Celebrate Summer 2017 at YOUR State Arboretum

Writing in Nature
Thursday, June 8, 7-8:30 p.m.
Christie Green, Writer & Master Naturalist
Learn to bypass your inner critic and tap into your creativity through writing influenced by nature. We’ll observe natural elements and discover how free writing can lead to personal insights. 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

Getting Started on Tree Identification
Friday, June 30, 1-3 p.m.
Trouble telling ash from hickory? Buckeye from horsechestnut? After an introduction to ID basics, we will move outside for practice.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

~ Family “Mothing” Party ~
Friday, July 28, 7-8:30 p.m.
Emma Schneider & Willow Lovecky
Would you like to see some of Virginia’s remarkable moths? Come “mothing” with us as we attract, catch, and release these often hidden backyard residents.
FOSA members, UVA Alumni $10, nonmembers $12
FOSA/UVA family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Requested

Growing Up at Blandy
Tuesday, July 11, 7-8:30 p.m.
Thom Flory
Thom had the privilege of living at Blandy from before his first birthday until he left for college in 1963 and therefore has a unique perspective on daily life at an arboretum and field research station. Join us for historical photos and Thom’s reflections on his early years at Blandy.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12

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. We’ll spend the rest of the time out shooting. Doug is a veteran photojournalist; Tim is Blandy’s PR Coordinator and has photographed the Arboretum for nearly 20 years.
FOSA and Blandy Photo Club members $30, nonmembers $35
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Do’s and Don’ts for the Public
~ Mindfulness in Nature ~
Saturday, June 3, 3-4:30 p.m.
Dr. Belinda Burwell, Wildlife Veterinarian
Have you ever come upon an injured animal and wondered what to do?Veterinarian and wildlife rehabilitator, Belinda Burwell, will share tips on when and how best to deal with injured wildlife. Injured animal ambassadors will be on hand to help. For the whole family.
FOSA members, UVA Alumni $10, nonmembers $12; Member/UVA family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Recommended

Macro Photography:
What’s the Worst-Case Scenario
Tuesday, July 18, 7-8:30 p.m.
Charlie Hagan, Shenandoah Climate Action
Dr. Hagan will explore our climate future in the context of threat recognition and other psychological defenses in the face of those who deny the importance or existence of human-induced climate change.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12

Climate Change:
Shell Fischer, Mindful Shenandoah Valley
Learn to slow down and draw on nature through guided meditation, silent walking, & personal reflection. Dress for the weather; for those 16 and older.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $12
FOSA/UVA family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Requested—Space is Limited

- Family Firefly Festival –
Saturday, June 17, 8-9:30 p.m.
(Rain Date: Friday, June 16, 8-9:30 p.m.)
Everyone loves fireflies, but how do they make their light—and why? We’ll begin with outdoor activities, crafts, and games. Following a short talk for all ages, we will catch and release fireflies and watch fireflies in action, one of nature’s greatest spectacles.
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Macro Photography:
The Hidden Beauty of Moths
Sunday, July 23, 2-3:30 p.m.
Deborah Davis, Artist and Moth Enthusiast
Ms. Davis reveals the intricate, diverse beauty of moths through her paintings. Come enjoy her illustrated talk on the life cycle and importance of moths in nature, “mothing” as a hobby, and what we can do to help conserve these overlooked insects.
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Mindfulness in Nature:
Guided Walking Meditation
Wednesday, August 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Shell Fischer, Mindful Shenandoah Valley
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Reservations Requested—Space is Limited

Getting Oriented: Making Maps for 330 Million National Park Visitors
Tuesday, August 22, 7-8:30 p.m.
Tom Patterson, NPS Cartographer
Our National Parks are more popular than ever. Learn how park maps have changed over the years. Today’s maps reflect the unique natural, cultural, and historical stories of each park, resulting in a map that connects visitors with the landscape they are in. FREE, but Reservations Required
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.

Register Today!
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FOSA Programs
400 Blandy Farm Lane, Boyce VA 22620

Two ways to pay by credit card:
- Online at: blandy.virginia.edu
- Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 M-F, 1-5 p.m.

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