Biennial symposium scheduled for September

In 1997, the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants launched the Historic Plants Symposium, a scholarly seminar focused exclusively on the history of garden plants in America.

This biennial event has brought together a wide-ranging mix of respected historians and horticultural authorities. Past speakers have included Art Tucker, Denise Adams, Douglas Seidel, C. Allan Brown, Colston Burrell, Robert Cox, Elizabeth McLean, John Fitzpatrick, Scott Kunst, and Mark Laird.

The theme for this year’s symposium, “Great Gardeners, Great Plants,” will take an unconventional and provocative look at various notable gardeners throughout history, to reveal the kinds of plants they most cherished and cultivated, and discover what those plants might reveal about the gardeners.

The 2006 Historic Plants Symposium will be held Sept. 15-16. Advance registration is required. For information, send an e-mail to pcornett@monticello.org or call (434) 984-9816.