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Yellowstone Grizzlies to Open Park 2012 Lyceum Lecture Series

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park are pleased to announce the first Lyceum Lecture in this year's series. On Friday, January 20, 2012, Kerry Gunther from Yellowstone National Park presents "Grizzlies!" The lecture, which begins at 7 p.m., will be held at Happy Days Lodge. Doors open at 6 p.m. General seating. Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Conservancy members can purchase all five Lyceums for \$20! Advanced sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Times have changed since the days when visitors at Yellowstone National Park climbed onto bleachers to watch bears compete for trash dump scraps. As head of the park's Bear Management Team, Wildlife Biologist Kerry Gunther helped modernize Yellowstone's approach to managing its bears. A top priority is trying to ensure that bears and visitors don't hurt each other. Learn about grizzly bear behavior, resource management and educational techniques, and the challenges still facing park staff.

Other scheduled 2012 Lyceum Lectures:

Friday, February 10

Reviving Burned Rivers

Dr. John Hartig, refuge manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, shares true stories of triumph over environmental tragedy.

Friday, March 9

Songs and Stories of the Underground Railroad

Park Rangers Bruce Barnes and Matt Hampsey from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park present historical monologues, poetry set to music, work songs, ring shouts, blues, and coded spirituals.

Friday, April 27

Birding for Everyone

Join award-winning ornithologist and wildlife biologist John C. Robinson for a presentation on the 10 secrets to bird identification, what makes a bird a bird, and issues effecting birds today.

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Friday, May 11

Jennifer Pharr Davis: Turning Moxie into Memories on the Appalachian Trail

After facing tremendous challenges on her first trip, being struck by lightning, and having her eyes freeze shut in a snowstorm, Davis felt a connection that drew her back to the trail again and again.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call CVNPA at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

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CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

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