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Calendar of Events

July 4

Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony

The 51st annual naturalization ceremony on Monticello's West Lawn—one of America's most moving Fourth of July events—will include remarks by a featured speaker and patriotic music by the Charlottesville Municipal Band. Free (does not include admission to the house), 9 AM. For more event information visit monticello.org/july4

July 16

TOM TalkSM

Bill Barker, "Being Jefferson"

Bill Barker has "been" Thomas Jefferson for almost 20 years. Barker shares his experiences portraying Mr. Jefferson. A history major and professional actor and director, Barker has portrayed our third president at numerous venues throughout the United States and in Europe, including the White House and the Palace of Versailles. Private reception and conversation with Bill Barker, 6–8 PM. \$65 per person, Montalto. Reserve tickets online at monticello.org/tomtalk. (\$30 of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation).

July 20

Saturday Archaeology Workshop

Learning How to Learn from the Archaeological Record

Explore the latest findings from the Monticello-University of Virginia Archaeological Field School, where archaeologists and students have been investigating a site that was home to enslaved field workers in the early 19th century (Site 6). Participants will work with archaeologists in hands-on examination and interpretation of newly excavated artifacts and the computer-based analysis used to unlock their historical meaning. Recommended prerequisite: Site 6 Excavations. \$15, 9:30 AM - noon; reservations required.

July 20

Winemaking Workshop

Join Gabriele Rausse, the "father of Virginia wine," for this fun, two-hour session on wine production. "No nation is drunken when wine is cheap," said Thomas Jefferson, who apparently failed to make a Monticello-grown vintage despite years of experimental vine plantings. Learn how to make your own—from harvest through fermentation to bottling—in this participatory workshop. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

July 27

Green Roofs, Rain Gardens, and Landscaping with Native Virginia Flora

The landscaping of the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, recipient of a LEED Gold Level certification, is designed to blend the buildings into the native Monticello woodlands with plantings of Virginia's native plant species, including 40 species of trees, over 50 species of flowering shrubs, and 75 types of wildflowers and groundcovers. Join Peggy Cornett and Jerry Therrien for a two-hour stroll through these rich habitats from the pavilions' green roofs, through the rain-garden style greenway, and to the African-American Graveyard. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

August 3

Tomato Tasting

Heirloom tomatoes are now at the height of fashion, and one can only marvel at the genetic diversity found in everyone's favorite homegrown vegetable. This participatory workshop includes examining and rating a variety of tomatoes. Pat Brodowski, Monticello's vegetable gardener, and Ira Wallace, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, will host this two-hour workshop, and

participants are encouraged to bring in their own favorite garden varieties. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

August 10

Summer Fruit Tasting

Enjoy the harvests of summer, what Thomas Jefferson referred to as "precious refreshment." On-site in the Monticello Fruit Garden, Gabriele Rausse and fruit gardener Oliver Asberger will entertain participants with the fruits of summer: early apples, peaches, figs, grapes, nectarines, apple cider, blackberries, pears, and others. Short talks on the history of fruit growing in Virginia will vary the menu in this informal two-hour feast in Jefferson's Fruiterie. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

August 17

Tufton Fern Walk

Ferns will be the excuse for this ramble along Henderson Creek in the forests of Tufton Farm. Peggy Cornett, Monticello's curator of plants, will lead this two-hour cross-country walk through a uniquely pristine, relatively undisturbed, and isolated natural woodland, pointing out the native plants as you go. There is no trail on substantial sections of this two-mile hike, so wear appropriate hiking shoes and be prepared for briar scratches, spiderwebs, and uneven terrain. \$15, Tufton Farm, 9:30 AM.

August 24

Jefferson's Table: Recipes from the Monticello Kitchen

Join Eleanor Gould for a tour of Thomas Jefferson's restored vegetable garden, followed by a hands-on cooking class featuring period recipes from the Monticello kitchen. Dishes will be prepared using seasonal produce harvested from the garden. Finish the morning with a demonstration and tasting of one of Jefferson's favorite desserts: vanilla ice cream in puff pastry, or profiteroles. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.



August 31

A Butterfly Expedition

Butterfly diversity is an excellent barometer for ecosystem health. Join Devin Floyd for a butterfly walk that will explore the wonderful diversity of species found on Monticello's biologically varied landscape. We'll catch and observe butterflies, learn to identify the butterflies we see, and learn about the environments that support them. Devin will explore a wide array of subjects, including native plant gardening, forest succession, geology and soils, seasonal change, and human land use, while demonstrating how each component impacts butterflies. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

**September 6-7
7th Annual
Heritage Harvest
Festival**

Celebrate the legacy of revolutionary gardener Thomas Jefferson during the 7th Annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello. Taste a bounty of heirloom fruits and vegetables and learn about organic gardening during this fun, affordable, family-friendly festival unlike any other. Join us September 6 for the grand preview and paid workshops, and come back on September 7 for more than a hundred educational programs and workshops, garden tours, and a local organic food marketplace. Sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and Southern Exposure Seed Exchange. Workshops begin at 9 AM each morning. Grand preview with featured speaker and dinner, Friday evening, 6:30 PM. Saturday—General admission \$10 in advance, \$15 at gate; children under 11 \$8. Premium lectures \$10/\$15 each. www.heritageharvestfestival.com.



Saturdays in the Garden

Monticello's annual series of gardening talks, horticultural workshops, and natural history walks. Reservations can be made by calling (434) 984-9880; reserved tickets can be purchased at monticello.org.

September 12

TOM TalkSM

Shadwell: Jefferson's First Family Home at Shadwell Plantation

Monticello's research archaeologist Derek Wheeler will lead this visit to the site of Thomas Jefferson's birthplace, sharing details of the plantation during Jefferson's childhood when Shadwell was the family home. Shadwell visit from 6 to 7:30 PM. Light snacks. Moderate outdoor walking is involved. \$45 per person, Shadwell. Reserve tickets online at monticello.org/tomtalk.

September 14

Monticello Trailblazers Sunrise Hike

Enjoy a sunrise trek between the Visitor Center and the summit of Montalto, which stands 410 feet above Monticello Mountain. Once there, take in breathtaking views, light breakfast, and a warm cup of coffee. This event is an exclusive thank-you for Monticello Trailblazers! To become a Trailblazer, email trailblazers@monticello.org. Reservations required, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 5:45 - 7:30 AM.

September 21

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Whether you are a beginner or an avid bird watcher, join seasoned birder Jerry Therrier for a three-hour hike on the Saunders-Monticello Trail and Secluded Farm to observe the annual bird migration. Learn the basics of bird identification and explore a rich variety of habitats. Hiking boots, long pants, bottled water, and binoculars are recommended. \$15, Trailhead of the Saunders-Monticello Trail. Note early starting time, 8 AM.

September 24

**Book Launch:
Alan Taylor's *The Internal Enemy***

National book launch of Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian Alan Taylor's *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832*. Free and open to the public. Reservations required; email reservations@monticello.org. Jefferson Library, 4 PM.

October 9

**Andrea Wulf Presents
*Chasing Venus***

Bestselling author Andrea Wulf will speak about her new book *Chasing Venus: The Race to Measure the Heavens*. Free and open to the public. Reservations required; email reservations@monticello.org. Jefferson Library, 4 PM.

October 12

Thomas Jefferson and Natural History Walk

Monticello's curator of plants, Peggy Cornett, will lead this two-hour trek through the forests of Monticello. Participants will examine autumn wildflowers, seedpods, nuts, trees, mammals, birds, fungi, insects, geology, and the skies with the historical perspective of the sage of Monticello ever in mind. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for muddy slopes and uneven terrain. \$15, Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 AM.

October 26

Apple Tasting

Supermarkets today provide only a limited sample of the thousands of apple varieties once available to 19th-century fruit lovers. Tom Burford (Professor Apple), Monticello fruit gardener Oliver Asberger, and Gabriele Rausse, director of gardens and grounds, will provide numerous apple varieties, each introduced with a discussion of their history and culture. Participants will taste, savor, and, most important, rate each apple in this two-and-a-half-hour program. \$15, Tufton Farm, 9:30 AM.

October 26

**Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants Open House
Fall Fruits and Winter Gardens**

Join plantsman, gardener, and writer Cole Burrell for his discussion of the joys of winter interest in the garden during the Center's last Open House of 2013. Cole will present "Design Ideas and Plant Combinations for Winter Gardens" and will also be available to sign his award-winning book, *Hellebores*. In addition, learn to dry gourds for fall decorations and attend a cider-making demonstration. Fall is the perfect time for planting, and the Center will have a wide range of trees, shrubs, and perennials for sale; overstock items will be discounted. Family-friendly garden activities ensure fun for all ages. Free, no registration required; Tufton Farm, 9 AM - 3 PM.


October 26

'Diplomacy and Transitioning Governments: Critical Lessons'

Co-hosted by the American Academy of Diplomacy and the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, this conference defines the roles and requirements of American diplomats in times of foreign political transition. Keynote speaker Lord Paddy Ashdown, British politician and diplomat. Robert H. Smith Center at Montalto. Visit monticello.org to learn more.

November 2

Falling Leaves and Winter Trees

 This two-hour ramble through Monticello's forest during the waning days of the fall foliage display will concentrate on identifying trees by their bark, fruit, seeds, buds, habit, and habitat. Jerry Therrien and Peggy Cornett will lead this adventure along Jefferson's original woodland passages. Binoculars are recommended. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared for muddy slopes and uneven terrain. \$15. Garden Center, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, 9:30 *AM*.

November 6

**Simon Winchester Presents
*The Men Who United the States***

Bestselling author Simon Winchester will speak about his new book *The Men Who United the States: America's Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible*. Free and open to the public. Reservations required; email reservations@monticello.org. Jefferson Library, 4 *PM*.

November 13

TOM TalkSM

'The Image of the President in the American Mind.'

A panel discussion between scholars of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Private reception, conversation with speakers, and book signing, 6 – 8 *PM*. \$65 per person (\$30 is a tax-deductible gift to support Monticello), Milstein Theater at the Thomas Jefferson Visitors Center. Reserve tickets online at monticello.org/tomtalk.