

Writers Group To Hold Monthly Meeting

By GLVWG

EASTON, PA.—Greater Lehigh Valley Writers' Group (GLVWG) will hold its monthly meeting from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The meeting is offered in a hybrid format—in-person at the Palmer Branch of the Easton Library, 1 Weller Place, Palmer, PA, and online via Zoom.

Membership business will be conducted from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. From 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., writer Lee Upton will present "Getting to Know Your Characters Better." This program will focus on developing 3-dimensional characters.

From 12:15-1:15 p.m., attendees are welcome to participate in an Open Mic. Bring a page or two of a work in progress to share with fellow writers over the day's lunch break (this will not be available over Zoom).

From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Upton will present an afternoon workshop that takes a deeper dive into creating 3-dimensional characters. Registration is required for Upton's afternoon program. Cost is free for members; \$15 for non-members payable via AccuPay. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for any GLVWG event.

Visit <https://greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org/event-6723743> to register. For more information or to register for the events, go to greaterlehighvalleywritersgroup.wildapricot.org; "GLVWG Events".

New members are always welcome.



Bloom Creative Studio School's Out, Summer's In!

By Bloom Creative Studio

BANGOR - The school year is done, summer schedules are opening up, and the temperatures are starting to soar! As we trade homework and busy routines for longer days and sunshine, it's the perfect time to make space for creativity.

At Bloom Creative Studio, we're inviting both kids and adults to beat the heat and discover the joy of creating.

Whether you're looking for a fun activity for your child, a creative outlet for yourself, or a way to spend quality time together, our studio offers a cool, welcoming space where imagination can flourish. From painting and drawing to mixed media and special workshops, there's something for every age and skill level.

Why Spend Summer at Bloom?

A comfortable, air-conditioned space to escape the summer heat

Opportunities to learn new skills, relax, and express yourself

A welcoming community where creativity brings people together

No experience necessary just bring your curiosity and creativity

Summer isn't just for vacations and pool days it's also the perfect time to explore a new hobby, reignite your creative spark, or finally try that art class you've been thinking about. Bloom Creative Studio is the place to be.

Join Us This Summer!

Classes, workshops, open studio sessions, and special events are happening all season long. Come cool off, get inspired, and create something beautiful with us.

We can't wait to see you at the studio!

Happy Summer, The Bloom Creative Studio Team.

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Lehigh Valley Entrepreneurs Take the Spotlight with Big Ideas and Big Dreams

By Paul Muschick

LEHIGH VALLEY - Lehigh Valley entrepreneurs developing technology to help small manufacturers; protect the environment; and support national defense were among those recognized in the region's recent pitch competitions and entrepreneur awards ceremonies.

The events, hosted by Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Lafayette College, and Lehigh University provide opportunities for a range of entrepreneurs, from college students to emerging companies, to showcase their ideas and compete for prizes to further fund their work.

Entrepreneurs play a key role in the Lehigh Valley's \$57.3 billion economy. They bring new products and technologies to market, create jobs, and strengthen communities. Supporting entrepreneurs is one of the priorities of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC) in the organization's Strategic Plan for 2025-2027.

Lafayette College

The Dyer Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Lafayette College held its annual Big Idea Pitch Competition on April 22.

Daniel Danzinger and Alex Tkachyov won the \$1,500 first-place prize for Inline, an AI-powered Socratic Tutor that provides students with around-the-clock mentorship and asks guided questions, rather than fixing errors, to deter AI plagiarism. Inline also won the Audience Choice Award of \$200.

Kashif Chopra, Robert McClosky, and Liam Sawian won the \$1,000 second-place prize for Boli, an app where Indians — especially people from India's tribal and indigenous communities — can share folk stories, oral traditions, and cultural knowledge in their native language via an app, simple voice note, or text message.

Bahadır Karabulut and Abdi Kusata won the third-place prize of \$500 for Unipal, which turns a college's website into a conversational experience by soliciting questions and providing instant answers along with relevant opportunities.

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