



**Hitchcock Center**  
EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY PLANET

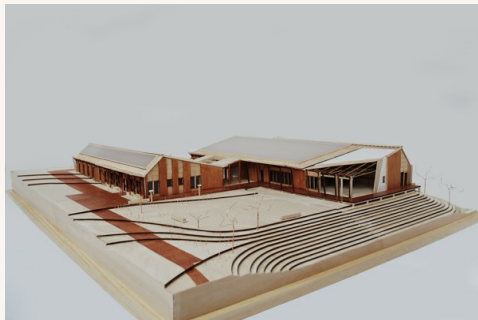
## *The Salamander Scoop*

A Quarterly E-Newsletter

April 2018

### Hitchcock Center Unveils New *Nature Play and Learning Places* Master Plan to Enhance and Engage Outdoor Learning

The Hitchcock Center for the Environment recently released its *Nature Play and Learning Places Master Plan*, a plan to transform the Hitchcock Center's grounds into an engaging, interactive and educational outdoor classroom. [READ MORE](#)



Hitchcock to be Featured in *Wild Designs*  
Exhibit at Peabody Essex Museum



New Engineering, Technology and Design  
Programs Enthrall Elementary Students



Amherst's Salamander Tunnels and Big  
Night, 30 Years On



Potable Water Lessons Link Amherst to  
Puerto Rico and Beyond

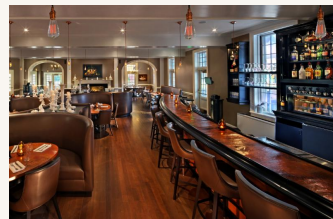
## Announcements

### 30Boltwood Earth Day Dinner to Benefit Hitchcock Center

Come celebrate Earth Day weekend with 30Boltwood at the Lord Jeffery Inn! Chef Kevin Doubleday and his team have put together a special menu for the benefit of the Hitchcock Center, featuring seasonally sourced, vegetarian and non-vegetarian selections from our local farms. A portion of the proceeds from this delicious three-course prix fixe menu will benefit the Hitchcock Center.

[LEARN MORE](#)

# BOLTWOOD



### FINAL Valley Gives is May 1st

May 1st marks the last year of Valley Gives! Please mark your calendars -- we need your support to raise \$10,000 for our award-winning environmental education. By participating in Valley Gives Day, you provide core support for our work.

[DONATE ON MAY 1ST](#)



### Battle of the Botanicals is June 7th

It's back! Our third annual Battle of the Botanicals returns to the PowerHouse at Amherst College with an outstanding line-up of teams from our region's hottest restaurants. This year, a record nine teams are filling the Powerhouse and outdoor patio with amazing culinary and craft cocktail creations!

[GET TICKETS](#)



### Florence Bank Customer's Choice Community Grant

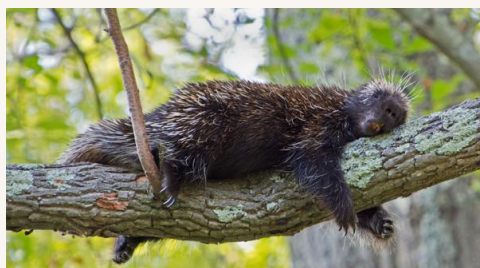
Thanks to all of you who cast your votes in 2017 to help us win \$1,021 from Florence Bank for our scholarship program! Want to support us in 2018?

[VOTING STARTS NOW](#)



## In the Community Gallery: April - June, 2018

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**Learn to Look All Around**  
Photography by Anne Ely



**Birds of Winter: A Naturalist's Quilt**  
by Ted Watt

## Upcoming Programs and Events



### [Environmental Justice Series](#)

CLF President, Brad Campbell, will share the urgent work CLF is doing on the ground across Massachusetts and New England. Thursday, May 31, 6-8pm



### [Adventures When Nothing Goes to Plan: A Story Slam from Wildlife Scientists](#)

Thursday, April 26, 5-6:30pm

### [Second Saturday Family Science Series](#)

For families with children to explore science and nature together. Saturdays, April 14, May 12, June 9, 10-11am



### [Volunteer Work Days](#)

Join this community effort and help us dig, weed, plant, mulch, haul, etc. Bring tools and gloves if you have them. March 31, April 22, May 5, June 3, 12-3pm

### [Living Building Tours](#)

Come visit one of the greenest buildings on the planet. First Fridays at 4pm & Third Wednesdays at 12pm



### [Nature Photography](#)

ROCK: Sunday, April 29 at the Sunderland Water Falls  
FLOWER & TREE: Sunday, May 20 at the Holyoke Range  
WATER: Sunday, June 10 at Mt. Toby

### [Exploring Lake Werner](#)

Kingfishers, painted turtles, great blue herons, bullfrogs, water snakes...Sunday, May 6, 10am-12pm

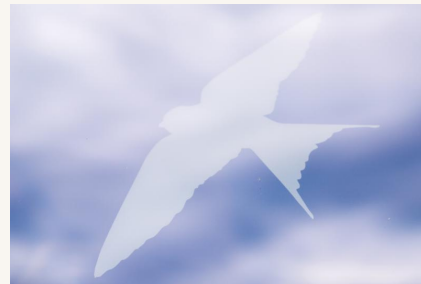
### [Organic Lawn Care: What is Lawn?](#)

Lawn is not simply grass. It is a relationship between grass plants, soil conditions, and a complex soil ecology. Saturday, April 21, 1-2pm

### [MORE PROGRAMS](#)

## Earth Matters: Notes on the Nature of the Valley

Every two weeks, the Hitchcock Center publishes a column in The *Daily Hampshire Gazette* on compelling natural history and sustainability topics in our region.



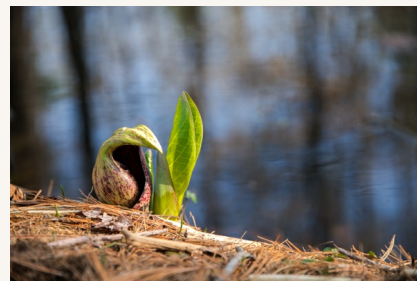
### [A ghost in the woods has something to say](#)

by Lawrence J. Winship (4/6/18)

### [How to get the birds to pick the feeder in your yard](#)

by Joshua Rose (3/9/18)

### [Garter snakes emerge for their grand coming out party in March and April](#)





by Patrick O'Roark (2/23/18)

[Kids learn inventiveness by inventing](#)

by Katie Koerten (2/9/18)

## Our Mission

Founded in 1962, the Hitchcock Center's mission is to foster greater awareness and understanding of the environment and to develop environmentally literate citizens.

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Annual Fund

### Hitchcock Center for the Environment

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### You can visit us:

Tuesday - Thursday

9:00am - 5:30pm

Friday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Second Saturdays

9:00am - 1:00pm

### You can keep in touch:



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