Trillium Field Trip  
Saturday, May 2, 12:30-4 p.m.  
Marion Lobstein, Virginia Native Plant Society  
This special trip to Thompson Wildlife Management Area is timed to experience a spectacular wildflower display featuring a sea of trilliums. Many people enjoy this trip year after year because it is so impressive. We will meet at the Blandy library to carpool to the site.  
FOSA members $10, nonmembers $15  
Reservations Required  
Register at blandy.virginia.edu

Garden Fair  
May 9 & 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Mother’s Day Weekend  
With Special Guests  
Mike McGrath And Cole Burrell  
Garden Fair is an enormous outdoor plant and garden sale, with dozens of vendors offering native plants, annuals, perennials, shrubs, berry bushes, small trees, and more. Shoppers can choose from a variety of select garden accessories, garden tools, hats, gloves, and everything for the home gardener. Mike McGrath of public broadcasting’s You Bet Your Garden will be our special guest both days, offering “fiercely organic” gardening advice and wit. Noted author and lecturer Cole Burrell will join us Sunday afternoon to talk gardening and landscaping. Free children’s activities and guided tours of the Arboretum round out a great weekend for Mom. Start your Mother’s Day tradition at Garden Fair this year!  
$15 per car  
$10 online in advance at blandy.virginia.edu

Firefly Festival  
Friday, June 12, 8-9:30 p.m.  
Save the date for this family favorite! We’ll start in the library with an introduction for all ages, then venture outside to see one of nature’s most magical displays.  
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Member/UVa family $20, nonmember family $25  
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Summer With A Scientist!  
Blandy Summer Nature Camps  
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$225 per week + $60 for aftercare  
Register here: blandy.virginia.edu/public-programs/summer-camps

WILD Things!  
June 22-26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
3-4 p.m. optional aftercare  
For rising 2nd-5th graders  
Campers will experience nature through hikes, games, arts, and crafts. We’ll learn new skills using magnifiers, binoculars, insect nets, and compasses. Blandy scientists will share hands-on activities and stories about how they became scientists and what they do.

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Join the Fight Against Invasive Plants

With the Blue Ridge Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management

Friday March 6, 1-5 p.m.

In the Blandy Library

Non-native invasive plants are overtaking our native plants, trees, shrubs, and groundcovers. This workshop will enable you to confidently identify and manage invasive plants. Bring samples of your mystery plants and we'll help you identify them. Each session includes classroom and outdoor instruction (weather permitting) and discussion. Registration is required.

$25 per person
For registration or more information, visit www.blueridgeprism.org.

Spotted Lanternfly: Learn to Slow the Spread

With Sustainability Matters

Wednesday, March 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

In the Blandy Library

Spotted Lanternfly, arguably the worst invasive insect to enter Virginia in 150 years, has now spread to Clarke County. It has the potential to threaten agricultural crops, forests, and home landscapes throughout Virginia. Learn how to ID, report sightings, and slow the spread of this terrible new pest. Presented by Sustainability Matters, Virginia Cooperative Extension, United States Department of Agriculture, and Virginia Department of Forestry.

$5 SM & FOSA Members/$10 Non-members
Registration is required.
Register at facebook.com/pg/SustainabilityMattersVA

The Arboretum by Moonlight

Tuesday, April 7, 7-8 p.m.

Meet in the Blandy Library

Exploring the Arboretum at dusk and after dark guarantees an enchanting experience. We'll listen for calling spring peepers, owls, and more. We never know what we will see or hear! Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. It's a full moon!

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Wildflower ID Workshop

Thursday and Friday, April 23-24
9 a.m.-2 p.m. both days
Blandy Community Classroom and grounds

Marion Lobstein and Sally Anderson lead this class every year, and every year it’s one of our most popular, so register early for this one! 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.

FOSA & VNPS members $35, nonmembers $40
Registration Required—Space is Limited

State Arboretum of Virginia's Tree of the Year

Arbor Day
Friday, April 24, 1 p.m.

Big news! We’ll announce the State Arboretum’s 2020 Tree of the Year. Last year’s Tree of the Year was the Eastern Redbud. What will it be this year? Join us to find out!

One Earth:
Music at the Arboretum
Earth Day Celebration
Saturday, April 25, 1-4 p.m.

In the Margaret Byrd Stimpson Amphitheater

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with a FREE choral festival and community picnic in the Arboretum’s outdoor amphitheater. Performers will include the Valley Chorale of Front Royal, the Manassas Chorale, the Clarke County High School Choir and the Warren County Middle School choir. Bring a picnic basket, chairs or a blanket; well-behaved leashed dogs are welcome. In the event of rain, snow or temperatures below 60 degrees, the event is canceled.

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