



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States  
~ Celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Operation ~*

**JULY - AUGUST 2008**

### SUMMER BOOK SALES BEGIN

**W**e've finally cleared out the last of the Garage Sale items and are ready to resume book sales. The first sale of the summer was scheduled appropriately on the Solstice, Friday evening the 20th and continued all day Saturday, the 21st. While we've been flapping and twirling with the "stuff" sales, the books have really piled up. And even though we're sending books to India as fast as we can bag them up, we are drowning in books. "Too Bad", you say. Yes, this is good news for book lovers as we're going to have to have more sales!

So.... Wednesday Evening Book Sales begin on July 9 from 5 to 9 pm. We will always keep you posted by email and you can check [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org) or call 703-442-7557 for dates of upcoming sales. We also list our sales on [www.booksalefinder.com](http://www.booksalefinder.com). This wonderful site lists sales across the U.S. and will even email you about sales in your area!

### PLANTS FOR SALE!

**T**he Farm's nursery is just packed with wonderful things. We have vegetables, herbs, and annual and perennial flowers, including many rare and heirloom varieties.

Come to the Farm office Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm, or to the GateHouse Shop Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 5pm to browse our selection.

### ANIMAL NEWS

#### Baby Cow!

**T**he Farm is very pleased to announce that we have a new calf! A female calf was born to Faith on the afternoon of June 10th, and is very lively, healthy, and cute! Faith is proving herself to be an excellent mother, and Rosemary is a doting aunt. At this point, the calf is not much bigger than a long-legged golden retriever, but is very independent and playful. We hope you will come down to the farm site to visit the newest addition to the farm family!



We are currently taking suggestions for a good 18th century-style name for the calf. If you have any ideas for girl's names, please send them our way. Email [khughes@1771.org](mailto:khughes@1771.org) with your suggestions.

### MARKET FAIR: EXCITING ADDITIONS

**W**e welcome several new people to the Farm's Market Fairs: a new blacksmith, **Kelly Smyth**, and a new potter, **Rudy Tucker**. Please be sure to welcome them the next time you come to the Fair!

And, the July Market Fair will feature our new acting troupe: the **Turkey Run Players**. They will be wandering the Fair and performing scenes from popular 18th century plays.

# ON THE FARM

## Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

The weather has been good and mild of late. We would be glad of more gentle rain to nourish the leaves of the plants, but we are grateful that this year is not so dry as the last! We have had a very busy season with the planting of Corn, Squash, Vegetables, and Tobacco, and with the harvests of our Wheat and Rye approaching we would be glad of any help our neighbors may choose to give.



We are very well pleased with our new cow Faith, what has given us a calf! It is a very playful little fellow of a beautiful Red colour. Kitty Foxxe and Silence Church were eager to suggest names for it, but we ain't heard one to our satisfaction as yet. Please do tell us if you have a good name.

The children are excited that the cherries are coming out in the cherry trees. Benjamin says he cannot wait until they are ripe enough to bake into pies. We remind him that 'tis nearly summer, and the joys of pie will be much mixed with the pains of toil. Thus reminded, Benjamin says he can wait after all.

Your most humble and obedient servants,  
*Mariah Thornton*  
*Lydia Bradley*



# COLONIAL CORNER

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



## The Common Nail

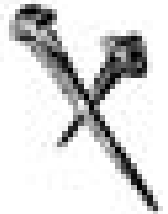
This nifty little invention has been around for a long time.

## Beginnings

When do you think nails were invented? No one quite knows for sure, but they show up in Mesopotamia in 3500 B.C.... that's over 5,000 years ago! At that time, they were made of copper and bronze. Iron nails came a bit later, during (appropriately) the Iron Age-- around 1300 B.C.

## Development

Nails remained mostly unchanged, being hammered arduously by hand, until 1580 when the "slitting mill" was invented to make long rods of the correct size for nails. Each nail still had to be hand-hammered, though, by a blacksmith or a nailsmith.



In the 1780s, a nail-making machine was developed, and by the mid-1800s the price of nails had dropped considerably due to the ease of their manufacture.

## Modern nails: cheaper, not better

It's funny that with all this "development" we have ended up with an inferior nail! The square nails of history were actually stronger than the round ones we use today. But, the price makes up for the loss in quality for most people. (Here at the Farm, we use the old square nails.)

Source: "Forged and Cut Iron Nails", in *Early American Life*, June 2008.

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## WORKSHOP: FIRST-PERSON INTERPRETATION

Tuesday, July 8, 6-8pm

This will cover the art of First Person Interpretation. Topics will include Character Development, 18th Century Language, and an open discussion about the tricks of the trade, led by the Farm's interpretive staff. \$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required; contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

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## HOW EXCITING!

Pavilion A at The Pavilions of Turkey Run is now double the size, allowing us to accommodate more people. In addition, we plan to add a fireplace, benches around the edge, a landscaped patio area and removable sides so the pavilion can be used earlier and later in the year. It looks fabulous.

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



Wakefield Forest Elementary School just had a retirement party at the Pavilions for **May Ohman**, who was a teacher there for over 30 years. May is also one of our long time volunteers at the Farm. Congratulations, May! We hope to see you more at the Farm.

We once again hosted 950 guests from the **Scripps National Spelling Bee** at The Pavilions plus we had our largest event ever with 2,500 guests from **George Washington University Hospital Center**.

Remember that each time a group books The Pavilions of Turkey Run for an event, the entire rental goes to the Farm to assist with our education programs. If you know of anyone who is looking to book a great outdoor event for between 100 and 1,000 people, day or night, have them call Peg Jarman at (703) 707-8820 or check out the web site at [www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com). It's still not too late to book for this year.

## 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*

- Plastic laundry baskets
- DVD player
- A large trailer for staff housing

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing: both take-home projects and new members of our sewing circle, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month May - November. Contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).
- Teaching at the Thursday Farm Skills program; \$30 stipend. Contact [khughes@1771.org](mailto:khughes@1771.org).
- Sorting donated books & goods on Tuesdays. Contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).
- Greenhouse & plant help throughout the growing season. Contact [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org).

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## GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

Now that the gardening season is in full swing the Farm Site staff needs help keeping the weeds at bay! If you've always wanted to work in the Farm's garden or fields, but prefer modern clothes and tools come join our Tuesday afternoon Gardening Group. The group meets every Tuesday, weather permitting, from 2-4pm at the Farm's administrative building. Email Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org) or call the Farm office for more information.

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## ATTENTION: APPRENTICES & COSTUMED VOLUNTEERS

The Farm has acquired a number of donated Colonial clothes that are for sale. It is mostly girls' clothing and sizes, including a number of shifts, some petticoats, a shortgown and various kerchiefs, caps and pockets. Email Elizabeth at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org), or call the office at 703-442-7557 for more information.

# 2008 SPECIAL EVENTS


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

## JULY

**WORKSHOP: 1ST PERSON INTERPRETATION**  
Tuesday, July 8 6 - 8pm  
This will teach you how to pretend to be someone else. First-person interpreters take on the persona of someone from another time period; this takes training, practice and improvisation skills, all of which will be covered at this workshop. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required.* Contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

**SUMMER 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR**  
Sat. & Sun., July 19 & 20 11am - 4:30pm  
Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy summer dancing and singing, muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture or have your fortune told by the Gypsy Fortune Teller. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and watercolor painting and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. *Period food, beverages and wares are available for purchase. Market Fair admission fee: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children (3-12 years old) and senior citizens. Weather Permitting.*

## AUGUST

**TOBACCO HARVEST**  
Saturday, August 16 1 - 4pm  
 All summer, the farm family has carefully tended their tobacco crop, which they use 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 family clean the leaves, and watch how they cut and split the stems. Help gather the cut plants and hang them on tobacco sticks to cure. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

**PICKLING PRODUCE**  
Sunday, August 24 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.*

## SEPTEMBER

**WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CERAMICS**  
Tuesday, September 9 6 - 8pm  
Enjoy an interactive presentation on 18th century pottery. Learn the differences in glazes, shapes and sizes of ceramics that were used in the 1700s. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required.* Contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

**18TH CENTURY WEDDING**  
Saturday, September 13 1 - 4pm  
*ceremony at 2pm*  
Come celebrate with the farm family on this joyous occasion! Dance with the bride and groom, witness an 18th century style ceremony, and taste the wedding cake. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

**SEWING CIRCLE**  
Third Wednesdays 6 - 8pm  
Contact Katie Jackson at [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

**GARDENING**  
Tuesdays 2 - 4pm  
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org).

**BOOK SORTING**  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm  
Contact Marg Goralski at [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).

**FARM SKILLS PROGRAM**  
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Contact Katherine Hughes at [khughes@1771.org](mailto:khughes@1771.org).

**PLANT VOLUNTEERS**  
Wednesdays throughout the growing season  
Contact Debbie West at [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org).

# HOG COULD LEAD TO CURES FOR HUMAN DISEASE

Researchers are turning to a breed of hog to help them find cures for common human diseases. The Ossabaw Island hog, a breed with less than 200 on the mainland, is biologically unique, having been shaped by natural selection in a challenging environment known for heat, humidity and seasonal scarcity of food. Though the pigs may be as small as 100 pounds, they adapted to the food cycle on the island, enabling them to store astounding amounts of body fat in order to survive during the spring season, when there is a dearth of food.



Purdue researchers noted that the physiology of the Ossabaw hog is so human-like that they make ideal study subjects for human diseases. On the medical side hogs and people are alike in that both eat a lot, have an increased risk of insulin resistance, high blood pressure and excess belly fat.

## Background of Ossabaw Island Hog

Spanish explorers brought a population of pigs to the Americas in the 1500s, and these pigs became the foundation population for both domestic and feral pigs in the southern United States. One of these

important and unusual breeds is the Ossabaw, a feral breed found on Ossabaw Island off the coast of Georgia near Savanna.

The Ossabaw is the closest genetic representative of historic Spanish stocks because the population remained on the island where it did not come into contact with mainland breeds. However, as the pigs adapted to the island, they became smaller, a process called insular dwarfism.

Due to quarantine restrictions, the animals cannot be imported directly from Ossabaw Island. However, small groups of these hogs, descendents from those brought from the island in the 1970s, can be found on the mainland. The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy estimates that fewer than 200 individuals remain on the mainland, though many more can be found on the island itself.

*Sent to us by John Parker, Executive Director, Virginia Park Procedures Association; edited by the Claude Moore Colonial Farm.*

*You can see these amazing pigs at the Farm! Our first Ossabaw hogs were brought directly from Ossabaw Island by way of the University of Georgia at Athens. Come and see for yourself how different these pigs are from modern breeds.*



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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

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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



JULY 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

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

Weather Permitting

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

Turkey Run Players Theatrical Troupe • Dry Goods • Stillatory • Fortune Teller • Spinsters  
Seamstress • Basket Maker • Pewtersmith • Signora Bella the Slack Rope Walker • Millinery  
Wood Workers • Chandler • Men's Goods • Rug Hooking • Puppet Show • Games • Stationer  
Surveyor • Potter • Colonial Dancers • Blacksmith • Cabinet Maker • Militia • 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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### JULY

Workshop: 1st Person Interpretation July 8  
Summer Market Fair July 19 & 20

### AUGUST

Tobacco Harvest August 16  
Pickling Produce August 24

### SEPTEMBER

Workshop: Colonial Ceramics September 9  
18th Century Wedding September 13