



# BERKS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

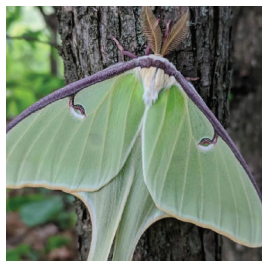
## AUGUST 2021 PROGRAMS

### **MOTH NIGHT**

Friday, August 6th – 8:00 p.m.

Bingaman Nature Center, 2843 Hill Rd, Reading

Join Jim Eckert and Environmental Education staff as we spend an evening outdoors in search of our nocturnal insect friends, moths. Bring a flashlight. FREE. Pre-registration required, contact [jbrooks@countyofberks.com](mailto:jbrooks@countyofberks.com) or call 484-509-2667.



### **WATERSHEDS, MACROS, AND MICROSCOPES**

Saturday, August 28th – 11:00 a.m.

Bingaman Nature Center, 2843 Hill Rd, Reading

Join us as we dive into what a watershed is and conduct experiments on mini watersheds to determine the effects our everyday practices have on land and water resources. We will then look into the fascinating world of macro invertebrates using live macros, discuss their amazing adaptations, and sort them to determine water quality. FREE. Pre-registration required, contact [jbrooks@countyofberks.com](mailto:jbrooks@countyofberks.com) or call 484.509.2667.



### **THE RETURN OF THE BATS OF THE BRIDGE!**

Thursday, August 26 – 7:00 p.m.

Berks County Heritage Center

Join Dr. Karen Campbell of Albright College and explore the lives of bats, from around the world, to Pennsylvania, to our own Wertz's Covered Red Bridge. We will talk about the characteristics that these flying mammals share, and those that make them distinctive, and how these supports a range of different roles in nature, including the interactions between bats and humans. Free and open to the public.



### **GRUBER WAGON WORKS WAGON**

#### **STORAGE OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, August 28th – 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Berks County Heritage Center

View the Heritage Center's collection of Gruber wagons. Featuring more than 20 Gruber made wagons, sleighs, and wheelbarrows, explore the onsite storage building at the Berks County Heritage Center. Free and open to the public.



## *Save the Date!*

### **MELCHER GRIST MILL OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, September 12th – 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Berks County Heritage Center

Tour the relocated 1888 Melcher's Grist Mill onsite at the Heritage Center. This special opening day will feature history and function of the mill, used by the Melcher family on their farm in Bally, Pennsylvania prior to the structure being relocated to the Heritage Center in 1985. The mill represents a rare and complete example of a water-powered, multi-purpose farm mill. Free and open to the public.

## **WE ARE OPEN!**

### **GRUBER WAGON WORKS**

Open Friday through Sunday. Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tours of the Wagon Works are offered on the hour each day with the last tour starting at 3:00 p.m.: Friday and Saturday tours are at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 and on Sundays 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00. Tours will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Admission fees are cash only. Tickets can be purchased in the lower level of the Heritage Center's Visitor Center Barn.

### **C. HOWARD HIESTER CANAL MUSEUM**

Open Friday – Sunday. On Fridays, the museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and seen by guided tour with tours starting every hour (10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3). The museum is open for walk in visitors on Saturdays and Sundays. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is Free on Saturdays and Sundays with a suggested donation of \$2.00/person. The museum features exhibits and displays highlighting the development, operation, and impact of the Union Canal and Schuylkill Navigation System in Berks County.

### **EPLER'S ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE**

Open Friday through Sunday. Members of the Friends of the Epler's One Room School House will be onsite to speak with visitors about the history and future restoration plans for the building. The School House is open during the regular hours of the Berks County Heritage Center, Friday and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **BINGAMAN NATURE CENTER AT ANTIETAM LAKE HOURS**

Open Fridays & Saturdays: 10-4, Sundays: 12-4