

# Summer 2014 Fun

Food Arts Entertainment



Capt. Steve Chaconas offers guided fishing tours. Some people have been going out with him for as long as 20 years. Most who fish the Potomac River are looking for large mouth bass.

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## Enjoy the Summer at Huntley Meadows

Park offers more than 1,500 acres of wildlife and beauty.

With the construction of the wetland restoration project complete and a variety of family activities, fun and learning are given at Huntley Meadows this summer.

At more than 1,500 acres, visitors to Huntley Meadows may forget how close they are to the traffic and commotion of Northern Virginia. A walk through the park's forests will lead visitors on a path to the wetlands boardwalk. This provides views of wildlife, including birds, turtles, insects, beavers and more. In fact, the park boasts more than 200 species of birds.

This summer, Huntley Meadows is holding events every week. Highlights include evening walks which allow visitors to view the park after dark and a monthly family nature night which includes crafts, games and activities. In addition, visitors can join Park Manager Kevin Munroe for a Walk and Talk, which provides an overview of the park's wetland restoration project. The goal of the project is to restore the wetland to its 1980 state, after silt and debris have filled the central wetland, reducing wildlife habitats and water depth. The dates are June 21, July 26 and Aug. 16, all from 4-6 p.m.

The park is open from dawn to dusk. No dogs are allowed on the wetland boardwalk. For a complete schedule of events, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/calendar>.

Other summer fun activities in the Mount Vernon area:

- ❖ Sunday Bird Walks with Friends of Dyke Marsh — Every Sunday morning, join the Friends of Dyke Marsh for a bird walk led by experienced birders. Sundays, 8 a.m. meet at south parking lot of Belle Haven picnic area.

- ❖ Martha Washington's 283rd birthday



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A walk along the boardwalk at Huntley Meadows is a great way to spend a couple of hours this summer.



A turtle bathes in the sun at Huntley Meadows Park.



Huntley Meadows is home to beautiful wildflowers such as these.

— If your name is Martha, or birthday falls on June 2, get free admission to Mount Vernon.

- ❖ July 4 Celebration at Mount Vernon

Estates with fireworks, free cake, military reenactments and a naturalization ceremony.

— JANELLE GERMANOS

At least 200 different species of bird have been identified at Huntley Meadows. The forest, bird feeders and wetlands make it an excellent area for birdwatchers like Tami Overby. The park also offers an observation tower for an even better view. During the summer months, bird watchers can meet at 7 a.m. on Monday mornings and go on bird spotting walks.



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During the summer, Huntley Meadows Park becomes a great place for butterfly spotting.

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8 p.m. (Also Aug. 17 and Sept. 14) at Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. \$45. Old Town's Jackson 20 will host its annual Bounty of the Bay crab fest, featuring a full scale Chesapeake Bay crab boil, oysters and sides. Call 703-842-2790 or visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/summer](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/summer) for more.

## August

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2- SEPT. 7

**4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition.** at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) for more.

### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10

**Arlington County Fair.** Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit [arlingtoncountyfair.us](http://arlingtoncountyfair.us) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 9-10

**Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale.** Store hours at participating stores in Old Town Alexandria vary. Local boutiques offer discounted merchandise and special events for shoppers. Free. Visit [www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com](http://www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com)

### SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Wags 'N' Whiskers.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags 'n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. Visit [villageatshirlington.com](http://villageatshirlington.com).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**War of 1812 Signature Event.** Noon-5 p.m. Alexandria Waterfront. Visitors are invited to delight in interactive historical exhibits, boating activities and food trucks. Features a tug-of-war, cricket match and yacht race as well. 703-746-4242. Free. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812)

## September

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 6-SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**Live Onstage: Alice in Wonderland.** 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. \$8-\$12. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) or call 703-584-2900.

### THURSDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

**Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival.** 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

**King Street Art Festival.** Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on King Street, Alexandria. In a burst of vibrant color and activity, the 12th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival transforms the city's historic

main street into a world-class outdoor art gallery. Free. Visit [artfestival.com](http://artfestival.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Lorton's Fall Festival.** 11 a.m. at Lorton Station Town Center. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit [www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html](http://www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**Dulles Day Plane Pull.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com) for more.

**Irish Folk Festival.** 12-6 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center and Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Live traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival)

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

**Colonial Market & Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit [artfestival.com](http://artfestival.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Clarendon Day Run.** 7-9:30 a.m., Corner of North Highland Street and Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Kick off the Clarendon Day Festival with a 10K, 5K, and a Kids Dash. \$10-\$55. Visit [runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash](http://runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash) for more.

## Now Through....

### THROUGH SEPT. 26

**Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.** Times vary upon Nationals schedule. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the Potomac River. Online-ticket purchases include free parking. 703-684-0580. Visit [www.BaseballBoat.com](http://www.BaseballBoat.com) for more.

### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

#### THROUGH OCTOBER

**Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20.** 5-8 p.m. Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 offers specials on handcrafted cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free (drinks sold separately) 703-842-2790. Visit [www.jackson20.com/buzzevents\\_events.php](http://www.jackson20.com/buzzevents_events.php)

### FRIDAYS THROUGH OCT. 31

**Yappy Hour.** 6-8 p.m. Le Meridien Arlington, 1121 N 19th St. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers for you pet owners, as well as some tasty treats for your pets. Free entry (drinks not included). [rosslynva.org](http://rosslynva.org) for more.

## FARMERS MARKETS

### SATURDAYS

**Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse.** Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com) for a list of vendors.

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). Call 703-812-8881.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net).

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Avenue and Snoqualmie Street, Mount Vernon. Visit [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org).

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm)

**Reston Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. Visit [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com).

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Visit [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Springfield Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html).

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center St. South, Vienna. Visit [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com).

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax. Visit [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

### SUNDAYS

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays,

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8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). 703-812-8881.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.4mrmrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org).

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm)

**McLean Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. [www.smartmarkets.org/](http://www.smartmarkets.org/)

**Tyson's Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org)

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/)

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

### TUESDAYS

**The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market** is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St., Arlington. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org).

### WEDNESDAYS

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/)

**Wakefield Farmers Market.** 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. [www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/](http://www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/)

**Reston Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

**Frying Pan Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

[www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com](http://www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com).

**Fair Lakes Farmers Market.** 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. [www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va](http://www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va).

### THURSDAYS

**Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1).

**Annandale Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm)

**Herndon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, Herndon. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm)

**Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentermkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentermkt.htm).

**Lorton Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Visit [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

### FRIDAYS

**McLean Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm).

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm)

VIEWPOINTS

Mount Vernon residents talk about what they do for fun in the summer.



August Marquardt (left) and Angus MacDonald both like to ride bikes during the summer. Marquardt is a serious cyclist, riding from home to Bethesda regularly. MacDonald also enjoys hiking on trails in the area.



PHOTOS BY RENEE RUOGGLES/THE GAZETTE

Cub Scout Pack 1504 (Mount Vernon District) just finished a nature hike and cleanup at Huntley Meadows. The boys like to go swimming and are looking forward to Cub Scout Day Camp this summer.



**Addison (left) and Ashlynn:** "We like to go kayaking at the Belle Haven Marina. We also go bike riding and hiking around Huntley Meadows and Dyke's Marsh." According to their mother, apple picking, tennis, and swimming are also activities that the family enjoys during the summer.



**Tess Ailshire:** "I like to ride my motorcycle."

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The Red-winged Blackbird is one of nearly 300 types of birds that come to the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.



The Belle Haven Marina offers sailboat and kayak rentals, as well as sailing lessons. George Stevens, president of Belle Haven Inc. Mariner Sailing School, also teaches power boating lessons.

## Into Dyke Marsh

Boats rented and launched at the Belle Haven Marina can be taken out to explore the restored Dyke Marsh. Friends of Dyke Marsh have volunteer opportunities on Friday to remove invasive plants. On Sunday mornings they meet to bird watch. On Saturday nights they offer an Evensongs Service with a barbecue afterwards.



## Walking through History

Historic Huntley was built by as a summer retreat by George Mason's grandson Thomas F. Mason. The house sits back from the road on Harrison Lane. The renovated home, which is now a museum, is open for the public to tour on Saturdays through October.



PHOTOS BY RENÉE RUGGLES/THE GAZETTE

Geoffrey Cohrs, historic interpreter and site coordinator, shows a section of wall left in its original condition. Two rooms in the museum have been devoted to architectural history. Visitors can see the bones of the house and learn about the restoration process.



Historic Huntley contains no furniture and visitors are able to imagine what it might have looked like as a summer house filled with belongings brought from the family's home. Original mantelpieces and cases or artifacts provide some clues of what life was like there. One of the intriguing parts about Huntley is that there are still mysteries to be solved.



The grounds of Historic Huntley are open to the public and offer a beautiful view of the surrounding area. Upcoming events include a Twilight Hilltop Tour on June 13 and a Summer Social on June 28. The site also hosts two day camps: Tracks & Traces and Dig It: Archaeology Adventures. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm).

## Explore River Farm

River Farm was George Washington's northernmost farm. It now serves as the Headquarters of the American Horticultural Society. The gardens are open April through September, Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. They are closed on national holidays. Gates that stood at the White House for nearly 100 years mark the entrance to the main house.



The Children's Garden contains many play structures and small picnic tables, perfect for children like Emma (left) and Katie. Families can bring blankets and have lunch on the grass. On June 10, from 10-11 a.m., there will be a class on flower arranging, for children ages 2-10.



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River Farm contains several different types of gardens, including a teaching demonstration garden (currently straw bale gardening) and an orchard containing espaliered fruit trees. There is a four-acre meadow ideal for spotting wildlife and butterflies. Currently the mansion has an art show and sale going on inside.