Attached are advanced listings of Maymont’s programs for **August, September, October, November, December, January and February**. Photographs of Maymont and of a variety of programs and events are available. Please contact us for further information.

**Maymont: An American Estate**

The story of Maymont – one of Richmond’s enduring treasures – began in 1893, when a wealthy Richmond couple, James and Sallie Dooley, completed their elaborate Gilded Age estate on a site high above the James River. According to their wishes, Maymont was left as a special place for people to experience and enjoy.

There are 100 acres of rolling hills, gardens, animals and architecture to explore at Maymont. Guests can learn about American history and design on a guided tour of Maymont Mansion, or picnic on the lawn outside. Take a long walk through the Japanese Garden or check out interactive exhibits at the Nature Center. Visit domestic animals at the Children’s Farm, or see native Virginia wildlife in natural habitats throughout the estate. Whether guests visit for 30 minutes, an afternoon or a whole day, Maymont has something to offer.

**A Lasting Legacy**

During the Gilded Age of the late 1880s through the 1910s – the era of Carnegie, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt – millionaires often demonstrated their prosperity through elaborate homes and gardens. Richmond-born financier James Dooley was among this new class in American society. Through the expansion of the railroads and other business ventures, Dooley contributed to the recovery and growth of the South and his hometown after the Civil War.

Beyond business, James and his wife Sallie were also central figures in the social, intellectual and philanthropic life of their city. The Dooleys left an enduring legacy in Richmond through institutions that still serve us, like St. Joseph’s Villa, the Richmond Public Library, the Children’s Hospital and, of course, Maymont. These gifts exemplify how they used their wealth for the benefit of the public.

**An Extraordinary Gift**

Creating a great estate like Maymont is noteworthy, but the Dooleys will be remembered not for the act of building or owning Maymont, but for the generosity they demonstrated when they gave it to the community. The Dooleys’ gift and the gifts of other major donors have inspired similar acts of kindness from thousands of others over many decades.

Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the private nonprofit Maymont Foundation. Eighty percent of Maymont’s funding comes from the generosity of private patrons and guests. For information on hours and fees, call 804-358-7166 or visit maymont.org. Maymont’s Visitor Center entrance is located at 2201 Shields Lake Drive in Richmond.
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ADVANCE PROGRAM LISTINGS
AUGUST 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016

*For program registration, call the phone number listed, or visit maymont.org.

AUGUST 2015

MAYMONT’S SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS
Throughout August
Nature calls! Maymont’s wildly popular summer camps offer outdoor adventures, animal encounters, games, crafts and hands-on activities for young nature explorers ages 3 to 11. Fees vary. For a complete schedule of camps, visit maymont.org/summer-camps.

Special Exhibition and Program Series
A PASSION FOR NATURE AT MAYMONT
Tuesdays-Sundays through September 8, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
Both indoors and out, James and Sallie Dooley’s estate reflects their love of natural beauty. They filled their residence, the Maymont Mansion, with a treasure trove of nature-inspired decorative and fine arts and landscaped the surrounding 100 acres with beautiful parkland, magnificent trees, and glorious gardens. The special exhibition “A Passion for Nature” will encourage guests to take a closer look at the bountiful representations of flora and fauna, from lilies and dragonflies adorning Art Nouveau objects to realistic sculpture of lions and owls, found in the decorations of the Gilded Age mansion. The special feature of the exhibition is the Dooleys’ limited edition set of the Haviland White House dinner service created in collaboration with artist Theodore Davis during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. The flamboyant set, with distinctive designs for each course of a formal dinner service, is vividly decorated with an array of American wildlife and plants in their natural habitats. The Dooleys’ collection, which is the largest on permanent public display in the world, will be complemented by equally spectacular pieces on loan from the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio, and private collections. In addition, fashions on loan from The Valentine will reflect the growing interest in the natural world during the Gilded Age, showing the inspiration of nature in textiles as well as design adaptations for outdoor pursuits. Original garden plans and plant catalogues will illustrate Sallie Dooley’s love and knowledge of horticulture. Step inside the mansion for a fresh look at the intricacies and wonders of the natural world that have flourished there for 100 years and continue to inspire “A Passion for Nature” throughout the estate. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. $5 suggested donation. For information, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT’S TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN
Four-session program: Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10-11am, Nature Center
Too much summer sun? Head over to the Maymont Nature Center for some indoor fun. Each session in this four-week program includes free play in the Discovery Room, a story, craft and a visit with one of Maymont’s turtles, birds, insects or snakes. You and your toddler might even make a few new friends! Ages 1-4; adult must accompany child. $36 per parent and child pair/$29 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by August 4; for information, call 804-358-7168.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT
Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 12:30-1:15pm, Maymont Mansion
Explore Maymont Mansion and learn what it was like to live and work at the estate 100 years ago. The Dooleys’ housemaid brings the mansion to life during a family-friendly tour of the upstairs and downstairs of this grand home. $6 per person/$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT OPEN FOR JAZZ FEST GUESTS ONLY
Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9
Maymont will be closed to the public for the Richmond Jazz Festival. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.
RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL AT MAYMONT
Presented by Altria
Saturday, August 8 & Sunday, August 9, Maymont Grounds (gates open at 11am)
As one of the largest music festivals on the East Coast, the 5th Annual Richmond Jazz Festival at Maymont has quickly become one of the city’s biggest attractions. Every year, the festival boasts a lineup of top Grammy Award-winning, international and national jazz talents. Past artists have included India.Arie, Jill Scott, Dr. John, Chaka Khan, Arturo Sandoval, Poncho Sanchez, Chick Corea, Ravi Coltrane, Keiko Matsui, and many more. Along with unforgettable musical performances, weekend activities include wine tastings, chef demonstrations, artist meet and greets, exclusive access to the breathtaking gardens at Maymont, and a huge marketplace of food and merchandise vendors. For more information and tickets, visit www.jazzatmaymont.com. Service animals only, please.

MAYMONT’S FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT
Friday, August 21, 10am-12pm, Maymont Grounds
Explore Maymont’s 100 acres in a whole new way! Crack secret codes for clues, and use maps and riddles to find your way around the estate in this family-friendly scavenger hunt. Different difficulty levels are available. Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. $15 per family or group (up to four people)/$12 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

A PASSION FOR NATURE CURATOR’S TOUR AT MAYMONT
Thursday, August 27, 5:30-6:30pm, Maymont Mansion
A Baltimore oriole, a striped bass, several lions, narwhals, a sunflower, pansies, okra, a wild turkey, and roses galore — that’s just a sampling of the abundance and variety of nature depicted within the opulent interiors of Maymont Mansion. Join a member of Maymont’s curatorial staff for an in-depth tour of James and Sallie Dooley’s restored Gilded Age home, featuring the exhibit “A Passion for Nature.” Discover the artistic influences and inspiration behind the diverse depictions of plant and animal life adorning their 1893 residence. Hear the fascinating story of the creation of the White House Dinner Service, produced by the famous porcelain maker Haviland and the artist Theodore Davis. The Dooleys’ collection of this flamboyant set is the largest on permanent public display, and is complemented by spectacular pieces on loan from the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio, and private collections. In addition, fashions on loan from The Valentine’s collection and period artifacts provide further appreciation of the intricacies and wonders of the natural world expressed in decorative arts. $10 per person/$5 members. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Special Exhibition and Program Series
A PASSION FOR NATURE AT MAYMONT
Tuesdays-Sundays through September 8, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
See August listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: WHAT’S BUGGING YOU?
Wednesday, September 2, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds
Explore the world of insects and other invertebrates up-close in this interactive program. Learn about insect and invertebrate characteristics, metamorphosis and the beneficial role these critters play in our everyday lives. Venture outside in search of wild insects in their natural habitat. Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. $8 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 1; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: REPTILES
Wednesday, September 2, 11:15am-12pm, Nature Center and Grounds
How do snakes smell their surroundings? Do turtles have backbones? Do alligators live in Virginia? Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and meet several of our cold-blooded critters, including our newest reptile! Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. $6 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 1; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT’S TODDLER TIME: OUT AND ABOUT
Three-session program: Thursdays, September 3, 10 & 17, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds
Tie on your sneakers, strap the kids in a stroller or backpack and join us on a walk through Maymont. Along the way, we’ll stop and explore our senses of touch, smell, and hearing with a variety of short activities. Ages 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. $24 per parent and child pair/$20 members (includes all sessions). Register online at maymont.org by September 2; for information, call 804-358-7168.

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SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
Monday, September 7  
Nature & Visitor Center, 10am-5pm  
Maymont Mansion, 12-5pm  
Maymont’s indoor exhibits, including Maymont Mansion and the Nature Center, will be open for the holiday. (Indoor exhibits are normally open Tuesday-Sunday). For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS  
Wednesday, September 9, 10-11am & 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion  
Maymont’s unique history provides a rich resource that awakens students to ideas and events of the past and a connection to how the past affects their lives today. Students examine a complex and often neglected period of history as they explore the perspectives of employer and employee, server and served, represented within Maymont Mansion. Ages 8 and older. $6 per person. Register online at maymont.org by September 8. For groups of 6 or more and for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

DOOLEY NOTED SOCIETY’S WINE & BEER CLASSIC  
Friday, September 11, 7-10:30pm, Children’s Farm Lawn  
Maymont’s Dooley Noted Society hosts their annual Wine & Beer Classic! Enjoy live music while sampling some of Virginia’s finest beverages. Participants must be 21 years old or older. Dooley Noted Society members receive a discount. For tickets, call 804-358-7166, ext. 313 or purchase online at maymont.org.

MAYMONT’S TODDLER TIME: DOWN ON THE FARM  
Three-session program: Mondays, September 14, 21 & 28, 10-10:45am, Children’s Farm Classroom  
Come on over to Maymont for some fun at the Children’s Farm! Each session in this three-week program includes a story, craft, visit with one of Maymont’s animals, feeding the animals and free play at the farm. Ages 1-4; adult must accompany child. $26 per parent and child pair/$21 members (includes all sessions). Register online at maymont.org by September 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: WATER WORLD  
Wednesday, September 16, 10-11:30am, Nature Center and Maymont Grounds  
Dive in and investigate the properties and importance of water! Through experiments and activities, students will gain a greater understanding of one of our most precious resources, wetlands. Most of this program will occur outside; please dress appropriately for the weather. Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. $12 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 15; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT’S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: CREATURES OF THE JAMES  
Saturday, September 19, 6pm-Sunday, September 20, 9am, Maymont Grounds  
The James River and its surrounding habitats are home to many amazing animals! Take an evening hike through the estate in search of native nocturnal creatures, and meet a few of Maymont’s own animal ambassadors. Afterwards, we’ll make s’mores and enjoy stories around the campfire. Following a night in your tent on Maymont’s grounds, enjoy a continental breakfast and take a morning hike. Ages 4 and older; one adult must be registered for every four children. $40 per person/$30 members. Register online at maymont.org by September 16; for information, call 804-358-7168. Participants will receive more information prior to the program.

MAYMONT WELCOMES UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FANS: SPECIAL PROGRAM & TOUR SERIES  
Saturday, September 19-Monday, September 28, 10am-5pm, Maymont Mansion  
Discover the story of Maymont, a restored 1893 mansion and lavish estate given to the City of Richmond by James and Sallie Dooley. Explore the opulent rooms upstairs, filled with Tiffany and Co. luxury items, stained glass, European and Asian porcelain and other treasures, in addition to service rooms downstairs with an extensive exhibition that reveals the life and work of domestic employees in a great Southern household during America’s Gilded Age. Upstairs guided tours; self-guided belowstairs exhibit. $5 suggested donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.
VISIT THE VICTORIANS AT MAYMONT
Sunday, September 20, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion and Lawn
Join in the fun as Victorian ladies, distinguished gentlemen and charming children welcome guests and invite them to pay a call on the Dooleys during this family-friendly visit to the estate. Meet the conscientious domestic staff as they show what it takes to keep a Gilded Age mansion running and chat with the coachman during a carriage ride. Play old-fashioned games and see authentic turn-of-the-century bicycles as the past come to life with fun activities that highlight James and Sallie Dooley’s extraordinary gift to you! Free admission; fee for carriage rides. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday, September 21 & 28
Maymont Mansion and Nature & Visitor Center, 10am-5pm
Maymont’s indoor exhibits, including Maymont Mansion and the Nature Center, will be open during the UCI Road World Championship. (Indoor exhibits are normally open Tuesday-Sunday). For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT’S VIEW FROM THE BACKSTAIRS
Monday, September 21, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion
Visit Maymont Mansion to experience Richmond’s Gilded Age showplace from the perspective of those who knew it as a workplace. Like most southern households at the turn of the 20th century, nearly everyone employed by the Dooleys as butlers, maids, cooks and laundresses were African American. Meet the head butler and hear first-hand about the challenges of maintaining an upper-class home, adapting to changing household technology and supporting his family during the turbulent times of the Jim Crow South. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT
Tuesday, September 22, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion
When was this invented? How did that work? This special behind-the-scenes tour reveals the bells, whistles, hidden panels, knobs, tubes and other technological wonders that made Major and Mrs. Dooley’s home one of the most modern in Gilded Age Richmond. Visit Maymont Mansion and marvel at the latest up-to-date comforts of an 1890s home: electricity, central heat, indoor plumbing, telephone service, an elevator and more. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

A TALE OF TWO TIFFANYS AT MAYMONT
Wednesday, September 23, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion
Take a closer look at Maymont’s remarkable works by Art Nouveau designer Louis Comfort Tiffany and by his father’s firm, Tiffany and Company. A spectacular, fifteen foot tall stained glass window and the one-of-a-kind silver and narwhal tusk dressing table and chair are among the many Tiffany treasures adorning the authentically furnished and fully restored interiors of the 1893 Gilded Age residence of James and Sallie Dooley. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

THE ART & INFLUENCE OF JAPAN AT MAYMONT
Thursday, September 24, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion
Explore the influence of Japan on turn-of-the-20th-century decorative arts and home furnishings as represented in Maymont Mansion. Learn about the development of Japonisme in the West, its far reaching impact on collecting, design and gardens as you examine Satsuma, Imari and Kutani ceramics and other Japanese objects acquired by the Dooleys, as well as objets d’art from other Asian cultures in the Maymont collection. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT’S VOICES OF VICTORIAN WOMEN
Friday, September 25, 11am-12pm & 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion
This special tour of the Dooleys’ home introduces guests to one of Mrs. Dooley’s dressmakers who highlights a woman’s role and influence 100 years ago. Not hesitating to share her opinions on “delicate” subjects or political matters, she addresses the issues that touched the lives of every woman in the early 20th century. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.
**DIGGING FOR DINOS AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, October 3, 10-11 am, Nature Center**

How big was a T-rex tooth? Did cavemen and dinosaurs exist at the same time? Children ages 4-8 learn the answers as they explore the world of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures. Playing the part of a paleontologist, kids will dig through sand to find fossils and learn what these artifacts can tell us of an earlier time. $8 per child/$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by October 14; for information, call 804-358-7168.

**BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, October 3, 1-1:30 pm, Nature Center**

Walk through the Employees Only door for a special peek at the inner workings of the Maymont Nature Center. Thirteen aquariums and more than 200 animals require more care than meets the eye. Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. $6 per person/$3 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register at the Visitor Center desk on the day of the program. (Groups of 5 or more must register in advance.) For information, call 804-358-7168.

**MAYMONT'S REPTILE ROUNDSUP**

**Saturday, October 3, 2:30-3:30 pm, Nature Center**

How do snakes smell their surroundings? Do turtles have backbones? Do alligators live in Virginia? Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and meet several of our cold-blooded critters, including our newest reptile! For ages 4 and up; adult must accompany child. $8 per person/$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by October 2 or at the Visitor Center desk on the day of the program. Limited space available for walk-ups. For information, call 804-358-7168.

**GREAT VICTORIAN DESIGNERS IN AMERICA, 1840-1910**

**An Art History Class at Maymont**

**Presented by Dr. Charles W. Brownell**

**Tuesdays, October 6 - November 10, 5:30-6:30 pm, Garden Hall**

Dr. Charles E. Brownell, architectural and decorative arts historian, examines a selection of the brightest achievements of American masters in the fields of architecture, furniture, interior design, ceramics, and glass from the Ante-Bellum period to the eve of World War I. Dr. Brownell, Emeritus Professor of Art History at Virginia Commonwealth University, brings a wide-ranging knowledge of the history of design to this special six-class series inspired by Maymont Mansion and its collections. Each 50-minute class is followed by an optional 20-minute workshop or a visit to the mansion with Curator Dale Wheary to see relevant materials.

- October 6, Romantic American Mansions and Their Furniture, 1840-65
- October 13, Rococo Revival Furniture, from Belter and Baudouine to Mazaroz
- October 20, The Aesthetic Movement Interior, from Herter Brothers and George Schassey to Maymont
- October 27, H. H. Richardson, High Victorian Architecture, and the “Free Styles”
- November 3, Art Ceramics in America
- November 10, The Tiffany’s, Father and Son

$90 per person/$60 members (includes all classes) or $15 per person/$10 members (per class). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

**MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FANTASTIC FALL**

**Four-session program: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 9:30-10:30 am, Nature Center**

Celebrate fall by introducing your child to animals at the Maymont Nature Center. Each session in this four-week program includes free play in the Discovery Room, a story, craft and a visit with one of Maymont’s animals. You and your toddler might even make a few new friends! Ages 1-4; adult must accompany child. $36 per parent and child pair/$29 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by October 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

**MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: SPOOKY SPECTACULAR**

**Friday, October 16, 6 pm - Saturday, October 17, 9 am, Maymont Grounds**

Meet some of Maymont’s spooky creatures as we celebrate “Owl”-oween! Explore the grounds on a lantern-lit hike as the (almost) full moon rises. Afterwards, we’ll make s'mores and enjoy stories around the campfire. Following a night in your tent on Maymont’s grounds, enjoy a continental breakfast and take a morning hike. Ages 4 and older; one adult must be registered for every four children. $40 per person/$30 members. Register online at maymont.org by October 14; for information, call 804-358-7168. Participants will receive more information prior to the program.

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VINTAGE MAYMONT
Eighteenth Annual Auction of Wine, Travel, Entertainment and Culinary Treasures
Friday, October 23, 6-10pm, The Jefferson Hotel
Vintage Maymont returns to the beautiful American landmark, The Jefferson Hotel, in its eighteenth year. At this premier auction, participants can expect an exciting evening with a high-spirited crowd and extraordinary items up for bid including unique vacation packages, fine wines, beautiful artwork and more. Vintage Maymont begins with a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction, all to benefit Maymont. A variety of sponsorship opportunities with outstanding benefits are available. For more information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341.

MAYMONT'S TWILIGHT TREE TOUR
Thursday, October 29, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds
Join Peggy Singlemann, Maymont’s Director of Horticulture, on this exclusive after-hours tour of Maymont’s Arboretum. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Donations accepted. Register online at maymont.org by October 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S MOURNING OBSESSIONS
Saturday, October 31 & Sunday, November 1, 1-2pm & 3-4pm, Maymont Mansion
Somber Victorian ladies and gentlemen lead this unusual tour, filled with macabre beliefs and memorabilia, and details about the lives and deaths of Major and Mrs. James H. Dooley. Enter the doors of Maymont Mansion and immerse yourself in stories of the Victorian rituals associated with death and mourning. Period artifacts, original Maymont pieces, mourning fashions, jewelry and keepsakes illustrate the 19th century customs associated with grief and condolence. $7 per person/$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NOVEMBER 2015

MAYMONT PRESENTS GREAT VICTORIAN DESIGNERS IN AMERICA, 1840-1910
An Art History Lecture Series
Tuesdays through November 10, 5:30-6:30pm, Garden Hall
See October 6 listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FANTASTIC FALL
Four-session program: Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24, 9:30-10:30am, Nature Center
See October 7 listing. Register online at maymont.org by November 2. For information, call 804-358-7168.

AMERICAN DOWNTON: GOSSIP AND GRANDEUR IN THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT
A luncheon lecture sponsored by the Maymont Council
Presented by Nancy Lowden
Wednesday, November 4, 12pm, Garden Hall
Fans of Downton Abbey know that the real-life dramas, fortunes, who’s who and upstairs-downstairs life in the United States matched those of our English cousins 100 years ago, and in some cases exceeded! Nancy Lowden, Maymont’s Manager of Historical Programs, will describe the rituals of polite society, the grand parties, fashionable ladies and gents, and the important tittle-tattle of the era. Hear about the family power plays, the challenges of working for the upper class, and the tales of American “aristocrats” crossing the pond to trade dowries for titles during the Gilded Age. Who was the most beautiful bride of 1895? What scandalous woman was divorcing? And what did the lady’s maid overhear? All is revealed during this lively illustrated talk. $20 per person/$16 members (includes program and lunch). Register online at maymont.org by October 30; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS
Tuesdays-Sundays, November 20, 2015-January 3, 2016, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
(Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day)
Celebrate the season at Maymont and revel in Victorian holiday splendor! Major and Mrs. Dooley’s spectacularly decorated Gilded Age home brings the wonders and festivity of Christmas past to life. Beautiful trimmings on the 12-foot Christmas tree, the opulent dining room set for a feast, evergreen decorations and lavish gifts welcome the season in grand Victorian style. In the Belowstairs area, preparations are underway to make the Dooleys’ first Christmas in their new home special for their family and friends - and to put everyone in the holiday spirit! Guided tours (upstairs only) available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. $5 suggested admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.
ONE GREAT MORNING OF RAKING AT MAYMONT
Saturday, November 21, 9am-12pm, Japanese Garden
Maymont’s Japanese Garden is a favorite place for many Richmonders, but caring for the garden is quite a task. To help with this endeavor, volunteer to assist the horticulture staff rake the fallen leaves covering the garden. Please call ahead to let us know you are joining us, and bring your own rake! For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: THANKSGIVING
Indoor Exhibits Closed on Thursday, November 26
Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, November 26. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

DECEMBER 2015

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS
Tuesdays-Sundays through January 3, 2016, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
(Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day)
See November 20 listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT’S WREATH WORKSHOPS
Tuesday, December 1, 6-9pm
Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3, 9am-12pm and 6-9pm, Stone Barn
Have you ever strolled through Maymont around the holidays and envied the beautiful greenery decorating the estate? Sign up for one of these popular workshops and learn from the experts how to create the spectacular wreaths used at Maymont. Greens, forms, wire and instruction are supplied; bring your own clippers and gloves. Create one special wreath to take home and help make another for Maymont. $30 per person/$25 members. Register online at maymont.org by November 30; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT’S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES
Three-session program: Thursdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10-11am, Nature Center
What do snakes, owls and bears do for the chilly season? Get out of the cold and head over to the Maymont Nature Center for some indoor fun! We'll read stories, make crafts, and have some free play as we learn about what some animals do to survive during the winter months. You and your toddler might even make a few new friends! For ages 1-4; adult must accompany child. $27 per parent and child pair/$22 members (includes all sessions). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by December 2; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT’S DECK THE HALLS WORKSHOP
Friday, December 4, 6-8pm, Stone Barn
Whether for an American estate, your house or apartment, creating your own holiday decorations can be fun and easy! Learn from Maymont’s experts the special techniques needed to make and take home a traditional Magnolia wreath and window swag. Greens, forms, wire and instruction are supplied; bring your own clippers and gloves. $45 per person/$37 members. Register online at maymont.org by December 2; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT’S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 6, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion and Carriage House Lawn
Celebrate a charming, old-fashioned Christmas and experience a tradition enjoyed by generations of families. Victorian ladies and gentlemen graciously welcome you into the Dooleys’ home to marvel at the grand Christmas tree and the beautifully decorated formal rooms, to see the gifts and games of 1893 and to stop by the Belowstairs, where holiday preparations abound. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with St. Nick and Maymont’s Christmas Fairy, good food and drink, festive music, a roaring bonfire and special activities that are sure to fill everyone with a merry holiday spirit. Free activities. Guided mansion tours: $5 per person/$4 members and children age 12 and under. Carriage rides: $5 per person/$4 members and children 12 and under. For reservations, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.
ST. NICK’S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MAYMONT
Sunday, December 6, 2:30-4pm, Garden Hall
The entire family is sure to enjoy an afternoon of merriment and surprises as St. Nick joins Maymont’s Christmas Fairy to host a party filled with magical wishes, games and crafts, special treats, animal friends and a visit to the enchanting home of Major and Mrs. Dooley. $15 per person/$10 adults and children 12 and older. Advanced registration required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT BY MOONLIGHT
Fridays, December 11 & 18, 5:30-9:30pm, Maymont’s Historic Estate Entrance
Enjoy an enchanting holiday evening at Maymont...by moonlight! Elegantly costumed Victorian ladies and gentlemen welcome you to the home of Major and Mrs. James H. Dooley to witness the excitement of Christmas 1893. The Dooleys’ gracious family, guests and domestic staff bring to life the busy preparations for a special celebration - the first Christmas in their new home. A horse-drawn carriage ride under the stars, seasonal refreshments and joyful carol singing by the bonfire make this an evening to remember! $28 per person/$22 members. Reservations required. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY
Indoor Exhibits Closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25
Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS
Monday, December 28, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
See November 20 listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: NEW YEAR’S DAY
Indoor Exhibits Closed on Friday, January 1
Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Friday, January 1. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS
Tuesdays-Sundays through January 3, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
(Closed New Year’s Day)
See November 20 listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT’S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES
Four-session program: Fridays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10-11am, Nature Center
What do snakes, owls and bears do for the chilly season? Get out of the cold and head over to the Maymont Nature Center for some indoor fun! We’ll read stories, make crafts, and have some free play as we learn about what some animals do to survive during the winter months. You and your toddler might even make a few new friends! For ages 1-4; adult must accompany child. $36 per parent and child pair/$29 members (includes all sessions). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by January 7; for information, call 804-358-7168.

DIGGING FOR DINOS AT MAYMONT
Saturday, January 9, 10-11am, Nature Center
See October 3 listing. Register online at maymont.org by January 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

GRANDEUR AND GOSSIP IN THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT
Sundays, January 10 & 24, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
Fans of the hit television series “Downton Abbey” can immerse themselves in the era during a special tour of Virginia’s own Gilded Age showplace. The Dooleys had it all – wealth, a beautiful castle-like home, lavish receptions, and a large domestic staff to maintain their lifestyle. Elegantly costumed ladies and gentlemen and members of the household staff acquaint you with the social rituals, fashions, family dramas and important tittle-tattle of the day in Richmond and beyond. Who is the most beautiful bride of 1895? What scandalous woman is divorcing? What are the stylish ladies wearing? And what did the coachman overhear? All is revealed as guests are transported to the Downton era at Maymont “Abbey.” Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. $7 per person/$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT
Saturday, January 16, 12:30-1:30pm, Maymont Mansion
See September 22 listing. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

FEBRUARY 2016

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES
Four-session program: Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10-11am, Nature Center
See January 8 listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 2. For information, call 804-358-7168.

FAMILY FISH PRINTING AT MAYMONT
Saturday, February 6, 11am-12:15pm, Nature Center
I caught a fish THIS BIG! Come learn Gyotaku, the Japanese art of fishing printing, so everyone will believe your fish tales when you make your next big catch. Learn about native fish and get a behind-the-scenes tour of our aquariums in this fun and hands-on workshop. We will provide the fish, paint and a tee shirt or tote bag; just bring your imagination and creativity! $15 per project/$12 members. Register online at maymont.org by February 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

Maymont Honors Black History Month
MAYMONT'S VIEW FROM THE BACKSTAIRS
Saturday, February 6 & Sunday, February 7, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
Visit Maymont Mansion to experience Richmond's Gilded Age showplace from the perspective of those who knew it as a workplace. Like most southern households at the turn of the 20th century, nearly everyone employed by the Dooleys as butlers, maids, cooks and laundresses were African American. Discover the daily challenges of maintaining a millionaire’s home and lifestyle during the years 1893 to 1925, as well as the challenges presented beyond the estate’s gates in the turbulent times of the Jim Crow South. See the restored spaces where the staff lived and worked, and learn about the demanding standards of an elite home in an era of rapidly changing household technology. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. $7 per person/$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S SWAMP THINGS
Saturday, February 6, 2:30-3:30pm, Nature Center
The swamp doesn’t seem like the most inviting habitat, but plenty of animals call it home. Meet several creatures of the swamp, including our new alligators, and discover how they survive in this wet and muddy world. Create a swamp thing of your own to take home! Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. $10 per child/$8 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Limited space may be available for walk-ups.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: FOOD CHAINS
Tuesday, February 9, 10-10:45am, Nature Center
Ever wonder what bears eat for lunch? Find out what the animals at Maymont eat while learning about food chains. Students will explore herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, compare the teeth and skulls of animals and investigate producers, consumers and decomposers. Ages 8-10. $6 per child. Register online at maymont.org by February 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: SEASONS
Tuesday, February 9, 10-10:45am, Nature Center
How do our furry friends stay warm in the winter? How does a snake survive in the cold? Are birds the only animals that migrate? Students investigate how animals change with the seasons while learning about migration and hibernation. Ages 4-7; adult must accompany child. $6 per child. Register online at maymont.org by February 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: WHO GOES THERE?
Tuesday, February 9, 11am-12pm, Nature Center
From paw prints and burrows to smells and scat, animals leave many clues to their whereabouts. Take a look at some of the animal signs that show who’s been hanging around. All participants will create their own track guide. Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. $8 per child. Register online at maymont.org by February 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.
THE LOVE TOUR AT MAYMONT MANSION
Saturday, February 13 & Sunday, February 14, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
When Queen Victoria married her handsome prince charming in 1840, they set the romantic tone for the 19th century. Visit Maymont Mansion on Valentine's Day weekend as elegantly costumed ladies and gentlemen relate details of this royal love story and the courting customs of the era. Discover the Victorian language of love as depicted in the décor of Maymont Mansion, where romantic swans, red roses and costly indulgences reflect James Dooley’s loving devotion to his wife, Sallie. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. $7 per person/$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329. What could be more romantic than a private horse-drawn carriage ride with your special someone before or after your tour? For information and reservations, call 804-358-7166, ext. 340.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS
Tuesday, February 16, 10-11am & 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion
See September 9 listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 15. For groups of 6 or more and for more information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT
Saturday, February 20, 12:30-1:30pm, Maymont Mansion
See September 22 listing. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: HOORAY FOR HABITATS
Tuesday, February 23, 10-10:45am, Nature Center
From fields to forests, all animals and plants need a habitat! Students will investigate several different Virginia habitats and the food, water, shelter and space required for animals to survive. Ages 4-7; adult must accompany child. $6 per child. Register online at maymont.org by February 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: HABITATS OF VIRGINIA
Tuesday, February 23, 10-10:45am, Nature Center
Discover several of the commonwealth’s diverse ecosystems and the animals and plants that call them home. Students will learn what impact nature and humans have on these natural resources. Ages 8-10. $6 per child. Register online at maymont.org by February 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL MORNINGS AT MAYMONT: BIRD ENCOUNTER WITH OWL PELLET DISSECTION
Tuesday, February 23, 11am-12pm, Nature Center
Can owls spin their heads all the way around? What adaptations help birds survive in the wild? Soar into the world of birds with an “encounter” that includes fun facts and a close-up glimpse of one of Maymont’s raptors. Then we’ll learn about how and what owls eat by dissecting an owl pellet. Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. $8 per child (includes materials). Register online at maymont.org by February 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

A WINTER WALK THROUGH MAYMONT’S LANDSCAPE
Tuesday, February 23, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds
Join Peggy Singlemann, Maymont’s Director of Horticulture, on a wonder-filled winter walk through Maymont. Enjoy river vistas, spectacular trees, landscape features and late winter blossoms during this exclusive after-hours tour. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. Donations accepted. Register online at maymont.org by February 22; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. Program will not be held in inclement weather.

MAYMONT BIDS FAREWELL TO DOWNTON ABBEY
Date TBD, 7-9pm, Maymont Mansion & Garden Hall
Don your hat and pearls and join fellow fans to share the memories, tears and laughter of the final episode of the final season of the popular PBS drama, Downton Abbey. Begin the evening with an exclusive after-hours visit to the Gilded Age home of James and Sallie Dooley, where their friends, family and servants regale you with stories of upstairs, downstairs life. The elegant drawing rooms, formal dining room, Tiffany stained glass window and exquisite décor are complemented by the fashionably attired characters throughout the mansion. Come as you are or wear your best costume, descend the grand staircase of the mansion in style, then settle into your seat in the Garden Hall where you’ll toast the last show of this beloved series with fellow fans, dessert and champagne. Will Lady Mary find true love? Will Anna and Bates live happily ever after? Will George & Sybie star in a sequel? $40 per person/$30 members. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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