



Friday | July 29, 2022

Raising

Capital funding for The Rabbit hOle continues to grow. Major gifts in July from the Merriman Family and the Hall Family Foundation have advanced our capital position dramatically as we prepare to launch the final public phase of our capital campaign in October. These crucial contributions ensure the steady continuation of building renovations through the end of 2022 and keep us on course to open the museum in 2023. Heartfelt thanks to the Hall Family Foundation and the Merriman Family for their generosity and trust, and to all of our supporters at every level who have kept our momentum strong in 2022!

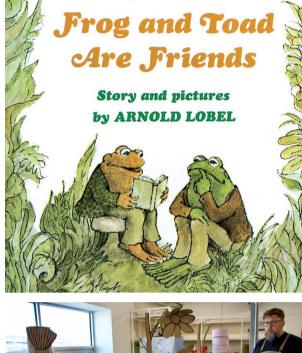
Today is Pete's birthday. All he wants for his birthday is donations in his honor.

Frog & Toad, one of the most beloved series in

Making

children's literature, is an emblem of the artistry and legacy of children's book creator, Arnold Lobel. The Rabbit hOle's design for our Frog and Toad

exhibit takes visitors on a journey through their world in shifting scale. As you look up at larger than life grasses and cattails, you might feel like Frog wandering along a river bank. As you look down, you might feel like a human again as you see a Toad sized house...but watch out, there's a huge snake ahead! The Rabbit hOle's fabricators are working large and small to make this design come to life creating scale miniatures of Frog and Toad's houses, welding giant metal flowers, and carving low lying rock formations from foam and wood.



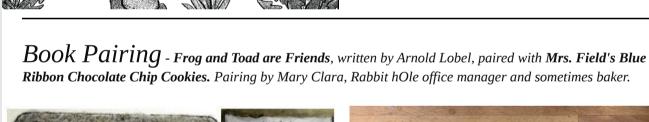








opportunities to learn more and apply!



Building renovations reached a benchmark in July

Building

with the completion of the first of three construction packages. This initial package encompassed the first floor and included the walls, plumbing supply runs, ductwork, lighting and electrical work. The second construction package will encompass the basement level and include several sensitive

areas in and around the Grotto area that are currently being excavated (see below.) This work is set to begin in September. The third package encompasses the second floor and all remaining finishes, and will begin in late

October or early November. Meanwhile, our fabrication staff continues to grow along with our exhibits as we strive to reach full production levels before the end of the summer. Also this month, with the help of our friends at the Sunderland Foundation, we completed some vital

infrastructure repairs that were not in our original construction scope, including a new fire sprinkler pump for the museum and a brand new roof for our fabrication shops on the back of the building. Let it rain!



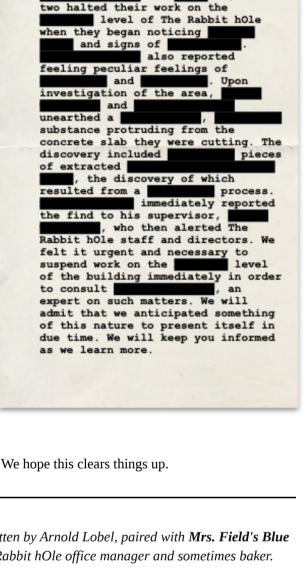






statement was released to our board of directors, part of which has been cleared for public release:

. 2022. The Rabbit hOle staff was alerted to a discovery made by two of JE Dunn's

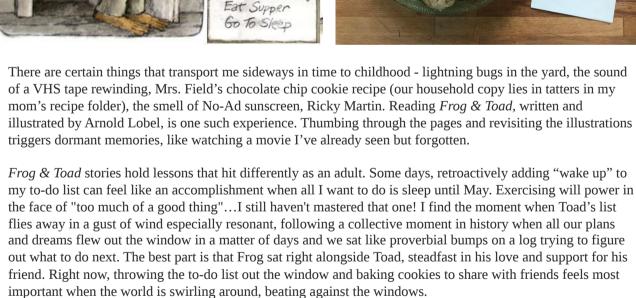


to Frog's House Take walk with Frog Eat lunch Take nap

things to do today

Eat Breakfast jet Dressed

Play games with From





Mrs. Field's Blue Ribbon Chocolate Chip Cookies: Ingredients 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 cup dark brown sugar packed

• In a bowl attached to a stand mixer equipped with the paddle attachment, beat the butter and sugars

together until creamy. Add in the eggs, one at a time, beating until each is incorporated completely. Add

• Cool on the sheets for 3-5 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack (or a paper bag like my mom) to cool

Instructions • Preheat your oven to 300 °F. • Whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium sized bowl. Set aside.

12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

in the vanilla, beat again.

• Beat in the flour mixture until just combined, then add in the chocolate chips. Stir to distribute the chips evenly throughout the dough. • Drop by rounded tablespoonful onto ungreased cookie sheets, approximately 2 inches apart. • Bake in the oven from 18-22 minutes.

completely.

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 cup butter 2 large eggs 2 teaspoons vanilla

- **Curiosities**

Watch This!



Amphibians may not have scales, but our Frog and Toad exhibit has a full range of them! Designed to

alter your perspective from that of a human to that

Work-in-Progress: Frog a..

of Frog and Toad, the scale of your surroundings changes throughout the space. At one point you might peer in Toad's small house, but in just a few steps find yourself dwarfed by daisies and other riverbank flora.



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