HELP US GROW!

CALLING ALL NATURE LOVERS!

If you're the type who enjoys soaking in the outdoors, marveling at magnificent trees and gardens, and sharing space with wildlife in their natural environment, you've found your place at the State Arboretum of Virginia at historic Blandy Experimental Farm.

Started in the 1920s, the State Arboretum now contains more than 5,000 woody trees and shrubs from around the world, highlighted by more than 200 kinds of conifers, 162 types of boxwood, a 300-tree ginkgo grove, a cedar of Lebanon allee, than 5,000 woody trees and shrubs from around the world, including more than 200 kinds of conifers, 162 types of boxwood, highlighted by more than 200 kinds of conifers, 162 types of boxwood, and don't require specialized knowledge; many are specifically designed for children and families, like our Firefly Fest, Night Sky Programs, and Full Moon Walks. Children's programs also include summer nature camps, like EcoExplorers, Green Adventures, and Art in Nature.

To Long Branch
To Middleburg
Route 50/17
Tc Winchester

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Foundation of the State Arboretum of Virginia offers public programs all year for all ages. This outreach attracts visitors to one of the region's most beautiful outdoor destinations and encourages an understanding and appreciation of environmental issues and the natural world.

Our programs emphasize topics such as ecology, gardening, natural history, and living lightly on the land. Most public programs are aimed at the interested citizen and don’t require specialized knowledge; many are specifically designed for children and families, like our Firefly Fest, Night Sky Programs, and Full Moon Walks. Children’s programs also include summer nature camps, like EcoExplorers, Green Adventures, and Art in Nature.

There are many ways to support and preserve this wonderfully active living museum:

• Become a member of the Foundation of the State Arboretum (FOSA).
• Make an unrestricted gift allowing FOSA to apply the funds where most needed.
• Make a gift to a specific project or program, or to FOSA’s permanent endowment.
• Fund a memorial or honorary bench or tree in a beautiful setting here at the Arboretum.
• Remember FOSA in your estate planning.

Visit blandy.virginia.edu/foundation to make a gift or become a member. Call the FOSA Director at 540-837-1758 Ext. 221 for more information about supporting the State Arboretum of Virginia.

HISTORY

Upon his death in 1926, Graham F. Blandy bequeathed 712 acres of the Tuleyries, his Clarke County property, to the University of Virginia with the stipulation that it be named Blandy Experimental Farm. The university hired Dr. Orland E. White as the first director the following year, and the arboretum plantings began shortly thereafter. The arboretum was named for Dr. White upon his retirement in 1955, and the Virginia General Assembly designated this property the State Arboretum of Virginia in 1986.
Visitor Guidelines

A few reminders to make your visit perfect.
The Arboretum is maintained for environmental education, public outreach, scientific research, and the quiet enjoyment of nature’s beauty. It is an outdoor museum; please respect the collection.

• Please drive slowly and watch for pedestrians and wildlife.
• Do not climb trees or stone walls.
• Do not disturb plant tags or labels.
• Do not pick flowers or collect any plant material, including seeds, leaves, pine cones, and acorns.
• Do not disturb wildlife, including birds and snakes.

Pets are welcome but must be leashed at all times in all areas. Pet waste stations are provided near parking areas. Please pick up and dispose of pet waste properly.

• Picnics and family outings are welcome in the picnic grove.
• Hunting, fishing, wood-cutting, grills, open fires, and team sports or games are prohibited.
• Do not disturb wildlife, including insects and snakes.

Pet waste stations are provided near parking areas. Please help keep the Arboretum’s natural surroundings clean.

Enjoy your visit to the State Arboretum of Virginia!

Basic Membership Benefits

• Our online quarterly newsletter, Arbor Vitae
• Reciprocal admission to more than 300 North American gardens
• Reduced public program fees
• Exclusive invitation to Garden Fair Preview Night
• Discounts at participating nurseries and garden centers
• Free one-year subscription to Better Homes & Gardens or Martha Stewart Living through the American Public Gardens Association
• State Arboretum of Virginia decal

Join Online: blandy.virginia.edu/foundation
Or call 540-837-1758 Ext. 224
Sign me up as: New or Renewal
$40 Individual $35 Individual (65+)
$75 Family $60 Family (65+)
Basic benefits for one family at the same address.

Perennial
For receiving monthly gifts of $10 or more, basic benefits plus State Arboretum water bottle (one time).
Patrons
$250-499
All of the above, plus priority registration for select programs.
Benefactor
$500-999
All of the above, plus access to the insider’s quarterly Director’s Notebook.
Nonprofit
$95
Basic benefits for one
Student Membership
$20
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Dog Membership (what fun!)
$25
Benefits include FOSA membership tag, a State Arboretum decal, Fall Photo Day at Blandy, access to 700+ acres of trails to explore, five doggo waste bags.

Business Memberships
The Dogwood Society
$1,500
Benefits include use of meeting facilities once annually; exclusive invitation to Garden Fair Preview Night; one free space rental each year at a FOSA event; opportunity to market your business to FOSA members with one free ad in quarterly online newsletter, Arbor Vitae.
The Quarters Society
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Members of The 1926 Society enjoy all benefits of membership at the Benefactor level plus those listed with each level.

Blandy Society: $1,000-2,499
Benefactor level benefits (at left), plus invitation to annual 1926 Society Reception, one State Arboretum Tree of the Year sapling on Arbor Day, access to the insider’s quarterly Director’s Notebook.
Silver Circle: $2,500-3,999
All of the above, plus a behind-the-scenes tour with Blandy’s Director.
Ginkgo Guild: $5,000+
All of the above, plus two Family-level gift memberships and complimentary registration for select programs.

Lifetime Membership
Redbud Life Membership For Two
$10,000
(sporousepartners)
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Visitors are welcome on the designated Bridle Trail. A fenced paddock is available for loading and unloading. Signed liability waivers are required of all riders and are available in the paddock.

Bicyclists are welcome on the Loop Drive.

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