JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY - JUNE 2020

**Scholars Lecture Series**
January 16, February 11, March 12
7:00pm

Join us for the 2020 Scholars Lecture Series: *Dissent in Our Democracy* featuring Joanne Freeman, Steve Luxenberg, and Eric Foner.

**On the Farm Dinner**
Saturday, June 13
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.
CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

JANUARY
First Day Family Fun
Wednesday, January 1

Scholars Lecture: Joanne Freeman
Thursday, January 16

FEBRUARY
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Tuesday, February 11

MARCH
Music from Copland House
Sunday, March 8

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Thursday, March 12

APRIL
Jay Walking
Saturday, April 25

John Jay’s Not-So-Big-City
Saturday, April 25

Music from Copland House
Sunday, April 26

JUNE
Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in June

Farm Market
All Saturdays in June

Outdoor Summer Movie
Friday, June 19 (Rain Date June 25)

MAY
Play Days @ Jay
All Fridays in May

Music from Copland House
Sunday, April 26

Annual Meeting of FoJJH
Tuesday, May 19

Jay Walking
Saturday, May TBD

THEMATIC TOURS
Docent-led tours of John Jay’s Bedford House focused on a variety of themes. Held each day at 2pm.

John Jay & Benjamin Franklin
Thursday through Saturday throughout January

Slavery & Abolition
Thursday through Saturday throughout February

Women of the Jay Family
Thursday through Saturday throughout March

John Jay & Thomas Jefferson
Thursday through Saturday throughout April

The United States Constitution
Wednesday through Saturday throughout May

Connecting to Collections: Works on Paper
Sunday, May 3

Connecting to Collections: Dress for Success
Sunday, May 10

Connecting to Collections: Stop Copying Me
Sunday, May 17

Connecting to Collections: Imported from the Past
Sunday, May 24

Connecting to Collections: Remember the Ladies
Sunday, May 31

Connecting to Collections: Prints and Printmaking
Sunday, June 7

Connecting to Collections: A Lesson in Furniture Styles
Sunday, June 14

Connecting to Collections: All That Glitters is Not Gold
Sunday, June 21

Connecting to Collections: Family Ties
Sunday, June 28

The War of 1812
Wednesday through Saturday throughout June

NEW SPECIALTY TOURS

Historic House Tour for Families
What was life like 200 years ago? Compare your everyday life with the way the Jay family lived in the early 1800s. This 25-minute tour of the historic house, designed for families with children 10 and under, will focus on the lack of modern conveniences and its impact on everyday life through examining objects such as chamber pots and open-hearth toasters. Children must be accompanied by an adult; adults must be accompanied by a child. Free admission. Advance reservation of tickets is suggested as space is limited.

Every Saturday at 11:30am

Visita a la Casa Histórica en Español
Los visitantes del sitio histórico estatal John Jay Homestead están invitados a hacer un recorrido guiado por docentes de la casa Bedford de John Jay. El interior de la casa histórica ha sido restaurado para reflejar su apariencia durante la vida de John Jay. Más del 50% de los muebles son originales de John Jay y su familia. $ 10 adultos, $ 7 estudiantes / personas mayores, niños menores de 12 años son gratis. Se sugiere la compra anticipada de boletos ya que el espacio es limitado. Este tour se ofrece Español en el primer y tercer sábado de cada mes.

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 12:00pm

For full tour description, event registration and tickets, and for weather related cancellations, please visit us at www.johnjayhomestead.org.
**JANUARY**

**First Day Family Fun**
**Wednesday, January 1 at 1:00pm**
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 and browse our Holiday Shop’s end-of-season sale. Pick up your self-guided landscape tour between 1:00pm and 2:00pm at the registration table in our main parking lot. For weather-based cancellation information please visit www.johnjayhomestead.org after 10:00am on the day of the program. Free admission.

**Scholars Lecture: The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to the Civil War**
**Joanne Freeman**
**Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm**
In 1856 Charles Sumner of Massachusetts was caned nearly to death on the Senate floor by Preston Brooks of South Carolina. Now Joanne Freeman has found 70 more examples beginning in the 1830s of increasing physical violence, sectional intensity, and paralyzing effect on Congress. *Field of Blood* was named a finalist for the Lincoln Prize, and has been included on many notable lists, including the *New York Times* and *Smithsonian*. Freeman teaches History and American Studies at Yale, where she won a DeVane Award for distinction in teaching. 7:00pm lecture (registration and refreshments starting at 6:30pm), followed by a book signing. Reservations are recommended. $25; $20 for members.

**FEBRUARY**

**Scholars Lecture: Separate: The Story of Plessy v. Ferguson and America’s Journey from Slavery to Segregation**
**Steve Luxenberg**
**Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00pm**
*Separate* traces the careful building in 1896 of a test case to establish freedom from race-based segregation in public accommodations. The strategy backfired badly in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, when the Supreme Court ruled ‘separate but equal’ did not violate the Constitution; it would take 60 years to reverse the precedent, in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Luxenberg is an associate editor at *The Washington Post*, and oversaw reporting that won two Pulitzers. 7:00pm lecture (registration and refreshments starting at 6:30pm), followed by a book signing. Reservations are recommended. $25; $20 for members.

**MARCH**

**Music from Copland House: Sounds from the Gilded Age**
**Sunday, March 8 at 3:00pm**
The Victorian, High-Romantic muse – homegrown and imported – with major works from the turn of the 20th century. Each program will last an hour, without intermission, and will be followed by a meet-the-artists reception. Information and tickets available at Copland House at (914) 788-4659 or via email or coplandhouse.org.

**Scholars Lecture: The Second Founding: How the Civil War & Reconstruction Remade the Constitution**
**Eric Foner**
**Thursday, March 12 at 7:00pm**
The 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments abolished slavery, defined birthright citizenship, and prohibited denial of the right to vote based on race. Foner explores the circumstances under which these Amendments were passed, and the ways in which they’re being interpreted still, as recently as 2013, when the Supreme Court declined to use the 15th Amendment to strike down laws which make it more difficult for non-whites to vote. Foner is the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University, and winner of the Pulitzer, Bancroft and Lincoln Prizes, as well as multiple other awards and honors. 7:00pm lecture (registration and refreshments starting at 6:30pm), followed by a book signing. Reservations are recommended. $25; $20 for members.

**APRIL**

**Jay Walking with Bedford Audubon**
**Saturday, April 25 at 8:00am**
Join Bedford Audubon naturalist Tait Johansson to look for early spring migrating birds at the Homestead. Meet in the main parking lot.

**John Jay’s Not-So-Big City: A Walk Through the History of Old New York**
**Saturday, April 25 at 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. $20; $15 members.

**Music from Copland House: Spotlights, New and Distant**
**Sunday, April 26 at 3:00pm**
Journeying across a century of instrumental virtuosity and “star-turns,” animated by gospel singing, Latin rhythms, Baroque chamber music, and French country idylls. Each program will last an hour, without intermission, and will be followed by a meet-the-artists reception. Information and tickets available at Copland House at (914) 788-4659 or via email or coplandhouse.org.

**MAY**

**Play Days @ Jay**
**Every Friday, May through October**
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Pack a picnic and spend the afternoon at the Homestead; explore our Discovery Centers and visit our chickens. Education staff will lead a short hands-on activity at 1:00pm.
Jay Walking: Trees of the John Jay Homestead Farmyard and Pleasure Ground, 1789 through 2020
Sunday, May TBD at 10:00am
Led by Robert Madigan, of Great Estates|SLM and NYBG-Certified Sustainable Landscape Manager, this 90-minute plantation walking tour identifies significant tree specimens located at the Homestead, discusses their identifying characteristics and historical context. Meet in the main parking lot.

Farm Market
Every Saturday, May through October
10:00am - 2:00pm
Purchase locally produced food and support local, sustainable agriculture. This weekly market offers musical entertainment, featured community organizations, demonstrations and workshops.

Annual Meeting of Friends of John Jay Homestead
Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm

JUNE
On the Farm Dinner
Saturday, June 13 at 6:30pm
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 Purdy’s Farmer and the Fish.

Music from Copland House: Cultivate 2020
Sunday, June 14 at 3:00pm
Journey to concert music’s cutting-edge, with the World Premieres of six brand new works written especially for Copland House’s acclaimed CULTIVATE emerging composers institute. Each program will last an hour, without intermission, and will be followed by a meet-the-artists reception. Information and tickets available at Copland House at (914) 788-4659 or via email or coplandhouse.org

Outdoor Summer Movie
Friday, June 19 (Rain Date June 25) at 7pm
Enjoy dinner from our favorite food trucks and live music. Bring chairs or a blanket and stay for a screening of a throwback movie on the front lawn. Food available for purchase at 7pm, movie at 8:30pm. $10/car.

HOURS OF OPERATION
November through April*
John Jay’s Bedford House
Hourly, docent-led tours are available Thursday through Saturday at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00pm.
A 25-minute, docent-led Historic House Tour for Families is available Saturdays at 11:30am
A 25-minute, docent-led Historic House Tour in Spanish is available the first and third Saturdays of the month at 12:00pm
Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center
Closed for the season.
Discovery Centers
Closed for the season.
Grounds
Open from sunrise to sunset.

May through October*
John Jay’s Bedford House
Hourly, docent-led tours are available Wednesday through Sunday at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00pm.
A 25-minute, docent-led Highlights tour is available Saturdays at 10:00, 10:30, and 11:00am.
A 25-minute, docent-led Historic House Tour for Families is available Saturdays at 11:30am
A 25-minute, docent-led Historic House Tour in Spanish is available the first and third Saturdays of the month at 12:00pm
Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center
Open Wednesday through Sunday from 12:30 - 4:30pm.
On Saturdays during the Farm Market the Carriage Barn will open at 9:30am.
Discovery Centers
Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00am - 4:00 pm.
Grounds
Open from sunrise to sunset.

* Closed holidays

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