



JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE



2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Stay informed by visiting our website: www.johnjayhomestead.org and bring your family and friends to our wonderful events!

For more information, call the: *Friends Office at 914.232.8119 or **John Jay Homestead at 914.232.5651.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
10:00 A.M.

HISTORY KIDS!

Explore the grounds and discuss the crops that were grown on John Jay's 700-acre farm. Plant seeds of a crop that was grown here to take home. Ninety-minute historical program for families with children ages three to five. Admission charge: \$5 per child, free admission for Friends' Members and adults. **

MONDAY, APRIL 18
10:00 A.M.

SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMP: *HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE!*

How did people get around 200 years ago? How did travel expose people to new and fascinating discoveries? Children will answer these questions and more while exploring the bedrooms of John Jay and his daughter Nancy. Make a shell craft to take home. This is a two hour drop-off program for children ages five to ten. Admission charge: \$15 per child, \$12 for Friends' Members. Advance registration required; call the Education Department at 914.232.5651 ext. 101. **

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
11:00 A.M.

SPRING EGG HUNT

Sponsored by the Bedford Recreation Department, this is a children's event. Hunt begins promptly at 11:00. No admission charge. For information on a storm date and location, call the Bedford Recreation Department at 914.666.7004.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
1:00 P.M.

SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMP: *THE ARTIST IN YOU!*

Do you like art? Do you know the difference between a painting and a print? Or how long it took to have your portrait painted 200 years ago? Children explore the extensive art collection at the Homestead, and then try their hand at printmaking. This is a two hour drop-off program for children ages five to ten. See April 18 listing for price and reservation information. **

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
10:00 A.M.

SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMP: *BIRDS OF A FEATHER*

Calling all junior birdwatchers! Come and explore the Homestead's beautiful grounds and learn about the birds that live here. See how many different types of birds you can find. Children will then make something to help the birds in their backyard. This is a two hour drop-off program for children ages five to ten. See April 18 listing for price and reservation information. **

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
1:00 P.M.

SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMP: *CLEAN AS A WHISTLE*

How did people bathe; stay clean and do their laundry 200 years ago? If there was no indoor plumbing, where was their bathroom? Children will tour William Jay's bedroom and the cellar kitchen to learn about personal hygiene 200 years ago and make soap. See April 18 listing for price and reservation information. **

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
7:00 P.M.

FOUNDERS AWARD DINNER

Formal dinner in the ballroom honoring Friends' Chairman, S. Mackintosh Pulsifer. Admission charge. *

SUNDAY, MAY 1
1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

RAINBEAU RIDGE SHEEP SHEARING AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD

Co-sponsored by Rainbeau Ridge, a sustainable farm in Katonah, New York. Sheep shearing, crafts, and other activities. Admission charge. Details to be announced. *

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
10:00 A.M.

HISTORY KIDS!

What did people eat 200 years ago and how did they prepare it? Tour the kitchen and dining room and "churn" your own butter. See April 6 listing for details. **

SATURDAY, MAY 14
9:00 A.M. TO NOON

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

We need you! Join John Jay Homestead Staff and Friends of John Jay Homestead for our spring clean-up. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to lend a hand sprucing up this National Historic Landmark! Rain date of Sunday, May 15. Advance registration appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. Thanks for your help! **

SUNDAY, MAY 15
2:00 P.M. AND

THURSDAY, MAY 19
7:00 P.M.

CURATOR'S FABULOUS FINDS LECTURE: *SILVER*

John Jay Homestead's curator, Allan Weinreb, will bring you up close to exquisite 18th and 19th century hand wrought silver, including John Jay's Neoclassical hot water urn, rare Spanish flatware, and no-longer made objects such as a mote spoon and bulls-eye lamp. Hour-long program. Admission charge: \$10 per person, free for Friends' Members. Reservations recommended. **This event will also be held on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 P.M.** **

SATURDAY, MAY 21
10:00 A.M.

WALKING TOUR: *JOHN JAY'S MANHATTAN*

Join us for a walking tour of some of the New York City sites where Founding Father John Jay lived and worked. We will cover about 1 3/4 miles during this 2 hour walk. Advance registration and payment required: \$20 per person, \$15 for Friends' Members. Tour begins promptly at 10:00 A.M., rain or shine. Registrants will be sent details on meeting place in Manhattan. **

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
6:30 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD

Members-only event including refreshments and presentation. *

MONDAY, MAY 30
7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

BEDFORD RIDING LANES ASSOCIATION SPRING PACE AND PICNIC

Horseback-riding pace and lunch begins and ends on the grounds at John Jay Homestead. Advance reservation necessary for participation; call BRLA at 914.234.BRLA to register. Only want to watch? Grounds admission is free. **

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
10:00 A.M.

HISTORY KIDS!

Learn how people lived 200 years ago and what kids did for fun. Tour the Formal Parlor and William Jay's Bedroom and play historic games. See April 6 listing for details. **

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

BEDFORD GARDEN CLUB: *CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL*

100 years and still getting their hands dirty! Come celebrate with entertainment and enlightenment for all ages! Hot air balloon rides, tag sale, boutique, plant sale, picnic lunches, workshops and demonstrations. Admission charge. **

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
10:00 A.M.

MASTER GARDENER LECTURE: *A CONTEMPORARY COTTAGE GARDEN*

Amy Ziffer, formerly an editor at *Fine Gardening* magazine and the principle at A Shady Lady Garden Design, will speak on adapting the English-style garden tradition to the climate of southern New York State. Two-hour lecture, co-sponsored by Cornell Co-operative Extension, Westchester County. \$15 advance registration, \$18 at the door. To register call Cornell Co-operative Extension of Westchester County at 914.285.4640. **

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
6:30 P.M.

IN THE GARDEN

A cocktail party held in the refurbished sundial and fountain gardens at the Homestead. Admission charge. *

MONDAY, JULY 4 11:00 A.M.	INDEPENDENCE DAY AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD A performance of patriotic music by the American Colonials Fife & Drum Band and a spirited reading of the Declaration of Independence on the front lawn at John Jay Homestead. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, as you prefer. Free admission for outdoor program. Tours of the historic house will follow, starting at noon, for the normal admission charges of \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and free for children up to age 12 and Friends' Members. **
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 10:00 A.M.	HISTORY KIDS! What types of chores were done in the Jay household and who did them? Explore the summer kitchen and make candles. Ninety-minute historical program for families with children ages three to five. Admission charge: \$5 per child, free admission for Friends' Members and adults. **
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, JULY 25–29 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	HISTORY ADVENTURE DAYS AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD. <i>Exploring the Unknown: Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery.</i> A summer camp for children entering grades two to seven. Admission charge: \$250 with a 10% discount for Friends' Members and 10% discount for paid registration received by April 30. Daily rates available. For more information and to reserve, call the Education Department at 914.232.5651 ext. 101. **
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, AUGUST 1–5 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	HISTORY ADVENTURE DAYS AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD <i>Broad Stripes and Bright Stars: The War of 1812.</i> A summer camp for children entering grades two to seven. Admission charge: \$250 with a 10% discount for Friends' Members and 10% discount for paid registration received by April 30. Daily rates available. For more information and to reserve, call the Education Department at 914.232.5651 ext. 101. **
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 10:00 A.M.	HISTORY KIDS! Tour our beautiful gardens and make bookmarks with flowers and other natural materials found during your tour. Ninety-minute historical program for families with children ages three to five. Admission charge: \$5 per child, free admission for Friends' Members and adults. **
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, AUGUST 8–12 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	HISTORY ADVENTURE DAYS AT JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD <i>Seeing is Believing: Uncovering the Cabinet of Curiosity.</i> A summer camp for children entering grades two to seven. Admission charge: \$250 with a 10% discount for Friends' Members and 10% discount for paid registration received by April 30. Daily rates available. For more information and to reserve, call the Education Department at 914.232.5651 ext. 101. **
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 13–14 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 A.M.	HISTORY UNDER THE STARS Experience an exciting overnight adventure! Bring a tent, a picnic, and your flashlight, and join us for colonial crafts, a campfire, tour of the historic house, and an overnight camping experience. No tent, no problem! Our 19th century barn will be available for those with just a bed roll. Admission charge: \$60 per family, \$50 for Friends' Members. Advance registration required, call the Education Department at 914.232.5651 ext. 101. **
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.	THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD LABOR DAY CHESS TOURNAMENT Co-sponsored by the Max Pavey Chess Club. In the Main Barn. Free admission. Concurrent tournaments for children and adults; children's tournament ends around noon, adult tournament ends around 4:00 p.m.. Bring a bag lunch and drink, a chess set, and a chess clock if you can. **
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 10:00 A.M.	HISTORY KIDS! How did people communicate with each other 200 years ago before phone and email? Write with a quill pen and explore John Jay's formal parlor and office. Ninety-minute historical program for families with children ages three to five. Admission charge: \$5 per child, free admission for Friends' Members and adults. **
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 7:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	BEDFORD RIDING LANES ASSOCIATION FALL PACE AND PICNIC Horseback-riding pace and lunch begins and ends on the grounds at John Jay Homestead. Advance reservation necessary for participation; call BRLA at 914.234.BRLA to register. Only want to watch? Grounds admission is free. **
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 5:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.	THE BARN DANCE Sponsored by Friends of John Jay Homestead. Informal barbecue and outdoor activities, with several bands performing. Admission charge. *
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.	NINETEENTH ANNUAL HOMESTEAD COUNTRY FAIR Sponsored by Friends of John Jay Homestead. Live music, animals, performers, food, and plenty of other activities on the grounds of John Jay Homestead. Admission charge. *
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.	THE HERB FAIR 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. **
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 2:00 P.M. AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 7:00 P.M.	CURATOR'S FABULOUS FINDS: JAY FAMILY PORTRAITS John Jay Homestead's curator, Allan Weinreb, will bring you up close to original portraits of the Jays by such distinguished artists as John Trumbull and John Singer Sargent, discussing the members of the family and examining the different approaches to painted portraiture over the course of American history. Hour-long program. \$10 admission per person; free for Friends' Members. Reservations recommended. This event will also be held on Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 P.M. **
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 10:00 A.M.	HISTORY KIDS! How was life different 200 years ago? Tour John and Nancy Jay's bedrooms and make sachets with herbs found in our gardens. Ninety-minute historical program for families with children ages three to five. Admission charge: \$5 per child, free admission for Friends' Members and adults. **
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 10:00 A.M.	WALKING TOUR: JOHN JAY'S MANHATTAN Join us for a walking tour of some of the New York City sites where Founding Father John Jay lived and worked. We will cover about 1 ¾ miles during this 2 hour walk. Advance registration and payment required: \$20 per person, \$15 for Friends' Members. Tour begins promptly at 10:00 A.M, rain or shine. Registrants will be sent details on meeting place in Manhattan. **
OCTOBER DATE TO BE DETERMINED	ANNUAL GOODHUE LECTURE Speaker and date to be announced. This is a members only event. Admission charge. *
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 11:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.	JAY LADIES LUNCHEON Speaker, Decorative Arts tour and luncheon. Admission charge. *
DECEMBER 27–30 10:00 TO NOON	WINTER BREAK MINI-CAMP A two-hour educational program for kids ages five to ten, held during winter break, with each day focused on a different topic. This is a drop-off program, reservations required. Admission charge: \$15 per child, \$12 for Friends' Members. **