



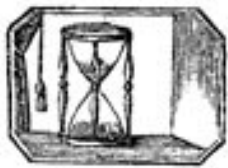
Family News Letter of The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 37th Year of Operation ~*

FEBRUARY 2010

YOU ERASED THE RED!

Thanks to your generous response to our need for operating funds appeal, we managed to end the year in the black!



The combination of donations, cutting spending and working to increase income reversed the trend and we enter 2010 without a deficit. Since the Farm began its adventure as a privately operated National Park in 1981, we have always managed to live within our means so it was terribly important to us not to change that.

This year may be just as difficult as the economy is still in bad shape but we are working hard to keep expenses down, increase sales and program income. We can use your help in promoting the Farm to your friends. Please **forward our Claude Moore Colonial Farm News email notices**, contact us for **Market Fair passes**, post **flyers** at work, shop at **The GateHouse** and keep your **membership** up to date.

Our NewsLetter is mailed to over 700 households and we send email notices to over 2200 addresses. We could expand our audience with little effort if you share this information about the Farm. When folks visit, we often hear "this place is wonderful, why haven't I heard of it before?". Please help us get the word out and keep the Farm alive.



ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

'Twas good to see so many of our friends at Wassail! We certainly enjoyed the company, as we knew 'twould be the last time for many months as winter came quick and cold this year. The menfolk are busy repairing fences and digging new ditches to provide better drainage along the tobacco fields while the women and girls have already spun yards of wool for knitting and sewing. Winter has barely begun and yet the children are begging for the fresh greens of spring. We wish you good health and good cheer in the new year.



Your most humble servants,
The Bradleys

SPRING PLANT SALE

April 30 & May 1

10am - 5pm

Have you noticed the amount and quality of light has already changed? It means spring is on the way! We're ordering seeds and starting cuttings in the greenhouse so put the last weekend in April on your calendar now. We decided to move the plant sale one week later so that we can have even the tender plants outside and ready for sale.

Julie Dozier is looking for volunteers who want to help grow plants so contact her at jdozier@1771.org if you'd like to work in the greenhouse.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Farm is currently accepting applications for the **Apprentice Program** for the 2010 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 1 2010**. For more information about the program and to download an application please visit our website at www.1771.org.

HAVE GENTLY USED COLONIAL CLOTHING?



Do you have any 18th century clothes that you no longer want? A shortgown that you aren't fond of the color... a pair of trousers that now only comes to your knees... a shift that you can no longer fit your head through...

If so, here's your chance to make some extra money! The farm will host a used 18th century clothing sale at the New Apprentice Orientation on Saturday March 27.

If you have gently used 18th century clothing that you would like to sell, please contact hbodin@1771.org by **March 10** for more information.

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

Riddles

The following came from *The Merry Andrew*, an 18th century riddle book. Can you figure them out? Answers below.

1. In spring I look gay,
Deck'd in comely array,
In summer more doathing I wear:
When colder it grows,
I fling off my doaths,
And in winter quite naked appear.

2. Great frauds and villainies have oft been try'd!
And many millions for my sake have dy'd;
The splendid Grandeur which my race adorns,
Is like the rose around beset with thorns:
So 'twixt the plague of keeping me and losing,
By some I'm thought not worth a wife man's chusing.

3. From whence I came 'tis hard to tell;
But this I'm sure is known full well,
That naughty boys for me do cry,
For me the dunce to school doth hie;
That with the poor I always stay,
And am what miser's give away.

The Answers:



A Tree.



CROWN.

NOTHING.



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2010 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SPRING CLEANING
March 20 & 21 10am - 3pm

FARM OPENS
April 1 10am - 4:30pm

WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CLOTHING
April 7 (*Paid reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

DAIRY DAY
April 10 1 - 4pm

SPRING PLANT SALE
April 30 & May 1 10am - 5pm

SPRING MARKET FAIR
May 15 & 16 11am - 4:30pm

WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS
June 2 (*Paid reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

HERBAL REMEDIES
June 12 1 - 4pm

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE
June 25-27 6pm Friday - Noon Sunday

SUMMER MARKET FAIR
July 17 & 18 11am - 4:30pm

WORKSHOP: HEARTH COOKING 6 - 9pm
August 4 (*Paid reservations required*)

TOBACCO HARVEST
August 14 1 - 4pm

WORKSHOP: TANNING HIDES
Sept. 1 (*Paid reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

COLONIAL WEDDING
September 11 1 - 4pm, ceremony at 2pm

OKTOBERFEST
Oct. 1 (*Tickets available in June*) 7-10pm

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR
October 16 & 17 11am - 4:30pm

WORKSHOP: WOODWORKING
Oct. 30 (*Paid reservations required*) all day

CHEW THE FAT
November 13 1 - 4pm

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP & FARM
OPEN HOUSE
November 17 3 - 8pm

WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS
Dec. 1 (*Paid reservations required*) 6 - 8pm

WASSAIL
December 12 1 - 4pm

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN
Through Dec. 19 Wed.-Sun., 10am-5pm

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

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

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

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Zach Dozier at zdozier@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS
Contact Julie Dozier at jdozier@1771.org.

SPRING CLEANING
Saturday & Sunday March 20 & 21 10am - 3pm
Contact J-D Engle at jengle@1771.org.

LOST & FOUND

We have quite a collection of items here! If you think you lost something here, you need to come and claim it before **Feburary 15**. At that point, all items become donations to the Farm.

Come by any time the office is open: M - F, 9 - 5.

OKTOBERFEST PLANNED FOR 2010



Please save the date for **Friday, October 1**. We going to expand the crowd into a second pavilion with an even bigger silent auction. So those that want to dance and those that want to talk have options. Tickets will be available online and at the GateHouse Shop beginning in June.

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

We are continuing our efforts to translate our map brochure into many languages, so that we are more accessible.

If you are *fluent* in any of the following languages, please contact kcannon@1771.org:

- Arabic • German • Japanese
- Korean • Spanish • French

Or, if you know another language to add to our collection, we'd be glad to hear from you!

To see what you are getting yourself into, you can download the English brochure here:

<http://www.1771.org/Files/BrochureMap.pdf>

WANT TO TEACH?

The Farm's most popular school program, **Farm Skills**, is a big hit with visiting children. Kids age 4 through middle school come to learn a variety of farm-related skills.

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 teacher receives a **\$30 honorarium** for every Farm Skills day. This program is held on certain Thursdays, 10am-12 noon; teachers should expect to be here 9:30-12:30.

If you are interested, please contact Zach Dozier at zdozier@1771.org.

WEBSITE CHANGES!

www.1771.org

Our website is getting a facelift! We are making it more attractive and easy to navigate. Please check it out, and let us know what you think.

- Can you find everything?
- Does it look good in your browser?
- Do you have any pictures you'd like to share with us, which we can put on the homepage slide show? (Check it out: if you put your cursor over the slide show, you get a caption and a hyperlink.)

Thank you!

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 Discover

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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SPRING CLEANUP



March 20 & 21
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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MARCH

Spring Cleaning March 20 & 21

APRIL

Farm Opens April 1

Spring Plant Sale April 30 & May 1