

MAYMONT®

An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Fall 2017 – Winter 2018 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 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. The vast majority 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 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018

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

AUGUST 2017

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 13. Fees vary. For a complete schedule of camps, visit maymont.org/summer-camps.

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

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

Maymont Mansion opens its doors early for spring and 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 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

Special Exhibition and Tours

OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays through October 29, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion

As part of the national centennial observance of World War I, Maymont Mansion provides a glimpse into the war's effect on the household of James and Sallie Dooley and other Richmonders. In April 1917, America found itself drawn into WWI, and despite warnings from some – including business leader Major James H. Dooley – soon discovered it was unprepared for the magnitude of this undertaking. Visit the Dooleys' Gilded Age home to see how citizens rallied to support the war effort, from Major Dooley's financial support with the largest purchase of Liberty Bonds in Virginia, to the immensely important patriotic activities of women, to the domestic staff who enlisted. Through authentic poster art, historical images of Richmonders engaged in the war effort, period dress including an Army uniform worn by a University of Virginia student who gave his life to the war, popular patriotic songs of the day, and other displays, Maymont Mansion tells the story of this turbulent time that touched everyone on the American home front and brought the Gilded Age to a close. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. \$5 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Four-session program: Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23, 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 1; for information, call 804-358-7168.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Thursdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 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.

NEW! MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Friday, August 18, 7:30-8:30am, Maymont Grounds

Finish the week with an early morning exploration of Maymont's gardens and grounds in the cool of the day. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance for this hour-long walk. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by August 17; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL AT MAYMONT

Presented by Altria

Saturday, August 12 & Sunday, August 13, Maymont Grounds (gates open at 11am)

Enjoy the 8th Annual Richmond Jazz Festival at Maymont, the premier musical event on the East Coast. More than a concert, the Richmond Jazz Festival is 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, city favorite Hardywood Park Craft Brewery and local attractions in Carytown. 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 richmondjazzfestival.com. *Service animals only; no pets please.*

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT AT MAYMONT

Wednesday, August 23, 11am-12pm, Farm Classroom

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. \$8 per person/\$6 members. Register online at maymont.org by August 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 25, 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 by August 21; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

SEPTEMBER 2017

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 Exhibition and Tours

NEW! OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays through October 29, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 4

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.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Four-session program: Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds

Learning about animals is always 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 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. Register online at maymont.org by September 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S BEER & WINE CLASSIC

Friday, September 8, 7-10:30pm, Carriage House Lawn

Maymont hosts our annual Beer & Wine Classic! Enjoy live music while sampling some of Virginia's finest beverages. Participants must be 21 years old or older. Maymont members receive a discount. Parking available at the Historic Estate Entrance. For tickets, call 804-358-7166, ext. 330 or purchase online at maymont.org.

MAYMONT MEMBERS-ONLY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, September 9, 7-9:30pm, Carriage House Lawn

Maymont members are invited to a fun evening viewing of "Babe." Open only to current Maymont Members. Free popcorn, King of Pops on site. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Reservations required. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 354.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: CREATURE FEATURE

Wednesday, September 13, 10-10:45am, 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. Participants will venture outside to complete a senses and defenses scavenger hunt. Ages 4-7; 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: POLLINATORS

Wednesday, September 13, 11am-12pm, Nature Center and Grounds

Explore the world of pollinators up-close in this interactive program. Learn about plant and animal adaptations, symbiotic relationships, environmental threats and ways you can help. Participants will venture outside in search of wild pollinators in their natural habitat. Ages 7 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: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, September 13, 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 12. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT MEMBERS' EXCLUSIVE TRIP TO MARJORIE MERRIWEATHER POST'S HILLWOOD

Thursday, September 14, 8am-6pm, Washington, D.C.

Enjoy a special members-only excursion to one of the most fashionable residences in the nation's capital, the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post (1887-1973), socialite, philanthropist, art collector, heiress and owner of General Foods. Ellen Charles, Mrs. Post's granddaughter, will welcome Maymont members to Hillwood and recount memories of her celebrated grandmother. The visit includes a guided tour of Post's Georgian-style mansion, where the opulent French drawing room, dining room and bedroom suite are filled with her 18th-century French decorative art and Russian imperial art collections. Guests will view the exhibit of her jewelry, "*Spectacular Gems and Jewels*," enjoy a private luncheon with Mrs. Charles, spend time in the charming gift shop and take a guided tour of the serenely landscaped gardens and natural woodlands. \$175 per person (includes motor coach transportation, lunch, admission fees and refreshments). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by August 30; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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

Friday, September 15, 6pm-Saturday, September 16, 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 12; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

NEW! HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: GO OUTDOORS AND EXPLORE

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

Explore the outdoors through activities that teach nature observation skills. Learn to not only observe nature but to record your observations and participate in citizen science programs. Ages 8 and older; 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: WETLAND EXPLORATION

Wednesday, September 20, 11am-12pm, Nature Center and 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. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 19; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Friday, September 22, 7:30-8:30am, Maymont Grounds

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 21; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

TIME TRAVELERS: VISIT THE VICTORIANS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 23 & Sunday, September 24, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion and Lawn

Victorian ladies and gentlemen and charming children welcome guests and invite them to step into the past as they 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. The past comes to life with a rousing Suffrage Rally on Sunday and other 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: BIRD ENCOUNTER WITH RAPTOR VALLEY TOUR

Wednesday, September 27, 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. Register online at maymont.org by September 26; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: BIOMIMICRY

Friday, September 29, 10-11am, Nature Center

Nature inspires us to use imagination and ingenuity to solve human challenges with amazing inventions and creative processes. Come explore some of those inventions, and solve a challenge taking inspiration from nature. Ages 11 and older; adult must accompany child. \$9 per child (includes materials). Register online at maymont.org by September 28; for information, call 804-358-7168.

OCTOBER 2017

Special Exhibition and Tours

NEW! OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays through October 29, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: OUT AND ABOUT

Four-session program: Mondays, October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 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. \$36 per parent and child pair/\$29 members (includes all sessions and a voucher for Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by October 1; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT PRESENTS IMMORTAL CLAY: THE HISTORY AND ENJOYMENT OF CERAMICS

An Art History Class sponsored by the Maymont Council

Presented by Dr. Charles Brownell

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:30-6:30pm, Garden Hall

Dr. Charles Brownell, Emeritus Professor of Art History, Virginia Commonwealth University, investigates ceramic artistry in a series of four classes. From the Stone Age in China to the Victorian and Early Modern eras in Britain and America, Dr. Brownell's vibrant lectures and intense analysis draw upon a lifetime of study and enthusiastic collecting. The classes make special reference to the holdings at Maymont and other Richmond collections.

- October 4, *East Asian Ceramics from Prehistory to the 19th Century: China, Korea and Japan (and reception)*
- October 11, *The Iraqi Ceramics Revolution and Western Europe: Maiolica, Faience, Delft and Luster*
- October 18, *18th Century Europe and the American Colonies*
- October 25, *From the 19th Century into the 20th: Six International Masters*

\$60 per person/\$40 members (includes all classes and opening reception) or \$15 per person/\$10 members (per class). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

DIGGING FOR DINOS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 7, 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 October 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 7, 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.

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 14, 12:30-1:30pm & 2:30-3:30pm, 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.

MAYMONT'S SUNSET WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS

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

Enjoy an exclusive after-hours excursion through Maymont's gardens and arboretum while taking in the glorious views as the sun sets over the estate. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by October 17; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: SPOOKY SPECTACULAR

Friday, October 27, 6pm-Saturday, October 28, 9am, Maymont Grounds

Meet some of Maymont's spooky creatures as we celebrate "Owl"-oween! Explore the grounds on a night hike, 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 24; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

VINTAGE MAYMONT

20th Annual Auction of Wine, Travel, Entertainment and Culinary Treasures

Friday, October 27, 6-10pm, The Jefferson Hotel

Vintage Maymont returns to the beautiful American landmark, The Jefferson Hotel, in its 20th year to celebrate Maymont. 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 2017

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, November 4, 12:30-1:30pm & 2:30-3:30pm, Maymont Mansion

See October listing. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FANTASTIC FALL

Four-session program: Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, & 28, 9:30-10:30am, 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 November 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S FANTASTIC FALL TREE WALK

Wednesday, November 8, 5-6pm, Maymont Grounds

During an exclusive after-hours walk through the towering trees in Maymont's 100-acre arboretum, learn about the Dooleys' carefully planned collection of native and exotic specimens. Discover a movie star, ancient species, a national champion, seven state champions and other impressive beauties. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by November 7; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Tuesdays-Sundays, November 17-December 31, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

(Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas 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. Tour capacities are limited. \$5 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ONE GREAT MORNING OF RAKING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, November 18, 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 23

Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, November 23. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S WREATH WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, November 28, 6-9pm, Stone Barn

Wednesday, November 29 and Thursday, November 30, 9am-12pm, Stone Barn

Have you ever strolled through Maymont around the holidays and envied the beautiful fresh greenery that adorns the estate? Sign up for one of these popular workshops and learn from the experts how to create spectacular evergreen wreaths. Create one special wreath to take home and use your new talent to help make another wreath to decorate Maymont. Greens, forms, wire and instruction are supplied; bring your own clippers and gloves. \$30 per person/\$25 members. Register online at maymont.org by November 27; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S WREATH CLASS

Thursday, November 30, 6-8pm, Stone Barn

Make your own wreath at Maymont. Learn from the experts how to create a wreath from freshly cut greens, just like those used at the estate. Greens, forms, wire and instruction are supplied; bring your own clippers and gloves. \$40 per person/\$32 members. Register online at maymont.org by November 29; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

DECEMBER 2017

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Tuesdays-Sundays through December 31, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

(Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

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

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Four-session program: Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22, 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 and Nature Center admission). 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 1, 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 29; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 3, 12-4:30pm, 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 to the estate and invite you to visit the Dooleys' Gilded Age mansion. Marvel at the grand Christmas tree and the beautifully decorated formal rooms, see the gifts and games of 1893 and stop by the Belowstairs area, where holiday preparations are underway. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with St. Nick and Maymont's Christmas Fairy, good food and drink, festive music, a roaring fire to cheer you and special activities that are sure to fill everyone with a merry holiday spirit. Free admission; fees for 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 3, 1pm & 2:30pm, 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 and animal friends, games, crafts and special treats! \$12 per child/\$8 adults and children 12 and older. Advanced registration required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Add a tour of the spectacularly decorated Maymont Mansion, dressed in holiday finery, for \$4 per person.*

MAYMONT BY MOONLIGHT

Fridays, December 8 & 15, 5:30-9:30pm, Maymont's Historic Estate Entrance

Enjoy an enchanting holiday evening at Maymont. 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! \$29 per person/\$24 members. Reservations required. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT'S BACKYARD BIRDING TIPS AND TRICKS

Saturday, December 9, 10-11:30am, Nature Center and Grounds

Winter is a great time to fine tune and develop your birding skills. Come learn tips and tricks for identification by sight and sound. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by December 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

WINTER MINI-CAMP AT MAYMONT

Monday through Friday, December 18-22, 9am-12pm, Nature Center

Maymont's wild winter day camps offer outdoor adventures, animal encounters, games, crafts and hands-on activities for nature explorers ages 3 to 11. It's a great time to finish holiday shopping and gift-wrapping while the kids are occupied with full mornings of fun. Sign up for one session or all five! \$30/\$26 members per session. Register online at maymont.org by December 15; for more information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: CHRISTMAS EVE

Indoor Exhibits Closed Sunday, December 24

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

JANUARY 2018

NEW! MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FROSTY FUN

Four-session program: Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10-11am, Nature Center

What do animals do when they don't sleep through winter? Get out of the cold and head over to the Maymont Nature Center to find out! Explore the antics of animals that brave the chilly winter months during stories and crafts, and enjoy time for free play in the Discovery Room. 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 and Nature Center admission). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by January 3; for information, call 804-358-7168.

GOSSIP AND GRANDEUR IN THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT

Sundays, January 7 & 21, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Visit Richmond's 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 the castle-like home. Elegantly costumed ladies, gentlemen and members of the household staff reveal the social rituals, the upstairs/downstairs intrigue and dramatic tittle-tattle of the day as they transport you to another era. Living history tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. \$5 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 13, 12:30-1:30pm & 2:30-3:30pm, Maymont Mansion

See October listing. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 20, 11am-12pm, Nature Center

Meet some of Maymont's animal ambassadors during scaly, feathered and furry close encounters. Visit with alligators, snakes and turtles, birds of prey, and animals of the Chesapeake Bay. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by January 19; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FEBRUARY 2018

Maymont Honors Black History Month

VIEW FROM THE BACKSTAIRS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 3 & Sunday, February 4, 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. \$5 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: HAPPY HEARTS

Four-session program: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10-11am, Nature Center

Share the love with Maymont's furry, feathered and finned friends in February! Each session in this four-week program includes free play in the Discovery Room, a craft and a visit with a new animal friend each week. \$36 per parent and child pair/\$29 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by February 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 10, 11am-12pm, Farm Classroom

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 9; for information, call 804-358-7168.

THE LOVE TOUR AT MAYMONT MANSION

Saturday, February 10 & Sunday, February 11, 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. \$5 donation. 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.*

FAMILY FISH PRINTING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 10, 2-3pm, 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 9; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FOR THE LOVE OF TREES TOUR

Tuesday, February 13, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Enjoy a wonder-filled winter walk through Maymont's gardens and grounds. Enjoy river vistas, spectacular trees, landscape features and late winter blossoms during this exclusive after-hours tour. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by February 12; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 17, 12:30pm & 2:30pm, Maymont Mansion

See January listing. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, February 21, 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion

See September listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 20. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.