

Virginia Master Gardener Association Meeting - December 11, 2010

Location: Lake Monticello Club House – Terrace Room (41 Ashlawn Blvd.)

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Directions to Lake Monticello Club House in Fluvanna County

Lake Monticello is a gated community, you will have to stop at the gate and tell the guard that you are coming to the *Master Gardener Meeting at the Club House*. If you use GPS or Mapquest and it takes you to any other location - it will be a locked gate and you will not be able to enter. Use the address on 41 Ashlawn Blvd.

From the North (Northern Virginia, Washington DC and environs)

Take US Route 29 south from Gainesville. Turn left on US Route 15 South at Culpeper. Continue south through Orange, Gordonsville, and Zion's Crossroads. Go approx. 3.5 miles past interstate 64 and turn right at Highway 616 (Union Mills Road). Go 2 miles to route 600 (Boston Rd) and turn left. Go across the Rivanna River and turn right at Route 618 (Lake Monticello Rd). Lake Monticello's main gate will be 1/2 mile up on your left.

From the East (Richmond and Tidewater)

Take Interstate 64 West to the Zion's Crossroads exit (I64 exit #136 Zion Crossroads - US Route 15). Take US 15 South (left). Go appx. 3.5 miles and turn right at Highway 616 (Union Mills Rd). Go 2 miles to route 600 (Boston Rd.) and turn left. Go across the Rivanna River and turn right at Route 618 (Lake Monticello Rd.). Lake Monticello's main gate will be 1/2 mile up on your left.

From the West (Waynesboro and the Shenandoah Valley)

Take Interstate 64 East to the Boyds Tavern, Keswick exit (Exit 129 -Route 616). Take it south (right) on 616 (Union Mills Rd.) Go 6 miles to route 600 (Boston Rd) and turn right. Go across the Rivanna River and turn right at Route 618 (Lake Monticello Rd). Lake Monticello's main gate will be 1/2 mile up on your left.

From the South (Lynchburg and Southside Virginia)

Take US 29 North to Charlottesville. Take Interstate 64 East at Charlottesville to the Boyds Tavern, Keswick exit (Exit 129 -Route 616). Take it south (right) on 616 (Union Mills Rd). Go 6 miles to route 600 (Boston Rd) and turn right. Go across the Rivanna River and turn right at Route 618 (Lake Monticello Rd.). Lake Monticello's main gate will be 1/2 mile up on your left.

Fluvanna County Information Center:

At the I64 exit #136 Zion Crossroads, there is a Best Western Crossroads Inn & Suites Motel and an IHOP restaurant. This is the only motel and restaurant at this exit. Many more are located at the Charlottesville I64 exits. *The Piedmont Crossroads Visitor's Center is open at the Best Western Hotel at Zion's Crossroads.*

Local Area Restaurants:

Fluvanna is a rural county and the restaurants are located around Lake Monticello, where our meeting will be held. Unfortunately there are no over night accommodations near the Lake. The best places to stay are closer to Charlottesville and then you have many choices of restaurants.

Local Overnight Accommodations:

Nearest Hotels: Both of these hotels are at the I64 Exit 124.

Comfort Inn Monticello, 2097 Inn Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911, 434-977-3300x519 and Hilton Garden Inn. Richmond Road, Charlottesville, 434-979-4442

There are many unique B&Bs and hotels – to search: see www.virginia.org/ or <http://www.visitcharlottesville.org/>

Sights to see:

Charlottesville Downtown Mall Omni hotel and shopping and dining see information at <http://www.downtowncharlottesville.net/>

Fluvanna County Old Fashioned Village Holiday in the Village of Palmyra held the second Saturday in December. Initiated just a few years ago, this event brings hundreds of guests to the center of Palmyra for a celebration of traditional Christmas. It has become very popular and includes concerts, tours of the village and its historic sites, a reception at Maggie's House and the lighting of the county Christmas tree. All are welcome and event is free. <http://www.fluvannahistory.org/events.html/>

Monticello

931 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, [Charlottesville](http://www.charlottesville.org/), VA 22902 Phone: 434-984-9822

www.monticello.org

No other home in the United States more accurately reflects the personality of its owner than Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's architectural masterpiece and beloved mountaintop home. Guided tours of the house are offered daily throughout the year - Entrance fee

December 10 - Holiday Wreath Workshop

these ever-popular workshops, in their 24th year, produce a gratifying and tangible end-product: a beautiful holiday wreath. Janet Miller, Lou Hatch, and Maggie Stemann Thompson will lead participants through the process in these three-hour workshops. All materials (straw wreath forms, pins, wire, etc.) will be provided, including a cornucopia of natural materials. Bring hand pruners. All workshops will be held at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and Smith Education Center. **Reserved tickets are required** and

can be purchased beginning Nov. 8 through the Web site www.monticello.org or by calling (434) 984-9881. \$45.

Ash Lawn- Highland, Home of President James Monroe

1000 James Monroe Parkway, Charlottesville, VA 22902 Phone: (434) 293-8000

<http://www.ashlawnhighland.org/>

Ash Lawn-Highland is an historic house museum, 535-acre working farm, and performing arts site. It continues to provide an authentic view of nineteenth-century life for our many other visitors through examples of Early American and Victorian architecture, decorative arts from those periods, and craft demonstrations on the grounds. Entrance fee: hours November – March, 11 am-5 pm

Presidents' Pass

The Presidents' Pass is a discount combination ticket to tour Monticello, [Ash Lawn-Highland](#), and [Michie Tavern's Tavern Museum](#). At Monticello, the Presidents' Pass entitles you to a [House Tour and Grounds Ticket](#). The guided House Tour covers the rooms on Monticello's first floor and lasts about 30 minutes. (Because of fire codes and insurance restrictions, the upper floors are not a part of this tour.)

University of Virginia

The original Grounds of the University, including the Rotunda and the Lawn, were designed by Jefferson to be what he called an "Academical Village". The Rotunda, a half-scale interpretation of the Pantheon in Rome, is the signature landmark of the University and its Dome Room originally housed the University library. The Pavilions are in the Federal style and no two are alike. Conducted tours of the Rotunda are offered daily at 10:00am and 11:00am.; 2:00pm, 3:00pm and 4:00pm. No admission charge.

www.virginia.edu/academicalvillage/

Wineries, Breweries and Cidery

The wineries of the Central Wine Trail and Monticello area fulfill a vision of Thomas Jefferson, whose aim was to produce exceptional quality wines like those he found on his travels to Europe. <http://www.virginia.org>

Monticello Wine Trail is an association of 22 wineries and vineyards near Charlottesville. The ones nearest to Fluvanna are the Eastern and Southern Trails. Jefferson Vineyards, Blenheim Vineyards, Kluge Estate Winery & Vineyard, are very near Monticello.

www.monticellowinetrail.com/

Vintage Virginia Apples Orchard and Cidery - [The Albemarle CiderWorks Tasting Room](#) is open Wednesdays--Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<http://www.vintagevirginiaapples.com/>

Breweries are farther away in Charlottesville and Nelson County -

<http://www.virginia.org/>