

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2016 - JANUARY 2017



Barn Dance

Saturday, September 17
5:00pm-10:00pm

A festive fundraiser: enjoy country barbecue, a pizza truck, music by local bands, a campfire and more! Individual tickets and sponsor packages available for purchase.

Founders Lecture - Albie Sachs

The Making of the South African Constitution
Tuesday, September 27
6:00pm

Albie Sachs is a human rights activist from South Africa; leader of the African National Congress in exile; co-author of the South African Constitution; and one of the original Judges on the Constitutional Court, appointed by President Mandela. Reception at 6:00pm, presentation at 7:00pm. Admission: \$100-\$150.



*For event registration and tickets, please visit
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CAMP

History Adventure Days – American Revolution

Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22

9:00am-3:30pm

Camp at John Jay Homestead is a fun-filled week of activities, games and special guest visitors. For children entering 2nd through 6th grade. \$275; 10% discount for family level members of Friends of John Jay Homestead. Daily rates are available. For more information contact BethanyWhite@parks.ny.gov.

History Travel Camp – American Icons: The Gilded Age

Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29

9:00am-5:00pm

Visit historic sites in the Hudson Valley to explore iconic American figures of the Gilded Age. For children entering grade 7 and up. \$350; 10% discount for family level members of Friends of John Jay Homestead. For more information contact BethanyWhite@parks.ny.gov.

FARM MARKET

Saturdays, June 11 – October 29

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, workshops, and yoga.

2nd Saturday at the Farm Market

10:00am-12:00pm

On the 2nd Saturday of each month (June – October) stop by the Homestead's Farm Market booth to pick up this month's scavenger hunt and explore our 6 Discovery Centers. Return to our booth for a prize after completing your quest. Free admission.

Independence Day Fair

Monday, July 4

11:00am-4:00pm

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.

OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIES

Enjoy these family movies shown on a big screen on the front lawn of John Jay Homestead. Bring a picnic blanket and the family. For weather based program information please check our website or call 914-232-5651, ext. 105 after 12:00pm on the day of the program. \$20/car.

The Muppet Movie (Rated G)

Friday, July 15 (Rain date of Tuesday, July 19)

8:30pm

The Princess Bride (Rated PG)

Friday, August 12 (Rain date of Tuesday, August 16)

8:30pm

PLAY DAYS @ JAY

On select Fridays in September, explore our 6 Discovery Centers, play colonial games, complete our Family Activity Guide and Garden Bingo scavenger hunt. Bring a picnic lunch! Free admission.

Friday, September 23

12:00pm-2:00pm

Friday, September 30

12:00pm-2:00pm

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 29

10:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a Spooktacular Saturday full of Halloween Fun! Ghoulish Games, creepy crafts and a costume contest at noon. Followed by a viewing of the movie, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (Rated PG) in Carriage Barn @ 1pm. Free admission.

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PAGES & PICTURES

Pages & Pictures in a film and book club that meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Every two months we will watch a different film and read the book it was based upon.

Free admission.

The Watergate Scandal ***All the President's Men***

The most devastating political detective story of the century: the inside account of the two Washington Post reporters who broke the Watergate scandal. Oscar winning 1976 film starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman. 138 minutes.

Thursday, July 14

7:00pm

Film viewing

Thursday, August 11

7:00pm-8:00pm

Book discussion

Regency England

The Duchess and Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire

In 1774, at the age of seventeen, Lady Georgiana Spencer achieved immediate celebrity by marrying one of England's richest and most influential aristocrats, the Duke of Devonshire. Not content with the role of society hostess, she used her connections to enter politics, eventually becoming more influential than most of the men who held office. Film starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes. 110 minutes.

Thursday, September 8

7:00pm

Film viewing

Thursday, October 13

7:00pm-8:00pm

Book discussion

War and Art in Film

The Monuments Men

While Adolf Hitler was attempting to take over the western world, his armies were seeking and hoarding the finest art treasures in Europe. A race against time, behind enemy lines, a special force of American and British museum directors, curators, art historians, and others, called the Monuments Men, risked their lives scouring Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture. Film starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, and Bill Murray. 118 minutes.

Thursday, November 10

7:00pm

Film viewing

Thursday, December 8

7:00-8:00pm

Book discussion

Hudson River Valley Ramble - John Jay's **Not-So-Big-City: A Walk Through the History of** **Old New York**

Saturday, September 24

10:00am

Founding Father 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.

Founders Dinner

Saturday, November 19

6:00 pm

Cocktails in the period rooms, dinner and Founders Award presentation in the ballroom, dancing in the solarium. Ticket prices \$500 and up.

John Jay and Alexander Hamilton: **Founding Fathers from New York**

Wednesday, July 6

1pm-5pm

Docent-led tours of John Jay's Bedford House highlighting the relationship between Jay and Hamilton will be available at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, and 5pm. Admission: \$7 adults; \$5 seniors and students; children under 12 and members of Friends or John Jay Homestead and the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society are free. Please allow 30 minutes before your tour to see the orientation video and exhibits.

John Jay Lecture - Alexander Hamilton: **Washington's Indispensable Partner**

Wednesday, July 6

6:15pm

Rand Scholet, President of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society (AHA), will describe each period of George Washington's public service, and discuss how seven key Founding Fathers - Jay, Hamilton, Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, Knox, and Madison - contributed to his success. Tickets are \$20 for members of Friends of John Jay Homestead and of the AHA Society, and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are recommended.

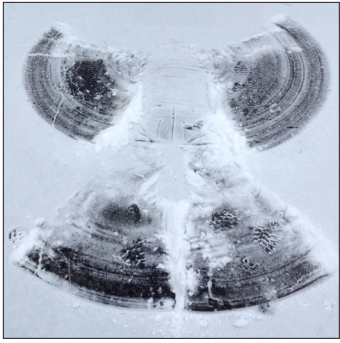
Bedford Riding Lanes Association **Fall Pace and Picnic**

Sunday, September 11

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. Only want to watch? Admission to the grounds is free.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Holiday tours

Thursday through Saturday, December 1 – December 30

1:00pm-3:00pm

Celebrate the holiday season at John Jay Homestead with a guided tour of John Jay's historic Bedford House focusing on the holiday traditions and decorations of the 1820s. Regular admission fees.

Holiday Family Crafts

Saturday, December 17

1:00pm-3:00pm

Join us for a day of family fun! We will have four different winter crafts to make: A decorative wreath, a flower pot snowman, mitten sun catchers, and a fragrant pomander ball. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies in our decorated 1920s Ballroom. This is a drop-in program. \$20/family, free for family level members of Friends of John Jay Homestead.

Candlelight tours

Experience John Jay's historic Bedford House as it takes on the glow of candlelight to celebrate the holiday season. These unique guided tours focus on holiday traditions and decorations of the 1820s. Reservations are required for timed tours as space is strictly limited. \$15 adult; \$12 senior, student or member; \$5 children.

Tuesday, December 20

5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 21

5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday, December 22

5:00pm-7:00pm

First Day Family Fun

Sunday, January 1, 2017

1:00pm-3:00pm

Kick-start your New Year's resolutions with a First Day Hike on the grounds of John Jay Homestead. Warm up by the bonfire with a cup of hot cocoa. Meet at 1pm in our main parking lot. For weather based cancellation information please check our website or call 914-232-5651, ext. 105. Free admission.

Winter Break Film & Fun

This drop-off program is for children ages 5 and up. Watch a winter-themed movie and make a corresponding craft. Bring a snack. All movies are rated PG. Admission is \$10; free for family level members of Friends of John Jay Homestead. No reservations required. For weather based program information please check our website or call 914-232-5651, ext. 105 after 7:00am on the day of the program.

Mr. Popper's Penguins/Penguin Mask

Tuesday, December 27

10:00am-12:30pm

Ice Age/Saber Tooth Tiger Puppet

Wednesday, December 28

10:00am-12:30pm

Rise of the Guardians/Jack Frost Craft

Thursday, December 29

10:00am-12:30pm

Happy Feet/Potato Print Penguins

Friday, December 30

10:00am-12:30pm

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GARDEN CLASSES

Select Wednesdays

6:00-7:30pm

Whether in a patio container garden or a traditional vegetable garden, growing organic vegetables at home is simple. Join horticulturist and seed conservationist Shanyn Siegel as she takes you through an entire gardening season with interactive classes designed to help you hone—or discover—your garden skills. Classes are held in the Glass Porch of John Jay's Bedford House. Advance registration required; \$35 per class, discounts for multiple-class or early registration. Class details and registration information at: www.shanynsiegel.com/jjhclasses.

Wednesday, July 13

Roots, Shoots, and Greens: Planning the Fall Garden

Wednesday, July 27

Soil Science for Vegetable Gardeners

Wednesday, August 10

Evaluating Vegetable Varieties

Wednesday, August 24

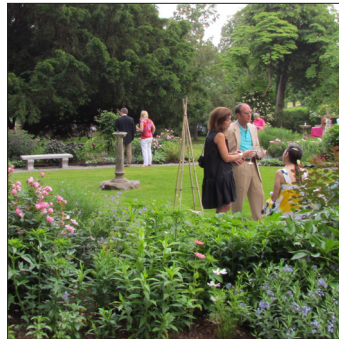
Plant Health Care: Controlling Pests and Diseases Naturally

Wednesday, September 7

Garden for the Common Good: Become a Seed Saver!

Wednesday, September 21

Thresh and Winnow: Cleaning Garden Seeds



Herb Fair

Thursday, September 15

11:00am-2:00pm

Sponsored by the New York Unit of the Herb Society of America. Plant and craft demonstrations, great food, and herb-related merchandise on the grounds of John Jay Homestead. Free admission; food and merchandise available for purchase.

TEACHING GARDEN – Family Gardening Series

The Summer/Fall series includes 6 workshops. The cost for the series is \$150/family. For registration and program information visit <http://www.intergenerate.net/teaching-garden.html>

Sunday, July 24

Flowers: not just a pretty face

Sunday, August 7

Weeds: can you really eat them?

Sunday, August 21

Bugs in the garden, part 2

Sunday, August 28

We eat leaves, but can we drink them?

Sunday, September 11

Back to the beginning: saving seeds

Sunday, September 25

Can worms be our friends?



Jay Walking

Thursday, October 13

9:30am

Come for a Jay Walk - a 1.6 mile perimeter walking trail that weaves through woodlands and meadows studded with magnificent old trees and brings you to gentle and easily accessible elevations that reveal scenic views of Bedford.

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John Jay Homestead State Historic Site

Hours of Operations

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*



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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

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Grounds

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