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Valentine's Day Programs in the Parks Are Sweet and Fun

Valentine's Day is approaching, and Fairfax County parks are the place to celebrate love this year. With tea and poetry programs for mature participants and fun programs for little cherubs, such as the always zany Animal Sweethearts Dance, even the coldest of hearts will be warmed. Follow Cupid's arrows to one of these sweet Valentine's Day programs.

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, enjoy poetry and tea at the Machen Farm at E.C. Lawrence Park with your favorite sweetheart from 2 to 4:30 p.m. A costumed interpreter will share a Walney mystery love poem and then invite you to write and share your own verses. Leave with your poem framed in childhood valentine card style. Mint tea and cookies will be served. The cost is \$10 per person. Register online for this **Valentine Tea and Poetry** program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/calendar.htm. For information, call 703-631-0013.

The social event of Hidden Pond's winter season is back: the **Animal Sweethearts Dance!** The new comedy/drama, *Hound of Music*, debuts this year on Saturday, February 8. There will be dancing, refreshments, crafts and live animals from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. This program is suited for children ages three to eight and the cost is \$8. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/events.htm. For information, call 703-451-9588.

Children (ages five to eight) are invited to play musical valentines and critter sweetheart games at Hidden Oaks Nature Center on Sunday, February 9 and Monday, February 10. They'll meet live animals, make valentines and decorate a cookie during this one-hour **Animal Valentines** program. The fun starts at 2 p.m. on 2/9 and 3 p.m. on 2/10. The cost is \$7 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/public.htm. For more information, call the park at 703-941-1065.

Celebrate Cupid's holiday on Sunday February 9 or February 16 at Historic Green Spring with a special tea program: **Love Lessons from Jane Austen**. Strict prohibitions and rules of etiquette surrounded courtship in Jane Austen's day, but her novels – and her own love life - can still teach us a thing or two about romantic attachments today. This program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$29 per person and includes a full English afternoon tea. To register, call the park at 703-941-7987.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.