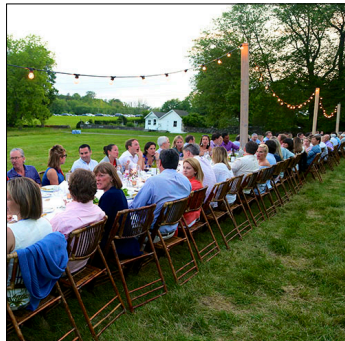
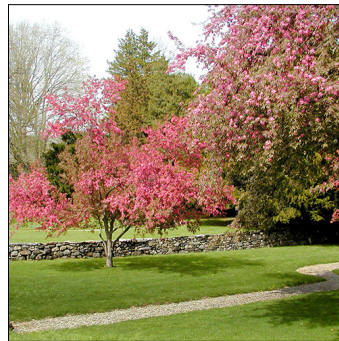


# JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

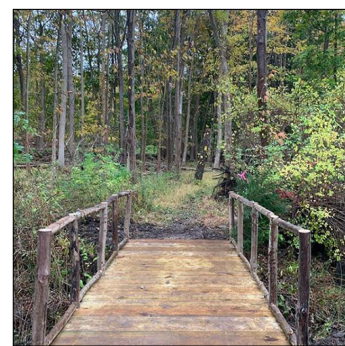
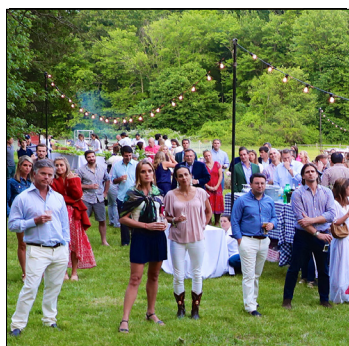
## On the Farm Dinner

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

**Scholars Lecture: Steve Luxenberg**  
Tuesday, February 11

## MARCH

**Music from Copland House**  
Sunday, March 8

**Scholars Lecture: Eric Foner**  
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

## MAY

**Play Days @ Jay**  
All Fridays in May

**Farm Market**  
All Saturdays in May

**Annual Meeting of FoJJH**  
Tuesday, May 19

**Jay Walking**  
Saturday, May TBD

## JUNE

**Play Days @ Jay**  
All Fridays in June

**Farm Market**  
All Saturdays in June

**On the Farm Dinner**  
Saturday, June 13

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Sunday, June 14

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

## 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

## 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

**The War of 1812**  
Wednesday through Saturday throughout June

**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



## 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](http://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](http://coplandhouse.org).

### Scholars Lecture: *The Second Founding: How the Civil War & Reconstruction Remade the Constitution*

Eric Foner

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00pm

The 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://coplandhouse.org).

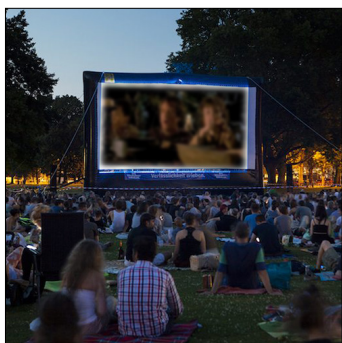
## MAY

### 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

Join Friends of John Jay Homestead for our Annual Meeting. Reception and guest speaker. Free admission.

## 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.

\* **Closed holidays**

### 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.