



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

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 36th Year of Operation ~*

FEBRUARY 2009

ESTATE SALE: A CRAFTER'S PARADISE!

February 14, 10 to 5



Our first estate sale of the year will primarily be an incredible collection of the kind of **craft materials** people look for at Michael's -- but our prices are much better. So if you're a "crafter" or like **miniatures** or have friends who enjoy crafting, please spread the word. All of these materials came from the estate of a Washington area miniaturist and doll maker.

ALL DECKED OUT

The new deck just outside The GateHouse Shop is now ready "to party"! And what a charming location it is for parties of **up to 75 guests**. This new rental space is private and nestled amongst the trees and plants of the farm and just perfect for a Garden Party style event. And with the new **green roofed restroom facility and easy parking**, it will be a hit with your guests as well. As with the Pavilions, your event will be catered by J.R.'s and the rental fee helps fund the Farm's educational programs. For more information, call Peg Jarman at (703) 707-8820.



ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

'Twas good to see so many of our neighbors at Wassail! Indeed we had a mighty fine feast and pray God give us another crop of good apples.



The weather here has been very wet. Benjamin and Sally are already tiring of repairing the floor where the rain leaks through the roof with the clay from the yard. Their mother begs them to give thanks that 'tis mere rain and not ice or snow falling upon their heads.

Yesterday Mrs. Church came by to visit. Her daughter Patience has been struck with a terrible pain of the head and eye. Lydia made a poultis of Sage, Wormwood, and Nutmeg, and we are waiting to see if it helps.

We pray that we continue to have a mild winter, hope to see our neighbors soon!

Your most humble and obedient servants,
Mariah & Lydia Bradley

*Note: the 18th century farm is closed for the winter,
and will reopen on April 1, 2009, at 10am.*

THANK YOU LANGLEY

A fabulous group of volunteers from **Langley High School** comes to the Farm twice a week to help us. The newsletter you are holding was assembled by them. Thank you for all your help, Langley!

A GREAT INVESTMENT

For an excellent ROI (Return On Investment), hold a picnic for employees and families. In a time when lay-offs and down sizing and belt tightening is the name of the game, there is a ray of sunshine that can help overcome the recessions blues.

*Peg Jarman,
Director of Marketing,
JR's Colonial Caterers*



A picnic at the Pavilions of Turkey Run is a great way of rewarding the staff that is working harder and smarter. A picnic can be a moral booster, a big dose of "We care about you" and a huge "Thanks for your great efforts to overcome this tough economic time" and all for just a small investment.

Picnics will begin the middle of April. This year we are inviting CEO's or Presidents or Upper Management of companies to really reach out to the employees as a team member by becoming an "Honorary Chef of the Day". This person will receive an official J.R.'s Apron and Hat and be available to greet the employees, flip a few burgers and just show the employees that "WE CARE ABOUT YOU".

For more information, visit the web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call our marketing office at (703) 707-8820 and ask to speak to Peg.

P.S. We are very happy to be celebrating 11 very successful years of a partnership between the CMCF and J.R.'s. In that time we have raised a great deal of money to help support the Farm and its educational programs.



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COLONIAL CORNER

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



That's a *what*?

Some eighteenth-century artists drew animals to look rather different than we do now. Some of this was because the animals really did look different (pigs at the time had much longer legs, for instance), and sometimes it was just the drawing style of the time.

Can you recognize these animals? Answers below.

1.



4.



2.



5.



3.



6.



1. turtle	3. beaver
2. lamb	4. pig
3. beaver	5. farm
4. pig	6. dolphin

Source: Catchpeny Prints: 163 Popular Engravings from the Eighteenth Century, published by Dover.

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DONATED GOODS SALES 2008

In the Chinese culture the number 8 represents money and wealth -- and certainly the year 2008 came through for the Farm's sales of fleas and books. The Farm has a wealth of friends who generously donate books and household items as they clean out their closets and attics or move to new homes. Other friends help ready our goods for sale and last year we managed to have several estate sales, a garage sale and numerous book sales.

The grand finale of 2008 was a book extravaganza with a 75%-off sale, designed to clear the shelves. Book lovers galore turned out, carried off bags and boxes of books, and the tomes left behind climbed into vans and went off to begin their trip to libraries in **India**, leaving nothing behind but an echo in the empty building and the good news that donated goods brought in more than **\$35,000** in 2008!

That's a lot of hay - and the farm critters send their thanks to all of you who have helped so much.

Now we're bracing for a new beginning and hoping 9 will be a number equally fortunate. We're planning a couple of **estate sales** during the farm's winter hiatus, and already have enough **books** to fill a 40' container! Watch for our emails for sales, don't forget to clean out those boxes in the attic...and accept our **thanks** for all you do to help the Farm.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Farm is currently accepting applications for the **Apprentice Program** for the 2009 season. The Apprentice Program is for children between the ages of 10 and 17 who are interested in dressing in costume and portraying the Farm family's children. If you like working hard, getting dirty and imaging yourself back in time you will love being an Apprentice! The deadline for submitting applications is **March 1st 2009**. For more information about the program and to download an application please visit our website at **www.1771.org** and click on Apprentice Program.

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 (grocery, shopping...)
- Book ends (any kind)
- Plastic wading pool for our geese
- Items for Estate Sales: jewelry, antiques, decorative and useful items, collectibles

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books & goods on Tuesdays. Contact marggoralski@juno.com.
- Mending the Farm's 18th century clothing. Mostly hand sewing. Contact kcannon@1771.org.
- Greenhouse & plant help, Tuesday through Thursday. Contact aeberly@1771.org.

HELP LOCAL CHILDREN

The Farm's most popular school program, **Farm Skills**, is a big hit with children of all ages. Children age 4 through middle school come to learn a variety of farm-related skills: pounding corn, carding wool, washing clothes, dipping candles, and more.



But, we need more people to help teach these skills! Don't worry, they're easy-- after all, we teach them to 4-year-olds. Each adult volunteer receives a **\$30 honorarium** for every Farm Skills day. This program is held on certain Thursdays, 10am-12 noon; volunteers should expect to be here 9:30-12:30.

This is an excellent activity for **homeschool families**; we already have several families who come and volunteer together.

If you are interested, please contact Heather Trunick at htrunick@1771.org.

2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

ESTATE SALE
February 14 10am - 5pm

SPRING CLEANING
March 21 & 22 10am - 3pm

FARM OPENS
April 1 10am - 4:30pm

WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CLOTHING
TBD: April (*Reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

DAIRY DAY
April 18 1 - 4pm

SPRING PLANT SALE
April 24 & 25 10am - 5pm

SALTING FISH
May 3 1 - 4pm

SPRING MARKET FAIR
May 16 & 17 11am - 4:30pm

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE
June 6 & 7 8am Saturday - Noon Sunday

WORKSHOP: HEARTH COOKING
June 18 (*Reservations required*) 6 - 9pm

WHEAT HARVEST
June 20 1 - 4pm

WORKSHOP: NATURAL DYEING
TBD: July (*Reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

SUMMER MARKET FAIR
July 18 & 19 11am - 4:30pm

PICKLING PRODUCE
August 2 1 - 4pm

TOBACCO HARVEST
August 29 1 - 4pm

WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS
Sept. 3 (*Reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

SPINNING & DYEING
September 19 1 - 4pm

WORKSHOP: WOODWORKING
October 7 (*Reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR
October 17 & 18 11am - 4:30pm

AUTUMN CHORES
November 8 1 - 4pm

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE
November 17 5 - 8pm

CHEW THE FAT
November 21 1 - 4pm

WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS
Dec. 2 (*Reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

WASSAIL
December 13 1 - 4pm

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN
Through Dec. 20 10am - 5pm

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

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

FLEA SORTING
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm
Contact Marg Goralski at marggoralski@juno.com.

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Heather Trunick at htrunick@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10am-4pm
Contact Anna Eberly at aeberly@1771.org.

CHECK YOUR PHONE BILLS

Scam alert!

We wanted to alert you about something the Farm recently experienced. Like most people, before processing our bills for payment we always reuiw the charges. Our Verizon statement included charges from Telesaver and ESBI with the line, "your local telephone service will not be disconnected for failure to pay the charges on this portion of your bill". Since I didn't recognize these charges I called the numbers listed.

Both of these companies, through Verizon, were given access to our customer information so they could sell us services we had not requested. In both cases, the companies called our main office and presented themselves as "verifying" information.

Needless to say, we cancelled both accounts immediately and then called Verizon to have the charges removed.

I consider this to be a very shoddy business practice on the part of Verizon as the folks who can least afford the extra charges are the ones who will not understand they can challenge them.

Verizon did allow me to put a hold on our account so that other companies cannot sell us services and obviously the Farm staff knows to hang up if someone starts to inquire about "verification".

ON WINTER

*'Tis done! dread Winter spreads his latest glooms,
And reigns tremendous o'er the conquer'd year!
How dead the vegetable kingdom lies!
How dumb the tuneful! Horror wide extends
His melancholy empire. Here fond men!
Behold thy pictur'd life! pass some few years,
Thy flowering Spring, thy Summer's ardent strength,
Thy sober Autumn fading into age,
And pale concluding Winter comes at last,
And shuts the scene. Ah! whither now are fled
Those dreams of greatness? Those unsolid hopes
Of happiness? Those longings after fame?
Those restless cares? those busy bustling days?
Those gay-spent festive nights? those veering
thoughts,
Lost between good and ill, that shar'd thy life?
All now are vanish'd! VIRTUE sole survives,
Immortal, never-failing friend of man,
His guide to happiness on high. ----*

Written by Thompson, published in Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*, 1749.



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

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

TOTAL \$ _____

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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SPRING CLEANUP



March 21 & 22
Saturday & Sunday
10am - 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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