# gardentimes

NEWSLETTER OF LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN



Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas features large-scale art installations that local artists made from materials found in the natural environment Scattered throughout the Garden to prompt exploration and discovery, the experiences engage your senses and spark new ways of interacting with the natural world ... and each other!

Be on the lookout for **Wild Art Creation Stations**, where everyone takes part in the exhibition by exploring their wild side! Harness the power of self-expression and the healing, meditative benefits of spending time in nature.

Additional info page 4. Sponsored by Altria Group.

What's

now?

blooming

#### editor's box

The *Garden Times* newsletter is mailed three times a year to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden members.

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Congratulations to Elizabeth Fogel, inaugural recipient of the Frank L. Robinson Endowed Chair in Horticulture.

# **Locally Grown**

Crape myrtles, *Lagerstroemia indica*, are native to the other side of the planet, with a genus named after an 18th-century Swedish merchant. Yet crape myrtles are so common in Richmond, occasionally they are thought to be native here. Botanical gardens are good at displaying and explaining global plant diversity, but in a world where people and things have been in motion for millennia, sometimes the exotic is not that unusual. Sometimes it is the things that are from around here that deserve a spotlight.

One of this summer's exhibitions at the Garden— Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas—highlights local talent. including yours, on display in a temporary outdoor exhibition of art inspired by nature. "Wild Art is a collaborative community art experience, combining the efforts of regional artists and thousands of Garden visitors to transform the Garden into a living tapestry of natural art," says Exhibitions Manager Kristin Thoroman. The regional artists were charged with imagining creations in which "at least 75% of the installation must be comprised of natural resources: living or non-living plants, material derived from plants (e.g., paper and fibers), rock, water, metal, etc. The installation must invite guests to interact..." Members and guests will be invited to use their own creative spark as they engage with the pieces and with the garden itself. Look for more details in the following pages.

In the coming year, we will also encourage and celebrate one of our own. Senior Horticulturist Elizabeth Fogel, selected this spring as the inaugural Frank L. Robinson Endowed Chair in Horticulture. The Chair was created by the Garden's Board of Directors in 2015, to honor our retiring president emeritus. Funded by many generous supporters, the endowment supporting the Chair seeks to ensure the highest quality of horticulture and horticultural education at the Garden. In the next two years, Elizabeth will be exploring current theories of ecological landscaping and designed plant communities, looking to put these theories more fully into practice in the Garden's landscape. Elizabeth came to Lewis Ginter in 2006, and was named senior horticulturist in 2012, when she assumed responsibilities as interpretation team leader. It has been a priceless opportunity to recognize Elizabeth's gifts and to reward her contributions.

I invite you to come this summer and enjoy the best in locally grown natural art and gardens!

Shane Tippett
Executive Director

# Horticulture

## **Bright Spots**



summer

Cardinal flower Lobelia cardinalis



autumn

Passion flower
Passiflora incarnata



tree

**Crape myrtle** *Lagerstroemia* 'Townhouse'



# Fall PlantFest

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	4-7PI
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	9AM-5PI
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	9AM-3PI
DARKING LOT C	

Browse top-quality plants, shrubs, ornamental grasses and trees — perfectly timed for fall planting. Check out the ready-to-display container plantings and distinctive garden decor, too. Knowledgeable volunteers and vendors will be ready to help, and live music will add to the festivity!

Details at bit.ly/FallPlantFest. Open free to the public; regular admission for Garden visitation. Thursday night also features Flowers After 5 and Fidos After 5 (details page 5). Garden Shop offers a 15% discount for members (ONLY) during Plant Sale hours. Bring gardening hand tools, knives and scissors for sharpening by Mr. Leonard's Sharpening Service (\$).



# Did you know that fall is the best time to plant in RVA?

In our region, usually only the top few inches of soil freeze in the winter. This allows roots of trees, shrubs and perennials to continue growing throughout the fall and winter months, leading to a strong and vigorous plant that is ready to push out new shoot growth in the spring.

# Why else is fall gardening typically more successful?

- Soil is warmer, so a plant has time to establish its root system and acclimate to its new setting before the flush in spring and the onset of our traditional hot, dry summers.
- Fall's cloudy, cooler days and more dependable rainfall support root system development.
- Insect and fungal activity typically lessen in autumn, improving the chance for plant survival and success.
- Garden centers often have late-fall sales for pre-winter clearance. Be sure to check identification tags to verify blooming schedules and colors.

#### Ginter Urban Gardeners

August 11 is the application deadline for the second cohort of Beautiful RVA's Ginter Urban Gardener training. The program teaches citizens how to garden, lead large-scale projects and coordinate volunteers. It also serves as personal development for learning how to work with diverse communities across our region. Details at beautifulrva.org/urban-gardener-application/.



# Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas\* MAY 26-0cT0BER 1, THR0UGHOUT THE GARDEN Artistic, natural, ephemeral ... and fascinating! Richmond's art scene comes alive as local artists entwine art and nature. You can, too! Create your own art at any of the Creation Stations, located throughout the Garden. Like a sandcastle by the sea, your ephemeral art won't last, so snap a photo to save the memory and enter the #MYWILDART Instagram contest! Sponsored by Altria Group. Additional info on cover and at bit.ly/WILDART. Community partners Art 180 and Art on Wheels also will feature large-scale installations of Wild Art.

#### Artists and Their Artworks

The Garden recognizes these regional artists, selected through a juried process, for their extraordinary contributions to Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas:

LEILA EHTESHAM

COLLEEN HALL

# **JEFFREY HALL**Code Playground

Hidden Bee Tree House

# JOHN HOLLAND The Music House

EDWARD MILLER
Earth Healer

# CATHY VAUGHN Arbor Quilt

SUSANN WHITTIER

Walking Sticks

#### Two artists share their inspiration, symbolism and process ...





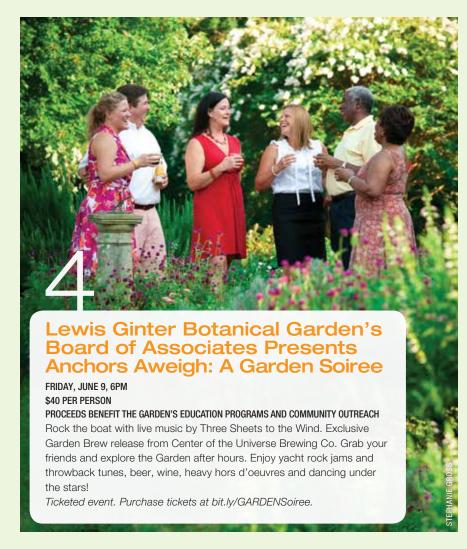
- **Q.** What is your installation made of?
- A. Approximately 1,350 handmade paper bricks! Primarily dried grasses from the Garden were boiled down, mechanically pulped, mixed with recycled paper to improve cohesion and then compressed into bricks using a homemade press and mold.
- Q. What are your thoughts on using natural materials?
- A. Based on my experiences growing up in the rapidly modernizing city of Dubai, where once undisturbed natural landscape became scarred by human industry, my goal is to create work in the most responsible way I can. This means working with materials that can be gathered and processed by my own hand. With minimally processed materials, it is clear that the structure was built from plant fibers, and that those fibers will eventually break down and return to the earth.



**COLLEEN HALL: Turtle Island** 

- Q. What is your approach to creating art?
- A. Nature, storytelling and education have been my artistic focus as a professional artist. The dynamic and diverse beauty and wonder of the natural world offer an unending source of inspiration.
- Q. Why create a living sculpture of a turtle?
- A. Powerful, patient and wise, turtles have mythical significance around the world and across cultures. Hindu mythology holds that the world rests on elephants who stand on a turtle's shell. The Iroquois believe the great tree of peace grows out of a turtle's back. Today, the turtle symbolizes the environmental movement.







#### Garden to Glass Class

JUNE 29, JULY 20, AUGUST 17, 5:30–6:30PM

Learn to create fresh, local and seasonally inspired craft cocktails. Tastings and hors d'oeuvres included. Then stay for Flowers After Five!

Registration required at

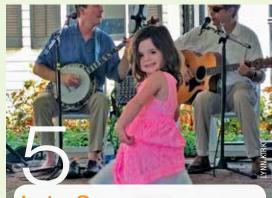
lewisginter.org/learn/adult-classes. \$.

#### Fidos After 5\*

SELECT THURSDAYS (ONLY)

Leashed dogs welcome during Flowers After 5.

Dates page 6 and bit.ly/FIDOS5.



## Late-Summer Lawn Party at Historic Bloemendaal\*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, NOON-3PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, NOON-4PM

Partake of a lazy afternoon on the lawn with picnic fare (\$) and ice cream (\$), enjoying ragtime music and barbershop quartet serenades. Try a summer lawn game, see historical bicycle displays and demonstrations, and step inside Bloemendaal House for informal tours that recall the late 19th-century bicycling craze.

PokéMondavs<sup>3</sup>

MONDAYS (ONLY), NOW-OCTOBER 30

Early Morning

Weekends\*

MAY 27-SEPTEMBER 3......

per your request! Garden ONLY.

Retail operations, WaterPlay &

Extended

THURSDAYS (ONLY).

Details page 5.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS (ONLY),

Early opening on these days (ONLY),

Butterflies LIVE! do NOT open early.

**Evening Hours** 

with Flowers After 5\*

JUNE 1-SEPTEMBER 14....UNTIL 9PM

Play Pokémon Go with 20+ PokéStops!

Details at bit.ly/PokeMONDAY.

Search seems LTE 12:49 PM

Reservations Date & Method Date Options Location

Tea House

Robins Room

#### Dominion GardenFest of Lights

Ticketed event.

# **Summer Hours**

**Garden Shop** Daily: 10AM-5PM

Thursdays (ONLY), June-September 14: 10AM-6PM

# Lora Robins Tea House

Wednesday-Sunday: 11:30AM-2:30PM Reservations recommended for special events & parties of 5+: 262-9887, ext. 399. Closed Monday & Tuesday.

Lora M. Robins Library

# Saturday & Sunday: 1-4PM

Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas\* MAY 26-OCTOBER 1 Details page 4.

Sponsored by Altria Group.

Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas

Private exhibit reception by special invitation for Garden Keeper Members giving at the Iris Level and above.



Fidos After 5\* THURSDAYS, 8 & 22.. 5-9PM Details at bit.ly/FIDOS5.

Art to Garden: Wine Dinner Series

Tickets & menus @ www.teahouseevents.com.

Father's Day Weekend

FAMILY ACTIVITIES\*.. . 10AM-4PM

HISTORIC BLOEMENDAAL LAWN BOAT DISPLAY\*..... ..NOON-3PM Boats courtesy of Southeastern Marine.

Details at bit.ly/DadsDayWkend.

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Flowers After 5\*

THURSDAYS, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29......5-9PM Details page 5.

Summer Shindig

WEDNESDAY, 7 ....



WEDNESDAY, 14 ... ..6-9PM

SATURDAY, 17 & SUNDAY, 18 CHILDREN'S GARDEN

SUNDAY, 18 ONLY BUFFET COOKOUT (\$)... ...NOON-3PM THE JANGLING REINHARTS LIVE MUSIC\*..

Virginia's Premier Marine Retailer.

THURSDAYS, 6, 13, 20, 27...... Details page 5.



**Richmond Daylily** Society Show\* & Sale

SATURDAY, 17 9AM-SOLD OUT SALE. SHOW AUDITORIUM

Hundreds of daylilies for show and sale. Open free to the public. Regular admission for Garden visitation.

**Celebrate National Pollinators Week\*** MONDAY, 19-SUNDAY, 25

Children's Garden Details page 9.

july



CarMax FREE Fourth of July Celebration\*

TUESDAY, 4... ACTIVITIES.. ..1-4PM PARADE. CHILDREN'S GARDEN

All-American celebration with music by Happy Lucky Combo, Butterflies LIVE! & WaterPlay (weather permitting). FRFF admission (TODAY ONLY). Line to visit ButterfliesLIVE! ends at 4:30 PM. Details at bit.lv/Free4th. Presented by CarMax.

Flowers After 5\*

july continued

Fidos After 5\* THURSDAY, 13 & 27 ... 5\_9PM Details at bit.lv/FIDOS5.

**Botanical Book Club** 

FRIDAY, 14 ...... .... 11AM-NOON "The Wild Vine: A Forgotten Grape and the Untold Story of American Wine." E-mail library@lewisginter.org for details.

august

Flowers After 5\*

THURSDAYS, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ......5-9PM Details page 5.

Fidos After 5\*

THURSDAY, 10 & 24 .. Details in June listing.

**Late-Summer Lawn** Party at Historic Bloemendaal\*

SATURDAY, 26-SUNDAY, 27 Details page 5.

september



Genworth FREE **Community Day\*** 

.9AM-5PM MONDAY. 4 .... FREE admission (TODAY ONLY). Presented by Genworth.

Art to Garden: **Wine Dinner Series** 

WEDNESDAY, 6... VARIOUS GARDEN LOCATIONS Tickets & menus @ www.teahouseevents.com.

Flowers After 5\*

THURSDAYS, 7, 14 ..... Details page 5.

**Botanical Book Club** FRIDAY, 8.....

"On Trails: An Exploration." E-mail library@lewisginter.org for details.

october

Fidos After 5\*

Details at bit.lv/FIDOS5.

Fall PlantFest

THURSDAY, 14 ...

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SATURDAY, 16.

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Details page 3.

FRIDAY, 15...

Santa Brunch **Reservations Begin** SUNDAY, 1

september continued

. 5-9PM

4-7PM

9AM-5PM

9AM-3PM

Limited availability; first call, first reserved. Details at top right.

**Volunteer Appreciation FunFest** 

TUESDAY, 3... AUDITORIUM

By invitation to active volunteers ONLY. RSVP to volunteer@lewisginter.org or 262-9887, ext. 335.

Art to Garden: Wine Dinner Series WENDNESDAY, 4..

VARIOUS GARDEN LOCATIONS Tickets & menus @ www.teahouseevents.com.



Rose Fest\* SUNDAY, 8. NOON-3PM PERFORMANCES .. 12:15 & 1:45PM COCHRANE ROSE GARDEN

Countless roses, Children's Garden activities & Butterflies LIVE! Live performances by Latin Ballet of Virginia.

Ikebana of Richmond's Ellen Gordon Allen Lecture/Demonstration THURSDAY, 12 ...

Ilkebana Master demonstration & lecture

AUDITORIUM

october continued november continued

Santa Brunch

Santa Dinner

(15+ guests)

GardenFest Dinner

(Seatings 9:30 & 11:30 AM)

Santa GardenFest Dinner **Reservations Begin** SUNDAY, 15

Limited availability; first call, first reserved. Details at top right.

Goblins & Gourds\* SUNDAY, 22 ... . 1-4PM CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Details page 9.

4th Annual Oktoberfest\* SATURDAY, 28..... .. 11AM-4PM **BLOEMENDAAL HOUSE LAWN** 

Live music, local food & beers (\$), games & prizes. Bring canned goods to benefit FeedMore. Sponsored by Meriwether Godsey.

november



Cheers to Shopping! THURSDAY, 9 .... **GARDEN SHOP** 

**Botanical Book Club** FRIDAY, 10 ... . 11AM-NOON

Spirited holiday shopping!

"The Genius of Birds." E-mail library@lewisginter.org for details.

\*\*Santa Brunch reservations accepted online (ONLY).

& GardenFest Dinners

The Garden's holiday-dining events are not only delicious, they're memorable!

Beginning Oct. 1

262-9887, ext. 345 or 224

Any time

**Holly Jolly Christmas** on Lakeside Avenue

**Santa Meals** 

Support our local merchants!

SATURDAY, 18. ..10AM-5PM **GARDEN SHOP** 

20% discount on purchases with member ID.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24-MONDAY, JAN. 8, 2018

Garden

Daily: 9AM-5PM Early & extended hours on page 6.

Garden Cafe Daily: 10AM-4PM

Weekdays: 10AM-4PM

WaterPlay

Daily, weather permitting. Schedule & weather updates on Garden's Facebook page: bit.ly/LewisGINTER.

**Adult Education** Continue to learn and discover! The Adult

Dec. 2, 3, 9,

Sun.-Tues.,

Nov. 26-Jan. 8

Education catalog will be mailed to member households & inserted in the August 2nd issue of "Style Weekly." Details & registration at lewisginter.org/learn/adult-classes.

**Highlights** 

**Lunchtime Lectures** WEDNESDAYS NOTED .... 11:30AM-1:30PM All Abuzz About Honey: June 28

Farm To Table – Arranging With Locally Sourced Flowers: Sept. 20

Expert presentations followed by a light lunch themed to the topic.

Pre-registration required. \$.

**Botany Series** DATES NOTED ...

Intermediate Botany: June 20, 21, 22 Using the Flora of Virginia: July 26, 27, 28 Grasses, Sedges, Rushes: August 7, 8 Dr. Douglas DeBerry leads courses in aspects of botany for intermediate-level students. Pre-registration required. \$.

Seasonal & Themed **Garden Walks** 

**VARIOUS DATES & THEMES** Adults only. Member free, Non-member \$17. Details and pre-registration (required) at bit.ly/GardenWalks or 262-9887, ext. 320.

Ginter Gallery II\*

New Work by Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas
JUNE 15-AUGUST 29

ntmaker Paloma Barhaugh-Bordas' worl races her self-conscious search for cultura oots as a first-generation American.

# **Happening Now!\***

Unstructured play and exploration help children learn, create and develop. Details at bit.ly/HappeningNOW.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Garden Art	Family Walk and Talks	Drop In and Dig	Good Green Fun During Flowers After 5	Storytime in the Garden
June-Aug. 2-3PM	June-Aug. 10-11AM	April–Oct. Times vary	June–Sept. 8 5–6PM	June–Aug. 10–11AM Children's Garden; 2–3PM Lora Robins Library

Visit the Garden Cart on arrival.

Also see the Garden Calendar pages 6-7.



# Volunteer Shifts during Flowers After 5

NOW-OCTOBER

FIRST THURSDAYS, 4-5PM

Families who volunteer together enjoy the great outdoors, plus their children (ages 6-18) learn the value of giving back to the community.

Group Volunteer Application must be completed in advance. Details at bit.ly/FamilyVOLUNTEER.



SELECT SATURDAYS, 10:30AM-NOON & 1-2:30PM

Party guests (ages 5–12) dive into hands-on activities led by a Play Pal, and each creates a special keepsake to take home. Check out these newly introduced themes:

FLOWER GARDEN PARTY FAIRY GARDEN PARTY **CRITTER GARDEN PARTY** SENSORY GARDEN PARTY

Two time slots offered per designated Saturday. Contact the children's education assistant at 262-9887, ext. 322, \$.





# **Every Day\***

#### WATERPLAY

DAILY-SEPTEMBER

When the heat's on, so is WaterPlay! Weather permitting.

#### CREATION STATION

**NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 1** 

Create your own Wild Art! Details page 4.

#### **KIDQUEST**

Visit Admissions Desk for Quest form.

Borrow a walking stick and take a trek along the TreeTrail.

### Camps for Kids

JUNE-AUGUST

#### SELECT MONDAYS-FRIDAYS, 9AM-NOON

Green Adventures' arts, crafts and garden exploration connect campers with nature in fun-filled ways!

Camp themes and remaining availabilities at bit.ly/KidsCAMPS.

Pre-registration required. \$.

# **BUTTERFLIESLIVE!**

Don't miss the ever-popular exhibit in the Conservatory (details page 5), and note these family opportunities in the Children's Garden.





#### **National Pollinators** Week\*

June 19-25, 10AM-4PM Children's Garden

Learn the bee dance and explore Who's Pollinating the Garden to understand pollinators' impact on our ecosystem and agriculture. Major initiative of National Pollinator Partnership.

#### Kaleidoscope Pointe\*

Daily-October 9 Bird and Butterfly Meadow Children's Garden Watch butterflies in their natural habitat and visit the Certified



#### **Arriving Soon:** Awesome Autumn **Activities!**

**Harvest Quest\*** OCTOBER 1-31, DAILY

Seasonal discoveries, seasonal fun! Quest available at Admissions.

#### **Goblins & Gourds Event\*** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1-4PM

A harvest happening for the entire family. Pick and paint your own pumpkin, and groove to wacky music of the Richmond Indigenous Gourd Orchestra.

"Oh, I've been here with my school. Hove this place!"

— CONRAD, AGE 6

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**Thanks to you**, an inner city child pulls a potato out of the ground in the Children's Garden and understands for the first time where french fries come from. You help introduce 12,000 young people a year to the green and growing world they live in through nature-based learning programs at the Garden.

**Thanks to you**, a homebound senior citizen notices that the zucchini in her Meals on Wheels dinner tastes like the vegetable she and her dad picked in the garden when she was a little girl. You make sure hungry seniors and at-risk schoolchildren eat healthy meals made from fresh produce grown in the Kroger Community Kitchen Garden at Lewis Ginter.

Thanks to you, our members and Annual Fund donors. You make it all possible!





# Honoring Bee Wright: Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

Close to 25 years ... 2,227 hours ... and counting!

Bee Wright has generously and graciously volunteered in the Garden Shop since 1993, when the retail operation (such as it was) occupied a breezeway in Bloemendaal House. There was no paid staff, only willing volunteers like Bee.

Through the decades, Bee has remained faithful, flexible and enthusiastic in her volunteer role. Staff and board members respectfully call her the "Energizer Bunny," for even after occasional health issues she always bounces back, ready to support.

Bee is a remarkable ambassador, too. The 90-year-young advocate actively engages with customers, sharing about the Garden's many offerings and encouraging repeat visits. She also personally introduces acquaintances to the Garden by bringing them with her to special events.

As one nominator stated, "Bee deserves the Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award based on her service, as well as her love and commitment to the Garden."

Together, let's congratulate Bee Wright!

#### Love Is in the Air

Brides turn to *The Knot* magazine as a trusted resource, so we're thrilled the Spring/Summer 2017 issue features one of our lovely wedding couples, Marissa and Graham. Their beautiful occasion, showcased through photos, also spotlights the Garden's natural beauty. Locally and regionally, the Garden is recognized once again as an idyllic setting for weddings and other special events!

For more information, visit bit.ly/FacilityRental or contact a facility events coordinator at facilityevents@lewisginter.org or 262-9887, ext. 345 or 224.









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