

THE FALL LINE

News & Activities of the Falls of the James Chapter, Sierra Club

February/May 2011



GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

Free & Public Invited to Attend -Second Wednesday Each Month, 7 pm. Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street

February Program

Wednesday February 9th,
7:00 pm

Legislative Update and TREX:
TREX Manufacturing in Winchester

Our annual briefing on the General Assembly, with a special focus on the

environmental bills we support and the legislation we oppose.

Also, a mini-program on TREX with David Heglas and Amanda Harrington !

TREX Company is the country's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking, railing and fencing products, marketed under the brand name Trex®. Trex® turns millions of pounds of recycled and

reclaimed plastic and waste wood each year into Trex products. Most of these raw materials come from recovered plastic grocery bags, plastic film, and hardwood sawdust. Trex Company purchases approximately 300 million pounds of used polyethylene (over 1.3 billion grocery retail bags) and an equal amount of wood fiber each year, materials that would normally end up in a landfill. Trex Company is headquartered in Winchester, Virginia.

March Program

Wednesday March 9th,
7:00 pm

Cancun Climate Change Conference

State SC Director Glen Besa and Tyla Matteson attended this global conference at the end of 2010. They represented the Sierra Club, one of the lead NGO's in the debate about global warming.

The outcome of the summit was an agreement (though not a binding treaty) to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and calls on rich countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions as pledged in the 2009 Copenhagen Accord. The agreement includes a "Green Climate Fund," proposed to be worth \$100 billion a year by 2020, to assist poorer countries in financing emission reductions and adaptation, but there was no agreement on how to extend the Kyoto Protocol, or how to raise the \$100 billion a year. Should developing countries have binding emissions reductions, or should rich countries have to reduce emissions first?

To make a long story short, and entertaining, come hear Glen & Tyla's take on the Summit. They took lots of pictures, made lots of friends, and even participated in extracurricular activities, dramatizing the

need for urgency and action (see photo). To get us in the mood for the program, wear tropical outfits and bring sun gear, fans, and floatation devices. Prizes will be given to the best three global warming costumes. Think good photo opportunity ! You won't want to miss this one !

April Program

Wednesday April 13th,
7:00 pm

(C-CAN) The Chesapeake Climate Action Network

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) is the first grassroots, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to fighting global warming in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Its mission is to educate and mobilize citizens of this region in a way that fosters a rapid societal switch to clean energy and energy-efficient products, thus joining similar efforts worldwide to

halt the dangerous trend of global warming. Chelsea Harnish, the Virginia Policy Coordinator, will be speaking.

May Program

Wednesday May 11th,
7:00 pm

Special Interactive Meeting chaired by Karie Walker and Eric Vrabel

The National Sierra Club is urging Groups to host occasional 'Interactive discussion' meetings, focused around a topic or issue specific to the location of that Group. They have observed that these meetings are educational, stir peoples passions, and motivate members to get involved. Karie took the training to lead and facilitate such an activity, so lets all come and give it a shot. We will have snacks and 'special beverages' before the event, so bring a friend too.

RVA ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, Feb. 12th, 2011, 10AM - 6PM,
at the Byrd Theater in Carytown

See stories on pg 2 and pg 3. Volunteers needed !

We'll Recycle What Your Recycler Won't !! Don't forget to bring your old batteries, CFC bulbs, #5 plastics, cell phones, and other hard-to-recycle goods.

Coming to Richmond on Saturday Feb 12th, 2011

RVA Environmental Film Festival at the Byrd Theater

by Tamara Smith

The 3rd Environment Film Festival will take place at the Byrd Theatre in Carytown on February 12, at 10 am to 6 pm. Falls of the James Group and Enrichmond are reaching out to our community. Tickets will be available soon on line at www.rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com at \$10.00 each, which covers the entire day of movie watching. What a better way to endure a cold winter day than with your honey at the Byrd Theatre consuming popcorn and favorite goodies? EFF Tickets also make for a meaningful way to kick off Valentines Day celebrations, saying "I

luv U" in the most environmentally friendly way. Several movies on the program are described in Scott's View From the Chair column, on page 3,

We also invite you to join us in support of the festival by donating to a tax exempt fund that will support the operations of the event and ensure its success both this year and into the future. Your check must be made to Enrichmond Foundation, earmarked for the RVA Environmental Film Festival. Our EXCOM members have included the RVA Environmental Film Festival as a priority calendar event with the

potential of becoming a huge fundraising and benefit to Richmond Community.

Your support of our initiative to bring light into the dark of winter with educational film fun at the Byrd Theatre is very important to the RVA Environmental Film Festival's success. Your volunteer efforts are also welcome. Contact Scott Burger at scottburger@mac.com to offer help in any way. See us on the web at www.rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com, also on facebook.

SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS UPDATE

Our FOJGroup has had difficulties keeping its Outings/Hiking programs active. We have Jim Sturgil, a long-time Outings leader, who schedules 2 or 3 hikes per quarter. Typically, these are hikes in mountainous areas several hours west of Richmond, of medium strenuousness, and hikers from other state SC groups are invited to attend - but participation from our group has tapered off in recent years. Our last Outings chair was frustrated by poor attendance; John Z has offered Urban Exploration walks and bike rides since the early 2000's, which generally draw 6-15 people (for example, green-roof tours, Reedy Creek watershed bike tours, etc). Tamara has organized Canoe trips (very successful) and members of the group have carpooled to tour the TREC plant and visit recycling centers, but surely, there is more to see and do with fellow Sierrans...

Your Ex Comm wants to revive its Outings program. Andrew and Shavon Peacock have volunteered to help us convene a sub-committee to organize at least one trip a month, so we'd like to hear from **YOU** - what would you like to do with group members? To help focus the discussion, please indicate your interest in the following:

(1 being 'like the least', 3 being 'maybe attend', and 5 being 'wouldn't want to miss')

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 -3hr moderate hikes with Jim Sturgil (or other leader) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1-2 -3hr hikes in State Parks |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1- 2hr walks in and around Richmond (weekdays) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1- 2hr walks in and around Richmond (weekends) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 hour walks with refreshments/dinner together afterward (weekdays) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | tours of interesting places in Richmond vicinity |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | tours of interesting places in Richmond vicinity with refreshments before |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1-2 -3hr bikerides in and around Richmond (weekends) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3-5 hour caving trips |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3-5 hour canoeing trips |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | I will come to demonstration/protest events |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Overnight activities (camping or cabins) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Inner-City Outings (taking underprivileged children outdoors) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Attend movies/music with group members |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Go to Restaurants with group members |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Art Walks with group members |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Socialize/Party with group members |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Singles/Date Mixers with group members |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | I will come to agitation/propaganda events |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | I will come to demonstration/protest events |

Please bring your responses to our next general membership meeting, and lets see whether we can organize some activities that will get you involved.

View from the Chair

by Co-Chair Scott Burger

This issue's View From The Chair discusses work on the upcoming RVA Environmental Film Festival!

That's right in the past, the Sierra Club Falls of the James has supported John Wade and his Biggest Picture Environmental Film Festival. With Wade moving out of the area, we decided we had to continue his good work by holding a film festival this year. We found a cosponsor in the EnRichmond Foundation, formerly the Richmond Recreation & Parks Foundation, which also is also our main partner with the annual, local Earth Day celebration. We have had a few bumps in our organizing, but right now are rapidly confirming films and other sponsors in anticipation of having an entertaining and educational day of films, documentaries, speakers, and more at the historic Byrd Theater in Richmond on Saturday, February 12. The festival goes on from 10 am to 6 pm and an all-day pass will cost only \$10. Please look for more information on the website: <http://rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com/>

I will mention two of the movies we plan on showing here:

Who Killed Crassostrea virginica: The Fall and Rise of Chesapeake Bay

Oysters was an entree at this past year's D.C. Environmental Film Festival. In short, and to paraphrase from their program, the film "explores the calamities that wiped out native oysters on the world's richest oyster fishing grounds". With the General Assembly in town and the D.E.Q.'s Chesapeake Bay TDML report findings now available, this screening is very timely. We will have filmmaker Michael Fincham on hand and maybe a scientist or two to further elaborate in person on this amazing creature and its current situation.

Once Upon A Time In Knoxville is a brand spanking new film from British filmmakers on a unique community outside Knoxville that makes recycling a large part of their daily, going as far as to build houses from discarded shipping pallet wood. Also, the filmmakers in making the movie adapted the aesthetic, using recycled equipment to create the movie. One of the questions that the film asks is will this be most of America in a resource-starved future? Given that recycling is a major focus of our SCFOJ Conservation Committee, we are happy to present this at this festival.

On a personal note, I was not planning to be the main organizer on this, but like too many of us, I was recently laid off from my job and found myself with some time to volunteer. It's actually been a labor of love-I grew up watching great movies and documentaries at the Naro Theater in Norfolk and later, Cinestudio in Hartford. I have always enjoyed the Byrd Theater in Richmond and I am very excited for us to be hosting this film festival there, hopefully supporting its ongoing renovation. I also don't want to give the impression that I have the only person helping with this- I have been absolutely delighted with the way volunteers have come together. I should also give a shout out to James Parrish from the James River Film Society (look for the James River Film Festival in March!). With any luck, this will be another great annual event for SCFOJ group to look forward to every year.



HELP WANTED -- Newsletter Editor & Desktop Publishing Volunteer

Our previous newsletter editor retired in the Spring of 2010, so I'm substituting for the next few months, because this is our Group's main communication medium (we mail about 1,500 newsletters to our members every two months, plus hand out newsletters at public events, so people can see who we are, what we do, and contact us easily.

Yes, we do eventually want to shift over to an e-newsletter, but that transition may take several years -- and our print newsletters are still a viable means for recruiting new members and

keeping a calendar handy.

HELP !! We have a pressing need for an individual to take over our Group newsletter responsibilities. We are shifting to printing 4 newsletters per year and hope to have half our membership transition to an e-newsletter in the next year or so, saving money and trees. (Printing and mailing each issue of The Fall Line costs more than \$1,000 (roughly 62 cents per copy) per issue, six times a year, or \$3.72 per year per member)

Basic desktop publishing skills would be helpful, since layout is the

main task. Only light editing would be needed, since most articles, submitted by the Ex Comm and committee chairs, are self-edited. Some website posting or blogging experience would also be very helpful.

I estimate each newsletter would require about 4-5 hours every 3 months, 4 times a year. This position would be great for someone wanting to do something positive for the environment, build up body of work, or enhance a resume. If you want find out more, please contact John Z at 288-5005 or email jjzeugner@comcast.net.

Paper Newsletter Transitioning to Digital (slowly)

We haven't discontinued the Newsletter -- but we had to skip the Sept-Oct issue, and this issue should reach you in late Jan 2011 and cover the Spring and early Summer.

We, the Executive Committee, are still moving forward with plan to transition from paper newsletters to an e-newsletter. Many other SC chapters and groups are moving towards decreasing their printed newsletters and utilizing electronic or online

newsletters. Digitalized email newsletters save paper and trees, which is consistent with our conservation mission, and they can be sent more frequently (ie every month) and be more timely.

Scott Burger has developed the template for our official Fall Line e-newsletter, and sent out several issues, and more are in the works. Eric Vrabel and Karie Walker are working to automate the emailing system,

which is critical to its delivery to you !

If you want to check out the E-Newsletter without obligation, go to <http://action.sierraclub.org/fojnews> and fill out the form. This puts your name on our LIST-SERVE to receive e-news. Then, or later, you may cancel your paper newsletter. Thanks for working with us....

2011 Great Backyard Bird Count by Catherine Welsh

Mark your calendars for February 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st and participate in the 2011 Great Backyard Bird Count. This is the 14th annual event sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society with Canadian partner, Bird Studies Canada. Anyone can participate and you are not limited to your backyard -- go to the park, walk in the woods, sit by the river.

The requirements to participate are:

Birds you identifying and counting the birds
Entering your count and bird species on the web site www.BirdCount.org

Minimum requirement for participation is

counting birds at your favorite location for at least 15 minutes on one or more days 2/18-2/21. You are NOT limited to that amount of time and you are welcome to count all day and all four days -- it can become addictive.

Your participation in the Backyard Bird Count provides scientists with the raw data to track changes in bird species populations and migrating habits. Last year 97,300 lists were submitted recording sightings of 602 bird species. This year you should be part of this continent-wide science project. The web site www.BirdCount.org provides all the information you will need :

directions, bird checklists for your zip code, and bird identification help and photographs.

Top 10 list for 2010:

Northern Cardinal
Dark-eyed Junco
Mourning Dove
Downy Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Goldfinch
Tufted Titmouse
House Finch
American Crow
Black-capped Chickadee

Residential Stormwater Utility Credits

The City of Richmond Department of Stormwater Utility has just unveiled a program for residents to install and maintain water run off control measures while earning credits against their stormwater utility rate. Residents will find they can earn a maximum of 50% credit for installing a combination of controls such as rain gardens, rain barrels, vegetated filter strips and pervious driveways. Applications for credit against the already paid 2010 utility must be approved by June 2011. These stormwater control measures are beneficial to our streams and rivers whether or not you are a Richmond resident paying a stormwater utility. A credit manual and application forms are available at: www.richmondgov.com/PublicUtilities/StormwaterUtility.aspx

Falls of the James Group Membership Elects Executive Committee Members in December and Ex Comm Elects Group Officers in January

Congratulations to new Ex Comm member Mary Beth Mains (who has been our Treasurer for the past year); Catherine Welsh (who is returning to Ex Comm after a 2 year hiatus) and Eric Vrabel, who has been helping Karie on Membership and all of us on the SC national databases, HELEN and CONVIO.

Also reelected to Ex Comm were Tamara Smith, Scott Burger and John Zeugner.

Bill Smith, our social chair and volunteer coordinator, stepped down after 3 years of outstanding service. The entire Ex Comm commends you, Bill, for your great ideas and good cheer. We'll officially thank you at our June Social !

Anybody in our membership interested in either of these two positions, please contact any Ex Comm member.



Back Row: C Welsh, E Vrabel, J Zeugner, MB Mains
Front Row: A Maclean, K Walker, T Smith
Not Pictured: Scott Burger (Behind Camera...)



2011 UofR 14th ANNUAL "Big Yard Sale"



Help divert good stuff from the Landfill FOJG Volunteers' Registration

FOJG members, Family members & Good friends **register by April 22** (John Muir's Birthday!).

Please indicate the time that you are offering in the "My Time" section of this form. We prefer you volunteer for at least four hours as that facilitates our planning efforts. In particular, please consider helping on Monday because the Monday effort determines how much good stuff we recover and how much goes to the land fill. The biggest volunteer need is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm as students rush to empty their apartments ahead of the UofR deadline. Lunch is provided on Monday. The volunteer need including date, time and task is described below.

Name		Address		
City	State	Zip	Home#	
Sierra Club Member (Y/N)		Email		
Feb to Apr	Recruit volunteers by phone tree (circle one)?	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Recruitment: Solicit participation by phone tree. • Gym Setup: Unload and setup tables in gym, establish walking isles and laydown areas. • Dumpster Diversion: Teams of two to three divert stuff from a dumpster to a collection area for pickup by the transportation team. Presort into categories: Houseware, Books/Office, Bedding/ Linens, Furniture, Soft goods and Electronics/Other. • Transportation: Two teams of five run the circuit of dumpsters, loading presorted materials into large trucks for delivery to the gym. Supplement unloading and transporting of good stuff into laydown areas in the gym. • Sorting: Teams are assigned to designated areas in the gym to receive and organize the good stuff. • Hospitality: Prepare and serve bag lunches and deliver water to all workers. Lunches should be prepared in advance of the work day and delivered to the site on the workday. Four volunteers should be at the worksite site from 10 am to 3 pm. • Volunteers Support: Setup registration station, receive and register volunteers including name tag, direct volunteers to the appropriate work area. • Final Sorting: Continue organizing gym for the yard sale. The number of volunteers needed depends on the results of the Monday effort. Timing is flexible as the gym will be open from 8am to 8 pm. • Cashier: Bills customer based on price sheet, receives cash or check payment, issues exit ticket to customer • Ticket Taker: Collects ticket, discharges customer from gym. • Assistants: Help customers find, purchase and remove good stuff from the gym. <p><i>Volunteers will mailed a UR campus map with directions to Millhiser Gym and confirmation of days/shifts they agreed to work approximately one week in advance.</i></p>	
I will help during these times (4 hrs min.)				
Day	Task (#needed)	Time		My Time
Mon., May 9 (Lunch Provided)	Gym Setup (8)	8 am to 10 am		
	Dumpster Diversion (24)	8 am to 5 pm		
	Transportation (10)	9 am to 5 pm		
	Sorting (24)	9 am to 5 pm		
	Hospitality (10)	8 am to 3 pm		
	Vol. Support (5)	9 am to 5 pm		
	Anywhere Needed	9 am to 5 pm		
Tues. to Wed.	Final Sorting (4 - 16)	8 am to 8 pm		
Fri., May 13	Cashier (15)	5:30 am to 8:30 pm		
	Ticket Takers (5)			
	Assistants (5)			
Sat., May 14	Cashier (15)	7:30 am to 12:30 pm		
	Ticket Takers (5)			
	Assistants (10)			

Complete, and mail this form, or e-mail all your info thereon, to: Gil Sigmon, BYS Volunteer Coordinator
2013 Murdoch Rd, Richmond VA 2322
phone 804 896-1107 email:ssigmon1@aol.com

The **BIG YARD SALE** is FOJG's most important fundraiser of the Year – (The “Big Yard Sale” grossed about \$10,000 last year!). We share the Sale proceeds with “UR Green” a UofR student environmental group that uses the proceeds to attend environmental conferences, to augment their educations, promote special campus events such as “Environmental Awareness Week,” “Recycle-mania”, Earth Day, and to support the student group on campus.

Other BYS Information

As in other Sierra Club activities, volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver upon arriving at the Millhiser Gymnasium for their volunteered assignments.

FOJG Members and others may also **DONATE** goods for the Big Yard Sale by bringing them to the Millhiser Gym Monday afternoon, Tuesday or Wednesday. We are unable to make home pick-ups. Monetary Donations in lieu of goods donated to the Sale are welcome! (Make out Checks to The Sierra Club Foundation, Memo: Falls of the James Group Acct GG3552), monetary gifts to the FOJG Foundation are tax deductible!)

Remember, the **Big Preview Sale** on Friday nite, May 13th, is for U of R Faculty and Staff ONLY. U of R officials will be checking IDs at the door to ensure compliance . WE need 15-20 Volunteers !

Public Big Yard Sale on Saturday: Invite friends/neighbors to the Big Yard Sale on Saturday -Great Bargains in clothes, furniture, appliances! WE need at least 15-20 Volunteers !

online registration for BYS <http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/2011BigYardSale>

NOTE: In Late April and Early May, some students leave good stuff that can be recovered in the weeks preceding the main Collection week – in fact, most Seniors finish their exams around April 29th, and head to the Beach for a week of R & R. They return to the campus a few days before Graduation, which is, this year, on Sunday, May 8th. If you would like to volunteer for these pre-graduation week- or weekend end runs, contact John Zeugner: jjzeugner@comcast.net H & W (804) 288-5005 cell (804) 338-1543

Check if you have a ___Pickup___Van ___other to haul goods.
Check all possible days/shifts/alternate hours.

Weekend of April 29th, 30th & May 1st We need 2 -4 volunteers, 1-2 trucks.

UR recommends 1 run per day, time depends on availability

___ Yes, I can come ___yes, I have a truck. ___No truck but I'll help

Weekend of May 6nd & 7th We need 2 -4 volunteers, 1-2 trucks.

UR recommends 1 run per day, time depends on availability

___ Yes, I can come ___yes, I have a truck. ___No truck but I'll help

Don't forget to fill in all contact info on opposite side of paper. Thanks & Happy Hunting !

December Holiday Fund Raiser Big Success

About 75 Falls of the James Group members and guests attended the Gala Event at the Science Museum, and it was, most thought, the best one yet. Carol & Bob Pontius and Alice Preston directed eager volunteers to decorate the room beautifully; Tamara and Catherine organized the silent auction; Karie Walker arranged the fabulous dinner; Antigone Ambrose and MaryBeth Mains helped with everything, and thanks to Dee Miller, Bucci Zeugner and Catherine Welsh, Joe Brancoli and Tammy Smith for helping with check-out. Thanks to Bill Smith for the volunteers and the raffle, Scott Burger for the slide show, and thanks to George Calvert and Joe Brancoli, Bruce Tarr and Eric Vrabel, Mike Olsen and Eric Von Ruffer, Roger Petard and Anne McRee, Steve Heinitz and Barbara Williamson, Gary Fields and Larry Rouselle, Adele MacLean and Tyla Matteson, Andrew and Shavon Peacock, Louisa Preston and Mike Testerman, Eve Capeheart and Tom Tarkington, Jane Hotchkiss and Leigh Sewell and all the big spenders! We raised about \$4,000 that evening! Biggest thanks go to Tamara Smith, Fundraising chair, major motivator, and auction go-getter extraordinaire! Congratulations, Tamara!



The City of Richmond was given the 2010 Green Giant award, for its progress in energy conservation, Cool Cities work, and its establishment of a Sustainability Division, under the direction of Alicia Zatkoff. She was there to accept the award, and her husband, Casey Cockerham, attended as well.



The real magic of the evening, all agreed, was the talk and slideshow presented by Dr Jeff Kirwan, co-author of Remarkable Trees of Virginia. (His lovely wife Judy ran the slide show.) He spoke so eloquently about the importance of trees, their benefits, their immense lifespans, their beauty and nobility. As he spoke, powerful images of magnificent trees washed into our eyes and brains and reawakened our sense of awe. Pictures of children hugging trees, or groups of kids climbing on huge limbs, quickly brought back the feelings of connectedness and exhilaration with trees we discovered when young. There were a few misty eyes in the crowd, and all were touched by his stirring program. John Z, the night's MC, presented him with a rare Soleri Bell, and helped wrap up a very positive and festive occasion.



Please note that the following businesses generously donated items and services for the Fundraiser. Please take time to visit them in the upcoming year and thank them for their support:

**Commonwealth Solar • Virginia Opera
Dransfield Jewelers • Chadwicks Orchids
Richmond Symphony • Peak Experiences
Sam Miller's Restaurant • Luck Stone
Olive Garden, West Broad • Bowl America
Glen Allen Cult Arts Center • Kitchen 64
The Richmond Forum • Belvidere Restaurant
Henley Street Theatre • Theatre IV
Science Museum of VA • Preston Productions
Mattaponi Canoe/Kayak • Richmond Coliseum
Hand Craft Cleaners • Alex Cahen Hair Studio
Modlin Center for Arts • Segway of Richmond
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens • Talia Moser
Gelati Celesti Ice Cream • Barksdale Theatre
Rostov's Coffee & Tea • Riverside Outfitters
Betty Baugh's Animal Clinic • Bistro 27
Gelati Celesti Ice Cream • Barksdale Theatre
Henrico County Parks & Rec Dept. • Rorison
Legend Brewing Company • Andrew Payne
Frances Kimmel Bodywork • Paradise Diner
Cous Cous Restaurant • Positive Vibe Café
Royal India Restaurant • Penny Lane Pub
Plant Zero Café • Kuba Kuba Restaurant
Avalon Restaurant • Republic Restaurant
Kroger Gayton Crossing • Sneeds Nursery
Captain Mike Ostrander Fishing School
Jennifer Coleman, Massage Ther.
Bead Poet Purple Martin Society
The Boat House Restaurant
BlueRidge Mountain Sports
Kroger Broad Street-West End,
Martin's Grocery-Cary Street
Mediterranean Bakery-Quioccason
and Ralph White, James River Naturalist**

Also these members & friends made personal donations to the Auction: Louisa Preston (**Preston Productions**), Talia Moser (**Reflexology**), Karie Walker (**Bead Poet**), Ralph White (**James River Park**), Andrew Payne, Tamara Smith, John and Bucci Zeugner, Jane Hotchkiss, Steve Heinitz, Wyn Price, Dee Miller, and Alice Preston.

Thank you all !

Spring Canoe Trip

with outfitter Garrie Rouse. Scheduled for Saturday April 9th. Tour an Eastern Virginia Swamp -- either the Blackwater River or the Dragon Run (location selection depends on water depth and other conditions).

Space is limited (only 10 or 12 canoes); cost \$30 per person, BYOLunch. Contact Tamara Smith tamsmith47@gmail.com to reserve your place, and don't delay.

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**General Membership Meetings - Second Wednesday Each Month,
 September - May, 7 pm.
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**Falls of the James Group Delegates & Current
 Executive Committee Officers:**

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Secretary 2	Eric Vrabel	evrabel@yahoo.com
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Scott Burger	714-5444	Expires Dec 12
Adele MacLean	282-8637	Expires Dec 11
Mary Beth Mains	212-6897	Expires Dec 12
Tamara Smith	562-2500	Expires Dec 12
Eric Vrabel	571-244-1078	Expires Dec 11
Karie Walker	721-5958	Expires Dec 11
Catherine Welsh	745-1512	Expires Dec 12
John Zeugner	288-5005	Expires Dec 12
1 Vacancy		
The Executive Committee meets usually the 1st Wed, Sep-May 7:00 pm SC VA Chapter Office 422 E. Franklin St., Suite 302. SC members and the general public are welcome to attend. Please call either co-Chair to verify time and location.		
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Wed, Feb 9th	General Meeting, Science Museum
Sat, Feb 12th	Enviro Film Fest, Byrd Theater Meeting
Wed, March 9th	General Meeting, Science Museum
Sat, April 9	Canoe Trip
Wed, April 13th	General Meeting, Science Museum
Sat, April 16th	Arbor Day
Sat, April 23th	Earth Day, Old Manchester
Sun, April 24th	Easter Tabling Monument Ave ?
Mon, May 9th	Big Yard Sale Collections begin
Wed, May 13th	General Meeting, Science Museum
Fri, May 13th	Preview Sale, UR Fac & Staff ONLY
Sat, May 14th	BYS, Public welcome
Early June TBA	FOJG Social & Volunteer Appreciation nite

Big Yard Sale Week Monday May 9th -Saturday May 14th

Monday May 9th, Biggest Collection Day, Need ALL Available Volunteers

Tues 10th and Wed 11th, sorting and pricing
Need Volunteers

Fri May 13th Preview Sale for U of R Faculty and Staff ONLY
Need 15-20 Volunteers

Sat May 14th Public Sale; doors open at 8am
Need 15-20 Volunteers

Online Registration for the BYS:
<http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/2011BigYardSale>

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