## 2025 Go Wildly Live Outdoors Flyway Festival Schedule

Saturday, February 8, continued

## 1:00pm-2:00pm

"Poetry en Pleine Aire" – Poetry Reading in a Marsh Presenter: Jim Lewis, Poet and Photographer

We will leave at 1:00pm from our **Flyway Festival Pop Up at Moschetti Coffee** to walk the 5-10 minutes to the nearby wetlands. There, we will gather as I introduce Jim who will then, share his poetry with us. Following his reading, feel free to walk on your own along the wetlands trail or back with us to the **Flyway Festival Pop Up** location.

When I asked Jim if he would consider reading his poetry at Lake Dalwigk, a short walk from our **Flyway Festival Pop Up** at **Moschetti Coffee**, he wrote back with a tentative yes, and request to visit the wetland site I had in mind. After our walk over to the Lake with Karlyn, Jim's wife, and our decision about where we would set up, I assured Jim that I would walk over with him, along with you – our Flyway Festival Friend!

In a follow up note Jim wrote, "I look at this as a new adventure, a little outside my comfort zone, but with great possibilities." There's my friend who readily admits that poetry isn't everyone's cup of tea. I hope you will join us in encouraging Jim to read his poetry in a marsh and that you will humor me by responding joyously to yet another of my visions, since I have put Jim up to this!



"all these things are broken" — In his sixth book of poetry, j.lewis tackles the challenges of dealing with mental illness, both as a father and as a Nurse Practitioner.

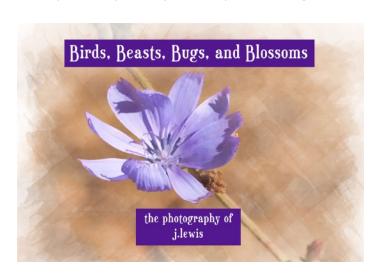
Photo: Book Cover for a recent book of poetry "all these things are broken" by Jim available on Amazon and his website. I recognized the building Jim chose for his book cover as a 150 year old munitions storage magazine in a National Park Service designated National Historic District in the Mare Island Naval Ammunition Depot.



Photo: mallard pair, Mare Island James E. Lewis

"Birds, Beasts, Bugs, and Blossoms" — The first book of photography from j.lewis.

He says "Beauty is everywhere, if you're looking for it."



j.lewis is an internationally published poet, musician, and nurse practitioner. His poetry and music reflect the complexity of human interactions, often drawing inspiration from his experiences in healthcare. When he is not otherwise occupied, he is often outdoors, exploring and photographing the varied open spaces near his home in California.

Jim's books of poetry and newly published photography book can be found on his website <a href="www.jlewisweb.com/books.asp">www.jlewisweb.com/books.asp</a>
Amazon link to "all these things..." <a href="www.amazon.com/dp/1680730843">www.amazon.com/dp/1680730843</a>

Amazon link to "Birds, Beasts, Bugs, and Blossoms" www.amazon.com/dp/B0DT9QT5D6