

Celebrate Fall 2017 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

Register Online Anytime: blandy.virginia.edu

Click on "Register for Programs Here"

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

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Haiku Walk & Write

Wednesday, September 6, 7-9 p.m.

Jim Kacian, The Haiku Foundation

Traditional haiku is inspired by nature, and haiku walks through nature's beauty are favored by haiku poets the world over. Come learn the basics of haiku, walk the grounds to find inspiration, and share your work with fellow poets.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12

Reservations Required

Walking Tour of the Arboretum

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

Come enjoy the arboretum in late summer. Dress for the weather and plan to walk about a mile.

Free, but Reservations Required

Exploring the Night Sky by Telescope

Saturday, September 23, 7-9 p.m.

Shenandoah Astronomical Society

After a short introduction in the library, Society members will set up telescopes and guide us as we search the night sky for stars, planets, constellations, galaxies, and more. Dress for the weather.

FOSA members/UVa Alumni \$10, nonmembers \$12

Member/Alumni family \$20, nonmember family \$25

Reservations Recommended

Free Lunchtime "TreeTutorials"

Tuesdays, Noon-1 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join us for informal TreeTutorials on select Virginia trees. We begin with an illustrated introduction to identification, ecology, and points of interest. Weather permitting, we will take a short walk to see trees up-close and personal.

September 26 Maples • **October 3** Hickories

October 10 Oaks

FREE, but Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Blandy Book Club

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



September 28: *Pawpaw: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit*, Andrew Moore

October 26: *The Glass Universe*, Dava Sobel



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



Full Moon Walk

Friday, October 6, 7:30-8:30 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. We will walk about 3/4 mile over gently rolling terrain.

FOSA members/UVa Alumni \$10, nonmembers \$12

Member/Alumni family \$20, nonmember family \$25

Reservations Required

Presented with Shenandoah University's Department of Environmental Studies and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute

Stream Health and Restoration

Tuesday, October 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Richard Starr

Ecosystem Planning & Restoration

Streams are the lifeblood of aquatic ecosystems and indicators of watershed health. How have we viewed and treated streams in the past and how has this affected their health? Learn about the ecological importance of streams and how recent assessment tools are used in restoration efforts.

FOSA and FONZ members \$10, nonmembers \$12

SU students and staff free

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Mindfulness in Nature: Guided Walking Meditation

Monday, October 23, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Shell Fischer, Mindful Shenandoah Valley

Learn to slow down and draw on nature through guided meditation, silent walking, and personal reflection. Dress for the weather; for those 16 and up.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12

Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Make 'n Take Air Plant Terrarium

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m.-Noon

Carrie Whitacre

Arboretum Assistant Curator

Let your creativity grow and discover the fascinating life of air plants. Design and construct your own air plant terrarium. Includes all materials (glass bubble bowl, air plants, accessories, care instructions).

FOSA members \$25, nonmembers \$30

Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Full Moon Walk for those 16+

Sunday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Explore the Arboretum under the full moon. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight, and enjoy the natural world at dusk and after dark. We will walk about 3/4 mile over gently rolling terrain.

FOSA members \$10, nonmembers \$12

Reservations Required

Blandy Movie Night: Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Remember Jen and Grant, who spent a year seeing who could produce less trash? They're back, this time attempting to go six months without buying any food. Though humorous at times, this film addresses the real problem of food waste from farm to fridge.

Price of admission: nonperishable food for donation

Coming in December:

Blandy Bird Count and Family Festival

Sunday, December 17, 2-4 p.m.

Parkfield Learning Center

Come to Blandy for an afternoon of free, bird-centered family activities and crafts. Learn common birds, help with our count, make a bird feeder, and more. Recommended age range 5-14 years with an adult but all are welcome. Part of the time will be spent outdoors, so dress for the weather, and bring binoculars if you have them. No dogs please.

Free, but Reservations

Recommended

Presented with the Shenandoah Chapter of the Virginia

Master Naturalists



What Else is Happening at Blandy?

Blandy Book Club

Join us as we read and discuss new and classic books on the environment, natural history, and ecology. Meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December.

Blandy Photo Club

The Blandy Photo Club is open to anyone with an interest in photography, from amateurs to professionals. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Blandy Sketch Group

The Blandy Sketch Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Visitors are welcome. The group plans monthly programs of sketching, painting, workshops, and presentations to foster creative growth and artistic innovation.



Volunteer

Volunteer in a beautiful setting, meet new people, share your knowledge, and learn new skills. Volunteers work in the gardens, help lead tours, and lots more. Interested?

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 540-837-1758 Ext. 246 or fosaevents@virginia.edu

Visit blandy.virginia.edu for details

Mark Your Calendar:

ArborFest

This annual fall plant sale and garden extravaganza features vendors selling perennials, shrubs, trees, and fine items for the garden. Includes children's activities (free with admission), food vendors, and more.

October 14-15, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Holiday Workshops

Join friends in creating a traditional evergreen wreath made from fresh local greens and adornments. Choose from four sessions.

Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3

9:30-Noon and 1:30-4 both days

Registration opens in November

Annual Seed Exchange

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join us for our 8th annual seed swap and information exchange in the Blandy library. Check our web site and Facebook page for details.

Winter Family Programs

A great way for families to explore and enjoy nature in winter.

Watch for details



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www.blandy.virginia.edu

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FOSA MEMBER or NONMEMBER

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

Program	No. of People	Total per Program
Total Payment Enclosed		

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FOSA Programs
400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce VA 22620

Two ways to pay by credit card:

Online anytime: blandy.virginia.edu
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Fall 2017



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Foundation of the
State Arboretum of Virginia
At the University of Virginia's Historic
BLANDY EXPERIMENTAL FARM