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REPTILES AND RAPTORS VISIT BRICK STORE MUSEUM

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – Naturalists from The Center for Wildlife will bring live Maine raptors and reptiles to Kennebunk’s Brick Store Museum, on Saturday, September 15 for “*REAL Wild Things*,” an interactive family program to tie in with the Museum’s ongoing exhibition entitled, *Wild Things: Selections from Kate Manko’s Collection of American Folk Art Animals*.

On hand will be a corn snake, barred owl, red-tailed hawk, and turtles. These animals not only invite comparison to the nearly 100 carved folk art creatures on display in the exhibition, but also provide a lens for exploring issues of ecology, preservation, and wildlife conservation. Visitors will see how these animals use special “tools” and adaptations for survival, such as the hawk’s talons, the turtle’s shell, and the snake’s tongue. Guests will also learn about habits and habitats and discover how these animals hunt and hide.

The Museum program will take place at 11AM and be repeated at noon. Made possible by a grant from The Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation, this outreach initiative is offered free of charge, with donations gratefully accepted. The Museum’s galleries will also be open to the general public that Saturday from 10AM to 1PM.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk’s historic district and for more than seventy years has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission to the Museum is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207.985.4802 for further information.

The Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, Maine, treats over 1500 animals a year and is one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities in New England. For more than twenty years, the facility, its staff and volunteers have provided care for sick and injured wildlife until they can be released back into the wild. The Center’s mission also extends to providing information and education to the general public. For more information, visit www.yorkcenterforwildlife.org or call 207.361.1400.

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