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LCA to debut 'Bug Fest' on July 10



Chainsaw Chix Sara Wojtowecz (Submitted photo)

Lewiston Council on the Arts and the Lewiston Public Library have teamed up to present a new event for children of all ages. "Bug Fest," an afternoon of insect-related activities, displays and demonstrations, will take place Saturday, July 10, in Seneca "Bug" Park, 308 S. Eighth St., Lewiston.

Participants can watch the chips fly as Chainsaw Chix Sara Wojtowecz carves a bookworm out of a hunk of wood; listen to a story by children's librarian Ann Seijka; see a performance by the Daughters of Creative Sound; observe a butterfly release; demo a beehive; taste local honey; and enjoy an afternoon celebrating bugs.

LCA said "Bring a blanket so your pod can sit and enjoy the story and performance. Children (and adults) are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite bug! There will be a special appearance by Lord and Lady Bugg for photo ops."

Masks are recommended for unvaccinated adults and children over 2 years of age. Each child will receive a goodie bag.

Preregistration is required. Call 754-4720 or stop in at the Lewiston Public Library adjacent to the park for free ticket information.

Times are staggered:
 ✓ Group 1 (limited to 50 kids) is 1-2:15 p.m.

✓ Group 2 (limited to 50 kids) is 2:30-3:45 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, a rain date is set for July 17.

The Lewiston Public Library also will offer bug displays on loan from 4 H Club member Samantha Biniecki. Mary Kate Fonzi, who is a biologist, has a display at the library and said she hopes kids will get over the "gross" factor and myths surrounding this fascinating animal group.

Calling all New York chalk artists: Enter 2021 Chalk YOUR Walk Competition

The Lewiston Council on the Arts is once again taking the Chalk YOUR Walk Competition online.

Organizers said, "This year, we're opening up the competition to anyone in New York state, and you can compete from the comfort of your driveway, parking lot, path or park! This year's theme is 'Imagine, Explore & Create!' Nature, music, animals, hobbies, books, sports ... anything can be the inspiration for your mural."

Guidelines and instructions can be found on the LCA website, <https://artcouncil.org/>, and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lewistonartscouncil/>.

Participants can take a picture of their artwork and then email it with the artist(s) name, age, ZIP code and a short artist statement about their inspiration to Kathryn@ArtCouncil.org by Aug. 1.

Judges will select the Best of Show winner (\$500 prize). All submissions will be posted on the LCA Facebook page, with the People's Choice Award (\$250 prize) determined by online voting. At 4 p.m. Aug. 14, the LCA will announce the winners at the Lewiston Art Festival and on Facebook.

Chalk YOUR Walk is sponsored by KeyBank and Hyatt's All Things Creative! For more information, call 754-0166.

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