



Family News Letter of The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 33rd Year of Operation ~*

FEBRUARY 2006

FRIENDS CELEBRATE 25TH YEAR WITH U.S. BOTANIC GARDEN PARTY

More than 25 years ago, the Farm was fighting with the National Park Service to stay open but with the help of **Congressman Frank Wolf** and other elected officials and the strong support of the community, it has not only survived but thrived as a privately operated National Park. This partnership has been wonderful for not only the Farm but for the NPS as well, allowing the Farm to stay part of the National Park System but supported by the community.

The dedicated group of volunteers, known as **The Friends of Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, Inc.**, manage the Farm, raise money and govern the organization. On March 2, the Friends will be celebrating this 25-year success story with a party at the **United States Botanic Garden** in Washington, D.C. Our party will coincide with the USBG Annual Orchid Show and there will be lovely food and drink, music and dancing, all within the conservatory displays of tropical plants. Round-trip coach service from McLean will be provided so the party starts immediately upon boarding. Contact aerberly@1771.org for more information.

FARM AWARDED EXXONMOBIL INTERNSHIP GRANT

The Farm has been chosen to participate in the **ExxonMobil** Community Summer Jobs Program. Each year, ExxonMobil provides \$2,000 grants to selected local non-profit agencies to enable them to hire summer college interns. A joint effort of ExxonMobil and Volunteer Fairfax, the Community Summer Jobs Program provides much-needed help to local agencies and gives students the opportunity to explore non-profit careers. Our thanks to ExxonMobil and Volunteer Fairfax for providing this exciting opportunity. See our website, www.1771.org, for application information.

THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN



“It’s why I love to sell picnics” says Peg Jarman, Director of Marketing for **The Pavilions of Turkey Run**. “You can think of summer and fun all year round.” After a tremendously successful season in 2005 for The Pavilions of Turkey Run, the marketing staff is raring to go to make 2006 even bigger and better. Remember that the Claude Moore Colonial Farm gets all of the funds from the pavilion rentals, making it a large source of income for the Farm. Already many people are signing up for their event as the dates book up quickly, especially as the secret gets out about the best and most conveniently located outdoor party site in town.

In addition to the perfect picnics, The Pavilions hosts many other interesting events such as the National Spelling Bee for 850 people, The Fall Frolics for Potomac School, the Boo Fest with McLean Chamber of Commerce and many more. “Give us a call if you’d like to reserve a date and help you plan a tremendously successful event,” says Peg. “Remember, the Pavilions are nestled into a beautiful wooded setting, making even those hot summer days feel refreshing.” Visit www.jrspicnic.com or call (703) 893-6545

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greeting friends and neighbors,

The new year of 1771 has come, and finds myself and the family deep into our winter chores. The ladies are all kept busy these days with sewing and knitting projects while I have been laboring over many a fence in need of the mending.



All are looking forward to warmer weather and the promise of a bountiful tobacco crop this season.

Until next our paths may cross, I am and remain, your most humble servant,

John Harbin

THE PLANT EXPERT SPEAKS

Debbie West: An Introduction

I've been involved with plants as long as I can remember. The love of gardening I learned from my grandparents followed me to adulthood. I spent thirty years growing and displaying a wide range of plants at the U.S. Botanic Gardens in Washington D.C. and I am very excited to bring my knowledge to the farm. I am looking forward to growing plants for the farm site and our plant sales. I'm always looking for people that have a love of plants to help out. If you're interested, email me at dwest@1771.org.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The Farm has two cotton A-frame tents that are so full of holes they look like spaghetti strainers. If you would like them, they are yours to take. Contact kjackson@1771.org or call the Farm office at 703-442-7557.

ATTENTION ALL SORTING VOLUNTEERS

Chez Puce is hosting another book sale on March 17 & 18 and a Garage Sale on April 28 & 29. We know that seems like a long way off, but we have to get fleas and books separated, moved and sorted before we can start shelving books.

We will be meeting every Wednesday beginning January 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you'd like to help us get started, call the Farm (703-442-7557) or email marggoralski@juno.com and tell us to roll out the welcome mat.

If you're interested in donating books, the motto is "the sooner, the better" and it really works best for us if they're in manageably sized boxes.

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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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Remedies

Cold and flu season struck the colonists just as it does us. But, they did not have modern medicines to aid them, so they had to rely on home-made remedies. Here are some 18th century remedies; remember, many of the ingredients listed are toxic, so do not try any of these yourself!

Sore Throat

Purge only once, and *gargle* with *Papa's Liquor*, or Sage Tea, sharpened with a little Allom.

Fever, with Pain in the Head, Eye, or Ear

In all these Cases, you must, without Loss of Time, *bleed* 10 Ounces. The next Day, *purge* with the *Decoction of Mallows*, and 3 Spoonfuls of *Syrup of Peach Blossoms*. If the Pain should continue, you must *bleed* again the Third Day, and the Morrow following repeat the *Purge*... In the very Beginning, apply the following *Poultis* to the Part where the Pain lies: Boil the Leaves of *Sage*, *Wormwood*, and *Rue* together, and having beat them soft, grate Nutmeg thick upon them, and bind them on warm, renewing the same Night and Morning.

Remedy terms

Some of the terms used in the above remedies may be unfamiliar to you. Below is a list of ways to prepare remedies; see if you can match each term with its definition.

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| 1. decoction | A. Soak the herbs in cold water |
| 2. electuary | B. Boil the herbs in hot water |
| 3. infusion | C. Spread a mixture onto a piece of cloth or leather, and apply externally |
| 4. poultis | D. Apply a mixture directly to the affected part of the body |
| 5. plaister | E. Soak the herbs in honey |

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

Source: Parks, W. *Every Man his own Doctor*. Williamsburg, 1736.

STAFF

Anna C. Eberly, Manager	Rachel Summers, Farm Wife/ Program Manager
J.D. Engle, Facilities Manager	Jan Tilley, Farmer
Pia Harithy, GateHouse Manager	Debbie West, Plant Manager
Katie Jackson, Program Manager	

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Historical Interpreter/Program Assistant (full-time) Two positions available

Description:

Duties will include: coordinating and scheduling existing educational programs and assist in development of new educational programs; coordinate and supervise program volunteers; assist at volunteer training sessions; first person interpretation of 18th Century tenant farm life; assist as needed at special events and admissions/gift shop; general farm site maintenance. \$20,000/year plus health and dental benefits.

Qualifications:

Background in History, Education, or experience in the Living History field. Must be willing and able to perform manual labor and work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Some weekends required.

To Apply:

Send cover letter, resume and at least three (3) references to jtilly@1771.org, or to Mr. Jan Tilley, Program Manager, The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101. For more information regarding The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, please visit our website at www.1771.org. Positions open until filled. Employment to begin March 1st, 2006.

FARM NEEDS



If you can help with any of the following needs, please call the Farm at 703-442-7557 or email jengle@1771.org.

Items Needed:

Remember, all donations are tax deductible

- 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.
- Functioning shop-vac
- Brown paper grocery bags in good condition
- Hand & bath towels
- Egg cartons
- Full-size refrigerator or two
- Chest freezer
- Three dehumidifiers
- Clothes steamer
- Bookshelves
- Metal bookends
- Large plant pots

Volunteer Help Needed:

- To help with various chores during Spring Cleaning weekend, March 18-19, 9-3pm. **Contact jengle@1771.org.**
- To work at the GateHouse throughout the season, April through December. **Contact pharithy@1771.org.**
- To work in the greenhouses and gardens. **Contact dwest@1771.org.**

TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS OF "STUFF"

To make life simpler for you (as well as for us) we'll have donor slips on hand when you bring us goodies for garage and book sales. You don't need to make lists for us; just take a slip away with you and jot down the items you've donated. It will also be useful if you put your name and phone number /email in or on each box. Because then, if we find a rare and valuable book in your boxes, we can let you know its worth...and if you give us a thingamajig for the garage sale, we can ask you what it is!

THE MYSTERY BOOKS????

Last fall a generous person donated several boxes of old books, many of which had a bookplate with the name of Mabel Cornish Bond, Villa Bondi, Dumblane, Washington, D.C. In researching the books to establish value (a process we go through with old or unusual books), we have become intrigued by the life of Mrs. Bond. If you are the person who donated these books, we would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you. Please contact Anna Eberly at aeberly@1771.org.

DO YOU HAVE USED 18th CENTURY CLOTHING TO SELL?

Have your trousers grown a bit too short? Can't get Hall your hair under that cap? If you've got 18th century clothing to sell, the perfect opportunity will be at the Orientation for new Apprentices on Saturday, March 25. Please contact Katie Jackson at kjackson@1771.org or 703-442-7557 to make arrangements.

IRS CHANGES FOR 2006

As of January 1, 2006 the IRS increased the standard mileage rate for use of a car to the following: \$0.14 per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

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.

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. 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.

If you have a question about your membership, contact aeberly@1771.org.



NEW! VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

If you have ever volunteered at the Farm in 18th-century costume or would like to, this is for you! This year, the Farm introduces a series of Colonial Company volunteer training workshops to be held the first Tuesday of the month, April through December. These 2-hour sessions will cover a wide variety of interesting topics such as first-person interpretation, open hearth cooking, heritage breed livestock, heirloom plants, and songs, dances and entertainments. We will bring in experts from other local museums to teach on some of these topics, and we hope you will get involved too! If you would like more information, or have an interest in helping out or teaching please contact Jan Tilley at 703-442-7557 or jtilley@1771.org.

The first workshop, 18th-Century Clothing, will be held Tuesday, April 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will cover the basic clothing items: shirts, trousers, waistcoats, caps, kerchiefs, shifts, petticoats, shortgowns, and aprons. Even if you do not plan to make your own 18th-century clothing, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about who wore what in the 18th century and why they wore it! Please RSVP to Katie Jackson at 703-442-7557 or kjackson@1771.org.

APPRENTICE PROGRAM NOTES

Apprentices, please remember to turn in your registration forms by March 1. We are currently accepting applications for new apprentices until March 15; see our website, www.1771.org, for the application.

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 _____

Check MC VISA AmEx

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

For more information, write to the Farm at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, call 703-442-7557 or go to www.1771.org

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BOOK SALE

March 17 & 18
Friday & Saturday



10am - 5pm

Browse through our large selection of used books donated to the Farm. It includes books for travelers, history lovers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, non-fiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also audio- and videotapes, cds and records, and some ephemera.

SPRING CLEANUP



March 18 & 19
Saturday & Sunday
9am - 3pm

Help get the Farm ready for the new season! On the 18th century farm, fields and trails need to be cleared, the house white-washed, 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. RSVP to jengle@1771.org

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Book Sale March 17 & 18
Spring Cleaning March 18 & 19

APRIL

Farm opens April 1
Dairy Day April 15
Garage Sale April 21 & 22
Plant Sale April 28 & 29