



Salamander Scoop

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Feature Stories



Busy Beavers - Engineering Design Challenge

How can a nature center educate about engineering? With a little help from a friend and a little inspiration from one of nature's most amazing engineers, the beaver. [Read more...](#)



Girl Scouts Build Rube Goldberg Machines!

On January 23, Girl Scouts from Amherst, Deerfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham and Westfield came to the Hitchcock Center for a hands-on program about Rube Goldberg Machines! [Read more...](#)



Prowling for Owls

It's 2 AM somewhere in Hadley. The thermometer reads a balmy fourteen degrees as two souls step from the warmth of their vehicle and enter the darkness of cloudless night. [Read more...](#)

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Update

- **New "Living Building" Site Tours** continue on the first Friday of each month 12:30-1pm. Next dates: March 4th and April 1st.
- Why were our windows packed with balloons for shipping? Find the answer in

our [January progress](#) post.

- Two fundraising challenges are ongoing that double the impact of your gift: the **Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts** will match all new gifts from individuals of \$1,000 or more (up to \$50,000) and the **Beveridge Family Foundation, Inc.** will match all new gifts from businesses of any amount (up to \$40,000). [Contribute here.](#)
- Keep up with what's happening on our site through: [our photo gallery](#), [our video gallery](#), or [on our blog](#) feed.

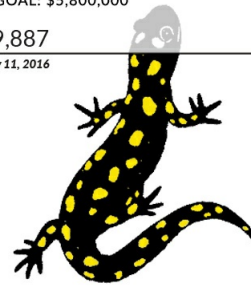
Building for the Future: the Campaign for the Hitchcock Center

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$5,800,000

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— \$5,000,000
— \$4,500,000
— \$4,000,000
— \$3,500,000
— \$3,000,000
— \$2,500,000
— \$2,000,000
— \$1,500,000
— \$1,000,000
— \$500,000
— \$0

\$5,099,887

as of February 11, 2016



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Upcoming Programs and Events



Exploring Larch Hill

Come young, old, novice or seasoned and join one of our naturalists to see what you can see each month on our new fourth Sunday of the month nature walk around Larch Hill. [Learn more...](#)



Morning Nature Walk for Seniors

Get outside and enjoy the winter light and fresh crisp air for a winter nature walk at the Notch with John Green. [Learn more...](#)



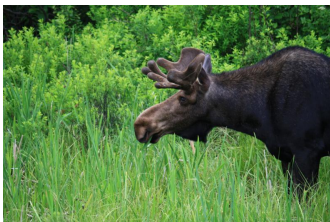
BIG NIGHT!

Have you gotten out into the cold, rainy dark to see the amazing amphibian migration from their wintering grounds to the spring breeding pools? [Learn more...](#)



Salamander Tunnel Maintenance

We'll head over to Henry Street and prepare the tunnels for the salamander migration. [Learn more...](#)



Moose in Massachusetts

What is the status of our local moose population? Ralph Taylor will share the current situation locally with fascinating detail and images. [Learn more...](#)



Prowling for Owls

This Saturday, join local birder Dan Ziomek for an evening of listening for our local owls. [Learn more...](#)



Destination Tar Sands

DeAnne and Chris Riddle will share what they learned from their visit to the Alberta tar sands, with photographs and a video of an aerial tour. [Learn more...](#)



Steps to Solar & a Greener Home - Workshop Series

Want to know how to make your home cozy, reduce energy wasted from heat and electricity losses, and eliminate drafty spots, all while lowering your home's carbon emissions? [Learn more...](#)



Hitchcock's new "living" building site tour

Join us at our our construction site for a free tour on the 1st Friday of each month. [Learn more...](#)

More News

- [Beginning Birding for Youth and Families](#) begins in April with Dan Ziomek; read more out how [Youth Birding Excites and Inspires](#).
- How does Hitchcock curriculum [Energize Northampton](#) elementary schools?
- Stay up to date with [Earth Matters](#) columns published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Read recent articles by authors [Reeve Gutsell](#), [George Leoniak](#), and [Margaret Bullit-Jonas](#).

About Us

The Hitchcock Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works to inspire people to learn about our natural world through innovative, hands-on environmental education programs. We help people to explore the interconnections between the health of humans and ecosystems, reinforcing our innate bonds with our environment, and looking to nature as a model and measure to improve our quality of life.

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