



# 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 ~*

MARCH - APRIL 2008

### SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday & Saturday, April 25 & 26  
9am - 5pm



Our seeds are planted and we're rooting cuttings of choice plants for the Spring Plant Sale which kicks off our greenhouse/nursery operation for 2008. Some of the new plants will be Astilbe 'Elizabeth van Veen', Heuchera 'Mini Mouse', 'Firefly', 'Plum Pudding', 'Melting Fire', Panicum 'Prairie Sky', Coreopsis 'American Dream', 'Ninja', Athyrium 'Japanese Painted Fern', and Dryopteris 'Autumn Fern'. This sale will be for the hardy perennials, tender perennials, annuals and most vegetable transplants. Plants that love hot weather will be available at the Spring Market Fair and the June Garden Party. All plants are grown here at the Farm by our Horticulture Group volunteers. For information on volunteering in the greenhouse and garden contact [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org).

### NEW WOODSHOP FOR 2008

The long awaited woodshop is almost complete, thanks to the hard work of our general contractor, Joe Gerstner. The shop will be used for both 18th century & modern carpentry projects, and have space for repairing & maintaining small machines like the Pug or the tillers. Some of our volunteer carpenters have long expressed an interest in having a place here at the Farm where they could do repairs for the 18th C. site, & hold workshops on period carpentry & joinery, and we hope to get them started this year.

### ON THE FARM

#### *Tobacco Notes*

Greetings to our Friends:

The weather has been most unpleasant in recent days. Nevertheless the children are restless to be out of doors and to see their Friends, but with so much Mud to obstruct the way, we have not permitted the children to go far.



Mrs. Foxxe come by to visit, and said she is recovered of the Tooth Ach. We gave her a piece of Injun bread, and washed the pickled butter so she might have some with it. We look forward to the day when we can make fresh butter, and new vegetables from our Garden will be ripe. Young Benjamin says he is heartily sick of pickled cabbage, and dreamt last night of green peas, cheefe, and apple Pye. His mother bade him have patience, and to work hard at his weeding this spring.

We know that you join in our hopes for a growing season, and we hope that we will see you all again soon.

Your most humble and obedient servants,

*Lydia Bradley*

*Mariah Thornton*

### PIGS IN THE BRONX

Our thanks to the folks at the **Bronx Children's Zoo** for giving a home to two of the Farm's **Ossabaw Island Hogs**. The young barrows (neutered males), litter mates of our celebrity pig, Patrick (*National Geographic* cover photo, May, 2007), will be helping visiting children learn about this rare and endangered breed of feral swine.

# INTERNSHIPS

The Farm has many internships available for 2008:

## Summer Internship on the 18th Century Farm

Duties will include interpreting in costume on the farm site (which includes both interacting with the public and working in the fields and garden), supervising volunteers, and helping to maintain the administrative aspect of the farm site.

This internship is sponsored by the ExxonMobil Corporation through Volunteer Fairfax. The intern must be a current college student. He or she will receive a stipend of \$2,500, which is treated as income and subject to local and federal taxes. To apply, send your cover letter and resume to [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

## Summer Horticulture Internship

You can learn basic plant propagation, greenhouse management and retail skills. You can help produce seed for our 18th century farm site and harvest produce for sale in our Gate House Gift Shop. This is a paid position. If working outdoors and meeting new people interests you, and you are at least 16 years old, call (703) 442-7557 or email [aerberly@1771.org](mailto:aerberly@1771.org) or [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org), for more information.

## 2-3 Week Internships

We are offering three paid internships this year, one for each Market Fair (May, July, October), lasting 2-3 weeks each. The Market Fair Intern must be organized and goal-oriented. Familiarity with the Market Fairs is preferred. To apply, send your cover letter and resume to [aerberly@1771.org](mailto:aerberly@1771.org).

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# COLONIAL CORNER

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



## Slang

What would you do if someone told you that you were a word pecker? Or called your mother a slamkin? How about if your neighbor promises to return your tools on St. Geoffrey's Day?

In the 18th century, slang terms were used just as much as they are today... however, the words used may not be recognized by us today. (By the way: "slang" at the time referred to the cant language of thieves and beggars.)

Here are a number of 18th century words & phrases; can you match them up to their meanings?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. word pecker        | A. never                    |
| 2. slamkin            | B. lice                     |
| 3. St. Geoffrey's Day | C. someone who uses puns    |
| 4. prime              | D. labor, hard work         |
| 5. light troops       | E. a sloppily dressed woman |
| 6. elbow grease       | F. excellent                |



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|-------------------|
| 6. D              |
| 5. B              |
| 4. F              |
| such saint        |
| 3. A (there is no |
| 2. E              |
| 1. C              |

Source: *The Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue*, 1811

## STAFF

Darlene Dolbey, <i>GateHouse Assistant</i>	Katie Jackson, <i>Site Supervisor/ Farm Wife</i>
Anna C. Eberly, <i>Manager</i>	Elizabeth Rolando, <i>Program Manager/ Farm Wife</i>
J.D. Engle, <i>Facilities Manager</i>	Debbie West, <i>Plant Manager</i>
Katherine Hughes, <i>Program Manager / Farm Wife</i>	

## WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CLOTHING

Wednesday, April 16, 6-8pm

This will cover the **basic clothing items**: shirts, trousers, waistcoats, caps, kerchiefs, shifts, petticoats, shortgowns, and aprons. Come trace a pattern, examine examples of garments, and have your sewing questions answered by our staff. You may also purchase **100% linen cloth** from the Farm or have your own fabric approved for use on the farm site. 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! *\$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required.* Contact Katie Jackson at 703-442-7557 or [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org) for a reservation.

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## SEWING CIRCLE!

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6-8pm

Every third Wednesday of the month beginning in April we will be hosting a Sewing Circle at the Farm office.

Anyone who has their own 18th century project to work on, or would like to help the Farm out with one of ours, is welcome to join us. Bring your own machine.

The Sewing Circle is free (though the April session will be a workshop with a \$5 fee, \$3 for members & current volunteers; for details, see the article on this page). To be added to our email reminder list, please contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

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## CALLING ALL ACTORS

The Farm will be starting an 18th century acting troupe! We will perform at Market Fairs. No experience is necessary; you will receive the training you need. No need to memorize, either: scripts on stage are not a problem. If you would like to perform the favorite comedies, tragedies and dramas of the era for an enthusiastic audience, email [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

## 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
- Full-sized pickup truck
- VCR or VCR/DVD combo
- Computer scanner

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing: both take-home projects and new members of our sewing circle, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in April. Contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

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## NEEDED: COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

We are undertaking a massive project to scan all of our photographs (from 35 years of operation...). You can imagine what a task this is! We have everything we need now except a computer that can handle good-quality images. If you have a computer to donate, we will be so grateful! Here are the specs:

- Supports Windows XP
- At least 256 colors
- Hard drive of 1 GB or more
- Processor speed of 990 MHz or more

We could also use a nice scanner for color photos. Please contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org) if you can help us out. Thank you!

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## CORRECTION

The February 2008 issue of the NewsLetter had an incorrect date listed for our Wheat Harvest event. The correct date is Saturday, June 21, 1-4pm. Our apologies for the mistake, and we hope you will come to the event.

## 2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

### MARCH

#### SPRING BOOK SALE

**S** Fri. & Sat., March 14 & 15 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

**S** Sat. & Sun., March 15 & 16 9am - 3pm  
Help get the Farm ready for the new season! Many things need to be done both on the 18th century farm site and behind the scenes. Bring work-gloves and dress for the weather. The Farm will provide a picnic hot dog lunch. Families and groups are welcome. *Weather Permitting.*

### APRIL

#### FARM OPENS

**F** Wednesday, April 2 10am - 4:30pm  
The Farm ends its winter hibernation and welcomes the public for the 2008 season. The Farm is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4:30pm, April 2 through December 14. The Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and during severely inclement weather.

#### DAIRY DAY

**D** Sunday, April 13 1 - 4pm  
Have you ever wondered what curds and whey look like? Do you know how to wash butter? Help the farm wife make soft cheese and churn butter. *Weather Permitting.*

#### WORKSHOP: 18TH CENTURY CLOTHING

**W** Wednesday, April 16 6 - 8pm  
Learn about 18th century clothing, purchase fabric and trace patterns. \$5 fee. Reservations required; contact [kjackson@1771.org](mailto:kjackson@1771.org).

#### GARAGE / ESTATE SALE

**G** Saturday, April 19 10am - 5pm  
At this sale we will be selling all the donated goodies that the Farm cannot use. Come see our wide selection!

#### SPRING PLANT SALE

**S** Fri. & Sat., April 25 & 26 9am - 5pm  
This sale kicks off the growing season. Plants include hardy perennials, tender perennials, annuals and vegetable transplants. Plant sales continue Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm, and at the GateHouse Shop after mid-May. *Rain or shine.*

### MAY

#### SALTING FISH

**S** Saturday, May 3 1 - 4pm  
The farm family invites you to help scale, gut and pack their yearly catch of fish into jars, and to learn about the important contributions the river makes to their lives. *Weather Permitting.*

#### SPRING 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

**S** Sat. & Sun., May 17 & 18 11am - 4:30pm  
Celebrate spring at the first Market Fair of the season. Dance, purchase herbs and flowers, and shop for the latest fashions in clothing, jewelry, and lotions. Play games and watch a children's puppet theatre. *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.*

### VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

#### SEWING CIRCLE

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

#### FLEA SORTING

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

#### FARM SKILLS PROGRAM

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

#### PLANT VOLUNTEERS

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

# PICNICS AND PARTIES!

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

What better thing to think about on these cold winter days than picnics and fun and sun and warm and food and drink and games and ....



ALL AT THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN!  
[www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com) or call Peg at (703) 707-8220

## ESTATE-GARAGE-BOOK SALES

Thanks to all of you who donate, haul, store, unpack, sort, clean, display and price - we've already had two sales this year.

Yes, it's a lot of work but it's fun opening the boxes and trying to figure out what the previous owner was like. Every item that each of us owns tells a story and a box of items or books creates an image of the person that owned them. (Scary, isn't it!) For example, we found a plastic bag full of little boy's sweaters. The first was made for him when he was a toddler and the last when he must have been about 10 years old. The label said "Lovingly Made by Grandma Rose". The bag also included three very grubby stuffed animals, two cub scout uniforms and a bible. Later, we found a suitcase with love letters, scrap-book and pictures. A little sleuthing turned up that Grandma Rose had grown up in Fairfax County, was

a teen in the 1950's and is the grandmother of the brother-in-law of a dear friend of the Farm. These items and many others eventually make their way into one of our Estate Sales.

So, the next time you get ready to toss old things you no longer need, donate them to the Farm instead. You'll save the landfills, preserve history, get a tax deduction and make money for the Farm - all at the same time.

Last year, our donated goods sales netted over \$35,000 for the Farm's educational programs which is nothing to sneeze at. Of course, we sometimes do a lot of sneezing when opening those boxes of stuff and books!

If you'd like to donate books or stuff (old or new) or help sort on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 pm, contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).

## TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The Farm Skills program has a particular need of teaching assistants who know or would like to learn how to spin wool using a drop-spindle. If you would like to volunteer your spinning expertise, please let us know! We would be thrilled to have your help with teaching this fun and important 18th century skill.

For more information, please contact Katherine Hughes at [khughes@1771.org](mailto:khughes@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

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

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

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

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# SPRING CLEANUP



March 15 & 16  
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, the house whitewashed, 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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## APRIL

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Clothing Workshop April 16  
Garage / Estate Sale April 19  
Plant Sale April 25 & 26

## MAY

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Spring Market Fair May 17 & 18