



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

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 34th Year of Operation ~*

FEBRUARY 2007

SPRING CELEBRATION AT US BOTANIC GARDEN

Friends of the Farm are making their favorite trip to Washington this year on the evening of Thursday, March 1 to celebrate 26 years of operating the Farm as a non-profit, privately funded and publicly supported National Park. Complimentary coach service is provided from McLean to the front door of the Botanic Garden. Inside you will find the Annual Orchid Show in full bloom, drinks, lovely food, a jazz band trio for dancing and folks who love the Farm.

For information on joining us for this festive event, contact Anna Eberly at aerberly@1771.org.

ESTATE SALES

Saturday, January 27, 10 am to 5 pm
At the Sales building by the Farm office
(Furniture)

Saturday, February 24, 10 am to 5 pm
At The GateHouse Shop
(Jewelry, decorative items)

FOR UP - TO - DATE INFO

Give us your email address for the latest information on sales, special events and other news from the Farm. Send an email message to aerberly@1771.org and we will add it to our Google Groups list. All messages from the Farm have "Claude Moore Colonial Farm News" as the subject line. We never use the email addresses for any other purpose and you can unsubscribe at any time.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

'Twas nice to see so many of you at the Waffail; with all your good wishes the apples are sure to bear well next year.

The farm is quiet this winter season.

A decent harvest and the putting by of pickles, preserves and well-fattened hogs assure that we will not want for food 'til the spring, though early greens will be most welcome. Much mending to be done on clothes and tools alike, which keeps the family's hands from wasting in idleness.

We hope to see you all once again come the spring.



Your most humble and obedient servant,
John Harbin

TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR 2007 - IT'S A "WIN-WIN"

The Pavilions of Turkey Run is a fabulous site for group picnics, parties and receptions for 100 - 800 people. Each pavilion rental fee goes to Claude Moore Colonial Farm to



help support the Farm's programs. The Pavilions have become a major source of revenue for the farm and with J.R.'s doing the catering, it is sure to be a success. Getting your group to book an event here is a double bonus - you get the credit for recommending one of the best venues in town and the farm gets the revenue. It's a "win - win" situation. Tell your company or your friends and associates to check out the web site at www.jrspicnics.com and call 703-893-6545 today to make a reservation.

FAREWELL TO OUR FARMER

The Farm says goodbye to **Jan Tilley**, who has been our farmer for nearly 2 years. He promises to return to volunteer, particularly at Market Fairs. We wish him well in all his future endeavors.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Full-Time Program Manager/Farmer

Description:

Duties will include: first-person interpretation of an 18th century farmer; caring for the Farm's animals; coordinating and scheduling the Farm Skills educational program; coordinating some volunteer training sessions; coordinating some special events; general farm site maintenance. \$23,000/year plus health and dental benefits.

Qualifications:

Background in History, Education, or experience in the Living History field; good judgment and "people" skills as job requires working with volunteers, both children and adult, and the public; a love and understanding of animals/livestock. Must be willing and able to perform manual labor and work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Some evenings and weekends required.

To Apply:

Send cover letter and résumé to kjackson@1771.org, or to Ms. Katie Jackson, Site Supervisor, 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. Position open until filled. Employment to begin no later than February 15, 2007.

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.

English Units of Weight

And you thought pounds and ounces were confusing enough! Here is a list of some other units of weight that were used in the colonial days:

Grain = 1/7000 lbs.

Pennyweight = 24 grains

Dram = 1/16 oz. = 27.34 grains

Ounce (oz.) = 1/16 lb. = 16 drams = 437.5 grains

Pound (lb.) = 16 oz. = 256 drams = 7000 grains

Clove = 7 lbs.

Stone = 14 lbs.

Quarter = 2 stones = 28 lbs.

Hundredweight = 8 stones = 1/20 ton

Sack = 26 stones

Ton = 20 hundredweight = 2240 lbs.

How much do you weigh in drams? Stones?
What kinds of things might be measured in grains?



A Riddle

*Two twins we are, and let it not surprise,
Alike in every feature, shape, and size;
We're square or round, of brass or iron made,
Sometimes of wood, and useful found in trade:
But to conclude, for all our daily pains,
We by the neck are often hung in chains.*

Pair of Scales

Source: Stockham, Peter. *Chapbook Riddles*. New York: Dover Publications, 1974.

STAFF

Darlene Dolbey, *GateHouse Assistant*
Anna C. Eberly, *Manager*
J.D. Engle, *Facilities Manager*
Katie Jackson, *Site Supervisor/ Farm Wife*

Elizabeth Rolando, *Program Manager/ Farm Wife*
Rachel Summers, *Farm Wife*
Debbie West, *Plant Manager*

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

Office: 703-442-7557
GateHouse Shop: 703-903-9330

ESTATE SALE
January 27 10am - 5pm

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February 24 10am - 5pm

SPRING BOOK SALE
March 16 & 17 10am - 5pm

SPRING CLEANING
March 17 & 18 9am - 3pm

FARM OPENS
April 1 10am - 4:30pm

DAIRY DAY
April 21 1 - 4pm

SPRING PLANT SALE
April 27 & 28 9am - 5pm

SALTING FISH
May 6 1 - 4pm

SPRING MARKET FAIR
May 19 & 20 11am - 4:30pm

HERBAL REMEDIES
June 2 1 - 4pm

GARDEN PARTY
June 6 6 - 9pm

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE
June 9 & 10 8am Saturday - Noon Sunday

WHEAT HARVEST
June 17 1 - 4pm

THRESHING DAY
July 10 4 - 8pm

SUMMER MARKET FAIR
July 21 & 22 11am - 4:30pm

PICKLING PRODUCE
August 5 1 - 4pm

TOBACCO HARVEST
August 18 1 - 4pm

18TH CENTURY WEDDING EVENT
September 9 1 - 4pm

SPINNING & DYEING
October 6 1 - 4pm

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR
October 20 & 21 11am - 4:30pm

FALL CHORES
November 4 1 - 4pm

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPENS
November 23, 10-5 every day through Dec. 23

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE
November 27 5 - 8pm

WASSAIL
December 9 1 - 4pm

Additional Sales of donated goods and books will be scheduled during the year.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

COLONIAL CLOTHING WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 10 6 - 8pm
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

FLEA SORTING
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm
Contact Marg Goralski at marg@1771.org.

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS
Wednesdays beginning late February
Contact Debbie West at dwest@1771.org.

THOSE FABULOUS FLEAS!!

Thanks to all the gently used household goods and fascinating books you and other friends of the Farm donate, it's been a great year in the "Recycle for Money" Department! We were budgeted to bring in \$12,500 in 2006....but we didn't do it. Instead, **WE ENDED THE YEAR WITH \$23,000!** That's from several book sales, a garage sale, and sales in the back room of the GateHouse Shop.

And we think 2007 may be even better because of our upcoming **ESTATE SALES!** We have lovely things from several estates and we're planning to sell furniture, pictures, and other large items in Chez Puce on Saturday, January 27, from 10-5. Then on Saturday, February 24, from 10-5, we'll have a second estate sale in the GateHouse Shop, where you'll find smaller household items, china, lovely silver flatware and holloware, jewelry, collectibles and perhaps some vintage clothing. So put those dates on your calendar.

And for all of you who are Bookworms, there'll be a **SPRING BOOK SALE** on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 from 10-5 in Chez Puce. If you have books you'd like to donate, bring them to the Farm. It's a good idea to call and tell us you're coming so we can be sure there's someone to help you unload them and make sure they're in a safe and dry place. And then you can come to the sale and fill up the empty spaces you've made in your bookshelves.

Many thanks to all our wonderful Farm Family who have donated and helped unpack, sort and display our wares all year. You are vital to the life of the Farm.

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've got 18th century clothing to sell, the perfect opportunity will be at the Orientation for new Apprentices on Saturday, March 24. Please contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org or 703-442-7557 to make arrangements.

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

- Paper bags: shopping and grocery, for sales
- Bookcases for our book sales
- Old rugs & carpets for kitchen area of Market Fair
- Bagged grass & leaves for livestock bedding

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting books & donated goods on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Helping at the Farm Skills program on Thursdays starting April 12. Contact erolando@1771.org.
- Help in the Greenhouse starting in February. Contact dwest@1771.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

It's not too early to start thinking about Farm Skills! Although April may still seem far off we already have schools eagerly signing up for the program this spring. Spring program dates are every Thursday morning from 9:30-12:30, April 12 through June 7. We are always looking for volunteers; homeschool parents, this is a great opportunity for you and your children to work together, learn and teach some great 18th Century skills! If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping out with this program please let us know! Adult volunteers will be paid an honorarium of \$30.00 for each Farm Skills day they work. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org, or call 703-442-7557.

APPRENTICES

Returning Apprentices please remember to submit your registration by March 1. We will be sending you the materials shortly. We will be accepting applications for new Apprentices from now until March 15; please see our website, www.1771.org for the application. Orientation for new Apprentices will be Saturday, March 24.

18TH CENTURY CLOTHING WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held Tuesday, April 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will cover the basic clothing items: **shirts, trousers, waistcoats, caps, kerchiefs, shifts, petticoats, shortgowns, and aprons.** Patterns and some fabric for purchase will be available, as well as reference books and clothing experts. 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 Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Farm is offering internships, both paid and unpaid, in the following categories: Horticulture, Education, Events. Interested candidates should contact aerberly@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.

NEW ON THE FARM'S WEBSITE

Our own esteemed volunteer **Philippe Halbert** has put together a wonderful article on religion in the 18th century. If you would like to find out more about this fascinating topic, the article can be found at www.1771.org/ed_religion.htm; or, go to the Website Directory at www.1771.org and click on "Colonial Day Resources." Many thanks to Philippe for his hard work and excellent scholarship!

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LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM...
RECRUIT FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

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Check MC VISA AmEx

Student/Senior Citizen \$ 12

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Family \$ 35

Organization \$ 50

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Contribution \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

SPRING CLEANUP



March 17 & 18
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 whitewashed, 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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JANUARY

Estate Sale January 27

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Estate Sale February 24

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Book Sale March 16 & 17

Spring Cleanup March 17 & 18