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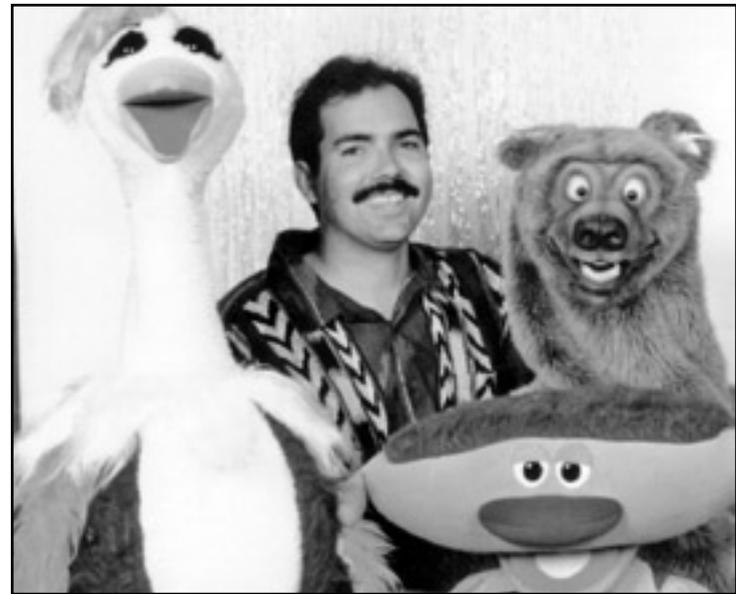
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Offer Valid Sunday through Friday only at the Esquire IMAX Theatre in Downtown Sacramento. Guests must present a restaurant receipt from any downtown area restaurant that values at least \$20. Tickets can only be purchased at the Esquire IMAX Theatre Box Office. Not valid for

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*The Esquire IMAX Theatre is located at 1211 K Street on downtown Sacramento's K Street Mall next door to the Sacramento Convention Center. To order reserved seats and for information on showtimes, call (916) 443-IMAX or visit [www.imax.com/sacramento](http://www.imax.com/sacramento).*

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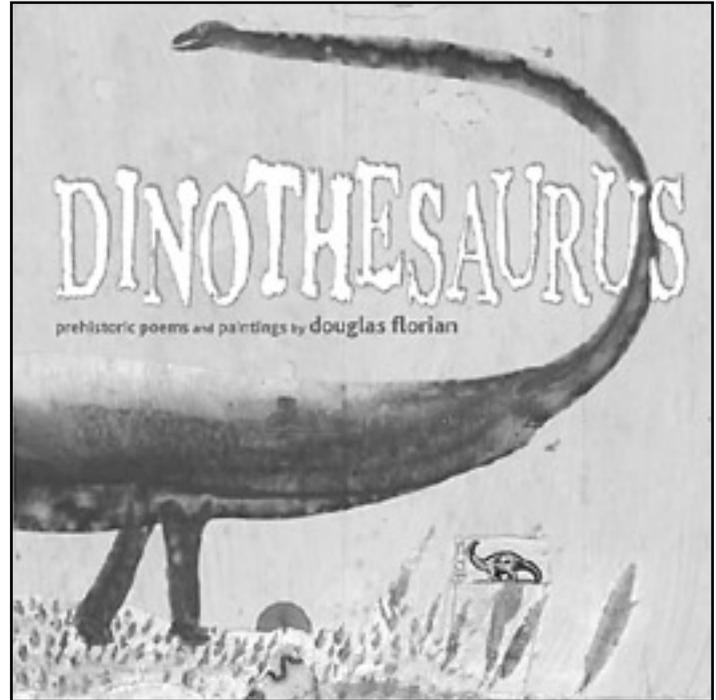
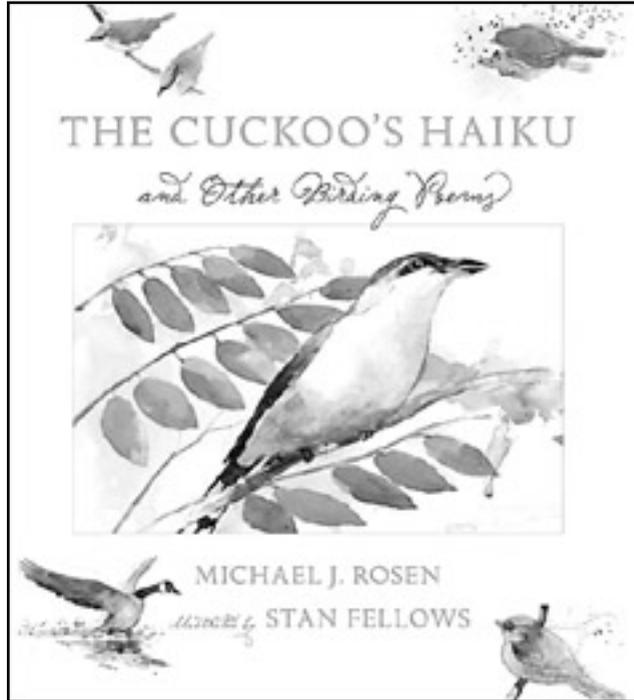
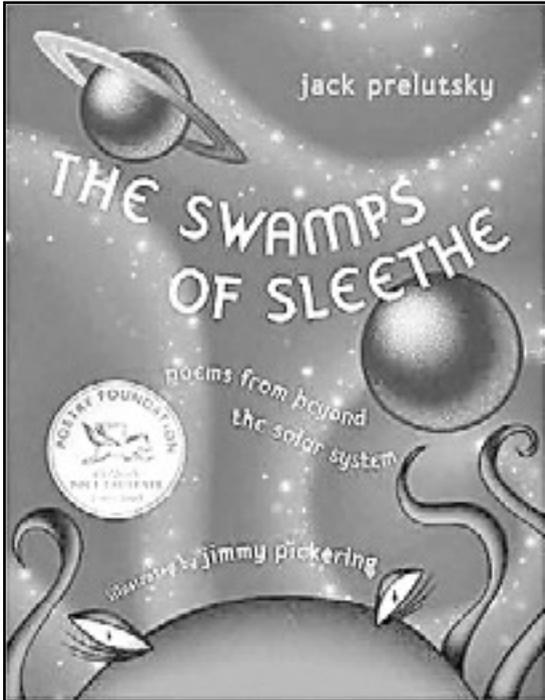
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# The Book Report: Poetry for Kids

By Connie Goldsmith

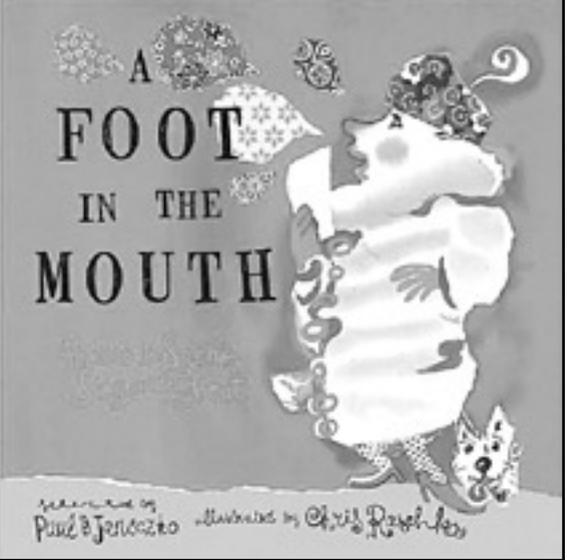
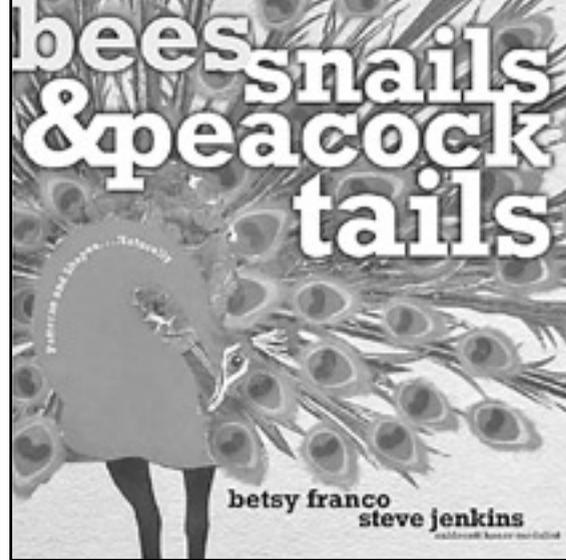
If you remember poetry as boring verses you had to memorize in school, take another look. Poetry comes as naturally to children as music. Even infants can appreciate the melody of poetry's rhythmic words. Poetry is meant to be read aloud, and it's best when shared with another. Whether rhymed or unrhymed, the best poetry uses words rich in sensory details to explore new images and ideas. Poems come in all shapes and sizes, and there's sure to be one just right for your child.

"*The Swamps of Sleethe*," by Jack Prelutsky, illustrated by Jimmy Pickering. (Knopf). Subtitled, "poems from beyond the solar system," The nation's first Children's Poet Laureate, takes his work to a whole new level in this collection which is not meant for the faint of heart! He explores a dozen darkly imaginative planets that are too far away and too terrible to comprehend! Using a rich vocabulary Prelutsky describes how a space traveler could die on these hideous worlds: He could be eaten by giant bugs or poison flowers, frozen into icy slivers on Drifig Prime, or dissolved into goo by the globulings of Wolvar Sprod. Older kids will have fun with these poems and enjoy spouting them off to friends. Check

out the demon birds of Lonithor with seven sets of wings and scimitar beaks! The boldly colored art expertly captures the essence of these gruesome, yet strangely appealing worlds.

"*The Cuckoo's Haiku and Other Birding Poems*," by Michael J. Rosen, illustrated by Stan Fellows. (Candlewick). For those who prefer less lethal poetry, this exquisitely rendered book resembles an ornithologist's field notebook filled with drawings and handwritten jottings detailing a year's worth of bird sightings grouped by the seasons. The sparse haiku format of the poems flawlessly suits the birds' characteristics: "The cuckoo's haiku/ hidden like the chance of rain/ its name, repeating," and, "December's bugler/ jay!jay!jay! your own carol/ its one gift, the blues." End pages detail the two dozen birds feted in these lovely water-colored pages. Whether birding in the foods or fields, or watching garden bird feeders through a glass window, this book will delight anyone who cares about the small feathered denizens of our land.

"*Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings*," by Douglas Florian. (Atheneum). Kids never tire of dinosaurs, and when portrayed in poetry,



so much the better. "Ste-gosaur-us, Her-bi-vor-us, Dined on plants inside the forest. Bony plates grew on its back, perhaps to guard it from attack." Eighteen different dinosaurs poetically parade between poems heralding the Age of Dinosaurs and lamenting the End of Dinosaurs. The words are crafty and silly and oodles of fun to read aloud. The dinosaurs themselves are spectacularly drawn on brown paper bags in crayon in a primitive yet evocative hand, with humorous touches of collage to add interest; for example, cell phones and laptops dribble from the green *Giganotosaurus*' mouth. *T. Rex* sports an I-pod and spews out a mouthful of edible and inedible tidbits. The "Glossarysaurus" offers detail on each creature and lists museums where families can view dinosaur fossils.

"*Bees, Snails, and Peacock Tails*," by Betsy Franco. Art by Steve Jenkins. (McElderry). Explore the hidden

shapes and patterns found in nature with your child. The Earth's creatures seem naturally skilled at geometry. The hexagons formed by worker bees as they create a honeycomb are marvels of manufacture. The concentric circles of a well-formed web are unrivaled. Birds flying in a graceful "V" navigate the skies with ease. And the pointy arms of starfish are perfectly formed no matter the number. The Caldecott Honor artist brings nature's geometry to life through his lively and colorful paintings. Even the diamonds on the rattlers are engaging and a pleasure to the eye.

"*A Foot in the Mouth*," poems selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Chris Raschka. (Candlewick). Subtitled, "Poems to speak, sing, and shout," this book delivers as promised. Selections from such widely diverse poets as Lewis Carroll, A. A. Milne, Edward Lear, Shakespeare, and a host of more modern

writers are included in this eclectic collection. Poems for two or three people to read together add additional seasoning to this tangy anthology. Bilingual poems, tongue twisters, rhymes, and concrete (shaped) poems beg to be read aloud. The Caldecott Medalist artist brightens each page with vibrant accents of color and shape and patterns. A peek at the front and end papers hints at the fun inside the pages.

Connie Goldsmith lives in Carmichael where she writes for adults and children. Her latest nonfiction juvenile books, "*Cutting Edge Medicine*," "*Meningitis*," and "*Superbugs Strike Back: when antibiotics fail*," can be found in school and public libraries, and at online booksellers.

**Happy  
Mother's day!  
From California Kids!**



## Mother's Day Fundraiser

**A** rewarding Mother's Day experience is just a few clicks away. Registration for the Walk to Empower in Southside Park, 2115 6th Street, Sacramento, on May 10, is now open. The walk is a great family friendly non-competitive event. Registration is free of charge.

Funds do not go toward research. Instead, Network of Strength provides immediate emotional relief through its 24/7 breast cancer support center for anyone affected by the disease.

Registering for the event gives participants a personal webpage to share pictures, post messages, send e-mails, track fundraising progress and thank donors.

The Mother's Day fundraiser for Breast Cancer Network of Strength will be held rain or shine, at Southside Park at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 10. Information and registration at walk. [networkofstrength.org](http://networkofstrength.org) or call 1(877) 963-7223 ext. 2739.

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*For information about local programs and events, call 877-963-7223 ext. 2739 or visit [www.networkofstrength.org/northern-california](http://www.networkofstrength.org/northern-california).*

## Happy Mother's Day!

**Y**ou've skinned your knee. You have a tummy-ache. You don't understand your homework. Who ya gonna call? MOM! You can call her Mom or Mum, Mama or Mommy, Mother or Ma but whatever you call her, she's always there when you need some tender loving care. See if you can find some of the things in this puzzle that make you think of your mother. The words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or backwards. Give her a big hug and a kiss on Mother's Day!

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 Mothers Day  
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## Nature History Hike

**B**ring the kids to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, located in beautiful Ancil Hoffman Park, Sunday, May 3, 1:30 p.m., for a nature hike. Enjoy the majesty of 200-year old oak trees and the fragrant, colorful wildflowers so attractive to pollinators. Take this guided walk to discover how the plants and animals in the Nature Area each have a place in this environment.



*The Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 489-4918 or visit [www.effieyeaw.org](http://www.effieyeaw.org).*

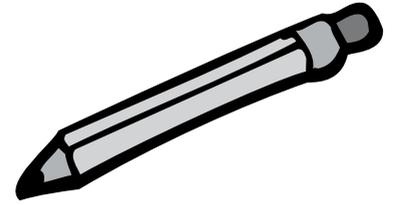


## Awesome artwork Bailey!

age 5, Fair Oaks



# MAKE IT YOURSELF!



## Painted flower pots

**P**ainted flower pots are simple to do and not exactly original - but they are appreciated on Mother's Day, Grandparent's Day, or just as a rainy day activity - especially if you pot them up with some seeds or a little plant too!



### You will need:

Acrylic paints  
Plastic or terracotta plant pots

### Instructions:

Use the paints to decorate your plant pots.

On the front pot maybe paint free hand. On the back pot maybe tape vertical stripes of tape and then paint over the top. When the paint is dry, remove the tape to reveal stripes of the original color.

You could use sponges, stencils or potato printing for a very different effect. How about painting the pots all one color, allowing to dry, and then dabbing random dots of a different colored paint over the top for a polka dot effect. Or paint some pretty, brightly colored flowers to match what you want to plant in the pot.

## I love my Mum flower

### You will need:

Colored card  
Glue  
Pens  
Safety scissors

### Instructions:

Draw a circle and six petals on the card, writing in the middle of the circle 'I love my Mum because'

Cut out your flower parts

On each of the six petals, draw or write a reason why you love your Mother.

Glue the petals to the back of the circle and leave to dry.

You can now glue your flower to a card for a lovely Mother's day card,

or tape a drinking straw to the back and make a homemade vase (using a can with a piece of styrofoam inside or a cardboard toilet paper holder) to pop it in!



## Silhouettes

**T**hese are a really super keepsake gift kids can make for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day - or any time, just for fun!

### You will need:

A profile photo (it will be cut out so printing on standard paper is fine) One easy way to make a profile is to tape a piece of paper on the wall, sit the child on a chair, and turn on a light facing a wall. (A desk light works great, turn and aim at the wall.) Their profile should appear on the paper. Just keep moving the lamp until you see the profile. Now

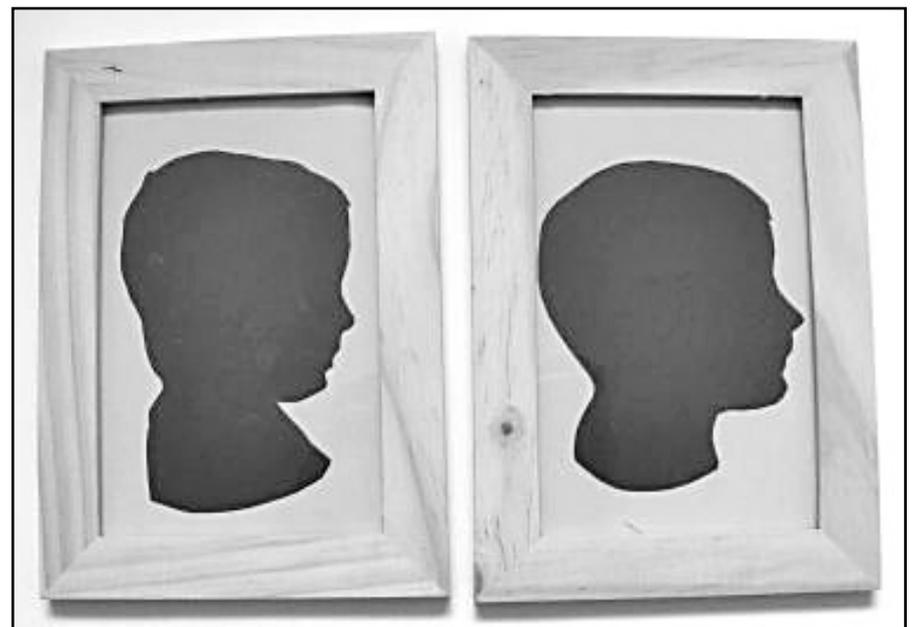
trace the profile on the paper, cut out and then trace on the black paper.

Glue stick  
A dark shade of card  
Backing card  
Picture frame

### Instructions:

Cut a piece of backing card to fit your photo frame.

Glue your photo to the dark card. Carefully cut around the face in the photo, shaping to a curved line around the neck (as shown in the photos). Glue the cut out face to the backing card, so that the photo is face down.



Crafts courtesy of: [www.Activity Village.co.uk](http://www.Activity Village.co.uk) - Keeping Kids Busy



# Who Wrote That?

The Creators of Your Child's Favorite Books

Featuring **Erica Silverman**

By **Patricia M. Newman**



As a child, Erica Silverman turned to books to help her make sense of the world. "The feelings of childhood are very intense and unmitigated by the adult perspective," she says. "I remember feeling the powerlessness of being subject to the intensity of those feelings without the ability to express them or make sense of them. Books were the places I went to find that characters had similar feelings to me." As a children's writer, Silverman tries to stay in touch with the intensity of childhood emotions and the way stories can connect children to the ability to express themselves.

Growing up, Silverman always knew she loved to write but did not know how one became a writer. Some of the books she loved were written by people who were dead, and others seemed so far removed from her experience that she couldn't imagine a writer's life. In hindsight, the closest experience she had to being a real writer was an elementary school assignment in which she had to pretend she lost one of her five senses. She imagined what a normal day would be like without her sense of hearing—



waking up and not hearing her mother come into the room, and walking to school and not hearing the sounds of the traffic or the children talking to her. "I imagined myself going through the whole day and I wrote what I imagined. It's the first time I went through a kind of writing process that has become very familiar to me."

Spending time with her grandmother, Mima, is one of Silverman's favorite childhood memories. Mima emigrated to the U.S. from Galicia, part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, and shared with Silverman a rich cultural history of the old country through the work of Sholom Aleichem, a famous Yiddish author. "I fantasized about being in that world,"

Silverman says, and at an early age the seeds were planted for *Sholom's Treasure*. The time Silverman spent with Mima going to the library, hanging wet laundry and picnicking on the roof of Mima's building developed into a book Silverman titled *On Grandma's Roof*.

Generally, the idea process is not as straightforward as it was for *Sholom's Treasure* and *On Grandma's Roof*. Silverman uses the term "cross-fertilization" to characterize how various snippets of ideas come together to develop a story. *Don't Fidget a Feather* borrows from an Indian folktale in which a stubborn couple are locked in a near-death struggle over who will eat the last fish. At the same time, the old Mother Goose nursery

rhyme "Goosey Goosey Gander where shall I wander..." flitted through Silverman's head, along with her ultra-competitive neighbors, a brother/sister duo who dreamt up endless contests and became the models for Silverman's characters, The result was Duck and Gander, relentless competitors in a freeze-in-place contest who learn to restructure their priorities when a fox tries to make a meal of them.

The *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* series began with Silverman's childhood desire to become a cowgirl and, according to Silverman, was "cross-fertilized" with the "challenge of telling a good story for children whose reading skills are just developing." But the desire to write about Cowgirl Kate wasn't enough; Silverman needed to learn how to be a cowgirl. "I grew up in New York City," she says with a laugh. She interviewed friends who grew up on ranches and accumulated four or five shelves of books on ranching, horses and the West to give Cowgirl Kate an authentic feel. The Theodore Seuss Geisel Honor for *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* is a measure of her success.

Silverman says, "Research is so much fun to do. You never know what gems will come up and where they'll go." The discovery process usually leads to ideas she never would have

thought of on her own. *Mrs. Peachtree's Bicycle* (Simon & Schuster, 1996) sprang from research Silverman was conducting on the early 1900s. She discovered that the idea of women riding bicycles was offensive. "People actually threw tomatoes at them and picketed them. And I thought that Mrs. Peachtree is definitely going to ride a bicycle."

Research is a comfortable place for Silverman. "It's so much more pleasurable than actually beginning the book. That part where you're grappling for the story—I always feel like I'm in darkness and chaos—there's this panicky sense that I'll never find a story here. Knowing that that's coming up, I'd much rather stay in the research."

Looking back over her childhood and her life as a writer, Silverman says, "Nothing can take the place of books... The imagination is a precious gift... and I think reading... is the best way to nurture the imagination."

Next month: Meet Rita Murphy

Patricia Newman is the author of *Jingle the Brass* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux). Her newest book, *Nugget on the Flight Deck* (Walker), will be released in October 2009. Visit her website at [www.patriciamnewman.com](http://www.patriciamnewman.com).

## MORE ABOUT ERICA SILVERMAN

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### SELECTIONS FROM ERICA SILVERMAN'S LIBRARY

- *There Was a Wee Woman*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2008.
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine*, Harcourt, 2008.
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days*, Harcourt, 2007.
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Partners*, Harcourt, 2006.
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*, Harcourt, 2005.
- *Sholom's Treasure*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005.
- *Follow the Leader*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2000.
- *Raisel's Riddle*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1999.
- *Don't Fidget a Feather*, Simon & Schuster, 1994.
- *Big Pumpkin*, Simon & Schuster, 1992.

### UPCOMING

- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Horse in the House*, Harcourt, Spring 2009.
- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies*, Harcourt, Spring 2010.
- *Mother of Exiles: The Story of Emma Lazarus*, Dutton, 2010.
- *Pettina and the Wind-Witch*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, TBA.







# Take a walk on International World Walking Day

The Sacramento Walking Sticks will host a walk to celebrate International World Walking Day on Friday, May 8. This event will start at the State Capitol Park at the World Peace Rose Garden on 15th and L Streets. Everyone, including dogs, is welcome to join this free event. It's a perfect family outing. Registration runs from as early as 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles) route to choose from and both are flat and suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. Routes will take you along city streets around downtown Sacramento and will feature historic places and Victorian mansions.



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# celebrating the art of buttons

The California State Button Society Show and Sale will return to the Holiday Inn, 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento. The show will be held Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The suggested donation is \$4 for adults, with children under 12 admitted free.

In keeping with the show's theme, "Celebrating the Art of Buttons," the spotlight will be on the evolving styles in button art. You'll find buttons featuring 18th Century miniature paintings under glass or Neo-Classic designs, alongside buttons decorated in the style of Art Deco or Pop Art. Visitors may view displays of collectible clothing buttons entered in competition, and will enjoy browsing antique, vintage and modern buttons for sale.

The creative possibilities inspired by the artful button are limitless and will be exhibited in the No-Harm Button Art Challenge. This year categories are: Make-A-Button, No-Harm Button Jewelry, Buttons through the Button Hole and Creative Button Usage. Competition



is open to all California State Button Society members. Winners will be selected by popular votes tallied at the close of the showroom on Saturday, and cash prizes (\$30, \$20, \$15, \$10) will be awarded on Sunday, May 24.

Consider joining now at <http://www.Cabutton.Org/> or just come for the fun!



Penguin gourds will be on display.

# 7th Annual Gourd Art Festival

Join the fun at the 7th Annual Gourd Art Festival, May 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Greg Leiser Farms, 21886 Knights Road, Knights Landing, along the Sacramento River.

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The festival will feature gourd artists from all over California showcasing and selling their exquisite gourd art. Gourd vendors will also be selling gourd supplies and tools. Enjoy free live

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For directions and information visit [www.GourdFarmer.com](http://www.GourdFarmer.com) or call (530) 735-6677. This event is sponsored by the YoloCVB. If you would like more information about this or other events, call (530) 297-1900.

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provide proper care for these beautiful aquatic animals by following a few simple guidelines--

Most tap water contains chlorine and ammonia, which can kill your fish. Get an additive from your pet supply store to neutralize these toxins.

Uneaten food turns into toxins in the tank. So feed your fish small amounts of food once or twice a day. Only feed them what they can eat in about three minutes.

Some fish are so fragile that a temperature drop of a few degrees will kill them, so get a quality water heater for your tank.



Choose fish that require the same environmental conditions.

Keep your tank out of direct sunlight and away from a heating or cooling source to avoid algae growth and water temperature fluctuations.

Fish constantly add waste and toxins to the tank environment, so a filtration system, like an under-gravel filter, is essential to keeping the water clear and safe.

# SPCA Doggy Dash

The Sacramento SPCA will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Doggy Dash and Bark at the Park Festival, Saturday, May 30. The 2k and 5k fun run/walk and festival is Sacramento's premier dog-friendly event, featuring live music, hundreds of vendors, demonstrations, pug races and canine contests, the new KidZone and much more. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; run/walk begins at 9 a.m.; festival begins at 10 a.m.; live entertainment begins at 11 a.m.

Join the fun at William Land Park (Village Green Area) at the corner of Freeport Boulevard and Sutterville Road.

The Sacramento SPCA will care for more than 12,000 animals this year alone. Funds raised through the Doggy Dash go directly to help homeless animals at the SPCA. In addition to being an important fundraiser, Doggy Dash and the Bark at the Park



Festival is a great way to enjoy fun in the sun with or without your canine friend.

Registration is \$25 before May 22, \$30 thereafter. Or form a group and register as a fundraising Pack for \$40 per person. Children eight and under are free. Free parking is available at Sacramento City College on Sutterville Road.

For more information log on to [www.sspca.org/doggydash](http://www.sspca.org/doggydash), or call (916) 383-7387, ext. 9102, or email [specialevents@sspca.org](mailto:specialevents@sspca.org).



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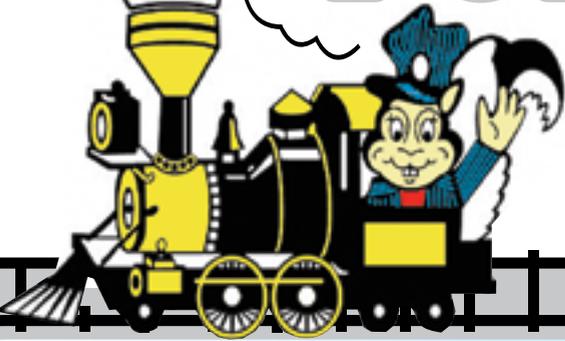
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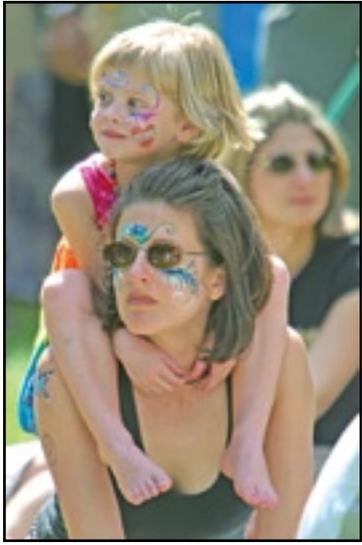
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# Calendar of Events

**Second Monday of each month, Infant Programs, 10 a.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento** "Baby Toddler Play Groups" will be the special program offered at the Arcade Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Sunday, Free Admission, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 216 O Street, Sacramento.** The Crocker Art Museum is offering free admission hours to visitors. For more information, call (916) 808-7000 or visit crockerartmuseum.org.

**Tuesdays, Toddler Program, 11 a.m., 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks.** The Fair Oaks Library offers a Toddler Time and Playgroup beginning February 3 and continuing. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Tuesdays, Toddler Program, 11 a.m., 4235 Antelope Road, Antelope.** The North Highlands-Antelope Library offers a Toddler Time and Playgroup. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Tuesdays, Reading Program, 3:30 p.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael.** Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to the Carmichael Library for "Reading to Rover: A Learning Program for Children." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesday, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 2112 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sacramento.** Pre-schoolers are invited to the Ella K. McClatchy Library for this special. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesday, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 6132 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento.** Pre-schoolers are invited to the Southgate Library for this special program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesday, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento.** Pre-schoolers are invited to the South Natomas Library for this special program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Toddler Program, 10 a.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.** The Arcade Library

invites you to their toddler program, a continuing program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 10 a.m., 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento.** The Arden-Dimick Library invites you to their pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 6351 Mack Road, Sacramento.** The Valley Hi-North Laguna Library invites you to their pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 6700 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights.** The Sylvan Oaks Library invites you to their pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 4235 Antelope Road, Antelope.** The North Highlands-Antelope Library invites you to their pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 11 a.m., 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** The Elk Grove Library invites you to their pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Saturdays, Pre-School Program, 10:30 a.m., 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento.** Join the fun at the Colonial Heights Library for a pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

## Storytellers & Puppetry

**May 1 through June 28, Puppet Shows, See Times, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Join the fun at Fairytale Town, located in William Land Park for their puppet festival, Wednesday through Sunday, weekdays at 10:30, 11:30 a.m and 12:30 p.m. and weekends

at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. The Puppet Art Theater returns on the Children's Theater stage for the annual Puppet Festival. For show details, call (916) 808-7462 or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

**May 7, Puppet Show, 4 p.m., 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.** Learn how to share the Earth with Tony Borders' amazing animal friends such as a kangaroo, orangutan, a penguin, and other animal puppets at the Arcade Library. See some cool magic tricks using plants, too. Kids will learn how recycling benefits both animals and plants. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**May 9, Second Saturday for Families, Noon to 3 p.m., 216 O Street, Sacramento.** Storytellers will spark your imagination with thrilling fairytales and epic adventures. Join a family tour at the Crocker Art Museum of "Maxfield Parrish and the Art of the Print" at 2 p.m.. Free with admission.

**May 22, Stories by Solar Light, 8 p.m., 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks.** Bella Vista High School language students will present stories in the park, next to the Fair Oaks library. The stories will be read under solar lights. The lights will be donated to a village in the African nation of Burkina Faso. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**First Mondays of each month, Dog Program, 6:30 p.m., 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento.** Join the fun the first Monday of each month at the Rancho Cordova Library for "Reading with Dogs," with Lend a Heart Pet Therapy. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m., 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.** This program is being offered at the Elk Grove Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m., 2500 New Market Drive, Sacramento.** This program is being offered at the North Natomas Library. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Wednesdays, Library Programs, 11 a.m., 6132 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento.** The Southgate Library will have free programs for children ages 3-5, ranging from 30-60 minutes. Events will feature storytelling, nursery rhymes, and sing-alongs. Registration may be required; check with library branch staff. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 10055 Franklin High Road, Elk Grove.** Children are invited to the Franklin Community Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m., 1601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks.** Children are invited to the Fair Oaks Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Pre-school Program, 10:15 a.m., 5605 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.** Children are invited to the Carmichael Library for a pre-school program. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m., 2901 Truxel Road, Sacramento.** Children are invited to the South Natomas Library for "Toddler Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** Children are invited to the Galt-Marion O. Lawrence Library for "Preschool Storytime." For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Thursdays, Storytime, 9:30 a.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.** Belle Cooledge Library offers "Baby Lapsit Storytime," every Thursday. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Fridays, Infant Program, 10 a.m., 828 I Street, Sacramento.** The Central Library has a continuing program, "Baby Lapsit Storytime" from birth through 18 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

**Saturdays, Storytime, 10 a.m., 1000 Caroline Avenue, Galt.** The Galt-Marion O Lawrence Library will hold a continuing program: "Baby/Toddler Storytime" from birth through 24 months. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.



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# May Events at the Maidu Indian Museum

## Drop in Family Activities

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## Fabulous Campfires

Friday, May 8, 7 to 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$5/ person or \$14/family of four.

Enjoy an evening with family and friends around a campfire. Listen to Native stories of spring and roast marshmallows for a sweet ending to the perfect family gathering.

## Native American Stories

Saturday, May 9, from 11:30 to noon and 3 to 3:30. All ages are welcome.

Enjoy Native American stories told by Nisenan Maidu Rick Adams. Free with paid admission to museum.

## Drop in Adult Activities

**New! Cultural Heritage Speakers Series, Celebrating**

Roseville's Centennial and highlighting the Native Californian connection to Roseville's past.

Bi-monthly event. Second Saturdays 7 to 8 p.m. Free community event.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

## Next Speaker: Saturday, May 9

Chuck Kritzon will present his research on "Ice Age Art" and stone tools. The presentation will be followed by a walk to view the Historic site's

petroglyphs (rock images) by lantern light, the best way to see them.

## Continuing Exhibits

### Discovery, Devastation, Survival: California Indians and the Gold Rush

The exhibit examines the impact of the gold rush and highlights several native families whose ancestors survived this devastating period. The exhibit also offers examples of the continuing richness of Native

California culture through its baskets, jewelry, art and literature.

### Rocks of Ages: The Spectacular Diversity of Rock Art in California

As California was perhaps the most densely and diversely populated area of North America, it is no surprise that native California rock art should be equally rich. This photographic exhibition explores the beauty, mystery, and diversity of rock art from different geographic areas around the state. Rock art rubbings, video, and a scavenger hunt make for a family friendly visit. Through December.

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*The Maidu Interpretive Center: Indian Museum and Nature Learning Center is located at 1960 Johnson Ranch Drive, Roseville.*

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Day camps are daytime experiences held in various settings, such as city parks, the mountains, or in the country. Day camps provide your child with the opportunity to make new friends, develop character and learn valuable life skills. Summer day camps present a unique opportunity for children to not only have fun, but to stretch and learn new things.

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*For more information on day camps, try the American Camping Association at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).*

## Crazy Camp Concert

The purpose of this game is to discover the beautiful sounds that can be created by the natural objects in our environment.

Each player is given 10 to 15 minutes to find objects in nature that make a noise when banged together, or blown on, or rubbed together. Players bring back their 'instruments' and a conductor is chosen, who organizes the group into a semi-circular orchestra.

Each musician is allowed to 'tune' his instrument, so the rest of the group can hear the different sounds. If a player can play more than one instrument at the same time, he is welcome to do so. The conductor can then choose a familiar tune with an easy rhythm, and lead his orchestra in song. Let the players make requests for songs they

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# What is Herpetology?

It is the study of reptiles and amphibians. On Saturday, May 30, at 1:30 p.m., the Effie Yeaw Nature is offering a program where you can meet their resident reptiles and amphibians up close. Learn about their life cycles, predators and prey, habitats, locomotion and defenses.

The Nature Center is located in Ancil Hoffman Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael. The program is free, but there is a \$5 per car park entrance fee. For more information, call (916) 489-4918 or visit [www.effieyeaw.org](http://www.effieyeaw.org).



*Jasper, the resident Gopher snake.*



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*Kid-friendly food and family fun abound at A La Carte & Art, the Bay Area's official kick-off to festival season, May 16-17 in Mountain View.*

# Mountain View's Popular Festival

Festival season around the Bay officially springs into action on May 16 and 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Mountain View where Castro Street, between Church Street and Evelyn Avenue, in Mountain View, CA. will be transformed into a moveable feast of people and colorful tents for the 13th Annual A La Carte and Art. Thousands of visitors are expected to gather in Silicon Valley's epicenter for a vibrant, multiethnic celebration of the arts. Admission is free.

Presented by the Mountain View Central Business Association, the

open-air festival will feature two days of live music, a juried art show with 250 craftspeople exhibiting their latest wares, festive food and drink with premium wines, microbrews and margaritas, a farmers' market with fresh seasonal produce, a variety of amusements for kids and the Kashi Day of Change Tour with cooking demos, yoga instruction and product samples to enjoy.

Festivalgoers will find thousands of beautiful, handcrafted items by the west coast's top artists and craftmakers showing original work in glass, ceramics, metals, fiber,

leather, wood, jewelry, and fine art. Gorgeous vases, flatware, clocks, dishes, wall and table decorations, paperweights, stained and beveled glass, etchings, sculptures, photography, oil and watercolor paintings, beadwork, gold and silver jewelry, vests, handbags, hats, wallets, footwear, windchimes, and waterfalls will be among the one-of-a-kind items available.

Eleven bands will perform rhythm and blues, rock 'n roll, jazz, world-beat, and party music on stage and street. Festival eateries will be dishing up a world flavorful foods.

Growers from the Mountain View Certified Farmers' Market will be on hand with farm-fresh strawberries, cherries, apricots, organic produce, asparagus, flavored almonds, pistachios, walnuts, and honey.

The Kids' Tons of Fun Zone will captivate kids with endless amusements. The stomach-tickling Frog-hopper, a 120' Super Slide, thrilling virtual reality motion theater, Boomer's Magic Circus obstacle course, face painting, temporary tattoos and inflatable bounces are among the exciting attractions.

*The festival will be held on Castro Street between Church Street and Evelyn Avenue in Mountain View. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission and parking are free. For festival information, call 650-964-3395 or visit [www.miramarevents.com](http://www.miramarevents.com).*

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# Sacramento State offers youth summer programs

If your child's idea of summer fun is hiking, kayaking, building a Mars Rover, or perfecting the curveball, Sacramento State has a summer program to fit his or her needs.

Sacramento State's Aquatic Center offers a full array of water sport camps for youth ages 7 to 17, including sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, water skiing and white water rafting. Optional overnight campouts are available for participants.

Academic Talent Search provides more than 100 academically challenging, fast-paced summer courses for sixth- to ninth-grade students in subjects as diverse as web design and the Internet, cartooning, forensic science, photography and algebra. One-, three- and five-week courses are available from June 15 to August 7.

Sacramento State coaches and student-athletes will lead a number of athletic day camps for kids and teens. Baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer are some of the sports camps being offered on campus.

**Science Adventures Summer Camp** returns for nine week-long sessions geared to kids ages 5 through 12. This year's sessions include "Gizmo's Robot Factory," "Space and Rocketry," "Powerful Planet" and "Fabulous Physics Challenge."

Peak Adventures offers three camps for kids 9 to 17 years old with daylong and overnight camping options. The **Green and Gold Camp**, for ages 9 to 12, lets children explore the Sacramento State campus in activities such as outdoor river walks, swimming and arts and crafts. The **Adventure Camp** encompasses hiking, rock climbing, white water rafting and an overnight campout for ages 12 to 15. Teens ages 13 to 17

can learn to lead their peers in the **Expedition Camp**, a week-long backpacking adventure with white water rafting.

**WAVE camp** serves 10- to 25-year olds with physical disabilities. It provides instructional and recreational aquatic opportunities to youths and young adults.

Schedule of Sacramento State youth programs summer 2009:

**Science Adventures Summer Camp**  
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- Nine week-long camps offered throughout the summer for kids ages 5 through 12. Starts June 15 -19 and continues through August 10-14.

**Recreation and sports**  
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**Sacramento State Aquatic Center at Lake Natoma**  
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e-mail address: [mlair@parks.ca.gov](mailto:mlair@parks.ca.gov).

The park web page is: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=465](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=465)

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As a baby, Marci was plucked from a swimming pool. With good intentions, the rescuer pampered her for five months. Little orphan omnivore grew big -- with jaws like a paper shredder -- and the noble Samaritan at last surrendered her illegal pet. Marci's gentle manners were ill-suited in the wild, but befitted an Effie Yeaw Nature Center ambassadorial post. She now has an indoor habitat, equipped with exercise wheel and room-service meals. To learn more about Marci and her species, attend the Effie Yeaw Nature Center's free opossum programs. Information at (916) 489-4983.



*Susan Maxwell Skinner is the author of "Carmichael - Americana on the Move," an award-winning book that details the beauty and nature of her home community. Information: [www.susanmaxwellskinner.com](http://www.susanmaxwellskinner.com)*

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# Easy pinecone feeder

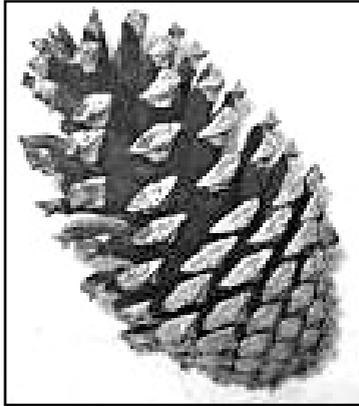
This is a really easy earth-friendly craft to make. All you need a nice long pinecone. Now, be careful, because pinecones have sharp points on them and it is easy to get pricked.

All you need is some peanut butter and a craft stick or a plastic knife works, too. Roll your sleeves up and cover the front of your clothes, this could be messy. Using your craft stick or plastic knife, smear the peanut butter pressing it all over and inside. Expect to get your fingers nice

and sticky! But don't eat the peanut butter, remember it's for the birds.

Now place your pinecone on a covered cookie sheet layered with birdseed and carefully roll it in the birdseed. The seeds should stick to your peanut butter. Be sure to gently shake off any excess seed. Sticky and messy—but fun!

Using a string, tie it around the top of the pinecone or just wrap it under some of the top of the cone and tie a loop to use as a hanger.



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