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Garden Fair is the largest and most important fund raiser hosted by the Foundation of the State Arboretum (FOSA), the nonprofit organization that supports the Arboretum collection and programs.

FOSA was founded in 1984 as the Friends of Blandy. Among the organization’s first achievements was Designating Blandy as the State Arboretum of Virginia in 1986. Garden Fair has been going strong since 1989.

Many important supporters make Garden Fair happen, including our underwriter, BB&T. We are grateful for their support over many years. Thank you.

Additional support comes from Platinum sponsors Bartlett Tree Experts, Panera Bread, Shade Tree Farm, and Gold sponsor Kohl’s. These partnerships play a vital role in the success of Garden Fair. Thank you.

University of Virginia’s Access UVa purchased of 6,000 seed packs pre-printed with Garden Fair information. Kohl’s Distribution Center employees volunteered to staple Access UVa’s information cards to the seed packs to help spread the word about Garden Fair. Our thanks goes to Kohl’s and their employees for helping with this task. Thank you all!

I also want to express my appreciation to the staff and faculty of Blandy Experimental Farm for the work they do to prepare for Garden Fair. We are grateful for the help and support.

In addition, I want to encourage you to support the businesses that support Garden Fair by advertising in this program. Many advertisers purchase space in the program every year as a way of supporting the Arboretum and Garden Fair, so let them know you saw their ad in our program and tell them you are an Arboretum supporter as well.

And finally but most importantly, I’d like to personally thank the dozens of FOSA volunteers who work for many months in advance to make Garden Fair a success, especially our volunteer Vendor Coordinator Roberta Johnson. This event could not take place without the hard work and support of these dedicated volunteers.

Thank you and Happy Mother’s Day!

Bill Powers, 2015 Garden Fair Chairman

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“Weird & Wacky Nature” (July 6-10, for rising 2nd-4th graders) kicks off our series. In this camp we will explore weird and wonderful aspects of nature: animals that glow in the dark, plants that eat animals, bolts of electricity that strike from the clouds, and lots more.

In “International Nature Camp” (July 13-17, for rising 2nd-4th graders), we will explore animals, plants, and cultures from around the globe. We will use Arboretum trees from Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America as a jumping-off point for our travels. Fasten your seatbelt!

We end with “EcoExplorers” (July 20-24, for rising 5th-8th graders), an investigative experience in which participants identify an ecological question, then work in pairs to collect and analyze data in an attempt to answer this question. On the final day, campers present their results to other participants, staff, and parents.

We have developed a Facebook page for Blandy Summer Nature Camp, where we will be able to share details of the program and photos from our activities. Go to Facebook and search “Blandy Summer Nature Camp.” Registration for summer camp is in full swing. Space is limited, so register early. For more information visit blandy.virginia.edu or call 540-837-1758 Ext. 0.

Garden Fair Activities

Ongoing Activities
Plastic Pot Recycling
Pet the Alpacas

Saturday, May 9

9 a.m.  Garden Fair Opens
12-2 p.m.  Children’s Activities
           In the Amphitheater
1 p.m.  Arboretum Tour
        Meet in Amphitheater
2 p.m.  Tree Relocation Demonstration
        with Shade Tree Farm
        Join a Hayride to Follow the Action!

Sunday, May 10

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1 p.m.  Arboretum Tour
        Meet in Amphitheater
2 p.m.  Tree Relocation Demonstration
        with Shade Tree Farm
        Join a Hayride to Follow the Action!
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