



Events
AT **MONTICELLO**

“AND OUR OWN DEAR MONTICELLO,
where has nature spread so rich a mantel
under the eye? Mountains, forests, rocks, rivers.

With what majesty do we there ride above the storms! How sublime
to look down into the workhouse of nature, to see her clouds, hail,
snow, rain, thunder, all fabricated at our feet! And the glorious Sun,
when rising as if out of a distant water, just gilding the tops of the
mountains, and giving life to all nature!”

— THOMAS JEFFERSON, 1786



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THOMAS JEFFERSON was widely known for his hospitality and was fond of entertaining at his beloved mountaintop home, Monticello.

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which has owned and operated Monticello since 1923, is dedicated to a mission of preservation and education. There is no better way to learn about Jefferson and his world than to experience an event at Monticello.

Whether hosting your dream wedding or a thought-provoking corporate retreat, there is no place more distinctive and inspiring. Combining the power of place with the power of ideas, here you can entertain your guests against the backdrop of the only house in America designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our third President's historic grounds offer a variety of inspired settings.

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation hosts a variety of educational tours and events, including receptions, conferences, and private after-hours tours of Monticello. The Foundation is privileged to offer organizations and individuals with a demonstrated commitment to our mission of preservation and education the opportunity to conduct special educational tours and lectures with accompanying meetings or social events.



Events are paired with tours of Monticello and tailored to a variety of interests, including Jefferson and architecture, Jefferson and wine, the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson's scientific mind, plantation life, early American politics, and the decorative arts. Private viewings of the exhibitions at the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center and talks by Monticello scholars can be arranged in conjunction with your event.



TO UNDERSTAND JEFFERSON, one must understand Monticello, his autobiographical statement. Monticello encompassed a house, an ornamental landscape, a farm, a plantation, a small mountain, and a large and diverse community. It encompassed the interests, talents, ideals, ambitions, and realities of its creative and complex owner.

VENUES



MONTALTO HOME OF THE ROBERT H. SMITH CENTER

Montalto, Jefferson’s “high mountain,” offers a stunning 360-degree panorama including a view to Monticello—Jefferson’s iconic house and plantation. Montalto encompasses a world-class education and conference center supportive of ongoing Jefferson scholarship. The 11,000-square-foot, gracious country house offers a variety of possibilities for dinners, weddings, and receptions. Tented events can be held overlooking Monticello or the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains.



JEFFERSON LIBRARY

The Jefferson Library, the first free-standing library dedicated to the study of a founding father, combines the power of place with the power of ideas. Built to complement the historic Kenwood house, the 15,500-square-foot library features a state-of-the-art reading room with a two-story semicircular bay window, which can be used for dinners for up to 50 people, and for scholarly talks and receptions for up to 100. Here guests have the opportunity to dine amidst more than 40,000 works relating to Jefferson’s life and early American history.



DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN VISITOR CENTER AND CARL AND HUNTER SMITH EDUCATION CENTER

The David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center stands as a beautiful gateway to Jefferson's timeless Monticello. Located on the lower slope of Monticello Mountain, the three-level, LEED Gold-certified, 42,000-square-foot center comprises five pavilions around a central courtyard. The Visitor Center Courtyard connects all of the pavilions and several classrooms and meeting spaces are available for training sessions, conferences, or small gatherings.



ROBERT H. AND CLARICE SMITH WOODLAND PAVILION

Nestled in the white oak forest of Monticello Mountain, the Smith Woodland Pavilion reflects the natural beauty of Monticello and is the perfect setting for a dinner, reception, board meeting, or presentation. The casual elegance of the pavilion, with its 15-foot ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, creates an open space that showcases beautiful views of the Monticello forest. The pavilion also features a wood-burning fieldstone fireplace that provides warmth and atmosphere during the cooler months.

ALL REQUESTS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To discuss your plans for hosting an event at Monticello, call 434.984.9821 or e-mail events@monticello.org.

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