

MAYMONT®

An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Fall-Winter 2018-2019 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 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 2018 – FEBRUARY 2019

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

AUGUST 2018

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesdays-Sundays 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, an extensive exhibition in the Belowstairs service rooms 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. (Fee required for special interest tours.) For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

Special Exhibition and Tours

OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays 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. (Fee required for special interest tours.) For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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.

THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16 & 23, 3-3:45pm, Maymont Mansion

The Dooley's 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.

WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 10, 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! Owls, 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 August 9; for information, call 804-358-7168.

RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL AT MAYMONT

Presented by Altria

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

Enjoy the 9th 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 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 richmondjazzfestival.com. *Service animals only; no pets please.*

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Three-session program: Thursdays, August 16, 23, & 30, 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 18 months-4; adult must accompany child. \$27 per parent and child pair/\$22 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by August 15; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, August 18, 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. \$8 per person/\$6 members. (Nature Center admission is sold separately). 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.

NEW! FIELD TRIP OPEN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 24, 3-7pm, Maymont Mansion and Nature Center

Teachers: Prepare in advance for your class field trip to Maymont. Enjoy free admission for you and two guests (with your school system photo ID), and start planning a great experience for your students. Maymont staff will be on hand to share and discuss field trip resources with you. Register online at maymont.org by August 23; for information call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk ups.*

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

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

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.*

MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

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

Celebrate mid-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 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

SEPTEMBER 2018

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesdays-Sundays through September 30, 11am-5pm

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Special Exhibition and Tours

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

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

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 3

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 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10-11am, Nature Center and Grounds

Nurture your youngster's love and appreciation of nature with introductions to members of Maymont's diverse animal family. 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 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: REPTILES

Wednesday, September 12, 10-10:45am, Nature Center

How do snakes smell their surroundings? Do turtles have backbones? Do alligators live in Virginia? Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and meet several cold-blooded critters. All ages welcome; adult must accompany child. \$9 per person (includes Nature Center admission)/free for members. Register online at maymont.org by September 11; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, September 12, 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. \$9 per person/free for members. Register online at maymont.org by September 11. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

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

Friday, September 14, 6pm-Saturday, September 15, 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, 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 11; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 15, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See August listing. 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.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: CREATURE FEATURE

Wednesday, September 19, 10-10:45am, Nature Center

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. All ages welcome; adult must accompany child. \$9 per person (includes Nature Center admission)/free for members. Register online at maymont.org by September 18; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: GET TO KNOW THE GOATS!

Wednesday, September 19, 11-11:45am, Maymont Farm

Meet some adorable stars of the Farm during a goat training session with a Maymont animal keeper. Watch as the goats demonstrate some of their learned behaviors, and get up-close with these friendly animal ambassadors as you feed and pet them. All ages welcome; adult must accompany child. \$9 per person/ free for members and children ages 3 and under. Register online at maymont.org by September 18; for information, call 804-358-7168.

TIME TRAVELERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 22, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion & Carriage House Lawn

Show your “Passport” to enjoy free admission as you discover the fascinating story of Maymont, a restored 1893 Gilded Age mansion given to the City of Richmond by James and Sallie Dooley. As part of the national centennial observance of World War I, Maymont Mansion provides a glimpse into the War’s effect on the Dooleys, their domestic staff and other Richmonders. Free admission; fee for carriage rides. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

TIME TRAVELERS: 125th ANNIVERSARY OF MAYMONT MANSION

Sunday, September 23, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion & Carriage House Lawn

You are cordially invited to celebrate 125 years of family fun and memories at Maymont! Step back in time to 1893 when James and Sallie Dooley first welcomed friends to their beloved estate, Maymont. Meet Victorian ladies and gentlemen, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, and listen to music of the era including a special performance by the John Marshall Alumni Band. Wear your favorite hat, share Maymont memories and enjoy a lively afternoon at one of the City’s most picturesque spots. Free admission; fees for some activities. Food will be available for purchase. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

FIVE-COURSE BEER DINNER AT MAYMONT

Sunday, September 23, 5:30-8:30pm, TBA

Award-winning local chefs present delicious courses paired with Hardywood Park Craft Brewery’s craft brews for an exceptional evening on the grounds of Maymont. Ages 21 and up. \$175 per person; only 60 tickets available. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: VICTORIAN HIGH TECH & STEM LAB

Wednesday, September 26, 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion and Stone Barn

When was this invented? How did that work? 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. The program includes a STEM lab with fun make-and-take activities. \$12 per person/ free for members. Register online at maymont.org by September 25; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Thursday, September 27, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 26; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext 310.
Program will not be held in inclement weather.

NEW! MAYMONT TRAVELS TO SWANNANOVA

Friday, September 28, 9am-5pm, Departs from Maymont's Historic Estate Entrance

Enjoy a special excursion to see Swannanoa, the summer home of James and Sallie Dooley on Afton Mountain in Virginia's beautiful Blue Ridge. Designed by Noland and Baskervill and completed in 1913, the Dooley's marble Italian Renaissance-style villa is said to be "one of the few Virginia houses that rivals the lavish 'cottages' of Newport, Rhode Island" by UVA architectural historian Richard Guy Wilson. A magnificent Tiffany window and extant interior detailing from the Dooleys' time gives a sense of the original grandeur of their home. En route to Afton Mountain, Dale Wheary, Maymont's Curator and Director of Historical Collections and Programs, will provide historical background on Swannanoa. Lunch is in Staunton, the picturesque town where James and Sallie Dooley were married, followed by a tour of spots familiar to the Dooleys. \$110/\$100 members. Space is limited; register by September 21. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-IN: NIGHT-TIME MYSTERY

Friday, September 28, 6:30pm-Saturday, September 29, 9am, Nature Center

Unlock the secrets of night-time at the Nature Center during an overnight outing among the animals! The adventure begins with an evening hike of the grounds in search of native nocturnal creatures as well as close encounters with a few Maymont animal ambassadors. Plus solve a hands-on mystery, make s'mores, and enjoy stories around the campfire. Following a night in the Nature Center galleries, 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 25; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

OCTOBER 2018

Special Exhibition and Tours

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Tuesdays-Sundays through November 11, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: DOWN ON THE FARM

Four-session program: Mondays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22, 10-10:45am & 11-11:45 am, Nature Center and Grounds

Introduce your little explorers to the joys of fall 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! Ages 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members. Register online at maymont.org by September 28; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! FARM ANIMAL WALK AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 6, 11:30am-12pm, Maymont Farm

Some of Maymont's four-legged friends are ready to accompany you on your walk at the Farm. Join an animal keeper on a morning stroll with a sheep, goat or donkey outside of the pastures. It's great exercise for the animals and a unique close encounter for you! \$25 per person/\$20 members. Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by October 4; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 6, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See August listing. 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 13, 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.

VINTAGE MAYMONT

21st Annual Gala and Auction of Wine, Travel, Entertainment and Culinary Treasures

Friday, October 26, 6-10pm, The Jefferson Hotel

Vintage Maymont returns to the beautiful American landmark, The Jefferson Hotel, in its 21st 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 are available. For more information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341.

NEW! GARDEN GLOW AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 27-Sunday, November 11

Evenings, Nature & Visitor Center and Japanese Garden

Brighten your nights this fall on a wondrous new journey through the Japanese Garden at Maymont. At the peak of fall colors, the garden will shine with dramatic light displays for an enchanting experience to delight families, couples and nature lovers of all ages. Admire colorful sparkles and shimmers within the cascading waterfall, stroll among towering trees that stand aglow, and marvel at the breathtaking illuminations of winding waterways, rolling hills, bridges and lanterns. A schedule of fun activities will be offered on various evenings at the Robins Nature & Visitor Center where guests arrive for transport to the garden. Fees and a complete schedule of activities TBA. For more information, visit maymont.org/garden-glow or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

NOVEMBER 2018

OVER HERE: THE WWI HOME FRONT AT MAYMONT

Tuesdays-Sundays through November 11, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, November 3, 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 6, 13, 20, & 27, 9:30-10:30am, Nature Center

Introduce your little ones to the wonders of nature and autumn discoveries. 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. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by November 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HISTORIC MAYMONT: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

A lecture and reception sponsored by the Maymont Council

**Presented by Calder Loth, Senior Architectural Historian, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Tuesday, November 13, 6-7:30pm, Garden Hall**

Calder Loth has spent nearly five decades helping to preserve Virginia's historic places. Without a doubt, he knows more about historical architecture in Virginia than any single individual, having served as Virginia's Senior Architectural Historian and editor of *The Virginia Landmarks Register*, the voluminous 1999 publication which includes detailed entries on nearly 1,800 historic buildings and sites in the Commonwealth. He received the 2017 AIA Architectural Medal for Virginia Service and was the first recipient of the Secretary of the Interior's Preservation Award in 2008. Maymont Foundation is privileged to have received Loth's guidance as a past member of the board of directors and as continuing chairman of its Historical Resources and Collections Committee. A distinguished teacher and prolific author, Loth will present the background and significance of the estate architecture, landscape, and collections, focusing on preservation accomplishments and findings of the recently completed Preservation Plan for the Maymont Mansion. A reception follows the lecture. \$15 per person/\$10 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

**Tuesdays-Sundays, November 16, 2018-January 6, 2019, 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! James and Sallie 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 Dooley's first Christmas in their new home special for their family and friends. Guided tours of the upstairs available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. Tour capacities are limited. \$5 admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, November 17, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See August listing. 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 HOLIDAY HOURS: THANKSGIVING

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Thursday, November 22

Maymont Mansion, the Nature & Visitor Center and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, November 22. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S WREATH WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, November 27, 6-9pm

Wednesday, November 28, 9am-12pm & 6-9pm

Thursday, November 29, 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 29, 2-4pm & 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 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

NEW! MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-IN: FANTASTIC BEASTS

Friday, November 30, 6:30pm-Saturday, December 1, 9am, Nature Center

Maymont is home to some fascinating and fantastic creatures! Come sleep in the Nature Center gallery, take an evening hike through the estate in search of native beasts, and meet a few of Maymont's own animal ambassadors. Afterwards, make s'mores and enjoy stories around the campfire. Following a night in the Nature Center, 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 November 27; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

MAYMONT'S DECK THE HALLS WORKSHOP

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

Whether for an American estate or your own home, 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 window swag and a long-lasting wreath centerpiece. 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 28; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

DECEMBER 2018

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

**Tuesdays-Sundays through January 6, 2019, 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.

ONE GREAT MORNING OF RAKING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, December 1, 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.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT MAYMONT

Sunday, December 2, 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, a marketplace of treasures, 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. 329.

ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MAYMONT

Sunday, December 2, 1-2pm & 2:30-3:30pm, Garden Hall

The entire family is sure to enjoy an afternoon of merriment and surprises as St. Nick joins Maymont's charming 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. Advance registration required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Three-session program: Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 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 to find out! 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! Ages 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. \$30 per parent and child pair/\$26 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by December 4; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT BY MOONLIGHT

Fridays, December 7 & 14, 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 James and Sallie Dooley to witness the excitement of Christmas 1893. The Dooley's 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 (weather permitting), seasonal refreshments and joyful carol-singing by the bonfire make this an evening to remember! \$30 per person/\$25 members. Reservations required. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, December 8, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

See August listing. 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.

WINTER MINI-CAMP AT MAYMONT

Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21, 9am-12pm and 1-4pm, 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 for parents to finish holiday shopping and gift-wrapping while the kids are occupied with hands-on fun. Sign up for one session or all four; activities will vary. Each three-hour session: \$30 per child/\$22 members. Register online at maymont.org by December 17; for more information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! HOLIDAY TEA AT MAYMONT

Thursday, December 27, 3-4:30pm, Garden Hall

Celebrate the season at one of Richmond's most beloved spots! Enjoy tea and treats as surprise guests reveal the magic of the holidays. Make a keepsake to remind you of an enchanting afternoon, and pay a visit to the Dooleys' home to see the spectacular Christmas tree. \$30 per person/\$25 members. Reservations required. Register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25

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

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, December 31, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion and Nature Center

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.

JANUARY 2019

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Tuesday, January 1

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

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FROSTY FUN

Four-session program: Thursdays, January 3, 10, 17 & 24, 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! Ages 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by January 2; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Wednesday-Sunday through January 6, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

NEW! MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-IN: WINTER ADVENTURES

Friday, January 11, 6:30pm-Saturday, January 12, 9am, Nature Center

Whether winter makes you want to huddle, burrow, celebrate or hibernate, you'll discover an animal just like you during this cool overnight adventure. Learn the cold-weather habits of native animal species during an evening hike of the grounds, and meet a few of Maymont's own animal ambassadors. Afterwards, make s'mores and listen to stories around the campfire. Following a night in the Nature Center galleries, 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 January 8; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

VICTORIAN HIGH TECH AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 12, 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.

GOSSIP AND GRANDEUR IN THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT

Sundays, January 13 & 27, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

At Richmond's Gilded Age showplace, step into the Dooleys' world of wealth and social influence where a large domestic staff maintained their lifestyle and guests were awed by 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. \$6 per person/\$4 for members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 19, 10-10:30am and 2:30-3pm, Nature Center

Meet some of Maymont's animal ambassadors during scaly, feathered and furry close encounters. Visit with alligators, snakes, turtles, birds of prey, and animals of the Chesapeake Bay. \$8 per person/\$6 members (Nature Center admission is sold separately). Register online 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.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

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

See August listing. 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.

NEW! FIELD TRIP OPEN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

Friday, January 25, 3-7pm, Mansion and Nature Center

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

FEBRUARY 2019

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: HAPPY HEARTS

Four-session program: Fridays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 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. You and your toddler might even make a few new friends! Ages 18 months-4; adult must accompany child. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by January 31; for information, call 804-358-7168.

Maymont Honors Black History Month

VIEW FROM THE BUTLER'S PANTRY AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 2 & Sunday, February 3, 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 suggested admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT'S FAMILY VALENTINES AT THE FARM

Saturday, February 9, 11-11:45am, Farm Classroom

Treat your favorite farm animals, friends and family to some hand-crafted creations for Valentine's Day. Make holiday-themed enrichment goodies for your furry and feathered farm friends, and craft unique Valentine cards with real animal footprints to give to your human loved ones. Enjoy some cozy cuddles with a few animals, too! All ages welcome. \$15 per family or group (up to four people)/\$12 members. Register online at maymont.org by February 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

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

See August listing. 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.

LOVE STORIES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 9 & Sunday, February 10, 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 as elegantly costumed Victorian ladies and gentlemen relate details of this royal love story and the courting customs of the era. Discover the charming 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. \$6 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 GARDENS WALK AT MAYMONT

Tuesday, February 12, 5-6pm, Maymont Grounds

Share your passion for Maymont (and snuggle with your special someone!) as you 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 16, 12:30pm & 2:30pm, Maymont Mansion

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

NEW! YOUTH STEM ACADEMY AT MAYMONT

Saturday, February 16, 9:15am-2pm, Nature Center, Grounds and Maymont Mansion

Explore STEM through hands-on, interactive experiments and activities at Maymont. Students can choose from a variety of classes including Victorian High Tech, Wetlands and Watersheds, Awesome Animals, and the Wildly Inspired Innovation and Makers Challenge. Lunch is provided. Ages 8 and older. \$40 per person/\$30 members. Register online at maymont.org by February 15; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: ONE HOUSE, TWO WORLDS

Wednesday, February 20, 11am-12pm, Maymont Mansion

See September listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 19. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NEW! MAYMONT'S FAMILY CAMP-IN: WINTER ADVENTURES

Friday, February 22, 6:30pm-Saturday, February 23, 9am, Nature Center

See January listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 19; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

NEW! HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: VICTORIAN HIGH TECH & STEM LAB

Wednesday, February 27, 11-12pm, Maymont Mansion and Stone Barn

See September listing. Register online at maymont.org by February 26; for information, call 804-358-7168.