

## Bruce Museum Program and Event Calendar November 2019

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The Maritime Aquarium's Rachel Stein, known as the "Jellyfish Mom," discusses her work with these delicate creatures at the Seaside Center on Sunday, Nov. 3.



The Bruce Museum and Greenwich Arts Council co-host a concert by cellist Kenneth Kuo, who will perform works inspired by the Chinese brushwork exhibition, Wednesday, Nov. 6.



Artist and scientist Hara Woltz speaks to "The Art of Scientific Observation" with Museum members on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

**GREENWICH, CT, October 22, 2019** – The Bruce Museum offers a provocative and compelling slate of programs and events in November, from a visit with the "Jellyfish Mom" at the Museum's Seaside Center to a concert by world-renowned cellist Kenneth Kuo, who will be performing works inspired by the artwork exhibited in *Contemporary Artists/Traditional Forms: Chinese Brushwork*, on view in the Bantle Lecture Gallery through December 8, 2019.

Admission to the Museum is free through January 31, 2020, while our main galleries are being renovated. The Permanent Science Gallery will remain open, as will the Bantle Lecture Gallery, Education Workshop, and Museum Store. For complete calendar listings and to register for programs requiring reservations, visit [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org) or call 203-869-0376.

Below are select Bruce Museum programs and special events taking place in November:

**Sunday, November 3, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Seaside Center's Fred Elser First Sunday Science Series: *The Secret World of Jellies in Aquariums*.** Rachel Stein, Associate Director of Animal Husbandry at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, works primarily with jellies and has come to be known as the "Jellyfish Mom." In this lecture, she will talk about the fascinating life history of these delicate and sometimes deadly creatures. Additionally, she will provide insight as to how



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they are kept, cared for, and cultured at the Maritime Aquarium. The Bruce Museum's Seaside Center is a beachside environmental education center located in Greenwich Point Park, Old Greenwich. A parking pass is not required November – April. All ages welcome; no reservations needed. Family activities all afternoon.

**Wednesday, November 6, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Kenneth Kuo Concert.** The Bruce Museum and the Greenwich Arts Council are partnering to present a concert by renowned cellist Kenneth Kuo, who will be performing works inspired by the pieces exhibited in *Contemporary Artists/ Traditional Forms: Chinese Brushwork*. This special evening will begin at the Bruce with an after-hours viewing of the exhibition and light refreshments. The evening continues at 6:30 pm at the Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave., as Kuo performs accompanied by pianist Matthieu Cognet.

**Thursday, November 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Bruce Museum Presents. *Rewind/Fast-Forward: Celebrating the Artist*.** Olympia Stone is an independent producer of documentary films about art and artists. Her first documentary, *The Collector*, explored the five-decade career of her father, famed NYC gallery owner and art collector Allan Stone. Since then, her award-winning films continue to probe the motivations and personal histories of eclectic artists as a way of providing insight into their work. Join Stone and two of her artist subjects—James Grashow (*The Cardboard Bernini*) and Elizabeth King (*Double Take: The Art of Elizabeth King*)—for a retrospective of these astonishing and illuminating films, and their maker. Doors open 6:20 pm for a reception with light bites and beverages, followed by the panel discussion and Q&A, 7:00-8:30 pm. Seats are \$30 for Museum members, \$45 for non-members. To reserve a seat, visit [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org) or call 203-869-0376.

**Thursday, November 7, 4:30 – 8:00 pm. Bruce Museum Store: Holiday Shopping Night.** Justine Matteis, manager of our popular Museum Store, welcomes patrons for after-hours holiday shopping, with complimentary wine and cheese and a 10% discount for Museum members.

**Saturday, Sunday, November 9 & 10, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Science Solvers: *Pine Cone Lab*.** Stop by the Bruce and learn about our science exhibitions with this free, drop-in program. Every other weekend, families will be able to get interactive with science from hands-on activities to different challenges that vary in science topics. At this workshop, kids will learn the basic scientific skills they need to run a lab by observing how pine cones respond to water. This activity is for children ages 4 and up as well as their caregivers.

**Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Bruce Experiences. *The Art of Scientific Observation*.** Hara Woltz is an artist and scientist who addresses the destruction and conservation of ecological systems through a variety of visual media. Her artworks reside in a number of private and corporate collections, and she has exhibited in spaces ranging from Sotheby's to Storm King Art Center. She also consults as a visiting artist and scientist at the American Museum of Natural History. Field research is integral to the creation of her work; her



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solo and collaborative projects investigate the relationships between humans, the environment, and other living organisms. Hara will discuss her recent projects on climate change and biological and cultural resilience. Bruce Experiences programs are for Museum members only and free of charge; visitors may join the Museum at the door.

**Sunday, November 17, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Bruce Explorers: *Thanksgiving Food Science Lab*.**

Do you have an older child ready to take a deep dive into science? Then check out this drop-off program, designed for children ages 7 to 16. From determining the pH of cranberries to seeing what foods have a ton of sugar or starches in them, this lab will use chemistry to help us better understand the food we eat during Thanksgiving. The cost is \$45 for Museum members; \$55 for non-members.

**Monday, November 18, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Senior Art Workshop. *Chinese Brushwork Painting*.**

In this workshop, Dr. Louise Flax leads students through an exploration of the use of washes to create depth and texture. Offered to adults age 55 and older, the class includes a warm-up activity, a visit to the *Contemporary Artists/ Traditional Forms: Chinese Brushwork* exhibition, and a 1-hour focus on a final product. Materials will be provided to students, along with coffee and snacks. The cost is \$25 for Museum members and \$30 for non-members.

**Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Adventures: *Watercolor Landscapes*.**

Stop in at the Bruce to make art and take part in exhibition-related activities with this free, drop-in, hands-on program. This program is for children ages 4 and up as well as their caretakers.

**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.**

Visit [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org) for information about the *Contemporary Artists/Traditional Forms: Chinese Brushwork* exhibition on view in the Bantle Lecture gallery or details of other programs taking place at the Bruce this month, including Bruce Beginnings, Learning to Look® Family Gallery Tours, Lifetime of Looking, and Design Time.

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### **About the Bruce Museum**

The Bruce Museum is a community-based, world-class institution highlighting art and science in more than a dozen changing exhibitions annually. The permanent galleries feature the natural sciences that encompass regional to global perspectives. Accredited by the [American Alliance of Museums](http://www.aamuseum.org) and voted the best museum in Fairfield County by area media in recent years, the Bruce plays an integral role in the cultural life of area residents and attracts approximately 70,000 visitors annually, including 25,000 schoolchildren, reaching out to families, seniors, students, and community organizations. Located in a



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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 Bruce Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org).

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