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Press Release

Bruce Museum Program and Event Calendar July – August 2019

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Marine Tank Animal Feeding,
Tuesdays and Fridays,
2:30 – 2:45 pm



Sharks! Lecture: The Comeback of the Great White Shark in our Backyard
Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 – 8:00 pm



Artist in residence Milena Alvarez is leading our new Bruce Creates workshops this summer.

JULY

Saturday, July 6, 2:00 – 4:00 pm & Sunday, July 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. *Bruce Creates: Group Portrait.* New Artist in Residence Milena Alvarez will host *Bruce Creates*, a new series of recurring drop-in workshops for artists of all abilities. This workshop will have participants partner up to sketch each other with charcoal. *Bruce Creates* workshops are offered free of charge to Museum members and to visitors with paid admission. Participants of all ages are welcome. Visit brucemuseum.org to learn more about *Bruce Creates*, which will be offered most weekends and Tuesdays (when admission is free for all visitors) throughout the summer.

Sunday, July 7, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series at the Seaside Center: *Sharkwater Extinction (2018)*. The Bruce Museum Seaside Center, located in Greenwich Point Park, hosts family programs on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. This month we screen the documentary *Sharkwater Extinction* (1h 28m; rated PG), an inspiring, action-packed journey that follows filmmaker Rob Stewart as he exposes the massive illegal shark fin industry and the political corruption behind it. Free admission; alert the front gate staff you are attending the First Sunday Science program.

Sunday, July 14, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Summer Family Day: *Swimming with Sharks and Art.* Come to the Museum and get hands on with art and science in our galleries. See everything from artwork by the Avery family to live baby sharks! During our Summer Family Day, guests will be able to create their own postcards, learn all about sharks, and get inspired to create your own art. *Swimming with Sharks and Art* is for all ages and is free with admission.



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Monday, July 15, 9:30-11:30 am. Watercolor Workshop for Seniors: *Color*. Join classmates in focusing on watercolor paintings and techniques used by the Averys in their work, through hands-on workshops led by Dr. Louise Flax, a noted teacher and practicing artist. Explore the Averys' use of color with a discussion focusing on the way the Averys used warm and cool hues to create tension and balance in their artwork. This session's warm-up activity will be making magic squares based on several of the compositions in the gallery. Then it's off to the workshop to explore wet on wet technique and pulled colors with paintbrush in hand. There is a \$25 charge for each workshop for nonmembers; \$20 for Museum members. Materials will be provided and light refreshments will be served. For adults over age 55. Register at brucemuseum.org.



Dr. Louise Flax leads our Art Workshops for Seniors.

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. *Sharks! Lecture: The Comeback of the Great White Shark in our Backyard*. Historically, great white sharks were rarely encountered off the coasts of New England. However, the recovery of seal populations and changes in fishery management have allowed sharks to rebound. In this lecture, Dr. Tobey Curtis of the National Marine Fisheries Service discusses the history of great white sharks in the northwest Atlantic Ocean and the discovery of a great white nursery off the southern coast of Long Island. Members and students with ID, free; non-members, \$15. The Museum doors open at 6:20 pm; reception at 6:30 pm, lecture at 7:00 pm. Reservations required; visit brucemuseum.org.

Sunday, July 21, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Adventures: *Postcards from Abroad*. Come to the Bruce and get hands on with art. Every other Sunday families will be able to come and make art or complete exhibition related activities. This activity is for children ages 4 and up and their caregivers.

Sunday, July 28, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Bruce Explorers: *Sharks on Display*. Do you have a young scientist at home ready to take a deep dive into science? This new drop-off program is for children ages 7 to 16. This month's Bruce Explorers will have children creating their own shark diorama. From learning about how scientists go out into the field to study, to creating the final product, our Explorers will become Bruce Museum naturalists who create their own dioramas. Advance registration required; fee: \$80. For details, contact Megan Brown at mbrown@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6740.

Every Tuesday, 1:30 pm, and Friday, 12:30 pm. Exhibition Highlights Tour. Guided tours of the current exhibitions led by a Museum Docent.

Every Tuesday and Friday, 2:30 – 2:45 pm. Marine Tank Animal Feeding.

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AUGUST

Sunday, August 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series at the Seaside Center. *The Last of the Shark Hunters: How Trophy Fishermen Pushed Science into Action.* Keith Cowley, shark advocate and Curator of the Living Sharks Museum, will discuss the legacy of legendary shark sport fisherman Captain Frank Mundus. His capture of a massive great white shark using only rod and reel is said to be one of the inspirations behind the film *Jaws*. The decades of shark hunting that followed resulted in the decimation of a species, finally halted by the fierce efforts of a scientific community determined to build a case to save the “man-eaters.” This is the story of their feats. The Bruce Museum’s Seaside Center, located in Greenwich Point Park, hosts family programs on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. Admission to the Seaside Center is free; alert the front gate staff that you are attending the First Sunday Science program.

Monday, August 5, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Watercolor Workshop for Seniors: *Texture.* In this session, led by Dr. Louise Flax, classmates will get a feel for texture during a gallery discussion analyzing the different techniques the Averys used in their paintings. In the workshop, explore non-traditional elements that help achieve texture in watercolor paintings. There is a \$25 charge for each workshop for nonmembers; \$20 for Museum members. Materials will be provided and light refreshments will be served. For adults over age 55. Register at brucemuseum.org.

Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. *Sharks! Lecture. Elasmobranchs: Working with Sharks at the Maritime Aquarium.* Sandi Schaefer-Padgett works with sharks and other elasmobranchs at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk. In this lecture, she’ll talk about the species of sharks on display, the husbandry and care of elasmobranchs, and how to maintain them in a healthy and safe environment. Members and students with ID, free; non-members \$15. The Museum doors open at 6:20 pm. Light refreshments precede the lecture, which begins at 7:00 pm. Reservations required.



Shark expert Sandi Schaefer-Padgett.

Sunday, August 18, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Bruce Explorers: *Shark Teeth Forensics.* Do you have a young scientist at home ready to take a deep dive into the science of sharks? This new drop-off program is for children ages 7 to 16. This month’s Bruce Explorers will get to learn all about shark teeth, including a lab session to investigate the teeth by hand. Advanced registration required; fee: \$80. For details, contact Megan Brown at mbrown@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6740.

Sunday, August 25, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Science Sunday: *Sharks on Display.* Learn about our science exhibition *Sharks!* and get interactive with hands-on activities. This drop-in program is for children ages 4 and up and their families.

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About the Bruce Museum

The Bruce Museum is located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, and free for members and children under 5. Individual admission is free on Tuesday. Free on-site parking is available and the Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit brucemuseum.org.

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