



Endowment to Support July 4 Event

The Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Foundation has committed \$500,000 to establish the Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Independence Day Endowment, which will support the annual Fourth of July event at Monticello.

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The use of endowment funds will be limited to covering the costs of the Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony at the home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. The event, which is free and open to the public, has been held every year since 1963.

“I am delighted that the Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Foundation is endowing Monticello’s Fourth of July celebration,” said














Betty Scripps Harvey. “The Scripps Foundation and the history of the United States are closely and inevitably linked together.”

“We greatly appreciate the generosity of Betty Scripps Harvey, a former member of our Board of Trustees, in establishing this endowment,” said Brenton S. Halsey, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. “She is a truly patriotic American, and she has always appreciated the uniqueness of the Fourth of July celebration on Mr. Jefferson’s mountaintop.”

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Over the years, more than 2,000 men, women and children have been sworn in as U.S. citizens at the Monticello ceremonies. The list of Independence Day speakers at Monticello has included President Gerald Ford, astronomer Carl Sagan, historian David McCullough, Gen. Colin Powell, and, in 2000, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright.

Jefferson died at Monticello on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of American independence.

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