

Community Nature Journal Project Guidelines & Submission Form



Thank you for participating in the Community Nature Journal Project to Celebrate Earth Day in Phoenixville. The goal of this project is to connect people of all ages to nature and each other as well. As nature inspires you, create your own page for this Earth Day Journal. This compilation will be woven together with responsive poetry by Phoenixville poet Vincent Tavani as a singular community gift of Phoenixville's 2024 Earth Day. This project is brought to you by the Phoenixville Area Transition and Green Teams as well as artist partners, Tienfong Ho, Vincent Tavani, and Jolie Chylack. Please use the following guidelines when creating your journal page:

1. We encourage ALL members of the Greater Phoenixville Community to participate in the project. No special skills or experience is necessary.
2. We welcome you to follow our journal prompts when developing ideas for your finalized journal page even if your final page does not include all aspects indicated in the prompts.
2. Your final submission MUST include location and date metadata; please refer to the Nature Journal Project "Zine" reference.
3. Dimensions of your support must be 7.5 x 11 inches, Orientation ("landscape" or "portrait") is your choice.
4. This is a two-dimensional project and your flatwork submission must not exceed a total thickness of ~ 5 millimeters whether you are painting impasto, using folded papers, or embellishing with textiles or natural specimens etc.
5. You may use your own support material (board, metal sheeting, cork slice, silk, photography paper, etc.) or arrange to pick up recommended watercolor paper cut to size from Jolie Chylack's Studio in Spring City.*
6. Materials and finalized journal page must have enough internal integrity to hold together on its own and not fall apart under normal circumstances, gentle handling, temperatures and pressures.
7. Media must be fully cured when submitted and no more toxic than traditional artist media, paints etc. Please do not use perishable or hazardous foods or substances, human bodily fluids, etc.
9. Journal subjects and entries must be selected from natural sites in and around Greater Phoenixville, namely, Phoenixville Borough, Schuylkill Township, Charlestown Township, East and West Vincent, East and West Pikeland, East and West Nantmeal, North, South and East Coventry; Warwick, Elverson Borough, and Upper Providence. These precincts include Valley Forge National Park and the towns of Audubon, Kimberton, Birchrunville, Chester Springs, Spring City and Mont Clare.
10. Nature in and around your home and gardens are fine subjects for your nature journal.
11. Please return your completed journal page to Jolie Chylack Studio 20 E. Bridge St., Studio 100, Spring City, PA 19475 by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. *Please email jchylack@joliechylackstudio to make paper pickup and submission drop off arrangements.

When submitting, please fill out this submission form and affix it to the back of your journal entry

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Artist statement - Please provide 3-5 sentences about yourself, the subject of your submission, and what your environment means to you: _____



I understand that the artwork made for this project is a gift without compensation to the Phoenixville Community. It will be retained as property of the Nature Journaling Project. The artwork, if selected, may be placed on public view at area community organizations, museums, libraries, schools, etc. The artwork may also be scanned, photographed and otherwise reproduced for inclusion in a book or magazines or used for marketing purposes, in social media, and websites.

Artist Signature

Date