New pass offers year-long access to mountaintop

MONTICELLO now has a new ticket option for frequent visitors—the first annual pass ever offered by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

The Independence Pass provides purchasers with unlimited general admission to Monticello—which includes the guided house tour, access to the grounds, the seasonal guided tours of the gardens and grounds and plantation areas, and the exhibitions at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center—for one year from the date of purchase.

The Independence Pass, which was unveiled this past July 4, also includes benefits such as a 10 percent discount on all purchases at the Monticello Museum Shop, advance notice of Monticello events, receipt of Monticello’s e-newsletter, priority seating at the annual Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony, and the ability to make advance tour reservations online or by phone.

“We’ve received many requests for a multiple-admission ticket over the years, but the number increased significantly in the first part of this year, after people learned about our many new offerings,” said Ann H. Taylor, executive vice president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation.

“The Independence Pass is our response to that rising customer demand. We’ve have a great reaction to date, and we hope people will consider it as a gift item for family members and friends.”

The Independence Pass costs $50 and can be purchased at Monticello in the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center’s Dominion Welcome Pavilion or by calling the Reservations Desk at (434) 984-9880.

One Independence Pass is issued exclusively for each individual; the passes are non-transferable. The Independence Pass is not valid for premium tours and events that have separate admission charges.

Additional information about the Independence Pass can be obtained by calling (434) 984-9880.