News and Notes About Monticello

Monograph No. 14. Jefferson and Education by Jennings L. Wagoner, Jr., the 14th title in the Monticello Monograph Series, will be published later this fall. The book traces Jefferson's own learning experiences, his efforts to advance public education, and his founding of the U.S. Military Academy and the University of Virginia. Wagoner, a professor of the history of education at UVa’s Curry School of Education, is past president of the History of Education Society.

Successful symposium. More than 90 people attended Early American Nurseries and Nurserymen, the 2004 Historic Plants Symposium sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants. The biennial event, held Aug. 27-28, featured six lectures plus tours and receptions at Monticello and CHP’s Tufton headquarters.

Mint engagement. Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan spoke in Washington at the U.S. Mint’s Sept. 16 unveiling of two nickel designs featuring a new image of Jefferson – the first change in his depiction on the five-cent piece since 1938. The coins, to be released in 2005, are part of the Mint’s series commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition and Louisiana Purchase. An image of Monticello will return to the nickel in 2006.

Conference collection. Palgrave Macmillan has published The Future of Liberal Democracy: Thomas Jefferson and the Contemporary World,

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a collection of the papers produced for a June 2002 conference in Bellagio, Italy, organized by the International Center for Jefferson Studies with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation. The 17 essays by international scholars, public leaders, and practitioners explore the relevance of Jefferson's ideas and ideals to a wide range of contemporary issues, including human rights and the spread of democracy. The book was edited by University of Virginia politics professors Robert Fatton, Jr., and R.K. Ramazani.

**Trail reopened.** The complete length of Saunders-Monticello Trail in the Thomas Jefferson Parkway was reopened May 14, nearly eight months after the trail's upper portion was closed in the wake of Hurricane Isabel. More than a dozen trees felled by Isabel's winds and rain had destroyed sections of the boardwalk carrying the trail along the slope of Carter's Mountain. The boardwalk sections were rebuilt and the entire 2.2-mile trail was resurfaced and graded before the reopening.