Dedication of the Kitchen Road Project at Monticello

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n April 8, a ceremony was held at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello to commemorate completion of the Kitchen Road Project funded by the Garden Club of Virginia. The event was attended by former GCV presidents, current and past members of the GCV Restoration Committee, the GCV Board and members of the Albemarle, Charlottesville and Rivanna garden clubs.

Using many years of research by William L. Beiswagner, the former Robert H. Smith Director of Restoration at Monticello, William D. Rieley, GCV Landscape Architect, developed the landscape drawings for the project. Field work was subsequently performed to determine the exact location of roads and paths. As a result, Mulberry Row is now correctly aligned from its eastern end stable to its west end; steps have been installed, and plants planted. The kitchen road and path now connect to Mulberry Row and resemble the landscape of Mr. Jefferson's time.

The completed GCV Kitchen Road Project invites a trip to Monticello. For more information see Candy Crosby's article in the December 2014 GCV *Journal*, available online.

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