

**Virginia Bluebird Society
2011 State Conference
Saturday, November 5, 2011**

Every other year, VBS holds a statewide conference in different locations around the state, in an effort to connect with **all** of our members. This year, the 2011 Virginia Bluebird Society State Conference will be held on Saturday, November 5th, in downtown Historic Fredericksburg. The Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg library, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with an optional birding outing until 4:00 p.m.

Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all programs for the entire day. I hope you will join us for a great day of education and camaraderie with other interested blue birders. It is not necessary to be a member of VBS to attend this conference. **All are welcome!**

Location

Downtown Historic Fredericksburg Library, 1201 Caroline, St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Registration

The registration fee is \$20 which includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and all programs.

Display Space: If you wish to do a display table for the conference, please contact Barb Chambers at 703 978-6609, bj.chambers@cox.net. There is no charge for displays but a donation to VBS is most welcome.

Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration & continental breakfast
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Annual VBS meeting (election of officers and new board members)
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Nest box art in wood – Paul Davis
10:00–10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 -11:30 a.m.	Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy “The Western Bluebird Recovery Effort in the San Juan Islands, Washington State”
11:30-11:45 a.m.	VBS Annual Award ceremony
11:45 -1:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch, raffle for door prize
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	David Mitchell, Master Bird Bander, “The Big News in Bird Banding in Virginia”
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Vickie Fuquay, “Nest Cams and the Art of Spying on Bluebirds”
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Birding – Ferry Farm Historic Property (George Washington’s boyhood home) located 1 mile from downtown Fredericksburg. Come for as long as you are able.

Accommodations: Discounted room rates are being held for our group at the following two hotels:

The Quality Inn: 2310 Plank Road (Route 3), Fredericksburg, VA, 22401, Phone: (540) 371-0330. **The rate is \$59** for 1 king bed or 2 full beds/per night/ plus tax. To obtain the discounted rate mention “Virginia Bluebird Society”. The hotel is located 1 mile from downtown Fredericksburg off Interstate 95 exit 130.

Courtyards by Marriott in Historic Downtown Fredericksburg: 620 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. For reservations Phone 888 236-2427. **The rate is \$119** for 1 king or 2 queen beds/per night/ plus tax. Please ask for the group block VBSR, group #G1529 for Virginia Bluebird Society and specify if you want king or queen beds. To receive this rate, reservations must be made before October 4th. and cancelations must be made by 10/29 to receive a refund.

Parking:

Street parking – check all signs for street parking. Much of area around library is maximum 2 hr parking on Saturdays. Parking with no restrictions is available on streets past the library starting at Lewis Street.

Caroline St is a one way street. Drive past the library and after the first block, you will find unrestricted parking. Early in the morning there should be quite a bit of street parking available.

City parking lot: Corner of Sophia and George Streets, Downtown about 4 blocks from Library – Free

Directions to the Conference:

- **From the Richmond Area:** (About 1 hour 10 minutes) Take Interstate 95 North to exit 130A. Travel East on Rte 3. 2.3 miles through 5 lights. Turn left at the 6th light (William Street) which is Business rte 3 going towards Old Town Fredericksburg. Go 1.5 miles on William Street through 5 traffic lights. Turn left at the 6th traffic light on to Caroline Street. The Library will be two blocks down on the right hand side.
- **From the Charlottesville area:** (67 miles -about 1 hour 35 minutes) Hwy 20 to Route 3 East. Cross over I 95, Travel East on Rte 3, 2.3 miles through 5 lights. Turn left at the 6th light (William Street) which is Business rte 3 going towards Old Town Fredericksburg. Go 1.5 miles on William Street through 5 traffic lights. Turn left at 6th traffic light on to Caroline Street. The Library will be two blocks down on the right hand side.
- **From the Washington DC area: (50 miles – about 1 hour))** Take Interstate 95 South to exit 130B. Travel East on Rte 3. 2.3 miles through 5 lights. Turn left at the 6th light (William Street) which is Business rte 3 going towards Old Town Fredericksburg. Go 1.5 miles on William Street through 5 traffic lights. Turn left at 6th traffic light on to Caroline Street. The Library will be two blocks down on the right hand side. Please note that traffic is quite heavy on Saturday mornings, so give yourself a little extra time going south from DC.
- **For Specific Directions from Your Exact Location:** Use Google Maps for directions to **1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401**

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Cut here and mail this form to: VBS, 726 William St, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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Registration Form**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Street _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Registration fees: \$20 each person (includes continental breakfast and buffet lunch). Reservations for lunch must be received by Tuesday, November 1st**

I plan to attend the birding group from 3-4 p.m. at Ferry Farm. Number attending _____

For further information Contact: Anne Little at 540 207-4298 thegate@cox.net

**Mail this form with check payable to VBS (please no cash) to:
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Additional registration forms can be found on our website www.virginiabluebirds.org