



COURTESY OF THE WASHINGTON ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

The Washington Animal Rescue League's second annual adopt-a-thon will include more than 150 rescued dogs and cats. Expect plenty of irresistible stares.

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Prices listed where available.

THE DISTRICT

FRESH PRODUCE Friday through Sept. 2. This annual festival is a play on "the fridge" but also an indication of what you'll find at the gallery all month: emerging artists whose work has yet to be presented in a gallery, intersections of theater and visual art, and films and projects that just needed the space to come to fruition. The Fridge DC, 515 Eighth St. SE. 202-664-4151. www.freshproduce.dc.tumblr.com. Prices vary.

SUMMER BOOK FESTIVAL Saturday 3:30 to 6:30. An open-air book festival. Buy books and get them signed, or take a tour of the cemetery. Historic Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St. SE. www.congressionalcemetery.org. Free.

CARNIVOROUS PLANTS: STICKY & ACTIVE TRAPS LECTURE Saturday at 10:30. Todd Brethauer discusses the more than 700 plant species that capture and digest small animals. U.S. Botanic Garden, 100 Maryland Ave. SW. www.usbrg.gov. Free, registration required.

SECOND ANNUAL ADOPT-A-THON Saturday noon to 5. More than 150 rescued dogs, puppies, cats and kittens are available for adoption. Washington Animal Rescue League, 71 Oglethorpe St. NW. www.warl.org/adoptathon. Free, adoption fees apply.

THIRD ANNUAL MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday 7 to midnight. Live music, performances by Synetic Theater, drumming, body paint, video installations and more. Georgetown Waterfront, Washington Harbour, 3050 K St. NW. artsolbce.midsummernight2012.eventbrite.com. \$15 before Aug. 12, \$20 at the door.

DIRTY SECRETS OF GARDENING AND WRITING ABOUT IT Tuesday 11:30 to 1:30. Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of Washington Gardener magazine, moderates a panel discussion. American Women Writers National Museum, 1275 K Street NW. www.americanwomenwritersnationalmuseum.org. Free.

MARICIA BATTLE: BLACK ARTISTS SEARCH FOR THEIR VOICES Tuesday at 6. The curator of photography at the Library of Congress gives a talk on the Harlem Renaissance exhibition. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Eighth and F streets NW. 202-633-1000. www.americanart.si.edu. Free.

LUCE DESIGN: THOMAS KAPFER Wednesday at 5:30. The local landscape architect discusses his influences. Smithsonian American Art Museum, Eighth

COUNTY FAIRS...

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Maryland

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR Friday-Thursday, through Aug. 18. Demolition derbies, monster trucks, hermit crab races, loads of farm animals and, of course, plenty of gut-busting fried foods are what make MoCo's annual fair a beloved tradition. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St., Gaithersburg, 301-963-3247. www.mcgair.com. \$10 (does not include ride tickets); age 11 and younger free; passes available.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR Friday and Saturday 8 to 11. Agricultural displays, farm produce, pig races, amusement rides and games, pony rides and musical performances. Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairground Rd., West Friendship. 410-442-1022. www.howardcountyfair.org. \$5, \$2 seniors, age 10 and younger free.

Virginia

ARLINGTON COUNTY FAIR Friday 2 to 11, Saturday 10 to 9 and Sunday 11 to 10. Who has the best-preserved honey in all of Arlington County? It's not a question that's usually asked of Northern Virginia, but it's one that will be answered at the Arlington County Fair. Competitive exhibits, like honey, bees wax and food preservation, best herbs and



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Joe Fera, right, and Dorothy Fera enjoy the Corn Guy's offerings at the Montgomery County Fair, the county's beloved annual tradition. The fried food and demolition derbies begin Friday.

best flower arrangements take place while kids and teenagers take turns going on carnival rides, snacking on fair treats and watching the piglet races. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. Second St., Arlington. 703-358-5920. www.arlingtoncountyfair.us. Free.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIR Friday, Monday and Wednesday-Thursday at 5, Saturday and Sunday at noon, Tuesday at 2, through Aug. 18. Agricultural and livestock exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment, food vendors and other activities. Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Rd., Manassas. 703-368-0173. 703-368-0173. www.pwcfair.com. \$8, \$5 seniors 60 and older and children 5-13, 4 and

younger free; Sunday, half-price; Tuesday, \$2. Unlimited ride wristbands cost \$16 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, \$18 on Friday, \$20 on Saturday and \$10 on Sunday.

58TH ANNUAL CLARKE COUNTY FAIR Sunday-Thursday, through Aug. 18. The annual county fair features a performance by country music band Lonestar on Aug. 18, gospel with Dailey & Vincent Aug. 15, carnival rides and more. Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, 890 West Main St., Berryville, Va. 540-955-3755. 540-955-2530. www.clarkecountyfair.org. \$7, \$2 ages 5-15, free for preschoolers; seniors and children free Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE DOG WEEK FIDOS FOR FREEDOM OPEN HOUSE Saturday 10 to 2. Learn about and interact with dogs that help people with disabilities live independent lives. Fidos for Freedom, 1200 Sandy Spring Rd., Laurel. 301-490-4005. www.fidosforfreedom.org. Free.

THE ANATOMY OF SPORTS Saturday 10:30 to 12:30. Specialists and athletes discuss key muscle groups for improving performance and preventing athletic injuries. National Museum of Health and Medicine, 2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring. 301-319-3303. medicalmuseum.nih.gov.

BATTLE OF BLADENBURG RIVERSDALE ENGAGEMENT Saturday noon to 4. This commemoration of the War of 1812 features British and American soldiers camping out on the lawn of Riversdale. Join them for period drills, live music, refreshments and games for children. Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Rd., Riverdale Park. 301-864-0420. battleofbladenburg1812.com/?page_id=266. Free; house tours cost \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for

children ages 5 to 18. **FESTAFRICA** Saturday and Sunday 1 to 8. A weekend-long festival celebrating African culture, with music and dance groups, African cuisine, children's games, vendors, and information about health, careers and vacation destinations. Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. 410-608-0420. www.festafricausa.com. Free.

LORE OYSTER HOUSE DAYS Saturday 1 to 4. Experience work in an oyster packing house by shucking, singing work songs and learning about the history of the historic house. Lore and Sons Oyster House, Solomons Island Rd., Solomons. 410-326-2042. www.calvertmarinemuseum.com. \$20 for boating excursions, register in advance.

17TH AND 18TH CENTURY FOODWAYS Saturday at 2:30. Historian Mary Farrar discusses cooking, animal breads and domestic agriculture and horticulture of the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Community College of Southern Maryland, LaPlata Campus, Room B1-104, 8730 Mitchell Rd., La Plata. 301-934-7806. www.csm.edu. Free.

"DIA DE LA BAHIA" CELEBRATION Saturday 7 to 8:30. Latin jazz band Rumba Clu plays live at this celebration of the Spanish exploration of the Chesapeake in 1561. Annapolis Maritime Museum, 723 Second St., Annapolis. 410-295-0104. www.annapolis.org. Free, \$12 donation suggested.

GREENBELT CO-OPS CELEBRATION Sunday 2 to 4. Includes popscies, a sing-along and bingo. Roosevelt Center, Crescent Road and Southway, Greenbelt. www.alliance.greenbelt.coop. Free.

THE BEST OF BALTIMORE SUPER PARTY Thursday 6 to 11. Food from area restaurants, cocktails, live music from Rollerblades and DJ Kopoc and more. The Hippodrome, France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, 12 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore. bmg.co/boob12. \$75-\$150.

VIRGINIA

BALLSTON ARTS AND CRAFTS MARKET Saturday 10 to 4. Handmade goods for sale and music. Welburn Square, Wilson Boulevard and Taylor Street, Arlington. 202-536-9714. www.ballstonarts-craftsmarket.blogspot.com. Free.

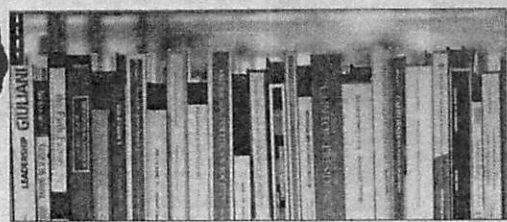
"EARTH 2100 CONFERENCE: WHAT'S THE PLAN?" Saturday 10 to 4. An intergenerational conference to discuss how to help redirect the planet's course toward a sustainable future. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. 703-625-1162. www.earth2100.org. Free, donations accepted; preregistration required.

MOUNT VERNON ICE CREAM MAKING DEMONSTRATIONS Saturday 10 to noon, through Aug. 25. Costumed staff members demonstrate how ice cream was made in the 18th century. Take home an adapted 18th-century recipe for ice cream that can be made at home using plastic bags. Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. 703-780-2000. www.mountvernon.org. \$15, \$7 ages 6-11, free age 5 and younger.

SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK Saturday 6 to 9. Work by more than 100 visual artists on display. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd., Lorton. 703-495-0001. lortonarts.org/events/visual-arts/2nd-saturday-art-walk. Free.

FAREWELL TO MARGARET TEA Sunday 3 to 6. Tea and cake to celebrate the closing of the exhibit. ArtSpace, 750 Center St., Herndon. 703-956-6990. www.artspaceherndon.org. Free.

OATLANDS AFTER FIVE Wednesday 5 to 8. Take a picnic and blanket and spend time after hours in the gardens and scenery. Oatlands Plantation, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. 703-777-3174. www.oatlands.org. \$8.



LOIC VENANCE/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Some local authors will signing their books at the inaugural book festival at Historic Congressional Cemetery on Saturday.

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