Spring 2017 Workshops

Classes

Walks

Foundation of the State Arboretum of Virginia
At the University of Virginia’s Historic Blandy Experimental Farm

Garden Fair
May 13-14, 2017, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mother’s Day Weekend
$15 per car, pay online in advance to save 20%
One of the best plant sales in Virginia!
Select vendors will offer perennials, native plants, trees and shrubs, fine items for the home and garden, food, and lots more.
Free children’s activities 12-2 p.m. both days with Garden Fair admission.

Summer Nature Camp
June & July 2017
Blandy’s summer nature camps are a great opportunity for kids to explore nature and enjoy time outdoors. Camps include inquiry, hands-on exploration, theme-based crafts and games, and more.
Watch for details on our web site and Facebook page.

Scholarships Available
Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 287

Register Today!
☐ FOSA MEMBER or ☐ NONMEMBER

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Make checks payable to FOSA and mail to:
FOSA Programs
400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce VA 22620

Two ways to pay by credit card:
Call 540-837-1758 Ext 224 M-F 1-5 p.m.
Or pay online anytime at:
www.blandy.virginia.edu/our-foundation/online_payments
Call for Membership Information!

Total Payment Enclosed
Program No. of People Total per Program

Bring Your Group to Blandy!
Programs and tours by arrangement for garden clubs, nonprofits, service organizations, and others; available at Blandy and off site.
Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 287 to inquire.

But Wait, There’s More!
Blandy Book Club
Fourth Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m.
Blandy Library
Many moving, insightful, and powerful books have been written about environmental topics, natural history, personal reflection, and special places.
With so many fine books available, we had better get reading!
For details visit
blandy.virginia.edu/public-programs/
blandy-book-club

Blandy Photo Club
First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
Blandy Library
The Blandy Photo Club is open to all ages and experience levels. Monthly meetings feature speakers, videos, or organized photo shoots. Members showcase their work on a timely topic in non-competitive slide shows, and host an annual show and sale.
For information visit
blandy.virginia.edu/public-programs/blandyphotoclub

Blandy Sketch Group
First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m.
Blandy Community Classroom
Monthly programs of sketching, painting, workshops, and presentations to foster creative growth and artistic innovations.
wwww.blandysketchgroup.wordpress.com

Visit blandy.virginia.edu under “Programs & Events” for more information

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Celebrate Spring at YOUR State Arboretum!

~ Blandy Movie Night ~
**Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home**
Thursday, March 9, 7-9 p.m.
In this film, narrator Doug Tallamy, author of the acclaimed book *Bringing Nature Home*, argues that by planting and protecting native plants in our yards and communities, we can support and conserve natural communities.
Free, but registration guarantees your spot

**Fairy Shrimp & Fire Lizards: The Magic World of Vernal Pools**
Tuesday, March 28, 6-7:30 p.m.
**Hannah Bement, Vernal Pool Coordinator**
Vernal pools are temporary seasonal ponds that are crucial habitat for salamanders, frogs, fairy shrimp, and more. Come learn about their secrets and the species that depend on them.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Member family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Recommended

**Small Tree Pruning & Care**
Tuesday, April 4, 1-3 p.m.
**Scott Johnston, Johnston Tree Care**
Prepare your trees for the growing season. We begin with an introduction to proper pruning and tree care. We will then move outside for demonstrations and hands-on practice, in plenty of time for Q and A.
Dress for the weather.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

**Wildflower Identification Workshop**
Tuesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 13
9 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Classroom
**Marion Lobstein and Sally Anderson**
We’ll use Newcomb’s *Wildflower Guide* and the *Flora of Virginia* to identify spring flowers in the lab and field. Bring lunch, a 10x ocular, and books.
Attending both days is encouraged.
FOSA & VNPS members $35, nonmembers $40
Reservations Required—Space is Limited!

**Full Moon Walk**
Tuesday, April 11, 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.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Member family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

**Planting in a Post-Wild World**
Thursday, April 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
**Thomas Rainer**
Author & Landscape Architect
An inspiring call to action to invite nature into our neighborhoods and cities by designing landscapes that look and function more as they do in nature.
FOSA members $25, nonmembers $30
Book signing to follow; order yours at 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 M-F 1-5 p.m.
Reservations Required

**Mindfulness in Nature: Guided Walking Meditation**
Thursday, April 27, 6-8 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 weather; for those 16 and older.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

**Trillium Field Trip**
Friday, April 28, 12:30-4 p.m.
**Marion Lobstein**
*Virginia Native Plant Society*
Annual trip to Thompson Wildlife Management Area to view a spectacular wildflower display featuring a sea of trilliums. Meet at Blandy library to carpool.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Reservations Required—Space is Limited!

**Free Arboretum Walking Tour**
Wednesday, May 10, 1-2:30 p.m.
Enjoy flowering trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in all their spring glory! Dress for the weather.
Free, but Reservations Required—Space is Limited

**Slave Housing at Blandy, the Tuleyries, and in Clarke County**
Friday, May 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
**Doug Sanford, Univ. of Mary Washington**
Blandy’s brick barracks and the small rooms of the Tuleyries gatehouse are unusual examples of slave housing. This talk will address architectural details of these quarters and others in Clarke County, comparing them to slave quarters across Virginia.
FOSA members $25, nonmembers $12
Reservations Required—Space is Limited!

**Macro Photography: A Bug’s Eye View**
Tuesday, June 13, 2-5 p.m.
**Doug Graham and Tim Farmer**
If you’ve ever considered getting into macro photography, this workshop is for you! We’ll cover lens choices, tripods, and other gear, and then we’ll spend the rest of our time out shooting.
Doug is a veteran photographer, Tim is Blandy’s PR Coordinator and has photographed the Arboretum grounds for nearly 20 years.
FOSA members $30, nonmembers $35
Reservations Required—Space is Limited