



The Legendary Gardens of Monticello to Be Featured at the July 12th Meeting

“No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.”—Thomas Jefferson to Charles Wilson Peale, 1811

When asked about Thomas Jefferson, you might first think of him as president or author of the Declaration of Independence, among many other accomplishments. Of all the hats he wore, however, he was a devoted botanist and gardener who taught us to plant close to the kitchen for easy harvest. Jefferson’s central reference to herbs was a list of sixteen medicinal, fragrant, and culinary herbs in 1794.



Join us as teacher, researcher, and gardener extraordinaire Patricia Meyers takes us on a trip back in time to Jefferson’s legendary gardens at Monticello, which are beautifully preserved to this day. The grounds at Monticello include more than twenty flower gardens, two orchards, the vineyards, and nurseries. The vegetable garden alone covers two acres.

Patricia will give us some insight into Jefferson’s cultivation of herbs, and the program will include slides showcasing the flowers, trees, and vegetables at Monticello, one of the great landscape treasures in our country.

The program will begin at 7:00 (with refreshments served beginning at 6:30) at the San Antonio Garden Center, corner of Funston and N. New Braunfels. The meeting is free and open to the Public.

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