



LUTZ UP?!?

July - August 2008



Lutz Children's Museum
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SUMMER MUSEUM HOURS

Monday Members Only
 Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00
 Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 5:00

Museum Closed July 4th

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Members Free
 Adults \$5.00
 Children \$5.00

MEMBER MONDAYS

We are proud to announce that LCM will be offering Member Mondays during the months of July and August. The museum will be open from 9:00-5:00 each Monday for members only! If you are not already a member, this is the perfect opportunity to join!



FARM DAY

All the Ice Cream You Can Eat!

Join us at the Fish Family Farm in Bolton for this popular museum fundraiser. Meet the cows, take a hay ride, play games, hear live music, and enjoy all the farm fresh ice cream you can eat!!! Other food will be available for sale as well. Don't miss this fun day on the farm. Special thanks to Mr. Don Fish & the Fish Family Farm for their kindness and generosity.

Saturday, August 23 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Members \$5 Nonmembers \$6

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BARBECUE!

The staff at the LCM will be hosting a volunteer recognition barbecue for all of our fantastic volunteers on June 20th, 2008. The barbecue will start at 5:30 PM and end at 7 PM. All volunteers are encouraged to bring their families, the more the merrier. There is no need to bring anything, just come and have a great time with the staff and fellow volunteers! Hope to see you there!

OAK GROVE NATURE CENTER

ALL DAY SUMMER PROGRAM

The Lutz Children's Museum is happy to offer full day programs at the Oak Grove Nature Center again this summer. We hope your child will join us for an educational and enjoyable camp experience. Our program focuses on the science, art, and culture of nature. Each day will begin with an educational adventure led by an experienced teacher. Afternoons are filled with visits to the LCM, swimming, games, nature walks and other recreational activities. Every week includes a topic related field trip to fun places like the Peabody Museum or Mystic Aquarium. You can choose to register for one, two, three or all four weeks. Extended days are available. Please contact us now to reserve your spot. Space is extremely limited to preserve a high counselor to child ratio.

One Week Sessions July 7 - August 1
Rachel Hadyka & other LCM Guest Educators
Oak Grove Nature Center
 Members \$200/wk Nonmembers \$225/wk
 (includes admission)

HEART GALLERY

During the month of July, we will proudly host the Department of Children and Family's famous Heart Gallery. This beautiful collection of photographs of children and their stories serves to both educate and inspire our visitors on the adoption process and the needs of Connecticut's children.

FROM THE MUSEUM EDUCATORS:

In this, the eighth and final installment of Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences we will examine Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence

With literacy rates so low, parents should be encouraged that verbal-linguistic education can be found everywhere from school to the supermarket, and of course, the LCM. Books are making news as they become increasingly obsolete; download and scroll if you don't want to turn the page. Now, I believe that any reading is good reading, but I must admit that there is something romantic about a well worn book and many other educators and administrators seem to agree. On Groundhog's Day, the students of the Verplanck Elementary School in Manchester read an excerpt of a book they'd written and published about Chuckles the Woodchuck, our

resident prognosticator.

Whether your child is completing a school project like those at Verplanck Elementary, or simply learning the alphabet, language skills are enormously important. Children gifted with verbal-linguistic intelligence are often good at reading and writing. These skills lend themselves to storytelling, memorizing words and dates, note taking, and discussion and debate. Verbal-linguistic intelligence forces a hybrid of interpersonal and intrapersonal intelligence; needing to work individually to focus and with others to form and defend ideas and opinions. Verbal-Linguistic intelligence denotes strength with words, written or spoken.

Keep an eye out for the new additions to the stage; we will facilitate greater literacy by designing performing arts activities around

widely known fairy tales. Encourage your child to adapt the tale with their own ideas. Children skilled in verbal-linguistic intelligence should also be exposed to as many languages as possible. Less verbally adept children can learn the same lessons by focusing on their individual strength; try writing lyrics to a song, working out a mathematical word problem, or creating a piece of art based on a story. Encourage your child to make up a story of their experience in the museum. Opportunities abound for verbally inclined children, read a book in the loft or in the octopus's garden. Write your own story about a furry museum resident. You're never too young to be published.

Happy Learning, Anne

JULY - AUGUST CLASSES AT LCM

Join us for great programming at the museum. We have an exciting range of classes and events especially designed for children ages two to ten. Sign up today. Pre-registration is required.

Please dress your child in play clothes since many activities will be messy. Parents are not required to stay for classes, unless otherwise noted. Please advise us if your child has any food allergies.

Week of June 23 - 27

1. AN ARTIST EVERY DAY

Ages 6-10

Join us as we examine art from classic Grecian sculpture to pop Campbell's soup cans. Exploring the culture and revolution behind each artistic style, students will have the opportunity to both mimic artist's styles and create their own!

June 24 - 27 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Anne Leonard Museum
Members \$56 Nonmembers \$78

Week of June 30 - July 4

2. HEALTHY HEART

Ages 3-5

What is your heart made of? What does it do for you? Why is it red? This class can answer all your questions. Then put on a pair of gloves and hold a real heart in your hands!



a. July 1 & 2 10:00 - 11:00 AM
b. July 1 & 2 11:30 - 12:30 PM
Cheryl Putnam Museum
Members \$15 Nonmembers \$20

3. HAVE A HEART

Ages 6-10

A popular class is back... Come learn hands-on what your blood and heart are all about. First we will gently watch blood circulate through the tail of a live fish. After comparing our heart to those of our animal friends, be ready to glove up and really check one out!

July 1 & 2 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Cheryl Putnam Museum
Members \$30 Nonmembers \$39

Week of July 7 - 11

* FEET ARE NEAT

Summer Workshop Series Week 1

Ages 6-10

We hit the ground running with an exploration of feet. Animals use their feet for swimming, climbing, digging, and hunting. We will use our knowledge of feet to track animals in the Nature Center. Our field trip this week brings us to the Peabody Museum in New Haven.



July 7 - 11 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Rachel Hadyka Nature Center
Members \$200 Nonmembers \$225

4. NATURE'S CLUES

Ages 3-5

Come learn about the art, culture, science, and history of nature! We will discuss what "native" means, learn about the animals and peoples native to Connecticut, and look for clues that will teach us about the world around us.

July 7, 9, & 11 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Sarah Wilby, Nicky Moriarty, Anne Leonard Museum
Members \$23 Nonmembers \$29

5. LITTLE NATURE CLUES

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Nature is something near and dear to the hearts of many. Nature is all around us and sometimes we don't stop to smell the roses or watch the clouds. In this class, we will learn how to become nature detectives by using our senses to explore nature's clues.

a. July 8 & 10 10:00 - 10:30 AM
b. July 8 & 10 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Nicky Moriarty Museum
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18

6. "SEE-CREATURES"....

Ages 6-10

...like you've never seen before. Frogs, waterfleas, and fish. First we will learn what is different on the outside of each of these water habitants. Then, roll up your sleeves, and we can peek at their insides!

July 8 & 9 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Cheryl Putnam Museum
Members \$30 Nonmembers \$39

Week of July 14 - 18

* WONDERFUL WINGS

Summer Workshop Series Week 2

Ages 6-10

The trees and skies above the nature center are alive with activity. We will spend this week learning about birds, bats, and bugs (and meet some live examples). We will also create an art project using feathers, perform a flight experiment, and visit the aviary at Roger Williams Zoo in Providence.

July 14 - 18 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Rachel Hadyka Nature Center
Members \$200 Nonmembers \$225

8. ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD

Ages 3-5

Planet Earth is filled with many amazing animals. In this three day session, we will focus on animals from Australia, South America, and Africa, and meet many live examples. Can you guess what types of animals from our collection could be found there?

July 14, 16, & 18 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Sarah Wilby Museum
Members \$23 Nonmembers \$29

9. WHERE DO I COME FROM?

Ages 6-10

Here in Connecticut, we never see pets like bearded dragons or hedgehogs running wild in our backyards. However, they can be found in backyards in other parts of the world! In this three day session, we will learn about which LCM animals could be found in Australia, South America, or Africa.



July 14, 16, & 18 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Sarah Wilby Museum
Members \$45 Nonmembers \$59

10. HELP ME FIND MY HOME!

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Animals are found in all parts of the world and live in all types of homes. During this class, we will explore the importance of a place to call home and learn about where some of the Lutz animals' ancestors originated.



a. July 15 & 17 10:00 - 10:30 AM
b. July 15 & 17 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Nicky Moriarty Museum
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18

Week of July 21 - 25

* DIGGING IN THE DIRT

Summer Workshop Series Week 3

Ages 6-10

There is a lot more than dirt under your hiking boots. This week we will learn about animals that tunnel and burrow under the ground, seeds about to take root, and the fungus among us. We will work with clay in our art session and dissect a worm in the science lab. Our field trip will take us deep below the surface of the earth!

July 21 - 25 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Rachel Hadyka Nature Center
Members \$200 Nonmembers \$225

11. KITCHEN CREATIONS

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

A little food preparation and some imagination will be the main ingredients for this recipe for learning. Both new and familiar utensils and tastes will be featured. We will compare, pour, and stir to create an edible or fun treat each day. (Please be advised that wheat and dairy products may be used.) *Materials fee included.*



a. July 21, 23, & 25 10:00 - 10:30 AM
b. July 21, 23, & 25 11:00 - 11:30 AM
Susan Lentini Museum
Members \$20 Nonmembers \$25

12. LITTLE CHEFS

Ages 4-6

Do you like to help in the kitchen? On three different days, you will be able to explore amazing food science, follow simple recipes, and taste delicious foods that we make! (Please be advised that wheat and dairy products may be used in cooking activities.) *Materials fee included.*

a. July 21, 23, & 25 1:00 - 2:00 PM
b. July 21, 23, & 25 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Susan Lentini Museum
Members \$28 Nonmembers \$34

13. TEMPTING TASTY TREATS

Ages 6-10

Come cook up a storm at the Lutz! We will practice measuring, mixing, cooking, and eating some tasty temptations. We will compile a cookbook of all of the recipes we used during these two three hour sessions. By the end of this class, you will be able to cook your family a meal like a pro! (Please let us know if you have any allergies when registering for this class.) *Materials fee included.*

July 22 & July 24 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Nicky Moriarty Museum
Members \$50 Nonmembers \$64

JULY - AUGUST CLASSES AT LCM

Week of July 28 - August 1

* SUPER SWIMMERS

Summer Workshop Series Week 4

Ages 6-10

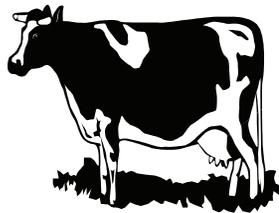
You might think the nature center's pond looks calm, but there is a lot going on under the surface. We will get our feet wet this week as we look for fish, tadpoles, larvae, and eggs. We finish the week with a trip to Mystic Aquarium.

July 28 - August 1 **9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
Rachel Hadyka Nature Center
Members \$200 Nonmembers \$225

14. EE, EI, EE, EI, OH!

Ages 3-5

Trot on down to the Lutz Farm for this fun filled series on the stories and science of Connecticut farms. Students will explore the role of children on a farm through games, experiments, and projects. Miss Nicky will join us one of the days with Donald and Daisy the chickens!



July 28, 30, & August 1 **10:00 - 11:00 AM**
Anne Leonard Museum
Members \$23 Nonmembers \$29

15. FARM ANIMAL FRIENDS

Ages 6-10

Many types of animals live on farms, but in this three day session, we will focus on chickens, horses and cattle. Why do people keep these animals on farms and what do they do to take care of them? By the end of this class, you could be a farmer too!

July 28, 30, & August 1 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Sarah Wilby Museum
Members \$45 Nonmembers \$59

16. LITTLE FARM ANIMALS

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Oink, Neigh, Moo. Come make farm animal noises, move your body like a farm animal, and meet the chickens that live here at the Lutz! We will learn about the animals that live on a farm and create our own farm too.

a. July 29 & 31 **10:00 - 10:30 AM**
b. July 29 & 31 **11:00 - 11:30 AM**
Nicky Moriarty Museum
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18

Week of August 4 - 8

17. INTO THE WOODS...

Ages 6-10

Join us for a journey into the wilderness of Manchester's past. We will study Connecticut's native peoples, and through this exploration, better understand the world outside our door. Each day will include a hike on the trails, so wear your sneakers!



August 4, 6, & 8 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Anne Leonard Nature Center
Members \$45 Nonmembers \$59

18. YOUNG ARTISTS

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

By applying paint in different ways, molding clay, and experimenting with color mixing, your little artist will explore the process of creating with variety of art materials each day. Remember to "dress for a mess"!

a. August 5 & 7 **10:00 - 10:30 AM**
b. August 5 & 7 **11:00 - 11:30 AM**
Susan Lentini Museum
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18



19. SING & DANCE!

Ages 3-5

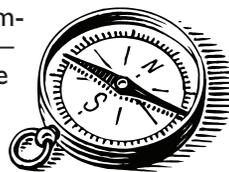
Explore music and movement from around the world in this entertaining and educational class. Examine our expansive collection of instruments and costumes and create songs and dance styles all your own.

August 5 & 7 **1:00 - 2:00 PM**
Anne Leonard Museum
Members \$15 Nonmembers \$20

20. TREASURE HUNT NATURE WALKS- LETTERBOXING

Ages 6-10

We have the map, we have a compass, the mystery box is hidden - Let's go! This class will participate in an intriguing pastime called Letterboxing which originated in England in 1854. This class, held at the Oak Grove Nature Center, will incorporate navigational skills, outdoor exploration, and art for an exciting outdoor quest. The class takes place during two afternoons which will include nature walks, a visiting animal, craft time, snack time and more fun activities.



August 5 & 7 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Heidi Bosco Nature Center
Members \$30 Nonmembers \$39

Week of August 11 - 15

21. THE LUTZ PRESENTS...

Ages 3-5

Come and learn the tricks of the stage in this introductory theater class. Through games and creative interpretation, students will learn improvisation and acting skills. Everyone will be ready for their close-up after this class!

August 11 & 13 **1:00 - 2:00 PM**
Anne Leonard Museum
Members \$15 Nonmembers \$20

22. BIRD SEARCH

Ages 6-10

Birds are all around us, you just have to know where to look (and what to listen for!). In this class we will break out the binoculars and go on a bird search to see which feathered friends live in the Oak Grove Nature Center.

August 11 & 13 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Sarah Wilby Nature Center
Members \$30 Nonmembers \$39



23. MUSICAL MORNINGS

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Music will get you and your child moving as we experiment with a variety of instruments and create different sounds! We'll explore many ways of keeping the beat with our hands and feet by using scarves, balls, and even a parachute to respond to the music!

a. August 12 & 14 **10:00 - 10:30 AM**
b. August 12 & 14 **11:00 - 11:30 AM**
Susan Lentini Museum
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18

24. WACKY WILD WATER CREATURES!

Ages 6-10

Dragonflies underwater? Swimming salamanders? This nature adventure will take place in Oak Grove Nature Center's streams and lakes. You may want to wear water shoes this week! We will be developing our observation skills and appreciation for nature as we scoop, strain, and search! The class takes place during two afternoons which will include nature walks, a visiting animal, craft time, snack time and more fun activities.

August 12 & 14 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Heidi Bosco Nature Center
Members \$30 Nonmembers \$39

Week of August 18 - 22

25. TERRIFIC TREES

Ages 3-5

As you may know, trees are very important to our lifestyles. In addition to discussing the many uses of trees, we will play tree games, complete tree activities, make tree artwork, and go on a tree hunt!

August 18, 20, & 22 **10:00 - 11:00 AM**
Nicky Moriarty Nature Center
Members \$23 Nonmembers \$29

26. TREMENDOUS TREES

Ages 5-8

Trees are terrific! Come practice some tree identification techniques, learn about the importance and use of trees, make recycled paper, and complete some tree artwork. What better place to take a hike than through Manchester's 52 acre nature preserve. All week we will prepare for our tree scavenger hunt and learn some hiking safety tips. At the end of this class, you will have many fun games and project ideas to share with friends and family.



August 18-22 **1:00 - 3:00 PM**
Nicky Moriarty Nature Center
Members \$70 Nonmembers \$91

27. TREE TIME

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Have you ever wondered why there are trees everywhere? Have you ever wondered what trees are good for? Come visit the Oak Grove Nature Center for this exciting class! We will explore trees and their products as we hike along the trails.

a. August 19 & 21 **10:00 - 10:30 AM**
b. August 19 & 21 **11:00 - 11:30 AM**
Nicky Moriarty Nature Center
Members \$12 Nonmembers \$18

FREE ACTIVITIES! LCM is proud to announce that we will be offering short programs in the galleries at the beginning of every hour. Please call ahead for a detailed schedule!

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN:

Thank you to those who attended the museum's annual business meeting on May 14th. It was a black-tie event complete with limousines and a red carpet. Whoopi Goldberg was the Master of Ceremonies and music was provided by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.

Okay, it was actually a rather quiet affair...but still exciting. This is the occasion when the museum's members vote on issues that will affect the future of the organization. I took some notes, which I'll gladly share with you now.

Four members were elected to their first term on the Board of Trustees. Please join me in welcoming Lisa Barry, Kate Carter, Molly Devaney, and Steve Zajchowski. We said good-bye to Eric Weiss as his term came to an end, and remembered our friend Pat Barlow.

Kristen Addabbo, who began her third term as a board member, will serve as President again this year. Josh Pawelek, now a second term board member, returns as Secretary. Heather Doucette and Kathleen Rudzik joined the Executive Committee as Vice President and Treasurer.

Grace Hernandez and Stephanie Schmitt received awards for their accomplishments as volunteers; and our "Business of the Year" award goes to Manchester Ice and Fuel for their generous support of the museum over the past twenty years.

Bill Clinton came out of the audience with his saxophone to jam with Clarence Clemmons in the finale, but I'll have to tell you about that another time.

Best Wishes, Bob
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Class registration is processed on a first come - first served basis. You may register at our website, by phone, in-person or by mail. Payment options are credit cards, checks or cash. Your membership must be current at the time the class meets in order to receive the member discount. Museum staff reserves the right to cancel classes for insufficient enrollment. Please dress informally for classes. Cancellations with at least forty-eight hours notice will receive a credit for a future class.

Caregiver's Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Work Phone # _____

Town _____ Zip Code _____ Are you a member? Yes No Exp. Date _____ Patron ID # _____

Email Address _____ Type of Credit Card _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Child's Name	Date of Birth /Grade	Number & Name of Class	Date	Fee

Total \$: _____

I understand that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact me in an emergency. However, in my absence and to avoid unnecessary delay, I authorize transportation of my child to the nearest appropriate medical facility. Authority is also granted for emergency treatments or procedures, as deemed necessary by the treating physician. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide any pertinent medical information prior to enrolling my child in any program sponsored by the Lutz Children's Museum.

Signed _____ Date _____

Relationship to child _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All memberships expire on December 31, 2008
Prices are for memberships beginning in May
Enclosed is \$ _____ for a 2008 membership
as checked below:

- Reciprocal \$42.00 Angel \$21.00
 Corporate \$42.00 Grandparents \$21.00
 Family \$21.00 Individual \$8.00

Children's names and ages for Family Membership:

Add my tax deductible contribution in the following amount
\$ _____