

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS - September 4, 2010

*All Phone Numbers are in the 570 Area Code, unless otherwise noted.*

**Now thru November 28 – Bushkill Falls is Open for 106<sup>th</sup> Tour Season!** Bushkill Falls, “The Niagara of Pennsylvania,” is centered on eight roaring waterfalls and features miles of nature trails and picnic areas, plus paddle boats, miniature golf, fishing, exhibits, specialty shops and fun for all ages. The famous Pocono Mountain attraction is located off of Route 209 in Bushkill and it opens to the public every day at 9:00am through November 28. Call Bushkill Falls at (570) 588-6682 or see their website [www.visitbushkillfalls.com](http://www.visitbushkillfalls.com).

**Now – Celebrate the season with the *Fall Special*** at the Spa at Mountain Laurel in White Haven. For this special promotion, the spa is offering “This Week in the Poconos” readers a discount of **10% Off All Massages**. Just bring in their ad on page 27 of this magazine (or print the spa ad off of our website [thisweek.net](http://thisweek.net)), then choose from the exciting selections of Massage services. The Spa at Mountain Laurel offers a luxurious menu of spa services, including Sea Salt Soaks, Foot Reflexology sessions, invigorating Vitamin C Facials, uplifting Aroma Wraps, Manicures, Pedicures, a variety of Massage options and much more. Along with your treatments, enjoy the complimentary amenities including steam room, sauna, hot tubs and a day pass to the fitness center and indoor pool. Call the spa with questions or to make a reservation at (570) 443-9SPA (9772); be sure to mention “This Week in the Poconos” when booking or regular prices will apply! The Spa at Mountain Laurel is located in The Mountain Laurel Resort on Route 940 in White Haven, easily found off exit 277 from I-80. You may view the spa’s full brochure of services at [www.thespaatmountainlaurel.com](http://www.thespaatmountainlaurel.com). Enjoy!

**Now thru Summer – Adventure Sports in Marshalls Creek offers *Delaware River Rafting Trips*** through the beautiful and wild Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Canoe, kayak and camping trips are also available! Adventure Sports is based on Route 209 in Marshalls Creek, about two miles north of I-80 off exit 309. Call 1-800-487-2628 or (570) 223-0505 for your reservations. Check out their website [www.adventuresport.com](http://www.adventuresport.com) and see their ad in this magazine for the 15% off coupon!

**Daily – Free Brewery Tours and Free Beer Tastings**, 12:30pm at Barley Creek Brewing Company, Sullivan Trail and Camelback Road in Tannersville. Reservations are not required and brewery tours are followed by free beer tastings. Group tours are also available by appointment. To find out more about this authentic brewpub & restaurant, call 629-9399 or log on to [www.barleycreek.com](http://www.barleycreek.com).

**Now thru November 13 – Horse racing fans enjoy *Live Harness Racing*** every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Highway 315 in Wilkes-Barre. Post time is 6:30pm. Thoroughbred and harness racing from premier US tracks is available year-round in their simulcast facility. Check out *Mohegan Sun* at Pocono Downs, featuring over 2,500 slot machines and all your favorite **TABLE GAMES** including blackjack, poker, craps and roulette all year long! Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs is located at 1280 Route 315 in Wilkes-Barre and their phone numbers are 1-888-WIN-IN-PA and (570) 831-2100. Log on to their website [www.mohegansunpocono.com](http://www.mohegansunpocono.com).

**Daily – Enjoy the *Free Candle Making Demonstrations*** from 10:00 to 5:00 at the House of Candles, located on Rt. 715 North between Tannersville and Henryville. Watch the fascinating candle making process from start to finish. Visitors may also observe the creation of a custom hand-carved candle in your choice of color! The House of Candles is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00; closed Sundays. Be sure to bring the kids to enjoy the Free Farmyard Petting Zoo! For details, call 629-1953 or visit [www.houseofcandles.com](http://www.houseofcandles.com). See their ad on page 13 of this magazine (or print from our website [thisweek.net](http://thisweek.net)) for the coupon good for 10% off most items!

**Now thru November – Enjoy the great conditions, affordable rates and super *Mid-Week Golf Specials*** at Split Rock Resort & Golf Club’s twenty-seven championship holes in Lake Harmony. Mondays & Wednesdays buy one greens fee and get the 2<sup>nd</sup> greens fee for free (cart required - not valid for Twilight or 9 holes); on Tuesdays & Thursdays get four greens fees for only \$160 with the Foursome Special. Daily Twilight Rates start at 2:00pm! Split Rock Resort’s Golf Club features twenty-seven

holes, a complete practice facility, Clubhouse with Golf Shop & Snack Bar, and the Sunset Green Restaurant & Bar with panoramic views. Call the Pro Shop at (570) 722-9901 for your Tee times and information about yearly memberships. Situated on serene Lake Harmony in the Western Pocono Mountains, Split Rock Resort features a variety of accommodations, dining options and recreational amenities including 27 holes of championship golf, indoor/outdoor tennis, a fully equipped fitness center, video arcade, eight-lane bowling alley, three restaurants and the colossal *H2Oooohh* Indoor Waterpark! Visit the website [www.splitrockresort.com](http://www.splitrockresort.com) for lodging rates and information, or call the resort at 1-800-255-7625 or (570) 722-9111 for reservations.

**Now thru October** – The Inn at Jim Thorpe on 24 Broadway in Jim Thorpe has announced that they are offering two very special packages: the ***Romantic Couples Escape*** and the ***Girlfriends Spa Getaway***. Romance, wine and a massage... What more do you need? The *Romantic Couples Escape* includes a two night stay, his and her 55-minute Swedish massages, a bottle of wine in your room, two souvenir wine glasses, dinner one night, and buffet breakfast daily. Grab the gals and enjoy a relaxing and fun getaway! The *Girlfriends Spa Getaway* includes a two night stay, Custom Spa Package, daily breakfast buffet, lunch & dinner on Saturday, a bottle of wine with souvenir wine glasses, plus special discounts at area shops. The Inn at Jim Thorpe is situated in the heart of Jim Thorpe's National Register Historic District. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this grand Victorian inn features comfortable guest rooms and world-class suites, including many with whirlpool and fireplace. For more information about these and other packages, or for your reservations, call The Inn at Jim Thorpe at 1-800-329-2599. Visit online at [www.innjt.net](http://www.innjt.net).

**Now thru mid-December** – Enjoy the ***Free Pottery Making Demonstrations*** at Holley Ross Pottery on Route 191 in LaAnna (between Cresco & Newfoundland). Every Monday through Friday at 11:00am, you can see all the steps involved in making beautiful pottery, from mixing the clay to the finished product! Then browse through the creations in the large factory showroom and go for a comfortable stroll to the lake and forest park. Holley Ross Pottery is open every day, Monday – Saturday from 9:30 to 5:30, and Sundays 1:00 until 5:30. Call (570) 676-3248 for more information or visit their website at [www.holleyross.com](http://www.holleyross.com).

**Now thru September 6** – ***CamelBeach Mountain Waterpark is Open Daily for the Season*** at Camelback Ski Area in Tannersville. CamelBeach Waterpark features a total of thirty waterslides (the most waterslides in Pennsylvania!), a wave pool, the Action River, two kids' play areas, bumper boats, chairlift rides, mini golf and many other exciting activities. Try surfing on the Flow Rider static wave attraction! How about some family fun on The Pharaoh's Phortress, a four-story, multi-level family play structure that features eight waterslides, a wading lagoon, fountains, spray guns and a 4-story tall, 1,500 gallon water tipping bucket! New for 2010 are the thrilling ***CBK Mountain Adventures***. CBK Mountain Adventures is an adventure park for the adrenaline junkie, with multiple levels of challenging tree-top ropes courses, ziplines, Mountain Segways and much more! It's a jaw-dropping experience! CamelBeach will remain open daily through Monday, September 6, 2010. CamelBeach Mountain Waterpark is a highlight among all the great summer outdoor attractions in the Pocono Mountains. All water rides and pools are heated for guest comfort. CamelBeach is located off I-80 exit 299 in Tannersville. Call (570) 629-1661 or check out [www.camelbeach.com](http://www.camelbeach.com) for more information!

**Now** – The ***Bidder's Board Silent Auction is Open*** at The Browsery Antiques & Needful Things, located at The Market at Durham Trading in East Stroudsburg. The monthly Bidder's Board closes on the last Sunday of each month. The Browsery is open on Fridays from 11:00 to 6:00, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9:00 to 6:00. The Market at Durham Trading is easy to find on Route 209 at Seven Bridges Road in East Stroudsburg (use I-80 exit 309 to Rt. 209 North). Call (570) 424-6222 for more information or check out [www.durhamtrading.com](http://www.durhamtrading.com).

**Now thru Golf Season** – Tee-off with the great ***Fall Golf Special*** at Fernwood Hotel & Resort's challenging 18-hole course located off Route 209 in Bushkill - Only \$54 for two golfers or \$99 for four through the 2010 golf season! Rates include 18 holes with a cart. \*Golfers must present the coupon

ad on page 10 of this magazine or print the ad off our website [thisweek.net](http://thisweek.net). Offer valid Mondays through Fridays daily and after 2:00pm on weekends. Advance tee times required. Fernwood's 18-hole course has a 68.8 rating from the blue tees, yet also offers family-friendly yardage from the red tees at 4,588 yards. Great golf can be shared by all levels, whether you play for sport or recreation. For your tee times, call (570) 588-9500 ext. 4210. For more information and lodging reservations, call Fernwood at 888-FERNWOOD. [www.fernwoodhotel.com](http://www.fernwoodhotel.com)

**Now thru September 5** – The Dutot Museum & Gallery on Main Street (Route 611) in Delaware Water Gap presents an **Art Exhibition** of photographs from around the world by *Don Manza* and *Sherwood Samet*. The exhibit will be on display during the museum's regular hours, Saturdays & Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The Dutot Museum & Gallery houses rotating fine art exhibits in its first floor gallery, and a museum of local history upstairs. One room is a preserved schoolroom, where visitors can sit at the old desks and watch a slide show on local history; another room overflows with memorabilia of the town's history. You may call (570) 476-4240 or (570) 421-5809 for further details. [www.dutotmuseum.com](http://www.dutotmuseum.com)

**Month of September** - The Gem and Keystone Brewpub in Shawnee-on-Delaware will hold its **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration** during the month of September with weekly menu specials, raffles and a chance to win a Grand Prize provided by Ultra Diamond. For the entire month of September, the Gem will be offering a 12 oz. draft of a ShawneeCraft Ale or Lager for \$1.00 when accompanied by an entree. Each week a different ShawneeCraft variety will be featured. In addition, with each visit, guests of the Gem will be entered into a drawing to win prizes ranging from gift certificates and souvenirs to a pink sapphire and diamond heart pendant valued at \$399.00! The Gem and Keystone is located on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. For more information, call (570) 424-0990 or visit [www.gemandkeystone.com](http://www.gemandkeystone.com).

**September 2** – Celebrate *Hot Summer Fun* at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre, where every Thursday through September 2 there's a **Party on the Patio** from 6:00 to 11:00pm! The big party on the patio of the grandstand features area tribute bands as well as great food, drinks and karaoke (beginning at 10:00pm). The featured band tonight is Fleetwood Mac tribute *Fleetwood Macked*. The Party on the Patio is free and open to guests 21 or older. Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs is located at 1280 Route 315 in Wilkes-Barre, featuring over 2,500 slot machines and all your favorite table games including blackjack, poker, craps and roulette! Horse racing fans enjoy Live Harness Racing every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Post time is 6:30pm. Call 1-888-WIN-IN-PA or (570) 831-2100, or check out their website at [www.mohegansunpocono.com](http://www.mohegansunpocono.com) to find out more!

**September 2** – Beltzville State Park is offering a special **Guided Kayak Program** from 2:00pm to 4:30pm starting at the Preacher's Camp Boat Launch. Bring your kayak or canoe or borrow one from Beltzville State Park and join guest naturalist Stephanie for a guided paddle on Beltzville Lake, one of the most popular flat-water kayaking locations in the Pocono Mountains! Bring plenty of water and wear shoes and clothing that can get wet! If you bring your own canoe or kayak, it must have a PA State Park Launch Permit or registration from the PAFBC. All participants must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III PFD (lifejacket). The group will disembark along the way to stop for a quick picnic dinner (bring your own and maybe some to share). There is a \$10 per person usage fee to borrow the park's kayaks, \$5 per person for those with their own equipment. Registration is required for the Guided Kayak Program. To register, call Stephanie at (215) 453-5015. You may call Beltzville State Park at (610) 377-9150 or log on to [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 2** – Cove Haven Entertainment Resorts is proud to present **Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds** at beautiful Cove Haven Resort in Lakeville. As an iconic 10-time Grammy winner and BET's recently named "Entertainer of the Year," Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds' growing legacy seems to know no limits. He is a tunesmith, a hit maker, and a producer. He's a recording artist and even a revolutionary label owner. You've heard his impeccably crafted songwriting through vocalists like Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Aretha Franklin and many others. Now you can hear him

belt out the hits during a special performance in the Land of Love! Event-only tickets are available to the general public; resort guests receive free show tickets with their all-inclusive stay. Cove Haven Resort is easy to find on Route 590 in Lakeville. Call 1-866-500-0458 for outside ticket reservations, or find out more at [www.cpresorts.com/thisweek](http://www.cpresorts.com/thisweek).

**September 2 – “Come Paint with Me”** is a free, non-instructional program of on-site outdoor painting & sketching sessions for adult and student artists. Artists will meet today from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the picturesque **Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort**, nestled on the Delaware River in Shawnee-on-Delaware. Meet at the River’s Edge Pavilion for today’s session. Artists are encouraged to paint outdoors at their own pace with mediums of their choice. Representing many levels of expertise and variations in style and technique, artists are offered the opportunity to network with others, share a common interest, and socialize over lunch break where informal critique is often included. Registration is not necessary to attend “Come Paint with Me” sessions. Artists are expected to meet at the various locations bringing their own materials. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch. Restrooms will be available. Sessions will be held weather permitting. For directions or more information, call Joan Polishook at (570) 775-6896 or visit [www.joanpolishook-art.com](http://www.joanpolishook-art.com). All are welcome to join this free program!

**September 3 – Cool cars, hot night!** American Graffiti comes to Hawley during the **Friday Night Car Cruise** from 4:30 to dusk. The Downtown Hawley Partnership (DHP) and the *NEPA Coasters Car Club* have teamed up to present beautiful classic cars, music and more in Hawley’s Bingham Park. The Car Cruise with DJ starts at 4:30, and live rock & roll music by *The Man of 1,000 Voices* is scheduled from 7:00 to 9:30pm. After you stroll through some of Hawley’s inviting shops and eateries, put your blanket or lawn chair down in front the Bingham Park Bandstand for an evening of good music, classic cars and fun. No admission fee; the cruise and entertainment are free! Be sure to bring your lucky rabbit’s foot as there will be door prizes and raffles too! Refreshments will be available. To find out more about the Friday Night Car Cruise, call the Downtown Hawley Partnership at (570) 226-4064 or log on to [www.visithawleypa.com](http://www.visithawleypa.com).

**September 3 –** In a time when we all could use a few more laughs, Fernwood Hotel & Resort in Bushkill has once again scheduled **Comedy Nights** every Friday night all summer long at Wintergreens Patio Grill. The evenings will be hosted by comedian *John Carfi*, who has been seen on Comedy Central and Entertainment Tonight and has opened for Kenny Rogers, Michael Bolton and Donna Summer. Some of the other Comedy Night headliners will be *Jimmy Graham, Rich Ramirez, Sue Kelly, Dennis Ross, Brad Lowery, and David Goldstein*. Every Friday at 10:00pm three comedians will be featured with those listed and many others, with a varied lineup to make the show new each week. Carfi’s talents as a humorist will be accented by all of the special guests brought in throughout the summer. Wintergreens Patio Grill is located across from Fernwood Hotel & Resort on Route 209 in Bushkill. Comedy Nights are open to the public with general admission seating for adults 21 and over. The cover charge is \$10 with a \$2 discount to resort guests. Dinner is served at Wintergreens every night beginning at 5:00pm. Come early for dinner out on the patio overlooking the lake, then stay for the show. It will be a great night out that’s sure to make you laugh out loud! For more information, call Fernwood at (570) 588-9500 or 1-888-FERNWOOD. [www.fernwoodhotel.com](http://www.fernwoodhotel.com)

**September 3 –** Head over to Boulder Field at Hickory Run State Park for **Boulder Field Basics**. A *National Natural Landmark* and *State Park Natural Area*, the Hickory Run Boulder Field is the best example of a boulder field in Eastern North America. Meet at the Boulder Field in the State Park at 6:00pm for a brief (15 minute) talk on the history and significance of this geologic wonder. It really is amazing! Allow 20 minutes to drive to Boulder Field from Route 534. This fascinating program is free to the public. For more information, call Hickory Run State Park at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the Pennsylvania State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 3 –** The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park in Hawley will feature a **Wine Chat with the Wine Chick** with resident Sommelier and wine professional *Leslie Chappell-Britt*. Every Friday at 5:00pm Leslie leads participants through the intriguing and not-so-mysterious world of wine with tastings,

workshops and discussions. This will be an informal, unassuming and entertaining hour to kick off your weekend! There is a \$10 tasting fee. The Settlers Inn is located at 4 Main Avenue in Hawley, near Lake Wallenpaupack. Call the Inn with Wine Chat questions at (570) 226-2993 or toll-free 1-800-833-8527. [www.thesettlersinn.com](http://www.thesettlersinn.com)

**September 3 thru 5** – You are cordially invited to the **PANDORA Bracelet Event** at American Candle on Route 611 in Bartonsville. Shoppers who purchase \$150 in PANDORA Jewelry will receive a FREE sterling silver PANDORA clasp bracelet - a \$55 value! Drop by or call to order! More than just great candles, American Candle is easy to find on Route 611 in Bartonsville via Interstate 80 exit 302. Call (570) 629-3388 or visit [www.american-candle.com](http://www.american-candle.com) to find out more.

**September 3 thru 6** - Outdoor World off Route 611 in Scotrun offers visitors the finest in RV camping and modern, cozy vacation cottages. Amenities include fishing, mini-golf, swimming pools, lake, playgrounds, clubhouse, picnic area, recreation center/video arcade, shuffleboard, general store, laundry facility and much more. Outdoor World guests are invited to come out and join all the fun planned for **Labor Day Weekend**. Make the last weekend of the season super-fun while you enjoy the pleasant aspects of summer - pools, fishing, barbecues and more! There will also be DJ dances on Saturday and Sunday. Don't forget that Scotrun is open all year, so their season never ends! For more information about RV campsites and cottage rentals, call Outdoor World at (570) 629-0620 or log on to [www.1000trails.com](http://www.1000trails.com).

**September 4** – **StroudFest**, an annual celebration of community spirit, will be held from 11:00am to 6:00pm on Main Street in charming Downtown Stroudsburg. The festival will include something for everyone, and admission & parking are free. Start the day with a 5k race in the morning, or sit back and enjoy the eclectic mix of music and dance at one of four live music stages. When you get hungry, visit one or more of the two dozen places to eat including specialty food vendors and local restaurants. Spend some time browsing amongst the hundreds of arts and crafts vendors and visit a few of the specialty shops in the Downtown district. Entertainers will be performing all day, and there will be face painting and fun & games for the kids! Bring the whole family and enjoy! To find out more, visit [www.stroudfest.com](http://www.stroudfest.com) or call Rich at (570) 420-2808.

**September 4** – Attention train lovers of all ages! Take an exciting round-trip **“Whistle Stop” Train Excursion** from East Stroudsburg or from Cresco to Steamtown National Historic Site in nearby Scranton for **Railfest 2010**. Historic diesel locomotives, Reading Railroad FP-7s 902 and 903, will power this special “Whistle Stop” excursion. The historic train will board passengers at two stations: Miller Park in East Stroudsburg departing at 9:45am and at Cresco departing at 10:15am on a scenic ride along the historic Pocono Mainline. Once at Steamtown, guests may board free trolley bus shuttles to Scranton’s Courthouse Square for food, music and fun at La Festa Italiana before returning to visit the many family-friendly Railfest activities at Steamtown. The excursion will return to Cresco at 5:30pm and to East Stroudsburg at 6:10pm. Tickets are going fast, so make your reservations today! To find Steamtown in Scranton from I-81, use exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway) and follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff avenues. For ticket reservations and further details, call (570) 340-5204, (570) 340-5200, or 888-693-9391 or log on to [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**September 4** – Go for a **Hike on the Fossil Trail** at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry! Join a relaxing hike through the woods on the fascinating Fossil Trail from 10:00am until noon. The 1.25 mile trail passes a vernal pool that is important for breeding amphibians, and eventually descends into a beautiful mature hardwood ravine. Learn about ancient marine organisms that were living in the area millions of years ago, and look for their fossils! The hike is free and reservations are preferred. PEEC, a non-profit center, is located off Route 209 in Dingmans Ferry within the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The center enhances environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides these unique environmental experiences to individuals, families and groups of all ages. For more information or to register, call PEEC at (570) 828-2319 or log on to [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org).

**September 4** – There will be an **Open House at the Old Stone Jail** in Honesdale from 10:00am until 1:00pm today. No longer in use, the historic jail was built in 1859 and is located between the Wayne County Courthouse and 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Honesdale. The squat stone structure housed Wayne County’s miscreants until 1935. Constructed almost entirely of rough stone, its damp, gloomy interior has most often been compared to a dungeon. “Jailer” *Dick Kreitner* will be on hand to usher visitors into the 9’x12’ cells as he relates the history of the jail, including numerous jailbreaks and some of its more notorious occupants. The Old Stone Jail Open House is free to the public. For additional details, call the Wayne County Historical Society at (570) 253-3240 or visit their very interesting website at [www.waynehistorypa.org](http://www.waynehistorypa.org).

**September 4** – Staff members at Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford invite you to join them for **“The Pinchot Family and Milford” Downtown Walking Tour** at 11:00am. Join this guided stroll through historic Milford and learn how the Pinchot family helped shape the community. Meet at 11:00am on the lawn of the Community House at Broad and Harford streets. Pre-registration is suggested and regular tour fees apply. Grey Towers in Milford is the former home of eminent conservationist and former Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot. Today the US Forest Service, which was founded by Pinchot, is the steward of the home, offering public programs, tours, and a conference center for environmental programs. To find Grey Towers from Route 6 near Milford, turn onto Old Owego Turnpike (near the Apple Valley Shops Complex) and travel about ¼ mile to the entrance on the left. For more information or to register, call Grey Towers at (570) 296-9630 or (570) 296-9625. You may also log on to [www.fs.fed.us/gt](http://www.fs.fed.us/gt) and [www.greytowers.org](http://www.greytowers.org).

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**September 4** – The annual **Hoagie Sale & Fill-a-Bag Sale** returns to the Promised Land Protestant Community Church from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The church is located on Route 390 in Promised Land, about 3 miles south of I-84. You may call the church office at (570) 676-5151 with questions.

**September 4 & 5** – The aroma of garlic-y goodness will fill the Shawnee Valley over Labor Day weekend when the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocono Garlic Festival** returns to host site Shawnee Mountain Ski Area in Shawnee-on-Delaware! Indulge all of your garlic fantasies at this legendary event, featuring flavorful foods liberally laced with Pocono-grown garlic plus a fantastic variety of entertainment. Presented by the *Pocono Garlic Growers Association*, this premier food festival and Pocono Mountain tradition offers a sampling of local farms, food vendors, wineries, eateries, crafters and entertainers. The Pocono Garlic Festival attracts as many as 25,000 people annually, and organizers say that this year’s event may be the largest in its history. Over 50 vendors will provide a wide range of foods, from simple to sophisticated and geared towards the “foodie” with discerning taste buds. Local artists and crafters will exhibit a variety of hand crafted garlic-themed creations, from homemade wood items to garlic-themed pottery and paintings. Non-stop live music showcased on three stages, plus educational demonstrations, novelty shows and plenty of children’s activities make this a great family event! Hours for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocono Garlic Festival are 10:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission will be charged. Shawnee Mountain and the Pocono Garlic Festival are easy to find on Hollow Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware, just off exit 309 of I-80. Call (570) 421-7231 or log on to [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com) for more information. Check out [www.poconogarlic.com](http://www.poconogarlic.com) too!

**September 4 & 5** – The US Army Corps of Engineers has announced that this is the target date for a **Recreational Dam Release Weekend** on the Lehigh River, creating breathtaking whitewater conditions. By regulating the Francis Walter Dam near White Haven, the Corps plans to release hundreds of cubic feet per second of additional water into the Lehigh. Rafters, kayakers and other

adventurous boaters anxiously await the dam release, and will flock to the river for a chance to ride whitewater. To arrange your Lehigh River rafting adventure, call Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe at 1-800-WHITEWATER or call Whitewater Challengers in White Haven at 1-800-443-8554. Visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com) and [www.whitewaterchallengers.com](http://www.whitewaterchallengers.com).

**September 4 thru 6** – The 35<sup>th</sup> annual **La Festa Italiana** returns to Courthouse Square in Downtown Scranton for Labor Day Weekend! This three-day festival is an end-of-summer tradition that annually attracts thousands of visitors. Celebrate Italian-style with food, music and culture! More than sixty vendors will offer a wide variety of authentic Italian food and many displays, while continuous live entertainment will be featured. Hours for La Festa Italiana are noon to 11:00pm on Saturday & Sunday and noon to 9:00pm on Monday and admission is FREE. The annual *Mass in Italian* will be celebrated at 10:00am on Sunday, Sept. 5 in St. Peter's Cathedral, located one block from the festival site. And don't miss the big *Fireworks Display* that will be launched at 10:00pm on Sunday night! For festival schedules, directions and other information, log on to [www.lafestaitaliana.org](http://www.lafestaitaliana.org) or call (570) 348-4921.

**September 5** – Round up the kids and head over to Hickory Run State Park for the free **Family Scavenger Hunt** from 4:00 to 5:00pm! Meet at the park amphitheater by 4:00pm, where you'll receive a list and be set free to figure out the clues and bring back treasures. The first team back within one hour with all of the items/answers wins a prize! Plan to do some walking. For more information, call Hickory Run State Park at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 5** – Steamtown National Historic Site in nearby Downtown Scranton has scheduled a special **Steam Train Excursion to Moscow** in the Pocono Mountains at 1:00pm. This 2½-hour round-trip excursion will roll past historic buildings, through a tunnel, along a mountain stream, past two reservoirs and through beautiful Pocono Mountain woodlands. Travelers may purchase light refreshments at the restored 1904 train station in Moscow. Everyone is welcome to drive over to the station in Moscow to see the steam train when it arrives between 1:30 and 1:45. The train bound for Moscow will depart Scranton at 1:00pm and will return at 3:15 - 3:30pm. To find Steamtown in Scranton from I-81, use exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway) and follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff avenues. For ticket reservations and further details, call (570) 340-5204, (570) 340-5200, or 888-693-9391 or log on to [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**September 5** – *Pocono Greyhound Adoption* will hold their **Annual Yard Sale** at 126 East Brown Street in East Stroudsburg from 10:00am to 4:00pm. All funds raised will go towards transport and veterinary care for retired racing greyhounds awaiting adoption. To learn more about this event, or about adopting a greyhound, visit [www.poconogreyhound.com](http://www.poconogreyhound.com) or phone (570) 856-0377.

**September 6** – Almost everyone is familiar with GPS these days. But did you know that you can use it to find buried treasure? Learn all about it during the **Intro to Geocaching** program being offered from 10:00 to 11:30am at Hickory Run State Park. Meet at the Nature Center to learn the basics of geocaching, which is a global high-tech scavenger hunt. Borrow one of the park's GPS units or bring your own; only bring your GPS if you are already familiar with its operation. This exciting program is free to the public, however registration is required to attend and space is limited. For more information, call Hickory Run State Park at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the Pennsylvania State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 6** – Head over to Boulder Field at Hickory Run State Park for **Boulder Field Basics**. A *National Natural Landmark* and *State Park Natural Area*, the Hickory Run Boulder Field is the best example of a boulder field in Eastern North America. Meet at the Boulder Field in the State Park at 1:00pm for a brief (15 minute) talk on the history and significance of this geologic wonder. It really is amazing! Allow 20 minutes to drive to Boulder Field from Route 534. This fascinating program is free to the public. For more information, call Hickory Run State Park at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the Pennsylvania State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 7** – *The Chris London Band* will be on stage today as part of the **Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series** at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort in Shawnee-on-Delaware. The band will play Rock and Soul classics outside on the Grand Lawn at 7:00pm, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the lobby of The Shawnee Inn. The free concert is family friendly and appropriate for all ages. Enjoy Shawnee's gift to the community! The Shawnee Inn is located on River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. Call the resort at (570) 424-4000 or toll-free 1-800-SHAWNEE for more information. [www.shawneeinn.com](http://www.shawneeinn.com)

**September 7** – Do you have spots on your tomatoes, a bug you can't identify, or another lawn or garden question you can't find the answer to? Well you're in luck, because a **Penn State Master Gardener** will be at the Penn State Pike County Cooperative Extension office in Milford from 10:00am until noon to answer your gardening questions. And it's free! Bring a sample, if possible, to the office at 514 Broad Street in Milford and speak directly with a Master Gardener. If you are not able to visit with a Master Gardener during this time, call the Extension office at (570) 296-3400 or send an email message to [PikeExt@psu.edu](mailto:PikeExt@psu.edu) with your gardening questions. Visit the website <http://pike.extension.psu.edu>.

**September 8** - The **Monroe County Garden Club will Meet** at 11:30am at the Hughes Eastern Monroe Public Library, Route 611/North 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Stroudsburg. The program will be "Exploring the use of Herbs for Health & Wellness" by *Kathy Brown*, owner of Shooting for the Moon. The Design of the Month is "Green Orchards," symmetrical mass design, rounded form, using green apples and fresh greens and herbs. The Horticulture Exhibit is "Coleus," one stem, named by genus and species for highest scoring! The Monroe County Garden Club is a Federated Club of the Garden Club Federation of PA, District II/III, and a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. You may call President Caryl Lamoso at (570) 688-9063 or email [monroecountygardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:monroecountygardenclub@yahoo.com) with your questions. "Come Grow With Us."

**September 8** – A **Public Bog Walk** through the fantastic Tannersville Cranberry Bog will be led by a naturalist from the Monroe County Environmental Education Center (MCEEC) from 1:00 to 3:30pm. The bog is special as it is a northern boreal bog, which is very unique for this part of the country. Protected by The Nature Conservancy, the Tannersville bog is a *National Natural Landmark*. Signs of life will be everywhere as the group ventures into this unique wetland habitat, which includes many orchids and insect-eating plants! Access to the interior of the bog is substantial along a 1650' "floating" boardwalk, making for spectacular photo opportunities. Highlights include viewing plants which may be blooming, like orchids, cranberries, sheep laurel, marsh marigold, bog rosemary, bog laurel, wild calla and others. Meet for this walk at the MCEEC near Bartonsville. Pre-registration is required and the cost to attend is \$5. Call the MCEEC at (570) 629-3061 to register. [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org)

**September 9** - The Gem and Keystone Brewpub in Shawnee-on-Delaware offers another great opportunity to hear jazz in the Poconos, when *Jesse Green* hosts a **Jazz/Fusion Open Jam Session** every other Thursday. Join Jesse Green on keyboard & bass with *Daniel Gonzalez* on drums in The Gem & Keystone's Beer Cellar, and listen to some terrific music from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Musicians, bring your instruments and your chops for this open jam session or just relax and enjoy the music. The Gem and Keystone is located on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. For more information, call (570) 424-0990 or visit [www.gemandkeystone.com](http://www.gemandkeystone.com).

**September 9** – "**Come Paint with Me**" is a free, non-instructional program of on-site outdoor painting & sketching sessions for adult and student artists. Artists will meet today from 10:00am until 3:00pm at **Grey Towers National Historic Site** in Milford. Visit the fields, forests and beautiful family gardens at Grey Towers for a day of exploring and painting. Artists are encouraged to paint outdoors at their own pace with mediums of their choice. Representing many levels of expertise and variations in style and technique, artists are offered the opportunity to network with others, share a common interest, and socialize over lunch break where informal critique is often included.

Registration is not necessary to attend “Come Paint with Me” sessions. Artists are expected to meet at the various locations bringing their own materials. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch. Restrooms will be available. For directions or more information, call Joan Polishook at (570) 775-6896 or visit [www.joanpolishook-art.com](http://www.joanpolishook-art.com). All are welcome to join this free program!

**September 9** – Meet a naturalist at 9:00am at the Gamewire Trailhead (at Organized Group Tenting Area) in Hickory Run State Park to **Hike the Gamewire Trail Loop**. This fun 4½-mile loop hike is rated “easiest.” Wear suitable shoes and bring plenty of water! For more information, call the Hickory Run State Park office at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 9** – Hey kids - There will be a **Back-to-School Party/Open House** today at the Clymer Library in Pocono Pines. Drop by the library any time between 3:30 and 8:00pm for snacks, crafts, games and prizes! Learn about upcoming events and find out what the library has to offer you! The Clymer Library is easy to find on Firehouse Road in Pocono Pines. You may call the library at 646-0826 or visit [www.clymerlibrary.org](http://www.clymerlibrary.org) to find out more.

**September 10** – The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park in Hawley will feature a **Wine Chat with the Wine Chick** with resident Sommelier and wine professional *Leslie Chappell-Britt*. Every Friday at 5:00pm Leslie leads participants through the intriguing and not-so-mysterious world of wine with tastings, workshops and discussions. This will be an informal, unassuming and entertaining hour to kick off your weekend! There is a \$10 tasting fee. The Settlers Inn is located at 4 Main Avenue in Hawley, near Lake Wallenpaupack. Call the Inn with Wine Chat questions at (570) 226-2993 or toll-free 1-800-833-8527. [www.thesettlersinn.com](http://www.thesettlersinn.com)

**September 10** – Just in time for the fall migration, a **Raptor Refresher** will be offered at Beltzville State Park. Sit back and relax while guest naturalist *Megan Taylor* gives a slide-assisted presentation from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the park’s Environmental Interpretive Center. Have an on-screen look at the hawks, eagles and more that will be passing by this fall on their migration routes. Learn the tricks of identifying these birds of prey as they fly by. This will be a good introduction for beginners and a nice refresher for veteran raptor watchers. This informative program is free however registration is required to attend. Appropriate for ages 15 & over. To register for the Raptor Refresher, call Beltzville State Park at (610) 377-0045 or register online at [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 10 thru 12** - The *Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts* (COTA) has scheduled its **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jazz and Arts Festival** in the tiny, scenic borough of Delaware Water Gap (I-80 exit 310). One of the best-kept secrets on the East Coast, this friendly, all-volunteer-staffed festival features nationally and internationally renowned jazz artists rooted in Northeastern Pennsylvania, while also showcasing emerging talent from the region. The festival opens Friday evening with a pair of Main Street events: the opening reception for the “Music Motif Show,” a juried exhibition of music-themed art at the Antoine Dutot Museum & Gallery, and a series of musical performances from 7:30pm to 9:30 at the Presbyterian Church of the Mountain. On Saturday from noon to 9:00pm and Sunday from 12:30 to 8:30pm, the festival moves outdoors to the Main Stage where jazz lovers will be able to enjoy two full days of music including an eclectic mix of Bebop, Swing, Blues, Jazz Fusion, Big Band Sounds, and Dixieland. Before the ticketed Sunday program is COTA’s original, free Jazz Mass at 10:00am, performed by a full orchestra and 40-voice chorus. Blankets and lawn-chairs are recommended for hillside seating both Saturday and Sunday (attendees will be sheltered under a big tent in case of rain). Food vendors, fine artists and crafters, strolling musicians, and a supervised children’s area will be on-site. No pets permitted. Since 1978, COTA has grown into a major jazz and cultural event, and is now attended by approximately 4,000 fans annually. The festival was the brainstorm of three local residents: the legendary saxophonist and NEA Jazz Master Composer Phil Woods; Rick Chamberlain, principal trombonist with the New York City Ballet, and the late local innkeeper Ed Joubert. For ticket information and/or advance tickets, call COTA at (570) 424-2210, or visit [www.cotajazz.org](http://www.cotajazz.org).

**September 10 thru 12** - The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association is proud to present their **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show** at the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Complex, located on Route 611 just south of Tobyhanna. Over fifty artists are expected to display their works, most of which will be available for purchase. Judging categories include Acrylics, Crafts and Sculptures, Mixed Media, Oils, Photography, and Watercolors. The artists have all been encouraged to utilize Coolbaugh Township's unique and diversified surroundings for their subject matter. Art Show hours are Friday 1:00 to 4:00pm, Saturday noon to 5:00 and Sunday from noon until 2:00. The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association Museum will also be open for tours all three days. For more information, call Art Show Curator Dan Ferguson at (570) 839-7227 or call the museum at (570) 894-4207. Visit the website [www.coolbaughtwp.org/historical.htm](http://www.coolbaughtwp.org/historical.htm).

**September 10 thru 12** - Outdoor World off Route 611 in Scotrun offers visitors the finest in RV camping and modern, cozy vacation cottages. Amenities include fishing, mini-golf, swimming pools, lake, playgrounds, clubhouse, picnic area, recreation center/video arcade, shuffleboard, general store, laundry facility and much more. Outdoor World guests are invited to bring the folks up to the Poconos for **Grandparents' Weekend**. The whole family can give Grandpa and Grandma a treat while everyone enjoys all the special things offered at Outdoor World. For more information about RV campsites and cottage rentals, call Outdoor World at (570) 629-0620 or log on to [www.1000trails.com](http://www.1000trails.com).

**September 10 & 17** - This year, the *Pleasant Valley Choral Society* celebrates its 28<sup>th</sup> year of providing quality music to Monroe County communities. Its members are drawn from communities all over Monroe County, as well as nearby Carbon and Northampton counties. This true community chorus includes music lovers of all ages from all walks of life. If you love to sing and enjoy the thrill of a live performance, consider joining them as they begin their 28<sup>th</sup> season. New members are invited to informal **Auditions** on Friday, Sept. 10 or Friday, Sept. 17 at 6:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church on Route 209 in Brodheadsville. Rehearsals are held at the church every Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00pm. For more information about the Pleasant Valley Choral Society, call Joan at (570) 629-4837.

**September 11** – The annual **Autumn Arts & Crafts Fair** hosted by the *Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce* returns to picturesque Bingham Park in Hawley. Enjoy the talents of all the fine artists and crafters displaying their fine wares. The fair will host over one-hundred vendors who will travel from far and near to offer their unique handcrafted items at this big event. Fair hours are 9:00am until 4:00pm for shoppers and browsers, rain or shine, and admission is FREE! Good food will be available all day. Vendor space may still be available, but remember crafts must be hand-made and not manufactured. For more information about the Autumn Arts & Crafts Fair in Hawley at Lake Wallenpaupack, call the Chamber of Commerce at (570) 226-3191 or visit their website at [www.lakeregioncc.com](http://www.lakeregioncc.com).

**September 11** – Kittatinny Canoes, “The Original Delaware River Outfitter” has announced that today is a special **Learn to Kayak Day**. Challenge the river one-on-one in Kittatinny's easy-to-use kayaks. Participants will meet at Kittatinny's Matamoras, PA base on the Delaware River, where certified instructors will teach novices the essentials of kayaking. The lessons are followed by a guided ten-mile scenic trip down the river from Pond Eddy, NY back to Matamoras. This is a great opportunity for those who were always interested in kayaking, but were apprehensive about trying it. In addition to this special program, Kittatinny offers daily Delaware River trips by canoe, kayak, raft and tube. For your reservations, call 1-800-FLOAT-KC. [www.kittatinny.com](http://www.kittatinny.com)

**September 11** – The **Annual Scandinavian Craft Fair** hosted by *Sons of Norway - Bernt Balchen Lodge #566* returns to Bohemia (Rowland) from 10:00am to 4:00pm today. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual craft fair will feature numerous Scandinavian vendors offering rosemaling, needlecrafts, gifts and specialty items. There will also be music, craft demonstrations, a flea market, and ethnic food served at their Nordic Café. The Scandinavian Craft Fair will be held at the Central Volunteer Fire Hall on Westcolang Road in Bohemia (Rowland), off Route 590 near Cuckoo's Nest Restaurant. To find out more, call Bergit Pinkston at (570) 685-1477.

**September 11** – Go for a morning-long **Hike on the Hogback** in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) with *Brian Hardiman* of the Monroe County Environmental Education Center. This two-mile round-trip hike traverses the biologically diverse Hogback Ridge above the Delaware River. This is the last in a series of “discovery” hikes Brian has been leading in the beautiful DWGNRA, a 70,000-acre natural jewel right here in the Pocono Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Meet at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center near Bartonsville at 8:30am and return at approximately 1:00pm; van transportation will be provided. Participants should pack a snack and bring plenty of water. The cost is \$15 and pre-registration and pre-payment are required and limited. Join John on this “discovery” to explore one of the DWGNRA’s many diverse and unique habitats. Call the Monroe County Environmental Education Center at (570) 629-3061 to register. [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org)

**September 11** – Friends of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area will offer the interesting presentation **“Lenape-Delaware Indian Heritage”** in the Bushkill Visitor Center, Route 209 in Bushkill (just south of the Bushkill Falls traffic light). The program will be offered free to the public at 7:00pm by *John Kraft* of Lenape Lifeways. Information about the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and all of its programs can be found at [www.nps.gov/dewa](http://www.nps.gov/dewa) or by calling (570) 426-2452. Information about the not-for-profit Friends organization is at [www.friendsofdewa.org](http://www.friendsofdewa.org).

**September 11** – Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe offers a river experience unlike any other: **Moonlight Rafting** on the Lehigh! Take off at sundown to explore the nightlife under a summer moon, as glow sticks dance around you like fireflies. Sharpen other senses as light gives way to sound and motion. A friendly guide will accompany you to help navigate through the moon-lit rapids and keep your raft on course. After your journey get cozy by the bonfire, roast some marshmallows, enjoy cheese, crackers, and a glass or two of wine compliments of your hosts. Explore the night and experience the Lehigh River in a whole new way! Cost is \$89.95 per person, which includes in-raft river guide, après party (beer, wine, cheese, crackers, marshmallows, etc.), all paddling equipment, wetsuits or paddling jackets if needed, roaring bon fire, and glow necklaces. Private moonlight dates are also available to groups when scheduled in advance. Pocono Whitewater and Skirmish Paintball have been in business since 1976 and are recognized as industry leaders in outdoor recreation and paintball. Pocono Whitewater offers mild to wild whitewater rafting and kayaking trips, family trips, and scenic rail-biking excursions to suit everyone’s needs. Skirmish USA features adrenaline-filled paintball action on 50 playing fields amid 700 acres of top-notch Pocono terrain. For your Moonlight Rafting reservations, call Pocono Whitewater at 1-800-WHITEWATER or click on [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**September 11** – Promised Land State Park and Varden Conservation Area invite everyone to come out for the first annual **Varden Conservation Day**. The new event will be held from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the 343-acre Varden Conservation Area, situated along Route 296 in Wayne County. The day will include activities for the entire family such as making homemade ice cream, fiddle music, a history of the Varden area, guided hikes led by experienced naturalists, a fishing contest for kids under 16 and much more! Various other activities are also scheduled throughout the event. Come out and celebrate the natural beauty of the Pocono Mountains’ Varden Conservation Area! For more information about Varden Conservation Day, call Promised Land State Park at (570) 676-0567 or (570) 676-3428 or check out [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 11** – Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford will host an **Outdoor Concert** at 5:30pm. Connect with nature as you listen to classical music in the comfort of the covered outdoor terrace. Admission is \$10 per person; for tickets or more concert information call (845) 856-1023 or go to [www.portjervisarts.org](http://www.portjervisarts.org). Grey Towers is the former home of eminent conservationist and former Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot. Today the US Forest Service, which was founded by Pinchot, is the steward of the home, offering public programs, tours, and a conference center for environmental programs. To find Grey Towers from Route 6 near Milford, turn onto Old Owego Turnpike (near the Apple Valley Shops Complex) and travel about ¼ mile to the entrance on the left.

For more information, call Grey Towers at (570) 296-9630 or (570) 296-9625. You may also log on to [www.fs.fed.us/gt](http://www.fs.fed.us/gt) and [www.greytowers.org](http://www.greytowers.org).

**September 11** - The Jim Thorpe Chamber of Commerce and the Jim Thorpe Artists Music Series (JTAMS) proudly present **Second Saturdays**, a monthly celebration of Jim Thorpe's growing arts community. Second Saturdays feature extended hours for each of the many galleries and studios in town, along with many other shops and establishments. Also featured will be an **Art Walk**. The celebration runs from noon until 9:00pm. **Live Concerts** sponsored by JTAMS are held at the Mauch Chunk Opera House on 14 West Broadway in Jim Thorpe concurrent with Second Saturdays. Find out more when you log on to [www.jimthorpeartists.org](http://www.jimthorpeartists.org) or [www.jtams.net](http://www.jtams.net) or call (570) 325-0249. To learn more about this and other exciting Jim Thorpe events, call the Jim Thorpe Chamber of Commerce at (570) 325-5810 or visit [www.jimthorpe.org](http://www.jimthorpe.org).

**September 11** – Do you have a question about trees? Do you want to learn more about the trees growing in the forests of Northeast PA? Take a **Woods Walk with a DCNR Forester** from 2:00 until 4:00pm at Lacawac Sanctuary, a 545-acre nature preserve on Lake Wallenpaupack. Go for a walk through the woods with PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Service Forester *John J. Maza* to learn about tree identification, invasive and native forest pests, how to determine if your trees are healthy, and to learn about the services provided by the Bureau of Forestry. The cost to attend is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the sanctuary at (570) 689-9494 or email [info@lacawac.org](mailto:info@lacawac.org). The 545-acre Lacawac Sanctuary is a non-profit nature preserve, research field station and historic site located on Lake Wallenpaupack. It is one of the few sites nationwide that is federally recognized as both a *National Natural Landmark* and is on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The sanctuary's programs are open to the public and include environmental, historical and cultural offerings as well as three miles of hiking trails. Membership, directions, programs and other information can be found at their website [www.lacawac.org](http://www.lacawac.org).

**September 11** – Members of the *Pocono Outdoor Club* invite you to join them to **Hike the Big Pocono, Dry Gap, SGL 38 Loop (4 B/C 11)** beginning near Tannersville. Be prepared for a fast-paced, cardio hike of 11 miles over lots of rocks and steep terrain. Hikers should expect to be screened, due to pace, terrain and distance of the hike. Register early with hike leader Rhoda Eisman as this hike fills up fast. Rhoda is AMC certified and this hike is co-sponsored by the AMC. Registration is required; no initial contacts after 9:00am on September 10. Bring plenty of water and wear proper footwear! For hike start time and to register, contact Rhoda by email (preferred) at [rse640@hotmail.com](mailto:rse640@hotmail.com) or phone (610) 659-2726. The Pocono Outdoor Club is a friendly hiking group open to all individuals interested in exploring the trails of the Pocono Mountains. To learn more about the club and its outings in the wilds of the Poconos, contact today's hike leader or check out [www.poconooutdoorclub.org](http://www.poconooutdoorclub.org).

**September 11** – Downtown Milford comes alive during **Art after Dark**, from 6:00pm until 9:00pm on the second Saturday of each month. The evening will be filled with multiple art openings, live music, fine food, shopping and events at downtown galleries, specialty shops and fine restaurants. Explore historic Milford on the Delaware River, where PA, NY and NJ meet. For information, contact the Pike County Chamber of Commerce at (570) 296-8700 or visit [www.pikechamber.com](http://www.pikechamber.com).

**September 11 & 12** - The *Wayne County Builders Association* (WCBA) has announced that they will host their big **Home and Garden Festival** at Ladore Lodge Camp Retreat & Conference Center, 287 Owego Turnpike in Waymart. The event, which benefits the non-profit WCBA, marks an exciting expansion of the association's annual home expo into a vibrant festival for the whole family. Everyone will enjoy this spectacular festival complete with food, a farmers' market, children's activities, seminars and demonstrations, power tool displays and much more. Other fun activities include a silent auction, pontoon boat rides, the popular LEGO Competition, and appearances by the WCBA mascot "*Wayne*" the Builder! Hours for the Home and Garden Festival are Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00 to 5:00. Admission is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the gate. For advance tickets or more information, call the WCBA at (570) 226-4941 or visit [www.waynecountybuilders.com](http://www.waynecountybuilders.com).

**September 11 & 12** - The *Concerned Citizens of Barrett Township* will host the **2010 Barrett Fall Festival** at High Acres Park, Route 477 in Canadensis. On Saturday morning, township residents may register their "Grown, Canned and/or Home Made Fruits, Vegetables, Crafts, Baked Goods, and Flowers" from 8:00 to 11:00am at the High Acres Pavilion. Judging will be at 11:00am. From 3:00 to 5:00pm there will be a Horseshoe Tournament and a Volleyball Tournament. The big Pig Roast starts at 6:00; cost of the dinner is \$9 adults and \$6 kids up to age 12. Later, popular local group *The McWilliams Brothers Band* will provide music for square dancing and just plain enjoying! On Sunday, the festival continues with Volleyball and Horseshoe Tournaments, a Log Roll, an Egg Toss, and a "Cross Cut" Tree Competition all from noon until 2:00pm. Enjoy the Barbecue, Baked Goods, Funnel Cake and Birch Beer. An Auction of the many different fruits, vegetables, craft items, baked goods and flowers that were donated by residents of Barrett Township will begin at 2:30. The public is cordially invited to get there early and enjoy both days of the 2010 Barrett Fall Festival!

**September 12** – There will be a **Heartwood Creek Artist Signing Event** at American Candle on Route 611 in Bartonsville. Come see artist *Jim Shore* and have your favorite Heartwood Creek pieces signed! Don't miss this opportunity to meet Mr. Shore and see the 2010 Christmas Heartwood Creek collection by Enesco. Make plans to attend this event from 1:00 to 4:00pm in the Collectible Room at American Candle. More than just great candles, American Candle is easy to find on Route 611 in Bartonsville via Interstate 80 exit 302. Call (570) 629-3388 or visit [www.american-candle.com](http://www.american-candle.com) to find out more about the Heartwood Creek Artist Signing Event.

**September 12** – A culturally diverse experience for all members of the family, the **Rhythms of Nature Festival** is coming to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry! Enjoy local food, produce, arts & crafts and music during this day-long festival. Stay for dinner and enjoy an eclectic mix of food and music as musicians from the festival jam into the night. Admission to the festival is free from 10:00am to 5:00pm; admission will be charged from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. PEEC, a non-profit center, is located off Route 209 in Dingmans Ferry within the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The center enhances environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides these unique environmental experiences to individuals, families and groups of all ages. For more information or to register, call PEEC at (570) 828-2319 or log on to [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org).

**September 12** – The Faith Lutheran Church of Blakeslee invites one and all to their **Free Summer Community Concert**, featuring the talented *Frank Curtis and His Guitar*. The concert will begin at 7:00pm in the comfort of the church's Sanctuary. The public is cordially invited to attend. Faith Lutheran Church is located on Route 940, one mile east of Blakeslee and about six miles west of Pocono Pines. You may call the church office at (570) 646-0309 with questions.

**September 12** – **Bike, Wine & Dine on Broadway** with Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe. Enjoy a guided bike trip on the Switchback Railway, lunch at Molly Maguires Pub & Steakhouse, wine tasting at Big Creek Vineyard, then an open afternoon for shopping, museums, etc. Only \$59.95 per person! For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**September 12** – Join members of the *Pocono Outdoor Club* for a **Lollipop Hike on the Thunder Swamp Trail System** in the Delaware State Forest north of Marshalls Creek. Trek from the Old Bushkill Road parking lot to Painter Swamp and return partly on a different trail for a hike of over 5 miles. This will be a moderately-paced hike covering a variety of terrain, including hills and flats, soft paths and rocky paths in dry and wet conditions. Wear the right shoes and bring plenty of water. Meet at the Mr. Z's Supermarket parking lot in Marshalls Creek at 9:00am for carpooling, or meet in the State Forest parking lot off of Old Bushkill Road approximately 1.5 miles from Route 402 at 9:30am. For more information, call hike leader Roy Kleinle at (570) 421-8982. The Pocono Outdoor Club is a friendly hiking group open to all individuals interested in exploring the trails of the Pocono Mountains. To learn more about the club and its outings in the wilds of the Poconos, contact today's hike leader or check out [www.poconooutdoorclub.org](http://www.poconooutdoorclub.org).

**September 12** - The Wayne-Pike Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting their biggest fundraiser of the year, the **Harvest Moon Gala** beginning at 5:00pm at the Inn at Woodloch Pines in Hawley. A wonderful five-course meal, live entertainment and thousands of dollars in raffle prizes will make this an event you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$55 per person and can be obtained by calling (570) 253-2310 or (570) 296-5229.

**September 12** – A free **Family Fishing Program** is being offered at 1:00pm at Nescopeck State Park. This fun and educational program is designed for families with little or no fishing experience. Families will learn basic fishing skills and then have the opportunity to practice those skills while fishing together. The first half of the program is instructional. Learn about fishing safety and manners, how to cast your line, how to tie knots, basic fishing tackle, rules and regulations, etc. The second half of the program will provide your family with the opportunity to fish together. The fishing license requirement is waived for participants in this special program. The Family Fishing Program is free, but registration is required to attend. To register, call the Nescopeck State Park Office at (570) 403-2006. Check out the Pennsylvania State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 12** - All are invited to the **Installation Celebration** for new Pastor Rev. Dave Goss, during the 9:30am Unity Worship Service in the Covenant Hall of the Mount Pocono United Methodist Church. The service will feature a special Installation Liturgy for Dave. To enhance the celebration, a variety of music will be presented by the church's bell choirs, chancel choir, contemporary ensemble, soloists, and instrumentalists. The Mount Pocono United Methodist Church is nestled at the corner of Route 611 and Church Avenue in Mount Pocono. To find out more, call the church at 839-9902 or visit the website [www.mountpoconoumc.org](http://www.mountpoconoumc.org).

**September 12** – **Traditional Earth Skills - Fall** will be offered from 1:30 to 3:30pm at PPL Corporation's Martins Creek Environmental Preserve on the shores of the Delaware River in Bangor. This series of four programs is designed to help promote the understanding that every day is Earth Day. How did the Pocono Mountains' native people live in harmony with the Earth? What can we learn from them as our culture struggles to understand sustainability with the environment? Step back in time with *Mike Dennis* of Traditional Earth Skills of North America to explore the day-to-day activities of the native Lenape people through the seasons. During today's wilderness skills workshop, attendees will explore how Native Americans prepared for winter. It was a time of gathering crops from fields and drying fish, meat, fruits and vegetables for winter. It was also a time of tracking, searching for signs and pursuing game animals. Plan to spend the afternoon outdoors practicing fire by friction, cordage making and atlatl throwing. This free program will be a real treat for any outdoors enthusiast. The program will begin at 1:30 at the Lower Mount Bethel Welcome Center, 7701 Martins Creek-Belvidere Highway in Bangor (adjacent to Riverton Bridge). To register for this free program or for more information, call PPL at (570) 253-7076 or send an email to [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com). You can also find directions at the website [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com). The Martins Creek Environmental Preserve, in conjunction with PPL's Martins Creek and Lower Mount Bethel Energy power plants, offers 215 acres of woodland and meadows for hiking and exploring.

**September 12** – The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry will host a **“Sunday for Singles” Hike** from 10:00am until noon. Meeting people and enjoying nature are what these monthly hikes are all about. It will be a casual trek along PEEC's easy to moderate trails to learn about the flora and fauna you'll discover along the way. If you're over 18 and love nature, this walk is a great way to meet new people and learn about the natural world. Registration is required for this free program. PEEC, a non-profit center, is located off Route 209 in Dingmans Ferry within the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The center enhances environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides these unique environmental experiences to individuals, families and groups of all ages. For more information or to register, call PEEC at (570) 828-2319 or log on to [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org).

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**September 14 thru November 2** – It's **Fall Foliage Season**, the most colorful time of year to be in the Pocono Mountains! Since the Poconos cover such a large area, there are three distinct zones in which the colors reach their peak at different times. In the Northern Zone (Wayne County and parts of Pike County), the colors are at their brightest between October 1 and 14. In the Central Zone (Monroe County and lower Pike County), the best time to see the colors is in mid-October. Head towards the Southern Zone (Carbon County) between October 19 and 31 to catch the latest peak display of the season. Thanks to the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, leaf watchers can call the **24-Hour Pocono Mountains Fall Foliage Hotline** at (570) 421-5565 to find out exactly when and where to see the colors at their peak throughout the four county Pocono Mountains region. This is the perfect time for a quiet walk along a mountain trail, a scenic country drive or an exhilarating fall foliage air tour!

**September 15** – ***Murder, Mayhem and Sundry Misadventures in Wayne County*** will be presented at 7:00pm at Lacawac Sanctuary, a 545-acre nature preserve on Lake Wallenpaupack. Learn true accounts of various crimes, accidents and assorted misadventures that took place in the 19<sup>th</sup> and very early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Accidents took place because safety laws that we take for granted today did not exist at the time, and because items routinely used in the home, such as kerosene lamps, posed a daily threat. Methods for detecting crime were primitive, so many husbands died of 'indigestion' and women died from a 'fall down the stairs.' Common illnesses were also often fatal; even a cut or blister could lead to blood poisoning and death. Also included are some funny, true accounts of rascals, domestic disputes and neighborhood feuds. This social commentary on life in the "good old days" of Wayne County will be presented by *Ann O'Hara* of the Wayne County Historical Society and research librarian *Gloria McCullough* who compiled these interesting Wayne County news clippings into a book by the same name. Refreshments will be served. The cost to attend is \$5 and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the sanctuary at (570) 689-9494 or email [info@lacawac.org](mailto:info@lacawac.org). The 545-acre Lacawac Sanctuary is a non-profit nature preserve, research field station and historic site located on Lake Wallenpaupack. It is one of the few sites nationwide that is federally recognized as both a *National Natural Landmark* and is on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The sanctuary's programs are open to the public and include environmental, historical and cultural offerings as well as three miles of hiking trails. Membership, directions, programs and other information can be found at their website [www.lacawac.org](http://www.lacawac.org).

**September 15** – ***Papa Roach*** is set to hit the stage at the Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg for a night of pulse-pounding nu-metal! Since their song "Last Resort" catapulted them to stardom 10 years ago, Papa Roach has sold over 10 million records and become an alternative rock radio staple. Show time is 7:00pm. The Sherman Theater is located at 524 Main Street in Downtown Stroudsburg. For ticket information, call the Sherman at (570) 420-2808 or buy online at [www.shermantheater.com](http://www.shermantheater.com).

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**September 16** – **"Come Paint with Me"** is a free, non-instructional program of on-site outdoor painting & sketching sessions for adult and student artists. Artists will meet today from 10:00am until 3:00pm at **The Inn at Lackawaxen** in Lackawaxen with lawn and deck views of the Delaware River and the Roebing Bridge, or at the beach area near the **Zane Grey Museum**. Artists are encouraged to paint outdoors at their own pace with mediums of their choice. Representing many levels of expertise and variations in style and technique, artists are offered the opportunity to network with others, share a common interest, and socialize over lunch break where informal critique is often included. Registration is not necessary to attend "Come Paint with Me" sessions. Artists are expected to meet at the various locations bringing their own materials. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch. Restrooms will be available. Sessions will be held weather permitting. For directions or more information, call Joan Polishook at (570) 775-6896 or visit [www.joanpolishook-art.com](http://www.joanpolishook-art.com). All are welcome to join this free program!

**September 17** – **Badfish – A Tribute to Sublime** are playing tonight at the historic Sherman Theater on Main Street in Stroudsburg! Dedicated to playing the music of Sublime, Badfish continues the legacy of one of the most influential ska/rock bands of the 90's. Show time is 8:00pm. Tickets are \$21 and are available at the Sherman Theater, 524 Main Street in Downtown Stroudsburg. For your tickets or more information, call the Sherman at (570) 420-2808 or buy online at [www.shermantheater.com](http://www.shermantheater.com).

**September 17** – The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park in Hawley will feature a **Wine Chat with the Wine Chick** with resident Sommelier and wine professional *Leslie Chappell-Britt*. Every Friday at 5:00pm Leslie leads participants through the intriguing and not-so-mysterious world of wine with tastings, workshops and discussions. This will be an informal, unassuming and entertaining hour to kick off your weekend! There is a \$10 tasting fee. The Settlers Inn is located at 4 Main Avenue in Hawley, near Lake Wallenpaupack. Call the Inn with Wine Chat questions at (570) 226-2993 or toll-free 1-800-833-8527. [www.thesettlersinn.com](http://www.thesettlersinn.com)

**September 17** - The **Retired Law Enforcement Officers Breakfast Club** will meet at 10:00am at Dale's Coffee Bar Restaurant, 91 Route 611 in Bartonsville. The group is open to all Law Enforcement retirees in the Pocono Mountains area and is welcoming new members. For more information, contact Angela Tullo with your questions at (570) 213-2882 or [atullo@troopersfund.org](mailto:atullo@troopersfund.org).

**September 17 & 18** – The annual **REDBALL Military Transport Fall Rally & Swap Meet** returns to the West End Fairgrounds off Route 209 in Gilbert, from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Friday & Saturday. Check out the cool military vehicle displays, along with vendors, rides, and a Swap Meet for fans of antique Army Jeeps and Military trucks. Good food will be available. REDBALL Military Transport is an organization of individuals (historians, vehicle preservationists and collectors) interested in collecting, restoring, displaying and enjoying antique historic military transport equipment, vehicles and mobile weaponry transport. For more information, contact Jim Gilmore at [jgilmore@ptd.net](mailto:jgilmore@ptd.net). Visit REDBALL Military Transport's website [www.redballonline.org](http://www.redballonline.org) to see great pictures of past meets!

**September 17 thru 19** - Outdoor World off Route 611 in Scotrun offers visitors the finest in RV camping and modern, cozy vacation cottages. Amenities include fishing, mini-golf, swimming pools, lake,

playgrounds, clubhouse, picnic area, recreation center/video arcade, shuffleboard, general store, laundry facility and much more. Outdoor World guests are invited to come out and join the fun during **Super Heroes Weekend**. Enjoy the movie marathon and see if you're up to some of the "Super Heroes Challenges." For more information about RV campsites and cottage rentals, call Outdoor World at (570) 629-0620 or log on to [www.1000trails.com](http://www.1000trails.com).

**September 18** – Today is **Apple Butter-Making Day** at scenic Bushkill Falls in Bushkill! Watch and help in the making of delicious homemade apple butter in a 50-gallon copper pot that needs to be continuously stirred; visitors are welcome to try their hand at stirring the pot! The batch will be ready for pouring and sale sometime in mid-afternoon. Be sure to buy some to take home! There will also be Bluegrass music by *The Lost Ramblers* from noon until 4:00pm, and **Wildlife Demonstrations** with live birds & animals at 1:00pm and 2:00pm. Rain date for Apple Butter-Making Day is Sunday, September 19. Bushkill Falls is centered on eight roaring waterfalls and features miles of nature trails and picnic areas, plus paddle boats, miniature golf, fishing, exhibits, specialty shops and more. The famous Pocono Mountain attraction is located off of Route 209 in Bushkill and it opens to the public every day at 9:00am through November 28. Call Bushkill Falls at (570) 588-6682 or see their website [www.visitbushkillfalls.com](http://www.visitbushkillfalls.com).

**September 18** – Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe invites you to join them for a **Big Day Out** on the Lehigh River. Bike, hike and raft with Pocono Whitewater all in one big day! It's an awesome adventure for only \$89.95 per person! For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**September 18** - The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Energy Fair** hosted by *State Representative Mario Scavello* will be held from 9:00am until 2:00pm at Pocono Mountain East High School cafeteria in Swiftwater. Learn how to save energy and save your money with alternative energy systems, State and Federal Agency programs, planning an energy budget, help from community organizations, and making your home more energy efficient. Hear presentations on solar and geothermal energy sources, greening your business, and home improvements to make that will reduce your energy bills. For more information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Energy Fair, contact Rep. Scavello's office in Mount Pocono at (570) 839-0313 or log on to [www.marioscavello.com](http://www.marioscavello.com).

**September 18** - Calling all art lovers! **Art Squared**, an **Outdoor Art Show** presented by the non-profit *Pocono Arts Council*, will again be held on Courthouse Square in Downtown Stroudsburg. This will be the third of four Art Squared shows that will take place this summer and into the fall. You'll find fabulous local art, along with the artists who created it, at Courthouse Square on North 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 10:00am until 4:00pm. All participants are members of the Pocono Arts Council and will be selling their original artwork and fine crafts. Come, take a stroll downtown and meet the artists as they display and sell their handmade art. The Pocono Arts Council is the local arts organization serving the Pocono Mountains region. For more information about the Art Squared shows, call the council at (570) 476-4460 or visit [www.poconoarts.org](http://www.poconoarts.org).

**September 18 & 19** – Starting to think about early Holiday shopping? If so, plan on attending the **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Waverly Antiques Show & Sale** to be held at the Waverly Community House in Waverly. The Show & Sale will bring over twenty-five quality antiques dealers offering a wide variety of antiques to "The Comm" from 10:00 to 5:00 on Saturday, and 11:00 until 4:00 on Sunday. Among the treasures waiting to be discovered will be fine furniture and collectibles, exquisite jewelry, prints, silver, linens, and other fine antiques and "almost antiques." Bring your antiques for appraisals by *Dave Crowther* of Appletree Antiques. There will also be an English Tea Garden and a wonderful catered Gourmet Luncheon. Admission to the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Waverly Antiques Show & Sale is \$5 per person; see their ad on page 30 of this magazine for the discount admission coupon (or print from our website [thisweek.net](http://thisweek.net)). The Waverly Community House is located at 1115 N. Abington Road in Waverly. For more information or directions, call the office at (570) 586-8191 or visit [www.waverlycomm.org](http://www.waverlycomm.org).

**September 19** – The Carter Chamber Music Series at East Stroudsburg University proudly presents ***Musicians of the New York Philharmonic***, performing at 2:00pm in the Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall of the university's Fine & Performing Arts Center, Normal and Marguerite streets in East Stroudsburg. The concert will feature *Stanley Drucker*, clarinet; *L. William Kuyper*, French horn; *Fiona Simon*, violin, and *Qiang Tu*, violoncello, accompanied by *Robert Miller* on piano. Highlighted works will include Beethoven's "Trio for Piano, Clarinet and Violoncello, Op. 11," Johannes Brahms' "Trio for Piano, Violin and Horn, Op. 40" and R. Vaughan Williams' "Quintet for Clarinet, Horn, Violin, Cello and Piano." General admission tickets are \$20. Tickets are available in advance and at the door on the afternoon of the performance. For more information, call the Fine & Performing Arts Center's Events Line at (570) 422-3483 or call (570) 422-3695. Log on to East Stroudsburg University's website at [www.esu.edu](http://www.esu.edu).

**September 19** - St. Mary of the Mount Roman Catholic Church in Mount Pocono has announced that they will hold their ***First Annual Oktoberfest*** on the grounds of the Msgr. McHugh School on Route 390 in Cresco. Local artists, crafters and vendors will display and sell their wares on the school grounds from 2:00 until 7:00pm. This one-day extravaganza will feature arts and crafts vendors, a roast pig meal, beer, games and entertainment as well as other types of food, drink and dessert. The roasted pig meal will be served from 2:00 to 4:00pm and tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information about Oktoberfest, including vendor applications, call the church office at (570) 839-2537.

**September 19** – Monroe County Habitat for Humanity will observe its 13<sup>th</sup> annual *Day of Prayer* with a ***Sacred Choir Concert "Raise the Roof."*** The concert will begin at 7:00pm at Saint Paul Lutheran Church on Fish Hill Road in Tannersville. The program, directed by *Bob Riday*, will feature anthems by five church choirs: Mountainhome United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg, Salem St. Paul Lutheran in Kresgeville, Our Lady Queen of Peace in Gilbert, and host church St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tannersville. The concert will conclude with all five choirs combining for anthems. There will also be congregational singing and a verbal presentation about Habitat for Humanity. There is no admission charge, but an offering will be received to support the work of the local Habitat affiliate in building decent affordable houses in the county in partnership with needy families. The public is cordially invited to attend this sacred concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tannersville and to enjoy the refreshments to follow. For directions or other information, call St. Paul Lutheran Church at (570) 629-1992. You may also call Habitat for Humanity at (570) 476-9846. Visit on the net at [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

**September 19** - To celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> year, the farmers of the Monroe Farmers' Market will host their first-ever ***Harvest Celebration Dinner*** with the aid of the farmer-friendly Gem and Keystone Brewpub in Shawnee-on-Delaware. The dinner will take place at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort's River Sanctuary beginning at 3:00pm. Each farmer and purveyor of the Farmers' Market will contribute locally grown and produced items to be used in the feast. The dinner is being prepared by *Chef Dan Rothman* of the Gem and Keystone, where he specializes in using fresh in-season ingredients. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be purchased at the Gem and Keystone, and at the Monroe Farmers' Market Information Booth on Saturdays. The Gem and Keystone Brewpub is located on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware and their website is [www.gemandkeystone.com](http://www.gemandkeystone.com). For tickets or more information about the Harvest Celebration Dinner, call the Gem and Keystone Brewpub at (570) 424-0990. The Monroe Farmers' Market runs on Saturdays from 8:00am until noon through the end of October, and is located on Ann Street near the Ribbon Factory in Stroudsburg.

**September 19** – *Philip Rosen* with the Pennsylvania Humanities Council will speak on the "***Lament for the Molly Maguires***" as part of the ***Fall Lecture Series*** at Eckley Miners' Village, a restored coal miners "patch town" in the Western Poconos. Mr. Rosen will speak from 2:00 until 3:00pm. Eckley Miners' Village is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. The village is located ten miles east of Hazleton just off Route 940 in the Western Poconos. For more

information about the Fall Lecture Series or for directions, call (570) 636-2070 or find Eckley on the web at [www.eckleyminersvillagemuseum.com](http://www.eckleyminersvillagemuseum.com).

**September 19 – *Wildflowers through the Seasons: Going to Seed*** will be presented from 1:30 to 3:00pm at PPL Corporation's Martins Creek Environmental Preserve, located on the shores of the Delaware River in Bangor. Concluding PPL's wildflower series with this fall walk, *Lorna & Phil Wooldridge* of Wise Owl Workshops will help visitors learn how to identify what they find in the meadows and woods of PPL's environmental preserve at Martins Creek. As you explore the meadows looking for flowers going to seed, your hosts will discuss how seeds are dispersed and the importance of this process to all life. Be on the lookout for both native and introduced flowers, many of which will be dispersing seeds. This program is free and fun for the whole family. The walk will begin at 1:30pm at the Cedars Pavilion on Depue Ferry Road. For more information or to register, call PPL at (570) 253-7076 or (570) 251-6196 or send an email to [pplpreserves@pplweb.com](mailto:pplpreserves@pplweb.com). The Martins Creek Environmental Preserve, in conjunction with PPL's Martins Creek and Lower Mount Bethel Energy power plants, offers 215 acres of woodland and meadows for hiking and exploring. Directions are available at [www.pplpreserves.com](http://www.pplpreserves.com).

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**September 20 –** The Monroe County Historical Association (MCHA) will hold their 4<sup>th</sup> annual ***"On Par with History" Golf Classic*** at Mountain Manor Golf Club in Marshalls Creek. The day's events will begin at 8:00am with registration, followed by a shotgun start at 9:00am. An **All-American Barbeque Luncheon** will follow the tournament, where prizes and raffle items will be awarded. The "On Par with History" Golf Classic is a 4-player scramble event. Entry fee is \$75 per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, and the All-American Barbecue Luncheon. Not a golfer? The public is welcome to attend the Barbecue Luncheon for \$25 per person. All proceeds benefit the MCHA, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and protecting the rich history of Monroe County. Tournament rain date is Sept. 27. For more information regarding the "On Par with History" Golf Classic or to register, call MCHA office at (570) 421-7703 or email to [mcha@ptd.net](mailto:mcha@ptd.net). You may visit the Monroe County Historical Association's website at [www.monroehistorical.org](http://www.monroehistorical.org) to download the tournament brochure.

**September 20 -** The public is invited to attend the ***Pike County Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting***, to be held at 9:00am at the Conservation District Education Building on Route 402 in Blooming Grove. No fee or registration is required. You may call the Pike County Conservation District office in Hawley at 226-8220 or send an email to [pikecd@pikepa.org](mailto:pikecd@pikepa.org). Visit the website [www.pikeconservation.org](http://www.pikeconservation.org) to find out more.

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**September 22** – Today is the **First Day of Autumn**. Enjoy it in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania!

**September 22** – Celebrate the start of fall with an **Autumnal Equinox Paddle** at 6:00pm at Lacawac Sanctuary, a 545-acre nature preserve on Lake Wallenpaupack. On this 1½ to 2-hour guided program participants will tour the 52-acre Lake Lacawac, a pristine glacial lake born 13,000 years ago when a glacier scooped a crater in the red Catskill sandstone. The lake is part of Lacawac Sanctuary, which embraces some 545 acres of mixed hemlock-hardwood forest. Because of its purity, Lake Lacawac was designated a *National Natural Landmark*. On this autumn paddle, participants will learn about plants and animals that live in the lake and its environs. Attendees will share and provide the manpower in canoes or small rowboats and life preservers will be provided. Swimmers only, ages 8 and up! The cost to attend is \$10 and registration is required. To register, call the sanctuary at (570) 689-9494 or email [info@lacawac.org](mailto:info@lacawac.org). The 545-acre Lacawac Sanctuary is a non-profit nature preserve, research field station and historic site located on Lake Wallenpaupack. It is one of the few sites nationwide that is federally recognized as both a *National Natural Landmark* and is on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The sanctuary's programs are open to the public and include environmental, historical and cultural offerings as well as three miles of hiking trails. Membership, directions, programs and other information can be found at their website [www.lacawac.org](http://www.lacawac.org).

**September 22** – A **Public Bog Walk** through the fantastic Tannersville Cranberry Bog will be led by a naturalist from the Monroe County Environmental Education Center (MCEEC) from 1:00 to 3:30pm. The bog is special as it is a northern boreal bog, which is very unique for this part of the country. Protected by The Nature Conservancy, the Tannersville bog is a *National Natural Landmark*. Signs of life will be everywhere as the group ventures into this unique wetland habitat, which includes many orchids and insect-eating plants! Access to the interior of the bog is substantial along a 1650' "floating" boardwalk, making for spectacular photo opportunities. Highlights include viewing plants which may be blooming, like orchids, cranberries, sheep laurel, marsh marigold, bog rosemary, bog laurel, wild calla and others. Meet for this walk at the MCEEC near Bartonsville. Pre-registration is required and the cost to attend is \$5. Call the MCEEC at (570) 629-3061 to register. [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org)

**September 23** – Meet a naturalist from Hickory Run State Park at 9:00am to **Hike Margy's Trail** in nearby State Game Lands 129. This short 1½-mile hike is rated "more difficult." Wear shoes appropriate for hiking and bring water. Meet by 9:00am at the State Game Lands parking lot on Route 903 about two miles north of Route 534. For more information, call the Hickory Run State Park office at (570) 443-0400 or log on to the State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 23** – **"Come Paint with Me"** is a free, non-instructional program of on-site outdoor painting & sketching sessions for adult and student artists. Artists will meet today from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the **Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary** in White Mills, off Route 6 between

Hawley and Honesdale. Artists are encouraged to paint outdoors at their own pace with mediums of their choice. Representing many levels of expertise and variations in style and technique, artists are offered the opportunity to network with others, share a common interest, and socialize over lunch break where informal critique is often included. Registration is not necessary to attend “Come Paint with Me” sessions. Artists are expected to meet at the various locations bringing their own materials. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch. Restrooms will be available. Sessions will be held weather permitting. For directions or more information, call Joan Polishook at (570) 775-6896 or visit [www.joanpolishook-art.com](http://www.joanpolishook-art.com). All are welcome to join this free program!

**September 23** - The Gem and Keystone Brewpub in Shawnee-on-Delaware offers another great opportunity to hear jazz in the Poconos, when *Jesse Green* hosts a **Jazz/Fusion Open Jam Session** every other Thursday. Join Jesse Green on keyboard & bass with *Daniel Gonzalez* on drums in The Gem & Keystone’s Beer Cellar, and listen to some terrific music from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Musicians, bring your instruments and your chops for this open jam session or just relax and enjoy the music. The Gem and Keystone is located on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. For more information, call (570) 424-0990 or visit [www.gemandkeystone.com](http://www.gemandkeystone.com).

**September 23** – The **Wayne County Genealogy Group Meets** from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wayne County Historical Society, 810 Main Street in Honesdale. Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome to attend these informative sessions. For more information, call (570) 253-3240 or (570) 253-5468 or send an email to [wchspa@ptd.net](mailto:wchspa@ptd.net). See the Historical Society’s website at [www.waynehistorypa.org](http://www.waynehistorypa.org).

**September 24** – Join Sommelier *Leslie Chappell-Britt* for **Parallel 45 - The Pacific Northwest**, part of the Wine Dinner Series at The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park in Hawley. Some of the greatest wines in the world come from the 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel, and not just from Burgundy. Enjoy this tour into the best vineyards of Oregon and Washington. Gathering begins at 7:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:30. Before dinner, join Leslie for a **Wine Chat with the Wine Chick**. At 5:00pm Leslie will lead participants through the intriguing and not-so-mysterious world of wine with tastings, workshops and discussions. This will be an informal, unassuming and entertaining hour to kick off your weekend! There is a \$10 tasting fee. The Settlers Inn is located at 4 Main Avenue in Hawley, near Lake Wallenpaupack. Wine Dinner reservations are strongly suggested and limited. Call the Inn at (570) 226-2993 or toll-free 1-800-833-8527. [www.thesettlersinn.com](http://www.thesettlersinn.com)

**September 24** – Go for a **Full Moon Bog Walk** through the Tannersville Cranberry Bog with a naturalist from the Monroe County Environmental Education Center (MCEEC). Join a naturalist from 7:00 to 9:30pm to explore the bog under the light of a full moon. The bog is special as it is a northern boreal bog, which is very unique for this part of the country. Protected by The Nature Conservancy, the Tannersville bog is a *National Natural Landmark*. Signs of life will be everywhere as the group ventures into this unique wetland habitat, which includes many orchids and insect-eating plants! Access to the interior of the bog is substantial along a 1650’ “floating” boardwalk, making for spectacular photo opportunities. Native plants to observe and enjoy include orchids, cranberries, pitcher plants, sheep laurel, marsh marigold, bog rosemary, bog laurel, wild calla, sundew and others. Meet for this walk at the bog parking lot by 7:00pm and be sure to bring a flashlight! Registration is required and the cost to attend is \$5. To find the bog from Route 611 in Tannersville, turn onto Cherry Lane Road at the light at the Tannersville Inn. The parking lot is on your right, 1.9 miles from Route 611. Call the MCEEC at (570) 629-3061 to register. [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org)

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For more information about RV campsites and cottage rentals, call Outdoor World at (570) 629-0620 or log on to [www.1000trails.com](http://www.1000trails.com).

**September 24 thru October 10** – The Dutot Museum & Gallery on Main Street (Route 611) in Delaware Water Gap presents an **Art Exhibition** of landscape paintings by *Arthur Kvarnstrom*. The exhibit will be on display during the museum's regular hours, Saturdays & Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The public is invited to meet Arthur and discuss his works during the **Opening Reception** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday, September 24. The Dutot Museum & Gallery houses rotating fine art exhibits in its first floor gallery, and a museum of local history upstairs. One room is a preserved schoolroom, where visitors can sit at the old desks and watch a slide show on local history; another room overflows with memorabilia of the town's history. You may call (570) 476-4240 or (570) 421-5809 for further details. [www.dutotmuseum.com](http://www.dutotmuseum.com)

**September 25** - In conjunction with *National Public Lands Day*, the completion of the 32-mile Joseph M. McDade Trail will be realized in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Stretching from Hialeah Picnic Area to Milford Beach, this trail will provide visitors with a graded path for leisurely walks, bike rides, jogs, or cross-country skiing along the river and through forests and fields. The National Park Service invites you to join them for the official **Dedication of the Joseph M. McDade Trail** during a ceremony beginning at 10:00am at the Bushkill Access off Route 209 in Bushkill. More information is available on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area website, [www.nps.gov/dewa](http://www.nps.gov/dewa). For further information is also available by calling Park Headquarters (570) 426-2452.

**September 25** – **Bike, Wine & Dine on Broadway** with Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe. Enjoy a guided bike trip on the Switchback Railway, lunch at Molly Maguires Pub & Steakhouse, wine tasting at Big Creek Vineyard, then an open afternoon for shopping, museums, etc. Only \$59.95 per person! For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**September 25** – Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford invites the public to a free **Ice Cream Social** from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Celebrate the Pinchot gift of Grey Towers to the American public with a re-creation of Gov. Gifford Pinchot's popular ice cream socials. Visitors may also tour the mansion for free from 10:00am to 4:00pm as part of *Fee Free National Public Lands Day*. Additionally, guests will have the opportunity to view the video of President John F. Kennedy's 1963 dedication of Grey Towers. Grey Towers is the former home of eminent conservationist and former Pennsylvania Governor Gifford Pinchot. Today the US Forest Service, which was founded by Pinchot, is the steward of the home, offering public programs, tours, and a conference center for environmental programs. To find Grey Towers from Route 6 near Milford, turn onto Old Owego Turnpike (near the Apple Valley Shops Complex) and travel about ¼ mile to the entrance on the left. For more information, call Grey Towers at (570) 296-9630 or (570) 296-9625. You may also log on to [www.fs.fed.us/gt](http://www.fs.fed.us/gt) and [www.greytowers.org](http://www.greytowers.org).

**September 25** – A **Fall Gardening Workshop** hosted by *Penn State Master Gardeners* will be held from 9:00am until noon at the Pike County Conservation District building, Route 402 in Hawley. The workshop will include three sessions: "Labyrinths," "Get Ready for a Beautiful Spring with Fall Bulbs" and "Pollinator Friendly Gardening." The cost to attend is \$10 and pre-registration with payment is required by September 20. Call the Penn State Pike County Cooperative Extension office in Milford at (570) 296-3400 or send an email to [PikeExt@psu.edu](mailto:PikeExt@psu.edu) for more information or download a program brochure at <http://pike.extension.psu.edu>.

**September 25 & 26** – The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Shawnee Mountain PRCA Rodeo** and **Chili Cook-Off** returns to Shawnee Mountain Ski Area in Shawnee-on-Delaware! It's a rip-roarin' real live rodeo in the Poconos! Experience the thrill of professional cowboys competing in fully sanctioned PRCA events including Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping and Bull Dogging! Professional cowgirls will also be competing in Barrel Racing. Live country music, line dancing and craft and food vendors add to the weekend festivities. The gates open at 11:30am on Saturday & Sunday and the Rodeo action starts at 2:00pm. Slopeside seating will be available to

all spectators, so bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the events! Come early on Saturday for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Chili Cook-Off** and sample some of the Poconos' finest chili recipes! Shawnee Mountain Ski Area and the PRCA Rodeo & Chili Cook-Off are easy to find on Hollow Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware, just off I-80 exit 309. Call (570) 421-7231 for more information or log on to [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com).

**September 25 & 26** – The **Howetown Farm Show** will take place from 10:00am until 5:00pm along Route 196 in Sterling (south of Hamlin). Admission is free to this fun and educational show about early farm life. See live demonstrations of antique farm equipment including a mule-powered treadmill operating a threshing machine, plus antique hit & miss engines, a corn sheller, a rock crusher, a shingle mill, steam engines and much more. Watch the production of home-made ice cream and enjoy a free sample. Observe the ladies spinning, quilting and weaving or go for a horse-drawn hay ride. Admission and parking are free. Food will be available for purchase. To find out more about the Howetown Farm Show, call (570) 595-0452.

**September 26** – From your TV screen to the stage, Cove Haven Entertainment Resorts is proud to present the **“Last Comic Standing” Live Tour** at beautiful Cove Haven Resort in Lakeville. Here's a casting call for couples who love comedy! Help give a warm welcome to a new crew of “Last Comic Standing” contestants during their tour stop in the Land of Love. After watching them this summer on NBC television, see the finalists in person on stage at Cove Haven Resort. This Sunday evening laugh fest is sure to start your week off with a smile. Event-only tickets are available to the general public; resort guests receive free show tickets with their all-inclusive stay. Cove Haven Resort is easy to find on Route 590 in Lakeville. Call 1-866-500-0458 for outside ticket reservations, or find out more at [www.cpresorts.com/thisweek](http://www.cpresorts.com/thisweek).

**September 26** – The Cresco Station Museum in Cresco invites everyone to come enjoy a fun afternoon of music by **Uncle Pete Tawney**. The performance will be held from 2:00 until 4:00pm, with free admission to the public. In conjunction with the musical program, the museum will also host an **Ice Cream Social** and an **Art Show**. The Cresco Station Museum is located on Sand Spring Road off Route 390 in Cresco (at the old Cresco Railroad Depot) and is administered by the Barrett Township Historical Society. For further details you may call the museum at (570) 595-6157 or call Mickey at (570) 595-2501.

**September 26** – Never been in a kayak before? Now's your chance! Nescopeck State Park will offer an **Introduction to Kayaking**, an introductory kayaking experience on the park's Lake Frances. Nine-acre Lake Frances is the perfect lake for “getting your feet wet.” Participants will learn kayak terminology and basic paddling skills before heading out on the lake to give it a try on your own. This program is designed for people who have never kayaked before. Sessions will be held at 10:00am, 12:00noon and 2:00pm; meet at Lake Frances. Appropriate for ages 9 & up. The program is FREE however registration is required. Call the Nescopeck State Park office at (570) 403-2006 to register. Check out the Pennsylvania State Parks website [www.visitpaparks.com](http://www.visitpaparks.com).

**September 28** – *Blue Planet* will perform today as part of the **Free Autumn Concert Series** at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort in Shawnee-on-Delaware. The band will play Azteca Soul music at 7:00pm by the fireplace in the lobby of The Shawnee Inn. The free concert is family friendly and appropriate for all ages. Enjoy Shawnee's gift to the community! The Shawnee Inn is located on River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. Call the resort at (570) 424-4000 or toll-free 1-800-SHAWNEE for more information. [www.shawneeinn.com](http://www.shawneeinn.com)

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**October 1 - Reservations Close Today** for the annual **John Gouse Memorial Golf Outing** sponsored by the *Pike County Builders Association* and the *Pike County Chamber of Commerce*. The Captain and Crew Scramble will be held on Wednesday, October 6 at Woodloch Springs Golf Resort in Hawley. For questions or tee times, call the Pike County Builders Association at (570) 296-5589 or call the Pike County Chamber of Commerce at (570) 296-8700. Visit on the web at [www.pikecountybuilders.com](http://www.pikecountybuilders.com) and [www.pikechamber.com](http://www.pikechamber.com).

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**October 1 thru 31** – One of the Pocono Mountains' best family adventures, the **Great Pocono Pumpkin Festival** returns to the Country Junction grounds on Route 209 near Lehigh. Each year the "Largest Pumpkin Festival in the Poconos" gets bigger and better, including **Ghost Town, USA!** The **Unlimited Daytime Hayrides** in Ghost Town, USA are a favorite with every member of the family, where kids get to see the many characters point out their "Perfect Pumpkin." There are costumed characters galore and even a **Kiddies Haunted House!** The little ones can go play in The Blue Lagoon and in "Harry's Party Bus," explore a life-size Pirate Ship, and jump till they drop on the many Moon Walks! Visit the FREE Petting Farm with goats, deer, piglets, ducks, chickens, and the alpaca habitat. For older kids and adults, Halloween thrills and chills await in the **TEEN TERROR** attraction. Are you brave enough to see what's inside? Located on-site at the Great Pocono Pumpkin Festival is the huge **Costume and Halloween Center**, with costumes galore and anything you can think of for decorating your home this Halloween! The Great Pocono Pumpkin Festival is open seven days a week; the Daytime Festival is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5:00pm, Saturdays & Sundays from 11:00am until 6:00pm. Admission of \$6.00 per person will be charged to enter Ghost Town USA; kids under 2 enter free. The **MIDWAY** with rides and games comes alive on weekends! An additional \$8.00 per person, on the weekends, gets you unlimited amusement rides, like the Big Slide, the Ferris wheel, dragons, motorcycles, and kiddie rides all day. Of course, great food will be available. To top off the best Halloween experience this year, choose from thousands of pounds of field pumpkins from 5 pounds to 50 pounds, only \$3 each! The Great Pocono Pumpkin Festival is located on the grounds of the Country Junction on Route 209 at Forest Inn, near Lehigh. Log on to [www.countryjunction.com](http://www.countryjunction.com) for directions and all the festival happenings or call (610) 377-8400.

**October 2** – For women only, Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe is having a **Ladies-Only Big Day Out** on the Lehigh River. Bike, hike and raft with Pocono Whitewater all in one big day! It's an awesome adventure for only \$89.95 per person. For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**October 2** – Bushkill Falls, “The Niagara of Pennsylvania,” is offering a unique **Learn about Wildlife** program for the entire family. A naturalist from the *Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center* will be there to present a fun and informative discussion about the wildlife of the Pocono Mountains. Exciting demonstrations with **Live Birds & Animals** will be held in the pavilion at 1:00pm and 2:00pm. Bushkill Falls is centered on eight roaring waterfalls and features miles of nature trails and picnic areas, plus paddle boats, miniature golf, fishing, exhibits, specialty shops and fun for all ages. The famous Pocono Mountain attraction is located off of Route 209 in Bushkill and it opens to the public every day at 9:00am through November 28. Call Bushkill Falls at (570) 588-6682 or see their website [www.visitbushkillfalls.com](http://www.visitbushkillfalls.com).

**October 2** – The *Equinunk Historical Society* has announced that **Joel Hill Water-Powered Sawmill Demonstrations & Mill Tours** are scheduled from 11:00am to 3:00pm today. The Hill Mill, as it is known in the local community, is the property of the Equinunk Historical Society and is operated by volunteers. The sawmill crew is pleased to welcome new volunteers, and will provide instruction for those unfamiliar with the old machinery. The sawmill is located off Creek Road in Lookout. Watch for signs on the Hancock Highway (Route 191) between Rileyville and Equinunk. If you would like to make a day of it, after your sawmill visit, travel north to the Equinunk Historical Society Museum and Calder Gift Shop in the center of historic Equinunk. For more information or directions, call (570) 224-6722 or (570) 224-4466.

**October 2** – There will be an **Open House at the Old Stone Jail** in Honesdale from 10:00am until 1:00pm today. No longer in use, the historic jail was built in 1859 and is located between the Wayne County Courthouse and 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Honesdale. The squat stone structure housed Wayne County’s miscreants until 1935. Constructed almost entirely of rough stone, its damp, gloomy interior has most often been compared to a dungeon. “Jailer” *Dick Kreitner* will be on hand to usher visitors into the 9’x12’ cells as he relates the history of the jail, including numerous jailbreaks and some of its more notorious occupants. The Old Stone Jail Open House is free to the public. For additional details, call the Wayne County Historical Society at (570) 253-3240 or visit their very interesting website at [www.waynehistorypa.org](http://www.waynehistorypa.org).

**October 2** – Come experience **Nature at Night** at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry! Early October is a great time to hear owls and enjoy the stillness of a fall night. This free program will be held outdoors from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, so be sure to dress for the weather. PEEC, a non-profit center, is located off Route 209 in Dingmans Ferry within the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The center enhances environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides these unique environmental experiences to individuals, families and groups of all ages. For more information or to register, call PEEC at (570) 828-2319 or log on to [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org).

**October 3** – The Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce has announced that they will host the second annual **Fall Classic Car Show** from noon until 4:00pm at picturesque Bingham Park on Route 6 in Hawley. The show will feature Antique Cars, Custom Cars and Street Rods, with seven Trophy Classes plus Special Awards. Food & beverages will be available and music will add to the fun atmosphere. New this year, a **Car Show Parade** will take place on Main Avenue at 4:00pm. Admission to the Fall Classic Car Show is \$5 adults, kids under 12 free. Exhibitors, register your cars for \$10 between 10:00am and noon on the day of the show. The Fall Classic Car Show is sponsored by the Pocono Lake Region Chamber of Commerce and will be held rain or shine. For more information about the show or to register your car, call (570) 226-3191 or email to [visit@lakeregioncc.com](mailto:visit@lakeregioncc.com). Log on to [www.lakeregioncc.com](http://www.lakeregioncc.com).

**October 3** - The **“Hometown Pride Ride” Bike Rally**, a charity motorcycle ride through the Hawk’s Nest along the scenic Delaware River, will be held to benefit Hawley’s Emergency Services. Registration and breakfast is at 9:00am and the ride begins at 10:00am. Bikers will assemble at the Hawley Market IGA on Route 6 in downtown Hawley. A donation of \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger is requested, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and admission to the Fall Classic Car

Show in Hawley. Call Jim Shook at the Lake Region IGA at (570) 226-6000 ext. 16 for information and to register.

**October 3** – Steamtown National Historic Site in nearby Downtown Scranton is offering a **Steam Train Excursion to Tobyhanna** in the Pocono Mountains. The train will depart the station in Scranton at 11:00am and return at around 3:00pm. The 4-hour round-trip excursion will roll past historic buildings, through a tunnel, along mountain creeks and rivers, past lakes and reservoirs, and through beautiful Pocono Mountain woodlands. The village of Tobyhanna boasts a restored passenger-freight station built in 1908. For those who would like to see the steam train when it arrives in Tobyhanna between 11:45 and 12:00noon, just drive over to the Tobyhanna Train Station located on Route 423; the number there is (570) 894-3338. If you wish to be a passenger on the train, it will leave the Steamtown boarding platform in Scranton at 11:00am, with planned return arrival in Scranton at around 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be available in Tobyhanna. To find Steamtown in Scranton from I-81, use exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway) and follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff avenues. For ticket reservations and further details, call (570) 340-5204, (570) 340-5200, or 888-693-9391 or log on to [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**October 5** – *Randy Bigness* will perform today as part of the **Free Autumn Concert Series** at the Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort in Shawnee-on-Delaware. The popular singer/songwriter will begin his concert at 7:00pm by the fireplace in the lobby of The Shawnee Inn. The free concert is family friendly and appropriate for all ages. Enjoy Shawnee's gift to the community! The Shawnee Inn is located on River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. Call the resort at (570) 424-4000 or toll-free 1-800-SHAWNEE for more information. [www.shawneeinn.com](http://www.shawneeinn.com)

**October 6** – A **Public Bog Walk** through the fantastic Tannersville Cranberry Bog will be led by a naturalist from the Monroe County Environmental Education Center (MCEEC) from 1:00 to 3:30pm. The bog is special as it is a northern boreal bog, which is very unique for this part of the country. Protected by The Nature Conservancy, the Tannersville bog is a *National Natural Landmark*. Signs of life will be everywhere as the group ventures into this unique wetland habitat, which includes many orchids and insect-eating plants! Access to the interior of the bog is substantial along a 1650' "floating" boardwalk, making for spectacular photo opportunities. Highlights include viewing plants which may be blooming, like orchids, cranberries, sheep laurel, marsh marigold, bog rosemary, bog laurel, wild calla and others. Meet for this walk at the MCEEC near Bartonsville. Pre-registration is required and the cost to attend is \$5. Call the MCEEC at (570) 629-3061 to register. [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org)

**October 7** - The Gem and Keystone Brewpub in Shawnee-on-Delaware offers another great opportunity to hear jazz in the Poconos, when *Jesse Green* hosts a **Jazz/Fusion Open Jam Session** every other Thursday. Join Jesse Green on keyboard & bass with *Daniel Gonzalez* on drums in The Gem & Keystone's Beer Cellar, and listen to some terrific music from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Musicians, bring your instruments and your chops for this open jam session or just relax and enjoy the music. The Gem and Keystone is located on the grounds of the historic Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, River Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware. For more information, call (570) 424-0990 or visit [www.gemandkeystone.com](http://www.gemandkeystone.com).

**October 7** – **"Come Paint with Me"** is a free, non-instructional program of on-site outdoor painting & sketching sessions for adult and student artists. Artists will meet today from 10:00am until 3:00pm at **Grey Towers National Historic Site** in Milford. Visit the fields, forests and beautiful family gardens at Grey Towers for a day of exploring and painting. Artists are encouraged to paint outdoors at their own pace with mediums of their choice. Representing many levels of expertise and variations in style and technique, artists are offered the opportunity to network with others, share a common interest, and socialize over lunch break where informal critique is often included. Registration is not necessary to attend "Come Paint with Me" sessions. Artists are expected to meet at the various locations bringing their own materials. Be sure to pack a picnic lunch. Restrooms will be available. For directions or more information, call Joan Polishook at (570) 775-6896 or visit [www.joanpolishook-art.com](http://www.joanpolishook-art.com). All are welcome to join this free program!

**October 9** – Cove Haven Entertainment Resorts proudly presents the one-and-only **Bernie Williams** at Paradise Stream Resort in Mount Pocono. This cat can play! Most know Bernie Williams from his 16-year career with the New York Yankees, where he was a four-time World Series Champion and a five-time All Star. When Williams wasn't playing centerfield for the Bronx Bombers, he was playing the guitar. After he retired from baseball it was no surprise when he released his first album, "The Journey Within," in 2003. Bernie's latest album, "Moving Forward" debuted at #2 on *Billboard's* Contemporary Jazz Chart. Event-only tickets are available to the general public; resort guests receive free show tickets with their all-inclusive stay. Paradise Stream Resort is nestled along Route 940 in Mount Pocono. Call 1-866-500-0458 for outside ticket reservations, or find out more at [www.cpresorts.com/thisweek](http://www.cpresorts.com/thisweek).

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**October 9** - The Jim Thorpe Chamber of Commerce and the Jim Thorpe Artists Music Series (JTAMS) proudly present **Second Saturdays**, a monthly celebration of Jim Thorpe's growing arts community. Second Saturdays feature extended hours for each of the many galleries and studios in town, along with many other shops and establishments. Also featured will be an **Art Walk**. The celebration runs from noon until 9:00pm. **Live Concerts** sponsored by JTAMS are held at the Mauch Chunk Opera House on 14 West Broadway in Jim Thorpe concurrent with Second Saturdays. Find out more when you log on to [www.jimthorpeartists.org](http://www.jimthorpeartists.org) or [www.jtams.net](http://www.jtams.net) or call (570) 325-0249. To learn more about this and other exciting Jim Thorpe events, call the Jim Thorpe Chamber of Commerce at (570) 325-5810 or visit [www.jimthorpe.org](http://www.jimthorpe.org).

**October 9 & 10** – The **Autumn Timber Festival** is coming to Shawnee Mountain Ski Area in Shawnee-on-Delaware! Catch a glimpse of nature's splendor at beautiful Shawnee Mountain during prime fall foliage time. Bring the whole family to this action-packed autumn event including lumberjack demonstrations, chainsaw sculpting, skydiving exhibitions, tethered hot air balloon rides, live music, children's activities, and food and craft vendors galore. Hours are 11:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday & Sunday. Slopeside seating will be available to all spectators, so bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the events! Shawnee Mountain Ski Area and the Autumn Timber Festival are easy to find on Hollow Road in Shawnee-on-Delaware, just off I-80 exit 309. Call (570) 421-7231 for more information or log on to [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com).

**October 9 & 10** – Come to the **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival** at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm near Stroudsburg this Columbus Day Weekend! It will be a fun festival for all ages, including folk entertainment, tasty country foods, storytelling, children's activities, handcrafted items for sale, and authentic demonstrations of many, many early American skills and crafts. Watch as craftsmen demonstrate traditional skills such as tin-smithing, cider making, spinning, weaving, broom making, Dutch oven cooking, woodworking, butter making, bee keeping, hay fork making and more. Always a favorite at Harvest Festival, watch history come alive at the **Civil War Encampment** by the **142<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Co. G Re-enactors**. The Co. G Re-enactors portray the drill and

everyday life of soldiers in the 1800's, giving a glimpse into history and local heritage. Quiet Valley's pumpkin patch will be full of big orange beauties ready for picking, while horse-drawn wagon rides and pony rides will also be available. Harvest Festival hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday & Sunday. The event will be held rain or shine; all demonstrations are under big tents. The non-profit Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm is a restored and working 19<sup>th</sup> century farm, complete with costumed guides and many historic demonstrations. The farm is located 3½ miles south of Stroudsburg off of Business Route 209; follow signs. Call Quiet Valley at (570) 992-6161 or log on to [www.quietvalley.org](http://www.quietvalley.org) to learn more.

**October 10** – A **Fall Foliage River Tour** is being offered by Kittatinny Canoes, established in 1941 and a leader in Delaware River canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting and camping. Discover the splendor of paddling in autumn, while you admire the incredible color displays and forested mountains mirrored on the Delaware River's surface. Abundant waterfowl and birds of prey will make the trip even more colorful! Another Fall Foliage River Tour is planned for October 17. In addition to the Fall Foliage River Tour, Kittatinny offers daily Delaware River trips by canoe, kayak, and raft. For your reservations, call 1-800-FLOAT-KC. [www.kittatinny.com](http://www.kittatinny.com)

**October 10** – Steamtown National Historic Site in nearby Downtown Scranton is offering a **Steam Train Excursion to Tobyhanna** in the Pocono Mountains. The train will depart the station in Scranton at 11:00am and return at around 3:00pm. The 4-hour round-trip excursion will roll past historic buildings, through a tunnel, along mountain creeks and rivers, past lakes and reservoirs, and through beautiful Pocono Mountain woodlands. The village of Tobyhanna boasts a restored passenger-freight station built in 1908. For those who would like to see the steam train when it arrives in Tobyhanna between 11:45 and 12:00noon, just drive over to the Tobyhanna Train Station located on Route 423; the number there is (570) 894-3338. If you wish to be a passenger on the train, it will leave the Steamtown boarding platform in Scranton at 11:00am, with planned return arrival in Scranton at around 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be available in Tobyhanna. To find Steamtown in Scranton from I-81, use exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway) and follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff avenues. For ticket reservations and further details, call (570) 340-5204, (570) 340-5200, or 888-693-9391 or log on to [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).

**October 10** – **Bike, Wine & Dine on Broadway** with Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe. Enjoy a guided bike trip on the Switchback Railway, lunch at JT's Steak & Ale, wine tasting at Big Creek Vineyard, then an open afternoon for shopping, museums, etc. Only \$59.95 per person! For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).

**October 10** – The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry will host a **"Sunday for Singles" Hike** from 10:00am until noon. Meeting people and enjoying nature are what these monthly hikes are all about. It will be a casual trek along PEEC's easy to moderate trails to learn about the flora and fauna you'll discover along the way. If you're over 18 and love nature, this walk is a great way to meet new people and learn about the natural world. Registration is required for this free program. PEEC, a non-profit center, is located off Route 209 in Dingmans Ferry within the beautiful Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The center enhances environmental awareness, knowledge, and appreciation through hands-on experience in a natural outdoor classroom. PEEC provides these unique environmental experiences to individuals, families and groups of all ages. For more information or to register, call PEEC at (570) 828-2319 or log on to [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org).

**October 15** – Celebrate the season with the **Harvest Moon Beer Dinner** being served at The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park in Hawley! This rustic Oktoberfest tradition will feature both local and world famous beers and ciders. Gathering begins at 7:00pm; dinner will be served at 7:30. The Settlers Inn is located at 4 Main Avenue in Hawley, near Lake Wallenpaupack. Beer Dinner reservations are strongly suggested and limited. Call the Inn at (570) 226-2993 or toll-free 1-800-833-8527. [www.thesettlersinn.com](http://www.thesettlersinn.com)

- October 15** - The **Retired Law Enforcement Officers Breakfast Club** will meet at 10:00am at Dale's Coffee Bar Restaurant, 91 Route 611 in Bartonsville. The group is open to all Law Enforcement retirees in the Pocono Mountains area and is welcoming new members. For more information, contact Angela Tullo with your questions at (570) 213-2882 or [atullo@troopersfund.org](mailto:atullo@troopersfund.org).
- October 16** - Calling all art lovers! **Art Squared**, an **Outdoor Art Show** presented by the non-profit *Pocono Arts Council*, will again be held on Courthouse Square in Downtown Stroudsburg. This will be the fourth of four Art Squared shows that are taking place this summer and into the fall. You'll find fabulous local art, along with the artists who created it, at Courthouse Square on North 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 10:00am until 4:00pm. All participants are members of the Pocono Arts Council and will be selling their original artwork and fine crafts. Come, take a stroll downtown and meet the artists as they display and sell their handmade art. The Pocono Arts Council is the local arts organization serving the Pocono Mountains region. For more information about the Art Squared shows, call the council at (570) 476-4460 or visit [www.poconoarts.org](http://www.poconoarts.org).
- October 16** – Pocono Whitewater in Jim Thorpe invites you to join them for a **Big Day Out** on the Lehigh River. Bike, hike and raft with Pocono Whitewater all in one big day! It's an awesome adventure for only \$89.95 per person! For your reservations, call 1-800-WHITEWATER or visit [www.poconowhitewater.com](http://www.poconowhitewater.com).
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- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** – each month, the **Pocono Mountain Seniors Group Meets** at the Pocono Summit Fire House in Pocono Summit. Interested? Call 839-8172.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** – each month, residents and business owners in Mt. Pocono and surrounding communities are invited to attend the **Meetings of the Mt. Pocono Association** at 9:00am at the Municipal Building (Rt. 611) in Mount Pocono. You may call 839-8030 for more information.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** – Each month, the **Coolbaugh Township Historical Association Meets** at 7:00pm at the Association Museum in the Municipal Center on 5550 Memorial Boulevard in Tobyhanna. Call the Museum at 894-4207. Visitors are welcome!
- Every Saturday** – **BINGO**, 6:30pm at the Promised Land firehouse off Route 390 in Promised Land.
- 4th Sunday of every month** - **Historians of Sterling Township Meeting**, 2:00pm in the Sterling United Methodist Church Sunday School Room. Anyone interested in becoming a member may call 676-3206. All are welcome.

**3rd Thursday of every month** - The *Pocono Mountain Chapter of the National Rail Historical Society Meets* at the Tannersville Learning Center. Visitors are welcome! For more information, call 421-6947.

**2nd & 4th Monday of every month** - *Exchange Club of the Pocono Mountains Meeting* at Dansbury Depot in East Stroudsburg. New members are welcomed at any time. For additional information about the group, please call Carol Hutson, secretary, at 223-0848.

**4th Monday of every month** - *Meeting of the Pocono Mountain Women's Club*, 7:30pm at Tobyhanna Elementary Center in Pocono Pines. Interested in joining? Call the Membership Chairperson at 646-3954. Meetings held every month except Dec. and June.

**Sundays** - *Coffee Hour* at the Zion United Church of Christ, 14 N. 8th Street, Stroudsburg at 10:00am.

**1st Sunday of every month** - *Breakfast* at the Coolbaugh Fire Company Building, Laurel Drive (off Rt. 611) in Tobyhanna from 8:00 until noon.

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