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## **Peddler’s Village to Present New Spring Event: “Best of the Nest” Birdhouse Competition & Display**

*People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to take part in the competition for the chance to win cash prizes; deadline to enter is April 1, 2024*

Lahaska, PA — This spring, Peddler’s Village, a countryside shopping, dining, lodging, and family entertainment destination in the heart of historic Bucks County, PA, will be presenting its first ever [Best of the Nest](#) Birdhouse Competition & Display, a five-week event produced in partnership with the [Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow](#) and [AIA Bucks County](#), a local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The display will be on view from April 13 through May 19, 2024; [entries](#) are due on April 1. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Admission to the display is free and open to the public.

The Best of the Nest event is the newest addition to the lineup of Peddler’s Village year-round competition and display themes that include PEEPS®, cupcakes, scarecrows, photography, and gingerbread.

Celebrating nature, habitats, and human creativity, Best of the Nest will showcase unique birdhouses designed, built, and detailed by members of the public. Categories include Traditional, Whimsical, Bucks County Landmark, Natural Habitat, Professional, Student (ages 12-17), and Kids Only! (ages 11 and under). People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to take part, and entries from those in the design/build industry are particularly welcome. Cash prizes range from \$25 to \$400.

People interested in entering the competition but who first want to learn more about birds and birdhouse-making are invited to attend the free “Make a Better Birdhouse: Helpful Hints” program on Sunday, March 17. At 1 pm, the Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow will present “Fantastic Feathered Friends,” which will educate attendees about bird habitats and behaviors, how to spot them, and why birds are so important to our natural world. At 2 pm, members of the Bucks County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will present “Birdhouse Style – Thinking Outside the Box,” which will include a brief history of birdhouses,

the elements of birdhouses, what makes each house unique, and basic design principles such as form and function.

Judging criteria for the competition will include: overall appearance/composition of the design; originality/use of materials; craftsmanship; “fit” in the category; level of difficulty in the design and execution; and suitability for bird type (natural habitat category only). One birdhouse will also be selected by visitors by popular vote to receive a People’s Choice award; the prize for the People’s Choice award will be a \$350 Peddler’s Village restaurant gift card.

Birdhouses must be dropped off on Sunday, April 7 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Cock ‘n Bull. Voting for the People’s Choice award will take place through May 5 via the Peddler’s Village mobile app, free on iOS and Android, or via paper ballot. Voting is limited to one ballot per person per visit, though additional ballots can be obtained by donating on-site to either the [Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow](#) or and [AIA Bucks County’s George J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship](#).

Also taking place during the Best of the Nest: Birdhouse Competition & Display will be a free scavenger hunt in which guests can find inanimate birds native to Bucks County “hidden” throughout the Village. Materials and details can be obtained at the Visitor and Event Center.

Upcoming spring events at Peddler’s Village include [an old-fashioned egg hunt and Easter dining](#) during the weekend of March 30-31; a [Cupcake Decorating Competition](#) from April 29 through May 12; the annual [Strawberry Festival](#) on May 4 and 5; Food Truck Thursdays on May 23 and June 20; and the Bucks Fever Art & Sculpture Exhibition from June 15 through June 30. A call for entries for the Bucks Fever Art & Sculpture Exhibition will be announced soon.

For more information about other upcoming [festivals and events](#), visit [PeddlersVillage.com](#) or call the Peddler’s Village Hospitality Center at 215-794-4051.

To inquire about events sponsorship, contact Justin Seery at [justins@peddlersvillage.com](mailto:justins@peddlersvillage.com).

### **Peddler’s Village**

Peddler’s Village is a 42-acre shopping, dining, lodging, and family entertainment destination in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that features graceful 18th-century-style buildings, lush gardens, and winding brick walkways. Created by Earl and Sheila Jamison in 1962, Peddler’s Village has become one of Pennsylvania’s premier attractions, drawing more than two million visitors each year. Its historical storybook setting includes 60-plus distinctive retail shops, seven

restaurants, the 66-room Golden Plough Inn, and the Gigglesberry Fair indoor family fun center. Peddler's Village hosts numerous year-round festivals and seasonal events for the public, and is a popular site for weddings, corporate events, reunions, picnics, birthdays, and holiday parties.

Peddler's Village is located in the heart of Bucks County in Lahaska, Pennsylvania, just 40 miles north of Philadelphia and 80 miles southwest of New York City. For more information, visit [PeddlersVillage.com](http://PeddlersVillage.com) or call 215-794-4000.

### **About Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow**

Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow was founded in 1969 to educate and engage children and adults of the greater Bucks County region about our natural world, with an emphasis on conservation and stewardship, including protection of birds, wildlife, and habitats.

We're just around the corner from Peddler's Village. Bucks County Audubon Society maintains a thriving nature preserve with over six miles of hiking trails that are open to the public from dawn to dusk every day for hiking, bird watching, or just enjoying. The grounds boast an organic vegetable garden, Audubon Pond, meadows, forests, and of course, the Honey Hollow creek.

Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow offers a wide variety of programs for all ages. Each year Bucks Audubon provides high quality educational programs for over 5,000 people, from children at summer camp and field trips to birding trips and lectures for all ages. Visit [BCAS.org](http://BCAS.org) for more information on our programs. Venmo: @HoneyHollowTrails

### **About AIA Bucks County's George J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship**

AIA Bucks County's George J. Donovan Memorial Scholarship assists Bucks County high school graduates (graduating seniors) interested in furthering their education in architecture and related fields. The scholarship was created in memory of George J. Donovan, AIA who was instrumental in shaping the architecture of Bucks County during his career of over 50 years until his passing in 2018. In his retirement, Mr. Donovan was a prolific watercolor artist who displayed his work in the former Upstairs Gallery at Peddler's Village. Over the years, Mr. Donovan and the firm that is part of his legacy, Phillips & Donovan Architects, LLC, have been instrumental in the planning and design of many of the buildings in Peddler's Village.

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