

THE FALL LINE

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

March 2011/June 2012



2012 U of R Big Yard Sale in Early May

We Need Volunteers !!!...



Last year, more than ninety Sierra club members and volunteers helped run the University of Richmond Big Yard Sale, diverting thousands of students' discards from the land fill and getting them into good homes. We grossed about \$11,444, and gave half of it (roughly \$5,250) to UR Green, the student environmental group.

This year, our goal is 100+ volunteers, better collecting at the dumpsters and Laundry Rooms, and better display of the goodies in the Milhauser Gym (we have obtained a major partner this Year!!) Please look for the Sign-Up form inside, and recruit a friend or two to help us on our BIG collections days, Monday, May 7th and Tuesday the 8th, and our two sale events, the Friday evening Preview sale (May 11th) and the Public sale on Saturday, May 12th)



FoJG Spring Calendar

MARCH	Wednesday March 14th: General Program at Science Museum, 7:00 pm Urban Forestry and City Arbor Day Celebration - Trees, Forests, and More. Also see article on Arbor Day Celebrations FIND THE TREASURE IN TREES in various City Parks every Saturday in April...		
APRIL	Sunday, April 8th: Easter Parade, Tabling with State SC on Monument Ave 1 PM -5 PM Volunteers Needed!	Wednesday April 11th: General Program at Science Museum, 7:00 pm Joint Meeting: FoJG Sierra Club and the Camera Club of Richmond !	Saturday, April 21st: Earth Day Celebration & James River Fish Festival 12-7pm in Old Manchester. Volunteers Needed!
MAY	Monday, May 7th thru Wednesday, May 9th Main Collection Days MANY Volunteers Needed!	Wednesday May 9th General Program at VCU Student Center, 7:00 pm VCU-GOES GREEN - Solar and Renewable Energy	Friday May 11th & Saturday, May 12th BYS Preview Sale & Saturday Public Sale Volunteers ALSO Needed!
JUNE	Wednesday June 13th Special Event at Carillon Shelter, Byrd Park, 6:30 pm Group Social, Pot Luck Picnic, & Volunteer Appreciation Night		Now on Sale at Meetings: FOJG SC Coffee Mugs, \$10 each or 3 for \$25, or give them as gifts with \$15 SC Memberships!

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.

General Meeting Programs

Our Monthly Membership Meetings are on the Second Wednesday of Each Month, September thru May, starting at 7 pm. Most meetings feature a guest speaker on an environmental topic, information on group activities and hikes, and other items of interest.

In March and April, the meetings will be at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street. The May meeting will be held at VCU. These meetings are Free and the Public is Invited to Attend. Information on the programs is below:

March 2012 Program

Wednesday March 14th,
7:00 pm

Urban Forestry and
City Arbor Day Celebration -
Trees, Forests, and More.

A full night: A report on the state of the City's urban forest from the recently established Urban Forestry Commission, and learn about the City's Tree GIS system from one of the City Arborists. Also, learn about the Richmond Tree Stewards program, and hear about the Arbor Day Celebrations in the City. Also see TREASURE IN TREES article on page 5.



April 2012 Program

Wednesday April 11th,
7:00 pm

Joint Meeting:
FoJG Sierra Club and
the Camera Club of Richmond !

Ken Conger visits with his phenomenal photos and stories of wildlife. Ken is a retired career conservation police officer who worked as a park ranger for 3 years and a game warden for 26. His motivation and enthusiasm for wildlife protection carries over to his pursuit of wildlife photography. He has a huge collection of images that range from birds to large mammals, and none of the animals are caged or staged and are strictly of wild animals. *You won't want to miss this!!*



May 2012 Program

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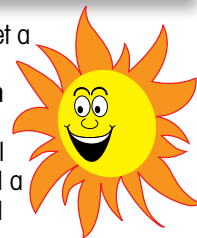
Wednesday May 9th,
7:00 pm

VCU GOES GREEN -
Solar and
Renewable Energy

The Science Museum is unavailable, so we will be meeting at VCU for an update on its Sustainability and Going Green initiatives and tour several of its new and retrofitted buildings. Long-time FoJG member Steve Heinitz, VCU's PPD-Recycling Coordinator, and Jacek Ghosh, VCU's Sustainability Director, will be our hosts and tour guides.

We will meet at 7 pm at the top of the VCU West Broad Street Parking Deck (the multi-use structure at Broad & Harrison) and start our tour with the **PV Solar Panels** and **Electric Charging Station** there. Then we will walk to Shaffer Court to see the **Solar Hot Water System** on its roof. In a

meeting room there, we'll get a brief overview of the **VCU-Sustainability Program** and have refreshments. If time and twilight allow, we'll try to see the Green roof and a wind turbine being installed on the Pollock building.



A note on Parking -- I believe the deck charges \$5 for parking, but you may want to park on Broad St nearby -- where there is no charge for parking after 6pm. There are several elevators you can take to the top of the Parking Deck. Please try to be punctual !

June 2012 Program

Wednesday June 13th,
6:30 pm

Group Social, Pot Luck Picnic,
and Volunteer Appreciation Night
Carillon Shelter
(southeast of the Dog Park)
in Wm Byrd Park.

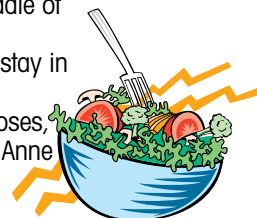
Please bring an appetizer, main dish, side or dessert large enough to share, and identify your dish as to whether it is vegetarian, lo-cal, or whatever. Also, be a good Sierran by bring your own plates, utensils, napkins and cups. Bring water or a waterflask if you wish; we'll have soft drinks and fruit juices -- there is a no alcohol policy in the Park. We'll have FoJG Sierra Club mugs to sell at special rates....

We'll eat around 7pm, and hope to have live music by Haze & The Transients, a fun, refreshing, slightly quirky band based in Richmond... "A little too rockin' to call themselves a folk band, and a little too folksy to call themselves a rock band, they play a wide range of music from light-

hearted to gritty." We will recognize the volunteers who helped make the year a success for the group, and have door prizes and other surprises.

Bring a flashlight and bug spray -- we'll also have short walks in the vicinity -- explore the Gillette gardens behind Dogwood Dell; visit the Pump House Park; and cross the Boulevard Bridge to watch twilight fall from the middle of the bridge. Awesome. Welcome Summer and stay in touch with friends.

For our planning purposes, please pre-register with Anne Repp at 355-3804 or anne.repp@verizon.net



2012 U of R Big Yard Sale

Our biggest work day for volunteers is Monday, May 7th, when we scavenge throughout the U of R campus on the day after Seniors' Graduation. We hope for and NEED more than 100 volunteers to help that day. Tuesday, May 8th, is the second biggest work day, where we collect a little less but do more sorting & rearranging in the Gym. We need about 50-60 volunteers that second day. We need big strong folks; scavengers (more nimble - Ed.) and dumpster guards; organizers and sorters; and support and hospitality folks. If you have a truck, we need YOU! If you haven't done this before, Don't Worry -- we will pair you with a seasoned veteran!

Plus, we'll be serving lunch on both of these days. And Please, please, please, if you CAN come after work, we'll be SO glad to see you arrive -- rescuing us, like the calvary riding in! Sign up in advance and come see the astonishing haul !

We also need about 25-35 volunteers for each of our two sale events: Friday (5-11) evening's **Preview sale** (for UofR employees and Faculty ONLY -- IDs will be checked) and the **Public sale** on Saturday, May 12th. Please sign up with Gill Sigmon, Volunteer Coordinator, on the web (see link just below), on the next page of this newsletter (mail into 3510 Floyd Ave, Richmond, VA 23221, or call

him at (804) 896-1107.

<http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/2012BigYardSale>

We also plan to collect discards from early-departing students during the two weekends prior to graduation, and collect clothing from the Underclassmen dorms the two or three weeks provide to Graduation (Sunday, May 6th). Please contact John Z at 288-5005 or sign up at a meeting. We are partnering with Goodwill to help minimize the goods left after both sales.

If you can't volunteer for the week of May 7th-12th, there are other ways to help. We need telephone-free volunteers, 6 weeks or so in advance (contact Gill or sign up at a meeting). We need help with publicity & signage (contact Jane H at 355-4836 or sign up at a meeting). Plus, you can spread the word about for the **Public Big Yard Sale**, Saturday May 12, 8 am till noon, at Millhiser Gymnasium, on U of R Campus.

Other Information

As with other Sierra Club activities, volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver upon arriving at the Millhiser Gymnasium.

FOJG Members and others may also **DONATE** goods for the Sale by bringing

them to the Millhiser Gym on Monday or Tuesday after 3pm. (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 off the James Group Acct GG3552*), *monetary gifts to the FOJG Foundation are tax deductible!*).

PLEASE Invite friends/neighbors to the Saturday Sale-Great Bargains in clothes, furniture, appliances! This 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 "Green UR" a student group that uses the proceeds to attend environmental conferences to augment knowledge, to promote special University events such as "Environmental Awareness Week," "Recyclemania", EarthDay, and more.

Big Yard Sale Co-Chairs

Tamara Smith 562-2500
Gill Sigmon 896-1107
John Zeugner 288-5005

BYS Planning Committee

Dave Creighton	Jane Hotchkiss
Carol Pontius	Gill Sigmon
Tamara Smith	John Zeugner
Joe Brancoli	

and there's room for lots more.....give any of us a call !

Second Annual RVA Environmental Film Fest a Big Success

The 2012 RVA Environmental Film Festival was held on two days this year; Saturday, Feb 4th and Sunday, Feb 5th at the Byrd Theatre in Carytown. The Falls of the James Group partnered with the James River Film Society to bring to the screen titles such as When a Tree Falls, Buffalo Creek Flood, Koyaanisqatsi, The City Dark, and The Big Uneasy. Approximately 250 attended the festival, and plans are already

underway to plan the 2013 RVA EFF. If you'd like to become involved with the upcoming production (even fundraising) please contact either Scott Burger, Tamara Smith, or Adele Maclean.





2012 UofR 14th ANNUAL "Big Yard Sale"
Help divert good stuff from the Landfill
FOJG Volunteers Needed



FOJG members and family members **register by April 22** (John Muir's Birthday!).

ONLINE Registration:

<http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageNavigator/2012BigYardSale>

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.

Complete, and mail this form, or e-mail all your info thereon, to:

Gill Sigmon, Volunteer Coordinator (804) 896-1107.

3510 Floyd Ave, Richmond, VA 23221; ssigmon1@aol.com

The volunteer need including date, time and task is described below.

There are positions for persons of all abilities- everyone can help!				
Name		Address		
City	State	Zip	Phone	
Sierra Club Member (Y/N)		Email		
Planning & Organizing (February to April)				
Committee work		Yes/No	Plan Publicity, Dumpster Dive, Big Yard Sale, Disposition of unsold items.	
Phone bank		Yes/No	Solicit volunteers by phone	
Scavenger Team, April 28, 29; May 5, 6, 7, 8				
Day	Time	My Time	Task Description	
Saturday, April 28	Flexible		Pickup cast-offs of early-leaving students	
Sunday, April 29				
Saturday May 5th				
Sunday, May 6th				
Monday, May 7th	3 pm to 8 pm		Continue pickup of cast-offs of late-departing students.	
Tuesday, May 8th	8 am to 10 am			
I will volunteer "My Time" for the following tasks (4 hrs minimum)				
Dumpster Dive Monday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 9				
Day	Task	Time	My Time	Task Description
Mon. Lunch Provided	Anywhere	9 am to 5 pm		Anywhere; Wherever needed
	Gym Setup	7 am to 8 am		Setup tables and signage in gym
	Dumpsters	9 am to 5 pm		Teams of two divert stuff from a dumpster
	Transportation			Load stuff into trucks and deliver to the gym parking lot.
	Brute Squad			Unload trucks and deliver items into the gym.
	Sorting			Receive and organize the good stuff inside Millhizer gym.
Hospitality	8 am to 2 pm		Register volunteers, deliver lunch and water to all volunteers.	
Tues	Final Sorting	Flexible		Continue organizing gym for the yard sale.
Big Yard Sale, Friday, May 11 & Saturday, May 12				
Day	Task	Time	My Time	Task Description
Fri.	Anywhere	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm		Anywhere; Wherever needed
	Cashier			Assistants: Help customers find, purchase and remove good stuff from the gym.
	Ticket Takers			Cashier: Bills customer based on price sheet, receives cash or check payment, issues exit ticket to customer. Cashiers will attend a training session in advance of the sale
	Assistants			Ticket Taker: Collects ticket, discharges customer from gym.
Sat.	Anywhere	7:30 am to 12:30 pm		Anywhere; Wherever needed
	Cashier			Assistants: Help customers find, purchase and remove good stuff from the gym.
	Ticket Takers			Cashier: Bills customer based on price sheet, receives cash or check payment, issues exit ticket to customer. Cashiers will attend a training session in advance of the sale
	Assistants			Ticket Taker: Collects ticket, discharges customer from gym.

Find The Treasure In Trees Every Saturday In April

There's Treasure in Trees! Come join Richmond Tree Stewards in treasure hunts every Saturday in April to celebrate the spirit of Arbor Day.

The "treasure hunts" will start with a free family-centered festival, tree climbing and other kids' activities, and tree walks from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. April 7 at Forest Hill Park in South Richmond.

Then on April 14, a four-hour Tree Academy in the Carillon at Byrd Park will feature three seminars, an Arbor Day ceremony and keynote speaker Rex Springston, the Times-Dispatch environmental reporter.

Participants will receive a "tree degree" certificate. Advance registration is required (a box lunch is included) and a \$40 fee will be collected at the door. A free tree walk in the Carillon area will follow at 2:15 p.m.

Bryan Park and its spectacular trees will be the featured treasure from 10 a.m. – noon on April 21. Tree Stewards will then join the Earth Day festivities in Manchester.

The "treasure hunts" will conclude in

Capitol Square at 10 a.m. April 28. This tree walk will also highlight the rain gardens and "green street" innovations to reduce stormwater runoff that were installed last year.

See richmondtreestewards.wordpress.com for details on all the events, including gathering spots and parking suggestions.

Events except the Tree Academy are free. We suggest a \$10 donation on the walks to support Tree Steward community education efforts and tree planting.

Easter on Parade

Sunday April 8, 2012

Time: 1 PM -5 PM

Location: Historic Monument Avenue From Davis Avenue to Allen Avenue

A great opportunity to promote the club and our environmental activities. Hop on down to the world's biggest and coolest Easter Parade --The FoJG table will be set up with the State Chapter's, and we'll have SC information, make new friends, and have petitions to sign. Bring a fancy hat, a well-behaved pet, friend or family member; and enjoy a very entertaining afternoon. Your participation would be most appreciated. Please contact Tamara at tamsmith47@gmail.com

Earth Day Celebration & James River Fish Festival

**Saturday, April 21st,
12-7pm in Old Manchester**

South end of Mayo Bridge, Hull Street Rd, between James River and Art Works !! Produced by the EnRichmond Foundation. Plan to RIDE your Bike Down!

This year's celebration, moved back to a Saturday, includes a new 5k race-walk, starting at 1pm. Event Highlights also include:

Food, Green Vendors & Arts and Crafts
4 big bands will be featured,
Flood Wall Walk & Slave Trail Tour
Community "Greening" Project, Buy Fresh Buy Local vendors, Backyard Farmers, Community Gardens, and more
Kids Festivities, Fish Release with Ralph, Recycled Art and Games

Alternative Energy Exhibits, Solar & Sustainability

Train Museum tours, Hybrid vehicles, and bike events

JROC Gear Swap Meet (Kayaks, canoes, river gear, great deals)

NOTE: The Falls of the James Group will have a booth for information & advocacy, petitions, Sierra Club items for sale. We need volunteers, plan to help us out! To volunteer (2 and 3-hour tabling times) pls call Eric Vrabel at 571-244-1087 or email him at evrabel@yahoo.com Also, we'll need help with Setup & Takedown - join us and have fun!) For More information, and parking info go to: www.earthdayrichmond.org

2 Executive Committee Delegates Reelected !

Congratulations to Adele MacLean, our current Group Co-Chair and Conservation Committee Chair; and Eric Vrabel, our Membership and website/Information Technology Chair.

NOTE: Our Executive Committee has TWO Vacancies !

If you've been waiting for the right time to get more involved with the Falls of the James Group, are fed up with the anti-environmental rhetoric, have finally been convinced that climate change is REAL and urgent, or just want to hang with tree-huggers and fresh air fanatics, you should talk to an Ex Comm member and find out what the time and energy commitments are. You will discover that it is better to give than get, and helping the Club and the Commonwealth's environment is gratifying and Fun! Great pay, variable hours, absolutely fabulous vacations & priceless experiences! You'll be glad you stepped up!

Beachy Clean

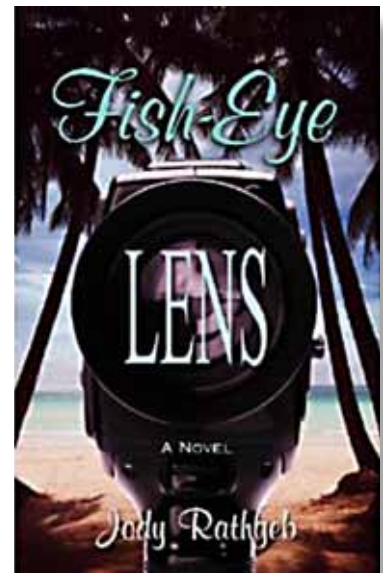
Falls of the James Group Sierra Club member Jody Rathgeb has written a novel that adds a bit of environmental awareness to a rollicking beach read.

Fish-Eye Lens, set on a remote and still-pristine Caribbean island, tells the story of how the islanders manage to thwart the efforts of a sleazy developer who wants to pave paradise. It's a light tale laced with booze, sex and gossip, but it's also underpinned by a serious concern about unthinking development.

Rathgeb, a full-time journalist for 16 years, served as the restaurant reviewer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch from 1995 to 2003 before spending five years living on North Caicos Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands, inspiration for the novel. As a freelance writer, she has been published in a number of magazines and writes a weekly blog on her website, www.jodyrathgeb.com.

Fish-Eye Lens is published by Belle Isle Books (paperback, \$15.95). It is available in local independent bookstores, at

www.belleislebooks.com and www.amazon.com, and as a Nook Book from Barnes & Noble.



View from the Chair
by Co-Chair Adele Maclean
Inspiring Each Other to Live Our Green Principles



As most no doubt know, “Explore, Enjoy, and Protect” is the slogan the national Sierra Club uses to summarize our organization’s mission and our intended relationship with the Earth. This catchphrase is clear, memorable, and fits nicely on a bumper sticker. It also serves us well by tying together the educational benefits of Sierra Club membership, the social and recreational aspects, and the critically important role of advocacy. What it leaves unstated, though, is a facet of club affiliation that strikes me as equally important—in a word: Inspire.

There is nothing automatic or easy about being a committed environmentalist in this culture. We are bombarded with messages encouraging us to shop, to consume, to waste, to ignore, even to exploit. Environmental issues are complex and urgent, yet public discourse seems to deteriorate more and more into simplistic sound bites that trivialize environmental issues (“Drill, Baby, Drill!”)—or else, just as disheartening, to overlook them altogether. Ironically, as the resistance we face continues to harden, the importance of protecting the planet becomes clearer by the day. The preamble to the Earth Charter puts it elo-

quently: “We stand at a critical moment in Earth’s history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise” To accomplish the job ahead of us, we need to draw strength and inspiration from one another.

So how do we do that? Fortunately, it can happen in a variety of ways. An obvious one is through words (including tone of voice, gestures, eye contact and the like), since what we say to each other when we talk directly with one another can be encouraging and motivating. I have heard interactions like that on countless occasions at our general membership meetings as one member gently supports another’s efforts with advice, praise, stories, reminders, and other reassuring words. Such positive person-to-person exchanges can move a member from hesitant uncertainty to action. Similarly, the presentations we give and the words we write can make an important difference.

A second way we buoy one another is through collective action. Whether writing letters, phone-banking, turning out for a protest, fundraising, or otherwise advocating for a cause we all support, we show the world and each other how much we can accomplish as a team—and grow individually in the process. The more we achieve, the more we inspire one another to undertake even greater challenges. In that way, win or lose, active participation can be a heady, transformative experience.

A third source of inspiration, and one that especially moves me, is the way club members I know manifest their val-

ues in their personal lives. For example, I am inspired by the young member of our group who travels exclusively by bike, despite the difficulties of this bicycle-oblivious region. I am cheered by the half-dozen or more members I know who insulated their attics and crawl spaces of their homes last year to conserve energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Likewise, I am encouraged by the member I know who sold her home in the suburbs and moved to the city primarily to reduce the number of vehicle miles she and her family traveled routinely. The same is true of the various members of our group who have installed solar panels in their homes, who compost, who raise worms, who drive hybrid cars, who carpool, who capture and reuse rainwater, who lower their thermostats in the winter, who raise their own food, who recycle religiously, who

The list is long and includes some inventive solutions that have challenged me to reconsider what I do in my own life. Every case I see inspires me.

I am extremely grateful for the chance to work with all the models within our group who are making a difference in so many ways, leading the effort, and showing me how to live my green principles, too. Without the opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with such like-minded environmentalists, I am not sure I would be able to bear the news I hear each day about this aching world. (For more information about the Earth Charter, go to www.earthcharterinaction.org.)

A. M.

FoJG Outings

Hike the Shenandoah, Saturday, March 10th

Shavon and Andrew Peacock will be leading a Hike of the Rip Rap Trail and Wildcat Ridge. Riprap Trail is noted as one of the best hikes in the southern section of the Shenandoah National Park. It forms with the Wildcat Ridge trail and a section of the Appalachian Trail creating a 9.8 mile circuit. This should be a great hike! Please contact the Peacock at (804) 320-2318 to discuss logistics, carpooling, and other necessities.

Canoe the Dragon Run Swamp

You may remember that last issue announced a tour of the Dragon Run Swamp with Garrie Roush, Owner of Mattaponi Canoe & Kayaks in Aylett, VA. The "Dragon" in Middlesex County is one of the most pristine swamp watersheds on Virginia's coastal plain. Scheduled for Saturday, April 28th, all 14 spaces were quickly snatched-up!

Good News -- The Peacocks have persuaded Garrie to **schedule a second trip on the next day, Saturday, April 29th**. A maximum of 14 people can participate. Price for Sierra Club members is \$30 each and non - members is \$35. Checks should be made out to Falls of the James Sierra Club and sent to Shavon Peacock ASAP at 7669 Rockfalls Dr. Richmond Va. 23225 in order to have a reservation. Interested parties can also contact Andrew Peacock or Shavon Peacock at (804) 320-2318 and shavonandrew@verizon.net.

Thirtieth Annual Holiday "Thelebration" & Fundraiser a HUGE success!

If you attended our GALA Event on Wednesday, December 7th at the Science Museum, you aren't likely to forget the weather that evening: torrential rains, gale-force winds, and electricity in the air. Braving the tempest, the President of the National Sierra Club, Robin Mann, traveled all the way from Rosemont PA to catch us up on the inside workings of the Sierra Club. About 85 attended, enjoyed a delicious dinner from Sharper Palate, had great fun, and gave generously during the evening.

Two Green Giant awards were given that night: to Michael Testerman, long-time rail and transit advocate; and Tamara Smith, our indefatigable FoJG Ex Com member and Fundraiser Chair, BYS and GALA Guru, and public event & outreach tabling enthusiast. Congratulations, Mike and Tamara !

Thanks to all the Ex Com members, and Anne Repp, Christina Borland, David and Carolyn Creighton, Carol Pontius, Dee Miller, George Calvert, Bucci Zeugner, Joe Brancoli, Leigh Sewell, Shavon and Andrew Peacock, and Wyn Price. And thanks to the great staff

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Luck Stone
Purple Martin Society
Andrew Payne
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Talia Moser - Reflexology
Mattaponi Flatwater Discoveries - canoe & kayak tours
Dee Miller
Eve Capeheart
Ralph White- Special tour
Larry Roussel - Massage
Karie Walker
Joe Brancoli - Fresca GC & Cupcakes
and donors Catherine Welsh, Scott Burger, Adele MacLean, Tamara Smith, Mary Beth Mains, Eric Vrabel, and John and Bucci Zeugner.



Photos L Robin Mann, SC President; R: Catherine Welsh, Tamara Smith, and Judy Steele at December GALA.

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**General Membership Meetings - Second Wednesday Each Month,
 September - May, 7 pm.
 Free & Public Invited to Attend
 Science Museum of Virginia - 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond**

Falls of the James Group Delegates & Current Executive Committee Officers:

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Treasurer	Mary Beth Mains	marybeth125@verizon.net
Secretary	Catherine Welsh	vaappraisalinstitute@cavtel.net

Group Delegates Elected by Membership (Ex Comm)

Scott Burger	714-5444	EXPIRES Dec 12
Adele MacLean	282-8637	EXPIRES Dec 13
Tamara Smith	562-2500	EXPIRES Dec 12
John Zeugner	288-5005	EXPIRES Dec 12
Mary Beth Mains	212-6897	EXPIRES Dec 12
Eric Vrabel	571-244-1087	EXPIRES Dec 13
Catherine Welsh	745-1512	EXPIRES Dec 12

NOTE: 2 Vacancies ! Great pay, choose your hours, vacation & party with the Stars!

The Executive Committee meets usually the 1st Wed, Sept - June, 7:00 pm at the SC VA Chapter Office 422 E Franklin St, Suite 302

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 and receive a FREE Sierra Club Weekender Bag

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