### **MARCH 2015 Newsletter**

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## FALLS OF THE JAMES GROUP

# Next Meeting--Wed. March 11, 2015, 7:00 Frogs and their Importance presented by Brian Munford



Brian Munford is a well-respected chef around Richmond, but he also has a driving fascination with frogs. He volunteers as a citizen scientist for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program, which studies and evaluates frog populations. Brian will be joined by his friend, Bill Shanabruch from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, who is an expert on "backyard ecosystems." This promises to be an engaging evening; we hope you will join us!

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#### SPRING 2015 EVENTS IN BRIEF

Wed., March 11 Meeting: Frogs and their Importance -- Speaker: Brian Munford.

**Sun., April 5:** Sierra Club booth at the Monument Avenue Easter Parade. Volunteers needed. Contact tamsmith47@gmail.com

#### Wed., April 8 Meeting:

Mosquitoes - Life Cycle, Habitat, Threats and Benefits -- Speaker: Charles "Wes" Robertson.

Sat., April 18: Sierra Club booth



Join the fun and volunteer at the Sierra Club's Booth at the 2015 Monument Avenue Easter Festival, 1:00-5:00, Sunday, April 5. A great way to meet other folks and share concerns about the environment. Interested? Contact Tamera Smith, tamsmith47@gmail.com. at Earth Day. Shockoe Bottom.

Sat., April 25: Arbor Day

**Fri.-Sat., May 15-16:** Great Big Yard Sale: University of Richmond. Volunteers needed throughout the week prior to and during the sale. Put this on your calendar now!



The RVA Environmental Film Festival gets more popular each year. In its 5th year, the 2015 EFF drew about 1400 people.

#### FOJG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015

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#### Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, September-November and January-April at the Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond.

#### Directions may be found at the FOJG website: http://virginia.sierraclub.org/FOJ

All FOJG general membership meetings are free and the public is invited to attend.

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