

MAYMONT®

An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Fall 2016-Winter 2017 Programs

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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 2016 – FEBRUARY 2017

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

AUGUST 2016

SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS AT MAYMONT

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 Tours

NEW! 90 YEARS A MUSEUM

Tuesdays-Sundays through September 5, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Discover the legacy of James and Sallie Dooley's extraordinary gift to Richmond throughout their spectacular home. Rarely seen early images displayed throughout Maymont Mansion give a sense of how things looked when the estate was opened to the public in 1926 – the gardens, the landscape, the buildings and the mansion. Beautiful fashions of the 1920s and "before and after" photographs bring the era to life. Stories of the amazing rejuvenation that began in the 1970s enhance our appreciation of Maymont Mansion as one of the first Victorian mansions to be preserved as a house museum, as well as one of the first four museums opened in Richmond. \$5 suggested donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesday-Sunday through September 30, 11am-5pm

Maymont Mansion opens its doors early for summer tours! 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.

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Four-session program: Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17 & 24, 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 2; for information, call 804-358-7168.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Thursdays, August 4, 11, 18 & 25, 12:30-1:15pm, Maymont Mansion

The Dooleys' housemaid brings the mansion to life during a family-friendly tour of the upstairs and downstairs of their grand home. Climb the backstairs to discover hidden doors and bells as you experience life and work at the estate 100 years ago. \$6 per person/\$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL AT MAYMONT

Presented by Altria

Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14, Maymont Grounds (gates open at 11am)

Enjoy the seventh annual Richmond Jazz Festival, the premier musical event on the East Coast. The Richmond Jazz Festival is more than a concert, it's an interactive and sensory driven journey into music and culture, featuring some of the most talented and iconic artists of the time. Thousands of fans converge on Richmond each year for this one-of-a-kind experience of jazz, blues and funk. You'll enjoy the very best in cuisine, while the artists wow you, performance after performance. Throughout the week, preview events will take place across the city at the historic Hippodrome Theater, world-renowned Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and city favorite Hardywood Park Craft Brewery. Then the beauty of Maymont becomes the backdrop to one of the most spectacular musical weekends in the country. For more information and tickets, visit jazzatmaymont.com. *Service animals only, please.*

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT AT MAYMONT

Wednesday, August 24, 10am-12pm, Nature Center

Do animals enjoy puzzles, games, toys and treats? They do! Come assist Maymont staff in making enrichment items for our bobcat, fox, bears, otters and more. Deliver them to the animals and watch as they engage in the fun! Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. \$15 per person/\$12 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 26, 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. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

SEPTEMBER 2016

Special Exhibition and Tours

NEW! 90 YEARS A MUSEUM

Tuesdays-Sundays through September 5, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion

See August listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesday-Sunday through September 30, 11am-5pm

See August listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 5

Nature & Visitor Center, 10am-5pm

Maymont Mansion, 11am-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 HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: SEASONS

Tuesday, September 13, 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. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 12; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: REPTILES

Tuesday, September 13, 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! Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 12; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Three-session program: Fridays, September 16, 23 & 30, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds

Too much summer sun? Head over to the Maymont Nature Center for some indoor fun. Each session in this three-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. \$27 per parent and child pair/\$22 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by September 11; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, September 14, 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 13. For groups of 6 or more and for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

GEOCACHING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 17, 10am-12pm, Nature Center and Grounds

If you enjoy Maymont's scavenger hunts, you'll want to try this new way to "hunt." Learn about geocaching – treasure hunting using GPS units or smart phones with geocaching apps. We will make signature items for cache trading, and get out on the grounds for geocaching challenges. Participants should bring a GPS unit to use during the program. 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. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: CREATURES OF THE JAMES

Saturday, September 17, 6pm-Sunday, September 18, 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 15; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: CREATURE FEATURE

Tuesday, September 20, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds

Learn how animals tough it out in the wild using claws, jaws, shells, senses and more to protect themselves. Students explore these animal adaptations with hands-on activities and a visit from a well protected creature. Ages 4-7; adult must accompany child. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 19; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: BIRD ENCOUNTER WITH OWL PELLETT DISSECTION

Tuesday, September 20, 11:15am-12pm, Nature Center and Grounds

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. \$9 per child (includes materials). Register online at maymont.org by September 19; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ANIMAL KINGDOM

Friday, September 23, 10am-12pm, Nature Center and Maymont Grounds

Why do scientists "classify" animals? Why do animals have common names and scientific names? During this hands-on program, get up-close with Maymont's animals and discover the mysteries of classifying organisms. Ages 11 and older. \$12 per person. Register online at maymont.org by September 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

DOOLEY NOTED SOCIETY'S BEER & WINE CLASSIC

Friday, September 23, 7-10:30pm, Carriage House Lawn

Maymont's Dooley Noted Society hosts their annual Beer & Wine 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. Parking available at the Historic Estate Entrance. For tickets, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341 or purchase online at maymont.org.

VISIT THE VICTORIANS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 24 & Sunday, September 25, 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 or join in Sunday's Suffrage Rally as the past comes to life with 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.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: WETLAND EXPLORATION

Tuesday, September 27, 10am-12pm, Nature Center and Maymont Grounds

Dive in and learn about small creatures that live in the stream that runs through Maymont's grounds and exhibits. Through field investigations, 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 26; for information, call 804-358-7168.

OCTOBER 2016

DIGGING FOR DINOS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 1, 10-11am, 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 September 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 1, 1-1:30pm, 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 FAMILY WETLAND EXPLORATION

Saturday, October 1, 2:30-3:30pm, Nature Center

Dive in and learn about small creatures that live in the stream that runs through Maymont's grounds and exhibits. Through field investigations, families 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. \$8 per person (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT PRESENTS VICTORIANA: THE VIEW FROM RICHMOND

An Art History Class at Maymont

Presented by Dr. Charles E. Brownell

Wednesdays, October 5-November 2, 5:30-6:30pm, Garden Hall

Dr. Charles E. Brownell, Virginia Commonwealth University Emeritus Professor of Art History, explores important representatives of Victorian architecture and decorative arts in Richmond in a series of five classes. From Franklin Street to Monument Avenue to Maymont, from Italianate to Queen Anne to Colonial Revival, Dr. Brownell introduces a parade of styles and perspectives for understanding and appreciating them all. Dr. Brownell's lively lectures and penetrating analysis draw upon his wide-ranging knowledge of the history of design developed over a lifetime of study and scholarship.

- October 5, *The Architecture of Franklin Street and Monument Avenue*
- October 12, *The Italianate House in Richmond: Southern Style in Europe and America*
- October 19, *Victorian Furniture: The Real and the Reproduction*
- October 26, *Royalty in Richmond: The Happy Reign of 'Good Queen Anne'*
- November 2, *Early Colonial Revival in Richmond*

\$75 per person/ \$50 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: OUT AND ABOUT

Three-session program: Mondays, October 17, 24 & 31, 10-11 am, 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 October 14; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S SUNSET WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS

Tuesday, October 18, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Join Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Horticulture, on this exclusive after-hours tour of Maymont's Gardens and Arboretum. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. Donations accepted. Register online at maymont.org by October 17; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

WHAT THE VICTORIANS GREW THAT WE DO, TOO!

A luncheon lecture sponsored by the Maymont Council

Presented by Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Horticulture

Thursday, October 20, 12-1pm, Garden Hall

During the Maymont era, Americans developed a passion for gardens and a personal knowledge of horticulture. Mrs. Dooley wrote in a letter to the Biltmore Nursery, "I am so fond of such things that I always superintend the planting myself." Her Gilded Age estate's landscape demonstrates a range of styles and a variety of plant materials, many newly available in the late 19th century. Victorian gardeners considered the world to be at their fingertips through mail order catalogs; today our sources for plant materials are literally unlimited thanks to the world wide web. In the course of a century, how has the list of plants we buy for our gardens changed, and why? Peggy Singlemann, Director of Horticulture at Maymont and host of WCVE's "Virginia Home Grown," shares her decades-long research, experience and observations in a beautifully illustrated talk. \$20 per person/\$16 members (includes program and lunch). Register online at maymont.org by October 16; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: SPOOKY SPECTACULAR

Friday, October 28, 6pm-Saturday, October 29, 9am, Maymont Grounds

Meet some of Maymont's spooky creatures as we celebrate "Owl"-oween! Explore the grounds on a lantern-lit hike. 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 25; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

VINTAGE MAYMONT

Nineteenth Annual Auction of Wine, Travel, Entertainment and Culinary Treasures

Friday, October 28, 6-10pm, The Jefferson Hotel

Vintage Maymont returns to the beautiful American landmark, The Jefferson Hotel, in its nineteenth year to celebrate Maymont's 90th anniversary. 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.

NOVEMBER 2016

MAYMONT PRESENTS VICTORIANA: THE VIEW FROM RICHMOND

An Art History Class at Maymont

Presented by Dr. Charles E. Brownell

Wednesdays through November 2, 5:30-6:30pm, Garden Hall

See October listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: YOUNG NATURALISTS

Three-session program: Tuesdays, November 1, 8, & 15, 2-4pm, Nature Center

Explore a variety of nature topics using observation, citizen science and journaling to deepen your nature experience and knowledge. Through hands-on activities, we will discover the wonders of flora (plants) and fauna (animals) interactions. Come prepared to have fun! Ages 8-11. \$30 per person/\$20 members. Register by October 31; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FANTASTIC FALL

Three-session program: Tuesdays, November 1, 8, & 15, 9:30-10:30am, Nature Center

Celebrate fall by introducing your child to animals at the Maymont Nature Center. Each session in this three-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. \$27 per parent and child pair/\$22 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by October 31; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

**Tuesdays-Sundays, November 18-December 31, 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 festivities of Christmas past to life and is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit. 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. 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 19, 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. 327.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: THANKSGIVING

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Thursday, November 24

Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, November 24. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S WREATH WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, November 29, 6-9pm, Stone Barn

Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1, 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 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

DECEMBER 2016

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

**Tuesdays-Sundays through December 31, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion
(Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day)**

See November listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S WREATH WORKSHOPS

Thursday, December 1, 9am-12pm and 6-9pm, Stone Barn

See November listing. Register online at maymont.org by November 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Three-session program: Thursdays, December 1, 8, & 15, 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 November 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S DECK THE HALLS WORKSHOP

Friday, December 2, 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 holiday evergreen topiary 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 November 30; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4, 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 12 and under. Carriage rides: \$5 per person/\$4 members and children 12 and under. For information, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MAYMONT

Sunday, December 4, 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 9 & 16, 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 Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25

Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Monday, December 26, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

See November listing. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

JANUARY 2017

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Sunday, January 1

Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Sunday, January 1. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Four-session program: Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

GOSSIP AND GRANDEUR IN THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT

Sundays, January 8 & 22, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Are you missing Downton Abbey – the upstairs/downstairs intrigue, the history, the fashions? Visit Richmond's own Gilded Age showplace and step into the Dooleys' world of wealth and social influence, where a large domestic staff maintained the lifestyle and guests stood in awe of the lavish receptions in this castle-like home. Elegantly costumed ladies, gentlemen and members of the household staff reveal the social rituals, family dramas and important tittle-tattle of the day as you are transported to the Downton era at Maymont "Abbey." Living history tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. \$7 per person/\$4 members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 14, 12:30-1:30pm, 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.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 21, 11am-12pm, Nature Center

Discover Maymont's animals during up-close encounters! \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by January 20; for information, call 804-358-7168.

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MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Four-session program: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 10-11am, Nature Center

See January listing. Register online at maymont.org by January 31; for information, call 804-358-7168.

Maymont Honors Black History Month

MAYMONT'S VIEW FROM THE BACKSTAIRS

Saturday, February 4 & Sunday, February 5, 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.

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 11, 11am-12pm, Nature Center

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 10; for information, call 804-358-7168.

THE LOVE TOUR AT MAYMONT MANSION

Saturday, February 11 & Sunday, February 12, 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 horse-drawn carriage ride with your special someone? To reserve a private ride, call 804-358-7166, ext. 340.*

FOR THE LOVE OF TREES TOUR

Tuesday, February 15, 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 14; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 18, 12:30-1:30pm, Maymont Mansion

See January listing. \$7 per person/\$4 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, February 22, 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion

See September listing. \$6 per person. Register online at maymont.org by February 21. For groups of 6 or more and for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

FAMILY FISH PRINTING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 25, 1-2pm, Nature Center

I caught a fish THIS BIG! Come learn Gyotaku, the Japanese art of fish 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 hands-on workshop. We will provide the fish, paint and a t-shirt or tote bag; just bring your imagination and creativity! \$15 per project/\$12 members. Register online at maymont.org by February 24; for information, call 804-358-7168.