

Events

Around the area

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at the Waterfall Pavilion at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park on Saturday, April 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. Children and adults of all ages are welcome.

Dog obedience classes are being offered by the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Blue Mountain Middle School in Orwigsburg. Classes will start on Wednesday, April 12, and continue for seven weeks. There is a registration fee of \$50 for Blue Mountain School District residents and \$60 for non-residents if you register your dog by April 11. Instructors for the course are Diane Buhl and Kathy Maydosz. Registration forms are available at the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission office or online at bluemountainrec.com. Information: 570-366-1190.

Runs/walks

The Penn State Schuylkill Athletics Department will sponsor the **5K Kaleidoscope run/walk** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29 at the Penn State Schuylkill Campus, 200 University Drive. The fee is \$25 if registered before April 1 and \$30 thereafter. The effort will benefit the purchase of new uniforms, establishment of new fitness trails and upgrade equipment. Registration: pretzelcitysports.com/online-registration or call Kate Fullerton at 570-385-6131; email: kmf73@psu.edu.

Bingo

Landingville Community Fire Company, 1 Firehouse Road, will sponsor an **American Girl Doll bingo** from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Tickets are \$25 and will include 20 games. There will also be a jackpot, specialty games and a 50/50 raffle. Doors open at 11 a.m. and everyone must have a ticket to enter. Information: 570-691-9661.

Little Schuylkill Lions Club will hold a **basket bingo** on Tuesday, April 4 at the New Ringgold Fire Company, doors open 4:30 p.m.; games begin 6 p.m.; donation \$20. Information: Judy Ketz 570-943-2829 or 570-449-5817

Good Will Hose Company, 34 S. Sillyman St., Cressona, will host **bingo for cash prizes** every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Food is available.

Pine Grove Hose, Hook and Ladder Fire Company hosts **smoke-free bingo** every Thursday in its banquet hall, 1 Orchard St., Pine Grove. Kitchen opens at 4:45 p.m. Games begin at 6:15. Information: 570-345-6105 or 570-345-4000.

Deer Lake and West Brunswick Fire Company, 1 Ash Road, Deer Lake, holds **bingo** in the social hall of the fire company on the first and third Tuesday each month. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo is 6 to 8:45 p.m. Information: John Wagner Sr. 570-366-0152.

Nativity BVM Drama Club will host a **children's toy/bingo** on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. to raise funds for its spring musical production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The event will be held at Nativity High School, One Lawton's Hill, Pottsville. Doors open at noon and bingo



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Visitors at the Schuylkill County Historical Society in Pottsville last year with works by local artist Robert Stickloon during the annual Block Of Art.

Block of Art in Pottsville is set for April 28-30

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The 2017 Block of Art invites local artists to be a part of the 11th annual free arts festival in downtown Pottsville April 28 to 30. The event features live music, artists, authors and children's activities.

Artists and student artists are invited to submit two art pieces. Each piece of art must have a clear title and must not have been exhibited previously at Block of Art. The artwork can be in painting, printmaking, colored pencil, pastels and other traditional visual media, sculpture, photography, mixed media, book arts, fabric arts and smaller-scale installation art.

Due to space restrictions there is a limit of two items per artist. The artist must be 16 years or older.

Those artists wishing to participate should deliver their art to All Things Good at 209 W. Market St., Pottsville, from April 7 to 9 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On Saturday, April 29, as part of the event, Block of Art will be hosting its annual Art Marketplace in downtown Pottsville where artists can display and sell their art. As with gallery pieces, all Art Marketplace vendors must work in fine art. Anyone interested in being a vendor should visit the Block Of Art website block-of-art.org and register under the vendor tab.

Starting Friday, April 28 this year's opening night will feature a free swing dance

with musical performances by Kim Russell-Seibert followed by After Hours Big Band at the Porter House Grill, 100 S. Centre St., in the Ramada Inn in downtown Pottsville. Dance group Artists in Motion will also perform an excerpt from the Little Shop of Horrors.

Saturday, April 29 events include children's activities from local organizations including The Arts Barn, Hershey Area Art Association, and the Walk In Art Center; a scavenger hunt; an auction of local artwork; and live music by Steve Beres, Chasing Rabbits, The Troubles, Sean Bennett and Chelsea Smarr; and performances by the Minor Notes, the Actors Guild of Schuylkill County, and Spotlight Kidz.

In addition, Pottsville Free Public Library will host author signings and readings, a block party and a performance by the Schuylkill Free Shakespeare players. The Historical Society will host a folk art exhibit, and businesses Mud & Maker, Sage Coffeehouse & Tea Garden, and Peter Neim's galleries will be open with their own special surprises.

Downtown storefronts will display a variety of work available from local artists, and a select group of artists will sell their work directly in the Art Marketplace.

Things wrap up Sunday, April 30 with brunch at the Greystone Restaurant, 315 N. Centre St., and a children's tea party at the Maid's Quarters, 402 S. Centre St.

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begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 for 10 regular plus two special games. Prizes include toys and gift cards for children age pre-school through grade 8. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Information: Angie 5670-366-0709.

Entertainment

Tamaqua Community Art Center, 125 Pine St., will feature **Oz!** a dazzling musical based on the L. Frank Baum Classic Story Book by Tim Kelly with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur and directed by Zane Bachert. Performances: March 31, 7 p.m.; April 1, 2 and 7 p.m. General admission, \$10;

students and seniors, \$8. Refreshments will be sold. Information: 570-668-1192.

Art

The Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, will hold an **open house** on Saturday, April 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. with refreshments, live music and children's activities. In conjunction with the Art Center's open house the Greater Schuylkill Haven Business Association is working with the local businesses to offer promotions and participate in a raffle for a free Easter basket. The Giant Easter basket will be on display at the Lewis General

Easter events

Saturday, April 1

- Photo opportunity with Bernie the Easter skunk, 1 to 3 p.m.; \$1 donation; Spotts Insurance Agency, Main St., Schuylkill Haven.
- Raffle for giant Easter basket, Lewis General Store, Main Street, Schuylkill Haven.
- Easter egg hunt, 11 a.m. to noon, Schuylkill Christian Church, 780 S. Route 183, children through age 12. Prizes. Rain date, Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m. Information: 570-617-1620.

Saturday, April 8

- Orwigsburg Lions Club Easter egg hunt, Albright's Woods Community Park, noon.
- Easter Egg Hunt, Frailey Township, Donaldson baseball field, April 8, 2 p.m. Rain date, April 9, 2 p.m.
- Tremont Easter Egg Hunt, behind the Tremont Little League field on Mill Creek Road. Rain date, April 9. Pre-registration March 23, 6 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Little Run Sportsmen's Club.
- Easter Egg Hunt, Pioneer Pole Building, 716 S. Route 183, Schuylkill Haven, 11 a.m. Children up to age 12. Rain, shine or snow.

Sunday, April 9

- Presentation of the Stations of the Cross, St. John the Baptist Church, 913 Mahantongo St., Pottsville, doors open, 6:30, prelude, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, April 14

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Saturday, April 15

- Easter Eggstravaganza, Schaeffer's Harley-Davidson, Brickhill Road, Orwigsburg. Pictures with the Easter bunny, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation to MDA; egg hunt, 3 p.m. for children 10 and under; kids' carnival games.
- Easter Eggstravaganza, VRAJ Manor, 51 Manor Road, Schuylkill Haven, 2 to 5 p.m.

Store where there will be candy sampling from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Raffle tickets are available at all participating businesses. Get a picture taken at the Spotts Insurance Agency, 19 E. Main St., with Bernie the Easter Skunk from 1 to 3 p.m. for \$1 donation. Businesses participating: M&J Jewelers, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 20 percent off all jewelry; Reading Northern, 1 to 4 p.m.; Curious Cat, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., free fresh coffee; Schuylkill Mountain Brewery, 12 to 4 p.m. Growler Sales; Boyer's, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mrs. B's Sausage Grillers; Serenity Salon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 40 percent off all boutique items; 10 percent off all services for new clients with flyer; Hess Catering, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., "Souper Soup" promotion; Downtowne Tavern, opening at noon.

The Tamaqua Community Art Center, 125 Pine St. will hold a **Empty Bowl Pottery workshop** April 1, 8 and 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. Registration fee is \$10 and covers all three sessions. It takes three classes to complete a bowl. No experience needed. School age to senior citizen. Learn how to throw clay and use molds to make 25 pottery bowls. Painting, glazing and firing included. Completed bowls will be filled with soup and sold at the Empty Bowl dinner at Zion Lutheran Church. Funds raised support Tamaqua's Hunger Walk and local food pantries.

The Walk In Art Center will hold an **Acrylic on Yupo** professional artist workshop with instructor Amy Schade on April 7, 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee for WIAC members is \$100; future members \$150. Register now there is limited seating. Bring a lunch.

Tamaqua Community Arts Center, 125 Pine St. will hold a **Colored Chalk and Chew**, classic chalkboard art in color, on Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 to 9 p.m. The class fee is \$40 and includes a 6½ X 8½ chalkboard and a treat by Sweet Treats. No experience needed.

Seats are limited. Information: 570-668-1192.

A **knitting circle** is held at the Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven in Studio 311 every Tuesday at 6 p.m. There is no charge and walk-ins are welcome.

The Tamaqua Community Art Center, 125 Pine St. will hold a class to make a **lotus flower mosaic paver**. The paver will be completed in three sessions on April 4, 11 and 18, 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person for materials and includes tools, materials (glass or tile) for a 12" by 12" paver. Information: 570-668-1192.

Health & fitness

Yoga fusion is held every Monday in the main gallery of the Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven from 9 to 10 a.m.; Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. The cost is 46 per person and walk-ins are welcome.

A **Zumba fitness** program that fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program is held at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park clubhouse on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$6 per session and you can start any time. Registration is requested but not required. Information: Denise 717-269-3214 or deniseswonger@gmail.com.

The **Fortress Cancer Care Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Faith Church, Route 61 South. The effort aims at giving support and care for people with cancer, their families, friends and caregivers. Information: 570-593-8007.

Becoming A Healthier Me, a weight-loss support group, meets Wednesdays at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 101

Graeff St., Cressona. Information: Michele Williams 570-617-3896 or 570-245-5476.

Zumba fitness classes will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sweet Arrow Lake clubhouse. The fee is \$6 per session, and start any time. Registration is requested but not required. Information: Denise 717-269-3214 or deniseswonger@gmail.com.

Morning yoga fusion classes are held at the Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, on Mondays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 at the door.

Healing with H.O.P.E., a group for loved ones of those affected by addiction, is Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Faith Church, Route 61, Orwigsburg; healingwithhope.org.

A **Gamblers Anonymous** meeting is held every Friday from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 277 S. Tulpehocken St., Pine Grove. Use rear entrance, meeting is in the fellowship area.

An **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting will be held every Sunday from 8 to 9 p.m. at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 277 S. Tulpehocken St., Pine Grove. Use rear entrance as meeting is in the fellowship area.

Dance

Line dancing is held in the main gallery of the Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven every Monday at 6 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person and walk-ins are welcome.

The Pine Grove American Legion #374 will hold a **dance** on Saturday, April 1 from 8 to 11 p.m. Dance to the music of Reckless. Information: 570-345-8050.

A **couples and line dance** will be held at the Shartlesville Grange, North Fourth Street, Shartlesville on Friday, April 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Food is available 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 and benefits Shartlesville Lions Outreach programs. Information: 610-488-1984.

Auction

The Hose Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Pine Grove will hold a **Hugs & Kisses Chinese and live bidding auction** on Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m. with the doors opening at 8 a.m. There will be four auctioneers taking turns, so there will be no breaks. Bidding can be done while bidders stand in line for food or for something to drink. A shop and drop is scheduled for Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone interested in previewing the items to be auctioned off may do so. Photos of the many items are posted on Hugs & Kisses Facebook. Directions to HH&L Firehouse, 1 Orchard Avenue, from Pine Grove I-81 exit: turn right to Pine Grove, at traffic light turn right, travel for half block (ACE Hardware on left, Pine Grove Pharmacy on right), turn right to stop sign, firehouse is straight ahead, parking at rear of building. Directions from Pottsville area: enter Pine Grove on SR 443, Pottsville Street, a half block before traffic light, turn left, go half block to stop sign, firehouse straight ahead.