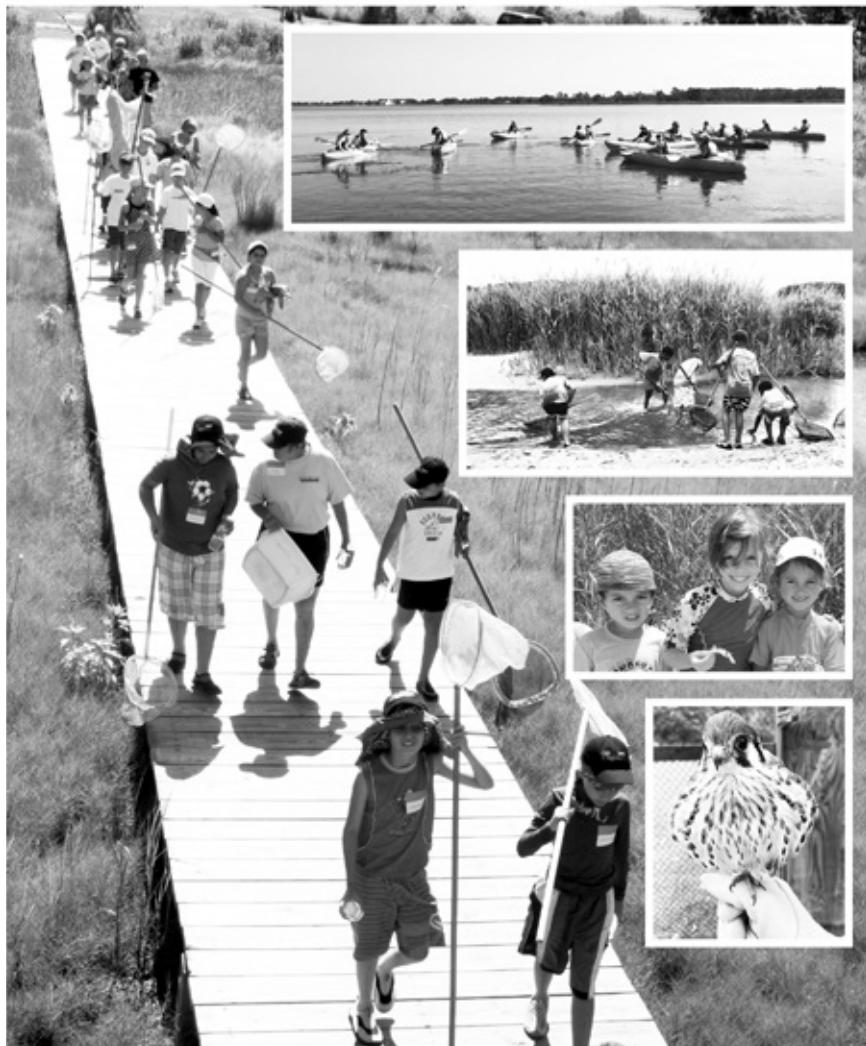


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Frequently I am asked, "What do you do at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC)?" I usually say, "Well, we do a variety of things, but our primary focus is on education."

It's kind of a mixture...we promote an awareness in the welfare of the environment. We work with all ages and interest levels in a blend of how we fit in with the environment, and how we cause an impact—how we should function within our natural environment.

We emphasize a blend of things, and the responsibility of individuals in the blending process. The "things" are the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay and adjacent watersheds. The responsibilities are shared by a number of cooperating agencies, the municipal governments, the students both young and old, and the residents of our local communities.

All of the responsible parties work toward a broad-spectrum environmental awareness and action. Blending these natural assets with an interest and enthusiasm on the part of the people has resulted in an active organization promoting environmental education and awareness from simple through sophisticated ventures.

Imagine this blend: A group of third-grade students, armed to the hilt with sieves, strainers, a plastic bucket, hand lenses, a tailor-made aquatic field guide, and a personal instructor to take them to the Bay for hands-on and feet-in exploration.



Another day commences with a group of middle-school students up close and personal with a Great Horned Owl, or equally dynamic, with an owl pellet prepared for dissection. Do these blends sound like "just fun and frolic in the woods?" They aren't. The kids are experiencing a complex, but to them a unique motivation in learning. They are experiencing some phase of the natural environment... something for which they have a natural curiosity.

Couple curiosity on the part of the kids with a specific plan of action in a learning situation, and results are inevitably favorable for fostering an awareness and action in an environmental aspect. If the awareness is active, its effect is most likely to be long lasting. The out-of-doors is a great motivator. One of CBEC's goals as educators at the center is to have students express the "thinking through a concept." As future decision-makers, particularly relevant to environmental issues, the students of today will operate some heavy mental equipment if they are able to think through a concept.

At CBEC the staff members plan programs, projects and activities with concrete learning objectives in mind, and fashion the specifics to mesh with the existing curriculum and standards. Through a cooperative planning effort of CBEC's staff, teachers, parents and students, the lessons in environmental education are exciting adventures in learning. The premise upon which Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center operates is "Conservation Through Education."

Environmental education, awareness and action are always in a "state" at the center...an active state whether participants are building bird boxes, measuring and tagging fish or studying pollinator movements through the meadow. The goal for alternative decision-making on the environment is based on knowing about the issue. Knowing comes through education. That's the niche of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. Check out our website at bayrestoration.org for the "ins" and "outs" of the educational programs.





The Carroll County Farm Museum showcases agricultural traditions from the 1700s through the mid-1900s with a focus on Carroll County and Maryland history.

The Museum hosts several educational events each year including:

- **Spring:** In May, the Museum hosts a Civil War Reenactment where visitors can watch a battle, meet the soldiers and learn about life on the home front during the war. Later in the month, the Central Maryland Blacksmith Guild hosts its annual Blacksmith Days where different skills of the trade are taught and demonstrated.
- **Summer:** Living History Camp is offered in June and July for children in third through sixth grades. Children become pioneers for a week, learning historic skills and creating crafts. (Camp registration begins in the spring and information is available on the Museum website.)
- **Fall:** Historic farm equipment is the star of the show at the free admission Mason-Dixon Gas and Steam Show. Come see steam engines, antique tractors and gas engines in action. At the Museum's free Fall Harvest event in October, visitors can take a hayride, watch artisans at work and even try an old-fashioned chore for themselves like shelling corn and using a two-man saw.
- **Winter:** The Museum is decorated for the holidays during the Holiday Tour, scheduled the first three weeks in December each year. Children can visit with Santa (and parents can take their own photos at no charge), go on a scavenger hunt and complete cute crafts. The Museum offers free admission from January 2 through March 31 each year.



There is a wide variety of educational content on our website, www.carrollcountymuseum.org. Free printables include reading and comprehension activities on a number of historic topics from maple syrup tapping and quilting to beekeeping and hearth cooking and much more. Videos are available on the Museum's YouTube channel. They showcase exhibits, animals and artifacts from the Museum's collection.

Field trips are customized to fit each individual teacher's goals. Our field trip offerings tie to the state's curriculum standards. We work with homeschool coops and individual homeschooling families. Science, history, reading and math can all be covered in a field trip to the Farm Museum. Guided tours are led by costumed docents. These are currently being conducted outdoors due to concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic. The Museum's self-guided tour options allow visitors to tour historic buildings and machinery at their leisure. These information sheets supplement the signage in each of our exhibits.

The Museum's amenities include a quaint gift shop and a unique farm-themed playground to enjoy. Our Farmyard Friends include heritage breed oxen, sheep, goats and poultry. They are here from spring through fall. Please check the Museum website and Facebook for the most up to date information on activities and events. Family pricing and yearly memberships are also available.





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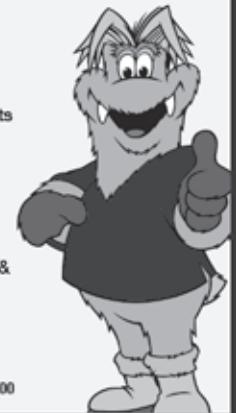
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At www.whalingmuseum.org, you'll find classroom tools and activities, curriculum resources, links to topics like regional history, whaling history, marine mammal science, art, and more.

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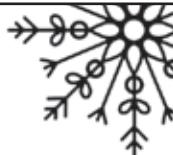


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The Museum contains six galleries. We rotate exhibitions in the galleries roughly every 3–4 months, resulting in a total of about 15–20 exhibitions per year. In addition to presenting contemporary art exhibitions, we offer 50–60 cultural and educational events each year. These include artist talks, workshops, performances, film screenings, studio tours, and an eclectic assortment of events aimed at serving families who do not necessarily see themselves as contemporary art museum-goers — for example, an annual LEGO contest and exhibit and the world's longest-running domino-toppling event.

Rounding out our activities is a rich array of educational programs serving thousands of children of all ages from Windham County, Vermont, and the surrounding area. In collaboration with Brattleboro's Early Education Services, we send professional artists into local Head Start classrooms to work with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. For students in grades K–6, we offer numerous opportunities to engage with art both at the Museum and at home. And for middle and high school students, we administer the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for the state of Vermont. We welcome students of all ages to visit the museum, where we offer hands-on learning experiences tailored to each group's needs and interests.

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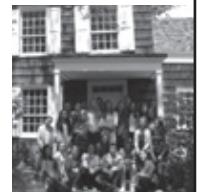
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SCHOOL PROGRAMS: All programs support NYS Regents Social Studies and Language Arts curriculum. All programs include a docent-led tour of the historic birthplace of Whitman. Both "Create and Explore" (Grades 3 – 8) and "Journey Through Time" (Grades 9

– 12) offer grade-appropriate programs that include poetry writing workshops taught by a published Poet and tours, led by a knowledgeable Educator. During "See and Touch" (Grades Pre-K – 2) students tour the home in which Whitman was born and learn what life was like in 1819. They engage in interactive historic games enjoyed by children of Walt's generation. Our new Civic Mindedness program (Grades 4-12) looks at Walt's connection with the Civil War, how it impacted him, influenced his poetry, led to compassion for others and why he was known as the Poet of Democracy. Art, yoga, and online programs are also available!



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For those coming from a distance, lodging is available on the slopes and in nearby Ellicottville. The slopeside Inn at Holiday Valley and the Tamarack Club have outdoor heated pools and hot tubs that are open through the winter. Resort managed condominiums, townhouses and chalets offer units that accommodate larger sized groups.

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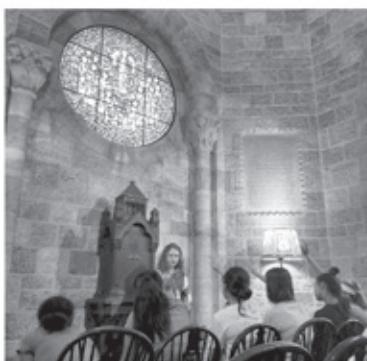
Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, founded in 1958 by Marjorie Berlin Fink, is dedicated to fostering the art of theatre dance, primarily classical ballet, through education and performances. This 53rd production of *The Nutcracker* will feature approximately one hundred cast members composed of dancers from Pennsylvania Youth Ballet and adult community volunteers. Professional guest dancers will be announced on our website!

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For bookings, questions, and information contact Amy Glenn, Educational Programs Manager at **267.502.2962** or amy.glenng@glencairnmuseum.org.

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The museum offers its popular school tours Tuesday thru Friday, during May and October. Schools may select from a Lease Life Tour in which youth spend a full-day living the leasing life at the Museum through interactive stations and hand-on demonstrations, and a Heritage Tour where youth spend the morning touring the museum and outdoor exhibits with a guide before taking a ride on the OC&T Railroad through the valley that changed the world!

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Early American and German holiday traditions are the focus of Christmas in Zoar in 2021, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. The two-day event features tours of private homes decorated for the holidays, horse-drawn wagon rides, visits from Kristkind and the German Belsnickel, and a Santa's Workshop for kids. Unique gifts and décor are available for purchase from more than 45 juried American folk and craft artisans in the Tin House and Schoolhouse. An outdoor Christmas market in a heated tent includes more artisans and an offering of hot mulled cider and wine.

Getting children interested in history can sometimes be a challenge, but Historic Zoar Village has abundant experience meeting it. Under the premise that spring has arrived and the people of Zoar are getting ready for a busy season, students will participate in butter churning, bread baking, tinsmithing and more. Interactive demonstrations around the village will provide hands-on instruction on what life was like for the people of Zoar during the 1800s. Homeschool Day returns on April 22, 2022.

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- Revolutionary War School Day—May. Students will learn about the fight for American independence through hands-on, curriculum based activities that include artillery, musket drill, spy activities, revolutionary war medicine and more. They'll also meet 1st person historic figures.
- Opening Day – May 7
- Revolutionary War Reenactment and Encampment—July . British and Continental soldiers will camp on the grounds and reenact key battles. The event includes artillery demos, musket drills, and games and crafts for kids.
- Archaeology Home School Day—October. Students will learn about archaeology through interactive demonstrations and activities including a mock dig, metal detecting, flint knapping and more.

For more information on these events, contact Fort Laurens at **330-874-2059** or visit the website at **www.fortlaurensmuseum.org**.

Fort Laurens is Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort and features a museum, memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Patriot and visible outline of the original fort.

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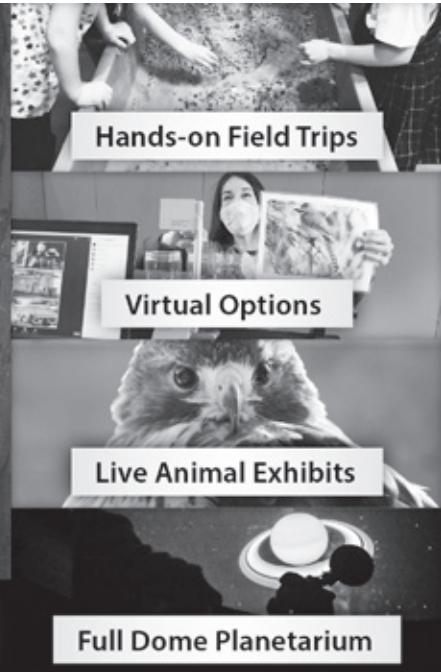


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Book a guided educational tour, a planetarium show or visit the current traveling exhibits for additional educational opportunities! The GRPM offers various 60-90 minute education programs for a small additional fee, that hone learners skills with primary source learning, STEAM inquiry-based experiments, and more to engage with the Museum on a deeper level. Planetarium shows range from live night sky shows, to options for young astronomers and learning about the discovery of the Higgs Boson to art and entertainment shows. Traveling exhibits include free and small fee exhibits that rotate throughout the year.

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"Unto These Hills" was written by University of North Carolina graduate, Kermit Hunter, and is the third oldest outdoor drama in the United States. Mountaintop Theatre, the 2800-seat amphitheater where the drama is performed each year, was built specifically for the show, which premiered on July 1, 1950. Since then, over 6 million people have attended. A cast of over 70 professional and local actors perform rain or shine each summer from late May to mid-August.



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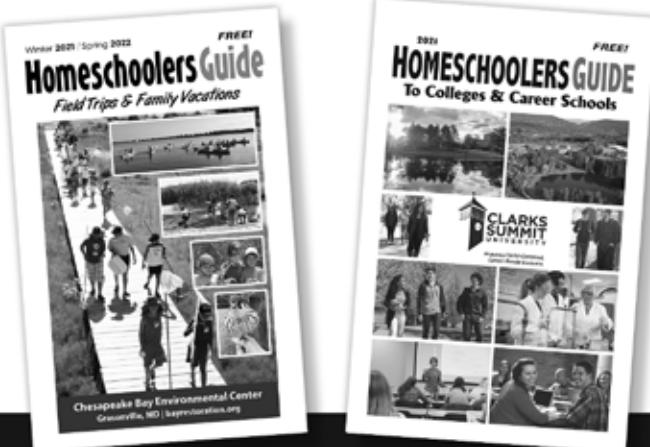
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