

# 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*New Ways to Explore and Experience Poplar Forest*

July 9

## Patriotic Pops at Poplar Forest

**7:30 p.m.**

Join us as the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra performs a collection of patriotic tunes and classic American music by Sousa, John Williams, and other favorites—outside on the south lawn! Also participating in the event will be Thomas Jefferson, as portrayed by Bill Barker, courtesy of The Thomas Jefferson Foundation. All seating will be “lawn seating”, and patrons should bring their own chairs or blankets. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages will be permitted, and concessions will also be offered for purchase. Rain date: Sunday, July 10, 2022.

August 20

## Face the Forest 5K Obstacle Course Run

**7:30 a.m.**

Runners, test your mettle on a run through the hills, dales and woodlands of the Poplar Forest plantation. Join the Jamerson YMCA and Poplar Forest for the annual run and take on the obstacles—climbing walls, balancing teeter-totters, flipping tires and trenching through mud—placed along the way. Registration fees and race details available by July 1.

September 10

## Stargazing

**7:30 p.m.**

Thomas Jefferson was fascinated by the study of astronomy. Join Poplar Forest for an illuminating look at the night sky with Trish Cerulli, the outreach coordinator for Belk Astronomical Observatory at the Claytor Nature Study Center at the University of Lynchburg, on Jefferson’s south lawn. Reservations are suggested as spots will be limited.

September 24

## *Jefferson & Adams: A Stage Play*

**7 p.m. at the Academy Center of the Arts**

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were often friends, sometimes rivals and always revolutionary. Explore their rich relationship, often mediated by Adams’ astute wife, Abigail, in this poignant stage play written by Howard Ginsberg, fusing compelling political thought with passionate personal beliefs. Join Poplar Forest at the Academy Center of the Arts in Lynchburg for this exclusive presentation. Reception to follow.

October 7–8

## Archaeology Behind-the-Scenes Tours

**Tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day**

Join Poplar Forest’s archaeologists for a 90-minute walking tour focused on the latest archaeological dig sites and discoveries on the plantation, including a rare up-close look at some of the artifacts in the Poplar Forest Archaeology Lab. Reservations are suggested as spots on the tour are limited.

October 22

## Fall Harvest Dinner with Mr. Jefferson

**6 p.m.**

One of America’s first foodies, Thomas Jefferson had a taste for fine wines and gourmet foods. Join the president, as portrayed by actor Bill Barker, in his private retreat to raise a glass to a successful harvest season and enjoy a multicourse dinner with wine pairings. Must be 21 and over. Reservations are required.

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**November 12**

## **Thomas Jefferson Wine Festival**

**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Eat, drink, shop and explore a gem of American history when the Thomas Jefferson Wine Festival returns to Jefferson's south lawn. Join Poplar Forest in celebrating Jefferson's legacy as the father of Virginia wine with tastings from multiple regional wineries. Enjoy live performances by local musicians; graze on foods by local vendors; and shop the artisan market for one-of-a-kind finds!

**November 27**

## **Museum Store Sunday**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Discover unique gifts for everyone on your list at the Poplar Forest Museum Shop! Enjoy special savings on remarkable stocking stuffers and special gifts, and help support Poplar Forest in the process.

Admission to the Museum Shop is free; regular admission rates apply to tour the octagonal villa and grounds.

**December 10 & 17**

## **Holiday Candlelight Wine Dinners**

**6 p.m. each evening**

Step back in time to experience the magic of Christmas past at a seated holiday dinner in Thomas Jefferson's villa. Join Mr. Jefferson, as portrayed by actor Bill Barker, to celebrate the season with a multicourse dinner with wine pairings. Following dinner Mr. Jefferson will regale his guests with stories about the holiday traditions popular in his time. Must be 21 and over. Reservations are required.

**December 1-3, 8-9 & 15-16**

## **Holiday Candlelight Tours**

**Tours at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. each evening**

Celebrate the advent of the Christmas season with Jeffersonian style as you explore the president's cherished hideaway on this hour-long holiday tour. See how early Americans decorated with fresh greens for the holidays as your guide paints intimate portraits of the Jefferson family's celebration and Christmas in the slave quarter, drawn from true stories and anecdotes discovered in Jefferson's letters and diaries. The tour is followed by hot cider and cookies in the reproduction Jefferson-era kitchen. Reservations are required.

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