THE L. C. BATES MUSEUM

Built in 1903, this three-story Romanesque Revival building, designed by noted Lewiston (ME) architect William R. Miller originally housed the Quincy Boys Manual Training School. The lower floor held the campus laundry, while on the first floor boys learned carpentry and woodturning. Drawing, drafting and chemistry were taught on the third level. The school closed in 1914, but the transformation to museum, begun in 1911, continued.

The brick-walled building sits on a slate foundation and is adorned with terracotta egg and dart ornamentations, pink granite steps, yellow pine beams, skylights and arches over the windows and main entrance.

In the 1920s Lewis Carlton Bates, president of the Paris Manufacturing Company from West Paris, Maine, provided funding for improvements to the building as well as the museum exhibits. Because of his generosity, the building was renamed the L.C. Bates Museum. In 1987, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and in 2003 celebrated 100 years of service to the community.

The Museum welcomes more than 15,000 visitors each year to view exhibits of Maine’s natural and cultural history including dioramas of sites in Maine -- from mountains to coast -- created by Charles D. Hubbard.

Other collections feature Americana, art, archeology, birds, insects, minerals, and geology. The Good Will-Hinckley archives are housed at the Museum. An arboretum and extensive walking trail system begins just behind the Museum building. Parking is free and plentiful.

A “museum of a museum”, the L.C. Bates Museum’s original exhibition presentations are rare today. The collections are a resource for college students, national and international scientists and scholars, as well as genealogists.

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- A SUMMER VISITOR, FROM THE GUEST BOOK

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“THE L.C. BATES MUSEUM IS THE BEST PLACE TO GO IN MAINE. YOU GET TO LOOK AT COOL THINGS AND SPECIES.”
- A 3RD GRADER FROM WINSLOW, MAINE

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Arboretum
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Art & Nature Exhibits
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The L. C. Bates Museum provides educational museum exhibits, programs and services to the Good -Will Hinckley campus and Maine community

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