Celebrate Spring at Your State Arboretum

Cosponsored by Sustainability Matters

Native American Plant Use
Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m.-Noon
Chris Anderson, Sustainability Matters
Learn how Native Americans used plants for medicinal, culinary, and other purposes. Herbalist, Native American, and educator Chris Anderson will begin with an overview in the library, then identify relevant plants in Blandy’s gardens. We will return to the library to enjoy traditional herbal teas.

The Arboriculture by Moonlight
Tuesday, April 16, 8-9 p.m.
Explore the Arboretum under the gibbous moon as we listen for calling frogs and other creatures of the night. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight.

Small Tree Pruning & Care
Tuesday, April 23, 1-3:30 p.m.
Scott Johnston, Johnston Tree Care
Prepare your trees and shrubs for the growing season. We begin in the library with an introduction to pruning, tree care, and tools. We’ll then move outside for demos, hands-on practice, and Q&A. Dress for the weather. ISA credit pending.

Trillium Field Trip
Friday, May 3, 12:30-4 p.m.
Marion Lobstein, Virginia Native Plant Society
Our annual trip to Thompson Wildlife Management Area to explore a spectacular wildflower display featuring a sea of trilliums. Meet at the Blandy library to carpool.

Mindfulness in Nature:
Guided Walking Meditation
Thursday, May 23, 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 older. We will walk approximately 1/2 mile.

Arboretum Walking Tour
Friday, May 24, 2-3:30 p.m.
Come explore the arboretum in spring. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. We’ll walk approximately 1 1/2 miles over gently rolling terrain.

Explore the creative force that plein air writing brings to your poetry. Poet Sarah Kohrs will guide and inspire us with hands-on activities and advice from nature poets. There will be time to write and share amidst Blandy’s beauty.

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Valley Educational Center for the Creative Arts

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Programs are in the library unless otherwise noted.
Register Online Now—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.

Coyotes in Virginia: Here Today & Here to Stay
Tuesday, March 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
Mike Fies, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries
Mike will give an overview of the history and ecology of Virginia’s coyotes. He will offer ways to reduce coyote-human conflicts and share results of recent research on Virginia’s coyotes. Though a relative newcomer to the state, coyotes are here to stay!

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

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Summer Nature Camp
June & July 2019
Blandy’s summer nature camps are a great opportunity for kids to enjoy time outdoors, explore nature safely, and work with Blandy’s scientists. Camps include inquiry, hands-on projects, theme-based crafts and games, and more.

Art in Nature, June 24-26
9 a.m.-3 p.m. rising 2nd-4th grade
Use your creative genius as we explore nature’s patterns and beauty

Green Adventures, July 8-12
9 a.m.-Noon, rising 2nd-4th grade
Learn how to become a savvy steward of Earth while having fun in nature

EcoExplorers, July 15-19
9 a.m.-Noon, rising 5th-8th grade
Design and carry out your own field experiment!

Watch for details on Facebook and our website

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

Plastic Pollution in the Oceans: A Science Café
Wednesday, May 29, 7-8:30 p.m.
Brewbaker’s Restaurant Backroom
168 N. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA
Dr. Kirk Havens, Va Institute of Marine Science
Worldwide we add more and more plastic to the environment, much of which finds its way into the oceans. There it breaks into smaller pieces but does not degrade. Photos of dead, plastic-filled marine organisms and square miles of plastic debris are ever-more commonplace. Dr. Havens will update us on the extent of this problem as well as research into biopolymer alternatives. Food and drinks available for purchase throughout the program, plus door prizes and trivia!
Free, but Registration Requested

Register Today!
❑ FOSA MEMBER or ❑ NONMEMBER
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Address _________________________
City/State/Zip ____________________
Daytime Phone ___________________
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Total Payment Enclosed

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

Two ways to pay by credit card:
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blandy.virginia.edu
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Call for Membership Information!