

Celebrate Summer 2016 at *Your* State Arboretum

Programs are in the library unless otherwise noted.

Register Early—Space is Limited

Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 M-F 1-5 p.m. or visit
www.blandy.virginia.edu/our-
foundation/online_payments

If a program is canceled, we will post on Facebook and attempt to contact those who have registered.

Free Arboretum Walking Tour

Tuesday, June 14, 1-2:30 p.m.

Meet outside the Blandy Library and enjoy the Arboretum as spring turns the corner to summer. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

FREE but Reservations Required—Space is Limited

~ Family Firefly Festival ~

Friday, June 17, 8-9:30 p.m.

Blandy Library & Grounds

(Rain Date: Friday, June 24, 8-9:30 p.m.)

Everyone loves fireflies, but how do they make their light—and why? We'll begin with an illustrated talk in the library for adults and older kids, and with outdoor crafts, activities, games, and a short talk for families with younger children. We will then catch and release fireflies and watch them in action.



Terry Priest via Flickr

FOSA members and UVA alumni \$10; nonmembers \$12, Member and UVA families \$20, Nonmember families \$25 Reservations Advised

Programs and tours by arrangement for garden clubs, nonprofits, service organizations, and others; available at Blandy and off site.

Writing in Nature

Tuesday, June 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

Blandy Library & Grounds

Christie Green

Tap into your creativity through writing that is influenced by nature. We'll learn how to bypass your inner critic to read landscapes and discover how elements in nature reflect your own experience. Grab a notebook and pen, dress for the weather, unplug from technology, and plug into nature's flow.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12 Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Blandy Book Club

Fourth Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.

Blandy Library

June 23: *Diary of a Citizen Scientist*,

Sharman Apt Russell

July 28: *Silent Spring*, Rachel Carson

August 25: *Signature of All Things*, Elizabeth Gilbert

Participants should read books before meeting. If interested, call 540-837-1758 Ext. 287. Free.

Scratching Beneath the Surface:

Mosquito-Borne Diseases

Tuesday, June 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Meredith Davis, District Epidemiologist
Virginia Department of Health

Mosquitoes are more than a summer nuisance — they are effective carriers of disease. Which mosquito-borne diseases circulate in Virginia? Should Virginians be concerned about the Zika virus? Get answers to these and other questions and learn effective strategies for prevention of mosquito-borne diseases.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12 Reservations Recommended

All About Dragonflies!

Thursday, July 7, 1-3 p.m.

Patrick Crumrine & Melissa Zwick

What would summer be without dragonflies patrolling the shoreline defending territories and searching for prey. This family event begins with an illustrated talk for adults and older kids in the library and outdoor crafts, activities, and a short talk for families with younger children. We'll then watch dragonflies in action at pond's edge.

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Free Arboretum Walking Tour

Wednesday, July 13, 3-4:30 p.m.

Meet outside the Blandy Library and explore the Arboretum at the height of summer. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

FREE but Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Full Moon Walk

Wednesday, July 20, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Explore the Arboretum under the full moon. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight, and explore the natural world at dusk and after dark.

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Butterflies through Binoculars

Friday, August 5, 10-11:30 a.m.

Learn to use binoculars to watch and identify butterflies in Blandy's gardens. Binoculars will be available to borrow, but bring your own if you have them.

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Mindfulness in Nature: Guided Walking Meditation

This Program is Full!

Shell Fischer, Mindful Shenandoah Valley
Learn to slow down and draw on nature through guided meditation, silent walking, and reflection. Dress for the weather; for those 16 and older.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12 Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Full Moon Walk

Thursday, August 18, 8-9 p.m.

Explore the Arboretum under the full moon. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight, and explore the natural world at dusk and after dark.

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Co-hosts: Foundation of the State Arboretum
Land Trust of Virginia
National Sporting Library & Museum

Monarchs as Nature and Art

This program is canceled.

Begins with an introduction to artist-naturalists and their contributions to conservation. Next is an illustrated talk on monarch butterflies, with an update on their status. We then move outside to watch and sketch butterflies and the Trappe Hill landscape, which is under a conservation easement.

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