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

~ Family Firefly Festival ~
Friday, June 15, 8-9:30 p.m.
(Rain Date: Saturday, 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 brief talk for all ages, we will catch, release and watch fireflies in action, one of nature’s greatest spectacles.
FOSA members, UVa Alumni $10, nonmembers $12
Member/UVa family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Recommended
Cosponsored by the Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management
Managing Invasive Plants in the Summer Season
Wednesday, June 20, 1-5 p.m.
Blue Ridge PRISM and Blandy staff
Learn to identify and manage invasive species during the summer season. Samples will be on display, and you may bring securely bagged plants for identification. We will end with a walk including field identification and demonstration of techniques.
FOSA members $20, nonmembers $25
Reservations Required
Space is Limited

Blandy Book Club
Fourth Thursday of the Month, 1-2 p.m.
Read new and classic environmental literature and join us for lively discussions.
June 28 The Nature Fix, Florence Williams
July 26 Soochn, Kelly and Zach Weinersmith
August 23 The Great Quake, Henry Fountain
Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 287 if interested

Arboretum Walking Tour
Thursday, July 12, 3-4:30 p.m.
Join us as we explore the arboretum’s gardens and collections. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $15
Member family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Required

Basic Botany
For Gardeners and Naturalists
Tuesday, July 24, 3-4:30 p.m.
Steve Carroll, Blandy Experimental Farm
Gardeners, naturalists, and others appreciate the beauty of plants, but how exactly do plants work? We’ll explore how plants obtain water and nutrients, make their own food, grow, and more.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $15
Reservations Recommended

Full Moon Walk
Saturday, July 28, 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. Who knows what we might see, hear, or smell?
FOSA members/UVa Alumni $10, nonmembers $15
Member/Alumni family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Mindfulness in Nature: Guided Walking Meditation
Wednesday, August 8, 6:30-8:30 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 $15
Reservations Required
Cosponsored by the Shenandoah Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists

Rachel Carson: From Poet of the Sea to Prophet of the Earth
This program has been canceled
During her lifetime, Rachel Carson was one of the most trusted voices of public science in America. Today best known for her controversial Silent Spring, she had by then written three acclaimed books on the sea, and she was a skilled, though somewhat reluctant, public speaker. Ms. Lear has written an acclaimed biography of Rachel Carson and edited a collection of her writings, and she will share thoughts and anecdotes about one of our most important environmental writers.
FOSA members $15, nonmembers $20
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

The Butterflies in Your Backyard
Tuesday, August 21, 10-11:30 a.m.
Alex Newhouse, Virginia Master Naturalist
We will begin with an illustrated talk on Virginia butterflies, including life cycle, ecology, and identification. We’ll then look for butterflies in Blandy’s gardens. Dress for the weather.
FOSA members/UVa alumni $10, nonmembers $15
FOSA/UVa family $20, nonmember family $25
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

Full Moon Walk
Sunday, August 26, 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. Who knows what we might see, hear, or smell?
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Reservations Required

Arboretum Walking Tour
Thursday, August 30, 2-4 p.m.
For Gardeners and Naturalists
Learn to identify and manage invasive species during the summer season. Samples will be on display, and you may bring securely bagged plants for identification. We will end with a walk including field identification and demonstration of techniques.
FOSA members $20, nonmembers $25
Reservations Required
Space is Limited

Introduction to Tree Identification
Thursday, August 30, 2-4 p.m.
Do you have trouble telling ash from hickory? Black cherry from hackberry? After an introduction to ID basics we’ll move outside for practice.
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $15
Reservations Required—Space is Limited

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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, work in the gift shop, and lots more. Interested? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 540-837-1758 Ext. 246 or fosaevents@virginia.edu

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**SUMMER NATURE CAMP**
**June & July 2018**
Blandy's Nature Camps are a great opportunity for kids to enjoy time outdoors. Camps include exploration, hands-on activities, crafts, time with Blandy's scientists, and more. In EcoExplorers, participants ask a scientific question, collect and analyze field data, and present their findings.

**June 25-27 Wildlife Detectives**
9 a.m.-3 p.m., rising 2nd-4th grade
Explore nature using all five senses

**July 9-13 Phenomenal Plants & Their Animals**
9 a.m.-Noon, rising 2nd-4th grade
From mosses to trees and the animals that use them

**July 16-20 EcoExplorers**
9 a.m.-Noon, rising 5th-8th grade
Come design and carry out your own field experiment!

Watch for details on our web site and Facebook page.

**Scholarships Available!**
Call 540-837-1758 Ext. 287

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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:
Pay online anytime at:
www.blandy.virginia.edu

Or call 540-837-1758 Ext. 224 M-F 1-5 p.m.

Call for Membership Information!