

Newsletter February 2016 Falls of the James Group



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RVA ENVIRONMENTAL Film Festival

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

Monday Feb. 1 - Sunday Feb. 7

Wow! A whole week of environmental films!
All are FREE at various venues throughout
Richmond.

SCHEDULE BELOW

WITH LINKS TO FILM SUMMARIES AND TRAILERS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – Richmond Public Library, Main
Branch (Auditorium)**

6:30 PM [Plant This Movie](#) (83 minutes)

7:45 PM [Presentation about Urban Gardening in
Richmond](#) (15 minutes)

8:00 PM [Mongolian Rhapsody](#) (39 minutes)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Ukrop Auditorium, Robins School of
Business, University of Richmond**

6:30 PM [Jens Jensen The Living Green](#) (54 minutes) followed
by speaker William Godfrey

8:00 PM [Baobabs between Land and Sea](#) (56 minutes)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – Henrico County Public Library, Tuckahoe Branch (Meeting Room)

4:30 PM [Electric Vehicle Display in the Parking Lot](#)

5:30 PM [Beyond the Light Switch 3](#) (56 minutes)

6:30 PM [ThuleTuvalu](#) (55 minutes)

7:30 PM [Easy like Water](#) (58 minutes)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – VCU, The Depot

6:30 PM [Bardo](#) (13 minutes)

7:00 PM [From Bay to Bay](#) (20 minutes)

7:20 PM **Short films**

7:30 PM [Shark Loves the Amazon](#) (60 minutes)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – Visual Arts Center of Richmond

6:30 PM **Reception by Relay Foods**

7:00 PM **Short films**

7:30 PM [The End of the Line](#) (85 minutes)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – The Byrd Theatre

10:00 AM [The Lorax](#) (1972) (26 minutes)

10:30 AM [Disneynature's Monkey Kingdom](#) (81 minutes)

12:05 PM [Bat City USA](#) (37 minutes)

12:45 PM [Cowspiracy](#) (85 minutes)

2:15 PM [This Changes Everything](#) (89 minutes)

4:00 PM **Virginia Solar Energy Panel**

4:45 PM [Overburden](#) (65 minutes) followed by a Q & A with the director, Chad A. Stevens

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – The Byrd Theatre

1:30 PM [Blue Hue](#) (naked swim) (5 minutes)

1:37 PM [Important Places](#) (10 minutes)

1:50 PM **RVA EFF Local Documentary Contest Entries & Awards Ceremony, including contest winner**

2:30 PM **Short Films**

3:00 PM [The Yes Men Are Revolting](#) (91 minutes)

4:30 PM [How to Change the World](#) (110 minutes)

Schedule is subject to change.

For more info click: <http://rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com/>

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, February 10

ANA EDWARDS, chair of the Sacred Ground Historical Reclamation Project which was initiated by the Defenders for Freedom, Justice and Equality, will speak about the Shockoe Bottom Memorial Park Proposal.



Wednesday, March 9

ANNE WRIGHT's talk is titled "Urban Wildlife with a Side of Salamanders." She will be discussing the game camera project in James River Park that documents the urban wildlife found there. Since vernal pools are a pet project of hers, she will also talk about the pools within the Park and beyond. Anne Wright is Director of VCU Rice Rivers Center Outreach Education and an Assistant Professor in the VCU Biology Department.



Wednesday, April 13

Damian Pitt, Associate Professor at VCU will speak on "The Future Potential for Solar Energy in Virginia." He has completed studies with VCU students on expanding the use of solar energy to reduce the reliance on fossil fuels to generate electricity.

IN BRIEF

Shiver in the River, January 30 Although focusing on river-bank clean-up, the highlight of *Shiver in the River* event is the James River Jump.

The new Executive Committee member, Steve Heinitz, will be making the plunge. Brrrr. Come out to support him and the clean-up. More info [here](#).

Handmade Bird Houses for Sale Inspired by speaker Lewis

Barnett, Andrew Peacock constructed two sizes of birdhouses, specifically designed to attract bluebirds or chickadees. He is offering them for sale for just \$10. They will be available at the February 10 FOJG meeting, and "if someone cannot make the meeting, but would like a box, they can contact me directly by email shavonandrew@verizon.net."

The 2016 Virginia General Assembly is still in session! Keep up with environmental issues at <https://www.facebook.com/VASierraClub/>

Put the **Great Big Yard Sale** (May 14) on your calendar. Sign-ups for volunteers will be available next month. Questions? Email Gil.Sigmon@gmail.com.

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Steve Heinitz

On staff at VCU's Office of Sustainability;

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Bruce Tarr

An FOJG member for 25 years; interested
in regional and local issues.



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FOJG Website



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