



## Workshops "The Wonderful World of Insects" at the Nuremberg Children's Museum to mark the 375th birthday of Maria Sibylla Merian

Saturday 30.4. and 7.5.2022 | Sunday 1.5. and 8.5.2022

To mark the 375th birthday of the historic naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian, for two weekends everything in the Nuremberg Children's Museum was focused on the wonderful world of insects. Because insects are much more than just little creepy-crawlies - they are fascinating and important for all of us! In the workshops visitors young and old explored how insects influence our lives and how we can contribute to protecting them. In addition, the participants learned more about Merian's special connection to the history of Nuremberg, where she, as a great naturalist, engaged intensively with the insect family.



At many points in the exhibition "Treasure Chamber Earth", as well as in the small garden of the Children's Museum, the visitors could actively get to know different insect species up close, either by carefully letting them crawl over their hands or by taking a closer look at them under the microscope.

A short thematic introduction prepared the visitors for the topic.



At other points in the exhibition, pictures with existing outlines in the style of Maria Sibylla Merian were coloured in or little insect houses were crafted to take home. In the garden, paper was scooped out of a traditional vat and embellished with colourful petals.



In addition, an information stand set up by the BUND Naturschutz also provided information for the visitors on insect-friendly sowing and similar topics.



A total of 179 visitors took part in the five workshops.

