

## October 2023 Newsletter **Falls of the James Group**



**FOJG Programs** We continue with our in-person/virtual hybrid



WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. Mark Deutsch and The Carbon Almanac. Photos courtesy of Mark Deutsch. 10/10/23 – 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm FOJG In-Person and Virtual Program: The Carbon Almanac: It's Not Too Late. Facts. Connection. Action. Presented by Mark Deutsch, co-author and contributor to the Carbon Almanac. Released in the summer of 2022, The Carbon Almanac is

23235. Register here if you want to participate via Zoom. FOJG In-Person & Virtual Program: The Carbon Almanac: Facts. Connection. Action. **Advocacy Action** 

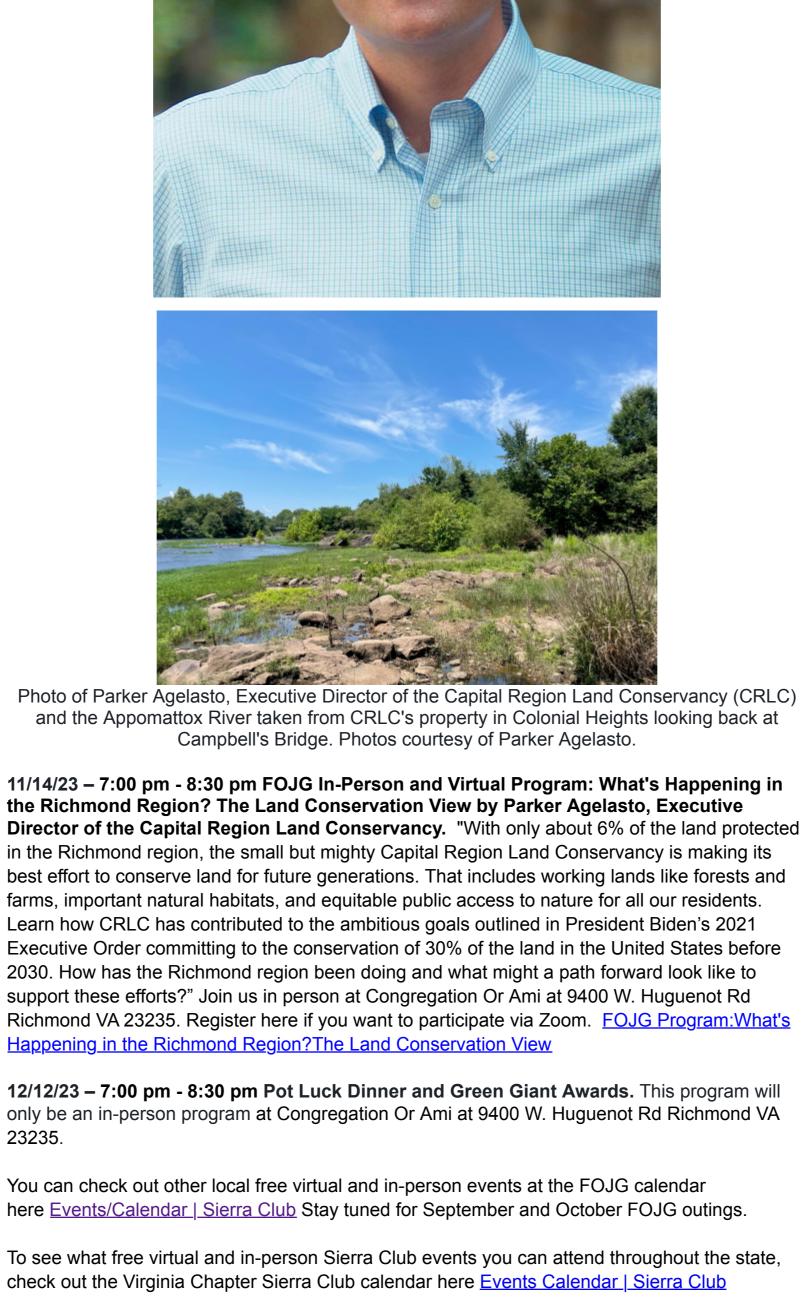
## FOJG Executive Committee members Lee Williams, as a Fossil Fuel Fool dinosaur, and Glen Besa as Dominion Energy's CEO "bird dogging" Dominion Energy CEO Bob Blue in front of Dominion Headquarters downtown each Tuesday to protest the proposed 1,000 megawatt gas

In the city of Richmond, we have spent much effort this year in supporting creation of a Public Utilities Commission, which would exercise oversight of, and bring transparency to, the working of the Richmond Gasworks. Richmond is one of three localities in Virginia to own a gas business, and at some point it will need to be phased out, hopefully without trauma to customers

## Jess Sims is curating and both she and Shavon Peacock have their work displayed in an art show titled Environment at Risk on display through November 5th at the Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen. We met the public by tabling at St. Stephens Church, at a University of Richmond new student

Last but not least, we returned to in person meetings on September 12th, at Congregation Or Ami on Huguenot Road, where we will continue to hold programs on the second Tuesday each month through April 2024. Voting is ongoing everywhere from now through November 7th. Locations and times will vary by

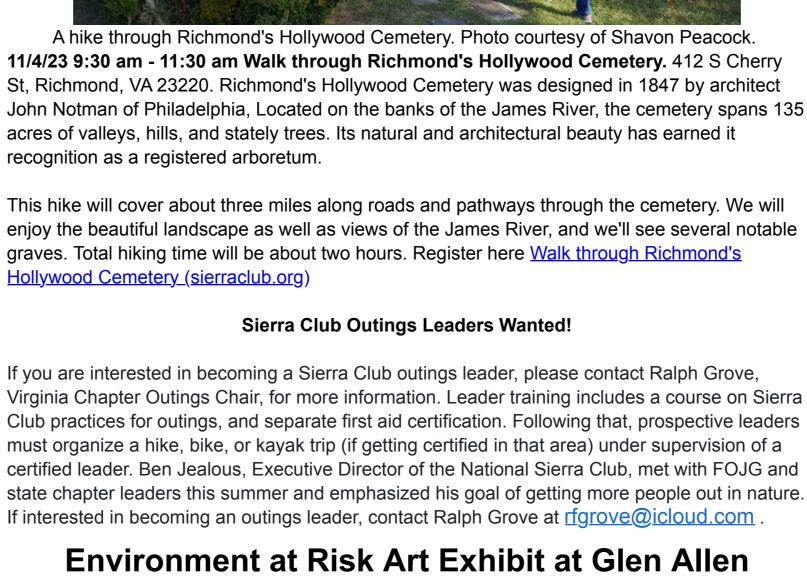




Beaver Lake at Pocahontas State Park. Photo courtesy of Ralph Grove. 10/14/2023 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Hike Beaver Lake at Pocahontas State Park. This hike will cover the Beaver Lake trail and part of the Ground Pine trail at Pocahontas State Park. The trails go around Beaver Lake, through woods and over hills, with views of the lake. The hike is easy to moderate, with a few hills. Total hiking distance will be about 3.5 miles, total time about 2.5 hours. Afterwards, you may want to visit the Civilian Conservation Corps museum, which is located at the trailhead. Register here for the hike. Hike - Beaver Lake at Pocahantas S.P. (sierraclub.org)

**Upcoming FOJG Outings** 

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The faint, smudged shapes mimic cave elements, found after blasting and the white outlines follow the seismic map of the area. The candied pallet is meant to mislead, much as developers, regulators, agencies and elected officials have candy-coated the methane pipeline's harms. Congratulations also go to Jessica Sims for being named the

significant accomplishment for Virginia's environment in her

role as Virginia Field Coordinator for Appalachian Voices

fighting the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Thank you Jessica!

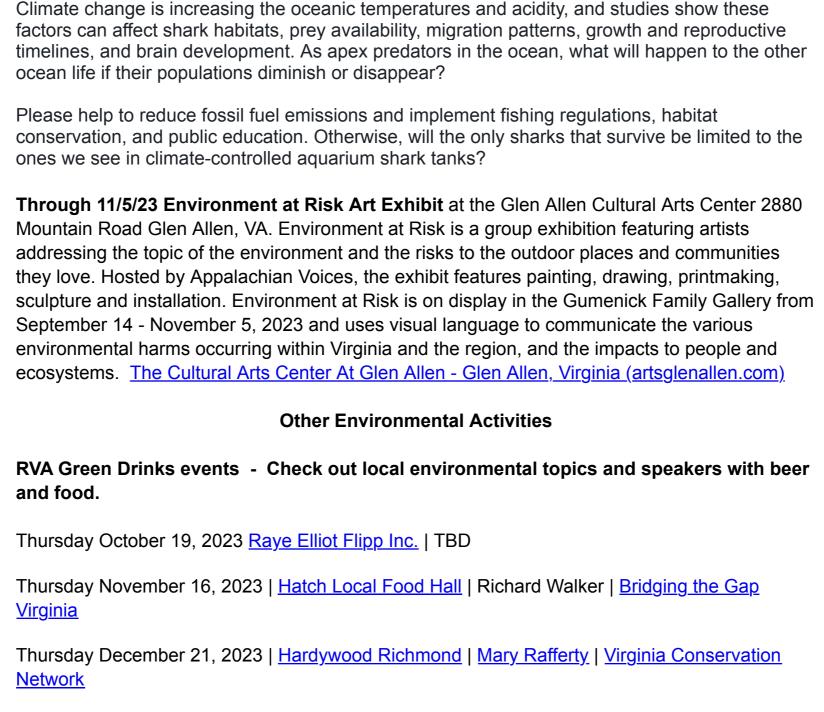
Virginia Conservation Network's (VCN) Conservation

Champion of the Year on 9/27/23. Jessica has made a

Jessica Sims, FOJG Executive Committee member, curator of Environment at Risk, and artist next to her acrylic on panel painting, It was a cave (for Karolyn), at the Environment at Risk exhibit. 36" x 61" Photo courtesy of Shavon Peacock.

The work references a cave, destroyed by construction of the unnecessary, dangerous Mountain

Valley Pipeline on a farm in Giles County, VA.



the name, these will happen for more than a day, or even a week, from October 20th through 29th. A coalition called reforest Richmond is planning events such as tree giveaways, planting events and tutorials on tree care. Please visit the website Reforest Richmond for schedule and details. This is an opportunity to learn skills, meet great people and yes, plant trees. Several of us participated in numerous events last year, and it was an enriching experience. Joe B

10/21/23 10:00 am - 3:30 pm Plant Native Festival sponsored by Keep Henrico Beautiful. Crump Park at 3400 Mountain Road Glen Allen, VA 23060. Native Plant sale from 10:00 am -

Gardener and Wildscape. Plant Native! Festival - Henrico County, Virginia

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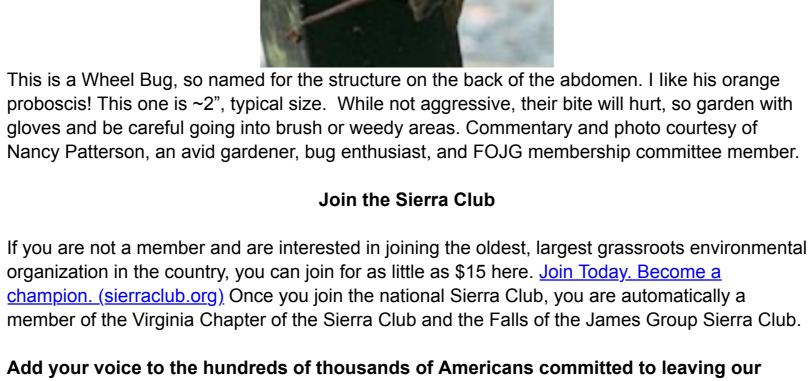
2:00 pm. At 2:30 pm, keynote speaker Nancy Lawson will talk. She is the author of *The Humane* 

Check out more environmental events on our FOJG Facebook page thanks to FOJG member Daryl Downing's frequent sharing of environmental events! Sierra Club - Falls of the James

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Foreword by SETH GODIN

for a long time, without demanding to be read in its entirety at one time. Unlike 'The Climate Book', in which each article is attributed to its author, 'The Carbon Almanac' highlights the work, with no reference that I see to any one person, except Seth Rogin, credited as editor and writer of the foreword. I wanted to give examples of the topics, but at each turning of a page, I thought "I should mention this", until it became unwieldy. Just allow me to say that you are bound to find new facts, and different takes on familiar environmental topics, liberally dispersed. We look forward to welcoming Mark on October 10th to learn more! See you there, Joe Brancoli Send us your Virginia flora/fauna/landscape/people enjoying nature photographs for the FOJG



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programs this year. Join us at Congregation Or Ami for our 10/10/23 Program with Mark Deutsch and The Carbon Almanac. Attend in-person and you get the chance to win one of two door prizes - The Carbon Almanac book!

a global, best-selling book and source of reliable and easily understandable knowledge on climate change that you can share to create meaningful impact. Mark, one of the lead contributors to The Carbon Almanac project, will share more about what The Carbon Almanac is, who is behind it, and how it can provide ways to talk about climate change and help drive systemic change. Two in-person participants have the chance to win The Carbon Almanac as a



DON'T LET DOMINION DOUBLE DOWN ON CLIMATE POLLUTION Dominion fired plant in Chesterfield County. This plant is considered a down payment on #climatechaos. Photo courtesy of Lee Williams. If you'd like to volunteer to join our Electrify RVA and Beyond Methane RVA Teams or get involved in active protests, contact Lee Williams at <a href="mailto:lee.sierraclub.greennewdealva@gmail.com">lee.sierraclub.greennewdealva@gmail.com</a>. **FOJG Executive Committee Updates** Joe Brancoli, Chair Hello,

or employees. This Commission can begin to help guide the transition. In local politics, two forums for Board of Supervisor candidates, in Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, were held on September 7th and 13th. As we speak, questionnaires have been sent to the same candidates, and we will endorse as we receive those back. Aileen Rivera and Glen Besa put in a tremendous amount of work on these. We have through the Summer been watering the trees which were planted almost a year ago on

It's time for another installment of "What is Your Ex Com up to?"

event, and Dorey Park Farmers Market, in September.

Warwick Road.

locality.





Shavon Peacock, FOJG member, next to her pastel painting Shark Tank at the Environment at Risk Art Exhibit. 25" x 33" Photo courtesy of Shavon Peacock. The Chesapeake Bay is home to sandbar, bull, and sand tiger sharks. Sharks have been adapting to climate change for 450 million years, but they are in decline. Can they survive manmade global warming, pollution, and overfishing?

Thursday January 18, 2024 | Sine Irish Pub (tentative) | Gabby Troutman, Chesapeake Bay **Foundation** 10/7/23 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Conserve and Create First Saturday of each month at Bellemeade Park at 1800 Krouse St. Richmond VA. Bellemeade Park – Giving Bellemeade its Roots and Wings (bellemeadeparkrva.com) Help with garden chores in creating an outdoor campus for the children and families of this Southside Richmond community. This beautiful outdoor learning campus is dedicated to the outdoor education of the community. Register here via HandsOn Richmond. HandsOn is now cfENGAGE | Conserve and Create -clean up 10/14/23 9:00 am - 12 pm Planting Wildflower Garden at Bellemeade Park. Volunteers Needed! 1800 Krouse St, Richmond, VA 23224 10/20-10/29/23 Arbor Day RVA Activities Hello energetic Falls of the James members, Coming our way in October will be the fourth annual slate of Arbor Day RVA activities. Despite

The Carbon Almanac: It's Not Too Late Photo courtesy of Joe Brancoli. Joe's Book Nook Hello environmental readers, The Carbon Almanac is a wide ranging and most engaging tome with contributions from our October speaker, Mark Deutsch, and a large number of other authors, activists and sentient

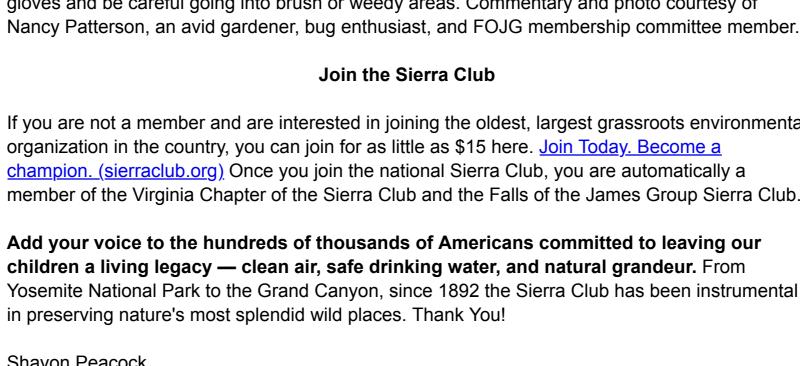
beings. For more background than will fit here, see the The Carbon Almanac | Facts.

Like any great almanac, this has charts, graphics, amazing facts and surprising knowledge. Full of brief, easily absorbed articles, this book is an informative companion which will stay with you

newsletter. Please send your photos to Shavon Peacock at shavonandrew@verizon.net and you may have the chance to have your photo in the newsletter and posted on our Facebook page (1) Sierra Club - Falls of the James | Facebook At the end of the newsletter year (4/24), we plan to have photo awards, so stay tuned! Thanks!

We would love to get FOJG Sierra Club members' high quality photos to share in each

newsletter and Facebook page!



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