



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✿ SUMMER 2009 ✿

Seurat Sunday

May 3, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Rain date May 31

Artists in all media are invited to work on the estate's expansive grounds and gardens. Models will be available to pose, and live music will add to the ambience. Co-sponsored by the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts. Register by calling 540/373-5646.

\$5-\$20

Aphrodite Among Us: Nudes by Gari Melchers May 23-August 16

A career retrospective of Melcher's female nudes, many of which have never been publically exhibited. The 45 works range from charcoal sketches to major easel paintings.

Included with price of admission

Family Friendly Tours Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily

These 30-minute house tours feature interactive hands-on opportunities for families with school-aged children and provide a glimpse into Gari and Corinne Melcher's life at Belmont.

Included with price of admission; two children free with each paying adult.

Adult Beginning Sketching Class Ages 16 and older, June 7, 1-3 p.m.

Artist M.J. Bradley will teach a beginning sketching class in the Studio Pavilion. Using Belmont's landscape, students will learn about perspective, shading, values, proportions, and training the eye to sketch. All supplies are included. Register by calling 540/654-1851.

\$20 Friends of Belmont, \$25 non-members

Friends Trip to Baltimore

July 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Join the Friends of Belmont on a visit to Baltimore's Walters Art Museum, internationally renowned for its collection of art from pre-dynastic Egypt to 20th-century Europe. Lunch will be on your own. There will be time to explore the historic Mount Vernon District, Antique Row and nearby City Markets.

\$40 Friends of Belmont; \$55 non-members

More Events ➔

Children's Summer Art Camps August 4-7 and August 18-21, 10 a.m.-noon

Students will create four finished artworks using sketching, black and white scratchboards, watercolors, and acrylic paint on canvas. All supplies are included. Register by calling 540/654-1851.

\$60 Friends of Belmont; \$70 non-members.

Summer/Fall Garden Events

Guided Woodland Walk

Last Sunday of each month, 2 p.m.

Conducted by Virginia Master Naturalists, this informative nature walk covers a mile of woodland and field trails, and it touches on the historic ruins of Belmont's past. Please wear sturdy footwear. Meet outside the Visitor Center.

Free

Summer Saturday Garden Tours

May 9, June 13, July 11, 9-11 a.m.

Beate Jensen, Building and Grounds Preservation Supervisor, will highlight the flowers in bloom on the estate and discuss how the Belmont landscape has evolved over two centuries of occupancy. Space is limited. Register by calling 540/654-1839.

Free for Friends of Belmont; \$5 non-members

Fall Garden Series:

Saturday, August 29, 9 a.m.-noon

Planning a Fall Vegetable Garden

This illustrated lecture will include suitable fall vegetables, cover crops, winterizing, and double digging, and it will be followed by hands-on work in the Belmont vegetable garden.

Free

Fall Garden Series:

Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m.-noon

Lawn Care for Virginia Gardens

Lay the foundation for a lush green lawn next season. Learn time-saving and environmentally-friendly techniques.

Free

Fall Garden Series:

Saturday, October 10, 9 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Composting

An illustrated talk will help you successfully compost year round. Topics include various bin systems and worm composting.

Free

The Fall Garden Series is sponsored by Roxbury Farm and Garden Center, which will provide sample products and tools for each program. All participants also receive Roxbury discount coupons.

Gari Melchers Home and Studio - Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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