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Bruce Museum Program and Event Calendar October 2019

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Bruce Museum 38th Annual Outdoor Arts Festival, Saturday & Sunday, October 5-6, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Above: Photograph by Bruce Franklin, Massapequa Park, NY



Explorer Justin Fornal speaks to Museum members about "*Aphrodisiacs: The Good, the Bad, and the Nearly Extinct,*" Thursday, October 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm



Fall Family Day offers a variety of crafts and activities for children, from watercolor painting to learning about minerals, Sunday, October 27, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

GREENWICH, CT, October 2, 2019 – Below are select programs and special events taking place at the Bruce Museum in October. 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 or call 203-869-0376.

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Bruce Museum Presents. *From the Bottom of the World: The Art and Science of Antarctica.* Antarctica is the planet's true final frontier. Presented in cooperation with Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, *From the Bottom of the World: The Art and Science of Antarctica* will convene peerless experts in the art and science of this unique and fragile continent. Lamont-Doherty research scientists Jonny Kingslake and Kirsty Tinto, will reveal their startling new findings. As part of *The Art and Science of Antarctica*, we will welcome to the Bruce -- live, via Skype -- Dr. Kim S. Bernard, associate professor of biological oceanography from Oregon State University, now based at Palmer Station in Antarctica. During this 15-minute live interview, she will answer questions from the audience about her research and her experience on the ice. \$30 for Museum members; \$45 for non-members.



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Saturday & Sunday, October 5 – 6, 2019, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Bruce Museum 38th Annual Outdoor Arts Festival. More than 80 new and returning artists from across the country will showcase their work on the grounds of the Bruce Museum in Greenwich on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 – 6, 2019, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Celebrating its 38th edition this fall, the Bruce Museum Outdoor Arts Festival is recognized as one of the top 25 fine arts festivals nationally. Festival admission is free to Museum members and children under 5 years old; entry is \$10 for non-members. Festival parking is in all municipal parking areas surrounding the Museum.

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Fred Elser First Sunday Science at the Seaside Center: *Shellfish Research in Connecticut.* Sue Baker and Roger Bowgen of the Greenwich Shellfish Commission will discuss the importance of the University of Connecticut and NOAA shellfish research projects to the long term health of Connecticut waters. Family activities all afternoon. Complimentary admission to the Seaside Center at Greenwich Point Park for First Sunday Science programs. No reservations required.

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Bruce Experiences. *Aphrodisiacs: The Good, the Bad, and the Nearly Extinct.* Justin Fornal, an explorer, New York Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, and regular contributor to National Geographic, returns to the Bruce to discuss aphrodisiacs and the harm they cause on the animal kingdom. The lecture will focus on the history of humans employing plant and animal products as attraction activators and sexual performance enhancers. His talk will also include a special focus on the trade of rare animal parts and the global impact it has on endangered animals. Bruce Experiences programs are for Museum members only and free of charge; visitors may join the Museum at the door.

Saturday & Sunday, October 12 – 13, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Science Solvers: *Pumpkin Anatomy.* Stop in at the Bruce and learn about our science exhibitions with this drop-in, hands-on program. Every other weekend families will be able to get interactive with science topics, like this look inside a fall favorite. This activity is for children ages 4 and up as well as their caretakers.

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 – 20, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Art Adventures: *Print Making.* Drop in for free, hands-on family fun. Every other weekend, families will be able to make art or complete exhibition related activities. This activity is for children ages 4 and up as well as their caretakers.

Monday, October 21, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Senior Art Workshop. *Chinese Brushwork Painting.* Dr. Louise Flax leads students through an exploration of the use of line and the traditions of bamboo painting. Offered to adults age 55 and older, the class includes a warm-up activity, a visit to the exhibition, and a 1-hour focus on a final product. Materials will be provided to



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students, along with coffee and snacks. The cost is \$25 for Museum members and \$30 for non-members.

Sunday, October 27, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Fall Family Day. *Autumn Rains and Fall Colors: Exploring the Bruce*. Join us for our Fall Family Day, *Autumn Rains and Fall Colors: Exploring the Bruce*! We'll have a variety of crafts and activities for children, from watercolor painting to learning about minerals. Plus, the Greenwich Conservatory of Classical Ballet will be performing interpretive dances inspired by the contemporary Chinese brushwork exhibition on view in the Bantle Lecture Gallery.

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 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 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 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.

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