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**JULY 4**

## Independence Day Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony

The 53rd annual naturalization ceremony at Monticello—one of America's most moving July 4th events—will include remarks by a featured speaker, a Jeffersonian Open House with free walk-through tours of the first floor, patriotic music, and more!

9 AM to Noon, West Lawn, FREE.  
Visit [monticello.org/july4](http://monticello.org/july4).

**JULY 25**

## Jefferson's Table: Recipes From the Monticello Kitchen

Join Garden Curator Eleanor Gould for a hands-on cooking class featuring period recipes from the Monticello kitchen, including Jefferson's gumbo. 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.

9:30 AM, \$45.

**AUGUST 6**

## Let's Go Cook

Join Garden Curator Eleanor Gould for a fun, hands-on, family-friendly cooking class. Young cooks and their favorite grown-ups will begin by harvesting fruits and vegetables from the Monticello gardens. The class will then help prepare both sweet and savory recipes that were favorites of the Jefferson family. The reward will be to eat what's been made and take home the recipes. 9:30 AM; adults \$12, kids ages 5-11 \$8, kids under 5 FREE.



**AUGUST 8**

## Tomato Tasting

Heirloom tomatoes are now the height of fashion, and one can only marvel at the genetic diversity found in everyone's favorite homegrown vegetable. Pat Brodowski and Ira Wallace of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange will host this two-hour workshop, which includes rating a variety of tomatoes; participants are encouraged to bring in their own favorites. Noon, \$24.

**AUGUST 29**

## Tufton Fern Walk

Peggy Cornett will lead this two-hour cross-country walk through a uniquely pristine, relatively undisturbed and isolated natural woodland. 9:30 AM, \$18.



**SEPTEMBER 11**

## Heritage Harvest Festival: Pre-Festival Workshops, Keynote Lecture and Reception With the Fabulous Beekman Boys

Celebrate the legacy of revolutionary gardener Thomas Jefferson during a day of workshops and lectures to kick off the 9th annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello. Paid workshops begin at 9 AM. For detailed information and tickets, visit [heritageharvestfestival.com](http://heritageharvestfestival.com).

SEPTEMBER 12

**9th Annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello**

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).

SEPTEMBER 15, 30



**TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup> (Topics on Monticello):**

Diane Ehrenpreis, "Mechanically Inclined: Thomas Jefferson's Concept of Comfort"

Jefferson returned from France with 86 crates of furnishings, knowledge of the most sophisticated Parisian mechanical and metamorphic furniture, and an appreciation for French architecture. Diane Ehrenpreis, Monticello's assistant curator of decorative arts, will show how these adaptations contributed to the unique design of Monticello. 6 - 7:30 PM, with a reception afterwards. Reservations required; \$55 per person (a portion of each ticket represents a tax-deductible gift to Monticello). Visit [monticello.org/tomtalk](http://monticello.org/tomtalk).

SEPTEMBER 17

**Annual Thank You Event for Monticello Donors**

Monticello donors are invited to a special sunset reception and program on the West Lawn of Monticello.



This is a thank-you to everyone who supports our mission by making a gift of any amount to Monticello's Annual Fund [monticello.org/give](http://monticello.org/give).

SEPTEMBER 23

**Home Educators' Day**

Roll hoops and play colonial games on the West Lawn, learn a craft, write with a quill pen, and more at our hands-on learning stations. This event is rain or shine. 10 AM - 3 PM; adults \$15, students ages 5 and up \$6.

OCTOBER 1, 3

**Montalto Hawk Watch**

This is an exclusive opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views from Montalto and watch the fall hawk migration with Trail Ranger Jerry Therrien. Learn how to identify these lofty raptors by their shapes, flight patterns and plumage. 10 AM, \$18.

OCTOBER 6, 14

**TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup> (Topics on Monticello):**

Gardiner Hallock, "Inside Out, Outside In: Restoring Monticello"



Learn about current restoration projects with Gardiner Hallock, Monticello's architectural historian. Sites include the Weavers Cottage, the Dependencies and Jefferson's bedroom. 6 - 7:30 PM, with reception afterwards; \$55 per person (a portion of each ticket represents a tax-deductible gift to Monticello). Visit [monticello.org/tomtalk](http://monticello.org/tomtalk).

OCTOBER 14

**Montalto Sunset Hike**

Exclusive for Friends of the Trail at Monticello!

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MONTICELLO

Montalto, overlooking Monticello, a site normally closed to the public. Jefferson's first land acquisition stands 410 feet above Monticello Mountain. Once there, you will enjoy the sunset and breathtaking views. This event is an exclusive thank-you for the Friends of the Trail! To become a Friend of the Trail, give \$25 or more at [monticello.org/trail](http://monticello.org/trail). Reservations are required; email [trail@monticello.org](mailto:trail@monticello.org), 7 PM.

This evening trek begins at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and ends atop

OCTOBER 17

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

Fall is the perfect time for planting, and the Monticello nursery will have a wide range of trees, shrubs and perennials for sale; overstock items will be discounted. Enjoy guided garden tours and ask our knowledgeable nursery staff your gardening questions. 10 AM - 2 PM, FREE.

NOVEMBER 19, 21

**Owl Prowl**

Join seasoned birder and Trail Ranger Jerry Therrien for an evening of listening to the hoots, wails and shrieks of owls, and learning about their habits. 5:30 PM, \$18.

NOVEMBER 29

**Holiday Open House**

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at Monticello's 3rd Annual Holiday Open House. Be among the first to see Monticello decorated for the holidays as you stroll through the first floor at your own pace. Visit The Shop at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and discover unique holiday gifts! 1 - 5 PM, FREE.

DECEMBER 5

**Monticello Holiday Classic 5K & Kids Dash**

Join the festivities during the 5th Annual Monticello Holiday Classic 5K and Deck the Halls Kids Dash! This 5K begins at Monticello's East Front and ends at the Thomas Jefferson



Visitor Center. Kids 12 and under can enjoy the Deck the Halls Kids Dash, a 1/4-mile loop around the flower garden walk of Monticello. Proceeds benefit the Saunders-Monticello Trail. Preregistration recommended, \$35 for 5K, \$10 for Kids Dash.

For the latest detailed information about Monticello tours and events, including operating hours and ticket prices, visit [www.monticello.org](http://www.monticello.org) or call (434) 984-9822.