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BRUSH UP ON HISTORY DURING FIRST FRIDAY AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 12, 2014) – The National Constitution Center has planned a special **First Friday event on October 3, 2014, from 5 – 8 p.m.** The museum will offer a special \$5 discounted admission ticket to the current feature exhibition *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello*. Light snacks, complimentary wine, and Narragansett Beer will be served. Guests also can take part in additional programming, including 'Constitutional Quizzo' and staff-led discussions on the personal lives of the Founding Fathers. The museum is partnering with [Uber](#) to offer all guests who are new to the car service a complimentary ride up to \$20 using the promo code 'CONSTITUTION.'

Tickets for First Friday can be purchased in advance by calling 215-409-6700 or visiting constitutioncenter.org. Tickets also will be available for purchase in person at the box office. This is one of the **final** opportunities to view *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello* before it closes on Sunday, October 19, 2014.

About *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello*

Thomas Jefferson helped create a new nation based on individual freedom and self-government—yet he remained a slaveholder throughout his life. On display through **October 19, 2014**, this powerful, revealing, and deeply personal exhibition follows the stories of six slave families who lived and worked at Jefferson's plantation— the Fossett, Granger, Gillette, Hemings, Hern, and Hubbard families—and their descendants who fought for justice and helped bring to light their ancestors' lives and values. *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello* features more than 280 artifacts that represent each family's trade as well as personal items of Jefferson's including a walking stick, chess set, books, spectacles, and replica of the portable desk used to

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draft the Declaration of Independence. Explore the story of slavery in early U.S. history while discovering the struggle and the self-determination at the heart of America's founding. Leave being inspired to discover your own family heritage and history.

This exhibition is presented by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello in partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture. All objects in this exhibition are from the collection of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello, unless otherwise noted.

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About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia is the Museum of We the People, America's Town Hall, and a Headquarters for Civic Education. As the **Museum of We the People**, the National Constitution Center brings the United States Constitution to life for visitors of all ages and inspires active citizenship by celebrating the American constitutional tradition. The museum features interactive exhibits, engaging theatrical performances, and original documents of freedom. As the only institution established by Congress to "disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a non-partisan basis," the National Constitution Center serves as a **Headquarters for Civic Education**—offering cutting-edge learning resources including the premier online Interactive Constitution. As **America's Town Hall**, the National Constitution Center hosts timely constitutional conversations uniting distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists from across the political spectrum. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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