

# An American Estate

TO: Calendar Editors

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RE: Advance Listings of Winter – Spring 2020 Programs

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Attached are advanced listings of Maymont's programs for **January**, **February**, **March**, **April**, **and May**. 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 Richmond 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 January – May 2020

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

# **JANUARY 2020**

## **MAYMONT HOLIDAY HOURS: NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Indoor Exhibits Closed on Wednesday, January I

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

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'S TODDLER TIME: FROSTY FUN**

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

Get out of the cold to learn what animals do in winter, besides sleep! Head over to the Maymont Farm to explore the antics of animals that brave the chilly weather during stories and crafts. Enjoy time for free play and 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

Discover the upstairs-downstairs intrigue of the Dooleys' world. 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? Hear the gossip of the day from costumed 1890s ladies, gentlemen and members of the household staff during this living history tour of Richmond's Gilded Age showplace. 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 & 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.

## **COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP:**

## THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE CIRCA 1900 AT MAYMONT

# Tuesday, January 21, 4-6pm, Garden Hall

On National Day of Racial Healing, share your ideas and experiences during a community discussion to help plan for a broader, more in-depth African American narrative at Maymont. Bring opinions and inspirations regarding historical and modern-day stories of African American democracy, diversity and opportunity, especially in relation to the Maymont Mansion 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 for self-guided tours before the workshop. Ideas will be shared in small groups in a breakout format for this planning session. The African American Experience initiative at Maymont was funded in part by a grant from Virginia Humanities. Free admission. Capacity is limited, and advance registration is required. Register online at maymont.org by January 20; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

#### **FEBRUARY 2020**

## FROGWATCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT MAYMONT

# Saturday, February I, 3-7:30pm, Garden Hall

Hop on over for FrogWatch USA volunteer training at Maymont to learn fascinating natural history and wetland ecology, and discover how to monitor frog sounds to help contribute to the largest citizen science project in the nation. Maymont training sessions are designed for interested high schoolers and adults who can use their newfound knowledge to lead their own after-dark observations with friends and family. To become a certified volunteer, participants must attend the whole training session and will be quizzed on monitoring procedures covered during the program. Register online at maymont.org; for more information, call 804-358-7168.

## Maymont Honors Black History Month

## **VIEW FROM THE BUTLER'S PANTRY AT MAYMONT**

# Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

View Maymont Mansion from the perspective of those who knew it as a workplace. Discover the daily challenges that African American workers faced maintaining a millionaire's home and lifestyle while navigating the difficulties beyond the estate's gates in turbulent times. 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 admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT**

## Mondays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

Share some wild experiences at Maymont with your toddler! Enjoy a new theme each week featuring a craft activity, an animal encounter or guided walk, and free play with new friends. Ages 18 months-4 years; adult must accompany child. \$9 per parent and child per session/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

# **FAMILY VALENTINE DESIGNS AT MAYMONT**

## Saturday, February 8, 11am-1pm, Maymont Farm

Visit the Maymont Farm to craft animal-themed Valentine cards. Get inspiration from the animals you meet during encounters each half hour. All ages welcome. \$4 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org by February 7; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

## HIGH TECH GEARS OF YESTERYEAR AT MAYMONT

## Saturday, February 8, 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.

#### LOVE IN THE GARDENS WALK AT MAYMONT

# Wednesday, 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 after-hours tour. Meet at the Historical Estate entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org by February 11; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. Program will not be held in inclement weather.

#### **NEW! ROMANCE AT MAYMONT**

#### Friday, February 14 & Saturday, February 15, 5:30-7pm, Maymont Mansion

Spend a special evening with someone you love at your beloved Maymont! Meet delightful Victorian ladies and gentlemen at the treasure-filled home of James and Sallie Dooley, and hear the inspiring love story of the Dooleys while surrounded by signs of their affection. A keepsake photo of you and your sweetheart, lovely treats and a carriage ride (weather permitting) make this an occasion to remember. \$50 per couple. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

#### **GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT AT MAYMONT**

## Saturday, February 15, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

Maymont is for the birds (literally)! Explore the grounds on a fun and informative birdwatching walk for the annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Look for native species, enjoy the sights and sounds of nature, and collect valuable information about winter feathered residents for the national program. The walk is designed for all ages and skill levels. Bring your own binoculars for the best views; Maymont will have some starter binoculars to share. Free admission. Register online at maymont.org by February 14; for more information, call 804-358-7168.

## **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

# Saturday, February 29, I-I:30pm, Maymont Farm

Meet one of Maymont's animal ambassadors during a delightful and educational experience for the whole family. Visit with an alligator, snake, turtle, bird of prey, or animals of the Chesapeake Bay. There's a different scaly, feathered or furry friend to encounter each month. \$5 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

## **MARCH 2020**

## **WONDERS OF WILDLIFE AT MAYMONT**

#### Sunday, March I, I-3pm, Maymont Farm

Experience World Wildlife Day on a delightful animal adventure at Maymont. Discover fascinating facts about wildlife and native Virginia species during animal encounters and a special make-and-take craft activity. \$5 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org by February 27; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. You also can support the wildlife at Maymont with a symbolic Adopt an Animal donation; visit maymont.org/adopt for more information.

## Maymont Honors International Women's Day

# PERSISTENCE: THE SAGA OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE AT MAYMONT

## **A Living History Program**

## Sunday, March 8, 2-3pm, Garden Hall

Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, which granted women the right to vote. Travel the decades-long path forged by our grandmothers, their mothers and countless citizens who struggled to win universal suffrage for American women in 1920. Experience diverse perspectives of the controversial issue at Maymont where Mrs. Dooley and her sisters-in-law found themselves on opposite sides of the issue, and African-American women felt resistance due to their gender and their race. Listen to the arguments, justifications, and even women's opposition to the vote during a living history rally and dynamic presentation. Don your hat, sash or Votes for Women badge, join in the rally and enjoy refreshments after the program. \$12 per person/\$8 for Maymont members and children ages 13 and under. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT**

## Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10-11am, Maymont Farm

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

## SUNSET WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS AT MAYMONT

#### Thursday, March 12, 5:30-7pm, Maymont Grounds

Enjoy an 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 snap a photo of the beautiful Maymont sunset to share with friends on social media! Meet at the Historical Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. Program will not be held in inclement weather.

#### **FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

## Friday, March 13, 7-9pm, Maymont Farm

Visit Maymont after hours to explore the grounds and meet some of Maymont's nighttime residents during a guided hike. Ages 5 and older, adult must accompany children ages 18 and under. \$9 per person/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org by March 18; for information, call 804-358-7168.

#### TIME TRAVELER'S WEEKEND AT MAYMONT

## Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15, 12-5pm, Maymont Mansion

Celebrate women of the past as Maymont joins Richmond's best known historic homes and museums during a special admission-free weekend. Step back in time to discover more about women like Sallie Dooley, a renowned hostess and horticulturalist, and Frances Walker, the African-American mother of eight who worked as the Dooleys' head cook. Guided tours introduce you to the social changes and the challenges facing women 100 years ago. Guided tours available every half-hour; last tour begins at 4:30pm. Free admission; carriage rides available for a fee. For information, visit maymont.org or call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **FAMILY STEM DAY AT MAYMONT**

## Saturday, March 21, 10am-2pm, Maymont Farm and Maymont Mansion

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in a way that is uniquely Maymont! Families can attend a variety of interactive programs during this day-long STEM adventure, including Victorian High Tech, Wetlands and Watersheds, Awesome Animals, and the Wildly-Inspired Innovation with Makers Challenge. Ages 7-10. \$15 per activity or \$40 per person/\$30 for members (includes all programs). Register online at maymont.org by February 20; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

## Saturday, March 28, 1:15-1:45pm, Maymont Farm

See February listing. \$5 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

## **APRIL 2020**

#### SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

## Tuesday-Sunday, April I-September 30, I Iam-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 estate given to the City of Richmond by James and Sallie Dooley. Explore rooms filled with Tiffany and Co. luxury items, stained glass, European and Asian porcelain and other treasures, in addition to service areas with an extensive exhibition that reveals the life and work of domestic employees in a great Southern household during the Gilded Age. Upstairs guided tours; self-guided belowstairs exhibition. Last tour begins at 4:30pm. Suggested \$5 admission. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

# SPRING BREAK WEEK AT MAYMONT

Monday-Friday, April 6-10

## ADVENTURES IN VEGETABLE GROWING

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

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

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

#### Monday-Friday, April 6-10, 10:30am-12:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Explore Maymont's 100 acres in a whole new way! Crack secret codes for clues, and use maps and riddles to find your way around the estate in this family-friendly scavenger hunt. Different difficulty levels are available. Ages 4 and older; adult must accompany child. \$15 per family or group (up to four people)/\$12 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

## A RABBIT ON THE CABINET AT MAYMONT

# Monday-Friday, April 6-10, 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.

## **SPRING BREAK WEEK AT MAYMONT, Continued**

Monday-Friday, April 6-10

## THE SECRET LIFE OF A VICTORIAN HOUSE AT MAYMONT

# Monday-Friday, April 6-10, 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 for members. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

#### MAGICAL STORIES AND LOVABLE BEARS PARTY AT MAYMONT

## Monday, April 6, 10:30am-12pm, Garden Hall

Beloved characters from the past, including Winnie the Pooh and Piglet, Teddy Bear and their friends, take children on a make-believe journey led by a charming storyteller in a party filled with games, a treasure hunt, crafts, refreshments and a carriage ride. Ages 4-7. \$20 per child/\$15 for members. Parents are welcome! Register online at maymont.org by April 5; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

# **BIRDS OF PREY AT MAYMONT**

## Tuesday, April 7, 3-4pm, 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 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168.

#### SAMANTHA'S TEA PARTY AT MAYMONT

## Wednesday, April 8, 10am-12pm, Maymont Mansion and Grounds

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

#### **FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

## Wednesday, April 8, 7-9pm, Nature Center

See March listing. \$9 per person/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org by April 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT**

# Thursday, April 9, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Habitat

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 April 7; for information, call 804-358-7168.

## **FAIRY CHASE AT MAYMONT**

# Friday, April 10, 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 the Maymont Carriage House. Ages 4-8. \$22 per child/\$18 for members. Parents are welcome to observe the program. Register online at maymont.org by April 9; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## **NEW! CAMPFIRE TALES AND TREATS AT MAYMONT**

# Friday, April 10, 7-9pm, Maymont Farm

Join us for fun around the campfire as we experience the delights of Maymont after dark. S'mores, stories, music and glow sticks will be the perfect ingredients to make family memories that last a lifetime. Bring a blanket or camp chairs. \$9 per person/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org by April 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

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

## Saturday, April 11, 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 or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

#### SPRING BLOOMS GARDEN TOUR AT MAYMONT

# Thursday, April 16, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Enjoy an evening excursion through Maymont's gardens and arboretum and learn about spring flowering plants for your landscape. Meet at the Historical Estate Entrance. \$10 donation. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. Program will not be held in inclement weather.

# **HERBS GALORE & MORE AT MAYMONT**

# Saturday, April 25, 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 or call 804-358-7166, ext. 310.

## **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

# Saturday, April 25, 1-1:30pm, Maymont Farm

See February listing. \$5 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

#### **MAY 2019**

#### SPRING/SUMMER HOURS AT MAYMONT MANSION

#### Tuesdays-Sundays through September 30, I lam-5pm, Maymont Mansion

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

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

## Friday, May I, 6-10pm, Carriage House Lawn

Raise a glass to celebrate Maymont's Spring 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 Historical Estate Entrance. Purchase tickets online at maymont.org/beer-wine; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 330.

#### **TODDLER TIME AT MAYMONT**

# Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10-11am, Nature Center

See February listing. \$9 per parent and child pair/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

## **FAMILY NIGHT HIKE AT MAYMONT**

## Friday, May 8, 7-9pm, Nature Center

See March listing. \$9 per person/\$7 for members. Register online at maymont.org by May 6; for information, call 804-358-7168.

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

#### Saturday, May 9, Ipm & 3:30pm, Nature Center Terrace

Celebrate mothers and the centennial of women gaining the right to vote at a once-in-a-lifetime tea! Wear a sash, a hat or 1920s fashion to join in the spirit of the era as you enjoy tea, traditional sweets and savories. Period music, a lively suffrage rally and a picturesque setting make this an afternoon to remember. \$35 per person/\$30 for members. Register online at maymont.org by May 8; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329. Enhance your visit with a tour of the Gilded Age home of James and Sallie Dooley (1 Jam-4:30pm) or a festive carriage ride (call ext. 340 for reservations). \$5 per person per activity.

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

## Saturday and Sunday, May 9 & 10, 1:30-2pm, Nature Center

Walk through the Employees Only door for a special peek at the inner workings of the Maymont Nature Center. Thirteen aquariums and more than 200 animals require more care than meets the eye. Ages 5 and older; adult must accompany child. \$5 per person plus Nature Center entry fee. 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 OTTER PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT**

# Monday, May 11, 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. \$25 per person/\$20 for members. Space is limited to five people. Register online at maymont.org by May 8; for information, call 804-358-7168.

#### **EXCLUSIVE BOBCAT PRESENTATION AT MAYMONT**

## Tuesday, May 12, 2-2:30pm, Bobcat Habitat

See April listing. \$25 per person/\$20 for members. Register online at maymont.org by May 10; for information, call 804-358-7168.

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

# Thursday, May 14, 5-6:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Join expert horticulturists and fellow gardening enthusiasts for a walk through Maymont highlighting native plants that attract pollinators. 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; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 310. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting. Program will not be held in inclement weather.

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

# Friday, May 15, 6:30pm-Saturday, May 16, 9am, Maymont Farm

Enjoy a night under the stars during an overnight camping adventure. As the sun sets, explore the lives of animals that navigate the nighttime during a guided hike, then roast marshmallows by the campfire. Following a night in your tent on Maymont's grounds, enjoy a continental breakfast and visit with 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 for members. Register online at maymont.org by May 13; for information, call 804-358-7168.

#### FROGWATCH VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT MAYMONT

Saturday, May 16, 5-9:30pm, Nature Center and Grounds

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

## HARDYWOOD BEER PAIRING DINNER AT MAYMONT

Presented by Maymont with Hardywood Park Craft Brewery

## Sunday, May 17, 5:30-9:30pm, Maymont Grounds

Savor an extraordinary Richmond dining experience at Maymont. Guests will celebrate the best of the season with five mouthwatering courses designed and presented by Richmond's most celebrated chefs and paired with five of Hardywood's craft brews. Guests are welcomed with an ice-cold beverage in a one-of-a-kind location. All proceeds benefit Maymont. Only 80 seats available. Participants must be 21 years old or older. For information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 403.

## CELEBRATING SUFFRAGE: HOW THE CAMPAIGN WAS WAGED AND WON

A lecture and reception sponsored by the Maymont Council

Presented by Elisabeth Griffith, author of "In Her Own Right: The Life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton" Tuesday, May 19, 6-8pm, Garden Hall

Join us for an in-depth look at the century-long struggle for woman's suffrage presented by Elisabeth Griffith, author of "In Her Own Right: The Life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton." Griffith's exploration will lead us from abolition to the Nineteenth Amendment to the present day, throughout the fight to secure voting rights for all American women. Find out why victory required three generations of leadership, competing strategies, class and racial struggles, and controversial, charismatic women. A reception follows the lecture. \$15 per person/\$10 members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7166, ext. 329.

## SPECIAL MONDAY OPENING: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, May 25

Nature & Visitor Center, 10am-5pm

Maymont Mansion, I Iam-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.

# **ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AT MAYMONT**

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

See February listing. \$5 per person/\$3 for members. Register online at maymont.org; for information, call 804-358-7168. Walk-ups welcome, space permitting.

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