



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 34th Year of Operation ~*

MARCH - APRIL 2007

MORE ESTATE SALES!

Given the success of our Estate Sale in January, we're having two more. Our January furniture sale was a howling success, bringing in over \$4,000 for the Farm's operations. More than 30 people were lined up when we opened and people came all day.

On **Saturday, February 24** from 10 to 5 we will be having Estate Sale II. This sale will be held at The GateHouse Shop, entrance to the 18th century farm. Items in this sale include silver flatware and hollowware, china, pattern glass, linens, kitchen items, decorative items and jewelry. Since we're limited on space in the shop, we may have to control the number of folks shopping at any one time.

Following our **Book Sale on March 16 & 17** from 10 to 5, we're back to Chez Puce for **Estate Sale III on April 14** from 10 to 5. This sale will include lots of very nice clothing, hats, shoes, scarves and gloves from different estates, books, more furniture and linens. And remember, for reminders and details on all of our sales, send us your email address.

If you have some gently cared-for items looking for a new home, let us know! We'll find new owners who will love them as much as you did. Just saw, on Antiques Road Show, a painting a man brought in. A friend was moving and about to throw it in the trash. It's worth \$10,000!! One man's trash is...you know. And even if it's something you hate the sight of, someone else may think it's beautiful.

We are eternally grateful to all of our faithful volunteers who have unpacked, sorted, cleaned, priced and displayed all of our stuff!

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings, friends & neighbors. Spring comes our way and our attentions turn from mending to hoeing. Hot beds to be dug in the garden & tobacco patch give cause for the children to follow cattle trails, gathering fresh dung to sweeten the soil. The greening of wheat & rye is a pleasant site as new hills for tobacco and corn keep the whole family busy. Fresh dandelion from the garden and cress from the spring have been as welcome as the sun, and have our teeth firm again in our mouths.



We look forward once again to your visits as snow and mud begin to give way, making travel possible upon the roads.

Your most humble and obedient servant,
John Harbin

THE GATEHOUSE SHOP

Gifts for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen



Handmade toys, local honey and jams, jewelry, soaps, home accessories, garden gifts, plants, books and collectibles

Grand Opening April 1
Open Wednesday through Sunday
☞ 10am - 5pm ☞

Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run
6310 Georgetown Pike McLean, VA
703-442-7557 www.1771.org

SPRING PLANT SALE

April 27 & 28
Friday & Saturday
9 AM - 5 PM

All of our seeds have arrived and we're beginning to root cuttings of choice plants for the Spring Plant Sale which kicks off our greenhouse/nursery operation for 2007. Some of the new plants will be *Dicentra spectabilis* and *alba*, new *Heuchera* cultivars, *Athyrium nipponicum* Red Beauty, *Echinacea purpurea* White Swan and Ruby Star, *Mysotis*, *Primula japonica*, *Coreopsis*, *Tradescantia* in assortment, Peonies and many others. There will also be annual and perennial herbs, vegetable transplants, and annual flowers from seed and cuttings.

All of our plants are grown here at the Farm by our Horticulture Group volunteers. For information on volunteering in the greenhouse and garden contact Debbie West at 703-442-7557 or dwest@1771.org.



INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Farm is offering internships, both paid and unpaid, in the following categories: Horticulture, Education and Events. Interested candidates should contact aerberly@1771.org.

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COLONIAL CORNER



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

What's Your Constitution?

It's not just a document! The term "constitution" can also refer to a person's health and temperament.

In the 18th century, they divided up peoples' constitutions into four categories, which were related to the four bodily humours. Constitutions were then referred to in medical treatment and in determining what sort of diet a person should follow. It was thought that the most healthy person did not fit any one category, but was rather "in a middle Degree between them." Here are the four descriptions; which best describes your constitution?

Sanguine: Has a good Colour in his Cheeks and a moderate Quantity of Flesh upon his Body, and is naturally of an easy Temper and cheerful Disposition.



Bilious: Has a more fet Colour in his Face, he is thinner in Flesh, and his Temper naturally quick and hasty.

Phlegmatick: Of a pale Complexion, moderately fleshy, but the Flesh is not firm, and his Temper naturally sedate; he is dull and inactive, and is the very opposite of the bilious Constitution.



Melancholick: Shews itself by a lean Body, and little Colour in the Cheeks; the Temper attending this Constitution is generally a grave and severe Disposition, and the Person is apt to be absent, solitary, and careless.

Source: Bradley, Martha. *The British Housewife*. 1756.

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Rachel Summers, *Farm Wife*
Debbie West, *Plant Manager*

LANGUAGE PROJECT

Can you speak another language?

In order to make its programs more accessible, the Farm is translating its brochure into many different languages. This is quite an undertaking, and we need your help! We need a native speaker of **Spanish** and **German** to review an already-translated copy, and someone fluent in both **English** and **Arabic**, and **English** and **Japanese**, to translate the brochure.

If you or someone you know can help, please contact Katie Jackson at kjackson@1771.org. Gracias, danke and شكرا!

18TH CENTURY CLOTHING WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held Tuesday, April 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. It will cover the basic clothing items: **shirts, trousers, waistcoats, caps, kerchiefs, shifts, petticoats, shortgowns, and aprons**. Patterns and some fabric for purchase will be available, as well as reference books and clothing experts. Even if you do not plan to make your own 18th century clothing, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about who wore what in the 18th century and why they wore it! Please RSVP to erolando@1771.org.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Do you need Revolutionary War info?

The Farm has been recataloging and cleaning out its library. We have found many items that are good resources but are too late for the Farm's time period to be of use to us.

This includes three "Bicentennial Daybooks" from the years 1774, 1775 and 1776. These binders go through each year day by day and record what happened between England and the Colonies. The Farm does not need them and would like to give them to someone who can use them. If you would like one or all of these volumes, contact kjackson@1771.org or call the Farm office at 703-442-7557.

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

- Leather scraps 8" x 8" or larger for sealing pickle jars
- Jewelry boxes, cellophane bags, ziplock bags, shopping bags, grocery bags and zippered plastic bags for Donated Goods Sales
- A small or mid-size mobile home (not travel trailer) for staff housing

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing many different items for the Farm; projects for all skill levels. Contact kjackson@1771.org.
- Sorting books & donated goods on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Helping at the Farm Skills program on Thursdays starting April 12. Contact erolando@1771.org.
- Help in the Greenhouse on Wednesdays. Contact dwest@1771.org.

WANT TO SEW?

The Farm needs volunteers who can sew for a variety of projects, both small and large. All skill levels welcome: we have very simple projects, and more complicated ones, for machine and hand sewing. Contact Katie Jackson at kjackson@1771.org.

ESTATE SALES

Saturday, February 24, 10 am to 5 pm
At The GateHouse Shop
(Jewelry, decorative items)

Saturday, April 14, 10 am to 5 pm
At the Sales building by the Farm office
(Clothing, furniture, decorative items)

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

MARCH

SPRING BOOK SALE

SMarch 16 & 17 10am - 5pm
Browse through our large selection donated to the Farm. Includes books for travelers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, nonfiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also videotapes, CDs, records and some ephemera.

SPRING CLEANING

SMarch 17 & 18 9am - 3pm
Help get the Farm ready for the new season! Fields and trails need to be cleared, fences rebuilt, and wood moved and stacked. There is greenhouse work, 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.

APRIL

FARM OPENS

FApril 1 10am - 4:30pm
The Farm ends its winter hibernation and welcomes the public for the 2007 season. The Farm is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10am to 4:30pm, April 1 through December 9. The Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thanksgiving Day and during inclement weather. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

ESTATE SALE III

EApril 14 10am - 5pm
This sale will include clothing, hats, shoes, scarves, gloves, books, furniture and linens from different estates. All proceeds benefit the Farm's education programs.

DAIRY DAY

DApril 21 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 PLANT SALE

SApril 27 & 28 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

SALTING FISH

SMay 6 1 - 4pm
Visit the farm family as they clean and salt down their yearly catch of fish. They invite you to help scale, gut and pack the fish into jars, and to learn about the contributions the river makes to their lives. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

SPRING MARKET FAIR

SMay 19 & 20 11am - 4:30pm
Celebrate spring at the first Market Fair of the season. Dance and sing songs. Purchase herb and plants and shop for a variety of goods. Bob for apples, play quoits and other games, and watch a children's puppet theatre. 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 *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

COLONIAL CLOTHING WORKSHOP

CTuesday, April 10 6 - 8pm
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

FLEA SORTING

FTuesday evenings 6:30 - 8pm
Contact Marg Goralski at marg@1771.org.

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM

FSelected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS

PWednesdays
Contact Debbie West at dwest@1771.org.

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April 27 & 28
 Friday & Saturday
 9 am - 5 pm
 At the Greenhouses by the
 Farm office

SPRING CELEBRATION AT US BOTANIC GARDEN

Friends of the Farm are making their favorite trip to Washington this year on the evening of Thursday, March 1 to celebrate 26 years of operating the Farm as a non-profit, privately funded and publicly supported National Park. Complimentary coach service is provided from McLean to the front door of the Botanic Garden. Inside you will find the Annual Orchid Show in full bloom, drinks, lovely food, a jazz band trio for dancing and folks who love the Farm.

For information on joining us for this festive event, contact Anna Eberly at aeberly@1771.org.



THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH!

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

It's almost spring and we take this opportunity to show case **The Pavilions of Turkey Run** to all of our clients and potential clients. On Thursday, April 26 from 11:30 – 2:00 we host our Picnic Planners Picnic at the Pavilions. If you have a group of 100 or more interested in checking out the pavilions or know someone who does, it's a perfect opportunity to come to a **FREE LUNCH** and **TOUR THE FACILITY** and **MEET THE ENTERTAINMENT VENDORS** as well as **OUR GREAT STAFF** (you may even see some of the CMCF Volunteers there that day serving food).



Visit our web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call us at (703) 893-6545.

The parties at The Pavilions of Turkey Run are absolutely out of this world yet ever so close!

EMBRACE COLONIAL HISTORY
 AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
 LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM...
 RECRUIT FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO
JOIN THE FARM

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

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

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

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