

Students Invited to Participate in Lyme Disease Awareness Campaign

By Rep. Joe Emrick

Pennsylvania students in first through sixth grades are invited to enter the 2025 Lyme Art Contest by creating a short video or poster focusing on the theme: "Protect. Check. Remove."

The annual contest helps students, Scout troops and community youth programs learn how to prevent Lyme disease by educating them about ticks, including where they live, how to prevent bites and how to remove ticks that do bite.

Pennsylvania has one of the highest annual counts of Lyme disease cases in the nation, which further emphasizes the importance of teaching children about tick awareness and prevention measures.

The deadline for entries is Friday, March 14, at 5 p.m. Click here for details <https://links.pahouse-news.com/q/hhB11Rqrzn0XoJzyXNyNqi9KEp88nAnHek-ZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4g1PEnq886dq02Lqjhe32SUIpD2lw>.



Writers Group To Hold Monthly Meeting

By Sara Karnish

EASTON, Pa.—Greater Lehigh Valley Writers' Group (GLVWG) will hold its monthly meeting from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The meeting is offered in a hybrid format—in-person at the Palmer Branch of the Easton Library, 1 Weller Place, Palmer, PA, and online via Zoom.

From 11 a.m.-12 noon, GLVWG member Laurel Wenson will give an orientation for the group's 2025 Write Stuff Conference. Whether members are attending for the first time or have been attending for years, it's always nice to have an idea of what to expect upon arrival, from where to park to what to bring. There is no cost for the program.

From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., photographer Joan Zachary will offer pointers for taking a striking author photo. Additionally, Angel Ackerman and Laurel Wenson will give pointers for pitching a manuscript to an agent or editor and will ask for volunteers who would like to practice their pitch in a timed role play. You must register to attend the afternoon program. The workshop is free for GLVWG members, \$15 for non-members.

Email glvwg.vebmeister@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. For more information or to register for the events, go to greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org; "GLVWG Events".

About GLVWG: GLVWG aims to provide its members with a network of support and resources in the field of writing; to act as a central information point for activities in the field of writing and the publishing industry; and to advance the writing interests of its members. For more information, visit <https://greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org>.

The Musik Makers Summer Camps

By Nazareth Center for the Arts

NAZARETH - Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with music, fun, and creativity? Look no further because The Musik Makers is thrilled to announce that registration for our summer camps and intensives is now open!

Join us for 4 amazing theatre arts camps happening this summer at The Nazareth Center for the Arts for students in Grades K-12.

At our camps, led by field professionals, you'll spend a week honing your skills, making new friends, and having a blast! And the best part? You'll get to showcase your talents in a final performance for friends and family on the last day of camp.

Get ready for a magical journey with us this summer at The Musik Makers. We can't wait to welcome you and make unforgettable memories.

Take advantage of our early bird discount available until March 30th, along with special discounts for previous campers and members of the Nazareth Center for the Arts. Visit our website for all the details on these discounts and how to register. SPACES ARE LIMITED to 15-20 campers per session.



February is National Bird Feeding Month

By DCNR

PA. - It's a great time to make sure your feeders are stocked! Feeding birds helps them survive cold winter months when a lack of food sources and habitat can cause them hardship.

Here are some feeding tips to help your feathered, backyard neighbors: When making your own birdseed mix or suet avoid recipes with very sugary ingredients. Peanut butter mixed with cornmeal is a good choice that will attract a good number of birds and variety of woodpeckers.

Plant native shrubs and trees that provide food and shelter for birds all year long. Providing a mix of store bought seed and native plants to snack on will ensure the birds find your feeder faster and keep them there longer.

Set up your feeders at varying heights and distances apart to help birds feel more comfortable sharing the space with other birds.

Feeders bring many different species of birds together which can be an opportunity for diseases and parasites. To help prevent this, clean your birdfeeders at least twice every year using a 10 percent bleach solution and warm water.

Many seed mixtures targeted to a wide diversity of birds contain fillers that most birds don't eat. Buy seed specifically for the birds you want to attract to avoid wasting it and causing a mess under your feeder.