

# Inside the L.C. Bates Museum

## College Summer Intern Opportunity at the Museum

### February School Vacation Programs

#### New NISE Earth and Space Kits

Early in February the L.C. Bates and several hundred other museums will receive the 2020 Earth and Space kits from NISE. These activities support science learning for all ages. They include games to play, experiments to try, and even drawing activities. We will offer several special Earth and Space Days when many kits will be available and keep a few kits out for visitors to try whenever they visit. Come to the museum to use a NISE kit to explore our world.

#### February 2020



When you visit the museum there is always a craft you can make or science activity you can explore. Pictured are young visitors learning about creators using a NISE kit.

**The Museum is seeking a part time educator to assist with activities at the museum and with outreach programs in schools. The museum has a college internship position available for summer 2020. Please contact the museum or GWH HR for additional information.**

#### 8 Summer Day Camps at the Museum

Museum collections and exhibits make camp special. New in 2020 is a Nature Nuggets Camp for 4 to 6 year olds. The astronomy, history and nature camps provide different activities each week. Please go to our GWH website or contact the museum for information about camp or to sign up.

**June**  
**Naturally Creative Camp** June 22<sup>nd</sup>—26<sup>th</sup>  
**Time Travel Camp** June 29<sup>th</sup>—July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**July**  
**Wildlife Camp** July 6<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup>  
**Camp Rock** July 13<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>st</sup>  
**Earth and Sky Astronomy Camp** July 20<sup>th</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>  
**Nature Nuggets Camp** July 27<sup>th</sup>—August 31<sup>st</sup>

**August**  
**Science Buddies (STEAM Camp)** August 3<sup>rd</sup>—7<sup>th</sup>  
**Junior Curators Camp** August 10<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>



As part of NGCP collaborative project youth are learning about Evy Rosqvist and the Race she won in 1962 in a Mercedes-Benz 220SE. Children participate in a museum activity, watch a brief video of the race and receive a match box car to take home.

#### The Museum Joined the Museums For All Program

The L.C. Bates is now participating in the Museums For All program. Through Museums for All, those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can gain free or reduced admission to more than 400 museums throughout the United States simply by presenting their SNAP EBT card. Museums for All is a national, branded access program that encourages individuals of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits and learning. It is an initiative of the Institute of Museums and Library Services.

#### Newsletter Nature Fact



A colorful cousin to the familiar blue jay, green jays are intelligent and social birds. The only place they can be seen in the United States is deep South Texas.

#### Museum Happenings

On February 18 the museum will have a small table exhibit in the Hall of Flags at the State house for Maine Museum Day organized by Maine Archives.

The museum volunteers have happily unpacked supplies that will be used for storing Good Will-Hinckley archival materials. Soon more documents and photographs will be stored and entered into the catalog and available for researchers and alumni.



Our Groundhog, Gertrude will take her yearly trip outside on February 2 to see if she can see her shadow. On Facebook, we will let you know her prediction for the rest of winter.



Good Will boys at the saw mill that was located near the barns. The boys helped harvest wood in the forest and cut the wood into lumber at the sawmill. They cut the scrap wood short to use in wood stoves in the cottages.



We are pleased to have two needed Colby College JAN PLAN students, Matt and Colbey working on taking photographs to document several galleries in the museum. These 2020 images will provide good documentation of the museum today and to compare it to earlier photographs of the exhibits and collections.



Museum educator Abbie Lyles has enjoyed developing an Astrobiology program and tour as part of the NASA Universe of Learning Program, offered through ASTC. The program will soon be available for visitors to the museum and be part of our spring Earth and Space Day. The program looks at life on earth and explores other planets that could support life.

**Friends of L.C. Bates Museum Annual Appeal 2020** Every gift to the L.C. Bates Museum benefits our Maine community. Please consider making a contribution, and know that your gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

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#### Upcoming Events in February

**Saturday, February 1, 1 PM-2 PM Birds That Fish**  
 Tour the museum bird 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 different adaptations such as bills and feet that help them fish. Draw your favorite bird fisherman.

**Sunday, February 2, Groundhog Day**  
 While the Groundhog Day tradition may not be an especially accurate method of weather forecasting (especially in Maine), we are still excited for an opportunity to talk about the noble 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 this remarkable creature, and have your picture taken with our taxidermy groundhog, Gertrude!

**Saturday, February 8, 1 PM Endangered Animals Tour**  
 In 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 15, 1PM – 2 PM Make a Sailors Valentines or Shell Picture**  
 Use 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!

**Friday, February 21, 1 PM No Limits Evy Rosqvist Mercedes-Benz 220SE Matchbox Replica Program A Free Activity!**  
 In collaboration with NGCP this will be our second program for children that look at some life rolls. All participants will do a NGCP activity and receive a model of the car Evy drove in the 1962 race, a Mercedes-Benz 220SE matchbox car to take home. Many museums including the LCB will be offering this program.

**Saturday, February 22, Animals in Winter**  
 What is happening right now in the forests and fields? What animals hibernate? And which ones cache food or sleep only during the coldest days? Come explore the museum with a guide and learn some of the amazing adaptations animals have to survive winter.

**Saturday, February 29 1 PM-2 PM Why Is the Sky Blue?** Have you ever wondered why the sky can appear to be clear blue one day, pink the next? How are clouds formed? And how do pollutants affect our atmosphere? At the end of this program, everyone gets to take home a copy of an awesome educational book from NASA!

#### Join the fun! Become a Friends of 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!

[Click here](#), go to the museum's website [www.gwh.org/lcbates](http://www.gwh.org/lcbates) or call the museum for information and a membership request form.

Interested in making a contribution to the museum? Contact us at [lcbates@gwh.org](mailto:lcbates@gwh.org) or 207-238-4250 if would like to information about making a donation to the museum. Your donations help make the museum possible!

#### Museum Hours and Admission Fees

April to Mid-November - Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.: 10am to 4:30pm  
 Sun.: 1pm to 4:30pm and other times by appointment

November to March - Open by appointment or chance, usually Wed. - Sat. 9am to 4:30pm and Sunday 1 to 4:30 PM

Adults \$3.00  
 Youth Under 18 \$1.00  
 Group Rates

*Become a museum member and get free admission!*

**Looking for something special? The museum offers group tours, outreach programs and birthday parties! For a full list of our offerings or more information please email**

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