



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book ***March 22-26, 2006***

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Environmental Issues & Nature

Tuesday, March 21

Wildflowers of the Appalachian Trail: A 2,000 Mile Floral Parade

Experience Leonard Adkins's multi-media presentation complete with classical, new age, and folk music that follows the progression of the flowers from spring to fall, and from Georgia to Maine.
7:30 p.m. Greene County Public Library

Wednesday, March 22

Wildflowers of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains

Leonard Adkins (*Walking the Blue Ridge*) presents a multi-media exploration of the floral wonders of our area, from the lowest elevations to the loftiest heights.
8 p.m. Blue Ridge Mountain Sports

Thursday, March 23

Picturing Nature, Understanding Conservation: Hotspots Revisited

Join co-authors Thomas Brooks, Michael Hoffmann, John Lamoreux and photographer Cristina Mittermeier for a panel discussion. Through photographs and cutting-edge analysis, get a tour of the world's richest ecosystems from scientists and photographers who stand at the frontlines of conservation biology today. (UVa Office of the President)
4 p.m. Science and Engineering Library, Clark Hall

A Current Adventure: Following Lewis & Clark

With author Chris Bechtold, author of *A Current Adventure, in the Wake of Lewis & Clark*.
6 p.m. McIntire Room, Central Library

Thursday, March 23 (cont.)

Confessions of a Darwinist: Niles Eldredge

Author of *Darwin: The Tree of Life*, curator of Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History, and curator of their recent Darwin exhibit, Eldredge will discuss his experience of working with Darwin's manuscripts and materials, and what it means to be "a true Darwinist." (*Virginia Quarterly Review*)
6 p.m., UVa Venue TBA

Camping and Hiking: Virginia Guides

With Randy Porter (*The Best in Tent Camping: Virginia*) and Nathan Lott (*60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Richmond*).
8 p.m., Blue Ridge Mountain Sports

Friday, March 24

Wild Things: Nature Nonfiction

Getting back to nature with Bibi Wein (*The Way Home*), Jim Minick (*Finding a Clear Path*), John Leland (*Aliens in the Back Yard*), and Marlene A. Condon (*The Nature Friendly Garden*).
Noon, Blue Ridge Mountain Sports

Saturday, March 25

A Change in the Weather: Climate Issues

With Tim Flannery (*The Weather Makers: How Man Is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth*), Elizabeth Kolbert (*Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*) and William Ruddiman (*Plows, Plagues and Petroleum: How Humans Took Control of Climate*).
Noon, City Council Chambers