

Calendar of Events



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February 2017

Wednesdays, beginning February 1

Homeschool Powhatan & Pocahontas

(6-9 yrs.) At Riverbend Park, hear stories of the Native Americans who inhabited this area and learn some primitive skills. Class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. for three Wednesdays. The cost of the series is \$51 per child. Meet at the Riverbend Nature Center. For more, call 703-759-9018.

Wednesday, February 1

Toddler Time: Snakes

(3-5 yrs.) Celebrate National Serpent Day at Hidden Oaks Nature Center by meeting live, native snakes and finding out how their wild cousins are coping with the stress of winter. The program from 10 to 10:45 a.m. costs \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

History Tots-Winter

(1-3 yrs.) Bring your toddler to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to explore history through sight, sound, smell and touch with indoor and outdoor activities. This month's topic is Valentines. Programs run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can participate in the program. Call 703-631-0013.

Friday, February 3 &

Saturday, February 25

Storytelling

(3-Adult) Bring a snack and enjoy stories about the Bootlegging Past as told by one of our expert storytellers at Riverbend Park. We'll start a campfire if the weather cooperates. Meet at the Nature Center. The program runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Friday, February 3

Things That Go Bump in the Night

(6-Adult) Ever wonder what's making those scary noises in the dark? Come to Burke Lake Park from 7 to 8 p.m. to listen to the sounds of the forest at night and learn what's out there. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

Friday, February 3

Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Plants that Bully

(16-Adult) Give invasive plants an inch and they'll take your yard. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Master Gardeners at Green Spring Gardens will show you native alternatives to grow instead. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Goodnight Walk: Night Sky

(4-Adult) Take an outdoor stroll at Hidden Oaks Nature Center to learn about night-sky wonders and how to continue your exploration at home. Enjoy a story and craft. Bring one flashlight per family. The program from 7 to 8 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Saturday, February 4

Washington Gardener Seed Exchange

(Adults) Washington Gardener (WG) Magazine co-hosts the 12th annual Seed Exchange at Green Spring Gardens with lectures and face-to-face seed swaps from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Bring your extra seeds to swap and get expert planting advice. The cost is \$15 for Friends of Green Spring members and WG subscribers; \$20 for others. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

World Wetlands Day Celebration!

(4-Adult) Come to Huntley Meadows Park to celebrate the importance and beauty of wetlands. Learn why these unique ecosystems are significant to people, plants and animals. Join us for presentation and education stations, a guided wetland walk, and crafts from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525.

Where Are All the Animals

(3-7 yrs.) Explore how animals survive the winter through a puppet show, view live animals and make a craft at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 2 to 3 p.m. The program costs \$7 per child, and children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Winter Fun After Dark

Saturday, February 4

Astronomy for Family Fun: Planets

(4-Adult) Learn about the planets and moons and their effect on us and the rest of the solar system. This program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-941-1065.

Friday, February 10

Campfire Fridays: Winter

(3-Adult) Enjoy the roar of a campfire, s'mores and animals at Hidden Pond Nature Center in this monthly event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Explore different topics and parts of the park each time. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must come with a registered adult. Call 703-451-9588.

Full Moon Nature Hike & Campfire

(6-Adult) Hike under the full moon at Burke Lake Park. Your naturalist guide points out signs of creatures that glide, fly and tiptoe through the woods in the dark. End with a campfire and s'mores. The program from 7 to 8 p.m. costs \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-323-6600.

Saturday, February 11

Evening Walk

(Adults) Join naturalist P.J. Dunn at Huntley Meadows Park to hike the trails after dark as you look and listen for owls, beavers and other night animals. The program from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, February 18

Astronomy Festival

(3-Adult) At Riverbend Park from 6 to 8 p.m., enjoy guided stargazing, telescope viewing, campfire stories, games and activities. You can purchase hot chocolate and snacks. This event will be canceled if it's raining or snowing. Register online for \$6; \$7 at the door. Call 703-759-9018.

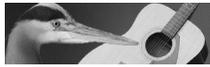
Tuesday, February 21

Intro to Telescopes

(16-Adult) Bring your telescope to Turner Farm Park to learn astronomy and telescope basics. The program from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. For more information, call 703-324-8618.



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Saturday, February 4

Recipes from the Hearth

(5-Adult) In the 1794 kitchen at Sully Historic Site, make beaten biscuits and corn pone, a staple of the enslaved community's diet. Compare the recipes and taste the difference. Then learn how laundry day differed 200 years ago. One-hour programs begin at 1 and 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-437-1794.

Sundays, February 5 & 12

Maple Syrup Boil-Down

(3-Adult) The maple trees are tapped at Colvin Run Mill. Bundle up and watch as sap is boiled down into sweet syrup over an open fire from noon to 2 p.m. Sample syrup over fresh baked cornbread while supply lasts! The cost is \$5 per person. No reservations are required. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

Sunday, February 5

Caribbean Reef Puppet Show

(3-7 yrs.) Join an octopus, ray, shark, lobster and friends in this undersea adventure at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. After the show, play a game, sing songs and make a craft. The program from 2 to 3 p.m. costs \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Winter Lecture: Rescuing Eden

(Adults) Garden historian Carolyn Seebom shares her book "Rescuing Eden: Preserving America's Historic Gardens," a look at rescuing historic gardens from neglect and demolition. A book signing follows the lecture. This program at Green Spring Gardens runs 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person for advance registration or \$12 at the door. Call 703-642-5173.

Mondays, February 6, 13, 27

Little Acorns-Winter

(2-4 yrs.) Preschoolers and their accompanying adult share nature's wonders in this interactive class at Hidden Oaks Nature Center with finger plays, stories, activities and outdoor exploration. Sessions run from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Topics vary: 2/6 Animal Valentines; 2/13 Walk, Waddle and Wiggle; 2/27 Polar Animals. The cost for each session is \$6 per child. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Mondays, February 6 & 20

Little Hands on the Farm: Winter

(2-5 yrs.) Join us for fun in the Visitor Center at Frying Pan Park and learn about animals, farm chores, and farm life in winter through stories, crafts and games. The program for children age two and three runs 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The program for ages three to five runs 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$10 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-437-9101.

Monday, February 6

Story Time Go!

(3-7 yrs.) Enjoy a story and then make a craft based on the story at Sully Historic Site from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-437-1794.

Garden Sprouts: Nature Playgroup

(2-5 yrs.) Join our Nature Playgroup at Green Spring Gardens. Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed activities while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. The programs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. cost \$6 per child. Children must come with an adult. Call 703-642-5173.

Wednesday, February 8

Nature Tots at Walney

(1-3 yrs.) Bring your toddler to explore nature through sight, sound, smell and touch at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Programs include both indoor and outdoor activities. The topic in February is wind and mud. Sessions run 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can participate. Call 703-631-0013.

Thursday, February 9

Kids' Korner-Winter

(3-6 yrs.) Preschoolers explore nature or history once a month at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, accompanied by an adult. An outdoor activity and craft are included. The topic in February is birds. The program from 1 to 1:45 p.m. costs \$6 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, February 10

Animal Pajama Party

(3-6 yrs.) Put on your PJs and come to Hidden Oaks Nature Center at 7 p.m. to hear stories, meet animals and wish goodnight to the center's animals. Bring a favorite stuffed animal! The 45-minute program costs \$6 per child. Children must come with an adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Storytelling

(3-Adult) Bring a snack and enjoy stories about Winter's Wrath as told by an expert storyteller at Riverbend Park. We'll start a campfire if the weather cooperates. Meet at the Nature Center. The program from 5 to 6:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must attend with a registered adult. Call 703-759-9018.

Saturday, February 11

Toys at Historic Huntley

(4-Adult) Make your own historic toys and play games children who once lived at Historic Huntley may have played from 1 to 2 p.m. A special children's tour of Historic Huntley and a scavenger hunt are included. The cost is \$7 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, February 11 & Sunday, February 19

African-Americans at Walney Walking Tour

(6-Adult) In this interactive walking tour through Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, learn the names and stories of the many African-American families who lived here in slavery and in freedom. The one-hour program begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, February 11

Family Fun: Sensational Seeds

(5-Adult) Explore the sensational world of seeds from 10 to 11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens. Work with seeds and learn how they grow. Plant some to take home to grow. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-642-5173.

Premium Tea and Chocolate Pairing

(16-Adult) In this delectable seminar at Colvin Run Mill, sip premium teas and savor a variety of decadent chocolates. Learn how to pair premium tea and chocolate successfully to bring out the best of both. Take a tea-sampler home. Certified Tea Specialist and Chef Laurie Bell of Great Falls Tea Garden leads the program from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by February 8. Call 703-759-2771.

Punch: A Cup of History

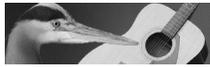
(Adults 21+) Luke Pecoraro, Director of Archaeology at Mount Vernon, presents the history of punch, the popular drink of sailors, explorers and patriots for more than four centuries. Come to Historic Green Spring from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and taste one or two of George and Martha Washington's favorite punch recipes. The program is followed by a traditional English tea. The cost is \$42 for the program and tea; \$18 for the program only. Reservations required. Call 703-941-7987.

Feeding Day!

(2-Adult) Join a naturalist and youth volunteers at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to search for worms and insects and help serve dinner to the display animals. Make a birdfeeder to take home and use. The program from 10 to 11 a.m. costs \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Astronomy for Family Fun: Stars

(4-Adult) Learn about the natural and cultural science of stars, fun facts about our own star and the most easily viewed constellations. Learn how you can further explore constellations as a family. This program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-941-1065.

**Sundays, February 12 & 26****Orienteering Workshop**

(8-Adult) Come to Burke Lake Park from noon to 2 p.m. and learn how to use a compass, read a topographic map and navigate orienteering courses. The cost is \$25 per person. A compass is required. Call 703-323-6600.

Geocaching Workshop

(8-Adult) Learn how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates into a GPS and follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature at Burke Lake Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your own GPS; a limited number will be available to borrow at class. The cost is \$25 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Sunday, February 12**Live Animal Lunchtime!**

(2-Adult) Bring your lunch to Huntley Meadows Park and dine with a snake, turtle, or toad. Learn about the critter through crafts and hands-on activities. Dessert is our treat. The program from noon to 1 p.m. costs \$7 per person. Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-768-2525.

Valentine Tea and Poetry

(2-Adult) Enjoy poetry and tea at the Machen Farm at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park with your sweetheart. A costumed interpreter shares our Walney mystery love poem and invites you to write your own while dining on mint tea and sugar cookies. Frame your poem in the style of a childhood Valentine. The program from 3 to 4 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Winter Lecture: The Presidents' Gardens

(Adults) Garden historian Marta McDowell shares the history of the White House grounds in this program at Green Spring Gardens from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. This entertaining history reveals how the story of the garden is also the story of America. A book signing follows. The program costs \$10 per person in advance; \$12 at the door. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Animal Valentines

(4-8 yrs.) Play musical valentines and critter sweetheart games as you learn how animals find a mate. Meet live animals at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and make an animal valentine craft. The program from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. costs \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Mondays, February 13 & 20**Lakeshore Birding**

(11-Adult) Meet at the Burke Lake marina and walk the lakeshore looking for winter migrants such as common loons and common mergansers from 8 to 10 a.m. Bring binoculars. The cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Tuesdays, beginning February 14**Homeschool at the Pond**

(6-12 yrs.) This five-part program is based on the popular Pohick Rangers series at Hidden Pond Nature Center. Topics include pond study, geology, fishing, reptiles, stream study, nocturnal wildlife and tracking. Classes meet from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is \$44 per child. Call 703-451-9588.

Tuesday, February 14**Valentine's Day Tea**

(Adults) Celebrate the day of love and flowers with an elegant afternoon tea at Historic Green Spring. Explore the legend of St. Valentine with our special quiz, and earn a chance to take home a beautiful door prize. A favor bag is included. The tea from 1 to 3 p.m. costs \$36 per person. Reservations are required. Call 703-941-7987.

Wednesdays, beginning February 15**Winter Wetlands and Forests**

(6-12 yrs.) Explore Huntley Meadows Park and learn how plants and animals adapt to the season through educational hikes, hands-on activities, journal-keeping, and games. The five classes meet from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m., and the cost of the series is \$87 per child. Call 703-768-2525.

Wednesday, February 15**Tiny Tea Party**

(3-Adult) Hear the story "The Little Red Hen Makes Pizza" as you sip mint tea or apple juice and munch animal crackers at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Make a craft, too, in this program from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Thursday, February 16**Afternoon Innovators**

(7-12 yrs.) Come to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and learn about the many ways the Machen family used technology to make their lives easier. Hear from a historian, look at documents relating to 19th century technology, and make technology prototypes. The program from 5 to 6:30 p.m. costs \$10 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Friday, February 17**Lake Shore Campfire**

(2-Adult) Enjoy a campfire on the shore of Burke Lake from 6 to 7 p.m. Listen for all of the animals that come out at night while enjoying s'mores. The program meets at Shelter C, and the cost is \$7 per person. Children must come with a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600.

Storytelling

(3-Adult) Bring a snack and enjoy stories about Ancient Times as told by an expert storyteller at Riverbend Park. The program from 5 to 6:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must come with a registered adult. Call 703-759-9018.

Saturday, February 18**Eco-Savvy Symposium:****Cultivating Biodiversity**

(Adults) At Green Spring Gardens, learn from renowned public designer Bill McLaughlin of the U.S. Botanic Garden and expert local naturalist and environmental educator Alonso Abugattas how to create a home landscape that provides an oasis for birds, pollinators and other wildlife through the use of native plants. The program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. costs \$56 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Work of Their Hands

(5-Adult) Learn about the contributions of the African-American enslaved community at Sully Historic Site as you tour the main house, kitchen/laundry and representative slave quarter. Hour-long programs start at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child age 5 to 15; \$8 per person for age 16 and older. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-437-1794.

Winter Camping Basics

(9-Adult) Before you head out for wintertime camping, learn the basics at Burke Lake Park's campground. Families camp overnight with a naturalist who provides camping tips. Participants must have their own gear. The overnight program begins at 2 p.m., and the cost is \$35 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-323-6600.

All Things Frozen Tea Party

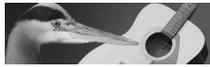
(3-Adult) Join a naturalist at Hidden Oaks Nature Center who shares stories about animals that enjoy being chilly and others that just figure out a way to get through the cold. Dress as your favorite frozen friend and enjoy a tea with china cups, treats and crafts. Contact the nature center one week prior with any dietary restrictions. The program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. costs \$15 per person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Sunday, February 19**Winter Lecture: Top Ten Plants for Local Gardens**

(Adults) Horticulturalists Karen Rexrode, Keith Tomlinson of Meadowlark Gardens and Judy Zatsick of Green Spring Gardens share their top ten lists of garden beauties that are proven plants for Northern Virginia. This program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., and the cost is \$10 per person for advance registration or \$12 at the door. Call 703-642-5173.

Sidewalk Science & Kitchen Chemistry

(4-6 yrs.) A naturalist at Hidden Oaks Nature Center helps budding scientists unravel some science mysteries in a fun and safe way from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065.



Sunday, February 19

Winter Tree ID

(12-Adult) Come to Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to learn winter tree identification basics and hike to practice new skills. The cost is \$6 per person. Call 703-941-1065.

Mondays, beginning February 20

Fur, Feathers, Scales & Skeletons

(5-8 yrs.) Through hands-on activities, nature "safari" hikes and visits with live animals, students investigate the scientific classification of the animal kingdom at Hidden Oaks Nature Center during a five-week session. The 55-minute lessons begin at 4:15 p.m., and the cost is \$44 per child. For more, call 703-941-1065.

Monday, February 20

Meet Live Snakes, Turtles and Toads

(4-Adult) Meet native reptiles and amphibians at Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 1 to 2 p.m. and learn how to identify these species. See at least one animal being fed. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-941-1065.

Wednesdays, beginning February 22

Homeschool Winter Science

(6-9 yrs.) Do you know how snowflakes are formed or why ducks are happy in cold water? In this three-week series at Riverbend Park, explore a different seasonal science topic each class. Sessions run from 1 to 3 p.m. The series cost is \$51 per child. Call 703-759-9018.

Wednesday, February 22

Furry Foxes

(2-5 yrs.) These wild members of the dog family are a common sight in our neighborhoods. Come to Hidden Oaks Nature Center to learn about their lives through activities, and practice yipping like a fox. The program from 10 to 10:45 a.m. costs \$7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more, call 703-941-1065.

Friday, February 24

Storytelling

(3-Adult) Bring a snack and enjoy stories about Native American Lore as told by an expert storyteller at Riverbend Park. We'll start a campfire if the weather cooperates. Meet at the Nature Center. The program from 5 to 6:30 p.m. costs \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-759-9018.

Hot Dog, S'mores! Wagon Ride & Campfire

(2-Adult) Roast turkey hot dogs over a campfire and take a brisk wagon ride through Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 5:30 to 7 p.m. We provide hot dogs, buns, condiments and s'mores. Bring your own drinks and sides. The cost is \$10 per person. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, February 25

Birds Around Us Cabell's Mill

(2-Adult) Examine beaks, feathers, nests and talons at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 10 to 11 a.m. and learn about bird life cycles, migration patterns and adaptations. The cost is \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Homemade Bird Feeders

(2-Adult) Bring empty milk jugs and/or two liter soda bottles to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to make bird feeders. Get tips for feeding birds and learn to identify common birds that visit home bird feeders. The program from 11 a.m. to noon costs \$7 per person. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Starting From Scratch with Seeds

(Adults) Grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed and expand your garden. Come to Green Spring Gardens and be inspired by propagator and horticulturalist Judy Zatsick as she discusses potting mixes, containers, seed treatments, lighting, fertilization and more. Take some seeds home. The program from 10 to 11:30 a.m. costs \$22 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

Crystallized Flower Workshop

(Adults) Come to the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and learn to crystallize edible blooms to use as beautiful and easy garnishes. Take home your candied flowers along with decorating ideas and tips. The program runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and costs \$27. Call 703-642-5173.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Extravaganza

(4-Adult) At Hidden Oaks Nature Center, hear tales of "Yertle the Turtle" and "Gertrude McFuzz," meet live animals and make crafts from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-941-1065.

Winter Birds and Feeder Workshop

(4-Adult) Learn about birds that call Huntley Meadows and your backyard home in winter. Make a pine cone bird feeder to take home. Learn to identify winter birds through calls, games and activities from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-768-2525.

Evening Woodcock Walk

(Adults) Stroll through the forest to one of Huntley Meadows' largest meadows. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his amazing courtship dance and flight. Bring a flashlight. The approximately 1.5-mile walk is on uneven terrain, and the program will be canceled if it rains. It runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and the cost is \$7 per person. For more, call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, February 25

Sketch Hike: Winter Trees and Landscapes

(12-Adult) Join Huntley Meadows Park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler for a hike, and learn sketching techniques to enhance your observation skills. The program from 10 a.m. to noon costs \$8 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Sunday, February 26

Fairy Tale Tea Time

(4-Adult) Fairy tales come to life as you sip tea and enjoy treats surrounded by your favorite fairytale characters at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Dress as your favorite character, learn how fairy tales have stood the test of time, and find out why so many fairy tales include our animal friends. The program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. costs \$15 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Winter Lecture: Coping with Deer

(Adults) Garden expert Ruth Clausen shares some beautiful shrubs, annuals and perennials that deer seldom browse. Come to Green Spring Gardens and get design tips and plant combinations for your deer-resistant garden. A book signing follows the lecture. This program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. costs \$10 per person for advance registration or \$12 at the door. Call 703-642-5173.

Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight

(4-Adult) Join a naturalist calling in these amazing gliders of the night and look for flying squirrels at roosting boxes near the Nature Center at Hidden Oaks. Learn how you can encourage flying squirrels to visit your yard. The program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. costs \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Call 703-941-1065.

Birding for Beginners: Winter Birds

(12-Adult) Interested in winter birding? Come to Huntley Meadows Park to learn about winter birds in the park and acquire some basic identification skills. The program from 8 to 11 a.m. ends with an indoor discussion. The cost is \$10 per person, and children age 12 to 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

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