

# October 2016 Newsletter Falls of the James Group Sierra Club

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**NOTE: All Monthly Meetings to move  
to Science Museum (2500 W. Broad).  
2nd TUESDAY of each month, 7:00 p.m.**

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## Fall Meeting Schedule:

**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:00**

**JOIN US at Science Museum for**

**A Debate on Nuclear Energy!**

**(Plant Exchange prior to Meeting)\***

For all who are concerned about clean energy in an increasingly energy-demanding planet, this meeting will present two sides of this hot topic by two very knowledgeable folks. Thoughtful questions from the audience will be entertained after the speakers make their presentation.



Glen Besa, recently retired Director of the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club, will present arguments supporting the national Sierra Club's position against nuclear power.

Sama Bilbao y León, VCU Associate Professor



and Director of Nuclear Engineering Programs, will offer the positive aspects of nuclear energy in providing carbon-free electricity to the U.S. grid.

Following our speakers and a question-and-answer period, Corina Beale will update us on Sierra Club's Virginia issues and candidate endorsements.

**\*The fall Plant Exchange will take place before the meeting at 6:00 in the Science Museum parking lot. (Cancelled if raining!) Bring in plants you no longer want in your garden (in containers, please) and take some home you have never had before!**

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**November Meeting:  
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:00  
at Science Museum of VA**

**CLYDE CHRISTMAN**, Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, will share thoughts on environmental issues facing us in Virginia and bring us up to speed on other DCR endeavors.

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**(2016 Holiday Dinner / GardenFest of Lights  
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:30  
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**

Add December 6 to your 2016 calendar now. Enjoy dinner and a ticket to the GardenFest of Lights--all for \$36 per person. To insure reservations, checks made out to "Falls of the James Group - Sierra Club," may be sent to FOJG Treasurer, Andrew Peacock, 7669 Rockfalls Drive, Richmond, VA 23225

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## **RVA Environmental Film Festival Seeking Local, Independent Film-Makers**

The 4th RVA EFF Film Contest is now accepting entries for the 2017 RVA Environmental Film Festival. The contest was initiated during the 2013 RVA Environmental Film Festival, and is again offering prize money to aspiring local film producers for submissions now through December 31, 2016. The selected entries will be shown Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the Byrd Theater in Richmond. Prizes will also be awarded that day.

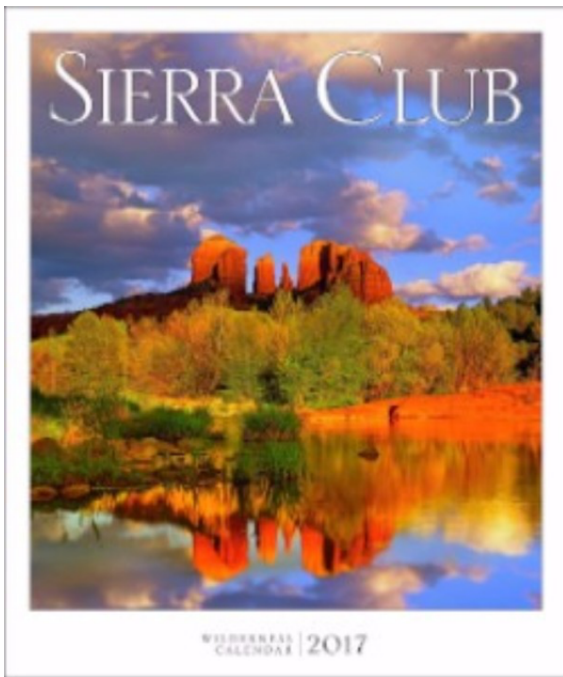


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### ***RECAP OF SEPTEMBER RAISE***

Thanks to all who ontributed to the September Raise! Contributions added \$777 to the Foundation's fund! If you missed the dates of the effort, the opportunity--especially as tax time approaches--is still available to donate to Falls of the James Group's Sierra Club (FOJG-SC) Foundation account. Click [HERE](#) to donate.

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The 2017 *Daily Engagement Calendar* and *Monthly Wilderness Calendar* are available for \$15. Great holiday gifts! They will be for sale at FOJG monthly meetings or email Tamara Smith, [tamsmith47@gmail.com](mailto:tamsmith47@gmail.com).

## Green Goings-On in Richmond with Links for More Info

[October Nature Activities](#) sponsored by VA State Parks

10/4 [History of James River](#): 8-wk class begins

10/4 [Mayoral Candidates Forum](#) at Diversity Thrift

10/11 FOJG Oct. Meeting 7:00PM. See this newsletter

10/11 [School Board candidates](#) at Diversity Thrift

10/17 Voter registration deadline for November elections

### IN MEMORIUM:

**Wyn Price, a strong environmental advocate and long-time Sierra Club supporter, passed away September 28 at age 63. To celebrate his life, a tree-planting ceremony in Bryan Park is being planned. FOJG members will be notified of the date.**



**Get Involved!** Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the programs and activities of the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group .

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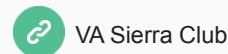
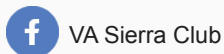
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**New members welcome.  
Interested? Contact Joe  
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