

MAYMONT®

An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Fall 2019 – Winter 2020 Programs

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Attached are advanced listings of Maymont's programs for **August, September, October, November, December, and January**. 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 the Richmond community's greatest treasures – began in 1893, when a wealthy local couple, James and Sallie Dooley, completed their 100-acre estate situated on the James River. Through their bequest, Maymont was given to everyone to experience and enjoy.

The property features formal and informal gardens, animals and wildlife as well as a 33-room mansion, outbuildings, fine art and personal collections. Visitors are invited to learn about American history on a guided tour; explore historic Italian and Japanese gardens; engage with the interactive exhibitions at the Nature Center; meet domestic animals at the Farm; watch rescued native wildlife in natural habitats; and enjoy a picnic in the shade of a champion tree.

An Important Legacy

During the Gilded Age of the late 1880s through the 1910s – the era of Carnegie, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt – millionaires often showed their prosperity through the creation of European-inspired homes with fine and decorative art collections and formal landscapes. Richmond-born businessman James Dooley was a member of this growing part of American life. Dooley began his career as an attorney and built his wealth through investments in railroads and other ventures.

Beyond business, James and his wife Sallie also were central figures in the social, intellectual and philanthropic life of their city. The Dooleys used their fortune for the benefit of the community through gifts to institutions such as St. Joseph's Villa, the Richmond Public Library, the Children's Hospital and Maymont.

An Extraordinary Gift

Maymont is an extraordinary gift from the Dooleys that is filled with experiences to delight, educate and inspire its visitors. This Richmond treasure relies on support from individuals, families and the public to maintain its wonders for everyone.

Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the nonprofit Maymont Foundation. Approximately 90% of funding is generated through donations, memberships, events, programs and other earned income. For more information on opening hours and special program fees, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166.

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ADVANCE PROGRAM LISTINGS
AUGUST 2019 – JANUARY 2020

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

AUGUST 2019

SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesdays-Sundays through September 29, 11am-5pm

Maymont Mansion offers more time for tours through the summer season. Discover the story of Maymont, a restored 1893 mansion and estate given to the City of Richmond by James and Sallie Dooley. Experience the Dooleys' home furnished with their original fine and decorative art pieces including works by Tiffany and Co., antique European and Asian porcelain and other collections, in addition to the service rooms downstairs with a ground-breaking exhibition on the life and work of domestic employees in a Southern household. Upstairs guided tours; self-guided belowstairs exhibition. Last tour begins at 4:30pm. Suggested \$5 admission. 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 1, 8, 15 & 22, 3-3:45pm, Maymont Mansion

Step back in time with the Dooleys' housemaid for a family-friendly guided tour that brings the historic mansion to life. Climb the narrow, twisting backstairs between floors and find service doors, a speaking tube and call bells as you learn about life and work a century ago. \$6 per person/\$4 for members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

EXCLUSIVE OTTER PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Monday, August 5, 1-1:30pm, Nature Center

Visit behind the scenes at the otter habitat and get close enough to see the water droplets on his fur! Watch as Louis the otter shows off his amazing natural behaviors, and see what Maymont's aquarists do to ensure he receives excellent care. Ages 8 and older. Register online. \$25 per person/\$20 for members. Space is limited to five people. Register online at maymont.org by August 4; for information, call 804-358-7168.

EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Tuesday, August 6, 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 animal keepers do to ensure he receives excellent care. \$25 per person/\$20 for members. Space is limited to eight people. Attendees must be able to climb a flight of stairs. Register online at maymont.org by August 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

10TH ANNUAL RICHMOND JAZZ AND MUSIC FESTIVAL AT MAYMONT

Presented by Altria

Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11, Maymont Grounds (gates open at 11am)

The end of summer brings one of the East Coast's premier music festivals — the Richmond Jazz and Music Festival. Now in its 10th year, the festival delivers the world's finest artists to Maymont's picturesque grounds. Over the last decade, Herbie Hancock, The Roots, Pat Metheny, Ms. Lauryn Hill, and George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic are just a few artists that have graced the stages. The event also features a great lineup of food, beverages, and merchandise vendors. Celebrate 10 years of amazing music at Maymont! Service animals only; no pets please. For more information and tickets, visit richmondjazzandmusicfestival.com.

TODDLER TIME: SUMMER FUN AT MAYMONT

Three-session program: Thursdays, August 15, 22 & 29, 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 years; adult must accompany child. \$27 per parent and child pair/\$22 for members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by August 14; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, August 17, 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 for 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.

TEACHER WORKSHOP AT MAYMONT: PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Tuesday, August 20, 9am-4pm, 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 for early registration/\$150 after August 1. Limited scholarships for RPS and CCPS teachers are available. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, August 23, 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 during 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 for members. Register online at maymont.org by August 22; for information, call 804-358-7168.

A FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAYMONT

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

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 for members. Register online at maymont.org by August 23; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Limited space for walk-ups.*

MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Wednesday, August 28, 8:30-9:30am, Maymont Grounds

Start the day off right with some early exploration and inspiration in the picturesque gardens and landscape at Maymont. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance for this hour-long walk. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by August 27; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. *Program will not be held in inclement weather.*

SEPTEMBER 2019

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

Tuesdays-Sundays through September 29, 11am-5pm

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

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 2

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.

EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Monday, September 2, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Exhibit

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by August 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEER & WINE CLASSIC AT MAYMONT

Presented by Altria

Friday, September 6, 6-10pm, Carriage House Lawn

Raise a glass to celebrate the Beer & Wine Classic at Maymont, hosted by the Dooley Noted Society! Sample some of Virginia's finest beverages from dozens of local breweries, cideries and wineries, and enjoy live music by Love Canon, food trucks and more. 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. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 330.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: DOWN ON THE FARM

Four-session program: Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

Nurture your youngster's love of nature with creature encounters and sensory fun. Each session in this four-week program includes free play at the Farm, 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 for members (includes all sessions and Nature Center admission). Register online at maymont.org by September 5; for information, call 804-358-7168.

Special Exhibition and Tours

EVERLASTING LOVE AT MAYMONT: THE DOOLEYS' 150th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tuesdays-Sundays, September 10-November 1, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Revel in the tender romance between James and Sallie Dooley, which spanned more than 50 years, during the 150th anniversary of their September 1869 nuptials. Delight in tales of their life together and learn about Victorian wedding and anniversary customs, some of which are still practiced today! Upstairs guided tours; self-guided belowstairs exhibition. Last tour begins at 4:30pm. Suggested \$5 admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

EXCLUSIVE OTTER PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Monday, September 9, 1-1:30pm, Nature Center

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MAYMONT

Saturday, September 14, 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.

EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Tuesday, September 17, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Habitat

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 16; for information, call 804-358-7168.

NEW! MAYMONT IN THE MORNING LIGHT

Friday, September 20, 7:30-8:30am, Maymont Grounds

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 19; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

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

Friday, September 20, 6pm-Saturday, September 21, 9am, Maymont Farm

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 feed the goats. Ages 4 and older; one adult must be registered for every four children. \$40 per person/\$30 for members. Register online at maymont.org by September 16; for information, call 804-358-7168. *Participants will receive more information prior to the program.*

TIME TRAVELERS AT "MAYMONT ABBEY"

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion & Carriage House Lawn

Experience the world of Downton Abbey® – without leaving Richmond! Show your Time Travelers weekend passport for free admission to the Maymont Mansion where period fashions, an upstairs-downstairs story, romance and drama are sure to delight the whole family. Admire the exotic interiors and treasures including a Tiffany stained glass window, explore the behind-the-scenes work spaces, and join in games and pastimes of the early 20th century. Last tour begins at 4:30pm. Free admission; fee for carriage rides. For information, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT TRAVELS TO SWANNANOA & VERITAS VINEYARDS

Friday, September 27, 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 vibrant Tiffany window and interior details from the Dooleys' time give a sense of the original grandness of their home. Following the visit to Swannanoa, travel to neighboring Veritas Vineyards & Winery for a delicious lunch complemented by scenic views and renowned hospitality. Winemaker-led tours and tastings of Veritas' award-winning wines, including Reserves, make this a day to remember. \$125/\$110 for members. Space is limited; register by September 20. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

WHO'S AWAKE? A FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT

Friday, September 27, 7:30-9:30pm, Nature Center

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by September 25; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FOR EVERY SAISON BEER DINNER AT MAYMONT

Sunday, September 29, 5:30-9pm, Mansion Lawn

Savor an extraordinary Richmond dining experience on the lawn of the Maymont Mansion. Popular award-winning local chefs Joe Sparatta (Heritage), Alex Enggist (RVA Hospitality Group), Randall Doetzer (Adarra), Julie Heins (Secco) and Lester Johnson (Mama J's) will design and present five mouthwatering courses inspired by Maymont and paired with five craft beverages from Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, including "For Every Saison," a 6% saison flavored with ingredients that have been foraged from Maymont. The picturesque Maymont Mansion lawn – complete with dramatic sunset views, towering trees and river breezes – will serve as the unique pop-up dining room for this experiential event. Participants must be 21 years old or older. \$150 per person; only 70 tickets available. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 341.

OCTOBER 2019

Special Exhibition and Tours

EVERLASTING LOVE AT MAYMONT: THE DOOLEYS' 150th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tuesdays-Sundays, through November 1, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AT MAYMONT: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE CIRCA 1900

Friday, October 4, 6-8pm, Garden Hall

Join together with history experts and community leaders, led by Dr. Luranett Lee, to honestly explore the evolution of the African American experience from the turn of the 20th century to today. Guests are encouraged to bring opinions and ideas regarding historical and modern-day representations of African American democracy, diversity and opportunity, especially in relation to the Maymont Mansion domestic service exhibition that interprets the work and home lives of the African American staff at Maymont, 1893-1925. The Maymont Mansion Belowstairs exhibition will be open to registrants from 4:30-5:30pm for self-guided tours, and a reception will follow the discussion. This program has been funded in part by a grant from Virginia Humanities. Free admission. Advance registration is required. Register online at maymont.org by October 3; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

NATURE HIKES WITH TINY TYKES AT MAYMONT

Four-session program: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 10-11 am, Nature Center and Grounds

Introduce your toddler to the natural delights of autumn on relaxing walks 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. \$25 per parent and child pair/\$20 for members (includes all sessions). Register online at maymont.org by September 30; for information, call 804-358-7168.

HIGH TECH GEARS OF YESTERYEAR AT MAYMONT

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

Find out how Sallie Dooley summoned tea without texting, what it meant to network, and the meaning of dual power when electricity was brand new. This enlightening 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. Be amazed by the cutting-edge comforts of the 1890s including central heat, indoor plumbing, telephone service, an elevator and more. \$8 per person/\$6 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

EXCLUSIVE OTTER PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Monday, October 14, 1-1:30pm, Nature Center

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by October 11; for information, call 804-358-7168.

EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT

Monday, October 14, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Habitat

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by October 11; for information, call 804-358-7168.

SUNSET GARDEN WALK AT MAYMONT

Wednesday, October 16, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

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

SPOOKY S'MORES & CREEPY CAMPFIRE AT MAYMONT

Friday, October 18, 7-9:30pm, Maymont Farm

Celebrate "Owl"-oween with your family at Maymont! Explore the grounds on a night hike and afterwards, we'll make s'mores and enjoy stories around the campfire. Ages 4 and older; one adult must be registered for every four children. \$25 per person/\$20 for members. Register online at maymont.org by October 15; for information, call 804-358-7168.

VINTAGE MAYMONT

22nd Annual Gala and Auction of Wine, Travel, Entertainment and Culinary Treasures

Friday, October 25, 6-10pm, The Jefferson Hotel

At this premier auction at The Jefferson Hotel, 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.

GARDEN GLOW AT MAYMONT

Saturday, October 26-Sunday, November 10

6-10pm Nightly, Historic Estate Entrance and Japanese Garden

Brighten your autumn nights on a wondrous journey through the Japanese Garden at Maymont. 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. New this year, guests will arrive at the Historic Estate Entrance and can walk along the woodland path to the garden. Golf cart rides will be available, as needed. Advance tickets: \$12 per adult/\$7 for children ages 4-12. For more information, visit maymont.org/garden-glow or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

NOVEMBER 2019

ROBINS NATURE & VISITOR CENTER TEMPORARY CLOSING

Friday, November 1, 2019 – March 2020

The Robins Nature & Visitor Center at Maymont is closing temporarily for construction. Renovation of the exhibits and the lobby are scheduled to begin on November 1, and the building will re-open in March 2020 with exciting new features. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

HIGH TECH GEARS OF YESTERYEAR AT MAYMONT

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

See October listing. \$8 per person/\$6 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FANTASTIC FALL

Four-session program: Mondays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25, 9:30-10:30am, Maymont Farm

Introduce your little ones to the wonders of nature and autumn discoveries. Each session in this four-week program includes free play in the Farm Classrooms, 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 for members (includes all sessions). Register online at maymont.org by November 1; for information, call 804-358-7168.

FANTASTIC FALL TREE WALK AT MAYMONT

Wednesday, November 13, 4-5pm, Maymont Grounds

During the peak of the fall season, walk through the towering trees in Maymont's 100-acre arboretum and learn about the Dooleys' carefully planned collection of native and exotic specimens. Discover two national champions, eleven state champions, ancient species and other impressive beauties. Meet at the Historic Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by November 12; 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, November 15, 6:30-8:30pm, Maymont Farm

See August listing. Register online at maymont.org by November 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Tuesdays-Sundays, November 22, 2019-January 5, 2020

Mondays, December 23 and 30

12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

(Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day)

Celebrate the season at Maymont! James and Sallie Dooley's decorated home brings the wonders of Christmas past to life and is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit. Glittering trimmings on the 12-foot Christmas tree, the dining room set for a feast, evergreen decorations and poinsettias, sentimental Christmas cards and beautifully wrapped gifts remind us that some of our most beloved traditions began in the Victorian era. Behind the scenes, the butler, cook and other domestic staff make preparations for the Dooleys' first Christmas celebration in their new home. Guided tours of the upstairs available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. Tour capacities are limited. \$8 per adult/\$6 per child. Free for Maymont members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: THANKSGIVING

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Thursday, November 28

Maymont Mansion and other indoor exhibits will be closed Thursday, November 28. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

DECEMBER 2019

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Tuesdays-Sundays through January 5, 2020

Mondays, December 23 and 30

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.

NEW! MAYMONT'S HOLIDAY DESIGN AND WINE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, December 3, 6-8pm

Wednesday, December 4, 6-8pm

Thursday, December 5, 6-8pm

Stone Barn

Creating gorgeous holiday decorations from natural materials can be fun and easy, especially with a glass of wine in hand! Learn from Maymont's experts the special techniques needed to make and take home two festive evergreen centerpieces – one for the table and one for a window or mantle. Wine, greens, wire and instruction are supplied; bring your own clippers and gloves. \$45 per person/\$37 for members. Register online at maymont.org by December 1; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S WREATH WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, December 4, 9am-12pm

Thursday, December 5, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

Friday, December 6, 6-9pm

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. \$35 per person/\$30 for members. Register online at maymont.org by December 3; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: WINTER WIGGLES

Three-session program: Fridays, December 6, 13 & 20, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

What do snakes, owls and bears do for the chilly season? Get out of the cold and head over to the Maymont Farm 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 for members (includes all sessions). Space is limited, and this popular program fills early. Register online at maymont.org by December 4; for information, call 804-358-7168.

ONE GREAT MORNING OF RAKING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, December 7, 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.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT MAYMONT

Sunday, December 8, 11am-4:30pm, Maymont Mansion and Carriage House Lawn

Delight in the charms of Christmas past 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' mansion. Marvel at the grand Christmas tree and the beautifully decorated formal rooms, and see the gifts and games of 1893 and the holiday preparations underway by the butler, cooks and other domestic staff. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with St. Nick, a marketplace of treasures, good food and drink, craft making, 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. Mansion tours: \$5 per person/\$4 for members and children ages 12 and under. Carriage rides: \$8 per person/\$6 for members and children ages 12 and under. For information, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MAYMONT

Sunday, December 8, 12-1pm, 1:30-2:30pm & 3-4pm, 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! \$15 per child/\$5 for adults and children ages 12 and older. Advance registration required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

MAYMONT BY MOONLIGHT

Fridays, December 13 & 20, 5:30-9pm, Maymont's Historic Estate Entrance

Enjoy an enchanting holiday evening at Maymont, the elegant home of James and Sallie Dooley. Ride in style to the beautifully decorated Mansion where the Dooleys' gracious family, friends and domestic staff welcome you inside to delight in the excitement of Christmas 1893 – the first celebration in their modern new home. Charming vignettes, seasonal refreshments and joyful carol-singing make this an evening to remember! \$35 per person/\$30 for members. Advance registration required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Monday, December 23, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Maymont Mansion will be open for holiday tours. (Normally open Tuesday-Sunday). For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Maymont Mansion and other indoor exhibits will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

CHRISTMAS TEA AT MAYMONT

Saturday, December 28, 3:30-5pm, Garden Hall

Celebrate the season at one of Richmond's most charming spots. Enjoy a traditional tea with sweet and savory treats as you are welcomed by 1890s ladies and gentlemen and crisply attired staff who attend to your every need. Musical entertainment and a visit to the Dooleys' festively decorated home make this an afternoon to remember! \$35 per person/\$30 for members. Advance registration is required; register online at maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Monday, December 30, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Maymont Mansion will be open for holiday tours. (Normally open Tuesday-Sunday). For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

JANUARY 2020

MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: NEW YEAR'S DAY

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Wednesday, January 1

Maymont Mansion and other indoor exhibits will be closed Wednesday, January 1. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

MAYMONT MANSION HOLIDAY TOURS

Thursday-Sunday through January 5, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

MAYMONT'S TODDLER TIME: FROSTY FUN

Four-session program: Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

What do animals do when they don't sleep through winter? Get out of the cold and head over to the Maymont Farm 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 Farm Classrooms. 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 for members (includes all sessions). Space is limited. Register online at maymont.org by January 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

OVERHEARD AT MAYMONT

Sundays, January 12 & 26, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Step into the Dooleys' world where their lifestyle was maintained by a large domestic staff and guests were awed by the beautiful décor and fine receptions in the castle-like home. But, was life more interesting behind the scenes? Discover the upstairs-downstairs intrigue and the gossip of the day during this living history tour of Richmond's Gilded Age showplace. Costumed 1890s ladies, gentlemen and members of the household staff offer their perspective on important topics as they transport you to another era. Tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. \$8 per person/\$6 for members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT

Saturday, January 18, 10-10:30am and 2:30-3pm, Maymont Farm

Meet some of Maymont's animal ambassadors during scaly, feathered and furry close encounters. Visit with alligators, snakes, turtles, birds of prey, or animals of the Chesapeake Bay. \$6 per person/\$4 for members. Register online at maymont.org. (Groups of 5 or more must register in advance). For information, call 804-358-7168.