



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States  
~ Celebrating its 32nd Year of Operation ~*

**FEBRUARY 2005**

### SPRING CELEBRATION

Planned at U.S. Botanic Garden

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm will conduct a festive 'Spring Celebration' social event on Wednesday, March 23, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, DC. The evening event celebrates 32 years of education and historic preservation conducted by the Farm within the Washington area community.

#### Evening Celebration in Exotic Setting

The Spring Celebration will feature an open cocktail bar, buffet hors d'oeuvres prepared and generously provided by J.R.'s Custom Catering, and dance music by "The Brian Litz Trio". The setting is the Conservatory at the U.S. Botanic Garden, recently restored to its original design and featuring fountains, an impressive limestone superstructure and visitor walkway 24 feet above the floor. Guests are encouraged to stroll the grounds to view the wide and lush variety of living plant exhibits on display.

The Friends of Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the Farm's all-volunteer Board of Directors, is planning the March 23 Spring Celebration with Jean Ann Gililand chairing the committee. For more information, please email [aeberly@1771.org](mailto:aeberly@1771.org) or call Anna Eberly at 703-847-0710.

### PAUSE FOR PIGS

Lucy, one of our young Ossabaw Island Hogs whom you may remember as just a baby herself at last spring's Market Fair, had her first litter on the 14th of January. Momma and her three babies are doing fine.

### PRESIDENTIAL STEERS

Came to the Farm!

The week of President Bush's Inauguration, the Farm had the honor of hosting the Texas mascots. Three Longhorn steers and one Brahma attended the **Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball** to pose for photographs with the public; while "off duty", they relaxed at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm!

We were pleased to host such beautiful animals, and wish them well on their long drive back to Texas.

### THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN

Begins the 8th year with Colonial Caterers

Like fine wine, everything keeps getting better with age at The Pavilions (except the roofs of the Pavilions which we will be replacing this year). The food, the facility, the staff, the fun, -- what started as very good is now outstanding.

The Pavilions of Turkey Run is the best location in town for group picnics, parties, receptions, meetings, team building and great theme events. The possibilities are endless. We hope all the Farm members will consider having their next group event there, as the revenue from the Pavilion rental supports many of the farm activities. It accommodates from 100 to 800 guests and all of the work is done for you.

For further information, visit the web site at [www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com) or call Peg in the marketing office at (703) 893-6545.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a belated welcome to two new staff members. **Katie Jackson** is our new educational programs manager and farm wife. She came to the Farm in June. Katie worked for five years as an interpreter at Conner Prairie Living History Museum in Fishers, IN, and has a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Kenyon College. **Morwen Laurana Summers** was born to Rachel and Kevin Summers on July 19, 2004. She has been assisting Rachel on the farm site as an interpreter of colonial infants, and in the office as a clerical assistant (shuffling and chewing papers).

### FAREWELL TO OUR FARMER

**Tim Camarda**, who served as our farmer since February of 2002, bid the Farm farewell and moved on to continue his college studies full-time at American University. However, Tim promises we will see him at Market Fairs and farm site events. We wish him the best of luck for the future!

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## GATEHOUSE NEWS

The GateHouse Shop is proud to announce that sales increased 27% in 2004. Several elements contributed to this success: increased visitation, better merchandise selection and display, the bay window addition, fair prices, and a great shop staff who make the visitors feel so welcome. Our GateHouse serves many different functions – entry point to the entire Farm operation; visitor orientation to the 18th century living history farm; assembly point for educational groups, and of course, educational and gift items for purchase. But, the most important of these is to help set the tone of the visitor's first contact with The Claude Moore Colonial Farm.



The Family News Letter is published bimonthly, Jan/Feb through Nov/Dec, by The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run. Subscription is by membership. To join, write the Farm at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, or call 703-442-7557. Farm-related contributions will be accepted on a space-available basis. Submit typed material by the 8th of Dec, Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct for inclusion in the following bimonthly issue.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Full-time Farmer/Historical Interpreter: Male Role  
**Description:** Duties will include costumed first person interpretation on our recreated 18th century tenant farm; daily livestock care; planting and maintaining crops; supervising volunteers and general maintenance.

**Qualifications:** Background in American history or living history experience. Must be willing and able to perform manual labor and work in a variety of weather conditions. Weekends required. Experience with livestock care and modern farming equipment a plus, but not required.

**To apply:** Send cover letter, resume and at least three references to [rsummers@1771.org](mailto:rsummers@1771.org), or:

*Rachel Summers, Program Manager  
The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run  
6310 Georgetown Pike  
McLean, VA 22101*

**Position open until filled.** Employment to begin **March 1, 2005.**

We are so fortunate to have the able assistance of some wonderfully dedicated volunteers: **Clare Bonner, Grace Harkins** and **Ginny Norton** who work in the shop; **Marg Goralski** who manages the used books and collectibles section; a very supportive staff who pitch in and help whenever needed and **Pia Harithy**, our shop and sales manager. Pia does an exceptional job selecting the merchandise, creating the charming atmosphere and even keeps us organized in a business like manner.

The GateHouse Shop is planning another expansion for 2005. This new addition will increase our retail space by half and will house some of our new merchandise as well as the Farm's upscale donations. We are receiving new merchandise every day in preparation for our Spring opening. Next month, we'll have some exciting news for MEMBERS ONLY!

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### STAFF

J.D. Engle, Facilities Manager  
Anna C. Eberly, Manager  
Pia Harithy, GateHouse Manager

Katie Jackson, Program Manager  
Linda Saldaña, Membership  
Rachel Summers, Farm Wife/  
Program Manager

# 2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

## MARCH

### PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS

**Tuesdays, March 1 - April 26 4-8pm**  
Learn how to start your own plants from seeds, cuttings and division. Join us in the greenhouse while we propagate plants for the Spring Plant Sale. Fee is \$25.00. For more information or to register, call Anna at **703-847-0710** or email [aeberly@1771.org](mailto:aeberly@1771.org).

### BOOK SALE

**Friday & Saturday, March 18 & 19 9am-1pm**  
Browse through our large selection donated to the Farm. Includes books for travelers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, nonfiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also videotapes, CDs, records and some ephemera. The sale will be held in the new flea buildings next to the farm office.

### SPRING CLEANING

**Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20 9am-3pm**  
Help get the Farm ready for the new season! On the 18th century farm, fields and trails need to be cleared, fences rebuilt, and wood moved and stacked. Behind the scenes, there is greenhouse work, wood splitting, cleaning animal pens and even some indoor jobs. Bring work-gloves and dress for the weather. The Farm will provide a picnic hot dog lunch. Families and groups are welcome. R.S.V.P. to [jengle@1771.org](mailto:jengle@1771.org)

## 2005 EVENTS

Tuesdays, March 1	Plant Propagation Workshops begin
Fri/Sat, March 18-19	Book Sale, 9-1
Sat/Sun, March 19-20	Spring Cleaning, 9-3
Friday, April 1	Farm Opens
Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, April 16	Salting Fish, 1-4
Fri/Sat, April 22 & 23	Spring Garage Sale, 9-1
Fri/Sat, April 29 & 30	Spring Plant Sale, 9-5
Thursdays, May 5, 12, 26	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, May 7	Dairy Day, 1-4
Sat/Sun, May 21-22	Spring Market Fair, 11-4:30

Thursdays, June 2, 9	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, June 4	Herbal Remedies
Wednesday, June 8	Garden Party, 6-9 pm
Sunday, June 26	Wheat Harvest, 1-4
Saturday, July 2	In The Cool of the Day, 4:30-7:30
Sat/Sun, July 16-17	Summer Market Fair, 11-4:30
Thursdays, July 21, 28	Farm Skills, 10-12
Thursday, August 4	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, August 6	Pickling Produce, 1-4
Sunday, August 28	Tobacco Harvest, 1-4
Saturday, September 3	Wash Day, 1-4
Sunday, September 18	Threshing Day, 1-4
Thursday, September 29	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, October 1	Straw Into Gold, 1-4
Thursdays, October 6, 20, 27	Farm Skills, 10-12
Sat/Sun, October 15 & 16	Autumn Market Fair, 11-4:30
Fri/Sat, October 28 & 29	Fall Garage Sale, 9-1
Thursdays, November 3, 10, 17	Farm Skills, 10-12
Saturday, November 5	Mending Fences, 1-4
Saturday, November 19	Rail Burning, 4:30 – 7:30
Monday, November 28	The GateHouse Holiday Shop Opens, 10-5 everyday through Dec. 21
Saturday, December 3	Everything But The Squeal, 1-4
Saturday, December 10	The GateHouse Shop Holiday Open House 1-4
Sunday, December 11	Wassail, 1-4; Farm closes
Wednesday, December 21	The GateHouse Holiday Shop Closes, 5 pm

## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

### SPRING CLEANING

**Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20 9am-3pm**

## APPRENTICE REMINDERS

**R**eturning Apprentices who would like to re-register for the 2005 season must turn in their completed pink form and \$85 program fee by March 1. Those interested in applying to join the Apprentice Program this year may download an application from the Farm's website at:

[www.1771.org/volunteers.htm](http://www.1771.org/volunteers.htm)

## FARM NEEDS



*If you can help with any of the following needs, please call the Farm at 703-442-7557.*

### **Items Needed:**

- Sturdy plastic buckets with lids (ex.: kitty litter)
- Used 18th-century clothing
- Packing peanuts, preferably tied in sturdy plastic bags; non-biodegradable only!
- A vehicle with a power lift or a small equipment trailer with a ramp in order to move heavy farm equipment and large flea donations. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.
- Wooden pallets (75)

### **Volunteer Help Needed:**

- To help with clothing sales and registration at the Orientation for new Apprentices on Saturday, March 26, from 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
- To work at the Farm Skills programs for school groups on Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, April 7 through June 9.
- To work at the GateHouse from April 1 throughout the season
- To refurbish old Barbie dolls; email: [marggoralski@juno.com](mailto:marggoralski@juno.com)

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## DO YOU HAVE USED 18th CENTURY CLOTHING TO SELL?

Have your trousers grown a bit too short? Can't get all your hair under that cap? If you have 18th century clothing to sell, the perfect opportunity will be at the Orientation for new Apprentices on Saturday, March 26. Please contact Rachel Summers at [rsummers@1771.org](mailto:rsummers@1771.org) or 703-442-7557 to make arrangements.

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## FLEA BUSINESS

On Thursday, January 12th, an omen appeared at the Farm. A beautiful rainbow, arcing across the sky and



ending just behind the roof of the new flea building! What else can we think except that your donations to the Farm are a real Pot of Gold, with even better things to come when our building is finished.

Our November garage sale was held in the new, but very unfinished, building and it was a huge success, bringing in more than \$3,000. We had lots of great helpers: **Grace and Bill Harkins, Debbie West, Clare Bonner, Helen and Ted Gray, Len Holmberg, Sally Dorn, Mary Ellen West, Susan Leader, Jo Hicks, Iva Froelich, Helen Peterson, Jane Miller, James Michael Smith, Carol-Ann Smith, Debra DeZarn, Rob Higgins and Dylan White.** The whole staff pitched in - **Anna, Linda, Dan, J.D., Katie and Tim.** We learned a lot, working in the new space, that helped us decide how to finish the buildings.

Your generous donations are what make our sales possible, and they are greatly appreciated. A couple of tips - if you're going to drop things off at the Farm, call ahead so someone can help you unload items. Most things are best packed in boxes (preferably not too large, especially those heavy books)--makes them easier to stack and store, protects breakables and helps clothes come out less wrinkled.

And don't just donate -- come to our sales to see what's there. You may be surprised to find a collectible treasure or some incredibly useful article you can't live without. It's so wonderful, we've even had people buy back something they originally donated!

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## SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to thank **McLean Cleaners** for volunteering to wash twenty-three of our largest Market Fair tarps following the October fair. The large tarps are especially difficult and time consuming to wash and dry at the Farm offices, so the staff and volunteers greatly appreciate this generosity.

Wassail staff and volunteers would like to thank **Karen Engle** for donating the Wassail Goose.

Thank you to **Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** for donating six sturdy tables and several chairs.

EMBRACE COLONIAL HISTORY...  
 AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
 LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM...  
 RECRUIT FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO  
**JOIN THE FARM**

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run offers a unique and high value educational opportunity in the heart of our community. Through our authentic depiction of life on an 18th century modest working farm, visitors can experience first-hand the rhythms of colonial life just before the American Revolution.

Visiting the Farm, parents and children can watch -- and join in -- as Farm wife, with baby on hip, churns fresh butter, feeds the heritage breed chickens, prepares the mid-day meal or makes soap from fat and lye. They can see the farmer mend the split rail fences, harvest his precious wheat crop, and coax the wild turkeys to shelter in the tobacco barn. An enriching and fun family experience is also provided through our ongoing events and seasonal Market Fairs, our internship and Apprentice Farm Skills Programs, and our Book and Plant Sales, and Annual Garden Party.

**Farm Membership Has Its Benefits**

Farm Family Members receive a seasonal pass, granting unlimited admission to the Farm for one year. Members can attend our Spring, Summer and Autumn Market Fairs, featuring lively period entertainment, crafts and freshly prepared food. Other events include Dairy Day, Pickling Produce, Harvests,

Mending Fences and the traditional holiday Wassail celebration. Members also receive the Claude Moore Colonial Farm News Letter, and a 10% discount on GateHouse Shop purchases. Farm Memberships are 100% tax-deductible. Above all, Claude Moore Colonial Farm Members are helping support and sustain a living history museum and privately operated National Park within their community.

**Refer a Friend Program**

Please refer a friend or colleague for Farm membership so that we may continue to enhance our visibility, role and services within the community. To refer a membership candidate simply e-mail [lsaldana@1771.org](mailto:lsaldana@1771.org) or call (703)-847-0710.

In our efforts to educate our community about colonial American everyday life, work and agriculture, YOU are our most valued asset. Thank you for your commitment and support!

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**INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE**

We have several internships available, paid and unpaid. Internships include **Education, Horticulture, Retail**, and the **Bounty Project**.

For more information, visit:  
[www.1771.org/ed\\_interns.htm](http://www.1771.org/ed_interns.htm)

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CLAUDE MOORE COLONIAL FARM AT TURKEY RUN

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

New or  Renewal?

Membership good for one year from date of purchase-- Today's Date is \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Senior Citizen	\$ 12
Individual	\$ 20
Family	\$ 35
Organization	\$ 50
Friend	\$100
Contribution	\$ _____

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check  MC  VISA  AmEx

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Farm's financial statements are available in the Richmond Office of the Virginia Department of Consumer Affairs.*

# COLONIAL CORNER

Want to improve your 18th century knowledge?  
Here are a few tidbits to help.

## Word definitions

Match each word with its colonial definition. Careful, the meanings may not be what you are used to!

Answers below.

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|------------|------------------------|
| 1. tattoo  | A. a number of persons |
| 2. plump   | B. the beat of a drum  |
| 3. guinea  | C. a swamp             |
| 4. parcel  | D. without reservation |
| 5. cripple | E. a British gold coin |

1B; 2D; 3E; 4A; 5C

## Source:

Lederer, Richard M. Jr. *Colonial American English*. Connecticut: A Verbatim Book, 1985.

## A Plant Selection: Watercress

This salad green is not native to the Americas, though it was introduced very early in its colonial history. It is a perennial aquatic plant, and can grow either completely under the water or partially above.



In addition to its nutritional value, watercress was believed to have other properties. In John Gerard's 1633 *Herbal*, he advises that "Water-Cresse being boyled in Wine or Milke, and drunke for certaine dayes together, is very good against the Scurvy." Since watercress is high in vitamin C, Gerard was correct: it really would help prevent scurvy!

## Sources:

Gerard, John. *The Herbal*. New York: Dover Publications, 1975.

Haughton, Claire Shaver. *Green Immigrants*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1978.

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