

# Nov. 2016 Newsletter Falls of the James Group Sierra Club

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## **NOVEMBER MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7:00 at Science Museum of VA**

**CLYDE CRISTMAN, 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. His impressive background and current position at DCR gives him an expert's insight into many aspects of the state's environmental concerns.**

**Our speaker graciously agreed to speak on Election Night, so the the program will start promptly, allowing us plenty of time to watch the returns.**

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**FOJG Holiday Dinner  
Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Robins Room  
7:30 pm, Tuesday, December 6  
\$36**



**Join the Falls of the James Group for fun, friendship and a festive evening! Price includes complete meal, tax, and entrance fee to GardenFest of Lights between 5:00-10:00 pm. What a deal!!! So come early; be sure to enjoy the gift shop, conservatory, library, model trains, and caroling among the half-million twinkling lights. Payment must be made in advance. Only 50 reservations will be accepted, so make your check out to "FOJG Sierra Club" now. (No electronic payment method available.)**

**Please send with your name and guests' names to  
Andrew Peacock  
7669 Rockfalls Drive  
Richmond, VA 23225**

**Questions? Call Mary  
Crutchfield 804-519-7947**



**Robins Room during GardenFest**

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



The RVA EFF Film Contest is now accepting entries for the 2017 RVA Environmental Film Festival. The contest is 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.

The 2017 RVA Environmental Film Festival is scheduled for February 6-12, 2017 at multiple locations in the Richmond community.

Submissions and questions can be sent to: [rvaenvfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:rvaenvfilmfest@gmail.com)

To see last year's winner visit: [rvaeff.org/2016winner](http://rvaeff.org/2016winner)

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### Letter from John Zeugner

Hi FoJG Sierra Club Friends,

Wyndham (Wyn) Price, a long-time FoJG -SC member, environmentalist, and Richmond City Parks & Recreation Department employee, passed away unexpectedly last month. Some of us want to place a memorial bench in Bryan Park (where he worked) and plant a cluster of trees around it. The spot selected is beside the Azalea Garden Pond.

A nice bench has been selected with a plaque indicating it was given by FoJG members in Wyn's memory. The Friends of Bryan Park also want to contribute. However, we need more funds for this project.

If you are interested in donating, tax-exempt donations indicating Wyn Price bench can be given to the [FoJG Sierra Club Foundation](#), or the Friends of Bryan Park (also a 501-c-3 non-profit). Call Catherine Welsh (804-745-1512) or Tamara Smith (904-647-8130) who will fill you in with more information about the project.

Thank you very much.  
John

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### FOJG Members Help Restore the Watershed at Three Lakes Park

Several Watershed Restoration volunteers recently met at Three Lakes Park in Henrico County and conducted a percolation test and a site survey for the rain garden installation scheduled for next spring. Members interested in this or other watershed projects may call Gill Sigmon at 804-919-2868.



Dan Rusnak, Larry Roussell, Bob Campbell, Gill Sigmon and Jamie Ryland were joined by Stacy Helfin, Conservation Specialist for Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Green Goings-On in Richmond With Links for more Info

- 11/6 [Capital Region Land Conservancy](#) event, Tuckahoe Plantation, 2:00-5:00
- 11/8 Election Day
- 11/8 FOJG Meeting, Science Museum, 7:00 pm (see above)
- 11/12 [VA Solar Congress](#), Firehouse Theater, Richmond, 10-3:30

On Saturday, November 12, , VA SUN will host its first Virginia Solar Congress at the Firehouse Theater in Richmond, VA from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Solar Congress will include informational presentations on a variety of solar topics as well as participatory forum discussions. The event is free and open to the public!

### FOJG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Adele MacLean**, Chairperson  
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### FOJG Committee Structure

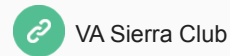
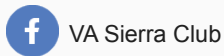
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- **Membership Engagement Committee** comprises Membership, Programs, Outings, and Fundraising.

**New members welcome.  
Interested? Contact Joe  
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