Berkshire Museum presents new Learner’s Lab series
February 7 demonstration covers hand-dipped chocolates

[PITTSFIELD, MA] — Berkshire Museum continues the new BeMuse series Learner’s Lab on Saturday, February 7, at 10 a.m., with a workshop perfect for Valentine’s Day. Kathy Sinico of Catherine’s Chocolates in Great Barrington will lead a session on hand-dipping chocolates. All Learner’s Lab workshops are included with regular Museum admission and are free for Museum members. Seating is limited; to reserve a spot, please call 413.443.7171 ext. 360.

Kathy Sinico will demonstrate the making of several types of chocolates featured at Catherine’s. Catherine’s Chocolates is a family business that started in New York City in the 1920s and expanded to the Berkshires more than 50 years ago. For more information, visit www.catherineschocolates.net.

Upcoming Learner’s Lab workshops

Red Apple Butchers
Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.
Join one of the expert butchers from Red Apple Butchers for a workshop on knives. From home cook to experienced chef, proper use of knives is an essential skill. This workshop will illustrate different types of knives, uses for different knives, sharpening methods, some cutting technique on simple vegetables and a whole chicken, rudimentary safety and sanitation of working on a cutting board as well as more interesting carving theory, from Thanksgiving turkey carving to interesting cuts such as a Porchetta. A short informational session on Red Apple Butchers and their approach as old fashioned butchers in a modern world will be included.

Cricket Creek Farm
Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.
Learn to make ricotta from one of Berkshire County’s very own cheese makers, Suzy Konecky from Cricket Creek Farm. Participants will learn the basics of milk and how that milk turns into cheese while going through the process of making cheese step by step. At the end of the program all participants will enjoy a little taste of ricotta!

This new series of workshops and demonstrations is the place to discover the ins and outs of food, gardens, and sustainable living skills. Each session will feature community members teaching a fun and valuable skill to their fellow Berkshire residents. For details on upcoming sessions, visit the events calendar at www.berkshiremuseum.org. The Learner’s Lab is sponsored in part by the Appelbaum-Kahn Foundation.

About the Berkshire Museum
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

In association with the Smithsonian since 2013, Berkshire Museum is part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian’s resources with the nation.

Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. If/Then is on view January 24 through May 3, 2015. Objectify: A Look into the Permanent Collection is currently on view. Little Cinema is open year-round. Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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