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## Volunteer Marian Ewell Named Donald Early Award Recipient

The 2014 Donald F. Early Award will be presented by Ellanor C. Lawrence Park staff to Marian Ewell, a dedicated volunteer at the popular west county historic site and park. The award was created in honor of its namesake, Donald F. Early who managed the site's beehives and enjoyed conducting programs for scouts and families. He gave generously of his time and talent. The presentation is slated for February 27, 2015.

Ms. Ewell, a resident of Centreville, has been a dedicated volunteer for four and a half years, contributing 278 hours to the park. She leads school and nature programs and often conducts research. She was instrumental in the creation of the educational and interpretive exhibit for our Investigation Playce in Walney Nature Center, a popular exhibit that helps children learn about the natural world around them. This winter she created Nature Tots, which is geared towards hands-on learning for children one to three years old. She can also be found working the front desk helping visitors with questions and inquiries.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, located in Chantilly, VA features the Walney Visitor Center, which offers educational exhibits, programs and information to over 30,000 visitors per year. Situated in a converted 1780 farmhouse, the center contains an information desk, live animal exhibits, historic exhibits; children's touch table area, greenhouse and classroom. Visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/>.

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