



UPCOMING WINTER MEETINGS

Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group general meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at the [Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond](#)

JOIN US!



Wednesday, January 13

LEWIS BARNETT, President of Richmond Audubon Society and Associate Professor of Computation Science at University of Richmond, will speak on "Climate Change and its Impact on Birds in Richmond and throughout Virginia." Known for his extensive knowledge of avian fauna, he is a regular contributor to the Richmond Audubon Society's *Thrasher* and a dedicated photographer of birds. In addition, bird house kits will be available for building!

Stay for the LEGISLATIVE UPDATE by Corinna Beall, who will give a report on upcoming Virginia General Assembly Session. Also, meet the new members of the FOJG Executive Committee and a new recipient of FOJG's Green Giant Award.

Wednesday, February 10

ANA EDWARDS of Defenders for Freedom, Justice and Equality will speak about the Shockoe Bottom Memorial Park.



Wednesday, March 9

ANNE WRIGHT, recipient of FOJG's 2015 Green Giant Award (see below), will speak on "Urban Wildlife with a Side of Salamanders."

Monday through Sunday, February 1-7

RVA ENVIRONMENTAL Film Festival

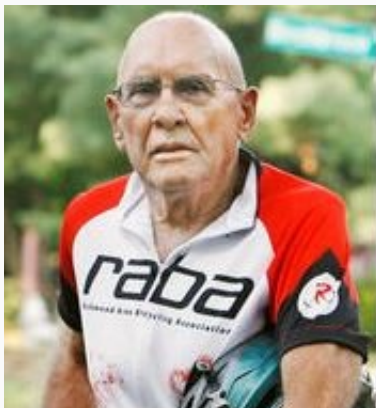
Environmental Film Festival 2016
To Be Held February 1-7

On February 1st - 7th 2016, several local organizations will partner to present the Sixth Annual RVA Environmental Film Festival at various local venues. The festival will showcase local and national films selected to raise awareness of environmental issues relevant to the Richmond region, our nation, and our planet. **This event is free and open to the public.**

See the EFF website for details of the films, dates, times, theaters--and even get links to some of the film trailers.

<http://rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com>

FOJG's 2015 Green Giant Award



BUD VYE

Vye, a walking and cycling advocate, has been a major proponent of the Virginia Capital Trail which was completed last fall. Over the years, his determined advocacy has achieved favorable legislation for cyclists in the Virginia General Assembly. In 2012 he was awarded the national "Advocate of the Year" by the Alliance for Biking and Walking.



ANNE WRIGHT

Wright, a biologist with VCU, runs the Science in the Park program which provides educational materials about the geology, habitats, and flora and fauna of the James River Park System in Richmond. As a volunteer in the Park for over 10 years, she received the 2015 Ralph White River Hero Award. Currently she is VCU's Life Sciences Outreach Education Coordinator.

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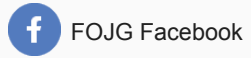
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Good Memories
from the 2015 Holiday Gala
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