
LOCK HOUSE



MUSEUM



Lock House Lego Build Contest

Drop-off Entries April 29th - May 21st
Winners Announced June 14th 2pm



Contest Theme:

Use legos to build a design that revolves around the Lock House. Lego builds can include canals, boats, animals, people and more. It is highly encouraged to learn about the Lock House by either visiting the museum during open hours or viewing the museum website <https://www.thelockhousemuseum.org/>

Competition Levels:

Boatman (4yrs to 10yrs) Lock Tender (11yrs to 17yrs)

Registration & Drop-offs:

Registration opens April 29th Drop off entries by May 21st

At Lock House Museum, 817 Conestee Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Museum Open Fri Sat Sun 1pm-5pm

Call 410-939-5780 to schedule drop-off time during the week hours 10am-4pm

Building Material:

We encourage the use of LEGO® brand bricks, but submissions can be made from other brick types. Design should be self-contained on a display base for easy transport and display at the museum (example cardboard box or lego baseplate).

Judging Categories & Criteria:

Judge's Choice (\$50 Gift Card)

Technical/Complexity, Creativity, Relevancy to Theme

Visitors Choice (\$25 Gift Card)

Visitors to the museum from May 21st – June 8th will get a chance to vote for their favorite contest entry.

One submission per person. Contestants need not be present to win. By submitting an entry, you agree to your build being on display at the Lockhouse Museum. The museum holds discretion on entry selection and will not include any builds deemed inappropriate. The museum does not take responsibility for broken or damaged builds. Images taken of your build may be used in social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter), website, and print materials.

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The Lock House Museum and the S&T Canal

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In the 1800s, there were not the highways that we have today and the roads were dirt paths, rutted and oftentimes muddy. Instead, goods such as farm products, lumber, and coal were carried by boats down rivers. Sending by river offered bounciness for delicate items like china and rivers were direct transportation to the ports.

River travel didn't always work well. There was too much water in the spring, not enough in the Summer, and there were rapids and waterfalls that made travel treacherous.

So, people made CANALS. A canal is a highway of water, where the water level and the flow can be controlled. Canals avoided the dangers of rapids and rocks and made the trip much safer and faster.

Havre de Grace was on the SUSQUEHANNA AND TIDEWATER CANAL (S&T). This canal went from Havre de Grace to Wrightsville PA. It was a 45 mile trip. At Wrightsville, the S&T connected with the Pennsylvania canal system. Goods from across central Pennsylvania could travel by canal to Havre de Grace, then go to Philadelphia or Baltimore, and possibly to the world.

Life on the canal was hard in the 1800s. A canal barge or boat moved slowly, pulled by MULES, men, children or women or a combination. A mule is a HYBRID offspring of a female horse and a male donkey. Mules are calmer than horses, hardworking and strong. Boats would use teams of mules and switch them when they got tired. The resting mules would ride on the boat.

Goods were carried in the middle of the boat. A boat could carry up to 100 TONS (1 ton = 2000 pounds) of coal. Sometimes the boats would tie together as two or three boats and travel together.

The canal men lived on the boat. There was a cabin in the back with a stove and beds. It took 3 days to travel the entire length of the S&T Canal and more to get to further destinations. Sometimes the canal men took their wives and children with them.

We want to know what you think of our canal. Stop by the Lock House Museum to learn more about the canal, boats, and mules. The Museum is open Fri-Sun from 1-5 pm starting Saturday, April 5th.

With this information build your own boat, lock, or create your own hybrid animal. Use Legos or other building block systems. Bring your model to the Lock House by May 7th. Email info@thelockhousemuseum.org for any questions.