



Salamander Scoop

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Feature Stories



ITD Partnership Strengthens Cultural, Environmental, & Sustainability

For three weeks in May, Cristian Velez from Iquitos, Peru and Carlos Macotela from San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico joined the Hitchcock Center staff to learn about educational methods and sustainability. Cristian and Carlos were participating in the Institute for Training and Development's (ITD) Professional Fellows Program in Environmental Sustainability. [Read more...](#)



Hitchcock Lessons at Living Future Conference in Seattle

Would I do it again? When I contemplated the answer the first time, I was surprised that I hedged. Why would I even hedge knowing the near unimaginable consequences of climate change or the astounding level of toxicity accumulating in our environment! Wasn't this project a moral imperative when we first committed? [Read more...](#)



Animal Care Blog Background & Purpose

I was setting up our native species freshwater aquarium, which was a lengthy and very visible process. I was getting a lot of questions from both staff and the public who were curious as to how it was coming along and when they could expect to see fish in it. I wanted to be able to give a thorough response that could easily reach a lot of people. [Read more...](#)

THE HITCHCOCK CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT'S **SECOND ANNUAL**
BATTLE *of the* **BOTANICALS**

THURSDAY
JUNE 8, 2017
5:30-8:30

THE POWERHOUSE
AT AMHERST COLLEGE



Congratulations to [Bistro 63](#) who took home the Battle of the Botanicals 2017 trophy! Joe, Rasif, and RJ used asparagus to take home the crown, while [Hope & Olive](#) and [Osteria Vespa](#) were also crowd favorites, voted into our top 3.

Over 300 people enjoyed craft cocktails and botanically inspired appetizers to benefit our environmental education programs. Thank you to all who came out to support the talented chefs and bartenders from our top three restaurants and [30Boltwood](#), [The Alvah Stone](#), [Five Eyed Fox](#), and [Johnny's Tavern](#). A big thank you to all our event volunteers, our judges Monte Belmonte, Michael Kusek, Lindsey Matarazzo, and to our MC Joan Holiday.

We raised over \$23,000! Thanks to [River Valley Co-op](#), [Hope & Feathers Framing and Printing](#), [PeoplesBank](#), [Easthampton Savings Bank](#), [Boisselle Morton & Wolkowicz](#) for supporting our mission of connecting more people to our natural world.

We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Children, Youth and Family Programs



Help Send a Child to Camp



For many, camp is a formative childhood experience. You can help give more children this opportunity by supporting our Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support!

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Scholarship Fund

Upcoming Community Programs



Tree and Wildflower Walk

Hike some of the trails at the Trustees of Reservations new Mt. Warner property in Hadley with Ted Watt and Nancy Goodman.



The Hawley Bog

Explore bog plants that possess a variety of fascinating adaptations to help them thrive in high-acid, nutrient-poor habitats.

A FIELD GUIDE
TO THE ANTS OF
NEW ENGLAND



Ants in Your Plants

Discover these amazing creatures, led by a coauthor of the Guide to Ants of New England, Elizabeth Farnsworth.



Fun with Ferns

Elizabeth Farnsworth (aka "Fernsworth"), coauthor of the Peterson Field Guide to the Ferns, will introduce you to the major groups of true ferns, moonworts, horsetails, clubmosses, spikemosses, and quillworts.



River Flood Plain Explorations

One of our most significant natural habitats here in the Valley is our flood plain forests. We'll visit 3 different flood plain forests, a different location each date, looking at the plants and exploring the natural history.



Living Building Tours

Come meet our newest educator - our building! It is designed to model systems in nature, it is net zero energy, net zero water, has composting toilets, and has been made with responsibly sourced non-toxic materials.

More News

- Have you tried the [ECOMmute app](#) created by Amherst High School Student Eric

Thompson-Martin?

- [From the Forest to the High Rise](#) - how engineered wood is redefining sustainability.
- Volunteers [Mary and David Dunn](#) featured on Western Mass News!
- A few spaces remain open in Hitchcock's [Nature Summer Camp](#).
- Join [Michael Zide](#) for a presentation, *Establishing Mood, Story and Visual Interest in Landscape Photography* at Jones Library, Tuesday, June 27, 6:30-8:30PM.
- UMass Lowell's Toxics Use Reduction Institute Funds the Hitchcock Center's [Educating for Healthy Materials World Series](#).
- Learn about cycling in our [painted turtle aquarium](#).
- Catch up on [Earth Matters columns](#) by your favorite authors.

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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