



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 ~*

JULY - AUGUST 2005

FARM PUBLISHES *ABIGAIL,* *BEFORE THE REVOLUTION*

Written by former farm wife and local author, **Diane Leatherman**, *Abigail* is the story of an 11-year-old girl and her brothers and sisters living on an 18th century farm. Diane knows the Farm well and has managed to create a story that includes much about our Farm, including Market Fairs and other details easily recognized. We have long carried Diane's first children's book, *Rebecca, Maryland Farm Girl*, a story based on her mother-in-law's childhood in early 20th century rural Maryland. We are very excited about our first book and think Diane did a wonderful job of creating characters and a story that truly captures the "Farm experience". *Abigail* may be purchased both from the GateHouse Shop and from our website, www.1771.org.

IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME!

And we have HEAPS of things to sell that you undoubtedly can't live without! The sale will be Friday and Saturday, June 24th and 25th from 9 to 1, with many new things put out for the second sale day.

We're busy now setting up the tables and shelves in our new, almost finished flea building, unpacking, cleaning up and pricing our treasures. If you'd like to help for a few hours before or during the sale, call Marg (cell phone: 703-599-5308, or email: marggoralski@juno.com).

Besides the household necessities and decorations, toys and clothing, there'll be lots of books for summer reading, including paperbacks for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar. Eat your heart out, Books-A-Million!

Ted's Boutique in the canopied courtyard of the flea building will have all sorts of boy toys: appliances from telephones to televisions, along with tools, sports equipment (including some hunting clothes!) and furniture.

Even if you don't REALLY NEED anything, stop in to see our new building (and leave with a bag of things you just couldn't resist).

ON THE FARM



Summer squash, melons, and cucumbers are ripening in the kitchen garden. Though the weather is terribly hot, the farm wife must already begin thinking about winter. She and her daughters use apple cider vinegar and salt brines along with spices and herbs to pickle vegetables from the garden. They fill as many stoneware jars as they can with pickled okra, onions, beets, radishes and other vegetables and then seal them shut with pieces of leather or pigs' bladders so they will keep until needed in the colder months.

Meanwhile, the farmer is busy tending the tobacco. Every day, he goes through the rows of tobacco pulling off any suckers, or new stems the plants try to put out. He wants each plant to grow straight and tall on one stalk so that the leaves will be big and broad. The farmer also herds the turkeys through the fields so they can eat horn worms off the plants, but he and the children still must follow along behind and pull off any worms the turkeys don't find. All of this is so the crop will be of good enough quality to pass inspection at the tobacco warehouse. According to the law, all tobacco must be inspected at a warehouse before it may be used for trade.

NEW DOMINION WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS CHECK

On Monday night, June 6, President of the NDWC, **Lisa Vogt**, presented **Anna Eberly** with a check for \$8,100 at the club's annual installation meeting. The money came from the proceeds of the **McLean Family Walkathon**, an annual fundraising event sponsored by the club. Anna thanked the club members and told them that the money will be used to complete the "flea" building for sorting, organizing and selling the used goods donated to the Farm.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new staff members. **Jan Tilley** (pronounced “Yahn”) is our new full-time farmer, who comes to us from Wisconsin with a background in living history. **Liam Andrews** is our part-time farmer, and has been involved with the Farm for many years. We are excited to have such talented and hard-working individuals on our staff! The next time you visit the Farm, be sure to greet these two gentlemen.

ANIMAL NEWS

Wandering past the pond this summer, you might notice a new addition to the Farm’s buildings. In the shade of the forest with its back to the path and its face to the water, sits the new home of our Toulouse Geese.

We introduced our geese to the Farm last spring as goslings, and we have been learning how to live with them ever since. Geese, though temperamental, serve several important roles on a farm:

- As guard animals, geese are practically unmatched. When one signals trouble, the rest are quick to follow with enough noise to be heard all across the Farm.
- Feathers for quills and goose down can be harvested safely from live geese in the spring and fall, just before molting when the feathers are dry and don’t contain blood. An adult goose can produce up to one pound of feathers each year.
- And, of course, there are the good-size eggs and Christmas dinner to consider!

Remember when visiting the Farm that geese can be aggressive if they feel threatened, so it’s always wise to give them space. A goose is likely to consider any direct move toward the flock as a threat, but walking by on the path or watching them quietly is usually met with watchful acceptance.

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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Words

All languages change over time, and English is no exception. Here are some words that have fallen out of use in the 21st century, or have different meanings than they did in colonial days. They are all taken out of the glossary in the back of the Farm’s new book, *Abigail, Before the Revolution*. See if you can match each word with its definition!

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| 1. tick | A. a pair of brushes with metal teeth |
| 2. cards | B. an outdoor toilet |
| 3. prize | C. a mattress |
| 4. poke | D. a bag or sack |
| 5. necessary | E. a tool for compressing tobacco |

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Source: Leatherman, Diane. *Abigail: Before the Revolution*. McLean: The Bounty Project, 2005.

Plant Selection: Quince

And what, you ask, is a quince? It is a fruit that was very common in colonial America, but declined in popularity in the 19th century. It is about the size and shape of an apple or pear, and usually yellow-green in color. While it is inedible raw, it can be cooked and preserved in a variety of ways: baked, pickled, boiled, or stewed, the quince was a highly regarded fruit for colonial Virginians.



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We now have quince trees at the Farm! In the apple orchard stands one small but determined quince sapling, and we are starting several other seedlings in the greenhouse that will make their way to the farm site when they are big enough.

Sources: Hatch, Peter J. *The Fruits and Fruit Trees of Monticello*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1998.

STAFF

Liam Andrews, Farmer	Katie Jackson, Program Manager
Anna C. Eberly, Manager	Linda Saldaña, Membership
J.D. Engle, Facilities Manager	Rachel Summers, Farm Wife/ Program Manager
Pia Harithy, GateHouse Manager	Jan Tilley, Farmer

2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY

IN THE COOL OF THE DAY

Saturday, July 2 4:30-7:30 pm
Help the farm family complete their day of work before settling down for a bit of amusement. Play a game, join in the local gossip, or sit back and enjoy a story or two. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

SUMMER 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 11am-4:30pm
Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy summer dancing and singing, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture from the Cabinet Maker. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale and porter at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and candle making, and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. Period food, beverages and wares are available for purchase. Special Event Admission applies. Get a FREE Market Fair Pass from our website, at www.1771.org/market_fair_pass.htm *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

AUGUST

PICKLING PRODUCE

Saturday, August 6 1-4pm
Salty, sour pickles from the kitchen garden will bring flavor to the farm family's meals. Help prepare vegetables for pickling as the farm wife shows you how she combines salt, water, and homemade vinegar to preserve her summer crops. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

TOBACCO HARVEST

Sunday, August 28 1-4pm
All summer, the farmer has carefully tended his tobacco crop, which he uses to pay the rent and to purchase goods not produced on the Farm. Now that the leaves have ripened, harvest time is here. Help the farmer clean the leaves, and watch how he cuts and splits the stems. Help gather the cut plants and hang them on tobacco sticks to cure. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

SEPTEMBER

WASH DAY

Saturday, September 3 1-4pm
Do you find your laundry chores tiresome? For a little perspective, come help out at wash day on the 18th century farm. Scrub clothing with lye soap in the washtub; watch the whites boiling

in the big pot over the fire; hang clothing out to dry in the orchard. Then go home and count your blessings. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

THRESHING DAY

Sunday, September 18 1-4pm
With the field work finished for the year, the family turns to threshing the year's crop of wheat and rye. Pick up a flail and help beat the seeds away from the stalks. Watch the chaff fly away as you winnow the grain. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

FARM SKILLS: SCHOOL PROGRAM (call ahead)
Thursdays, July 21, 28, August 4 9:30am-12pm

SUMMER MARKET FAIR SET-UP
Saturday, July 9 9am-3pm

MARKET FAIR BEHIND-THE-SCENES HELP
Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17 10am-5pm

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CLOTHING WORKSHOP
Monday, September 12 6-8pm

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Thursdays, Sept. 29 - Nov. 17 9:30am-12pm

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY!

If you would like to be more involved with the Farm, here is your chance! On selected Thursdays, the Farm hosts a program called Farm Skills. Aimed at school-age children, it features hands-on activities such as pounding corn, spinning with a drop spindle, and 18th century games.

This is a wonderful program that everyone enjoys... but we need more help! If you are interested in working, and are available on any of the dates listed, please email kjackson@1771.org. Prior knowledge of the skills that you will be teaching is not required; only a willingness to learn. (Children as young as 4 go through the program, so if they can learn the skills, so can you!) Adults are paid \$10 an hour for a total of \$30 for each Farm Skills day.

Summer program dates are July 21st, 28th, and August 4th. Fall dates are every Thursday from September 29th through November 17th.

NEW ROOFS FOR PAVILIONS

Thanks to **Dwight Schar** of **NVR, Inc.** and his friends at **Mid-Atlantic Roofing, Tamco Roofing** and **The Roof Center** for generously donating the materials and labor to replace all seven roofs at **The Pavilions of Turkey Run**. **Tom Ptak** of **NV Homes** organized and coordinated the effort which took nearly a week of work in March. The Pavilions, which Dwight and his partners, **Steve Cumbie** and **Bill Moran**, built in 1984 to provide income for the Farm, now generate nearly one fourth of the Farm's operating budget. This has truly been the gift that keeps on giving.

MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL WAT PROGRAM

We want to thank our students from the **WAT Program** (Work Awareness and Transition), for working three days each week since April in our Horticulture Program. Led by their teacher, **Lisa Dissel**, the students, **Michael Hoyt, Christiana Coles**, and **Justin Pace**, have filled new pots, emptied old pots, organized plants, cleaned up and helped wherever needed. We wish them a good summer and look forward to welcoming next year's students into our program. Our thanks go to **Neil Costello** and **Debbie Gregory** for their oversight, care and concern for this worthwhile program at **McLean High School**.

CHOICE HOTELS GIVES THE BEST GIFT

The day of our Annual Garden Party, Wednesday, June 8, the 24 employees of **Choice Hotels' Administration and HR Group** in Silver Spring, Maryland donated 5 hours of incredibly valuable time to helping with the party setup and horticulture program. Organized by Choice Hotels' **Pat Murphy**, the group potted up and sorted plants, weeded, organized the pot supply area, set up the new shade canopy, checked and fixed all of the lights and cleaned and moved tables and chairs. Everyone was so helpful and hardworking in spite of the heat and humidity. We hope our friends at Choice Hotels come back to visit very soon!

WILLIAM A. HAZEL COMPANY DONATION

Our friends at **The William A. Hazel Company** in Chantilly, VA built more than 700 feet of new driveway at The Pavilions of Turkey Run this spring. This new circular driveway provides access to the overflow field parking and makes the area look and perform much better for our Pavilions guests. Our grateful thanks to the guys at Wm. A. for doing their usual great job.

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 functioning, powerful, indoor vacuum cleaner
- 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.
- Safe 3-step step ladder
- Brown paper grocery bags in good condition
- Hand & bath towels
- Egg cartons

Volunteer Help Needed:

- To work at the Farm Skills programs for school groups on Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, July 21, 28, August 4; email: kjackson@1771.org
- To work at the GateHouse throughout the season; email: pharithy@1771.org
- To sell admissions and work at the Gatehouse during July Market Fair (two-hour shifts, from 10am - 4pm)
- To help with Market Fair set-up the week of July 11-15
- To help with Market Fair take-down on July 17 starting at 4:30 pm
- To work in the Greenhouse & gardens
- To help with weeding and watering the farm site kitchen garden during the day on Mondays and Tuesdays

BEFORE YOU DONATE...

Dear Farm Family and friends, while we value the items you donate to our garage sale fundraisers, we find that there are certain periods of the year when it is exceedingly difficult for our staff to find the time to come pick them up.

The month of March is dedicated to getting the Farm ready for opening day. The two weeks prior to each Market Fair find us repairing the buildings and preparing inventory for sale. The three weeks following closing in December are time for winterizing the facilities and for staff vacations. Regretfully, we have determined that, while we will happily accept donations during these times, we will not be doing pick-ups.

Remember also, that it is much easier for Mistress Marg and her band of Gentle Ladies to handle donations in reasonably sized boxes rather than trash bags if possible.

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

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** 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!

PLANTS FOR SALE

We have a full selection of hardy and tender perennial herbs and flowers for your garden. The Garden Center at the Farm office is open Monday - Friday from 9 to 5. We also sell plants at The GateHouse Shop Wednesday - Sunday from 10 to 5 and at the July and October Market Fairs.

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 _____

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.

18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



JULY 16th & 17th

11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weather Permitting: 703-903-9330

Things to Buy, See, Do, Eat and Drink!

Dry Goods	Stillatory	Hawkers	Spinsters
Seamstress	Millinery	Wood Workers	Fortune-teller
Men's Goods	Games	Puppet Show	Stationer
Colonial Dancers	Militia	Blacksmith	Animals
Singing and Musick, and much more			
Roast Chicken • Bread • Cheese • Sausage • Fresh Vegetables & Fruits			
Meat Pies • Tarts • Lemonade • Beer & Wine • Fish House Punch			
ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00 Children (3-12 years) & Senior Citizens\$2.50			

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In the Cool of the Day July 2

Summer Market Fair July 16 & 17

AUGUST

Pickling Produce August 6

Tobacco Harvest August 28

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