

Bruce Museum Program and Event Calendar May – June 2019

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



34th Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival,
Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19,
10 am – 5 pm



Traveling Lantern Theater Co. performs
"My Mother the Astronaut" at All Abilities
Day, Saturday, June 8, 10 am – 4 pm

MAY

Thursday, May 9, 9:45 – 10:45 am. Bruce Beginnings Jr. Looking to introduce your child to the wonders of art and science? Bruce Beginnings Jr. is our drop-in program for toddlers ages 10 months – 24 months that gives them and their caregivers the chance to explore the Museum through hands-on play. See the Visitor Services desk on arrival.

Thursday, May 9, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Lifetime of Looking: *Express Yourself*. For adults with memory loss and their caregivers. Registration required, contact kholko@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6741.

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. *Summer with the Averys [Milton | Sally | March] Exhibition opens.* Featuring landscapes, seascapes, beach scenes, and figural compositions, as well as rarely seen travel sketchbooks, this exhibition takes an innovative approach to the superb work produced by the Avery family. Along with canonical paintings by Milton Avery, the show offers a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the remarkable art created by Avery's wife, Sally, and their daughter, March. On view through September 1.

Sunday, May 12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Science Sunday: *Seashells on the Seashore*. Learn about our science exhibitions and get interactive with hands-on activities in this drop-in program for children ages 4 and up and their families. At this Science Sunday, kids and their caretakers will learn the basics of shells they might find on the beaches of Long Island Sound. Children will get



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to choose their own shells to illustrate, take observations, and learn about shell anatomy and the animals in the ocean that use shells.

Tuesday, May 14, 11:00 – 11:45 am and 1:00 – 1:45 pm. Bruce Beginnings: Let's Go Explore. This weekly program invites youngsters, ages 2 ½ - 5 and their caregivers to explore the Museum's exhibitions and collections. Children will also get to hear a story time and do a hands-on activity related to the *Buried Treasures of the Silk Road* exhibition. They'll learn about ways we travel, how people explore new places, like countries, cities, even their own home. Kids will be able to make their own craft binoculars to help them on their journeys. Free, but space is limited. See the Visitor Services desk on arrival. Visit brucemuseum.org or contact Megan Brown at mbrown@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6740.

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Science Lecture: *Predator Turned Prey: The Controversial Trade in Sharks and Shark Fin Products.* Captain Jesse Paluch, Chief Environmental Conservation Officer, NYS ENCON Police Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation, takes us behind the scenes in this presentation about the worldwide trade in shark products and what effects it is having on species' populations. Paluch's talk complements the science exhibition, *Sharks!*, on view through September 1, 2019. Museum is open at 6:30 pm; light refreshments precede the lecture, which begins at 7:00 pm. Members and students with ID, free; non-members \$15. Reservations required.



Captain Jesse Paluch and NYS ENCON officers with seized shark

Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. 34th Annual Outdoor Crafts Festival. A perennial springtime favorite, the Bruce Museum's Outdoor Crafts Festival runs rain or shine from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on the grounds of the Museum. Over 70 artisans from across the country gather to share their unique talents and crafts at this nationally recognized event. Juried exhibitors specialize in ceramics, wearable and decorative fiber, glassware, wood kitchenwares and furniture, jewelry, and more -- all available for purchase. The Festival also includes crafts demonstrations, live music, activities for children, and international cuisine on both days. Admission is \$10; Museum members and children under 5 are free. Visitors will be able to join the Museum at the entrance to receive instant free admission and many discounts for Bruce members, including at the Museum Store.

Tuesday, May 21, 11:00 – 11:45 am and 1:00 – 1:45 pm. Bruce Beginnings: Let's Go to the Beach. In this Bruce Beginnings, children ages 2 ½ - 5 and their caretakers get to travel to the seaside without bringing home all the sand. Children will learn about a special sea creature from the Long Island Sound, the jelly fish. Children will get to make their own jelly fish with moveable tentacles to take home. Free, but space is limited. See the Visitor Services desk on arrival.

Sunday, May 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Science Sunday: *Mineral Marvels.* Children ages 4 and up and their families will be in for a treat at this Science Sunday. After exploring our mineral collection, your budding young scientist will learn more about minerals by taking part in a series



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of tests such as weighing a mineral, using the Mohs hardness scale, and looking at surface properties like color, transparency, and luster.

Monday, May 27. Memorial Day. Museum is closed.

Tuesday, May 28, 11:00 – 11:45 am and 1:00 – 1:45 pm. Bruce Beginnings: Baby Shark.

Kids coming to this Bruce Beginnings will get the chance to dive into our current science exhibition, *Sharks!* Children ages 2 ½ - 5 and their caregivers will get to learn all about shark anatomy, from their teeth to their fins, and how species vary. Kids will also get to create their own paper bag shark puppet to highlight the different features of sharks. This program is free, but advance registration is required. Visit brucemuseum.org or contact Megan Brown at mbrown@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6740.

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Curator's Talk: A Conversation

about the Averys, with Barbara Haskell. In conjunction with the exhibition, *Summer with the Averys [Milton | Sally | March]*, Whitney Museum Curator and Milton Avery scholar Barbara Haskell will join Ken Silver, Bruce Museum Adjunct Curator, and Stephanie Guyet, Zvi Grunberg Resident Fellow 2018-19, to discuss the artistic Avery family and the significance of two decades of annual summer travels together that influenced both their family dynamic and creative output. Reception and open galleries, 6:00 pm, lecture at 6:30 pm, followed by Q&A. Members and students with ID, free; non-members \$15. Registration required at brucemuseum.org.



Avery expert Barbara Haskell. Photo © Scott Rudd

Friday, May 31, 5:00 – 8:15 pm. PHENOMENON Science Innovation Fair.

The Bruce Museum's 5th annual PHENOMENON: Science Innovation Fair is a scientific competition open to area high school students in grades 9 – 12. On Friday, May 31, the top projects will be on view to the public. Show your support for the efforts of these young scientists and discover the innovative and inspiring work being done. Judging and open viewing is held from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by an awards ceremony and keynote speech from 7:30 to 8:15 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and people's choice awards. For more information, contact Kate Dzikiewicz at kdzikiewicz@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6747.

Every Tuesday, 1:30 pm, and Friday, 12:30 pm. Exhibition Highlights Tour. Guided tours of the current exhibitions led by a Museum Docent. (No tour on Friday, June 14.)

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

JUNE

Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. Family Gallery Tour. Best for ages 6-10, though Docents will adjust tour to accommodate age ranges.



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Sunday, June 2, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series at the Seaside Center. *The Big Turtle Year*. Timothy Walsh, Museum Collections Manager and Assistant Director of the Florida Turtle Conservation Trust, gives a presentation about The Big Turtle Year, a campaign to increase awareness regarding the status of U.S. turtle species and to emphasize their diversity, natural history, and conservation needs. For information, contact kdzikiewicz@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6747.

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:00 – 11:45 am and 1:00 – 1:45 pm. Bruce Beginnings. Topics: *Summer Abroad, Our Ocean, Smallest Artist, Let's Capture It!* For ages 2½ - 5 and their caregivers. Free, but space is limited. See the Visitor Services desk on arrival.

Thursday, June 6, 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Art of Design Luncheon and Fashion-Focused Conversation. Founded in 2014 as a forum to provide fresh insight into the ever-evolving intersection of art and design, this year's Art of Design luncheon unites American Fashion Designer Dennis Basso in a fashion-focused conversation with his friend Stellene Volandes, Editor in Chief of *Town & Country* magazine. The luncheon will also feature a fashion show, with music provided by noted local DJ April Larken. The annual event, which benefits the Museum's exhibitions and educational programming, will take place at Greenwich Country Club. For tickets and further information, please visit brucemuseum.org and click "Reservations," or contact Dawn Handwerker at dhandwerker@brucemuseum.org.



American Fashion Designer
Dennis Basso

Thursdays, June 6, 20, 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Design Time. For children ages 2 and up. Block play with our Imagination Playground blocks. Guests are welcome to drop in throughout the program.

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Connecticut Open House Day/All Abilities Day. Free admission. The Museum's annual high-school student art exhibition, *iCreate 2019*, opens to the public. The Bruce Museum first-ever All Abilities Day is a special collaboration between the Museum and six incredible students from the Greenwich Public School District's Community Connections program. Thanks to a grant from Abilis, the students have been working at the Museum since January. The students have put together an action-packed schedule of fun, family-friendly activities, including performances by the Traveling Lantern Theater Company, plus hands-on explorations of art and science throughout the Museum. For details about All Abilities Day, contact Corinne Flax at 203-413-6742 or cflax@brucemuseum.org.

Sunday, June 9, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Bruce Explorers: *Sharks!* Got a young explorer at home, ready to take a deep dive into science? This new drop-off program is for children ages 7 – 16, and begins with a hands-on, in-depth study of sharks, including a dissection. Advance registration required; fee: \$80. For details, contact Megan Brown, mbrown@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6740.



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Sunday, June 16, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Adventures: *Landscapes Abound.* Come to the Bruce for free, hands-on family fun. Every other Sunday families will be able to come and make art or take part in exhibition related activities. This activity is for children ages 4 and up as well as their caretakers.

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. *From Butterflies to Battleships* Exhibition opens. On view through September 1, this exhibition draws from the Bruce Museum Photography Collection to present a selection of work by four singular American photographers. The exhibition will showcase the tremendous diversity of directions taken in the twentieth century, whether employing the camera in a documentary mode to record details of insect development or to chronicle sweeping historical events, or experimenting with the technology to create abstract or composite images.

Sunday, June 23, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Science Sunday: *Sunny Days.* For children ages 4 and up and their families.

Sunday, June 23, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Bruce Museum Seaside Center Opening. The Bruce Museum Seaside Center opens for the season in conjunction with Greenwich Shellfish Commission's "Experience the Sound" event from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in Greenwich Point Park. For more information, contact Kate Dzikiewicz at kdzikiewicz@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6747.

Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Bruce Museum Annual Meeting. Current Museum members are invited to attend the Bruce Museum's Annual Meeting, which, after regular business, will be followed by a festive summer celebration of the *Avery* exhibition and *Sharks! A* free member exclusive. Register at brucemuseum.org by clicking on "Reservations." For more information, contact Kathy Reichenbach at kreichenbach@brucemuseum.org or 203-413-6731.

Sunday, June 30, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Adventures: *Personal Masterpieces.* For children ages 4 and up and their families.



Patrick Nagatani (American, 1945-2017)
Trinity Site, Jornada Del Muerto, New Mexico, 1989 & 1993, Chromogenic print (Ilfocolor Deluxe), 17 x 22 in. and 27 3/4 x 37 in. © Patrick Nagatani Estate. Photo by Paul Mutino.

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About the Bruce Museum

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