

# Calendar of Events

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## Holidays at MONTICELLO



### NOVEMBER 27-30 & DECEMBER 2-7 Holiday Wreath Workshops

These ever-popular workshops, in their 29th year, produce a gratifying end product: your own beautiful, handmade holiday wreath. Monticello garden experts will lead participants in these three-hour workshops. **\$75; reservations required. Purchase tickets online beginning November 8, or call (434) 984-9880 to reserve your spot.**



### NOVEMBER 29 Holiday Open House

Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season at Monticello's Third Annual Holiday Open

House. See Monticello decorated for the holidays as you stroll through the first floor at your own pace and are greeted by Thomas Jefferson himself. Visit The Shop and discover holiday gifts found only at Monticello! **9AM-4:30PM, FREE. Sponsored by SunTrust.**

### 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! Proceeds benefit the Saunders-Monticello Trail. **\$35 for 5K, \$10 for Kids' Dash.**

### DECEMBER 5, 6, 12, 13 Gingerbread House Family Workshops

Start a new family tradition! Craft your own mini Monticello from spicy gingerbread and festive candy. **\$49 for a Family Pass.**

### DECEMBER 12, 18, 19-23, 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. **Tours begin at 5:30PM, 5:45PM and 6PM, \$55.**



### Unique Holiday Gifts at The Shop at Monticello!

Visit The Shop at Monticello for exclusive gifts, handcrafted wreaths, holiday ornaments and more! Create your own gift baskets with Monticello preserves, sparkling cider, gourmet Virginia peanuts and local chocolates.

### JANUARY 1

#### First Day Hike on the Trail

Celebrate 2016 with the first hike of the season. Meet at the trailhead and enjoy this two-hour guided trek on the Saunders-Monticello rustic trails. You'll explore areas off the beaten path of the main trail.

**10AM, FREE.**

### FEBRUARY 13

#### Thomas Jefferson's Gadgets

Join Charles Morrill, Monticello guide and professional woodworker, to learn about Jefferson the "techie" and his passion for gadgets from clocks to cyphers. Morrill, who has built exact replicas of Jefferson's polygraph, will also share what it takes to perfectly replicate some of Jefferson's gadgets for use at Monticello. **3-4:30PM, \$18.**



### MARCH 12

#### Scouting Day

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

### MARCH 17

#### Virginia Festival of the Book Lecture with Brian Phillips Murphy

In his new book *Building the Empire State: Political Economy in the Early Republic*, Murphy follows collaborations between political leaders and entrepreneurs, including Alexander Hamilton, and shows how capitalism grew out of these converging political and economic interests. **Lecture 6-7PM; book signing afterward at The Shop at Monticello. FREE.**

### MARCH 22 OR 24

#### TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup>: The Plantation Household: Monticello Women at Work

In a plantation household of Monticello's size, the work was all-consuming. Join us on a walk through the kitchen, parlor and dining room to learn the intricacies of dining and entertaining at Monticello. **6-7:45PM, with reception afterward. \$55. Visit [www.monticello.org/tomtalk](http://www.monticello.org/tomtalk) for more information.**

### APRIL 13

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

Monticello will mark the 273rd anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth with a celebration on the West Lawn, featuring a keynote address from the 2016 recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Citizen Leadership. **10AM, FREE.**

### APRIL 19

#### Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination

Join Annette Gordon-Reed, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Hemingses of Monticello*, and Peter Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia, for their national book launch. They will discuss their ground-breaking work which explains Jefferson's vision of himself, the American Revolution, Christianity, slavery and race. **6PM, with book signing afterward. FREE.**



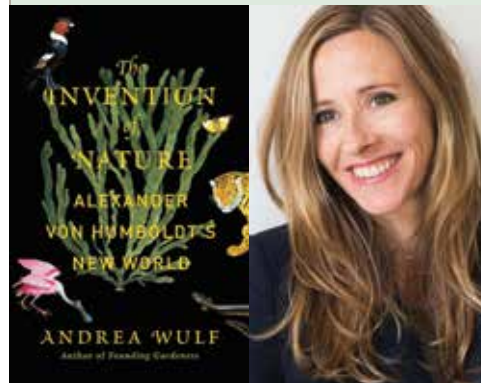
### Historic Garden Week in Virginia

Each spring visitors are welcomed to over 250 of Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks during "America's Largest Open House." Monticello is celebrating with special tours and a TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup> by Andrea Wulf.

### APRIL 25

#### "Garden Week TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup> with Andrea Wulf

*The New York Times* best-selling author will speak about her latest book, *The Invention of Nature*, which reveals the extraordinary life of German naturalist Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859), who corresponded with Jefferson for 21 years. Wulf also authored *The Brother Gardeners*, winner of the American Horticultural Society 2010 Book Award, and *Founding Gardeners*. **\$65. 6:30-8:30PM, with fine Virginia wines and hors d'oeuvres. Informal tours of the gardens and grounds before the event. Event located at the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center.**



### APRIL 26

#### "Thomas Jefferson's Fruit and Vegetable Gardens at Monticello

Join Gabriele Rausse, director of gardens and grounds, for a lecture on Jefferson's exceptional vegetable garden and fruitery, including present-day efforts to restore and preserve Jefferson's horticultural legacy. A walking tour of the Monticello gardens follows. **10AM lecture, followed by a garden tour, FREE; registration required.**

### APRIL 26

#### "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. Bring your Garden Week ticket and receive 10% off all purchases. **2PM lecture at the David M. Rubenstein Visitor Center; 3PM tour of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, FREE; registration required.**

### APRIL 30

#### "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. Ask our knowledgeable staff your gardening questions. **10AM-2PM, FREE.**



### JULY 4

#### Independence Day and Naturalization Ceremony

The 54th 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 [www.monticello.org/july4](http://www.monticello.org/july4).**



**RECOMMENDED** by *Food & Wine*, *Garden & Gun* and the *LA Times*!

### SEPTEMBER 10

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Harvest Festival at Monticello

This 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 on the grounds of Jefferson's Monticello. The 2016 Keynote speaker will be Patrick O'Connell, Chef & Proprietor of The Inn at Little Washington. **For detailed information and tickets, visit [heritageharvestfestival.com](http://heritageharvestfestival.com).**

### SEPTEMBER 22 OR 29

#### TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup>: Jefferson's Stables

Recent work has shed new light on Jefferson's stables. Join Monticello archaeologists to learn about Jefferson the horseman, the stables, the people who worked there and the horses themselves. This walking tour will include the Mulberry Row stables and the North Dependency. **6-7:45PM with reception afterward. \$55. Visit [www.monticello.org/tomtalk](http://www.monticello.org/tomtalk) for more information.**

### OCTOBER 6 OR 11

#### TOM Talk<sup>SM</sup>: Behind Closed Doors: Hidden Spaces at Monticello

Whether a guest room, a storage closet or an architectural feature, there are still closed doors at Monticello. Join us to explore and learn about some of the hidden spaces at Monticello. **6-7:45PM, with reception afterward. \$55. Visit [www.monticello.org/tomtalk](http://www.monticello.org/tomtalk) for more information.**