



Photograph a Presidential Home October 10-13, 2019

James Madison's Montpelier

PHOTO: LARRY BOUTERIE

The birthplace of the U. S. Constitution, the legacy of an enslaved community, noteworthy architecture and decorative arts, the Landmark Forest, plantation life and landscape...all will be showcased and enhanced by your creativity and imagination. These are the ingredients for a unique and exclusive photographic expedition on the grounds of JAMES MADISON'S MONTPELIER.

Led by award-winning National Geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett, experience the home of James Madison, his family, and the enslaved community, and discover how historic events have made the property what it is today.

You can choose an assignment or use your own voice to tell the story of Montpelier through photography. You will have before-

or after-hours access to President Madison's House and 24-hour access to the grounds.

Ken will be on site to both coach and critique your photography. Montpelier Foundation team members responsible for maintaining and interpreting President Madison's legacy will share their knowledge of Madison's history, the U.S. Constitution, architecture, fine and decorative arts, and the ongoing archaeology progress.



Artifact from the South Yard / Ken Garrett



Gilmore Cabin / Ken Garrett



Artifacts / Kenneth Garrett

While most of the activities will be scheduled, several will be optional, for those moments when you wish to explore the bucolic setting on your own. Whether you shoot with the latest mirrorless full-frame camera, a smartphone, or something in between, you will find this expedition to be a unique and exciting opportunity to experience and photograph living history.



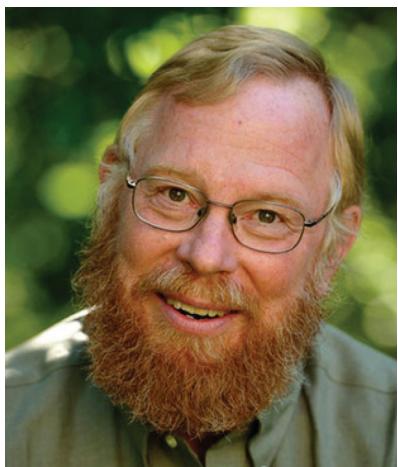
The Old Library / Larry Bouterie

All meals will be provided to maximize the amount of photographic time. Limited on-site lodging is available on a first-come first-served basis. Alternative accommodations can be found in nearby Orange, VA through “The Inns at Montpelier.” Charlottesville airport is 45 minutes away. Washington, DC is a two-hour drive.



View of the Blue Ridge Mountains from in front of the Montpelier House / Larry Bouterie

Photograph a Presidential Home – Speaker Lineup



Kenneth Garrett, National Geographic Photographer. In a career spanning over 40 years, Ken Garrett has photographed more than 60 feature stories for *National Geographic* and *National Geographic Traveler* magazines, and has been involved with multiple *National Geographic* books, expeditions, and museum exhibits. Ken knew from an early age that he wanted to be a photographer, and he was offered his first *National Geographic* assignment in 1976. Ken has shot for *Time*, *Fortune*, *Forbes*, *Smithsonian*, and many other publications and commercial clients. Ken will lead participants through multiple photography excursions at Montpelier and provide tips and theory on the process of photography.



Kat Imhoff, President and CEO, The Montpelier Foundation. Kat Imhoff has served as Montpelier's President and CEO since 2013. She is the former Chief Operating Officer of Monticello and Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy in Montana.



Elizabeth Chew, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Curator. An art historian, she has taught art history and material culture and published and lectured widely on ways that art and architectural patronage relate to gender, race, and family politics.



Matthew Reeves, Ph.D., Director of Archaeology and Landscape Restoration since 2000, will present an overview of Montpelier's archaeology projects, highlighting important finds which broaden our knowledge of the Madisons' heritage and Montpelier's enslaved community.



Jenn Glass, Director of Architecture & Historic Preservation, will lead participants on a tour of the Madison-era architecture that details Montpelier's 20-year history of architectural restoration and reconstruction of these spaces.



Christian Cotz, Director of Education and Visitor Engagement. Christian's career at Montpelier began in 2000 running student programs and developing learning opportunities. Christian was project director for the award-winning exhibition, *The Mere Distinction of Colour*, and will provide a personal tour of the creation of this exhibit.



Allyson Whalley, Curator of Horticulture, has been integral to restoring the planted landscape at the main house. Her recent work in the Madison formal garden will be highlighted in her landscape tour of the property.

Photograph a Presidential Home - Schedule

Thursday, October 10

Arrive and check in prior to 6:00 pm
6:00 pm Buffett dinner: Welcome, Overview, and Introductions (Kat Imhoff)
7:00 Lecture - *Madison and his Legacy* - Elizabeth Chew, Ph.D.

Friday, October 11

7:14 am Sunrise to 8:00 - On your own photography of grounds
8:00 Breakfast (Lewis Hall)
8:30 Montpelier Film (Lewis Hall)
9:00 Architectural Tour of the House and South Yard structures (Jenn Glass)
10:30 Ken Garrett Photo presentation - Photographing interiors and collection objects, and artifacts
12:00-1:00 Box lunch, Lewis Hall
1:00 Focus Group discussion and shooting assignments
2:30 Ken Garrett Photo presentation - Photographing Artifacts
3:30-5:30 Photographing areas
Group 1 - Interior of Historic House
Group 2 - Gilmore Cabin area
Group 3 - Artifacts - Archaeology Lab
6:38 Sunset - On your own photography of grounds
7:15 Dinner and VA wine tasting
8:15 Lecture - *The Madison Plantation from Mount Pleasant to Montpelier* - Matthew Reeves, Ph.D.

Saturday, October 12

7:14 am Sunrise to 8:00 On your own photography of grounds
7:00 Breakfast (Lewis Hall)
8:00 - 10:00 Photographing areas
Group 2 - Interior of Historic House
Group 3 - Gilmore Cabin area
Group 1 - Artifacts - Archaeology Lab
10:30 - 2:00 Ken Garrett Photo Review and Discussion/Lunch
3:30-5:30 Photographing areas
Group 3 - Interior of Historic House
Group 1 - Gilmore Cabin area
Group 2 - Artifacts - Archaeology Lab
7:00 Seated Dinner
Lecture - *African American History at Montpelier, from Slavery to Emancipation and Beyond* - Christian Cotz

Sunday, October 13

7:14 am Sunrise to 8:00 - On your own photography of grounds
8:00 Breakfast (Lewis Hall)
9:00-11:00 Walking tour of property:
Grounds (House exterior); Madison Family cemetery; Enslaved cemetery (Matthew Reeves)
11:30 - 1:30 - Ken Garrett Photo Presentation and Box Lunch - Review and discussion of Montpelier photos (Lewis Hall)
1:30 - Departure - On your own photography of grounds

Workshop: \$1,500/person. On-site accomodations available: \$345/individual or \$465/double.

To Register, please contact Brittany Higgs at dig@montpelier.org or 540-672-2728 x161.



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