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.

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!
Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas*

**MAY 26–OCTOBER 1, THROUGHOUT THE GARDEN**

Artists, 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 *WILD ART* Instagram contest!

Sponsored by Aths 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.

Two artists share their inspiration, symbolism and process …

**LEILA EHTESHAM: Gonbad**

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.

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. 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.

**COLLEEN HALL: Turtle Island**

Powerful, patient and wise, turtles have mythical significance around the world and across cultures. Hindus believe the world rests on the back of the great turtle, and the Iroquois mythology holds that the world rests on the back of a turtle's shell. The Hindus who stand on a turtle's shell. The Hindus who stand on elephants who stand on a turtle's shell. The Hindus believe the great tree of peace grows out of a turtle's back. Today, the turtle symbolizes the environmental movement.

Q. What is your approach to creating art?
A. Artistic, natural, ephemeral … and fascinating! Richmond's art scene comes alive as local artists entwine art and nature.

**Butterflies LIVE!**

**DAILY—OCTOBER 15, 9AM–5PM | CONSERVATORY, NORTH WING**

See a bevy of butterflies feed, flutter, fly ... and bask in the warmth of the sun. Explore their world and their impact on ours.

Meet the Butterflies online at bit.ly/MeetBflies. Enter your favorite pics in the Instagram contest at bit.ly/InstaBFLIES.

**Flowers After Five**

**THURSDAYS, JUNE 1–SEPTEMBER 14, 5–9PM**

Take time to smell the roses during an evening stroll. Then enjoy your favorite beverages ($) and picnic fare ($) with friends or family as live music swells the breeze.

Dates page 6 and bit.ly/FlowersAFT.

**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**


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

**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 stop inside Bloemendaal House for informal tours that recall the late 19th-century bicycling craze.

**Additional details about programs and activities at lewisginter.org.**

*Free for members and included with Garden admission. $ = Fee.*
**june**

**Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas**

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**Flowers After 5**

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

**Summer Shindig Wild Art: A Journey Off-Canvas**

**WEDNESDAY, 7, 14, 21, 28, 5–9PM** Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**Flowers After 5**

**THURSDAYS, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5–9PM** Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**July**

**Fidos After 5**

**THURSDAY, 13 & 27** 5–8PM Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**Botanical Book Club**

**FRIDAY, 14, 21** 11AM–NOON


E-mail library@lewisginter.org for details.

**Flowers After 5**

**THURSDAYS, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** 5–9PM Details page 5

**Fidos After 5**

**THURSDAY, 16 & 24** 5–9PM Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**August**

**Flowers After 5**

**Saturdays, 6, 13, 20, 27, 5–9PM** Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**September**

**Fidos After 5**

**THURSDAY, 13 & 27** 5–8PM Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

**Botanical Book Club**

**FRIDAY, 14, 21** 11AM–NOON

**Flowers After 5**

**THURSDAYS, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5–9PM** Details page 5

**October**

**Santa Brunch Reservations Begin**

**SUNDAY, 8** Limited availability, first call, first reserved. Details at top right.

**Volunteer Appreciation FunFest**

**THURSDAY, 5** 5–8PM

**Fidos After 5**

**THURSDAY, 16 & 24** 5–9PM Details at letjbyPhoebeDawe

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

**SATURDAY, 26-SUNDAY, 27** Details page 5

**Santa Brunch**

**SUNDAY, 15** Limited availability, first call, first reserved. Details at top right.

**Goblins & Gourds**

**SUNDAY, 22** 5–8PM

**Children’s Garden** Details page 3

**Flowers After 5**

**SATURDAY, 26** 5–8PM Details page 5

**Various Garden Locations**

**Tickets & menus @ www.teahouseevents.com**

**November**

**Holly Jolly Christmas on Lakeside Avenue**

**FRIDAY, 10** 5–9PM

**Support our local heritages**

**ShopFest**

**SATURDAY, 11** 5–9PM

**Garden Shop**

**SATURDAY, 11** 5–9PM

Summer Hours

**Garden**

**Daily** 9AM–5PM

**Early & extended hours on page 6.

Garden Shop**

**Daily** 9AM–5PM

**Garden Café**

**Daily** 10AM–4PM

**Lora Robins Tea House**

**Wednesday-Sunday: 11:30AM-2:30PM**

**Reservations recommended for special events & parties of 5+ @ 262-9887, ext. 320**

**Closed Monday & Tuesday.**

**Lora M. Robins Library**

**Wednesday: 10AM-4PM**

**Saturday & Sunday: 1-4PM**

**WaterPlay**

**Daily weather permitting**

**School & weather updates on Garden’s Facebook page or www.teahouseevents.com**

**Santa Meals & GardenFest Dinners**

**Santa Brunch Dinners Beginning Sunday, 14**

**SUNDAY, 14**

**SANTA BRUNCH RESERVATION:**

**15+ guests**

**Beginning Oct. 15**

**Tickets & menus @ www.teahouseevents.com**

**Santa Dinner**

**Beginning Oct. 15**

**10AM-5PM, ext. 304 or 224**

**Auditorium**

**December 17-20**

**GardenFest Dinner**

**Christmas Eve**

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

**December 24**
Children’s Garden

Visit the Garden Cart on arrival. Also see the Garden Calendar pages 6–7.

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

Volunteer Shifts during Flowers After 5
NOW–OCTOBER
FIRST THURSDAYS, 4–6PM
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.

Every Day*
WATERPLAY  
ONLY—SEPTEMBER
When the heat’s on, so is WaterPlay! Weather permitting.

CREATION STATIONS  
NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 1
Create your own Wild Art! Details page 4.

KIDQUEST  
Visit Admissions Desk for Quest form.

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

Camps for Kids
JUNE–AUGUST
SELECT MONDAYS–FRIDAYS, 9AM–11AM  
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. $.

Themed Birthday Parties
NOW–OCTOBER
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. $.

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.

*Free for members and included with Garden admission. $ = For purchase.

BUTTERFLIES LIVE!
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 Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

“Oh, I’ve been here with my school. I love this place!”
— CONRAD, AGE 6

Mark and Melissa Anderson  
Mitra Bryant  
Lynn Kirk  
Kelly Riley
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 many foods 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!

Love is in the Air

Brides turn to The Knot magazine as a trusted resource, so we’ve 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.

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!

The Garden Shop, where there’s always something NEW!

Artful home & garden products ...

... plus, tools, books, gadgets & gifts!
SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

Whether you prefer to get away from it all on solitary walks, or to it all with fun-tastic activities and events...

the Garden is waiting for you!