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Generation of Leaders



James Madison's
MONTPELIER



Kat joined President and Mrs. Madison in the balcony of the Virginia General Assembly, where the 200th Anniversary of Madison's second inauguration was officially recognized. On the occasion of Madison's 262nd birthday, the U.S. Marines honored his memory with the laying of a ceremonial wreath on behalf of President Obama.

Letter from the President



Rising each morning on the grounds of Montpelier is a true inspiration and I always wonder what the day will bring. Two recent "Montpelier" days stand out from the rest and reminded me what an honor it is to work for all of you in advancing the stories of Montpelier.

One of my recent memorable days was a visit, alongside President and Mrs. Madison, to the Virginia General Assembly. The Assembly officially recognized 2013 as the 200th Anniversary of President Madison's second inauguration, and The Montpelier Foundation for its place among historic sites in Virginia. President and Mrs. Madison were graciously received by our elected representatives, and standing in the Rotunda of the Capitol gave us a keen sense of the sacrifices that so many have made to sustain our form of constitutional government.

The second memorable day was the commemoration of the 262nd birthday of Madison. As Col. David Maxwell of the U.S. Marines laid the ceremonial wreath on behalf of President Obama, his words captivated us all. He spoke of the timeless sense of engagement among young leaders, and the "decisiveness and spirit" that Madison and the Founding Fathers exhibited throughout their 20s, 30s, and beyond, just like the leaders in the Marine Corps today. He spoke of the honor of defending a Constitution and Bill of Rights which have stood the test of time and remains a model for nations worldwide.

As we move forward in our work, it is days like these that serve as stark reminders. The great legacy of Madison goes beyond the stunning home we steward, Montpelier; it is the very ideal that our representative government works best when our citizens are engaged and involved.

It thrills me to look forward to the years of "Montpelier" days ahead, as we work to expand the breadth and depth of our engagement with citizens of all ages, across our nation and the world.

With thanks,

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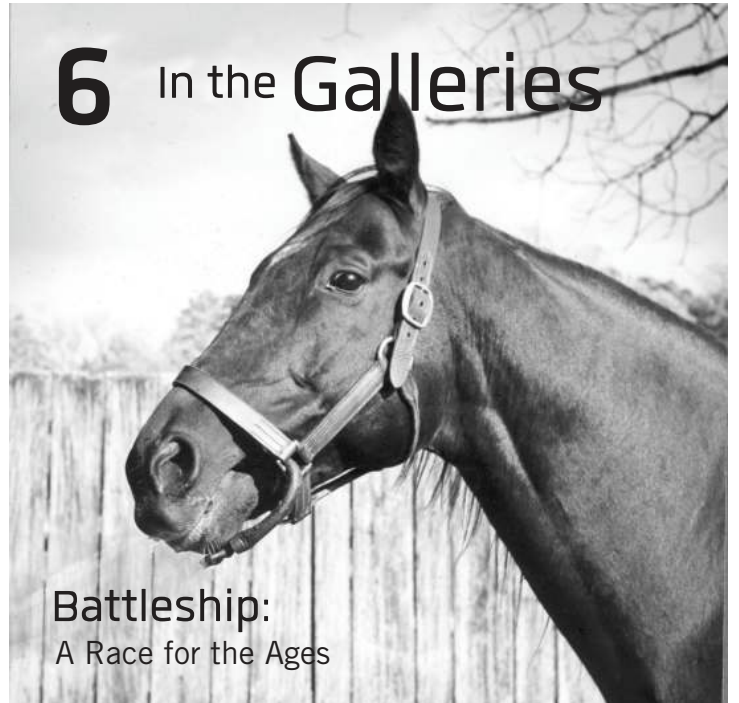


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LETTERS TO MONTPELIER

The following letters were sent to James Madison's Montpelier by recent visitors. To respect their privacy, names are excluded. If you would like to share thoughts about a recent visit or educational experience at Montpelier, please email us at letters@montpelier.org.

My wife and I visited Montpelier on August 25th [of 2012] and your card has been in my wallet ever since. The delay in me writing to tell you about my visit is an expression of how difficult I know it will be to make you understand how meaningful it was to me. I speak with a small bit of authority on the matter because I am three-fourths the way through a quest to visit every presidential birthplace, home, and grave. I have taken many historical tours given by many guides. I am also a volunteer like you...

One measure of any interpretive program's success is how much a visitor thinks about it afterward. I am still thinking about yours a great deal. Another measure is how much it makes a visitor care about and want to preserve the site he has just visited. Largely because of the job you did during the two tours we took with you, I became a member of Montpelier that day.

Another measure is how much a program causes a visitor to go out and learn more on his own about the subject matter. I bought the book on Paul Jennings sold in your gift shop which I will soon read for the second time. In the parlance we use in our training at The Park Service, you connected the visitor to the resource. Things you said, scenes you described and views you pointed out are fresh in my mind.

And isn't that the point? Behind all the decorative arts, the wall coverings, the architecture – all important in their own right – are the stories that form our collective family history. They inform us of who we are, what we've done, how we've changed and what we can be. We who have the precious role guiding visitors through America's historic sites get to tell those stories. For us volunteers, that is our pay.

... Thank you again for the finest historical visit I have ever had anywhere. With the mansion restoration and what they offer as an experience, Montpelier is the top presidential site I've visited. Thank you again and to the whole team who made our day there so worthwhile.

Last Friday, my friend and I enjoyed the "Let It Be Red" tour...it was just fabulous. [The guide's] knowledge, personal presentation style and technique were enhanced by his enthusiasm and obvious love of his work and Montpelier. The Visitor Center is lovely and the restoration of the mansion and tour offerings are wonderful. I am a guide at Monticello. The last room on the basic tour is "Mr. Madison's room." On each tour I encourage our visitors to visit Montpelier. I hope your programs bring more visitors your way. Every Virginian who loves history should visit.

LIER



We thoroughly enjoyed the tour, admired your passion, knowledge, sense of humor and ability to tie many ideas together in an interesting way. I have told many people about the experience so I hope you will see them on future tours - what a great place Montpelier is!

While I was visiting Montpelier on Constitution Day I was enjoying the music of the Marine Band when I observed a very young girl, maybe two years of age, chasing a small butterfly. She almost caught it a couple of times. She caught it once but did not realize it and the butterfly escaped her grasp. I pondered if she would know what to do with it if she caught it.

I then thought of our freedoms and responsibilities with the Constitution. Do we know what to do with what we caught? Can we hold onto something so fragile and do so without damaging it?

The delight on the little girls face as she pursued the butterfly was precious. How much more so is our delight in pursuing our liberties?

As I am sure you are aware Montpelier has long been a source of pride for Orange County. Even when the property was in private hands, as it has been for most of its existence, Orange embraced it as part of the county's identity; considering it a monument to its past as well as a link to the future.



IN THE MANSION AND GALLERIES

CURATORIAL NOTES

In diaries, memoirs, and letters sent home, visitors to James and Dolley Madison's Montpelier often described the drawing room, the home's central public space, in great detail. The room "had more the appearance of a museum of the arts than of a drawing room," wrote friend Margaret Bayard Smith. "It was a charming room, giving activity to the mind, by the historic and classic ideas that it awakened."

As a key component of our ongoing mission, Montpelier staff are continuing efforts to restore the interior of the mansion in the same careful and authentic manner as the exterior architecture of the home was restored. This spring, we will return several significant details to what Dolley called her "country drawing room."

Nail holes in the historic plaster of the room confirm extensive documentary evidence that two very large gilt looking glasses hung on either side of the grand pedimented entry to the room. One visitor referred to them as "splendid mirrors," and many others noted their sheer size and predominance in a room otherwise covered in works of art. We can imagine the mirrors enlarging the room, adding light, and reflecting the flowers creeping up the columns on the colonnade.

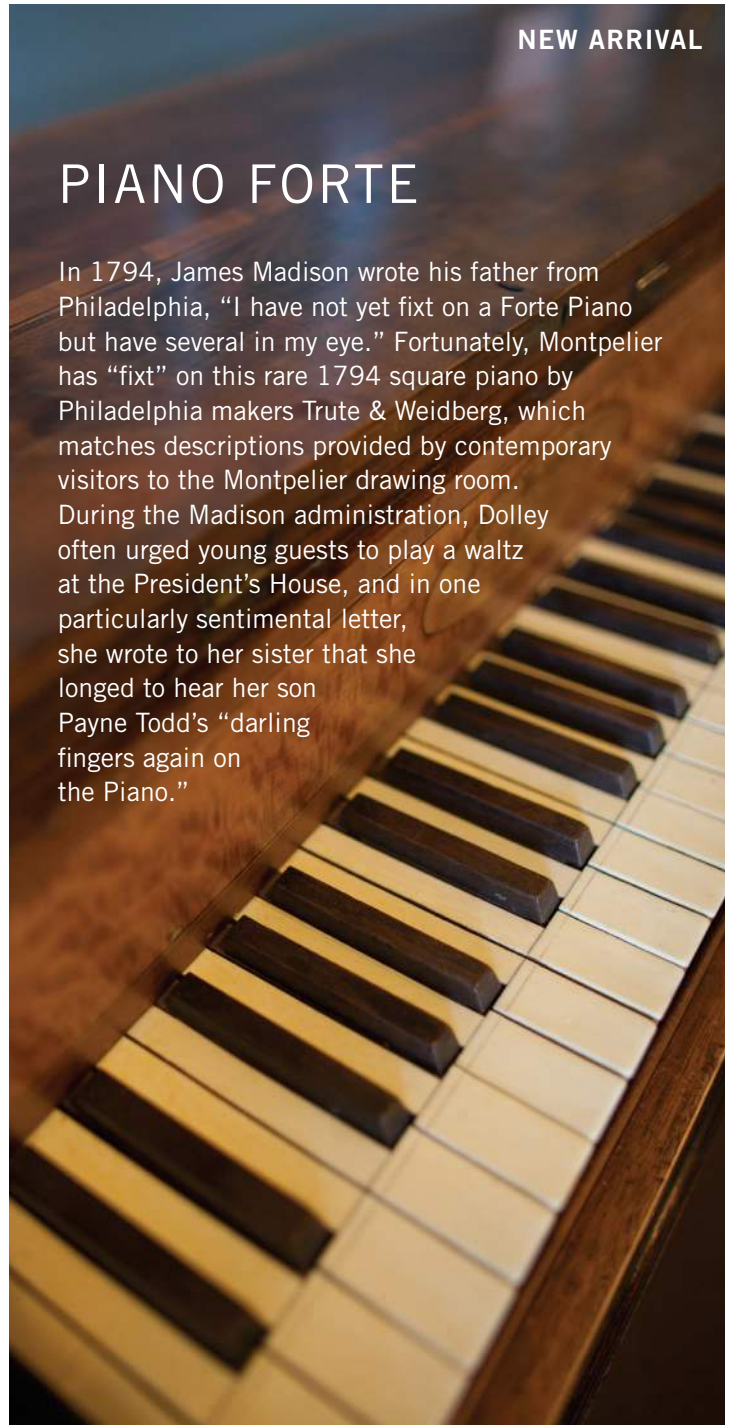
While neither James nor Dolley Madison played the piano, we know that in 1794, James Madison acquired a piano forte in Philadelphia for use at Montpelier. The Madisons purchased two pianos for the President's House, before and after the British attack on Washington, and accounts of "squeezes" and large parties often featured music. In 1813, one young woman remembered, "Mrs. Madison insisted on my playing on her elegant grand piano a waltz." The return of a piano to the room, much like the restoration of works of art and furnishings, bring us closer to experiencing the home James and Dolley Madison knew and bring us closer understanding them in their own context.

Meg Kennedy,
Acting Director of Museum Programs

NEW ARRIVAL

PIANO FORTE

In 1794, James Madison wrote his father from Philadelphia, "I have not yet fixt on a Forte Piano but have several in my eye." Fortunately, Montpelier has "fixt" on this rare 1794 square piano by Philadelphia makers Trute & Weidberg, which matches descriptions provided by contemporary visitors to the Montpelier drawing room. During the Madison administration, Dolley often urged young guests to play a waltz at the President's House, and in one particularly sentimental letter, she wrote to her sister that she longed to hear her son Payne Todd's "darling fingers again on the Piano."



This beautiful period piano by makers Trute & Weidberg features detailed inlay craftsmanship. The acquisition of the piano was made possible by funding from The 2012 Dolley Madison Legacy Luncheon. / MF2013.3.1



Celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the Restoration of Montpelier. Join us on Constitution Day – Saturday, September 21.

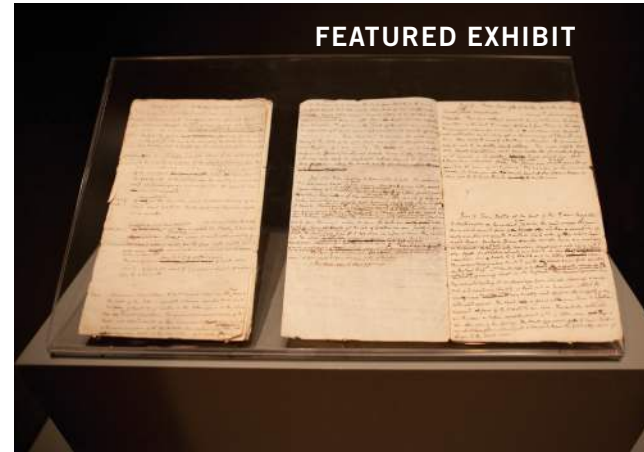
CELEBRATE THE RESTORATION

Montpelier marked the completion of the architectural restoration of President Madison’s lifelong home on September 17, 2008. As recent visitors to the mansion have seen firsthand, the intervening five years have transformed formerly empty rooms into refurbished spaces that help bring James and Dolley’s home to life.

Since 2008, the Montpelier Research Database, a relational tool for sorting contextual historical research, has grown to more than 29,000 documents and 5,000 objects associated with Montpelier. Our team of historians, archaeologists, and scholars have uncovered artifacts and discovered detailed diaries, letters, and accounts in repositories and private collections around the globe. This information paints a much clearer and more vivid portrait of life at Montpelier in the early nineteenth century, allowing us to restore the mansion interiors with precision and care. Most importantly, the interior restoration allows our visitors to better experience the home of James and Dolley Madison and explore the lives of the many individuals who lived and worked on the estate.

In 2013, Montpelier will embark on its most important and ambitious interior restoration project — the restoration of James Madison’s “Old Library,” the likely study in which he researched ancient and modern governments and shaped the structure of the young nation by preparing notes that formed the basis of the Virginia Plan.

Recalling the Madisons during their retirement, niece Mary Cutts described a home filled with library spaces. “Enter the library,” she wrote of an upstairs chamber, “plain cases not only round the room, but in the middle with just sufficient room to pass between, these cases were filled with books, pamphlets, papers, all, every thing of interest to our country before and since the Revolution...” Soon, we hope visitors will walk through such a library “filled with books” and leave Montpelier filled with knowledge and inspiration.



Notes on Tour to Lakes in 1791, James Madison. LMF2013.1.1 / Courtesy of Mr. J. Robert Maguire.

FOUNDING FRIENDSHIP

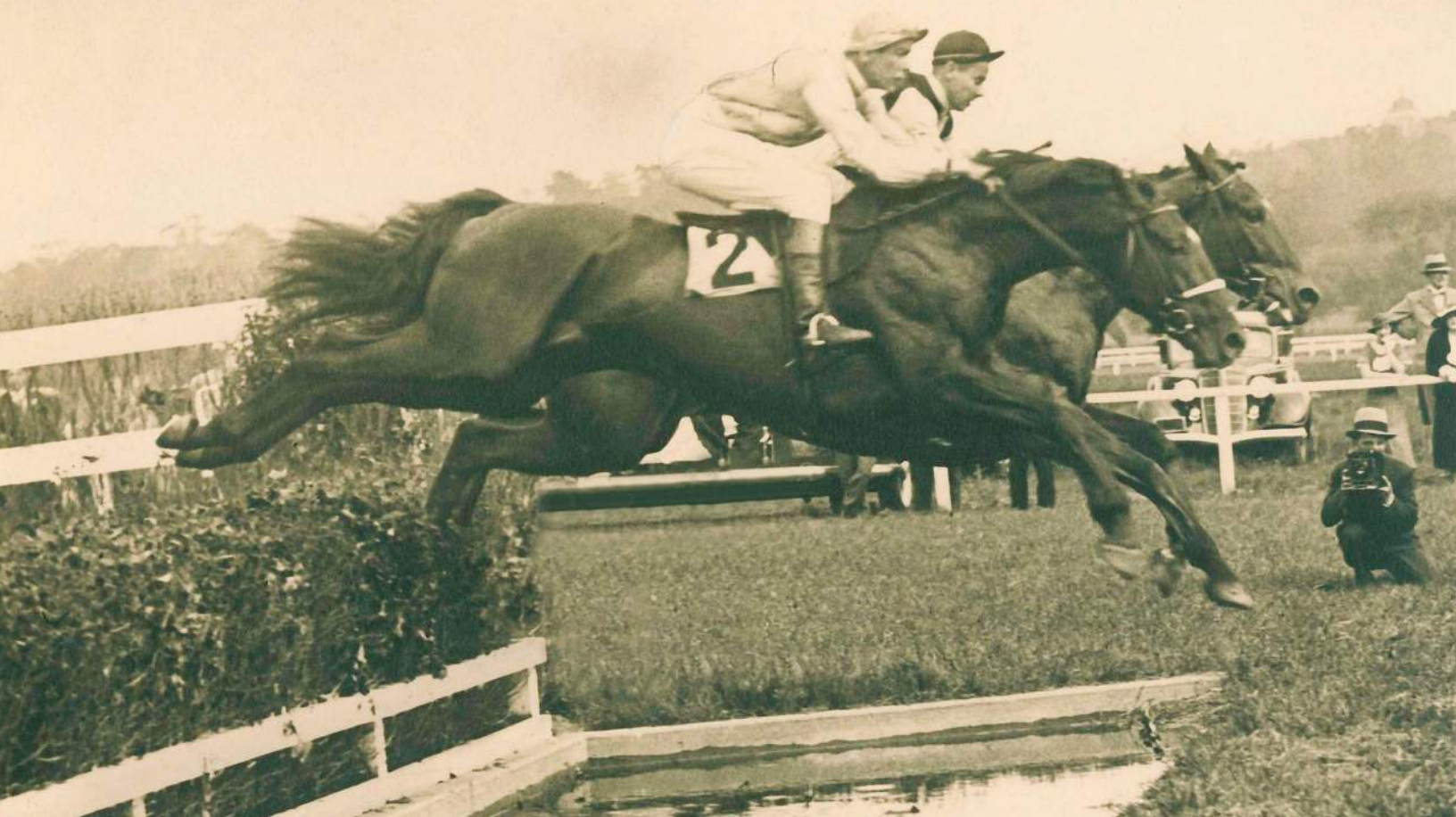
On May 21, 1791, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson departed from Dorothy Elsworth’s New York City boarding house for a month-long journey through New England and upstate New York. Contemporaries criticized the trip as politically motivated, fearing the pair would promote opposition to Hamiltonian economic policies gaining popularity in the Washington administration. The content of Madison’s travel journals, now on display at the Grills Gallery in the Visitor Center, suggests otherwise.

Both men recorded extensive notes on local economies, the natural landscape, and crop cultivation in New England, describing “mountainous country” that “occasionally presents a very cultivated aspect.” Madison’s self-proclaimed objectives for the tour were simple: “health recreation & curiosity.” Despite a bilious attack brought on by the unseasonably warm weather, Jefferson proclaimed that Madison’s “journey with me to the lakes placed him in better health than I have seen him.”

The Founding Friendship exhibit will run through the end of June.

BATTLESHIP

A RACE FOR THE AGES



Overcoming his small size, his jockey's youth, and his trainer's misgivings, Battleship, owned by Marion duPont Scott, became the first American horse to win the British Grand National. Over 200,000 spectators were on hand to witness the race at Aintree, and the story caught fire worldwide catapulting Battleship to international fame. To date, Battleship remains the only horse to win both the American (1934) and English (1938) Grand National steeplechase races.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of this historic event and to honor the enduring legacy of Marion duPont Scott, The Montpelier Foundation and the Montpelier Steeplechase and Equestrian Foundation proudly display a Battleship-themed exhibit in Montpelier's duPont Gallery.

The exhibit will be open through November 10th.

Battleship, at United Hunts May 1934, won 2 1/2 miles Roslyn Hunter Race; Photograph, 1934; duPont Scrapbook 13, pg. 22, img. 001; Courtesy of Montpelier

MONTPELIER EVENTS CALENDAR

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

| Experience all Montpelier has to offer.



Behind-the-Scenes tours happen year-round, and are your gateway to a personal experience up-close with the Madisons. Purchase tickets at least 48-hours prior to your visit. For advance reservations, call (540) 672-2728, ext. 119.



LET IT BE RED: BEHIND-THE-SCENES WITH THE CURATORS

April – October, Advance Reservations Required

\$60 per person (\$42 + regular ticket price)

Travel back in time to 1816, as Dolley Madison asked a friend to purchase fabric for the Montpelier drawing room, noting, “the colour I leave to you — let it be red...” Join our team of curators and historians as we uncover new details in the ongoing refurnishing of the mansion in this 90-minute behind-the-scenes tour, with additional focus on early federal artwork, furniture, décor, artifacts, as well as curatorial methods.

Meet the Madisons: In-Depth Mansion Tour

April – October

Thursday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Advance Reservations Required

\$45 per person

Enjoy an extended mansion tour before the rush of crowds. This special 90-minute experience will allow you to focus on the in-depth details that reveal the Madisons’ personalities, relationships, and accomplishments.

Private Tours

April – October

Advance Reservation Required

\$500 (8 people maximum),

Montpelier offers private tours to individuals and small groups looking for a more intimate in-depth tour experience. Guided, 90-minute tour, eight-person maximum. Call for reservation 540-672-2728 ext. 119

WALKING TOURS

Tickets for the following Quarterly Walking Tours may be purchased at the Montpelier Visitor Center on the day of your visit.

The Big Woods Walk: Exploring Montpelier’s Landmark Forest

Sundays, April 7, July 14 and October 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Begins at Visitor Center

\$5 with purchase of mansion tour, \$10 for Big Woods Walk alone

Hike through Montpelier’s Landmark Forest — a rare hardwood old growth forest consisting of towering poplars, stately oaks, and sprawling beeches. Learn about ecology, conservation, and Madison’s role as an early environmentalist. The trail is a gentle 1-mile loop.

Civil War Trail & Gilmore Farm Walking Tour

Saturdays, February 16, April 20, August 17 and November 16
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Begins at parking lot across Route 20 from the Montpelier Train Depot

FREE Admission

Leisurely hike Montpelier’s Civil War trail to see the archaeological remains of a Confederate winter camp, and a reconstructed camp street. The tour ends at George and Polly Gilmore’s home for a rare look at life after slavery.

Working Woods Walk

Sundays, April 14, July 21 and October 27 – 2:00 p.m.

Begins at Visitor Center

\$5 with purchase of mansion tour \$10 for Working Woods Walk alone

This two-hour hike of the Montpelier Demonstration Forest will help visitors understand society’s dependence on forests now and during the Madisons’ time, and how to care for our forests today.

SPECIAL EVENTS



CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 21, 2013
10:30 a.m. – dark

\$10 per car, \$5 per car for Orange County Residents

Create memories that will last a lifetime for your family and friends, celebrating the birthday of the U.S. Constitution at Montpelier. Enjoy mansion tours, visits with “James” and “Dolley,” special games and activities for children, capped off by entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display over the mansion lawn.

Montpelier Wine Festival

Saturday, May 4
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 5
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wine Festival Admission required. Mansion tours additional \$10 per person.

Held annually on the grounds of Montpelier, the Festival showcases distinctive arts and crafts, specialty food vendors, live music, “cooking with wine” classes, children’s entertainment and rides, and tastings all day.

Campaign Finance Conference

Monday, May 6

FREE – Ticketed event, limited space available.

Engage with some of the country’s leading political scientists and experts on the impact of money in politics. Does money make a difference in campaigns? What is the real impact of Citizens United on financing elections? What is the impact and potential influence on legislators and executive officials?

Tea with Dolley

Saturday, May 11 – 10:00 a.m.
Annie duPont Formal Garden

\$35 per child, free for adults

Bring your children, and their dolls,

for tea with Dolley Madison in Montpelier’s formal gardens. Crafts and colonial games will make for a memorable family day that every American girl will remember. Formal dresses encouraged.

Dolley Madison’s Birthday Celebration

Saturday, May 18
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FREE

Celebrate the birthday of the woman who inspired the title “first lady.” Enjoy birthday cake and punch with Dolley in the morning. Then visit the mansion for Dolley’s “birthday salon.” Free admission for anyone who shares Dolley’s name or birthday!

Natural History Day Camp, aka Mud Camp

Week-long day camp runs Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$140

Send your child to the ultimate day camp experience for aspiring ecologists and outdoor enthusiasts. Mud Camp takes advantage of Montpelier’s acres of forests, fields and streams for hiking, outdoor games, crafts, learning, and play ... in the mud! For rising 3rd - 4th graders.

Natural History Day Camp, aka Mud Camp

Week-long day camp runs Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$140

Send your child to the ultimate day camp experience for aspiring ecologists and outdoor enthusiasts. Mud Camp takes advantage of Montpelier’s acres of forests, fields and streams for hiking, outdoor games, crafts, learning, and play ... in the mud! For rising 5th - 6th graders.

Slave Descendants and Orange County African American Historical Society Open House

Sunday, July 7 – 2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Visitor Center

FREE

Montpelier will host an open house to highlight the results of our four-year archaeological project studying the homes of the enslaved community. Archaeologists have been excavating the sites of five homes for enslaved families dating to the early 19th century. A walking tour of these sites will be followed by a reception and discussion of Montpelier’s plans for interpretation.



Constitutional Structure Seminar

This seminar begins Wednesday, July 10 at 5:00 p.m. and continues through Friday, July 12 at 3:00 p.m.

\$699 includes Room & Board

Gain the perspective of Madison and the founders regarding the Separation of Powers through primary source documents and early case studies. This residential seminar is led by Dr. Benjamin A. Kleinerman, professor, author, and expert on the subject of executive power in the American Constitution.

Summer Civil War Encampment

Friday – Sunday, August 2 – 4
12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday
Across from the Montpelier Train Depot
in the parking lot beside the “Esso”
Building on Route 20.

FREE

Montpelier will host a summer “encampment” of Civil War re-enactors to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia encamping at Montpelier following their retreat from Gettysburg. This weekend encampment will feature a summer camp, artillery, infantry and cavalry maneuvers.

Claude Moore Lecture

Tuesday, September 17 – 5:30 p.m.
National Archives, Washington, D.C.

FREE

Join staff and friends of Montpelier at the National Archives in our Nation’s Capital for this annual “State of the Constitution” address, focusing on public education, dialogue, and policy as they relate to the constitutional foundation of our nation.

Center for the Constitution Seminars

October 11 – 13, November 15 – 17

\$699 includes Room & Board

Check our website for further information.

Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier Sheepdog Trials

Saturday and Sunday, October 5 – 6

Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Festival behind the “Esso” Building at 11407 Constitution Hwy.

Festival Admission required.

Mansion tours additional

\$10 per person.

See the grounds of Montpelier at their autumn finest amid the family fun events of the Fall Fiber Festival and Montpelier sheepdog trials. Activities for all ages include workshops and hands-on craft demonstrations, competitions and specialty vendors.

Christmas Candlelight Tour

Weekends December 6 – 7, 13 – 14
4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

\$25 in advance, \$35 at the door,

\$10 for children 6-14,

Free for children 6 and under.

“Dolley Madison” will greet visitors as they enjoy centuries of Christmas traditions at the Montpelier Candlelight Tour. Learn about early 19th century Christmas customs while exploring the Madisons’ home by candlelight.



MONTPELIER HUNT RACES

Saturday, November 2, Gates open at 9:00 a.m.

Hunt Races Admission required. Mansion tours additional \$10 per person.

To purchase Hunt Races tickets, visit www.montpelieraces.org

Experience the thrill of steeplechase horse racing at the 79th running of the Montpelier Hunt Races on the historic grounds of James Madison’s Montpelier.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

Tickets for the following Special Interest & Quarterly Walking Tours may be purchased at the Montpelier Visitor Center on the day of your visit.



First Saturday of every month, April through October – 1:00 p.m.

Adult Admission + \$5

Experience nearly 300 years of African American history, visiting sites and original structures on the Montpelier plantation that bring to life generations of enslaved individuals from slavery through Emancipation, and shed light on living and working through Reconstruction, Jim Crow segregation, and the Civil Rights Movement. A walking and driving tour.

The Enslaved Community Tour

Every Saturday and Sunday, April through October – 1:00 p.m. (*On first Saturday of month, Journey From Slavery to Freedom is offered instead.)

Admission + \$5

Journey through the lives of more than 200 enslaved individuals during the Madison period. Visit the village where they lived, the cellars and fields where they worked, and the cemetery where they now rest. Learn from the stories of individuals, families, and their often-complex relationships with the Madisons.

Garden and Grounds Tour

Every Sunday, April through October 1:00 p.m.

Admission + \$5

Peel back 250 years of landscaping to reveal how people changed the land — and how the land changed them. Learn how the grounds of Montpelier became a trove of champion trees and unique plantings, cultivated with great care and attention over its generations of preservation.

In the Ground and in the Lab: Special Tour with Archaeologists

Every Thursday, April through November – 1:00 p.m.
Meet at the Visitor Center

Admission + \$5

Take a guided tour of an active dig site and learn how archaeologists restore ceramics and process artifacts in the archaeology lab. No reservation required. Contact the Archaeology Lab for more information at 540.672.2728 ext. 163.

How Best Do We Govern Ourselves? (Constitution Tour)

Every Friday and Saturday – 1:00 p.m.
Meet at the Visitor Center

Admission + \$5

A unique look at the home of James Madison from the perspective of his greatest legacy. Join us for a journey through the Montpelier mansion that will reveal the story of how Madison took the age-old idea of self-government and made it a reality. This is not a tour about places and things but about ideas; it is a quest in search of the essential principles of the Constitution.

Family Friendly Tour

Every Saturday and Sunday – 11:00 a.m.

FREE

Bring the family for this free tour designed to engage all ages, touching on history, governance, and life on a working plantation. Join other families as we focus on the “fun stuff” and explore James Madison’s Montpelier.

Gilmore Cabin Open House

Every Saturday and Sunday, April through October – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
1119 Constitution Hwy, across Route 20 from the main entrance of Montpelier

FREE

Enter the home of George and Polly Gilmore, born into slavery at Montpelier in 1810, and visualize the life they built for their family after Emancipation. This free tour highlights the continuing struggle for African Americans during Reconstruction and the Gilmore family’s eventual ownership of their land and gaining of their full American citizenship.

Civil War Hut Living History

May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Third Saturday of the month)

Civil War encampment behind the Gilmore Cabin, 1119 Constitution Hwy

FREE

Pull up a seat at the campfire alongside Civil War re-enactors at Montpelier’s authentic recreation of Samuel McGowan’s 1863 winter encampment. Re-enactors will bring all aspects of the soldier’s experience to life at this free all-day event.



Visiting Montpelier

WHERE TO STAY AND NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

The Inns at Montpelier

www.innsatmontpelier.com

The Inns at Montpelier provides an overview and contact information for 10 luxury Bed & Breakfasts, offering a variety of unique architecture, character and settings.

OFFICIAL TOURISM SITES

Visit the websites of our local and neighboring communities.

Orange County, VA: www.visitorangevirginia.com

Charlottesville, VA: www.visitcharlottesville.org

Culpeper, VA: www.visitculpeperva.com

Shenandoah National Park: www.nps.gov/shen

VINEYARDS

Include a nearby Virginia wine experience during your visit.

Barboursville Vineyards

Burnley Vineyards

Horton Vineyards

Keswick Vineyards

Prince Michel Vineyard

Early Mountain Vineyards

ADDITIONAL HISTORIC AND SCENIC SITES IN THE REGION

Presidential and Colonial Sites

Monticello, the Home of Thomas Jefferson

Michie Tavern, 18th Century Tavern Experience

Ash Lawn-Highland, the Home of James Monroe

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest

The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

Civil War History

Manassas National Battlefield Park

Fredricksburg and Spottsylvania Military Park

Appomatox Court House

Civil War Museum at the Exchange Hotel, Gordonsville

TICKETS, TOURS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

For the most up-to-date information, visit www.montpelier.org/visit

LOCATION / GPS ADDRESS

James Madison's Montpelier is located on Route 20 in Orange, Virginia.

James Madison's Montpelier

11407 Constitution Highway

Montpelier Station, VA 22957

Lat. 38°13'36"N, Long. 78°10'46"W

NOTE: James Madison's Montpelier IS NOT located in Montpelier, Virginia, which is a town located on Route 33, outside of Richmond. James Madison's Montpelier is located in Orange County, just north of Charlottesville and east of Culpeper.

DRIVE TIMES

From Charlottesville: approximately 35 minutes

From Richmond: approximately 1 ½ hours

From Washington, DC: approximately 2 hours



ACCESSIBILITY

James Madison's Montpelier strives to provide the best possible accessibility to the Mansion, grounds, and facilities to meet our visitors' diverse abilities and needs. However, spending time at Montpelier does involve a fair amount of standing and walking, including a 2/3-mile round-trip walk with an incline from the Visitor Center to the Mansion.



“I thrive when I am inspired, motivated, and challenged by the principles I believe in, and I want the same for you.”

– Robert H. Smith, speaking in 2009 about his commitment to helping build the Center for the Constitution

Robert H. Smith enjoyed a light-hearted opportunity next to his donated statue of the Madisons, a favorite photographic opportunity for most Montpelier visitors.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP OF ROBERT H. SMITH

To honor his passion for the Constitution and support of civics education, The Montpelier Foundation is proud to announce the renaming of the Center to the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution.

As America’s premier constitutional training center, the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at Montpelier provides world-class educational programming to thousands of adult professionals each year. The Center’s goal is to enable the public to expand its knowledge and understanding of the Constitution.

Robert H. Smith shared this goal and held the strong belief that helping educators become more knowledgeable about the Constitution helps them, and their students, become better citizens — a key to ensuring America’s continued success.

Through on-site and online programs, the Center inspires participation in civic dialogue, improves the public’s understanding of the founding principles of the United States, and seeks to enable citizens to deepen their understanding of and participation in our democracy. To date, the Center has served teachers from all 50 states, as well as judges, state and federal legislators, law enforcement officers, and members of the media from dozens of states, and dignitaries from more than 60 nations.

“Bob Smith is the kind of patron saint who understood that the survival of our civil society rests on an educated population,” said Doug Smith, executive director for the Center. “His success in business equipped him with the ability to do what we all dream of doing — invest in future generations through his boundless generosity.”

While the renaming of the Center honors the memory of Robert H. Smith, his vision will continue to drive the next decade of growth and development through *Montpelier Connect*, a programmatic priority for The Montpelier Foundation. *Montpelier Connect* will further integrate the historic site with modern methods of engaging and educating audiences across the nation and around the world. *Montpelier Connect* will definitively change the landscape of civics education, promoting the core tenets of democracy without geographic limitations.

WE THE PEOPLE CELEBRATES STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES



Students from Henrico County claimed the title of Virginia state champions for the high school We the People competition.

Middle and high school teams from across Virginia and Washington, D.C. gathered in February to compete in a series of simulated congressional hearings, with students serving as “expert witnesses” on topics ranging from the Bill of Rights to citizenship. The Virginia We the People State Finals and Washington, D.C. Citywide Finals are the culminating events for We the People: The Citizen and Constitution, a national nonpartisan program hosted annually in Virginia and Washington, D.C. by the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution.

When the proverbial dust settled, students from Douglas Freeman High School in Henrico County and Midlothian Middle School in Chesterfield County claimed the title of Virginia state champions, judged by a panel of community and statewide leaders, attorneys and professors.

In Washington, D.C., Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy’s Capitol Hill Campus became the citywide champion, and Alice Deal Middle School took the middle school title. The Freeman and Chavez teams will face off against 54 other teams at the 2013 We the People National Finals.

Kathleen Kelso, a competitor from Douglas Freeman High School, said, “Both of our teams at Freeman, as well as all of the other participating schools, have taken enormous strides in their understanding of what it is to govern a people... We have learned a lot more than we could have imagined and we are incredibly grateful to you, the judges, and The Montpelier Foundation for all of your work and expertise.”

New Bill of Rights Course Available Online

The online course “Constitutional Amendment: The Bill of Rights” explores each of the first ten amendments to the Constitution, delving into their historical background and how each has been subsequently applied and interpreted by the courts. The course features new videos from the Center’s “Constitutional Conversations” video series, and challenges participants with interactive constitutional questions and pro/con debates.

This is the second online course made available by the Center. The “Constitutional Foundations” online course offers seven exercises, each focusing on different articles and amendments in the United States Constitution. Each exercise presents background information, resources, multimedia content, and thought provoking constitutional questions about the topic.

Online courses are free of charge. Learners have the option to receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from James Madison University. The cost to claim credits is \$25.

Summer Montpelier Seminars Now Open for Enrollment

This June and July, the Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution will offer multiple courses for educators, including one with registration opportunities for the general public.

The Montpelier Seminars are a unique professional development opportunity for social studies teachers and other civic educators. Participants in a Montpelier Seminar will live and study on the grounds of James Madison’s Montpelier.

June 29 – July 2: We the People Summer Seminar (for Educators from Virginia and Washington, DC)

July 10 – 12: The Constitutional Structure of Government: Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances (for Educators and General Public)

July 15 – 19: The War of 1812: America’s Second War of Independence (for Educators from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC)

Learn more about online courses and apply to a residential seminar at learn.montpelier.org

Exploring the Arc of American History

Dig in: Class participants and staff archaeologists work to uncover the mysteries at the Tobacco Barn Quarter in the field below the Visitor Center.

James Madison's Montpelier is a dynamic destination. The landscape has the power to intellectually transport visitors into the late 18th and early 19th century, helping illuminate an "Arc of American History" dating back nearly 300 years. The Tobacco Barn Quarter is a perfect example, bearing evidence of smoke curing trenches and iron parts of a threshing machine.

It is also a history that is in perpetual evolution, thanks to a constant process of discovery and interpretation. This process is advanced by a team of professional archaeologists, methodically excavating deposits to reveal the landscape as it once was – and recreate the living and working conditions of the enslaved individuals who labored at Montpelier and made the plantation their home.

YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN THE MONTPELIER ARCHAEOLOGY TEAM

At Montpelier, our archeology team prides itself on commitment to authentic interpretation. The team takes every opportunity to engage with visitors and involve members of the public – regardless of their previous archaeological experience.

“Engaging the public excites me just as much as the artifacts we discover,” said Dr. Matthew Reeves, Director of Archaeology. “Archaeology is an active experience. Our team is committed to making our excavations in the field and our identification and restoration process in the Archaeology Lab accessible to visitors at all times. We also take pride in training those who join us for our unique hands-on Archaeology Expeditions, whether they are students interested in a career in archaeology or novices who crave a memorable experience.”

REVIEW ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCES ONLINE

To explore archaeological sites and how they have expanded our understanding of Montpelier through both history and pre-history, visit our Archaeology archive online. You'll find interactive maps correlated with the following time periods to help you understand our evolving interpretation of the mansion and grounds.

- Prehistory (< 1723 A.D.)
- The Colonial Years (1723-1763)
- Birth of the Constitution (1763-1797)
- The Honeymoon Years (1797-1801)
- The Washington Years (1801-1817)
- The Retirement Years (1817-1844)
- Trial of the Constitution (1845-1865)
- Legacy of the Constitution (1865-1900)
- The duPont Years (1901-1985)
- Montpelier Today

Visit www.montpelier.org/archaeology

UPDATES ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL INITIATIVES:

For the latest details on archaeological initiatives at Montpelier, visit www.montpelier.org/blogs and select “Archaeology”

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ENGAGE WITH ARCHAEOLOGISTS ON YOUR NEXT VISIT

During visits to Montpelier, all guests are welcome to ask questions of any member of our team, at any time. We structure active excavation sites to provide visitors the best view into our work and have interpretive signs that provide an overview of our finds. Our Archaeology Lab is open to the public during visitor hours, and our staff and volunteers are always prepared to provide an overview of their work. Best of all is our archaeological sandbox located at the entrance of the Lab; kids are welcome to explore the sandbox, which contains real artifacts found on the grounds of Montpelier. It's a super hands-on discovery activity that captures attention...and imaginations.



The latest archaeological program offered by Montpelier, this opportunity is designed for metal-detector specialists and hobbyists. The program serves to introduce the significance of archaeological methods such as gridded surveys, density plots to define site concentrations, and a deeper understanding of the past. Over the course of three separate week-long expeditions earlier this spring, new quarters for field slaves were discovered, helping chart the future of our archaeological program for 2014 and beyond.



Archaeological Expeditions are your opportunity to spend a full week working side-by-side with our staff archaeologists – both at the site and in the lab – engaged in uncovering evidence for the early 19th century landscape.

Eight week-long sessions are held between August and October. Accommodations at a renovated antebellum home on the Montpelier grounds, or at a local bed-and-breakfast, are provided for a fee.

Learn more today at www.montpelier.org/expeditions

Supporting James Madison's Montpelier

YOUR GIFT DRIVES OUR MOST CRITICAL MISSION: **ENGAGEMENT**

Together, our efforts to restore the mansion of Montpelier have succeeded in bringing to life the home and contributions of James and Dolley Madison to inspire continuing engagement with American constitutional self-government.

This transfer of knowledge helps ensure the strength of our democracy today, and inspires thousands of young minds every year – those who will go on to lead our nation for generations to come.

Your gift fuels our ability to grow the number of students and adults who tour the mansion, walk the grounds, participate in our unique educational offerings, and share their rekindled passion for the Constitution. Philanthropy also helps improve the quality and authenticity of every visit, from acquiring new pieces of the Presidential Detective Story to clearing innumerable limbs from our walking trails in the wake of heavy snows.

As you consider your philanthropic strategy for the year, we encourage you to support James Madison's Montpelier. Your generosity will help open thousands of minds to the power of the principles and values on which our nation was founded.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS: LETTERS FROM EDUCATORS

Grant funding from several foundations supports educator seminars at Montpelier. Funding for the seminars referenced in the letters below was provided by The Charles Fund.

What an extreme honor it was for me to attend an educational program at James Madison's Montpelier. ...The only way I could have been able to experience such a wonderful learning opportunity was because of your generosity. My students, too, are grateful because of the learning I transferred to my teaching and their education. **The information I gained has helped the students understand the Constitution and how the government works on a daily basis.** I have been able to enhance my knowledge with the discussions and research I acquired on this special weekend. Thank you so much. I will always be grateful for what you have done for me.

- A high school government teacher from Manassas, Virginia

WAYS TO GIVE TO JAMES MADISON'S MONTPELIER

- Use the enclosed Business Reply Envelope
- Visit us online at www.montpelier.org/donate
- Call Krista Costello at (540) 672-4921

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for funding the educator seminars at James Madison's Montpelier. **Due to your generous contribution, I am able to take what I learned in the weekend and transfer it to my classroom.** ...The lesson was a constitutional activity in which we added, defined, or clarified the US Constitution or they could write their own. They had a blast with the assignment. A few of my students stated that it was one of the best days in (my class). ...It is moments like these in the classroom in which I am grateful for those who help educators grow to become excellent educators.

- A high school social studies and government teacher from Milford, Virginia

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AMERICAN HISTORY FIRST-HAND

Offering robust educational programs for primary and secondary students is one way that The Montpelier Foundation achieves its mission. School field trips are a core component of fulfilling this objective, yet for many schools, having students spend a day immersed in the lives of the Madisons and learning about the Constitution is financially out of reach.

This spring, 209 students from elementary schools in the Richmond Public School District enjoyed just such a day, including guided tours both inside the mansion and on an ecological exploration through the Big Woods of the James Madison National Landmark Forest.

The tours were made possible by a grant from The Memorial Foundation for Children, generously covering charter buses, drivers and fuel, as well as associated staffing and administrative costs. The Richmond "I Have a Dream" Foundation provided key support, coordinating with teachers and administrators to fit the trips within the academic calendar.

As we have witnessed in the past, and were reminded of this year, the return on this philanthropic investment is priceless.

Students from Mary Mumford Elementary School in the Richmond Public School District mix learning and fun during their visit to Montpelier.

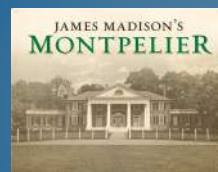


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