



# 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 ~*

**MARCH - APRIL 2005**

### ATTENTION ALL BOOKWORMS

The Booksale will be on Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th....but on some days and/or evenings before that, we'll need help shelving books. Want to join in the fun? The only skills involved are the ability to recognize the difference between fiction and non-fiction, kids and adults books, hardbacks and paperbacks, and to wield a dustrag as needed. If you can live up to these demanding requirements, we'd love to have you join us. Phone or E-mail Marg (703-356-4350, [marggoralski@juno.com](mailto:marggoralski@juno.com)) and you'll be notified when we have a schedule set up.....AND IT WILL BE IN OUR NEW FLEA BUILDING!

### GATEHOUSE NEWS

The GateHouse Shop is in the midst of expanding! The new addition, under construction by the talented **Joe Gerstner**, will be completed for our April 1<sup>st</sup> opening. We are so excited! In celebration of the expansion, the GateHouse will be offering MEMBERS an additional 5% off all merchandise during the first week of April (April 1-7). This discount, totaling 15%, even includes all of the new items acquired this winter. As a MEMBER, this is your opportunity to get the newest merchandise at exceptional prices.



### ON THE FARM



As spring arrives, the farm children gather cress, poke, dandelions and other wild greens for the dinner table. The farm-

wife plants broad beans, peas, spinach, lettuce, parsnips and radishes in the kitchen garden as soon as the soil is warm enough to be worked. The farm family is eager for fresh foods after a winter of salted meat and pickled vegetables.

The animals are glad that the weather is growing warm again, too. The cows and sheep grow fat on new green grass. The chickens and turkeys brood over their newly hatched chicks and poults, and the pigs look after their lively new litters.

It is time for the farmer to start his tobacco and corn crops for the year. In March, he prepares a small bed for his tobacco patch, sowing lettuce and mustard along with the tobacco seed to deter insects that would want to eat the young tobacco plants. April finds him out in the corn field, raising hills with a hoe. He will plant three or four kernals of corn in each hill, and squash and melon seeds around the base of the hills.

### IF YOU HAVE AOL...

You may not be receiving Farm emails! AOL filters out anything it considers spam, and somehow the IP host our emails route through (**1and1.com**) has been black-listed. Any emails coming from this host may or may not be rejected by AOL, and you would never know it.

Here is the good news: as an AOL customer, you can change this! All you need to do is send an email to [postmaster@aol.com](mailto:postmaster@aol.com) detailing your concerns about missing important emails from the Farm's [@1771.org](mailto:@1771.org) address. They ought to take care of it from there.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY GATEHOUSE POSITION

The GateHouse Shop is currently seeking an individual for a part-time, seasonal position. The candidate must be willing to work weekends and be comfortable interacting with the public. Start date is April 1st. Contact Pia Harithy at [pharithy@1771.org](mailto:pharithy@1771.org).

## INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

We have several internships available, paid and unpaid. Internships include **Education, Horticulture, Retail**, and the **Bounty Project**. Work hours are flexible. If interested, please call the Farm at 703-442-7557.

For more information, visit:  
[www.1771.org/ed\\_interns.htm](http://www.1771.org/ed_interns.htm)

## 18th CENTURY CLOTHING OPEN HOUSE

The Farm will hold an open house for volunteers interested in making their own 18th century clothing on Monday, April 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This session will cover the basic required clothing items: **shifts, petticoats, caps, aprons, shirts and trousers**. You will be able to examine clothing, trace patterns and ask sewing questions. You may also purchase linen fabric or have your own fabric approved by staff for use on the farm site. The Farm will only offer fabric for sale during clothing information open houses. Please RSVP to Rachel Summers at [rsummers@1771.org](mailto:rsummers@1771.org) or 703-442-7557. Sessions on **shortgowns, waistcoats and winter clothing** will be held later in the year.

## COLONIAL CORNER



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

### Riddles

These riddles come from chapbooks. The word “chapbook” comes from “cheap book”; chapbooks were small, cheaply printed books made for children. They could contain stories, poems, or riddles. Can you solve these two?

1. *Without a bridle or a saddle,  
Across a thing I ride and straddle,  
And those I ride, by the help of me,  
Though almost blind are made to see.*

2. *I am the beginning of sorrow, and the end of sickness.  
You cannot express happiness without me; yet  
I am in the midst of crosses. I am always in risk, yet  
never in danger. You may find me in the sun, but I  
am never out of darkness.*

### Source:

Stockham, Peter. Chapbook Riddles. New York: Dover Publications, 1974.

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### A Dice Game: Passage

Games were enjoyed by both children and adults in the 18th century. Adults' games often involved gambling; card and dice games were famous for this. But, dice could also be used for simple, innocent games like this one from *The Compleat Gamester*, 1674.

### Materials:

- 3 dice
- Any number of players

### Instructions:

Roll until you get doubles. If it is double 5s or 6s, you win; if 1s, 2s, 3s, or 4s, you lose. The play passes to the next person.

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# 2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

## MARCH

### PLANT PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS

**Tuesdays, March 1 - April 26** **4-8pm**  
Learn how to start your own plants from seeds, cuttings and division. Join us in the greenhouse while we propagate plants for the Spring Plant Sale. Fee is \$25.00. For more information or to register, call Anna at **703-847-0710** or email [aeberly@1771.org](mailto:aeberly@1771.org).

### BOOK SALE

**Friday & Saturday, March 18 & 19** **9am-1pm**  
See back cover.

### SPRING CLEANING

**Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20** **9am-3pm**  
See back cover.

## APRIL

### FARM OPENS

**Friday, April 1** **10am-4:30pm**  
The Farm ends its winter hibernation and welcomes the public for the 2005 season. The Farm is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10am to 4:30pm, April 1 through December 11. The Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thanksgiving Day and during inclement weather.

### SALTING FISH

**Saturday, April 16** **1-4pm**  
Visit the farm family as they clean and salt down their yearly catch of herring. They invite you to help scale, gut and pack the fish into jars, and to learn about the important contributions the river makes to their lives.  
*Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### THE COLONIAL SKILLS WORKSHOP & ENCAMPMENT

**Wednesday, April 13 & 20** **6-8pm**  
**and Saturday, April 23** **8am-6pm**

The Wednesday evening sessions (6-8pm) teach the basic skills used to recreate 18th-century life. Topics covered include clothing needed to create an 18th-century environment, and the use and care of reproduction equipment. The workshop continues with a full day of activities when period trades and cooking are practiced. For reservation and fee information, call 703-847-0710.

### Spring Garage Sale

**Friday & Saturday, April 22 & 23** **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. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### SPRING PLANT SALE

**Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30** **9am-5pm**  
Join us in the Farm's garden and greenhouses to choose plants for your yard. Plants include annual and perennial flowers and herbs, vegetables, and container shrubs with a special emphasis on heirloom plants. All sales proceeds benefit the Farm's educational programs.

## MAY

### DAIRY DAY

**Saturday, May 7** **1-4pm**  
Have you ever wondered what curds and whey look like? Do you know how to wash butter? Join in as the farm wife makes soft cheese and churns butter, and gain a new appreciation for these foods, so precious to the farm family. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### SPRING 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

**Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22** **11am-4:30pm**  
Celebrate spring at the first Market Fair of the season. Dance and sing songs. Purchase herb and flower plants from Mistress West, and shop for the latest fashions in clothing, jewelry, potions and lotions from the Seamstress, Millinery and Stillatory stands. Bob for apples, play quoits and other games, and watch a children's puppet theatre. Order nails from the Blacksmith, or ask the Physician to heal your ailments. Lunch might be fresh corn or asparagus, roast chicken, sausages and bread. Lemonade and sugar cakes from the Sweets stand and wine or ale from the Tavern provide a break from shopping and the other business of the Fair. Period food, beverages and wares are available for purchase from the many stalls. *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)*  
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## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

### PLANT VOLUNTEERS

**Beginning Tuesday, March 1** **4-8pm**

### SPRING CLEANING

**Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20** **9am-3pm**

### EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CLOTHING OPEN HOUSE

**Monday, April 4** **6-8pm**

### FARM SKILLS VOLUNTEERS

**Beginning Thursday, April 7** **9:30am-12:30pm**

### MARKET FAIR SET-UP

**Saturday, May 14** **9am-3pm**

## 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:

- 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. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.
- Used 18th-century clothing
- Wooden pallets (75)
- Safe 3-step step ladder

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- To work at the Farm Skills programs for school groups on Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, April 7 through June 9; email: [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org)
- To work at the GateHouse from April 1 throughout the season; email: [pharithy@1771.org](mailto:pharithy@1771.org)
- To refurbish old Barbie dolls; email: [marggoralski@juno.com](mailto:marggoralski@juno.com)
- To sort fabric scraps into saleable grab bags for the GateHouse. May be done at home.
- To make molded beeswax shapes for sale at Market Fair. May be done at home.
- To sew Lydia dolls and clothing--requires good sewing skills. Patterns and instructions available. May be done at home.
- To assemble pocket, housewife and drop spindle kits.

## YOU ARE INVITED

Each spring Colonial Caterers hosts an Open House at The Pavilions of Turkey Run. This year it will be held on Wed. April 27 from 11:30 – 2:30. If you have never been to the Pavilions and would like to see what is available for groups of 100 – 800 guests, this is the perfect time to do so. Delicious Picnic Feasts are served plus you have the opportunity to meet all of the vendors who are able to provide entertainment for your event. It's always lots of fun.

Don't forget that every time a group books an event at The Pavilions, there is a rental fee and all of that money goes back to Claude Moore Colonial Farm to be used in the Education Fund. This is a major source of income for the farm.

If you would like to attend the Open House or bring someone you know who is planning an event, please call Peg in the Marketing Office at (703) 893-6545. In the mean time if you would like to learn more about The Pavilions, visit the web site at [www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com).

P.S. Soon we will be taking applications for summer help. It's a great summer job for the kids – or for anyone looking for a fun, outdoor, part-time job. Call us at the Marketing Office if you or anyone you know is interested.

**DATES ARE GOING QUICKLY, SO BOOK  
YOUR EVENTS NOW!**

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## FARM AIDS COMMUNITY

In the past six months we have been fortunate to be able to assist in fundraising events for the following organizations by providing a family membership for auction. In turn, these organizations have helped to spread the word in their communities about Claude Moore Colonial Farm. If you have a worthy cause, let us know.

**MCCP Gala, Fairfax County Office of Partnerships, Fairfax, VA Women's Research and Education Institute, Washington, DC Northern Virginia Community Foundation, McLean, VA Fairfax United Methodist Church, Fairfax, VA Montessori**

**School of McLean, McLean, VA Annandale Pre-school Association, Annandale, VA Messiah United Methodist Church, Springfield, VA Facets, Fairfax, VA St. Andrews United Methodist Church Day School, Edgewater, MD St. Charles School, Arlington, VA Grace Episcopal Day School, Kensington, MD Relay For Life, American Cancer Society Sunrise Valley Elementary School, Fairfax, VA Mantua Elementary School, Fairfax, VA Algonkian Elementary School, Sterling, VA Kinhaven School, Arlington, VA The Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington, MD The Congressional School of Virginia, Falls Church, VA St. Andrews Episcopal School, Potomac, MD Lowell School, Washington, DC**

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!

**PUPPETEERS NEEDED**

Have you always wanted to participate in Market Fair, but don't like to bein the midst of a crowd? Do people say you are quiet and shy? You may be a perfect puppeteer! Here are the requirements:

- \* age 10 and up (in costume)
- \* available for a rehearsal the weekend before Market Fair
- \* able to spend large amounts of time on your knees, and take directions well
- \* able to sit quietly while waiting for your turn to move the puppet

If interested, email **rsummers@1771.org**

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	\$ _____

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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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*The Farm's financial statements are available in the Richmond Office of the Virginia Department of Consumer Affairs.*

# BOOK SALE

March 18 & 19  
Friday & Saturday



9am - 1pm

**B**rowse through our large selection of used books donated to the Farm. It includes books for travelers, history lovers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, non-fiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also audio- and videotapes, cds and records, and some ephemera.

# SPRING CLEANUP



March 19 & 20  
Saturday & Sunday  
9am - 3pm

**H**elp get the Farm ready for the new season! On the 18th century farm, fields and trails need to be cleared, fences rebuilt, 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](mailto:jengle@1771.org)

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Plant Workshops begin March 1  
Book Sale March 18 & 19  
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## APRIL

Farm Opens April 1  
Salting Fish April 16  
Colonial Skills Workshop April 13, 20, 23  
Garage Sale April 22 & 23  
Plant Sale April 29 & 30