



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

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

**JULY - AUGUST 2006**

### NATIONAL SPELLING BEE SPENDS DAY AT PAVILIONS

Over 900 participants and their families came to the **Pavilions of Turkey Run** on Memorial Day Monday for a day of fun and food and festivities. After arriving in 18 buses, the whole group was fed in less than 40 minutes. WOW – what a feat!



After lunch, the groups enjoyed making things at the huge craft table, bouncing in the moon bounce, singing Karaoke, getting faces painted, playing volley ball and just having a grand time. In addition, over 300 people visited the Claude Moore Colonial Farm and the GateHouse Gift Shop.

If you caught the first snippets of the Spelling Bee they showed on ABC, you would have seen the group having a splendid time at the Pavilions. They said they can't wait to return next year.

Besides this great group, the Pavilions will host such special events as the **McLean Chamber** (for a Western Ho-Down), **The New Dominion Women's Club** (who have been great supporters of the Farm, **The Potomac Fall Frolics**, a wedding or two and a Military Reunion Familiarization trip scouting out the facility to bring future groups. Of course, our wonderful corporations and associations continue to come back year after year and form the core of our business.

If you are considering an event for any type of occasion, call Peg Jarman at (703) 893-6545 or check out the web site at [www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com) We guarantee it will be a wonderful event – and without you having to do any of the work!

### ON THE FARM

#### *Tobacco Notes*

Greetings to you all once again, friends and neighbors.

It has been quite the busy time here on the farm. We are just finishing planting up the last of the tobacco fields and are hoping for a real good harvest this year. We are hoping to get enough out of the wheat to be paying off some of our debts and perhaps leave us a bit to be putting by against a rainy day. Speaking on rainy days, we have been seeing precious few of them of late and we are all getting to be a bit concerned for the crops. As always, our door is open to visitors. We do hope to be seeing you all soon.



I am and remain,  
Your most humble and obedient servant,  
*John Harbin*

### BOOK SALE

**JUNE 23 & 24, 10<sup>AM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>**

We have HEAPS of books for our Used Book Sale. There are so many different subjects that there HAS to be something on the shelves that you can't live without reading.

We have many books for children and teens, many of which are in brand-new condition, perfect for gifts. There are also many old and interesting books generously donated by folks who are downsizing and want their years of treasures to find new homes that will cherish them.

And remember, at our prices you can buy a summer reading stack for the price of a couple of Starbucks lattes!

## ANIMAL NEWS

It is with regret that we say goodbye to our Hog Island Sheep, **Patience**, who passed away on the 3rd of May.

We are pleased to introduce **Farthing**, hatched on the 6th of May, our youngest Spanish Black turkey poult and the offspring of our own **Penelope**.

Thanks to a generous donation, we welcome two handsome new **Dominique roosters** to our flock.

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## VISITOR SURVEY FOR MAY, 2006 MARKET FAIR

Many thanks to all who made the May Market Fair such a success! The chickens roasting, the resounding voice of the Auctioneer, and the general hustle and bustle of the many volunteers who make the Market Fair what it is, all combined into a fantastic experience for everyone who came. Thank you!

During the May Market Fair, 170 visitor surveys were collected over the two days which represented about 625 individuals visiting the Market Fair. This survey was taken to determine who comes to the Market Fairs, where they live, why they come, and more. Here are some of the highlights:

- The average distance traveled to the Farm was nine and a half miles; three quarters of the visitors came from 11 miles away or less.
- The typical group consisted of two adults and two children under 12. Half of the groups were a single parent or two parents with one or two children; one in five were parents with three or more children in tow. Only about one in seven were adult couples.
- Parents of both small and large family groups combine a desire to have fun with their children with a desire for an

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## COLONIAL CORNER



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

### Manners

Rules for polite behavior change through space and time, but every culture has them. Think about the rules that exist today: don't talk with your mouth full, ask permission before you borrow something, and so forth. People of all ages living in Colonial America also had rules like these.

The following are excerpts from books of manners printed in the 18th century. Think about which ones are still true today... and which may be a bit different from what you are used to!

*Turn not your back to others, especially in speaking.*

*When you sit down, keep your feet firm on the ground and even, without putting one foot on the other or crossing them.*

*Kill no vermin such as fleas, lice, ticks, & etc., in the sight of others.*

*Talk not with meat in your mouth.*

*Never speak to thy Parents, without some Title of Respect, viz. Sir, Madam &c.*

*Whisper not in company.*

*Sources: (1) Phillips, John T., II. George Washington's Rules of Civility. Leesburg: Goose Creek Productions, 2005. (2) The School of Manners. London, 1701.*

educational experience for the children. For couples, having fun and enjoying themselves are the primary motivations to come to the Market Fair.

*Dr. Thomas Kluwin currently teaches research methods in the behavioral and social sciences to deaf, deaf-blind, and hearing MA and PhD students. For the past 20 years, he has been involved with the Farm as a volunteer carpenter and demonstrator of period woodworking skills. He has recently begun a series of projects that look at how living history museums present content to visitors.*

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# 2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## JULY

### WASH DAY

Saturday, July 1 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 on a fence. Then go home and count your blessings. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### SUMMER MARKET FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16 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](http://www.1771.org/market_fair_pass.htm) *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

## AUGUST

### PICKLING PRODUCE

Saturday, August 5 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.*

### TOBACCO HARVEST

Sunday, August 20 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.*

## SEPTEMBER

### 18TH CENTURY WEDDING PARTY

Saturday, September 2 1 - 4pm  
Wedding bells are ringing on the farm... or are they? Wedding traditions in the 18th century may be a bit different from what you are used to! Why isn't the wedding in a church? Who is performing the ceremony? How do tenant farmers fit major life events such as marriage into their farming schedule? Come celebrate with the farm family on this joyous occasion, and discover the answers to your questions. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### THRESHING & FLAX DAY

Sunday, September 17 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. Near the farm house, help the farm wife brake, scutch, hackle and spin flax into linen. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### FALL GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, September 29 & 30 9am-1pm  
This sale is to dispose of donated items which the Farm cannot use. Garage Sale items include books, clothing, household items (both useful and decorative), small appliances, minor pieces of furniture, tools, toys, and a glorious conglomeration of bits and pieces. All sales proceeds benefit the Farm's educational programs.

## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

### GREENHOUSE HELP

Wednesdays 9:30am-12pm

### FARM SITE GARDEN HELP

Tuesdays 2-4pm

### FARM SKILLS: SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thursdays in July & Aug.; call ahead 9:30am-12pm

### SUMMER MARKET FAIR SET-UP

Saturday, July 8 9am-3pm

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Tuesday - Friday, July 11-14 10am-5pm

### MARKET FAIR BEHIND-THE-SCENES HELP

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16 10am-5pm

## ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

The Farm Site staff is starting up a new volunteer group to help out with the kitchen garden and fields while we are not open to the public. So if you have always wanted to work in our garden but prefer modern clothes, here is your chance! The group will meet Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 weather permitting. Please contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org) or call the office at 703-442-7557 with questions.

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## TEACH FARM SKILLS

Come volunteer for our summer Farm Skills session! We need volunteers to teach camp groups about skills they would need on a farm in 1771. If you have experience carding or spinning wool with a drop spindle, pounding corn, or even just playing games we can use your help! The dates for this summer are July 20th, 27th and Aug 3rd, and the time commitment is 9am-12pm. Please contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org) or call the office at 703-442-7557 to sign up to help.

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The volunteer workshop for the month of August will be covering heirloom plants, of the varieties that we grow on the Farm. Come learn about the varieties themselves, what makes them different from modern varieties, and how best to care for these heirloom plants. The class will be held Tuesday, August 1st, from 6-8pm.

This class is part of the series of volunteer training sessions we are now pleased to offer. You can find a full training schedule on our website, [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org), or email [jtilley@1771.org](mailto:jtilley@1771.org).

**I** Publish the Bans of Marriage between Eli Stone and Mary Harbin. If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it: This is the first time of asking.

*The wedding party will be held at the Farm on Saturday, September 2nd, from 1-4pm. 18th century couples had to publish the above bans in their parish church for three Sundays before their marriage, unless they paid to have a marriage license.*

## 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](mailto:jengle@1771.org).*

### Items Needed:

*Remember, all donations are tax deductible*

- Wood embroidery hoops at least 8" diameter
- Large wooden hoops for hoop rolling game
- Perennial plants: peony, bleeding heart and lily of the valley.
- 2 Dehumidifiers
- Book cases

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- To teach at the Farm Skills program on Thursdays, July 20, 27, and August 3. Contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org).
- To help in the Greenhouse. Contact Debbie West at [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org).
- To work in the farm site garden and fields on Tuesdays, 2-4pm. Contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org).

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## PLANT PRODUCTION AND SALES

Our Spring Plant Sale was a huge success with folks reporting that everything they bought at the Farm last year was flourishing. Market Fair patrons were pleased with the great selection of herbs and heirloom plants at the May fair and our Annual Garden Party was lovely. With tremendous help from all of our volunteers we've made it through the season and now start planning for 2007.

In the meantime, we have beautiful annual and perennial herbs, flowers and foliage for containers and quick color in the garden. The prices are low and the quality is high and each plant purchase helps us to continue horticulture education at the Farm.

Our grateful thanks to the following volunteers who have been so supportive of our horticulture efforts this year: **Clare Bonner, Edwina Chen, Cathy Bierman, Grace Harkins, Linda Saldaña, Fred West, Chris Weiss, José Rodriguez and friends, and McLean High School students of Career Pathways in the Work Study program. Christiana Coles, Sofia Papadopolos, Mo Eramian and Danny Gourley**, led by staff members **Susan Ilagan, Anne Johnson and Mark Thompson** helped in the greenhouse and gardens every Thursday and Friday morning.

# COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE A SUCCESS

On the weekend of June 10 & 11, a dozen brave souls pitched their tents in the 18th century for a weekend of colonial camping. They cooked their meals over an open fire, dipped the candles they would need once the sun went down, and split an enormous log to make a new shaving horse for the 18th century farm site.

The Colonial Living Experience is a new educational program at the Farm, in which participants can live the weekend in the 18th century, wearing the clothing of the day and performing the tasks necessary to survive in the year 1771. The CLE program is offered again September 23 & 24. Paid reservations are required; see [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org) for details, or email [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

## THE GATEHOUSE SHOP

*Gifts for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen*



Handmade toys, fruit preserves and jams, jewelry, soaps, home accessories, garden gifts, plants, books and collectibles

Open Wednesday through Sunday  
☞ 10am - 5pm ☞

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## 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.

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](mailto:aeberly@1771.org).

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### 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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For more information, write to the Farm at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, call 703-442-7557 or go to [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org)

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# 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY MARKET FAIR



JULY 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

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

Weather Permitting

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

Dry Goods	Stillatory	Fortune Teller	Spinsters
Seamstress	Millinery	Wood Workers	Chandler
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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### JUNE

Book Sale June 23 & 24

### JULY

Wash Day July 1

Summer Market Fair July 15 & 16

### AUGUST

Pickling Produce August 5

Tobacco Harvest August 20

### SEPTEMBER

18th Century Wedding Party September 2

Threshing & Flax Day September 17

Garage Sale September 29 & 30