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Essay & Poetry Contest

This year's theme:
"Personal Freedom"

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Entry deadline: May 20, 2026



Essay & Poetry

Contest

Deadline: May 20

As we celebrate the country's 250th, we'd like you to reflect on a personal moment of independence that made you feel free. It might be the first time you went to sleepaway camp or took your first road

OtherWords

Reading Series

Sat Apr 25, 4-6 p.m.

The community is invited to a free poetry reading at the Mason Library in Great Barrington with acclaimed poets Kate Colby (pictured here) and Ann Lauterbach, who will read from their

trip. It might be your first day of college, your first job, or your first apartment. Maybe it's moments like sailing on the open sea or hiking Mount Greylock. Share your story in the Create 4 Freedom essay & poetry contest. [More info](#)



works. Wine, cider and food will be served afterwards. Colby's most recent book, *Paradoxx*, was listed as one of the five most notable of 2025 by Literary Hub. Lauterbach is the author of 11 poetry collections. [More info](#)



Exhibition Opening: Ephemeral Garden

Fri Apr 24, 5–7 p.m.

An opening reception will be held on Friday for Berkshire Botanical Garden's late-spring exhibition, *Ephemeral Garden*, featuring the work of artist Jenine Shereos. The exhibition explores Shereos' dialogue with plants and the natural world through a body of work that is both tactile and transportive. On view April 25–May 31. [More info](#)

Spring into May/June!

On newsstands now!

Berkshire Magazine's Spring Home & Garden issue is on newsstands in the Berkshires and beyond for a little longer. Martha Stewart is on the cover, heralding the Trade Secrets event coming up next month to support Project SAGE. There's so much to read; grab a copy while you can! And our May/June issue will be released soon. [Subscribe now](#)



TLI Presents:
Winterreise & More

Fri–Sun, Apr 24–26

On Friday at 7 p.m., Elenora Pertz, piano, and Andrew Munn, bass, will perform Franz Schubert’s devastating masterpiece *Winterreise* (“Winter’s Journey”) at the Linde Center’s Studio E. On Saturday at 10 a.m., Changing States —An Arts and Ecology Symposium will be held in Studio E, and at 7 p.m., *postWinterreise* will be performed there. Then on Sunday at 3 p.m., the pioneering documentary *Koyaanisqatsi* will be screened. [More info](#)

Author Talk:
Kevin Sack

Sat Apr 25, 3–4 p.m.

Veteran journalist Kevin Sack will talk with Alan C. Miller at the Stockbridge Library on Saturday. Sack has written about national affairs for more than four decades and has shared in three Pulitzer Prizes. He is the author of *Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church* (Crown, June 3, 2025). Miller, who owns a home in Otis, is the founder of the News Literacy Project. [More info](#)



James and the Giant

Peach JR. on Stage

Fri–Sun Apr 24–26

Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach JR.* returns to The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield. The high-energy, family-friendly musical, presented by Berkshire Theatre Group, features more than 50 elementary, middle, and high school students from the region. At its heart, *James and the Giant Peach JR.* is a story about courage, resilience and finding family in unexpected places. What a great performance to see during school break this week! [More info](#)

Led Zeppelin and

Pink Floyd

Fri and Sat, Apr 24 and 25

Few bands have defined rock & roll like Led Zeppelin—and Four Sticks brings that legendary sound roaring back to life at ButtonBall Barn in South Egremont on Friday night. Make plans to return the next night for more tribute music. On Saturday, Retro Floyd: The Pink Floyd Tribute, will be presented by The Pass. The electrifying tribute pays homage to one of rock's most iconic bands with renditions of classic hits, deep cuts, and a breathtaking atmosphere. [More info](#)



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