6th Annual Heritage Harvest Festival

JOEL SALATIN, described by the New York Times as “Virginia’s most multifaceted agrarian since Thomas Jefferson,” will be the keynote speaker at the Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello during the Grand Preview Dinner and Evening, September 14, 2012.

Salatin is a third-generation organic farmer and award-winning author whose family owns and operates Polyface Farm, “a family-owned, multigenerational, pasture-based, beyond organic, local-market farm, and informational outreach in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley.” A field-to-fork dinner will feature food from Salatin’s farm.

The farm features prominently in Michael Pollan’s New York Times best-seller The Omnivore’s Dilemma and the award-winning documentary Food, Inc.

Before the dinner, national public television host Joe Lamp’l will present an inspiring and motivational talk about his extensive travels across America to produce and host his show, Growing a Greener World.

This is the sixth annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello, which celebrates the legacy of revolutionary gardener Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson championed vegetable cuisine, plant experimentation, and sustainable agriculture. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste a bounty of heirloom fruits and vegetables and learn about organic gardening and seed-saving during this fun, affordable, family-friendly festival—unlike any other—held on the breathtaking West Lawn of Jefferson’s Monticello.