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Calendar of Events

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HOLIDAY EVENTS AT MONTICELLO

Nov. 29 & 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 Holiday Wreath Workshop

These ever-popular workshops, in their 26th year, produce a gratifying and tangible end product: a beautiful holiday wreath. Join Janet Miller, Lou Hatch and Maggie Stemann Thompson as they lead participants through the process of creating their own wreaths in these three-hour workshops. All materials (straw wreath forms, pins, wire, etc.) will be provided, including a cornucopia of natural materials. Bring hand pruners. *All workshops will be held at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center. Reserved tickets are required and can be purchased through the monticello.org website or by calling (434) 984-9881. \$55*



December 1

Monticello Holiday Classic 5k and Deck the Halls Kid Dash

Families, runners and walkers are invited to attend the third annual Monticello Holiday Classic 5K and Deck the Halls Kids Dash, December 1, 2012. This year's race starts just outside the entryway to Monticello, on the East Walk, and includes a jaunt around Jefferson's house. *Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center; Open for Registration at 7 AM; Kids Dash at 8 AM; 5k at 8:30 AM. Adults \$30, kids \$10*

December 1

Handmade for the Holidays

Handmade for the Holidays at the Monticello Museum Shop is your holiday destination for one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts this season! Holiday shoppers can choose from a wide selection of locally made handcrafted gifts, as well as Jefferson- and Monticello-related historic reproductions and inspirations. Kids will delight in creating beeswax candles with the Monticello staff. Prepare your garden for the winter months and create dried flower arrangements with gardening advice from Monticello gardeners. Handmade for the Holidays at the Monticello Museum Shop also includes a historic chocolate demonstration and tasting. *Monticello Museum Shop, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 11 AM - 2 PM FREE*

December 1

Charlotte Moss: A Visual Life (Scrapbooking Forum)

Author and designer Charlotte Moss shares her expertise in a designer scrapbook forum. Moss will discuss her latest book, *Charlotte Moss: A Visual Life: Scrapbooks, Collages, and Inspirations*, and reveal ways to embrace your inner artist using personal materials, ideas, photos and what inspires you. Your ticket to the forum will include a personally inscribed and signed copy of the book. *Smith Woodland Pavilion. Reserved tickets are required. 1:30-3 PM, \$80 (\$30 of your ticket represents a tax-deductible gift to support Monticello)*

December 1

Charlotte Moss Book Signing

The Monticello Museum Shop will hold a public book signing for author and designer Charlotte Moss. The Monticello Museum Shop will be selling the following books by the author: *Charlotte Moss: A Visual Life: Scrapbooks, Collages, and Inspirations*, *Charlotte Moss Decorates, Design Inspirations* and *Poetry of Home*. *Monticello Museum Shop, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 3-4 PM FREE*

December 9, 15

My Monticello Gingerbread House Family Workshop

Embrace your inner architect during our first-ever My Monticello Gingerbread House Family Workshop. Kids and grownups alike will enjoy this program. Try your hand at creating your own architectural masterpiece, just like Mr. Jefferson's! Escape the hustle and bustle of the outside world and enjoy special family time during this two-hour workshop. Fuel your creativity with hot chocolate and cookies as you work together to craft a handmade addition to your home's holiday décor. *Smith Woodland Pavilion, 2-4 PM. Recommended for families with children ages seven and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance reservations required. \$49 family pass (admits up to four people and includes supplies for one gingerbread house).*

December 15, 20-23, 26-30

Holiday Evening Tours

Monticello's small-group house tours, which include the Dome Room, offer visitors an intimate look at how the holidays were celebrated in Jefferson's time. Visitors will also have the rare opportunity to experience Monticello in the evening. *Tours begin at 5:45 PM and 6 PM on each date. Tickets are \$45, reserved tickets are required. For ticketing and information please visit Holiday Evening Tours on our website www.monticello.org.*

December 14, 16

Holiday Evening Tour and Reception

Begin with an intimate tour revealing how the holidays were celebrated at Monticello and visit the rarely seen dome room. At the conclusion of your tour, sample culinary delights from Jefferson's time; go home with a copy of a recipe in Jefferson's own hand to inspire your holiday table. Additional tour dates and times available to private groups of 20 or more. *Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Monticello, 3:30 - 6:30 PM. \$75 per person. Tickets are limited, so please reserve in advance. www.monticello.org/holidayreception*

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January 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27

My Monticello: An Exhibition of Student Art

My Monticello: An Exhibition of Student Art includes artwork from over 300 third-grade students from Charlottesville public schools who visited Monticello on a mission to explore Jefferson's gardens. Inspired by his passion for ordered knowledge, students created a Garden Book page, filled with their own scientific recordings and artistic observations. The public is invited to attend an opening celebration on Saturday, January 12 at 1 PM. Participating students will receive free family passes to visit Monticello during exhibition weekends in January. The program, now in its eighth year, is supported by a grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation in partnership with Monticello's Garden Explorers initiative. *Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center classrooms. On view 10 AM - 3 PM. Free*

February 2

Taste: Chocolate at Monticello

Join us for a day to celebrate the history of chocolate at Monticello! Learn how chocolate was prepared and served at Monticello, enjoy a chocolate-making demonstration and savor several pairings of chocolate and Virginia wines. Create your own itinerary with your friends, or surprise your significant other for a special Valentine's Day treat. 'Taste' includes a chef demonstration, keepsake recipes to try at home, and a variety of chocolate tastings. House tours are included in the price of *Taste: Chocolate at Monticello* for the day of the event. *Noon - 4 PM. The Monticello Museum Shop will have additional tastings and demonstrations from 1 - 4 PM.*

Feb. 2-3, 9-10, 16-18, 23-24

Slavery at Monticello Tours

These guided outdoor tours focus on the experiences of the enslaved people who lived and labored on the Monticello plantation. Included in admission. *Offered at 11 AM and 1 PM.*

Feb. 2-3, 9-10, 16-18, 23-24

Waiting on Liberty: Slavery at Jefferson's "Great House":

This two-and-a-half-hour experience offers an in-depth look at the enslaved African Americans who worked in Thomas Jefferson's "Great House." Learn about the evidence that informs historians about enslaved individuals who lived and worked at Monticello. Visit select rooms in the house and share your own experiences with your guide and fellow visitors as your group engages in a discussion about the significance today—and the enduring paradox—of slavery at Monticello. *1 PM, Woodland Pavilion. Not recommended for children 12 or younger. Reserved tickets available at www.monticello.org. \$27*

February 9

Archaeology Family Workshop

This two-hour workshop provides a hands-on introduction to archaeology at Monticello. In a classroom setting, participants engage in a mock archaeological excavation. While handling and observing authentic artifacts, participants work together to uncover evidence about the people who lived at Monticello. *Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center. For children grades 4 - 7, accompanied by an adult. 10 AM - Noon. Free*

Feb. 16 - 18

Presidents' Day Weekend at Monticello

Celebrate Presidents' Day Weekend at Monticello. Visit monticello.org to find out more about Presidents Day at Monticello!

February 22-23

Telling the History of Slavery: Scholarship, Museum Interpretation, and the Public CONFERENCE

This landmark two-day conference sponsored by Monticello with participation from Morven and the University of Virginia will feature panel discussions exploring recent innovations in slavery research and its impact on both scholarship and public interpretation of slavery. Join leading experts from academia, museums, and documentary filmmaking to discuss the new opportunities and challenges

faced by scholars, curators, educators, family historians, and the general public in discussing this important topic. Open to the general public. Registration fees will apply. Visit monticello.org for more information and to register.

April 13

Jefferson's Birthday

Monticello will mark the 270th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth with ceremonies on the grounds. The event will include remarks from the recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Citizen Leadership.

Historic Garden Week

 Don't miss these special events at Monticello in support of Historic Garden Week. For a complete listing of all garden week events and to purchase tickets online, please visit monticello.org/gardenweek

April 22

A Conversation in the Garden

 Make Monticello a part of your visit during Historic Garden Week in Virginia when more than 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes, and historic landmarks are open to visitors. Celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Garden Club of Virginia by joining us for an elegant garden party on the West Lawn of Monticello with a well-known garden expert. Enjoy informal tours of Monticello and the gardens, fine Virginia wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres. *\$60 per person, 6pm-8pm, West Lawn (\$30 of your ticket represents a tax-deductible gift to support the garden programs at Monticello.) Tickets are limited, so please reserve in advance.*

April 23

Garden Club of Virginia Lectures

 Two lectures celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Restoration Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia and its role at Monticello. *Convene at Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center. Free; advanced registration required at www.monticello.org/gardenweek or call (434) 984-9800.*

10 AM • "Restoring Monticello's Historic Landscape"

 This lecture by Will Rieley, widely known for his work for the Garden Club of Virginia, will be followed by a walking tour of the restored landscape with Gabriele Rausse, Monticello's director of garden and grounds. Learn about the history of the restoration of Jefferson's mountaintop landscape and the Garden Club of Virginia's involvement.



2 PM • “The Restoration of the Flower Gardens at Monticello”

 This illustrated lecture by Peggy Cornett, Monticello’s curator of plants, is followed by a tour of the Center for Historic Plants’ gardens and nursery at Tufton Farm. The talk will describe the restoration of the flower gardens by the Garden Club of Virginia, 1939-1941, and continued efforts to more fully understand and perfect the content of Jefferson’s gardens. Discover the plants that define our horticultural heritage.

April 27

Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants Open House

 Celebrate Historic Garden Week with a visit to Monticello’s nursery, which is set within our historic plant display gardens at Jefferson’s beautiful Tufton Farm. Shop hundreds of varieties of rare heritage and native perennials, trees, and shrubs. A diverse selection of heirloom vegetables and seeds will also be available. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. This daylong event will feature free workshops, guided garden tours, and more! Receive a 10% discount on all Center for Historic Plant Open House purchases with a Historic Garden Week ticket stub. 9

AM - 4 PM