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Welcome to the Ninth Annual Plein Air Event **Sunday • April 30, 2023**

Schedule for the Day

Location

Please see descriptions, addresses, and directions in this Event packet.

- Dale/Engle/Walker property and Dale's Ridge, Strawbridge Road, off Route 192, west of Lewisburg

Schedule

- **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** Artists' Guild of Lewisburg volunteers will be present at the Dale-Engle-Walker Property under the Lewisburg Arts council tent to give you your Event packet and answer questions.
- **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:** Kelly Charlesworth, a well-known plein air artist from Harrisburg, will present an optional workshop at the Dale-Engle-Walker House. Afterward you may find a location at the Dale-Engle-Walker Property or along the Dale's Ridge to paint or draw.
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- **4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** You are invited to return to the Dale Engle Walker House for sharing and refreshments. This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with other participants and view one another's work of the day—finished nor not.

Plein Air Event Artwork Show

You are invited to display your artwork at The Public Library for Union County for the month of June. Guidelines for the show are included in this Event packet and are available on the websites of the Linn Conservancy and the Lewisburg Arts Council (www.linnconservancy.org; www.lewisburgartscouncil.com). Any work **begun** today or during the following two weeks until May 13, 2023 at this site or any of the Linn Conservancy sites or during the Urban Sketching workshop is welcome to be submitted.

GUIDELINES FOR ARTISTS

PLEIN AIR DAY April 30, 2023

- Everyone from budding to accomplished artist is welcome to participate.
- A parent or guardian must supervise students under the age of 16.
- No pets.
- Artwork may be done in any medium you wish.
- Create artwork by yourself or in a group.
- Stay in one place, stroll from spot to spot, work at one site or visit each.
- Please visit only designated areas.
- Please bring all your own equipment as well as lunch, snacks and water. These will not be available at the locations.

“Take nothing; leave nothing but footprints.”

- Please do not remove or disturb anything native to the sites (vegetation, animals, rocks). Let’s leave it as we found it.
- Please leave absolutely no trash or waste at the sites—including water or solvents used to clean brushes. Bring a container for waste liquid and take it home. Trash bags in which you may place your waste are included in your Event Packet.

Continuing the Plein Air Event for the week of April 30 through May 13, plein air artists are invited to return to the Dale/Engle/Walker property, the Koons property, and Shikellamy State Park. These sites are open to the public.

Artists are invited to present completed works begun at any of the sites from April 30 through May 13 to be displayed at the Public Library for Union County in June 2023. Guidelines for displaying those works are included in your Event Packet and are available at our websites.

PLEIN AIR SITE DESCRIPTIONS/DIRECTIONS

Dale-Engle-Walker Property, 1471 Strawbridge Rd., Lewisburg

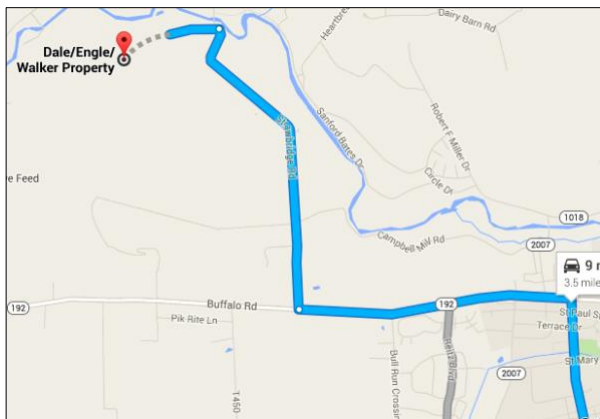


The Dale-Engle-Walker (DEW) property, bordered by Buffalo Creek, offers a variety of habitats including flood plain, streamside riparian buffer, mature woodlots and open fields. The property is home to Dale's Ridge Trail, which, to the north, presents scenic ridge-top views of Buffalo Valley farmland with White Deer Ridge and Nittany Mountain beyond.

In early spring, multitudes of wildflowers grace the property. Yellow trout lilies and Virginia bluebells appear in the rich soil of the floodplain. Wildflowers at the Dale's Ridge Trail switchback are white or purple hepatica, rue anemone and wild ginger. Mayapple, hepatica and eastern columbine are found in the woodlot, an old-growth stand of oak, hickories and ash, dominated by a healthy sugar maple population.

A shallow pond in the Buffalo Creek floodplain supports spring peepers, wood turtles and frogs. In springtime, jelly-like masses containing hundreds of frog eggs float just below the surface.

The Federal-style Dale-Engle-Walker House, constructed of locally quarried limestone by Samuel Dale in 1793, is a focal point of the property and a perennial favorite of artists and photographers.



Directions: 3.6 miles, 7 minutes from Routes 15 & 45/Market St., Lewisburg

- Head north on Route 15 – 0.5 miles
- Turn left onto PA-192 W/ Buffalo Road – 1.7 miles
- Turn right onto Strawbridge Road/T450 – 1.4 miles (Destination will be on the left. Drive up the lane to the DEW House parking area.)

Koons Property (Koons Trail) N. 4th St., Mifflinburg

The Koons property, a 25-acre conservation easement within the borough of Mifflinburg, is the site of the Koons Trail and the historic Hassenplug Covered Bridge, which crosses Buffalo Creek.



North of Buffalo Creek, one-time farm fields have been restored to their former floodplain character. Several depressions were created to further diversify this

landscape. A slight rise was added here to create a site for viewing this wetland. The area is habitat for amphibians, muskrat, mink, resident and migratory birds, including the American woodcock, a plump, long-billed bird that performs dramatic courtship flights in early evening and morning from mid-March to late May.

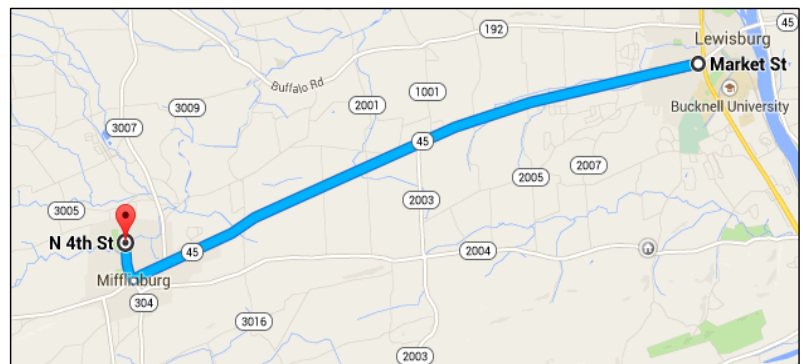


South of Buffalo Creek the eastern portion of the trail includes a loop that follows Buffalo Creek, then passes a number of vernal pools and gives access from the loop to a wildflower meadow most colorful in summer and fall. Within the main loop one can meander along several interior pathways where a variety of wildflowers such as mayapple, skunk cabbage, dog toothed violets and spring beauty may be observed.

(Please note: the necessary removal of dead ash trees several years ago greatly altered this portion of the trail network. Work to restore it to its former character is on-going but will take some time.)

Directions: 8.8 miles, 14 minutes, (without traffic) from Routes 15 & 45/ Market St., Lewisburg

- Head west on PA-45/Market St.
- Continue to follow PA-45 W into Mifflinburg— 8.3 mi
- Turn right onto N 4th St. – 0.5 mi



Shikellamy Bluffs adjacent to Shikellamy State Park in Union Twp., Union Co.

Shikellamy Bluffs, purchased by the Linn Conservancy in 2015, is the Conservancy's newest land protection project. Ownership of the 36-acre, ecologically significant property, which abuts the north edge of the Shikellamy State Park overlook, passed to the Pennsylvania State Parks system in 2017.

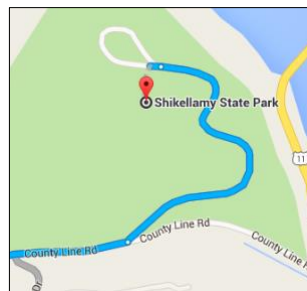
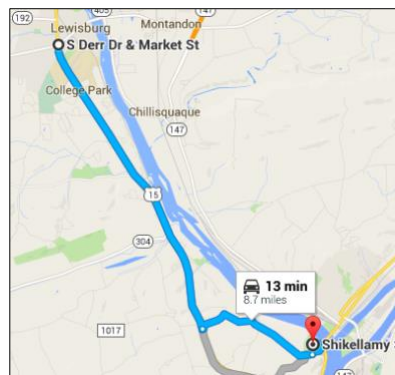


The property offers plein air artists breathtaking vistas of the confluence of the West and North Branches of the Susquehanna River, as well as the river valleys of both branches. Shikellamy Bluffs also provides an elegant natural backdrop to the Susquehanna River and Lake Augusta when viewed from either Sunbury or Northumberland.

In addition, the site provides woodland vistas along County Line Road and more than 2,400 feet of woodland buffer on the western boundary of Shikellamy State Park. A multi-tiered forest that has a canopy of red oak, chestnut oak, ash, American basswood, striped maple, red maple, sugar maple, black birch, and Virginia pine dominates areas of native vegetation. White oaks, some sizeable, occur near and in the stream corridor that traverses the southwestern portion of the site. Wooded areas open to picturesque glades.



Lowbush blueberry, pink lady's slipper orchids, and various herbs and grasses make up the understory, helping to provide valuable habitat for forest mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. Ravens, great-horned owls, wood thrushes, titmice, and pileated, red-bellied, and downy woodpeckers, as well as many other species are seen and heard on the site.



Directions: 8.7 miles, 13 minutes, from Routes 15 & 45/Market St., Lewisburg

- Go south on Route 15, 5.9 miles.
- Turn left onto County Line Road. Continue on County Line – 2.4 miles
- Take a slight left onto Shikellamy State Park Road to top of hill – 0.4 miles

Turtle Creek Park at Furnace and Supplee Mill Roads in East Buffalo Township

East Buffalo Township has acquired the former Turtle Creek Dog Park, 79 acres of undeveloped land that is open to both dogs and humans—artists included.

Visit Turtle Creek between May 1 and May 13 to create Plein Air art eligible to enter in the Plein Air Exhibit to be held during the month of June at The Library for Union County.



Turtle Creek Park presents a variety of habitats. The western end of the Park (closer to Supplee Mill Road) is open space of meadows and wetland areas with a view of Montour Ridge in the distance.

Turtle Creek ambles charmingly through the Park. A picturesque bridge crosses to the eastern side of the park where trails lead into hilly, quiet woodlands. The park is refuge for native wildlife.



Directions: 3.1 miles, 6 minutes, from Routes 15 & 45 / Market St., Lewisburg

- From PA-45/Market Street drive south on Route 15 for 2.8 miles
- Turn right onto Furnace Road and continue for 1.2 miles
- Turn right onto Supplee Mill Road. The entrance to the parking lot is immediately to the right



Kelly Charlesworth's Supply List

I welcome any medium. Participants can feel free to bring the supplies that they wish to. I will work with what they have.

However, if you would like paint color suggestions, I suggest the following:

- a warm red such as cadmium red
- a cool red such as alizarin crimson
- a warm blue such as cerulean blue
- a cool blue such as ultramarine blue
- a warm yellow cadmium yellow
- a cool yellow such as lemon yellow
- white
- burnt umber
- sap green
- yellow ochre

2023 Plein Air Art Show
Gallery 255
The Public Library for Union County
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA 17837
June 1 – June 30

Who can enter

All artists and photographers, young and old, amateur and professional, who participated in the 9th Annual Plein Air Event sponsored by the Merrill Linn Conservancy, the Lewisburg Arts Council, the Artists' Guild of Lewisburg, and the Union County Historical Society on April 30 and the following two weeks, until May 13, and the Urban Sketching Workshop on May 7th.

Entry Rules

- There is no entrance fee. The show will not be judged and no awards will be given.
- Any artwork started at one of the Plein Air Event sites from Sunday, April 30, through Saturday, May 13, even if it is completed at home or in studio, is welcome. The sites are the Dale-Engle-Walker Property, the Koons Trail property, Shikellamy Bluffs at Shikellamy Park, and Turtle Creek. Any photograph taken during the Nature Photo Hikes on Sunday, April 30.
- Three pieces per artist or photographer.
- You may submit one piece no larger than 36"x36", or 1,296 square inches, or up to 3 smaller pieces whose total combined square inches, including frames, is no larger than 1,296 square inches.
- No substitutions of artwork after online registration is complete.
- Must complete a registration label for each piece of artwork.
- The Lewisburg Arts Council reserves the right to decline work that is not of acceptable quality, is not original, is not installation ready, or is deemed unstable.

Mounting and framing

- Artwork must be dry, framed, and wired for hanging. No metal or plastic sawtooth hangers. The hanging system cannot accommodate them.
- Prepare your artwork for exhibit:
 - Clean glass or plexiglass on both sides.
 - Tape artwork to the mat. This is not necessary if the outside measurement of the work and the mat are the same.
 - Attach wire on both sides of the frame one-third of the way down from the top of the frame. The wire should not be taut, but there should be very little slack. If you have questions about how to properly wire your work, please contact me at the number given below.
- Photographs that are printed on paper must be matted and framed with glass or plexiglass. Photographs that are printed on other surfaces, such as wrapped canvas, need not be matted or framed, but they must be wired for hanging, in the manner described above.
- No matted-only artwork or photographs.

- You are encouraged to submit Urban Sketching artwork in the sketchbook or other original format in which it was done.

Sale of artwork

- No work may be removed until the show is taken down on June 30.
- Any queries about purchase of the artwork will be directed to the artist. Potential buyers will be instructed to contact the Lewisburg Arts Council at this email address: guild@lewisburgartscouncil.com. The Arts Council will then notify the artist of interest in the work. It is then the artist's responsibility to contact the buyer and make arrangements for the sale.
- The Library and Library staff are **not** involved in the selling of artwork.
- No commissions will be taken by either the Library or the Lewisburg Arts Council.

Reception

- The reception will be held on Monday, June 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Representatives from the Artists' Guild of Lewisburg and the Lewisburg Photography Club will be at the Library one day a week for two hours. The dates are Tuesdays, June 6, June 13, June 20, and June 27.

Delivery and pickup of artwork

- Delivery: Tuesday, May 30, in the large meeting room at the library. Register online here: <https://forms.gle/AzcYVtrPsUHU6eyQ6> After registering you will receive a scheduled time slot between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- You **MUST** register online before 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27.
- Pickup: Friday, June 30, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Questions? Call Barbara Baker, 570-412-1686, or email barbarabaker@mac.com