

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY - JULY 2017



Back Parlor Exhibit Opening – A Look Behind The Scenes: The House Restoration Project

Friday, February 10

6:30pm

Join us for cocktails in the period rooms celebrating the opening of our new exhibit providing a behind the scenes look at our House Restoration Project. Objects on display include a fragment of an original c. 1820 wallpaper and a chair made for, and used by, the United States Senate. \$125; \$100 for members.

On the Farm Dinner

Saturday, June 10

6:30pm

John Jay Homestead is one of Bedford's oldest farms. Join us for an outdoor farm-to-table dinner and fundraiser to celebrate John Jay Homestead's agrarian history. Enjoy an idyllic evening featuring locally-grown food prepared by a local chef.



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

Scholars Lecture
Tuesday, January 24

FEBRUARY

Back Parlor Exhibit Opening
Friday, February 10

MARCH

Scholars Lecture
Thursday, March 9

**Hopp Ground Garden Club
Open Meeting**
Tuesday, March 14

**Planning the Organic
Vegetable Garden**
Saturday, March 18

Spring Equinox Yoga
Saturday, March 18

**John Jay: The
Westchester Years**
Thursday, March 23

APRIL

**Seed Choices: Choosing
Crops and Varieties**
Saturday, April 8

Spring Egg Hunt
Tuesday, April 11

**Spring Garden Lecture:
Andrea Wulf**
Wednesday, April 19

Jay Walking
Saturday, April 22

**Go Natural: Organic
Gardening Basics**
Saturday, April 29

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, April 30

MAY

Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in May

Scholars Lecture
Monday, May 1

I Love My Park Day
Saturday, May 6

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, May 7

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, May 14

Master Gardener Lecture
Wednesday, May 17

Herb Society's Spring Lecture
Thursday, May 18

John Jay's Not-So-Big City
Saturday, May 20

Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 23

BRLA Pace
Monday, May 29



JUNE

Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in June

Jay Walking
Saturday, June 3

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, June 4

Farm Market
Saturdays, June 10, 17, 24

On the Farm Dinner
Saturday, June 10

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, June 11

Jay Walking
Saturday, June 17

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, June 18

School's Out – Summer Movie
Friday, June 23

Family Teaching Garden Series
Sunday, June 25

JULY

Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in July

Farm Market
All Saturdays in July

**Independence Day Fair
1776**
Tuesday, July 4
Friday, July 7
Saturday, July 8
Sunday, July 9

**Spy Camp
Week 1:** Monday, July 17
through Friday, July 21

Week 2: Monday, July 24
through Friday, July 28

AUGUST

Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in August

Farm Market
All Saturdays in August

History Travel Camp
Monday, August 7 through
Friday, August 11

Thematic Tours

Docent-led tours of John Jay's Bedford House focused on a variety of themes.

John Jay and The Presidents
Friday, January 20

**John Jay and
Alexander Hamilton**
Saturday, February 25

**The Federalist Papers and
The Constitution**
Thursday, March 9

**John Jay and
George Washington**
Saturday, April 15

**John Jay and
Thomas Jefferson**
Monday, May 1

**Lewis & Clark's Great
Expedition West**
Saturday, May 13

**The Constitutional
Convention**
Thursday, May 25

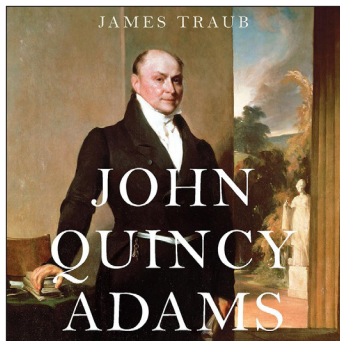
**The Poughkeepsie
Convention**
Saturday, June 17

The War of 1812
Sunday, June 18

**The Declaration of
Independence**
Sunday, July 2

**The Death of Alexander
Hamilton**
Wednesday, July 12

For event registration and tickets, and for weather related cancellations, please visit us at www.johnjayhomestead.org.



JANUARY

Scholars Lecture: John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit

James Traub

Tuesday, January 24

6:15pm

Traub is author of six books and a writer for ForeignPolicy.com, *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and other journals of public policy and foreign affairs. All lectures will be at 7:00 pm (registration and refreshments starting at 6:15), followed by a book-signing. Reservations are strongly suggested. \$25; \$20 for members.

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MARCH

Scholars Lecture: New York and the U.S. Constitution

Akhil Reed Amar

Thursday, March 9

6:15pm

Amar is a Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he received Yale's highest award for excellence in teaching. All lectures will be at 7:00 pm (registration and refreshments starting at 6:15), followed by a book-signing. Reservations are strongly suggested. \$25; \$20 for members.

Hopp Ground Garden Club Open Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

9:30am

"The Kitchen Garden" presented by Ellen Ecker Ogden. Refreshments will be served. Please contact 914-232-5487 or mplechat@verizon.net for information and reservations. Free admission.

Planning the Organic Vegetable Garden

Saturday, March 18

9:00am - 10:00am

A successful organic garden takes both planning and work. Take advantage of the "off-season" and use this time to get your garden plans underway. Bring your current garden plan for further development, or learn the process of creating one during class led by Shanyn Siegel. Advance registration required. \$35; \$30 for members.

John Jay: The Westchester Years

Thursday, March 23

7:00pm

John Jay lived in Westchester County for more than half the years of his life. This illustrated lecture explores aspects of life in the county as it was experienced by Jay, first in colonial New York, then in an independent nation. The program, presented by Homestead volunteer Barry Abisch, also reviews some of the local impacts of Jay's 27-year public career. Refreshments will follow the program. \$15; \$10 for members.

APRIL

Seed Choices: Choosing Crops and Varieties

Saturday, April 8

9am-10am

Hybrids, heirlooms, OPs...choosing the best varieties is a skill that can take many years to hone. Shanyn Siegel shares some practical advice on selecting the right varieties for your garden, while explaining why it's so important to understand where and how garden seeds are produced. Advance registration required. \$35; \$30 for members.

Bedford Recreation Spring Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 11

11:00am

Free entertainment and egg hunt sponsored by Bedford Recreation Department. Call 914-666-7004 for information.

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APRIL

Spring Garden Lecture: Andrea Wulf: Founding Gardeners

Wednesday, April 19

10:00am

For the Founders of our country, gardening, agriculture and botany were elemental passions. Wulf will explore the story of the revolutionary generation from the unique perspective of their lives as gardeners, plant collectors and farmers. Presented by Friends of John Jay Homestead, Bedford Garden Club, Rusticus Garden Club and the New York Unit of the Herb Society of America. Free admission.

Jay Walking with Bedford Audubon

Saturday, April 22

8:00am

Join Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson at the Homestead to look for early spring migrating birds. Meet at the main parking lot at John Jay Homestead. Registration is recommended. Free admission.

Go Natural: Organic Gardening Basics

Saturday, April 29

9am-10am

Growing food naturally involves understanding the fundamental tenets of organic gardening. Shanyn Siegel will explain what differentiates organic gardening from conventional gardening and introduce you to practices that will help you create a diverse garden ecosystem in your own backyard. Advance registration required. \$35; \$30 for members.

MAY

Scholars Lecture: *Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination*

Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter Onuf

Monday, May 1

6:15pm

Gordon-Reed and Onuf are two of the country's leading Jefferson scholars, at Harvard and the University of Virginia. All lectures will be at 7:00 pm (registration and refreshments starting at 6:15), followed by a book-signing. Reservations are strongly suggested. \$25; \$20 for members.

Family Teaching Garden Series

Select Sundays, 4:00pm-4:45pm

Presented by InterGenerate. Families may also volunteer to help in our Giving Garden, where we grow food to be donated to those in need. Advance registration required. \$20/family; packages for this 7 session series are available (5 classes for \$75 or 7 classes for \$100).



Play Days @ Jay

Fridays, May 5 – October 27

12pm-2pm

On Fridays May through October, pack a picnic and spend the afternoon at John Jay Homestead; explore our 6 Discovery Centers and help volunteers collect eggs from the chicken coop. Education staff will lead a short hands-on activity at 1pm. Free admission.

I Love My Park Day

Saturday, May 6

9am-12pm

Join Friends of John Jay Homestead for a day of service at our favorite 62-acre park! Help us preserve and protect John Jay Homestead's cultural landscape as we tackle invasive removal and spring clean-up projects. Registration is recommended.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Lecture – Hydrangeas for Every Garden

Wednesday, May 17

10am-12pm

Horticulturalist and garden author, Lorraine Ballato will discuss hydrangeas from container-size to six foot hardy cultivars along with their proper care and pruning. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 914-285-3590 for registration and information. \$18; \$20 at the door.

April 30	Seeds
May 7	Roots
May 14	Stems
June 4	Flowers
June 11	Pollinators
June 18	Bugs in the Garden
June 25	Spring Harvest

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The New York Unit of the Herb Society of America's Spring Meeting and Lecture

Thursday, May 18

10:00am

Horticulturalist and plant historian, Deirdre Larkin will present an illustrated talk focused on plant products known, but not grown, in medieval Europe, many of which had been imported since the days of the Roman Empire. Larkin worked with The Cloisters Museum & Gardens and holds a Master's Degree in the History of Religions from Princeton. Please email herbsocietyny@gmail.com for information and registration.

John Jay's Not-So-Big City: A Walk Through the History of Old New York

Saturday, May 20

10:00am

Founder John Jay was a native son of New York City, but the city he knew was not the metropolis we know today. This tour takes us along many of the same streets John Jay walked as we visit locations where he lived, worked, played, and prayed. Plan to walk approximately 2 miles during this 3-hour tour. Advance registration required. \$20; \$15 for members.

Annual Meeting of Friends of John Jay Homestead

Tuesday, May 23

6:30pm

Join Friends of John Jay Homestead for our Annual Meeting. Reception and guest speaker, Patricia O'Donnell, of Heritage Landscapes, will give an update on John Jay Homestead's Circulation and Site Improvement Plan. Free admission.

Bedford Riding Lanes Association Spring Pace and Picnic

Monday, May 29

7:00am-2:00pm

Horseback riding pace and lunch begins and ends on the grounds at John Jay Homestead. Advance reservation necessary for participation; call 914-234-BRLA to register. Admission to the grounds is free.

JUNE

Jay Walking with the Native Plant Center

Saturday, June 3

9:00am

Join the Native Plant Center for a walk to learn about native plant species at the Homestead. Meet at the main parking lot at John Jay Homestead. Registration is recommended. Free admission.

Farm Market

Saturdays, June 10 – October 28

9:00am-1:00pm

Purchase locally produced healthy food and support local, sustainable agriculture. This weekly market also offers musical entertainment, featured community organizations, demonstrations, and workshops.

On the Farm Dinner

Saturday, June 10

6:30pm

Join us for an outdoor farm-to-table dinner and fundraiser to celebrate John Jay Homestead's agrarian history.

Jay Walking with Westmoreland Sanctuary

Saturday, June 17

12-2pm

Join Westmoreland Sanctuary's Conservation and Wildlife Director, Steve Ricker, for a family-friendly "Children's Hike and Animal Tracking." Meet at the main parking lot at John Jay Homestead. Registration is recommended. Free admission.

School's Out – Summer Movie

Friday, June 23 (Rain date June 27)

6:00pm

Celebrate the start of summer vacation at the Homestead. Enjoy dinner from a variety of our favorite food trucks. Bring a blanket and stay for a screening of *Grease* on the front lawn. Food available at 6:00pm, movie begins at dusk. \$5/car; food for purchase.

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Independence Day Fair

Tuesday, July 4

11am-4pm

Join John Jay Homestead and the Rotary Club of Bedford-Armonk in a celebration of America's founding with a spirited reading of The Declaration of Independence, live music, food, crafts, games, house tours, and plenty of other activities on the grounds of John Jay Homestead. Free admission to the grounds; fees apply for food and drink, and some fair activities.

1776

The drama of Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, Hancock, the vote for American independence and the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence brought to life by an exceptional, non-traditional cast. Presented through special arrangement with MTI by Bedford Parks and Recreation's Bedford Community Theatre in association with John Jay Homestead. 1776 was the winner of the 1969 Tony for Best Musical.

Friday, July 7 (Opening night)

6:30pm

6:30pm cocktails; 7:30 curtain call. \$100.

Saturday, July 8

7:30pm

\$35; \$25 for members; \$45 at the door.

Sunday, July 9

5:00pm

\$35; \$25 for members; \$45 at the door.

Spy Camp

Week 1: Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 21

9am-3:30pm

Delve into the exciting world of spying, espionage and secret agents. Learn the tools and methods people have been using to spy on each other since ancient times. Discover what it takes to become a secret agent through games, activities and special guests. Join us if you dare! Spy Camp is for children entering 2nd through 6th grade. \$300/child. Discount offered for registrations received by April 1, and for family level members.

Spy Camp

Week 2: Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28

9am-3:30pm

See Week 1 (above) for description.

History Travel Camp – The Museum Experience

Monday, August 7 through Friday, August 11

9am-5pm

How do museums and collecting institutions decide what they will exhibit and how to tell their story? Explore the way museums, zoos, historic houses and other cultural sites develop and present their programs. Our Travel Camp is for children entering 7th grade and up. \$375/child. 10% discount for family level members.

HOURS OF OPERATION

October 16 through April 30*

John Jay's Bedford House

Hourly, docent-led tours are available Thursday through Saturday at 1, 2 and 3pm.

Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center

Closed for the season.

Discovery Centers

Closed for the season.

Grounds

Open from sunrise to sunset.

May 1 through October 15*

John Jay's Bedford House

Hourly, docent-led tours are available Wednesday through Sunday at 1, 2, 3 and 4pm.

A 25-minute, docent-led Highlights tour is available Saturdays during the Farm Market at 10, 10:30, 11, and 11:30am.

Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center

Open Wednesday through Sunday from 12:30-4pm.

On Saturdays during the Farm Market the Carriage Barn will open at 10am.

Discovery Centers

Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am-4pm.

Grounds

Open from sunrise to sunset.

*** Closed holidays**

John Jay Homestead is located at

400 Jay Street / Route 22
Katonah, New York 10536

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