

## News & Notes

### MAJOR SUMMER GATHERINGS

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation played host over the summer to three organizations with strong ties to Jefferson and Monticello. On May 31, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration commemorated the 200th anniversary of its founding with a program and reception on Monticello's West Lawn. NOAA traces its origins to the Survey of the Coast, established during Jefferson's second term as president (See story on Page 5). On July 14, a West Lawn reception served as the centerpiece of the Monticello Community Gathering, a convocation of the descendants of Monticello slaves, free workmen, and Jefferson himself. More than 200 people attended the three-day event, which included meetings and programs at Monticello and other sites in Charlottesville. And on Aug. 6, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, holding its annual meeting in Charlottesville, marked an end to the historic expedition's bicentennial with a West Lawn reception attended by approximately 200 people. Monticello was the site of the inaugural event in the national Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration on Jan. 18, 2003.

### HARVEST EVENT

More than 2,000 people attended the inaugural Heritage Harvest Festival, held Sept. 8 at Tufton Farm. The event, which featured demonstrations, workshops, talks, and other activities focused on gardening, crafts, and culture, was organized and operated by the Piedmont Master Gardeners Association, the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, and



Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants.

### NEW APPROACH

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation will continue to observe Black History Month with tours and events (See Calendar on Page 8), but recognition of African-American culture and contributions won't be restricted to February. Under the umbrella "Celebrate Black History at Monticello 2008," lectures and other programs will be held throughout the year. The series will begin with a talk by Tera Hunter of Princeton University on traditions of marriage within the slave community in the antebellum period, with the time, date, and location to be announced in January.

### Construction workers building the new Monticello Visitor Center this summer.

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