



Salamander Scoop

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Feature Stories



Biathon Celebrates the Creatures Around Us

It's a rite of Spring in the Pioneer Valley, when hordes of nature enthusiasts emerge from their hibernation and scout out the living world around them. [Read more...](#)



Intern Spotlight: Sam Cordero

Sam Cordero has always loved salamanders. In fact, since she was young she's been drawn to animals of all types - as a child she desperately wanted a giant African millipede as a pet! [Read more...](#)



Calling all Salamander Lovers

Just imagine ... its pitch dark, 41 degrees, pouring rain, and you're out there. Sound like fun? [Read more...](#)

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Update

- **New "Living Building" Site Tours** continue on the first Friday of each month 12:30-1pm. Next dates: April 1st and May 6th.
- Why were our windows packed with balloons for shipping? Find the answer in

our February progress post.

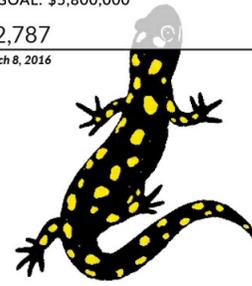
- We are pleased to report that we have raised over \$5.1 million of our \$5.8 million goal. We currently have two fundraising challenges ongoing that double the impact of your gift: the **Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts** will match all new gifts from individuals of \$1,000 or more (up to \$50,000) and the **Beveridge Family Foundation, Inc.** will match all new gifts from businesses of any amount (up to \$40,000). **Contribute here.**
- Keep up with what's happening on our site through: **our photo gallery**, **our video gallery**, or **on our blog** feed.

**Building for the Future:
the Campaign for the Hitchcock Center**

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$5,800,000

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\$5,102,787
as of March 8, 2016



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Upcoming Programs and Events



Moose in Massachusetts

Learn about challenges facing moose populations in northern New England and how moose are fairing locally. [Learn more...](#)



Morning Nature Walk for Seniors

Explore the beautiful new accessible trail of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge System. [Learn more...](#)



BIG NIGHT!

Have you gotten out into the cold, rainy dark to see the amazing amphibian migration from their wintering grounds to the spring breeding pools? [Learn more...](#)



The ABC's of LBC

Join us on our proud journey to undertake the Living Building Challenge in the building of our new environmental education center. [Learn more...](#)



Low Maintenance Design with Native Plants

Using strategies based on the observation and emulation of naturally existing plant communities, landscape designer Owen Wormser will share techniques for creating beautiful, low-maintenance gardens. [Learn more...](#)



Explore a Vernal Pool

Vernal pools with their temporary spring accumulations of rain and runoff water provide unique homes for a variety of amazing creatures. How do they survive both in the water and when the pool dries up? [Learn more...](#)



Beginning Birding for Youth and Families

Spring migration is the most exciting time of year to get out and see birds! Each week new species return from the south wearing their spring colors. [Learn more...](#)



Steps to a Greener Home & Solar Workshop Series

Want to know how to make your home cozy, reduce energy wasted from heat and electricity losses, and eliminate drafty spots, all while lowering your home's carbon emissions?

[Learn more...](#)



Hitchcock's new "living" building site tour

Join us at our our construction site for a free tour on the 1st Friday of each month. [Learn more...](#)

More News

- [Beginning Birding for Youth and Families](#) begins in April with Dan Ziomek; read more out how [Youth Birding Excites and Inspires](#).
- How does Hitchcock curriculum [Energize Northampton](#) elementary schools?
- Stay up to date with [Earth Matters](#) columns published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette. Read recent articles by authors [Reeve Gutsell](#), [George Leoniak](#), and [Margaret Bullit-Jonas](#).

About Us

The Hitchcock Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works to inspire people to learn about our natural world through innovative, hands-on environmental education programs. We help people to explore the interconnections between the health of humans and ecosystems, reinforcing our innate bonds with our environment, and looking to nature as a model and measure to improve our quality of life.

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