

**Spring Wildflowers**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Dr Webster will review the basic flower anatomy that is useful for plant identification. If available, he will bring flowers to show and share for hands on identification.

**Presenter: Dr. Harold Webster**  
**Professor Emeritus**  
**Penn State University**



### What is CCLI?

The Mature Resources Area Agency on Aging, in collaboration with Commonwealth University - Clearfield, is pleased to offer a great educational opportunity for adult residents of Clearfield County.

Together, the Agency and CU-Clearfield have established the Clearfield Community Lifelong Learning Institute. Courses are geared towards the interests of the baby boomers and older citizens. Typical sessions will last approximately 90 minutes and will be taught primarily by Commonwealth University faculty and community individuals with specific expertise. All programs are free, or very low cost for supplies, etc.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

All sessions held at the CU-Clearfield campus will be located in **Room A131** of the Academic building unless otherwise noted.

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Visit [www.mraaa.life](http://www.mraaa.life) and click on the “Clearfield Community Lifelong Learning Institute” Link for additional information.

To be added to our mailing list, please call 814-765-2696.

All attendees must be registered to attend any of the classes. Please remember to call 814-765-2696 to register.



# 2024 Upcoming Programs



## **Forest and Fungi: A Wood-Wide Web** **Tuesday, February 13, 2024** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Much is being brought to light about how our forests depend on fungi, and how fungi depend on forests. Learn about some of these interactions during this program, and learn just how important fungi are to our own survival.

**Presenter: Eric Rensel**  
**Natural Resource Program**  
**Specialist 1 DCNR**

## **From the Land to the Lab,** **How Hearts Work** **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a heart looks like? Would you like to learn more about the heart and how it functions? All mammalian hearts are remarkably similar and the deer heart is a useful example for learning about how the human heart is constructed and functions. Through dissection of a deer heart, Dr. Amy Way will explain heart anatomy, highlighting special features such as its four chambers and valves, and explain how blood moves through the heart. Those who attend are welcome to not only view the heart, but don a pair of gloves and participate!

**Presenter: Dr. Amy Way**  
**Professor Commonwealth University**  
**Department of Exercise**  
**and Health Science**

## **The Sandy Lick Mountain** **Dulcimer Players** **Tuesday, March 12, 2024** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

One of only two instruments to originate in North America (the other being the 5-string banjo), the mountain dulcimer will be featured when the Sandy Lick Mountain Dulcimer Players present a program of music, sing-a-longs, and short videos. The long, stringed instrument, played from a lap position, has provided a rich and varied musical voice for folk, gospel, and many other styles of music for over a century. Those attending the program will learn some of the dulcimer's history and be invited to try the mountain dulcimer for themselves, using several practice instruments.

**Presenter: Ms. Ginny Schott and the**  
**Sandy Lick Mountain Dulcimer Players**



## **DiamondBack Covers Tour** **354 Enterprise Drive** **Philipsburg PA 16866** **(Parking across the street from plant.)** **Tuesday, March 26, 2024** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

DiamondBack Covers was founded in 2003 by Matt Chverchko and Ethan Wendle when Matt built a secure truck bed cover in response to someone stealing his tree stand from his truck. Ethan, who shared an entrepreneurship class with Matt at Penn State University recognized the potential in the cover and the two became partners. They began their operation in a trailer in State College, then moved to a garage in Philipsburg, and eventually grew to operate inside of the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center until 2017. Today, DiamondBack employs a dedicated and growing team of 158 employees at its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at the end of Enterprise Drive in Philipsburg. Tour the plant and learn more about this company

**Welcome by: Sarah Klawinski**  
**Recruiting and Onboarding Manager**

**Limit is 15 participants**  
**Tour will be divided into two groups.**

**You must wear closed toed shoes and be able to amble walk without assistance. Safety glasses must be worn. You may bring your own glasses or a pair will be provided for you.**



## **Pennsylvania Elk Herd:** **Yesterday and Today** **Tuesday, April 9, 2024** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

The program will cover PA elk history, elk ecology and the current status of the herd. Also discussed will be the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and the Elk County Visitor Center. Handouts and educational props will be included.

**Presenter: Mr. Ben Porkolab**  
**Conservation Education Coordinator**  
**Keystone Elk County Alliance**  
**Elk County Visitor Center**  
**Benezette PA**

## **Continental Carbonic Products -** **Dry Ice Plant Tour** **40 Technology Drive** **Clearfield PA 16830** **Tuesday, April 23, 2024** **(Meet in parking lot at 12:45 PM)** **1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

Continental Carbonic Products, Inc. specializes in the manufacture and distribution of dry ice. Come explore and learn details of the manufacturing and distribution of their product. During its many years in business, Continental Carbonic has seen the use of dry ice expand across industries because of its affordability and versatility. The demand for dry ice continues to grow with the introduction of a technology called dry ice blasting.

**Presenter: Brent Hand**  
**Plant Manager**

**Limit is 15 participants.**  
**Attendees will need to be able to walk without assistance or devices, and be able to maneuver up and down stairs.**