Thomas Jefferson
Center for Historic Plants
OPEN HOUSE

Thomas Jefferson, Gardener
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 9 AM-3 PM

10 AM - 11 AM | TALK
Peter J. Hatch, Jefferson garden expert and author of “A Rich Spot of Earth” *Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*, will discuss themes that defined Jefferson’s interest in horticulture.

11:15 AM - 12 PM | GARDEN TOUR
Lily Fox-Bruguiere, CHP’s garden and outreach coordinator, will lead a tour of the CHP gardens and Peter Hatch will be available to sign copies of his book.

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | TALK
Jack Gary, director of Archaeology and Landscapes at Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, will discuss exciting new landscape restoration efforts underway at Jefferson’s private retreat in Lynchburg, VA.

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM | GARDEN TOUR
Peggy Cornett, Monticello’s Curator of Plants, will lead a tour of the CHP gardens.

ONGOING

PLANT SALE | Antique roses, iris, perennials, trees, shrubs, and more!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES TABLE | 10 AM - 2 PM Garden Seek and Find: explore the garden as you search for special plants and other surprises, AND, Make Your Own Garden Journal: Thomas Jefferson kept careful records in his garden book. Be like Jefferson, and create your own garden journal to take home.

Q&A BOOTH | Representatives from Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest will share information about Jefferson’s private retreat in Lynchburg, VA.

The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants collects, preserves, and distributes historic plant varieties and strives to promote greater appreciation for the origins and evolution of garden plants. monticello.org/chp
Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, located in south-central Virginia, U.S., about 2 miles (3 km) southeast of Charlottesville. Constructed between 1768 and 1809, it is one of the finest examples of the early Classical Revival style in the United States. Monticello was designated a World Heritage Site.

View of the West Front of Monticello and Garden, depicting Thomas Jefferson's grandchildren at Monticello, watercolour on paper by Jane Braddock Peticolas, 1825; at Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia. Monticello is the home of Thomas Jefferson, 3rd US President (POTUS3), 2nd Vice President, Secretary of State, Minister to France, Virginia governor. Author, Declaration of Independence, VA Statute for Religious Freedom. Founder, University of Virginia. World Heritage Site, Charlottesville, VA. Important Notice! For the safety of our community, Monticello is temporarily closed to the public. Helpful Tips. While we are closed, take one of our LIVE VIRTUAL TOURS ». Learn more.

Experience Monticello. May 19-21. Monticello, located near Charlottesville, Virginia, was the estate of Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, third president of the United States, and founder of the University of Virginia. The house is of Jefferson's own design and is situated on the summit of an 850-foot-high peak in the Southwest Mountains south of the Rivanna Gap. Monticello, in Italian, means "little mountain.".

Location of Monticello in Virginia. Monticello and its reflection. Some of the gardens on the property. Monticello was the primary plantation of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, who began designing and building Monticello at age 26 after inheriting land from his father. Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1770-1806 (Photo: Rick Stillings, CC BY-NC-SA 2.0). A gentleman architect. In an undated note, Thomas Jefferson left clear instructions about what he wanted engraved upon his burial marker. If Cicero believed that the goals of a skilled orator were to Teach, to Delight, and To Move, Jefferson believed that the scale and public nature of architecture could fulfill these same aspirations.