The Bailey Museum has more fun and enriching activities planned for kids this summer. Building on our children’s programming we are offering a new series called Outdoor Explorers. Each class is from 10 a.m. until noon and held every Thursday until August 18.

Each session is only $10 and is for 6 to 11 year-old students. The format is flexible, sign-up for one or all. Members get $1 off each class.

The Outdoor Explorers is offered at The Bailey Museum with Sarett Nature Center’s talented naturalist Eileen Carlson. Liberty Hyde Bailey encouraged children to appreciate nature and we are eager to offer an easy way to get kids outside to indulge their curiosity.

Each week a new theme will be explored.

• July 21, Bubbles- Students will learn how animals (even bacteria) use bubbles for survival and experiment with a bubble table. Learn how to predict the moment of popping, see who can make the largest bubble, and make a bubble within a bubble, and more.

• July 28, Rocks- See samples of the three types of rocks and learn how they formed. Then use this information and some clues to try to identify some rocks commonly found on Michigan beaches.

• August 4, Micro Journaling- Practice your observation skill by recording objects viewed through magnifying lenses and microscopes. Bring a notebook or journal to save your discoveries.

• August 11, Thorns and Threats- Learn about the defensive adaptations of plants and animals to keep themselves from being eaten. We’ll walk around the garden and forest to find examples.

• August 18, Lichens and Mosses- These plants don’t follow the “plant rules” but are very successful organisms. Learn about their unusual structures and life cycles then discover how common they are around the park.

This series is made possible with a donation from the South Haven Garden Club which helps to make these classes inexpensive and accessible.

Fruits of their Labors

The new exhibition, Fruits of their Labors, will run through September 24. It tells the fascinating story of South Haven’s early apple and peach growers, Liberty Hyde Bailey, Sr. and Aaron S. Dyckman. The important stories of T.T. Lyon and Stanley Johnston are also given their place in history as part of the show.

The story will take visitors from 1852 with the development of South Haven into a thriving town to the twentieth century with the development of the Haven variety of peaches.

The exhibition includes images of the early days of South Haven, artifacts from the peach and blueberry industries, and resources from the State Pomological Society. Visitors will get to know the men who worked to develop the peaches and apples that were highly sought-after and withstood the challenges of weather, disease, and marketing.

Fruits also tells the story of the South Haven Experiment Station founded by orchardist, T.T. Lyon.

The Experiment Station, which eventually became the property of Michigan Agriculture College/ Michigan State University, was vital to developing new varieties of fruit.

As a university researcher, Dr. Stanley Johnston took control of the station and conducted his experiments to improve peaches. Johnston developed the ubiquitous Haven peaches and was also integral in developing blueberries in southwest Michigan starting in 1923.

The vital legacy of experimentation and fruit production are celebrated through the stories of history-changing work.

Curator Anne Long says, “We are grateful to MBG Marketing for supporting the exhibit and loaning items now on display during the show.”

This exhibition is generously underwritten by MBG Marketing, The Blueberry People, celebrating 80 years as a grower owned cooperative.
2015 Business Excellent Award

The Bailey Museum was honored by the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce with the Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award! The recognition was announced during the annual meeting and awards of the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce on June 2. The dinner event was held at the Michigan Flywheelers Museum.

“The award serves as recognition for the tremendous work of the Board of Trustees, volunteers, gardeners, previous directors, curators and interns,” Michael Fiedorowicz said, “Many thanks to our supporters, donors and members for their investments which have made the museum vital. Thanks also to the City of South Haven for enabling us to flourish.”

Thanks for your Membership

The spring membership drive has been quite successful so far with most members renewing. We are almost to our goal of 100% renewal.

The Bailey Museum membership is a great value, of course, as it provides this newsletter to you, but also a 10% discount for classes at the museum.

The most popular benefit of your museum membership is the free admission to other botanical gardens across the country. The Reciprocal Admissions Program of the American Horticulture Society (AHS) grants free admission and/or other benefits at 300 gardens throughout North America and the Cayman Islands.

Participating gardens include the Leila Arboretum in Battle Creek, Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve in Niles, Windmill Island Gardens in Holland, and the five member botanical gardens in Chicago, among many others. The AHS website is a great source of information, including an interactive map of participating gardens, www.ahs.org/rap.

Starting at a Family membership level, your card can get up to four family members into the gardens for free. However, the names need to be on the Bailey membership cards. Contact us if you need to add names.

Membership income provides much of the operating funding for The Bailey Museum, which enables us to plan classes and summer camps, promote upcoming events, and purchase the basic supplies needed for operating a museum. Thanks for supporting us.

Upcoming Spring Events

Fruits of their Labors,
The Story of Four Pomologists and South Haven’s Fruit Industry
July 8 - Sept. 24, 2016

Brown Bag with Don Lam
discusses how to create the perfect backyard environment for attracting bees.
July 20, Wednesday at noon.

Foundry Hall Concert with Hiroya Tsukamoto, Jazz acoustic guitar and singer. $10 in advance through Brown Paper tickets. $15 day of the show.
July 20, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00.

The Outdoor Explorers: Bubbles!
July 21 at 10:00-12:00. $10 ages 6-11.

The Outdoor Explorers: Rocks!
July 28 at 10:00-12:00. $10 ages 6-11.

Brown Bag with Ted Guimond, small Forge blacksmith
August 3, Wednesday at noon.

The Outdoor Explorers: Micro Journaling!
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Brown Bag with Ilse Gebbard, Take a Monarch to lunch
August 17, Wednesday at noon.

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Grape Train at Fenn Valley Winery
September 15 at 4:30. Tour, sampling and food.

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- Historical Association of South Haven.
- Dr. Paul Rood.
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- For the helpers of the Bailey’s Budding Naturalists: Donna White, Patti Luchessi, Anne Long, Ted and Margaret Guimond, Lotte Resek, Sheryl Kaptur (photographer), Evan Resek, Linus Campbell and Erin Graft.
- The City of South Haven for their support of the museum.
- Ridley Family Sugar Farm for donating Maple Syrup for our gift shop.
- Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts for providing grant support for museum activities.

Horticulture is a long-range endeavor, with the compost laid down in one season making things bloom and fruit for several years. And so the future always needs attention today.

I spend a good deal of time thinking about planning, not only as a graduate student, but as the museum’s director encouraging our groups to think long-term. Planning is often an exercise in working from fine details to abstract ideas, with new ideas often presented as “what we should do is…” Adhering to our mission and strategic plan calls us to consider the “why” and “for whom.”

The reward for the meetings, reviewing plans, writing and research is the successful camp or interview with Michigan Public Radio. It is much like theatre: months of rehearsal, building sets, and selling tickets. Then after the show ends it is all done, except to review how things went.

But the lessons, insights and connections remain, making us more interconnected and informed. Those are the fruits we intend to share with our Bailey inspired programs.

Are you interested in being a part of our inspired planning? I am happy to share what we are planning and our goals. We have some big ideas, please feel free to share yours with me, Fiedorowicz@libertyhydebailey.org.

Talks under the Walnut Tree

Join us for Brown Bag Botany (BBB), The summer-long program of lunch time lectures. The series features a variety of useful topics on selected Wednesdays. The program is free to the public. The talks will be held under the Walnut Tree in back of the museum at noon at our picnic tables, so bring a lunch and join us.

- **July 20**: Don Lam of the Holland Area Bee Keepers Association discusses how to create the perfect backyard environment for attracting bees.
- **August 3**: Ted Guimond, small forge blacksmith, will demonstrate making grilling tools on his portable forge.
- **August 17**: Ilse Gebbard, of the Very Active Monarch Committee of Kalamazoo, presents “Take a Monarch to Lunch.” She will discuss what it takes to create a butterfly habitat in your garden.

Perfect items to take home or give away

The Museum’s gift shop has recently added some new items. We have magnetic 2017 calendars decorated with brightly colored vintage Michigan Fruit Canners labels. Great for a refrigerator or cubicle!

We recently received a new supply of locally made Maple Syrup for sale from the Ridley Family Sugar Farm.

A dozen puzzles featuring flowers and fairies in various sizes are available. We have a group of coloring books suitable for adults, perfect for colored pencils.

Interested in promoting bee culture? Buy one of our Bee Haven, Native Summer Bee Raising Kits, from Crown Bees. The kit includes nesting tubes, a little house and a redemption certificate for your shipment of 30 native summer bee cocoons.

This Season’s Fruit

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