experiments.

**During school vacation week come visit the museum and take a self-guided tour or do a natural history scavenger hunt. There will be daily Earth and Space activities.**

##### 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.

#### L. C. Bates Museum At Good Will-Hinckley

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