



2025 Community Partner Winter Events

Durham Museum

Abraham Lincoln” President, Emancipator, Corporate Pitchman

Now – April 27, all day

Abraham Lincoln: President, Emancipator, Corporate Pitchman offers an innovative and immersive multi-sensory exploration of one of America’s most iconic figures. Through tactile displays and detailed imagery, the exhibition sheds light on Lincoln’s multifaceted roles – as a president who led the United States through the Civil War, an emancipator who took pivotal steps toward abolishing slavery and a corporate figure who, posthumously, became a symbol in modern advertising.

Job’s Daughters International – Supporting 100 years of worldwide female leadership

Now – April 13, all day

Ethel T. Wead Mick founded The Order of Job’s Daughters in Omaha, Nebraska, on October 20, 1920. Mick’s goal was to develop an organization that gave young women leadership opportunities. During its first year, the Order’s focus and work stayed within Nebraska. It soon grew beyond the state’s borders with groups organized in 20 states and over 5,000 members by 1922. The Order extended into Canada in 1931, which marked the start of an international organization.

The group is known today as Job’s Daughters International and is active in five countries, including the United States. What started as a mission to further engage young women in the Omaha community grew into a notable, international cause still embodying this mission today.

Stomp, Chomp Saturday Series

March 15, 22, 29

Are you ready for dino-mite Saturdays at The Durham Museum? *Antarctic Dinosaurs* are taking over the museum and we’re set to unleash some dinosaur-themed fun for the entire family during our **Stomp, Chomp Saturday Series** now - March 29. This drop-in activity is included in regular museum admission. FREE for members.

10AM-Noon: Interact with Dinosaur Ranger Anthony from Stomp Chomp Roar and pose for photos with his pet dinosaur Paleo. At 11AM, enjoy an interactive program from Anthony, featuring fossils, volcanic experiments and other dino fun.

1PM: Embark on a guided tour of our latest exhibition, *Antarctic Dinosaurs*, led by a museum educator and dinosaur enthusiast.

Spring Into STEAM

March 18, 25, April 8, 10:30am-12:30pm

Spend spring break at The Durham! This drop in activity is included with regular museum admission.

10:30AM: Weather related science experiments with KETV’s Caitlin Harvey

11AM: Open science exploration and crafts

11:30AM-12:30PM: Beat the Dinosaur Expert!

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Museum Insider: Photo Archive in a Flash!

March 22, 9:30-11am

Say "cheese!" Learn more about The Durham Museum Photo Archive with a tour through the storage and digitization areas. Follow an image from a negative in a box to a show on the wall. Explore camera technology through the years and peruse personal scrapbooks and photo albums from the collection.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. [Advanced registration is required.](#)

Annual Lecture with the Institute for Holocaust Education, Featuring Laurie Pasler

March 26, 6:30-7:30pm

After inheriting her father's concealed World War II memorabilia from his work at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, Laurie Pasler recognized a pressing need for education regarding this overlooked aspect of history. The Courtroom 600 project was born out of Laurie's frustration in researching the trials through available online resources — and hundreds of books. In 2016, she founded the Descendants Media Group NFP to preserve the legacy of Nuremberg and convey its lessons to future generations in a new way. Now, in partnership with educators, historians and digital media experts, she is actively bringing the Courtroom 600 project to life.

Free for UNMC faculty, staff and employees. Call Sydney Holmes at 402-444-5071 x 521 for your ticket.

Photo Exhibit: Omaha's World's Fair of Aviation

March 29 – September 7, all day

This nine-photo display features images ranging from a German V-2 rocket and "Flying Boxcar" aircraft to the opening ceremony's ribbon cutting, and was curated by The Durham Museum intern, Mina Bussa, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Chattin' With Dr. Chattleton: Union Station, An Art Deco Icon

March 30, 1-2pm

Join one of The Durham's educators, Dr. Kyle Chattleton, for a conversation in the permanent galleries and a deep dive into Omaha history. The conversations will begin with a brief overview in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall and move to the permanent exhibits. This activity is included with museum admission. No registration required.

Guided Tour of Omaha's Union Station

April 6; 1-2pm

Want to learn more about the rich history of Omaha's Union Station before its transformation into The Durham Museum? Join us for a guided tour of our National Historic Landmark and discover the history behind the building's days as a train station. *Activity is included in regular admission.*

NE SciFest Public Expo

April 26, 9am-12pm

Join us for the 2025 Nebraska Science Festival Expo and participate in fun and engaging hands-on learning! Explore a variety of booths from regional organizations that promote science and its impact on our everyday lives.

The event is free with a SciFest coupon, found online at nescifest.com.

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Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton: The 1975 Tornado

April 27, 1-2pm

May 6-8 marks the 50th anniversary of a powerful and devastating storm system. Nearly 40 tornadoes were sighted across the American Midwest during this three-day period, and among the most notable was an F4 tornado that tore through Omaha. Join Dr. Chattleton as we reflect on the tragedy of that natural disaster and how the community responded in its aftermath.

Fontenelle Forest

Habitat Hike:

March 16, 2-4pm

Join our Naturalist Educator for a guided hike through the Wetlands located at 103 Camp Gifford Road. Come along as we explore the various flora and fauna of the location. The guided hike will be from 2:00-4:00 PM, traversing easy to moderate terrain; please dress accordingly. Please note there are no facilities at the Wetlands, please plan accordingly. *Free for members; \$25 for non-members.* [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Forest Therapy

March 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Join us for a tranquil and rejuvenating 2-hour session of Forest Therapy led by Shannon Gorres, MDiv, MA, a certified nature and forest therapy guide with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy. She has led hundreds of folks in discovering the beauty of their internal and external landscapes.

The program starts with a 20-minute guided meditation and then continues with sensory invitations that explore the environment in a mindful and bodyful way. This structured sequence that brings us into deeper connection was inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku. We end with medicinal tea and sharing. Due to the relaxing nature of this event, we kindly request that participants are adults only. *\$20 for members; \$28 for non-members.*

Introduction to Birding

March 29, 8:30-10:30am

Do you enjoy watching birds in your backyard? Are you someone who wants to develop your birding interest into an active recreational hobby? Then sign up for Introduction to Birding!

This program will include a brief talk covering topics such as what makes Fontenelle Forest one of the top birding sites in Nebraska, some tips on finding small, fast-moving birds with binoculars, and a brief presentation on species we are most likely to see in the Forest. Then, we'll go on an easy-to-moderate hike, largely staying on the boardwalk. Please bring binoculars for the hiking portion; we also have some to borrow on a first come, first served basis. Finally, we will end the program with a look at some digital tools you can use on your smartphone! This program is strongly recommended for adults and families with children ages 12+. Minimum of 5 participants, maximum of 15 participants. *\$10 for members; \$25 for non-members.* [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Dirt Time

March 29, April 26, 9-10am

As the name suggests, this program can be messy, so please dress appropriately. We recommend bringing shoes that can get muddy, a pair of gloves to keep little hands clean, and a sense of adventure. This drop-in program is geared toward families with children but is accessible for curious folks of all ages. In the case of inclement weather, indoor activities will be available. *Free for members; regular admission for non-members.*

Fontenelle Forest cont....

Wetlands Bird Walk

April 5, 9-10:30am

Grab your binoculars and join us for a Naturalist guided hike through the Wetlands in search of Pileated Woodpeckers and migratory birds making their way through the Forest in the early spring!

The program will be from 9:00am-10:30am, traversing through easy to moderate terrain. Be prepared with layers, good walking footwear, and a water bottle. Bringing binoculars is encouraged; extra binoculars will be available on a first come, first serve basis. \$10 for members; \$25 for non-members.

[Pre-registration is required.](#)

Little Learners: Seasonal Science

April 12, 10am-12pm

Looking to explore the seasons with your little learner? Join us for our new program learning what happens in the forest as the seasons change – Little Learners: Seasonal Science! We'll discuss what animals do as the seasons change, and explore science stations focused on the spring or fall. Join us on a hike looking for spring shoots or falling leaves, and make your own seasonal craft to take home!

This program is geared for young children ages 7 and under. Caregivers are required to stay for the program. Dress for the weather for our hike traversing easy terrain. \$10 for members; \$25 for non-members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Spring Wildflower Hike

April 13, 2-3:30pm

Embrace the natural beauty of the Forest at our Spring Wildflower Hike! Our Naturalist Educator will lead you on a hike to discover some of our spring wildflowers such as Spring Beauties, Bloodroot, and Dutchman's Breeches, just to name a few. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a first-time explorer of our spring wildflowers, this program offers an opportunity to witness the fleeting beauty of spring. \$10 for members; \$25 for non-members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Raptor Trivia at Kros Strain

April 15, 6:30-8pm

Join Fontenelle Forest for an evening of feathered fun during Raptor Trivia Night at Kros Strain in partnership with NE SciFest! This engaging and educational event will test your wits and give you the opportunity to see several of our educational raptor ambassadors up close. *This event is free to the public. No pre-registration is required.*

Family Campfire Festival

April 19, 5:30-8:30pm

Looking for a way to celebrate the spring with your family? Join us at the Forest for our Family Campfire Festival! Explore a trail off the beaten path, make a flower-themed craft, play corn hole, or join us at a campfire sing-along.

This program is located at Camp Wa-Kon-Da and will feature guided hikes, a seasonal craft, lawn games, hot dogs & s'mores, and more festivities to enjoy the spring weather! Wear shoes you're comfortable hiking in (or comfortable sitting around a fire in!), bring an extra layer for those chilly spring evenings, and bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. We'll have optional guided hikes that will run for 40 minutes over easy to moderate terrain. S'mores, a hot dog and fixings, chips, lemonade, and water will be provided. \$10 for members; \$25 for non-members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Fontenelle Forest cont....

Family Campfire Festival

April 26, 7:30-9:30pm

Are you an adventurous night owl looking to explore new trails? Join us in this unique opportunity to see the Forest at night! Don't miss your chance to learn about the nocturnal creatures who call the Forest home while exploring new trails.

This hike is geared toward intermediate to experienced hikers (ages 16+) and will traverse at least two miles of moderate to difficult terrain, so please come prepared with appropriate clothing and gear. Our educators recommend the following, as applicable: long pants, tall socks, water bottle, bug spray, winter coat, scarf, and/or gloves. *Please check the weather as you are preparing for this event – safety of our guests is our top priority.* \$10 for members; \$25 for non-members. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

Lauritzen Gardens

Sean Kenney's Nature Connects®: Made with LEGO® Bricks

Now – May 18, all day

BUILD a great garden adventure during Sean Kenney's Nature Connects®: Made with LEGO® Bricks. This exhibit celebrates the beauty of nature but also emphasizes the delicate connections that exist between all living things. Marvel at 18 larger-than-life sculptures built from more than 275,000 LEGO® bricks, including a majestic monarch butterfly, a hovering hummingbird, a sly fox, and more! Ignite your imagination, make your own brick-built creations, and leave with a deeper appreciation for the relationships and connections that sustain our ecosystems. *Included with paid garden admission. Free for members.*

Our Wildflowers by Betni Kalk

Now – April 6, all day

"Our Wildflowers" is a collection of paintings by Betni Kalk that are inspired by wildflowers from Nebraska and beyond. The exhibit features vibrant depictions of the insects that rely on these flowers, tranquil tree groupings framed by sunlight, and dramatic cloudscape that hover over the Nebraska landscape. Each piece invites viewers to connect with the beauty of nature and the delicate ecosystems that surround us. *Included with paid garden admission. Free for members.*

Night Skies

April 4, 8:30-10:30pm

Join the Omaha Astronomical Society for a magical evening of stargazing at Lauritzen Gardens. Enjoy a tram ride to the rose garden, where you'll view the gorgeous night sky through powerful telescopes. Observe distant deep-sky objects, planets, and the moon in the serene garden setting.

This program is designed for ages 16+. \$30 for non-members; \$20 for members. [Pre-registration is required at least one week in advance.](#)

If you love a flower by Gail Speckmann

April 9- May 18, all day

In this exhibit, each painting aims to capture the beauty and spirit of flowers. Though their lifespan as living flowers is fleeting, the artist hopes the painted images extend our time to contemplate and savor each one, almost opening up to them to have a conversation of sorts. Included with paid admission. Free for members.

Omaha Children's Museum

Spring Break Spirit Week

March 18 – 22, all day

Celebrate Spring break with us! Regular admission applies.

Tuesday: Holiday Day – dress like your favorite holiday

Wednesday: Pajama Day – wear your favorite cozy pajamas

Thursday: Puppy Pup-Up Day! Featuring Nebraska Humane Society

Friday: Favorite Character Day – dress like a character from your favorite book, movie or tv show

Saturday, March 22: March Madness- show your support for your favorite team

Bonnie & Boo's Playdate

April 11-13, all day

A Pixar-themed Family Fun Weekend! Included with admission.

Omaha Community Playhouse

The Old Man and The Old Moon

Now – March 30, varying times

For as long as he can remember, The Old Man has taken care of The Old Moon by climbing a ladder each night to refill its light. When a mysterious melody beckons away his wife, the Old Man finds himself torn between the familiarity of duty and routine and the allure of love and adventure. With music evoking memories of their shared history, the Old Man decides to abandon the moon and embark on a quest to bring back his wife. Highly creative storytelling allows audiences to experience The Old Man's epic journey over land and sea. Tickets start at \$25. To order, call (402) 345-0606 or purchase online [here](#).

The Rose Theater

Milo Imagines the World

March 21 – April 6, varying times

Milo is on a long subway ride. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. Milo soon realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them. Tickets start at \$10. Order online [here](#).