

MAYMONT®

An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Spring-Summer 2018 Programs

DATE: December 12, 2017

Attached are advanced listings of Maymont's programs for **February, March, April, May, June, July and August**. 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 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
FEBRUARY – AUGUST 2018

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

FEBRUARY 2018

Maymont Honors Black History Month

VIEW FROM THE BUTLER'S PANTRY 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. The butlers, maids, cooks and laundresses employed by the Dooleys were mostly African Americans, like the staff in most southern households at the turn of the 20th century. Discover their daily challenges in maintaining a millionaire's home and lifestyle, as well as the turmoil they faced outside of Maymont during the turbulent 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

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 February 9; for information, call 804-358-7168.

LOVE STORIES AT MAYMONT MANSION

Saturday, February 10 & Sunday, February 11, 12-5pm Maymont Mansion

Feel the romance of a bygone era as elegantly costumed ladies and gentlemen narrate the details of Queen Victoria's royal love story and courting customs of the 19th century. Valentine's Day weekend is the perfect time to discover the Victorian language of love within 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.

MAYMONT'S FOR THE LOVE OF TREES TOUR

Tuesday, February 13, 4:30-6pm, 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

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 the Dooleys' 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.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

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

Maymont Mansion may be one building, but those working and living inside its walls led two drastically different lifestyles. Students will explore Maymont Mansion to better understand the perspectives of the employer/employee and the server/served during the 1800s, and how those perspectives connect to their lives today. Ages 8 and older. \$6 per person. Register online at maymont.org by February 20. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MARCH 2018

SPRING! AT MAYMONT

Throughout March, April and May

Maymont springs into spring with an action-packed, wonder-filled season brimming with programs and events for all interests and age groups showcasing every facet of the American estate. Get up close and personal with the goats, enjoy an in-depth look at the gardens, or chat with a Victorian lady! Fees vary for activities; some activities are weather-dependent. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310 or visit maymont.org.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: CREATURE FEATURES

Wednesday, March 7, 10-10:45am, Nature Center

All creatures have features that make them special. Come investigate animal senses and defenses, enjoy hands-on activities, and meet a few of Maymont's education animals. Ages 4-8. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Wednesday, March 7, 11-11:45am, Nature Center

Join us as we discover what helps our animal friends survive in their wild habitats. Participate in several hands-on activities and meet two of Maymont's animal ambassadors. Ages 9-12. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT: DOWN ON THE FARM

Four-session program: Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10-10:45am or 11-11:45am, Farm Classroom

Introduce your little explorers to the joys of spring at Maymont! Each session in this four-week program includes a story, craft, and a visit with one of Maymont's animals. 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). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S SUNSET WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS

Thursday, March 8, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Enjoy an exclusive after-hours excursion through Maymont's gardens and arboretum in early spring while taking in the glorious views as the sun sets over the estate. Be sure to bring your camera to capture a beautiful #MaymontSunset to share with friends on social media! Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org, walk-ups welcome; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, March 10, 11-11:30am & 2-2:30pm, Nature Center

Meet some of Maymont's animal ambassadors during scaly, feathered and furry close encounters. Different animals will be featured at each program, including alligators, snakes, 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 March 9. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, March 10, 1:30-2pm, 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 Honors Women's History Month

NEW! PERSISTENCE: THE SAGA OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AT MAYMONT

A Living History Program in Collaboration with the League of Women Voters

Sunday, March 11, 2-3pm, Garden Hall

Travel the decades-long path forged by our grandmothers, their mothers and other countless citizens who struggled to gain universal suffrage for American women in the early 20th century. A living history rally and dynamic presentation reveal the gains and setbacks in achieving the right to vote, the changing roles and opinions of women during the era, and a story of conflict within Maymont's own family. Who worked tirelessly for passage of the 19th amendment? Who opposed it? All is revealed during this lively program. Maymont is joined by members of the Richmond Metro League of Women Voters, who inspire women of all viewpoints to become involved and informed voters. Show your Voter Registration ID and receive a program memento! \$7 per person/free for Maymont members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: HABITATS OF VIRGINIA

Wednesday, March 14, 10-10:45am, Nature Center

Discover several of Virginia's diverse ecosystems and the animals and plants that call them home. Students will learn about these natural resources and what impact nature and humans have on them. Ages 5-10. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: RARE

Wednesday, March 14, 11-11:45am, Nature Center

Pick up your animal passport and learn about the threatened and endangered species housed at Maymont. Examine environmental threats and explore how we can help animals survive and thrive. Ages 5 and older. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

TIMELESS PLANTS: THE LEGACY OF THE VICTORIAN GARDEN AT MAYMONT

A lecture and reception sponsored by the Maymont Council

Presented by Peggy Singlemann, Director of Park Operations & Horticulture

Wednesday, March 14, 6-7:30pm, Garden Hall

The Dooleys' Gilded Age landscape demonstrates a range of styles and a variety of plant materials, many newly available in the late 19th century when gardeners considered the world to be at their fingertips through mail order catalogs. Today, sources for plant materials are unlimited thanks to the internet. Discover how, in the course of a century, the plants we buy for our gardens have changed and why. Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Park Operations and Horticulture and host of WCVE's "Virginia Home Grown," shares her decades-long research, experience and observations in a beautifully illustrated talk. A reception follows the lecture. \$15 per person/\$10 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: LIFE CYCLES

Wednesday, March 21, 10-10:45am, Nature Center

Spring has sprung! As the seasons change, discover how plants and animals change as they grow by looking at seeds, tadpoles, and more. Ages 4-8. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 20; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: WETLAND EXPLORATION

Wednesday, March 21, 11am-12pm, Maymont Grounds

Dive in and learn about the small creatures living 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. This program occurs outside, weather permitting; dress appropriately for the weather and be ready to get your hands dirty! Ages 5 and older. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 20; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT MEMBER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 24, 9am, Farm Lawn

Join us for an egg-stra special Easter event for members – an egg hunt at the Farm! Space is limited to the first 150 participants to register. A current Maymont family membership is required. For information about this members-only event, call 804-358-7166, ext. 313.

TIME TRAVELER'S WEEKEND AT MAYMONT

Saturday and Sunday, March 24 & 25, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Step into the past as you pay a call on the Dooleys during this family-friendly visit to the estate. Meet the conscientious domestic staff who show what it takes to keep a Gilded Age mansion running and chat with Victorian ladies and gentlemen to feel as though you have time-traveled to another century. Guided tours show off the formal rooms of James and Sallie Dooley's picturesque home as the past comes to life during a special admission-free weekend! Free; fee for carriage rides. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: BIOBLITZ

Wednesday, March 28, 11am-12pm, Maymont Grounds

Put on your hiking shoes and explore Maymont with us! Hone your observation skills as you help us make a record of all the wild plants and animals on Maymont's 100 acres. Dress for the weather. \$9 per child (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by March 27; for information, call 804-358-7168.

DOMINION ENERGY FAMILY EASTER AT MAYMONT

Saturday, March 31, 10am-3pm, Carriage House Lawn

Experience one of Richmond's favorite Easter events. The whole family will enjoy exciting games and activities, visits with the Easter Bunny, live entertainment, food trucks and more! Event tickets required for most activities. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310 or visit maymont.org/easter.

APRIL 2018

SPRING! AT MAYMONT

Throughout April and May

Maymont springs into spring with an action-packed, wonder-filled season brimming with programs and events for all interests and age groups showcasing every facet of the American estate. Get up close and personal with the goats, enjoy an in-depth look at the gardens, or chat with a Victorian lady! Fees vary for activities; some activities are weather-dependent. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310 or visit maymont.org.

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesday-Sunday, April 1-September 30, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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; \$5 donation. Self-guided belowstairs exhibit; free. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

DAVID MORÉ PERFORMANCE AND ART INSTALLATION

Presented by Sound Arts Richmond

Sunday, April 1-Sunday, April 8, Maymont Grounds

Richmond artist David Moré will perform and present art installations throughout Maymont's 100 acres in conjunction with Sound Arts Richmond, a city-wide sound exhibition presented by more than twenty-five organizations and institutions that span the arts. Sound Arts Richmond will explore a range of approaches to using sound as an art medium and will feature work by several exhibiting sound artists. For more information, visit soundartsrichmond.com.

SPRING BREAK WEEK AT MAYMONT

Monday-Friday, April 2-6

Spend spring break week at Maymont! Indoor exhibits, including Maymont Mansion and the Nature Center, will be open all week (even on Monday), and there will be something fun for the entire family to do every day. Most programs require advance registration. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

ADVENTURES IN VEGETABLE GROWING

Monday-Friday, April 2-6, 10am-3pm, Jack's Vegetable Garden

Stop by Jack's Vegetable Garden and learn how to grow food in small spaces. Sow a seed with a Master Gardener and take it home to grow. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

A RABBIT ON THE CABINET AT MAYMONT

Monday-Friday, April 2-6, 2-2:30pm, Maymont Mansion

Discover the enchanting home of the Dooleys as their nieces and nephews must have seen it more than 100 years ago. Find a lion in the fireplace, a swan in the bedroom, a rabbit on the cabinet and more as the wonders within the mansion are revealed to children of all ages. \$5 per person. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Monday-Friday, April 2-6, 3-3:45pm, 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.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 2, 4 & 6, 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.*

MAYMONT'S PINWHEELS & PASTIMES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 2, 4 & 6, 1-2pm, Maymont Mansion Lawn

Join in an old-fashioned party and play with the games and toys that amused boys and girls more than 100 years ago. People from the past encourage you to try your hand at hoops, make a toy, or compete in races and other fun games from yesteryear. \$5 per person. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 2, 4 & 6, 1:30-2pm, 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.

ANIMAL TOUCH TANK AT MAYMONT

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, April 2, 4 & 6, 2-2:30pm and 3-3:30pm, Nature Center

Come get an up-close look at some of our favorite Chesapeake Bay animals! Touch a sea star, whelk, and more. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by April 1. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! MAGICAL STORIES AND LOVABLE BEARS PARTY AT MAYMONT

Tuesday, April 3, 10:30am-12pm, Garden Hall

Beloved characters from the past, including Winne the Pooh, Piglet, Teddy Bear and their friends take children on a make-believe journey led by a charming storyteller in a party filled with games, a treasure hunt, crafts, refreshments and a carriage ride. Ages 4-7. \$20 per child/\$15 members. Parents are welcome! Register online at maymont.org by April 2; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Tuesday and Thursday, April 3 & 5, 11am-12pm, Nature Center

See March listing. Register online at maymont.org by April 2. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting; for information, call 804-358-7168.

GET TO KNOW THE GOATS AT MAYMONT

Tuesday and Thursday, April 3 & 5, 1-2 pm, Maymont Farm

Meet some of our farm animals and check out their learned behaviors. Get an up-close glimpse of Maymont's goats during a training session before you hand feed these friendly animal ambassadors. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

WETLANDS EXPLORATION AT MAYMONT

Tuesday and Thursday, April 3 & 5, 2:30-3:30 pm, Maymont Grounds

Dive in and learn about the small creatures living 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. This program occurs outside, weather permitting; dress appropriately for the weather and be ready to get your hands dirty! Ages 6 and older. \$9 per child (includes child's Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

MAYMONT'S FAIRY CHASE

Thursday, April 5, 10:30am-12pm, Garden Hall

Do you believe in fairies? Enjoy a magical morning filled with whimsy and make-believe. Play games, make wishes, hear stories and receive your very own wings and wand as you learn what fairies like to do and where they like to hide. Imaginative clues guide you around the lawns of Maymont as you search for the winged creatures, finding treasures along the way. This enchanting program concludes with a sweet treat of fairy cakes and lemonade. Meet at Maymont's Carriage House. Ages 4-8. \$22 per child/\$18 members. Parents are welcome to observe the program. Register online at maymont.org by April 4; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT: OUT AND ABOUT

Four-session program: Mondays, April 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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 Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, April 14, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See April listing. For information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S EARLY SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, April 19, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Enjoy an evening excursion through Maymont's gardens and arboretum in early spring with Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Park Operations and Horticulture, and learn about early flowering plants for your landscape. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org, walk-ups welcome; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

NEW! EARTH DAY AT MAYMONT

Saturday, April 21, 10am-12pm, Nature Center and Grounds

Celebrate the planet we call home and show your appreciation for Earth by exploring different habitats on Maymont's grounds. Make an Earth-friendly craft and meet an animal ambassador. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

34TH ANNUAL HERBS GALORE & MORE AT MAYMONT

Saturday, April 28, 8am-4pm, Carriage House Lawn

Put on your gardening shoes, grab your little red wagon and come out to the Marketplace on the Lawn for everyone's favorite gardening extravaganza! Find more than 60 plant and craft vendors from the mid-Atlantic region selling herbs, annuals, perennials, heirloom plants, vegetables, trees, garden ornaments, and other related products, along with a delicious variety of food trucks. Check out our "Meet the Expert" speaker series – free with admission – highlighting a variety of topics for the gardening novice to the seasoned pro. \$5 fee for Marketplace/free for members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAY 2018

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SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

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

BEER & WINE CLASSIC AT MAYMONT

Friday, May 4, 7-10:30pm, Carriage House Lawn

Raise a glass to celebrate Maymont's annual Beer & Wine Classic! Enjoy live music, food trucks, lawn games and more while sampling some of Virginia's finest beverages from dozens of local breweries, cideries and wineries. Cheers! 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. 341 or purchase online at maymont.org.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA AT MAYMONT

Saturday, May 12, 2pm, Garden Hall

Dress in your favorite spring fashions to enjoy afternoon tea at one of the most picturesque spots in Richmond. Enjoy this time-honored tradition with your mother, daughter or special friend as elegant Victorian ladies, distinguished gentlemen and attending servants see to every detail. Tea sandwiches and little cakes, special music and a visit to Maymont Mansion make this a very memorable afternoon. \$25 per person/\$20 members. Register online at maymont.org by May 11; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

A WALK THROUGH THE POLLINATOR'S PARADISE AT MAYMONT

Tuesday, May 15, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Join Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Park Operations and Horticulture, for a walk through Maymont highlighting the native plants that attract pollinators. On this exclusive tour, learn some tips for selection, pruning and general care of pollinator plants for your own landscape. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org, walk-ups welcome; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, May 19, 11-11:30am & 2-2:30pm, Nature Center

See March listing. Register online at maymont.org by May 18. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, May 19, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See April listing. For information, call 804-358-7168.

FIVE-COURSE BEER DINNER IN THE GARDEN

Sunday, May 20, 5:30-9pm, Italian Garden

Savor an extraordinary Richmond dining experience in the lush Italian Garden at Maymont. Popular award-winning local chefs will design and present five mouthwatering courses paired with five of Hardywood's craft beverages, including the Maymont-themed "For Every Saison," a 6% saison. Maymont's dramatic Italian Garden pergola – complete with spring flowers, river breezes and sunset views – will serve as the unique pop-up dining room for the event. Proceeds benefit Maymont. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 2, and only 70 seats will be available! Participants must be 21 years old or older. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341 or visit maymont.org.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 28

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.

Special Exhibition and Tours

OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays, May 28 through November 11, 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. Visit the Dooleys' home to see how citizens rallied to support the war effort, from James Dooley's financial support with the largest purchase of Liberty Bonds in Virginia, to the important patriotic activities of women, to the Maymont 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. The war ended with the signing of the Armistice on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. \$5 donation. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

JUNE 2018

SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS AT MAYMONT

Throughout June, July and 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

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MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-OUT: A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Friday, June 1, 6:30pm-Saturday, June 2, 9am, Maymont Grounds

Using stars as our guide, we'll explore how humans and animals alike have navigated the world during this overnight camping adventure. Learn some map and compass skills while on a scavenger hunt. As the sun sets explore the lives of animals that migrate thousands of miles a year. 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 visit with the animals at the Farm. Ages 4 and older; all participants must register. Participants will be sent more information prior to the program. \$40 per person/\$30 members. Register online at maymont.org by May 31; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, June 9, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See April listing. For information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT'S FAIRY CHASE

Saturday, June 16, 10:30am-12pm, Maymont Grounds

See April listing. Register online at maymont.org by June 15; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

BUMBLEBEE JAMBOREE AT MAYMONT

Saturday, June 16, 10:30am-2:30pm, Farm Lawn

Celebrate National Pollinator Week with family-friendly activities including a live butterfly safari tent, puppet shows, crafts and games. See inside a bee hive, enjoy butterfly garden tours, view the VCU display of live insects, learn pollinator plant selections, enjoy food and beverage samples and much more! Sponsored by Chesterfield County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Free admission. For information, call 804-751-4401.

WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, June 22, 7:30-9:30pm, Nature Center

Ever wonder who stays awake while you sleep? Meet some of Maymont's nighttime residents and learn about their nocturnal adaptations through experiments, games and a hike of the grounds for National Get Outdoors Month! Owls, bats, frogs and many other creatures of the dark will help shed some light onto their mysterious ways. Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany children ages 18 and under. \$8 per person/\$6 members. Register online at maymont.org by June 21; for information, call 804-358-7168.

JULY 2017

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THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Thursdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 12:30-1:15pm, Maymont Mansion

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

TEACHER WORKSHOP AT MAYMONT: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Friday, July 6, 9am-4pm, Maymont Nature Center

Maymont invites teachers for grades 3-12 to participate in this one-day workshop on place-based, project-based learning opportunities. The workshop includes an environmental education project-based learning overview as well as three sessions on local environmental issues, Maymont's project-based learning programs, and the use of technology to record and submit real world scientific data. Teachers will receive well-developed project-based learning plans incorporating STEM, a calendar of activities, Maymont staff consultation for teacher and students, field trip coordination and student projects supported by a driving question. Lunch is provided. Check with your school system to find out about recertification credit. \$110 early registration/\$150 after June 16. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Wednesday, July 11, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds

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

WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, July 13, 7:30-9:30pm, Nature Center

See June listing. Register online at maymont.org by July 12; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, July 14, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See April listing. For information, call 804-358-7168.

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Three-session program: Tuesdays, July 17, 24, & 31, 10-11am, Nature Center

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 turtles, birds, insects or snakes. 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; for information, call 804-358-7168.

SAMANTHA'S TEA PARTY AT MAYMONT

Thursday, July 19, 9am-12pm, Maymont Mansion and Grounds

The 1904 world of Samantha, a lively young American girl, comes to life during this delightful morning of old-fashioned games, exploring, carriage rides, a special tea party and more. Dolls are welcome, too! Meet at Maymont's Carriage House. Ages 7-11. \$27 per person/\$22 members. Register online at maymont.org by July 18; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

AUGUST 2017

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THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23, 12:30-1:15pm, Maymont Mansion

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WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 10, 7:30-9:30pm, Nature Center

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

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Three-session program: Thursdays, August 16, 23, & 30, 10-11am, Nature Center

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, August 18, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See April listing. For information, call 804-358-7168.

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

Saturday, August 25, 10am-12pm, Maymont Farm

See April listing. Register online at maymont.org by August 24; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Wednesday, August 29, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds

See July listing. Register online at maymont.org. Walk-ups welcome; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*