

Rose Hill Community Calendar

Around Rose Hill, Franconia, and Northern VA

- ★ **Tuesday, April 26, 7pm. Rose Hill Civic Association Meeting.** John Marshall Library. Subject: Rose Hill III Update.
- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday. BINGO!** Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.
- ★ **Any Day. Give Blood—the Gift of Life.** Inova Woodburn Blood Donor Center, 3289 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA. Monday thru Friday, 8am-8pm; Saturday, 9am-5pm. Help save up to three lives in just one hour! Blood donors are needed year round, and especially type O donors. For more information or to make an appointment to donate at a donor center or community blood drive, call 1-866-BloodSaves (866.256.6372) or visit www.inova.org/donateblood. Thank you for helping save lives in our community!
- ★ **April 16-May 1. Mount Vernon's Gardening Days.** The estate's annual garden sale, including plants grown from historic cuttings, plus this is the only time that the Orangerie, Washington's greenhouse, is open to the public. South end of George Washington Memorial Parkway. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
- ★ **April 22. Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre.** This company, which emphasizes classic American modern dance, gives its spring concert. 8pm at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. For tickets, www.khgd.org or 703.413.3811
- ★ **April 21-May 29. Sophocles' "Electra."** MetroStage presents this classic Greek tragedy starring Jennifer Mendenhall. Performances at 8pm Thur.-Sat., 2 & 7pm Sun. at the theater, 1201 N. Royal St. Tickets available at www.boxofficetickets.com or 800.494.8497. For info and group rates, www.metrostage.org or 703.548.9044
- ★ **April 23. Croquet Garden Party.** This annual garden party offers fun for the whole family while benefiting the Lee-Fendall House's educational programs. Children's tea & croquet party 1-2pm; adult croquet garden party 2-4pm at the museum, 614 Oronoco St. Advance tickets required. www.leefendallhouse.org or 703.548.1789
- ★ **April 23. The Historical Role of Spirits Through George Washington's Distillery.** An illustrated lecture by Eleanor Breen, Assistant Archaeologist from Historic Mount Vernon. 10am at Alexandria Archaeology, on the third floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free but reservations required. Part of the early-morning Java Jolt series. 703.838.4399
- ★ **April 23. All Brahms.** Pianists Christine and David Hagen perform an all-Brahms program at 4pm at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free; sponsored by the Northern Virginia Community College. 703.845.6252
- ★ **April 23. 18th Century Grand Ball.** Join the citizens of Alexandria for the finest ball of the season. Dance master Corky Palmer leads English country dancing with desserts and cash bar. 7-11pm at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Tickets \$50. Reservations required. 703.838.4242
- ★ **April 23-May 14. "Biloxi Blues."** The Little Theatre of Alexandria presents Neil Simon's autobiographical look at a young recruit in boot camp at the close of World War II. Shows at 8pm Wed.-Sat., 3pm Sun. 600 Wolfe St. Tickets \$13-\$17 at www.thelittletheatre.com or 703.683.0496
- ★ **April 24. 20th Annual George Washington Parkway Classic.** Take your choice between a 5K or 10-miler; both are sanctioned foot races. Start time is 7:45am for both. Benefits the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau. www.gwparkwayclassic.com or 703.836.2176
- ★ **April 24. U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra.** The orchestra performs works by Haydn, Brahms, and David Diamond's 1947 score for "Romeo & Juliet." 2pm at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free! www.marineband.usmc.mil or 202.433.5714
- ★ **April 29 & 30. Alexandria Harmonizers.** The award-winning barbershop-harmony ensemble presents their 55th Annual Spring Tonic at the Whaley Auditorium of Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd. Show times Friday at 8pm and Saturday at 2 and 8pm. For tickets and info, www.harmonizers.org or 703.922.5992
- ★ **April 29 - June 5. Ann Barbieri: Informality.** Recent work by mixed-media painter Barbieri, who won "artist of the year" through the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. At the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Open noon-5pm Wed.-Sun., the second Thur. of the month until 9pm as part of Second Thursday in Old Town, with opening reception May 12, 6-8pm www.torpedofactory.org or 703.838.4565, ext. 4
- ★ **April 30. Civil War Artillery at The Fort.** The 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery reenactors portray a Union regiment stationed at Fort Ward, interpreting soldier life and having demonstrations with replica cannon. 10am-4pm at the historic site, 4301 W. Braddock Rd. Free! www.fortward.org or 703.838.4848
- ★ **April 30. African Stories in The Americas.** Baba Jamal Koram, also known as The Story Man, brings alive the history, humor, music, and lore of people of the African and African-American cultures in this 90-minute program. 11:30am at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tickets \$8. www.nvfaa.org or 703.548.0035
- ★ **April 30. American Balalaika Symphony.** This orchestra is made up of stringed instruments from Russia that produce a rich sound similar to a Western orchestra.

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Performance at 7:30pm at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets \$20, \$10 for students & seniors. www.balalaika.biz or 703.236.1755

Ongoing Events

- ★ **April at The Scope Gallery.** The Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery features "April Showers Bring May Flowers," with members of the Kiln Club showing decorative items for the garden thru April 24. "Budding Out" featuring vases created by gallery members, April 26-May 30. Open 10am-5pm daily. 105 N. Union St. 703.548.6288
- ★ **April-October 2005. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.** Begins its expanded summer hours, 8am-5pm daily through August with a variety of tours through October. South end of George Washington Memorial Parkway. www.mountvernon.org or 703.780.2000
 - Slave Life**—A 30-minute guided walking tour at 10am, noon, 2, and 4pm
 - Garden & Landscape**—A 30-minute guided walking tour at 11am, 1, and 3pm
 - Tribute at the Tomb**—Public wreath-laying ceremony at 10am
- ★ **April-October 2005. Weekenders at Gunston Hall.** Special tours are offered at noon, 1:30, and 3pm. www.gunstonhall.org 703.550.9220
 - Slave Life Tours**—Includes costumed interpreters and samplings of food. First Sunday of the month.
 - World of Women**—Second Sunday of the month.
 - Farmyard Tours**—Meet rare historic breeds, the most popular residents at the plantation. Third Saturday of the month.
 - Hidden Landscapes**—Learn about George Mason's plantation garden and the landscapes of early America. Fourth Saturday of the month.

Huntley Meadows Park

Huntley Meadows Park and Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306, 703.768. 2525

Fairfax County Park Authority's largest park (1,428 acres) includes wetlands, forests, meadows, streams and ponds. It has resident deer, beaver, heron, and other animals. Facilities include a visitor center, auditorium, exhibits and an interpretive trail with boardwalk and observation platforms. Programs for groups by reservation.

- ★ **Saturday, April 23, 7-10am. Birding at South King's Highway.** This is the height of neotropical songbird migration. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Meet at the park's South King's Highway and Telegraph Road entrance. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE
- ★ **Saturday, April 30, 7-10am. Advanced Birding at South King's Highway.** This walk is intended for experienced birders. We will visit parts of the park typically known for warblers and other neotropical songbirds. Dress for off-trail hiking. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Meet at the park's South King's Highway and Telegraph Road entrance. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. FREE
- ★ **Sunday May 1, Noon-3pm. Wetlands Awareness Day.** Enjoy an afternoon of wetland interpretation, wildlife presentations and a "Fun Fair" for kids. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the importance of wetlands to wildlife and you. There is a modest fee for some activities. Sponsored by FOHMP. FREE
- ★ **Saturday, May 7, 7:30-11am. Spring Birds and Breakfast.** Search for warblers, thrushes, waterfowl, and a host of other birds as we approach the peak of spring migration. Following the hike, relax, and recap the sightings during a continental breakfast at the center. Binoculars and field guides recommended. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$5
- ★ **Sunday, May 8, 1-4pm. Art Show Reception.** Meet landscape artist Brenda M. Sylvia at the opening reception for her two-month exhibition, "Views of Huntley Meadows." FREE
- ★ **Monday, May 16, 3:15-4:30pm. Young Explorers—Duck, Duck, Goose.** (6-8 yrs.). Waddle over and learn about ducks and geese through indoor and outdoor exploration. Reservations required. Canceled if rain. \$3
- ★ **Wednesday, May 18, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30. Nature Detectives—Duck, Duck, Goose.** (3-5 yrs.). Waddle on over and take a gander! Through a story, an activity and a craft, learn about ducks and geese. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Thursday, May 19, 9:30-10:15am or 10:45-11:30. Nature Detectives—Duck, Duck, Goose.** (3-5 yrs.). See 5/18. Reservations required. \$5
- ★ **Friday, May 27, 7:30-8:30pm. Lecture—Environmental Film.** (Adults). Filmmaker and environmentalist Dave Eckert will show one of his films and answer audience questions. Sponsored by FOHMP. Reservations required. FREE

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John Marshall Library

Events are free unless noted. Reservations are encouraged for library activities; call 703.971.0010.

- ★ **Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Personalized Internet Training.**
Learn how to use the Web or increase your skills. Call for an appointment. Adults.
- ★ **Wednesday, April 27, 10:30am. Watch This!** Stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate TV-Turnoff Week. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, April 28, 4:00pm. Curiosity Club.** Stories, activities, and a simple science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult.
- ★ **Thursdays, 7:00pm. Practice Your English.**
Conversation group for people learning English. Adults
- ★ **Fridays, 12:00pm. Lunch Bunch.** Bring a lunch and join us for stories. Age birth-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 4, 10:30am. Hooray for Moms!**
Stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate Mother's Day. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Thursday, May 5, 7:00pm. Teddy Bear Time.** Bedtime stories and activities. Bring your favorite stuffed animal. Age 2-5 with adult.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 11, 10:30am. Small Wonders.** Short stories, fingerplays, and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult.
- ★ **Monday, May 16, 1:30pm. School's Out Fun!**
Afterschool activities with puzzles. Age 6-12.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 18, 10:30am. Barnyard Banter.** Farm stories, activities, and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult.
7:15pm. Book Discussion Group. New members welcome. *Island* by Thomas Perry. No registration is required.
- ★ **Wednesday, May 25, 10:30am. Stomp!** Stories, activities, and a craft to celebrate National Tap Dance Day. Age 2-5 with adult.

Edison High School

For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonHS/> or <http://www.edisonhsboosters.com/index.html>

International Night! Are you interested in hearing and watching a Peruvian Band? Korean, Pakistani, Vietnamese and Indian dances? Belly dancing from Jordan? B-Boying from Asia? Latino Salsa and Merengue? or an Ethiopian and Eritrean Ceremonial dance? Then come to International Night, April 29th 6:30pm...it's going to be a journey you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$3 and will be sold at the door.

Princess for a Night. If you know a young lady in need of a prom dress, "shopping" and dress selection will take place in the lecture hall Friday, April 29, 5-8pm, and Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 10am-4pm.

- ★ **Saturday, April 23.** Academy Flea Market, Edison Library Used Book Sale
Saturday School, 8am-12n
Forensics & Debate Car Wash, 10am-2pm
- ★ **Sunday, April 24.** Cheer Car Wash, 12:30-3:30pm
- ★ **Monday, April 25.** SAT Prep Classes Brown Bag, 10:30am-12:30pm
- ★ **Tuesday, April 26.** SAT Prep Classes, 2:30-4:30pm
- ★ **Friday, April 29.** International Night, 6:30pm
Forensics/Debate Fest, 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Saturday, April 30.** Class of 2007 Car Wash, 10am-2pm
- ★ **Tuesday, May 3.** Golf Parent Meeting, 7-8pm
- ★ **Wednesday, May 4.** Summer Job Fair, 3-5pm
- ★ **Saturday, May 7.** SATs at Edison, 7:30am-2:30pm
Saturday School, 8am-12n
Class of 2006 Car Wash, 2:30-5pm
- ★ **Saturday, May 14.** Academy Flea Market, 8am-12n
Class of 2006 Car Wash, 10am-2pm
- ★ **Wednesday, May 18.** SOL Testing
- ★ **Friday, May 20.** International Night Show, 7:30-9pm
- ★ **Saturday, May 21.** Saturday School, 8am-12n
Class of 2007 Car Wash, 11:30am-3:30pm
- ★ **Wednesday, May 25.** SOL Testing
- ★ **Thursday, May 26.** Spring Choir Concert, 7-9:30pm
- ★ **Saturday, May 28.** Class of 2008 Car Wash, 10am-2pm
- ★ **Monday, May 30.** Memorial Day Holiday

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Rose Hill ES PTA Thanks You. Thank you for supporting the April 8 Rose Hill PTA Basket Bingo fundraiser. It was a huge success!! Everyone had a great time and the winners loved the beautiful, filled Longaberger basket prizes. All proceeds from the event benefit the students and staff at RHES. Thank you for your support.

Cinderella's Glass Slipper. The Rose Hill Players will perform the delightful musical "Cinderella's Glass Slipper." Please join us for this enchanting and humorous fairytale presentation. Performances begin at 7pm on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11, at Edison High School. For more information call Rose Hill ES at 703.313.4200.