

May 2015 Newsletter:  
UR Big Yard Sale Issue!

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**Fri. and Sat., May 15-16**

## **Big Yard Sale at the University of Richmond**

Huge, unbelievable number of items, incredible bargains, . . .

BUT it takes an army of folks to put this on. Beginning May 2, volunteers are needed every day (especially the week before the sale) to make it all happen. Come join in: you will find it fun and rewarding--and you will see immediately that you, personally, can have an impact on preventing waste on our planet.

[Volunteer sign up form & information here.](#)

Also see the [Big Yard Sale facebook page.](#)

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### **Scenes from last year's Gigantic, Enormous, Great Big Yard Sale**





The Big Yard Sale takes place at Millhiser Gym in the UR campus. ([UR map here](#))

Friday night sales (6:00 pm-8:00 pm) are limited to University employees.

Saturday sales (8:00 am-11:00 am) are open to the community.



A black snake appeared as a surprise volunteer at the Sierra Club's Earth Day Booth!!

### Monument Avenue Easter Parade and Earth Day Volunteers

Thanks to many Sierra Club volunteers at the Monument Avenue Easter Parade: Andrew Payne, Joe Brancoli, Jane McKinley, Louisa Preston, John Zeugner, Glen Besa, Tamara Smith, Andrew Peacock, Shavon Peacock, Corrina Beall, Steve Heinitz, Susan Miller, Adele MacLean, Vaughan Pritchett, Roger Pittard, Tyla Matteson, Charles Lippy, and Wyndham Price.

### MAY 2015 EVENTS IN BRIEF

**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!

**Wed., May 20:** Volunteer appreciation picnic and plant exchange.

**Wed., June 10:** In the works--a guided tour of Bosher's Dam and the fish ladder.

**Wed., May 20, 6 pm:  
Come to the Pot Luck Picnic and Plant Exchange**



A picnic celebration? Yes!  
We want to thank  
volunteers who make the  
Big Yard Sale so  
successful!

Like last year's Pot Luck  
Picnic (pictured here), the  
2015 picnic will be held at  
the Carillon Shelter in  
William Byrd Park (a little  
southeast of Dogwood  
Dell).

Bring a dish to share, label it with its name and please state whether it is omni, vegetarian or vegan (and bring a serving spoon.) Appetizers, mains, sides, desserts all welcome.

Alcohol is not allowed in the park so bring something soft to drink.

Also, let's continue to reduce trash from the event: bring your own plates, utensils, napkins and beverage containers. And come early for the Plant Exchange!

It promises to be an easy evening of music, good food, and fellowship. We encourage you to bring (or wear) the most unusual thing you found at the BYS -- let's have some early summer fun!



### Plant Exchange Info

It's spring gardening time, and if you find you have too many of the same ol' plants and hanker to try some different ones, the Plant Exchange is just for you! Bring those extra plants to trade: bring one, take one; or bring five, take five. Or just take one or more (we usually have extras).

Please pot or bag each plant separately for ease of exchange. Native plants will be most welcome since they help support native pollinators.

Questions? Contact Catherine Welsh 804-745-1512  
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#### From the Virginia Sierra Club

Join Virginia Sierra Club  
members on May 6th (8:00-  
10:00 am) to stand with  
communities from across the

#### FOJG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Adele MacLean, chairperson,  
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east coast that are opposing Dominion's reckless plans.  
WHERE: 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

For more information about this and other state events, go to the VA Sierra Club website <http://vasierraclub.org/events-calendar/>

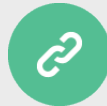
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FOJG Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September-November and January-April at the Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond.

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



Falls of the James Group



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VA Chapter Sierra Club

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