

# MAYMONT®

An American Estate

**TO: Calendar Editors**

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**RE: Advance Listings of Spring/Summer 2019 Programs**

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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 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](http://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 2019**

*\*For program registration, call the phone number and extension listed, or visit [maymont.org](http://maymont.org).*

**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 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://maymont.org) by February 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

**BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, February 9, 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.

**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](http://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**

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 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](http://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](http://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**

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](http://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**

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](http://maymont.org) by February 19; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

## **HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS AT MAYMONT: VICTORIAN HIGH TECH & STEM LAB**

**Wednesday, February 27, 11-12pm, 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](http://maymont.org) by February 26; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **MARCH 2019**

### **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 tour the Gilded Age home of James and Sallie Dooley! Fees vary for activities; some activities are weather-dependent. For information, visit [maymont.org/spring](http://maymont.org/spring) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

## **WORLD WILDLIFE DAY AT MAYMONT**

### **Sunday, March 3, 1-4pm, Nature Center and Grounds**

Come on a journey with Maymont's Animal Keepers and Environmental Educators to discover fascinating facts about marine wildlife and many other native Virginia species. You also can support the wildlife at Maymont with a symbolic Adopt an Animal donation. Nature Center admission is \$4 adults and \$3 for youth ages 3-12. For more information, call 804-358-7168.

## **TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT: DOWN ON THE FARM**

### **Four-session program: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

### **Saturday, March 9, 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 and may include an alligator, snake, turtle, bird of prey or an animal of the Chesapeake Bay. \$8 per person/\$6 members (includes Nature Center admission). Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by March 8. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7168.

## **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

### **Saturday, March 9, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

## **SUNSET WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS AT MAYMONT**

### **Thursday, March 14, 5:30-7pm, 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](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

## **Special Exhibition and Tours**

### **LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: FRENCH DESIGN IN MAYMONT'S GILDED AGE MANSION**

#### **Tuesdays-Sundays, March 15-July 14, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

Throughout the nineteenth century, Americans considered French design to be the height of fashion and good taste, influencing everything from furniture and room décor to high-style clothing and cuisine. Visit Maymont Mansion to discover the extensive collection of French decorative arts acquired by James and Sallie Dooley for their 1893 home. Guests will delight in the two sumptuous drawing rooms based on the Louis XV and Louis XVI styles, as well as the fine French-made porcelain, furniture, sculpture, textiles, and decorative objects that fill the mansion. A Don Quixote tapestry, woven by the Gobelins Manufactory in late-eighteenth century Paris and recently conserved, is a treasured highlight of this unique tour. Acquired by James Dooley in 1910, the tapestry was one of his prized possessions, now returned to public view for the first time in many years. Guests also will have the opportunity to see an exquisite ball gown by the House of Worth, the famous Parisian couturier, on loan to represent the type of French fashion known to have been worn by Mrs. Dooley. 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.

## **FRENCH FASHION OF THE GILDED AGE AT MAYMONT**

*A lecture and reception sponsored by the Maymont Council*

**Presented by Kristen Stewart, The Nathalie L. Klaus Curator of Costume and Textiles, The Valentine**

**Tuesday, March 19, 6pm, Garden Hall**

Inspired by the House of Worth gown on loan to Maymont from the Liberty Hall Museum in New Jersey, The Valentine's Kristen Stewart will draw upon her wide-ranging experience and knowledge of historical fashion and textiles to explore the influence of French fashion during the Gilded Age. Wealthy Americans knew a gown from the House of Worth, established in Paris in 1858 by Englishman Charles Worth, was the ultimate in haute couture in Sallie Dooley's day. When speaking of his adoring clientele, Monsieur Worth remarked, "they have faith, figures and francs – faith to believe in me, figures that I can put into shape, francs to pay my bills." In 1898, Richmond newspapers reported that Mrs. Dooley hosted a reception adorned in "an exquisite Worth gown of white satin embroidered in silver, court train of Nile green satin and chiffon, and chiffon sash caught with rhinestones." Ms. Stewart's richly illustrated presentation will demonstrate why the Gilded Age in France is known as *La Belle Époque* – the beautiful era. A reception follows the lecture. \$15 per person/\$10 members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **Maymont Honors Women's History Month**

### **TIME TRAVELER'S WEEKEND AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

Celebrate women of the past as Maymont joins Richmond's most renowned historic homes and museums during a special admission-free weekend. Step back in time to discover more about the mothers, wives and sisters who brought about social changes that transformed their families, communities and the world. Living history characters introduce you to Sallie Dooley's world and to the challenges facing all women 100 years ago. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. Free; fee for carriage rides. For information, visit [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **APRIL 2019**

### **SPRING! AT MAYMONT**

**Throughout April and May**

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### **SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION**

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

Maymont Mansion opens its doors an hour earlier 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.

### **Special Exhibition and Tours**

#### **LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: FRENCH DESIGN IN MAYMONT'S GILDED AGE MANSION**

**Tuesdays-Sundays through July 14, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

## **SPRING BREAK WEEK: ADVENTURES AWAIT AT MAYMONT**

### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5**

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.

### **STORYTIME ADVENTURES AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 10-10:45am, Farm Classroom**

A charming storyteller and beloved characters take children on a make-believe journey filled with imaginative tales, fun activities and a visit with a special furry animal. A different story each day highlights the wonders that abound at Maymont. Ages 4-7; parents are welcome! \$12 per child/\$10 members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7168.

### **ADVENTURES IN VEGETABLE GROWING**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 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.

### **FARM ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 11am-12pm, Farm Classroom**

Meet some of Maymont's animal ambassadors during feathered and furry close encounters. Different animals will be featured at each program and may include a goat, sheep, chicken or other farm friend. \$8 per person/\$6 members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 11am-1pm, 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. Bring your lunch and picnic on the grounds during your scavenger hunt adventure. 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](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7168.

### **WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 1-2pm, Nature Center**

See March listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **A RABBIT ON THE CABINET AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 2-2:30pm, Maymont Mansion**

Discover the enchanting home of James and Sallie Dooley 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 treasures within the mansion are revealed to children of all ages. \$5 per person. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

### **NEW! MINI-VENTURES AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 2-3pm, Farm Classroom**

Ready to explore, experience and enjoy all that Maymont has to offer? Visit the Farm classroom each day for short activities like games from long ago, close encounters with creepy creatures, pinwheel-making, a gardening project or feeding the goats. Each day brings a different fun-filled adventure for boys and girls of all ages. Free! For information, call 804-358-7168.

### **THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 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.

### **BIRDS OF PREY AT MAYMONT**

#### **Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 3:30-4:30pm, Raptor Valley Amphitheater**

Soar into the world of birds! Enjoy an up-close encounter with a few of Maymont's avian ambassadors before seeing birds in action during an exclusive experience in Raptor Valley. Learn about the unique adaptations of these amazing animals and discover how zoologists train and care for them. \$9 per person/\$7 members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **FAIRY CHASE AT MAYMONT**

#### **Thursday, April 4, 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 discover what fairies like to do and where they like to hide. Imaginative clues guide you around the lawns of Maymont as the Fairy Godmother helps 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](http://maymont.org) by April 3; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

### **TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT: OUT AND ABOUT**

#### **Four-session program: Mondays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29, 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. \$38 per parent and child pair/\$33 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

#### **Saturday, April 13, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

### **EARLY SPRING GARDEN TOUR AT MAYMONT**

#### **Thursday, April 18, 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](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

### **MAYMONT MEMBER EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

#### **Saturday, April 20, 9-10am, Farm Lawn**

Join us for an exclusive members-only egg hunt at the Farm before a day of fun-filled activities at the annual public holiday celebration, Dominion Energy Family Easter at Maymont. 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.

### **DOMINION ENERGY FAMILY EASTER AT MAYMONT**

#### **Saturday, April 20, 10am-3pm, Carriage House Lawn**

Experience one of Richmond's favorite Easter traditions. 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, visit [maymont.org/easter](http://maymont.org/easter) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

### **35TH ANNUAL HERBS GALORE & MORE AT MAYMONT**

#### **Saturday, April 27, 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 the "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, visit [maymont.org/herbs-galore](http://maymont.org/herbs-galore) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

## **MAY 2019**

### **SPRING! AT MAYMONT**

#### **Throughout 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 tour the Gilded Age home of James and Sallie Dooley! Fees vary for activities; some activities are weather-dependent. For information, visit [maymont.org/spring](http://maymont.org/spring) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

### **SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION**

#### **Tuesdays-Sundays through September 30, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

#### ***Special Exhibition and Tours***

#### **LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: FRENCH DESIGN IN MAYMONT'S GILDED AGE MANSION**

#### **Tuesdays-Sundays through July 14, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

### **BEER & WINE CLASSIC AT MAYMONT**

#### **Friday, May 3, 6-10pm, 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. Purchase tickets online at [maymont.org/beer-wine](http://maymont.org/beer-wine); for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341.

### **3RD ANNUAL PEACELOVERVA YOGA FESTIVAL**

#### **Saturday, May 4, 10am-4pm, Farm Lawn**

Participants of all levels are invited to the third annual community yoga festival featuring more than 20 yoga and mindfulness classes led by some of Richmond's finest instructors. Enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere with live music, vegetarian food trucks, and unique local merchants. All ages and abilities welcome. Come discover the calming strength of the ancient practice of yoga! Visit [www.peaceloverva.com](http://www.peaceloverva.com) for registration and details.

### **MAYMONT MEMBERS MOVIE NIGHT**

#### **Saturday, May 4, 7:30-9:30pm, Carriage House Lawn**

Maymont members are invited to a fun evening under the stars for a family-friendly movie. Free popcorn is included, and King of Pops will be on-site with tasty popsicles available for purchase. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. The event is open only to current Maymont members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by May 3 or call 804-358-7166, ext. 354.

### **"FOR EVERY SAISON" FIVE-COURSE BEER DINNER AT MAYMONT**

#### **Presented by Maymont with Hardywood Park Craft Brewery**

#### **Sunday, May 5, 5:30-9:30pm, Location TBD**

Savor an extraordinary Richmond dining experience at Maymont. Guests will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with five mouthwatering courses designed and presented by Richmond's most celebrated chefs. The courses, based on traditional Mexican or Central American cuisine, will be paired with five of Hardywood's craft brews, including the Maymont-themed "For Every Saison," a crisp 6% saison showcasing seasonal ingredients sourced directly from Maymont's gardens. Guests are welcomed with an ice-cold Richmond lager. \$150 per person (all inclusive, includes gratuity). Proceeds benefit Maymont. Only 70 seats available. Participants must be 21 years old or older. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341. *In the event of inclement weather, dinner will be served on the covered West Terrace of the Robins Nature & Visitor Center at Maymont, overlooking the estate.*

## **MOTHER'S DAY TEA AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, May 11, 1pm & 3:30pm, Garden Hall**

Dress in your favorite spring fashions to delight in afternoon tea at one of the most picturesque spots in Richmond. Enjoy this time-honored tradition with your mother, daughter or special friends as elegant Victorian ladies, distinguished gentlemen and attending servants see to every detail. Tea sandwiches and little cakes, music and a delightful program make this a very memorable afternoon. \$27 per person/\$22 members. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by May 9; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329. *Enhance your visit with a tour of the Gilded Age home of James and Sallie Dooley, a festive carriage ride or a guided tour of the breathtaking Italian Garden. \$5 per person per activity.*

## **A WALK THROUGH THE POLLINATOR'S PARADISE AT MAYMONT**

**Thursday, May 16, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds**

Join Peggy Singlemann, Maymont's Director of Park Operations and Horticulture, for a walk through Maymont highlighting 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](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

## **MAYMONT TURTLE RACES AT THE VEIL**

**Thursday, May 16, 5-8pm, The Veil Brewing Company**

On your mark, get set, and run to The Veil Brewing Company for a fun-filled evening of exciting races featuring Maymont's turtles. Come out to cheer on your favorite contender, and take a guess at the winners with the purchase of \$5 raffle tickets. All proceeds benefit Maymont's Adopt an Animal program. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 330.

## **WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, May 18, 11-11:30am & 2-2:30pm, Nature Center**

See March listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **FARM ANIMAL WALK AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, May 18, 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](http://maymont.org) by May 16; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, May 18, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

## **SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

**Monday, May 27**

**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 FAMILY CAMP-OUT: A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS**

**Friday, May 31, 6:30pm-Saturday, June 1, 9am, Maymont Grounds**

Using stars as a guide, 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, 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](http://maymont.org) by May 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **JUNE 2019**

### **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](http://maymont.org/summer-camps).

### **SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION**

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

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

#### ***Special Exhibition and Tours***

### **LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: FRENCH DESIGN IN MAYMONT'S GILDED AGE MANSION**

#### **Tuesdays-Sundays through July 14, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

### **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

#### **Saturday, June 8, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

### **CARRIAGES BY CANDLELIGHT AT MAYMONT**

#### **Sunday, June 9, 6-9pm, Carriage House Lawn**

Enjoy an elegant evening in the historic setting of the Dooleys' Carriage House among candlelit lanterns and Maymont's remarkable carriage collection. Horses, carriages, people of the past, fine food and drink along with enchanting music combine to create a memorable evening in support of Maymont's carriage program. For information and to receive an invitation, email [nlowden@maymont.org](mailto:nlowden@maymont.org) or call 804-358-7166, ext. 350.

### **MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT**

#### **Thursday, June 13, 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](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

### **MAYMONT'S FAIRY CHASE**

#### **Saturday, June 15, 10:30am-12pm, Maymont Grounds**

See April listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by June 14; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

### **WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

#### **Friday, June 21, 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](http://maymont.org) by June 20; for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **BUMBLEBEE JAMBOREE AT MAYMONT**

#### **Saturday, June 22, 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 more! Sponsored by Chesterfield County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Free admission. For information, call 804-751-4401.

## **NEW! EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT**

**Tuesday, June 25, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Exhibit**

Visit behind the scenes at the bobcat habitat and get close enough to hear this secretive feline purr! Watch from the trainer's perspective as Monty the bobcat shows off his amazing natural behaviors, and see what Maymont's Manager of Animal Training does to ensure he receives excellent care. \$25 per person/\$20 members. Space is limited to eight people. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by June 24; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **JULY 2019**

### **SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS AT MAYMONT**

**Throughout 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](http://maymont.org/summer-camps).

### **SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION**

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

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

### ***Special Exhibition and Tours***

**LA BELLE ÉPOQUE: FRENCH DESIGN IN MAYMONT'S GILDED AGE MANSION**

**Tuesdays-Sundays through July 14, 11am-5pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

### **MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT**

**Thursday, July 11, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds**

See June listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

### **THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT**

**Thursdays, July 11, 18 & 25, 3-3:45pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

### **WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

**Friday, July 12, 7:30-9:30pm, Nature Center**

See June listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by July 11; for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, July 13, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

### **GET TO KNOW THE GOATS AT MAYMONT**

**Sunday, July 14, 12:30-1pm, Maymont Farm**

Meet some of the Farm's adorable residents as they train with a Maymont animal keeper. Watch as the goats demonstrate some of their learned behaviors, and then enjoy feeding (and petting!) these friendly animal ambassadors. \$10 per person/children 3 and under free. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by July 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT**

**Three-session program: Tuesdays, July 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 1-4; adult must accompany child. \$30 per parent and child pair/\$26 members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Space is limited. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **SAMANTHA'S TEA PARTY AT MAYMONT**

**Thursday, July 18, 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](http://maymont.org) by July 17; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **AUGUST 2019**

### **SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS AT MAYMONT**

**Throughout August**

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### **SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION**

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

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

### **THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT**

**Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15 & 22 3-3:45pm, Maymont Mansion**

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

### **WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

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

See June listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by August 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT**

**Thursday, August 15, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds**

See June listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org). Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.  
*Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

### **TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT**

**Three-session program: Thursdays, August 15, 22 & 29, 10-11am, Nature Center**

See July listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, August 17, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center**

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

### **TEACHER WORKSHOP AT MAYMONT: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING**

**Tuesday, August 20, 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. Early registration through July 19: \$110 per person; after July 19: \$150 per person. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org); for information, call 804-358-7168.

### **FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT**

**Saturday, August 24, 10am-12pm, Maymont Farm**

See April listing. Register online at [maymont.org](http://maymont.org) by August 23; for information, call 804-358-7168.