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## HANDMADE for the Holidays

### November 28, 29, 30 & December 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Holiday Wreath Workshops



These ever-popular workshops, in their 28th year, produce a gratifying and tangible end product: a beautiful holiday wreath. All materials (straw wreath forms, pins, wire, etc.) will be provided, including a

cornucopia of natural materials. *Bring hand pruners. \$75, visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org)*

### November 30 Second Annual Holiday Open House

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at Monticello's Second Annual Holiday Open House. Be among the first to see Monticello decorated for the holiday as you stroll through the first floor of the house at your own pace. Enjoy discovering unique holiday gifts at the Shop at Monticello. *1 - 5 PM, FREE, visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org) for more details*



### December 6 Handmade for the Holidays

The Shop at Monticello is your holiday destination for one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts this season! Meet artisans, sample holiday treats, witness craft demonstrations and shop for gifts made in Virginia. *12 - 4 PM, FREE*

### December 6 Monticello Holiday Classic 5K and Kids' Dash

Join the festivities during the 4th annual Monticello Holiday Classic 5K and Deck the Halls Kids Dash! This 5K begins at Monticello's East Front and ends at the Visitor Center. Kids 12 and under can enjoy the Deck the Halls Kids Dash, a quarter-mile loop around the flower garden walk on the West Lawn of Monticello. *\$35 for 5K and \$10 for Kids Dash*

### December 6, 7, 13, 14 Monticello Gingerbread House Family Workshop

In this two-hour workshop, sip hot cider as you decorate a handmade gingerbread house inspired by Jefferson's architectural genius. *2 PM, registration required, visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org)*

### December 12-13, 19-20, 21-23, 26-30 Holiday Evening Tours

Monticello's small-group house tours, which include the Dome Room, offer guests an intimate look at how the holidays were celebrated in Jefferson's time. *5:30 PM, \$55*

January 10, 2015

### My Monticello: A Celebration of Student Art

Celebrate the artwork of Charlottesville City third graders who visited Thomas Jefferson's "little mountain" and learned about the people who lived and worked here over two hundred years ago. After examining artifacts, more than 300 students created their own "historic pockets" with objects that reflect their lives in Charlottesville today. Join us for an exhibition opening complete with crafts, family activities and light refreshments.

*1 PM, Thomas Jefferson Visitors Center, FREE*

January 29, 31

### Owl Prowl

Join seasoned birder and trail ranger Jerry Therrien for an evening listening to the hoots, wails and shrieks of owls and learning about their habits. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, binoculars and flashlights. *5:30 PM, Trailhead of Saunders-Monticello Trail, \$18. For more information on other bird walks visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org)*

February 6, 13, 20, 27

### Toddler Time at Monticello

Enjoy interactive stories, engaging activities, crafts and free play with your little one in Monticello's Griffin Discovery Room. Children ages 18 months to 4 years with an adult companion. *9 - 10 AM, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, \$40/child for four-week series*

March 14

### Scouting Day

Calling all scouts! Enjoy a fun-filled day on the mountain complete with special tours, hands-on activity stations and more. Programming for Scouting Day is geared for scouts of all ages. This event is rain or shine. *Activity stations open 10 AM - 3 PM. \$15 for active scouts wearing a uniform or identifier/\$18 for adults accompanying a scout*

**March 19**

**Virginia Festival of the Book**

Richard Dunn, *A Tale of Two Plantations: Slave Life and Labor in Jamaica and Virginia*.

Digging into archives from the mid-18th century to emancipation, Dunn's assembled genealogies of three generations trace details of individual lives and collective experiences, from a Mesopotamia field hand to the fortunes of her rebellious mulatto son to her clever quadroon granddaughter. Dunn is Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor Emeritus of American History, University of Pennsylvania. *6 - 7 PM, Milstein Theater, book selling and signing at the Shop following, doors open at 5:30 PM, FREE*



**April 13**

**Founder's Day and Jefferson's Birthday Celebration**

Monticello will mark the 272nd anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth with a celebration and ceremony on the West Lawn, featuring a keynote address from the 2015 recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Citizen Leadership. *10 AM, West Lawn, FREE*

**April 9, 18, 23, 25**

**Spring Wildflower Walk**

This vigorous, three-hour, five-mile hike through the Monticello woodlands to the Rivanna River is a perennial favorite. Enjoy early spring botanical treasures—trout lilies, Virginia blue bells, spring beauties—and an intimate view of wild Monticello. Be prepared to walk the entire distance. Wear sturdy, waterproof shoes for muddy, steep, uphill slopes. *8:30 AM, Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, \$18*

**APRIL 18-25**

**HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK IN VIRGINIA**

Make Monticello a part of your visit when more than 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks celebrate Historic Garden Week in Virginia, described as "America's Largest Open House."



**April 20**

**Garden Week Conversation with Stephen Orr**

In celebration of Garden Week in Virginia, join us for a conversation with Stephen Orr, Executive Editor, *Condé Nast Traveler* and author of *The New American Herbal*, a historically minded but modern approach to using herbs. *6 - 8 PM*, with a reception featuring fine Virginia wine and hors d'oeuvres; informal tours of the gardens and grounds, where the winding flower border was restored by the Garden Club of Virginia, will be offered prior to the event. *\$65 per person (\$25 of your ticket represents a tax-deductible gift to Monticello). For information on more TOM Talks see page 7, or visit monticello.org*

**April 20**

**Restoring Monticello's Kitchen Road**

Gardiner Hallock, Monticello's architectural historian, will outline the current transformational project called Reuniting Monticello's Mountaintop Landscape, which reestablishes the link between the ornamental landscape surrounding the house and its connection to the functioning plantation. A tour of the site follows Hallock's lecture. *2 PM lecture at Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center Woodland Pavilion; 3:15 PM tour of the Mountaintop Kitchen Road, FREE; registration is required*

**April 21**

**Thomas Jefferson's Fruit and Vegetable Gardens at Monticello**

Join Gabriele Rausse, Director of Gardens and Grounds, for a lecture in the Woodland Pavilion on Jefferson's exceptional vegetable garden and fruitery, including present-day efforts to restore and preserve Jefferson's horticultural legacy, followed by a walking tour of the Monticello gardens. *10 AM lecture; 11:15 AM garden tour. Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center, FREE; registration is required*

**April 21**

**Historic Plants at Monticello**

Focusing on Jefferson's flower gardens at Monticello, Curator of Plants Peggy Cornett explores the flora that defines our horticultural heritage. Following the lecture you can drive on your own to the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants' garden and nursery at Tufton Farm, where plants will be available for sale. Bring your HGW ticket and receive 10% off all purchases. *2 PM lecture at Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center Woodland Pavilion; 3:15 PM tour at Jefferson's Tufton Farm, FREE; registration is required*

**April 25**

**Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants Open House**

Celebrate Historic Garden Week with a visit to Monticello's nursery. Explore an inspiring display of historic plants in our preservation gardens, then find your favorites and more for sale in our nursery. Enjoy guided garden tours and ask our knowledgeable staff your gardening questions. Visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org) for program details and updates. *9 AM - 3 PM, Jefferson's Tufton Farm, FREE; no registration required. For more information about the May 30th Wine & Roses Open House, or the October 17th Fall Open House, visit monticello.org*

**June 1-July 10**

Monticello-University of Virginia  
Archaeological Field School:  
**Archaeology of Chesapeake  
Slavery and Landscape**

The Field School is a six-week course in basic excavation, laboratory, and analytical techniques in archaeology. The course provides six credits to undergraduate and graduate students through the University of Virginia, emphasizing a scientific, multidisciplinary approach to doing landscape archaeology, and providing the opportunity to contribute to cutting-edge research. *For application instructions, visit [monticello.org](http://monticello.org)*

**June 14-19**

**19th Annual Historic  
Landscape Institute**

“Preserving Jefferson’s Gardens and Landscapes” is a one-week course that uses Monticello’s gardens and landscapes and the University of Virginia as outdoor classrooms for the study of historic landscape preservation. Lectures, workshops, field trips, and practical working experiences provide an introduction to the fields of landscape history, garden restoration, and historical horticulture. *Fee charged; registration and application required. Call (434) 984-9816; visit [monticello.org/hli](http://monticello.org/hli)*



**July 4  
Independence Day  
Celebration and  
Naturalization  
Ceremony**

The 53rd annual naturalization ceremony on Monticello’s West Lawn—one of America’s most moving July 4th events—will include remarks by a featured speaker and patriotic music. *9 AM, West Lawn, FREE. Visit [monticello.org/july4](http://monticello.org/july4)*



**September 11 - 12  
9th Annual Heritage  
Harvest Festival**

This daylong festival celebrates Thomas Jefferson, America’s “first foodie,” who championed vegetable cuisine, plant experimentation and sustainable agriculture. 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 in the gardens of Jefferson’s Monticello. *For detailed information and tickets, visit [heritageharvestfestival.com](http://heritageharvestfestival.com).*