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SATURDAY 18

Ashland
Morven, Charlottesville
Old Town Alexandria
Orange County
Staunton
Suffolk

SUNDAY 19

Albemarle-Charlottesville
James River Plantations
Leesburg

MONDAY 20

Albemarle-Charlottesville
James River Plantations
Leesburg

TUESDAY 21

Clifton/Fairfax Station
Fredericksburg
James River Plantations
Lynchburg
Petersburg
Williamsburg-Bruton Parish's
300th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY 22

Hampton-Newport News
Harrisonburg
Martinsville
Northern Neck-Westmoreland
County
Richmond-Hermitage Road Area
Tuckahoe Plantation-Goochland
County
Virginia Beach
Warrenton

THURSDAY 23

Danville
Norfolk
Richmond-Kingcrest Parkway Area
Tuckahoe Plantation-Goochland
County
Warrenton

FRIDAY 24

Middle Peninsula
Richmond: Cary Street Road Corridor
Smith Mountain Lake
Tuckahoe Plantation-Goochland
County

SATURDAY 25

Eastern Shore
Front Royal-Warren County
Gloucester-Mathews
Lexington
Roanoke
Winchester



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ALBEMARLE COUNTY AND CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA

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MORVEN ESTATE GARDENS AND HOUSE

The three-story brick manor house was completed in 1820 and reflects late Georgian architecture with Roman Revival influence. This 19th century ambiance remains even after 20th century additions and interior renovations. Now owned by the University of Virginia Foundation, the main house and other buildings have been restored and adapted for University programs. The grounds contain a number of unusual trees, including a pair of century-old Osage oranges, the state champion Chinese chestnut, and a lovely doe tree that often blooms during Garden Week. The extensive gardens form a series of distinct outdoor rooms, ranging in style from Colonial Revival to a semi-formal garden created from a parking lot in 1994. Thousands of tulips, pansies, and forget-me-nots, together with venerable lilacs, wisteria, spireas, and deutzias dominate the spring show of flowers.

MONTICELLO

Thomas Jefferson's home of his own design reflects his lifelong passion for gardening, botany, and agriculture. The winding walk flower border was restored by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1939-1941. Open daily with guided tours of the gardens and house as well as educational exhibits, a lecture on how gardening has changed since Jefferson's time, and experts on hand to answer questions and offer advice to the modern gardener.

ASH LAWN-HIGHLAND

The home of James Monroe is located on his mountain estate near Monticello. During Historic Garden Week, costumed guides demonstrate various farm activities such as open hearth cooking, candle making, spinning, and paper quilling.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

The Academical Village is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. It is designated as a National Historic Landmark and a World Heritage site.

CARR'S HILL The private home of University President Teresa Sullivan and her husband, Douglas Laycock. Located on the corner of Rugby Road and University Avenue.

PAVILION GARDENS The gardens on the West Lawn were restored from 1947-1953, the East Lawn between 1960-1965, the North Forecourt of the Rotunda in 1977, and additional landscaping between 1983-1991.

PAVILION HOMES

Pavilion IV - *Larry Sabato*

Pavilion VI - *Bob Sweeney and Lili Powell*

EDGAR ALLAN POE ROOM West Range Room 13. Edgar Allan Poe came to the University of Virginia in 1826, one year after it opened, and his legacy lives on in West Range Room 13. No longer rented out to students, the University's Raven Society maintains the room as an exhibit.

MOREA GARDEN AND ARBORETUM Located on 209 Sprigg Lane off of Emmet Street just north of Alumni Hall, the Morea Garden features a special selection of shrubs and trees surrounding a historic Federal period home. The house is named after the mulberries cultivated for experiments with silkworms. The tour will be limited to the gardens.

BLOOMFIELD

Originally part of a 2,000-acre grant to Charles Hudson in 1735, this grand Jeffersonian-style home built in 1849 has been altered many times over the years to suit the needs of its various owners. In addition to being a private home, it has served as a preparatory school for UVA, as a finishing school for girls, and more recently as a home and school for handicapped children. With great vision, the current owners eliminated all institutional vestiges and returned the home to its former glory. The gardens have enjoyed a renaissance as well. Original stacked stone walls and large hedges of ancient American boxwood are now flanked by lush perennial beds, mixed borders, flowering shrubs, specimen trees, and a pool with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There is a cutting garden on the foundation of one of the original outbuildings. The owners have established a small orchard and restored a pavilion and raised bed garden. This elevated garden now serves as a kitchen garden, due to its proximity to the house.

VERULAM FARM

Surrounded by seven acres of lawn and garden, the main house invites visitors to meander down a hillside to the Adirondack-themed stone guest pavilion and the meticulously restored 1800s log house. Visitors can wander along the paths, to see a fern garden, lavender hillside, 15,000 daffodils flanking a sinuous stream, and masses of shiobana spirea and other plantings beside the spring-fed pond, waterfall, and regeneration bog. Adjacent to the house, stone pillars lead into the upper woodland garden which features ten varieties of viburnum,



The 100-year-old barn at Verulam

hydrangea, rhododendron, and a botanist's trove of other shade-loving plants massed along the paths. The formal garden below the main house transitions into the lower woodland garden, colored seasonally by native and cultivated plantings. Breezeways

and brick paths through understated classical gardens befit the Jeffersonian elegance of the Georgian Revival house. The current owner has spent more than a decade restoring the home and gardens to their original splendor. In addition to work on the Gillette gardens, pool and pond, the owner has established a two-tiered vegetable garden, a small heritage orchard, and a nut walk leading out to the woods. Adjacent to the equestrian facilities, a 100-year-old barn has been restored for use as a wedding and public-event venue. Special garden-related events scheduled at the barn throughout the day including floral demonstrations, talks and garden-related products. A detailed schedule of all barn events available at www.vagardenweek.org. *Melton McGuire, owner.*

HARRIS HOME

A sunny rise just north of Ragged Mountain is an idyllic setting for this property on the tour. The owners purchased the 35-acre parcel and constructed a modern home, which communicates naturally with its environment. The home is sited to capture optimal views of the gardens, fields, and mountains beyond, in a scale that is both welcoming and gracious. A tree-lined drive leads to the home. The foundation bed at the entrance features limelight hydrangea standards surrounding a large, carved bird feeder. Extending alongside the left of the home is a



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long, wide perennial garden that draws visitors from the front circle into the backyard. There are species and hybrid tulips, roses and *Fritillaria imperialis* 'Lutea maxima' to name a few. Favorite annuals like yellow and orange nasturtiums edge the beds. View the gardens from a stone-edged terrace that includes a wisteria-covered pergola, more perennial beds and an open, double-sided fireplace, which frames the view of distant mountains. A mowed nature walk completes the connection to the landscape and explores the back of the property. *Dana and Peter Harris, owners.*

FOXHAVEN

In May 2012, the University of Virginia Foundation acquired Foxhaven, a sprawling 200-acre farm just outside the western border of Charlottesville city limits. Henderson and Jane Heyward bought the property in 1949, and over the ensuing decades Jane lovingly

established gardens and trails throughout the property, and nurtured an eclectic mix of plant life. An avid and lifelong gardener and member of the Albemarle Garden Club, she collected specimens of trees, shrubs and plants from friends and from her travels to create woodland gardens, perennial beds, a cottage garden, and shaded pathways bordered with bulbs and seasonal flowers. Year-round, something was always in bloom at Foxhaven. Her hope was that one day her home and grounds could be an arboretum or botanical garden. Prior to her passing, she established a trust for the renovation of the garden. Visitors will be reminded of *The Secret Garden*. As the Foundation begins to restore the property, come see what botanical treasures are thriving once again at Foxhaven. There will be a Master Gardener Help Desk onsite and Tree Stewards will offer two tours daily. *University of Virginia Foundation, owner.*