

Celebrate Spring at Your State Arboretum

Programs are in the library unless otherwise noted.

Register Early—Space is Limited

Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 1-5 p.m. or visit
blandy.virginia.edu

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

Conifer Identification: Tips & Tricks

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-Noon

Mary Olien, Fairfax County Park Authority

Are you confused by conifers? Using hands-on activities and a walk through the conifer collection, we will help you distinguish among pines, spruces, firs, and other needle-leaved conifers. Hand lenses available to borrow. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

**FOSA members \$10
nonmembers \$15**

Reservations Required—Space is Limited



Plants That Eat Animals! How and Why?

Tuesday, March 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Steve Carroll, Blandy Experimental Farm

We are surrounded by animals that eat plants. Yet there are cases—think Venus flytraps and pitcher plants—in which plants “eat” animals. How do plants manage this, and what are the costs and benefits of being carnivorous?

**FOSA members/UVa alumni \$10, nonmembers \$15
Member/Alumni family \$20, nonmember family \$25**

Reservations Recommended

Cosponsored by the Partnership for Regional
Invasive Species Management

Invasive Plant Identification and Management

Thursday, March 29, 1-5 p.m.

Blue Ridge PRISM and Blandy Staff

Learn to identify and manage invasive species during the spring season. Samples of invasives will be on display, and feel free to bring securely bagged plants for identification. We will end with a walk to demonstrate field techniques.

FOSA members \$20, nonmembers \$25

Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Full Moon Walk

Saturday, March 31, 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.

Who knows what we might see, hear, or smell!



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Reservations Required

Make 'n Take Air Plant Terrarium

Saturday, April 7, 10-11:30 a.m.

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

Walking Tour of the Arboretum

Thursday, April 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

Come see glorious displays of flowering trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Dress for the weather.

Sorry this program is FULL.

Wildflower Identification Workshop

Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19

9 a.m.-2 p.m. both days

Blandy Community Classroom

Marion Lobstein and Sally Anderson

Virginia Native Plant Society

We'll use *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide*, the *Flora of Virginia*, and the *Flora of Virginia* app to identify spring wildflowers in the lab and field. Bring lunch, a 10x ocular, and books and app if you have them.



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Remarkable Trees of Blandy A FOSA Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 27

Outdoor workshops, panel discussion, Foundation of the State Arboretum annual meeting, and social with refreshments

FOSA members free, nonmembers \$15

12 and under free; Free to nonmembers who join!

- 2-2:45 Native Trees for Your Backyard
- 3-3:45 Spring Pruning for Homeowners
- 4-4:45 Tree Planting in the Rain Garden
- 5-5:15 FOSA Annual meeting
- 5:15-6 Blandy's Remarkable Trees Panel
Jeff Kirwan, Virginia Tech
Cathy Mayes, American Chestnut Foundation
T'ai Roulston, Blandy Experimental Farm
- 6-7 Social hour with refreshments & entertainment
Reservations Required—Space is Limited
Watch for details on our website and Facebook page!

2018 City Nature Challenge

Sunday, April 29

Mark your calendars and be a citizen scientist at Blandy as part of a weekend event. Snap photos of plants and animals at Blandy, and upload to free iNaturalist app. Watch for details on Facebook, on the web, and at www.citynaturechallenge.org.

Cosponsored by Handley Regional Library and
Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum

Bird Conservation: Past, Present, Future A Science Café

Tuesday, May 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

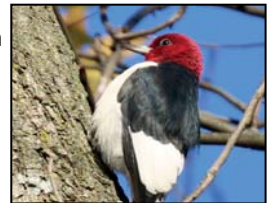
Brewbaker's Restaurant, Back Room

168 N. Loudoun, Winchester Walking Mall

Eric Kershner, Chief, Branch of Conservation

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2018 is the Year of the Bird, marking the 100th anniversary of passage of the Migratory Bird Act. Join us as Dr. Kershner shares conservation successes of the past 100 years and explores challenges for the next 100. Food and drinks available for purchase before, during, and after the program.



Free, but Reservations Requested
blandy.virginia.edu, 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 1-5 pm

Trillium Field Trip

Thursday, May 3, 12:30-4 p.m.

Marion Lobstein, VA Native Plant Society

Our annual trip to Thompson Wildlife Management Area to see a spectacular wildflower display featuring a sea of trilliums. Meet at Blandy library to carpool.

We have a group permit for this trip.

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