



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 37th Year of Operation ~*

MARCH - APRIL 2010

SPRING PLANT SALES

Begin April 30

10am - 5pm

Our Spring Plant Sale kicks off our growing and selling season on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. We will then be open for sales every day of the week from 10 am to 5 pm. We've started seeds for the early vegetables and are taking cuttings of tender perennials that have been kept safe in the greenhouses this very long winter.



As usual, we need volunteers to help with the work. There are various jobs we need done: sorting and organizing, writing tags (can be done at home), filling pots, transplanting seedlings, taking cuttings, digging hardy perennials for division, hauling plants, and of course as we move along in the season - watering. These jobs phase in as the year progresses. One job we really need done is organizing and counting pots. But until the snow melts, that job is on hold!

We hope to make significant progress this year in building our plant sale business but we need customers to make that work. Please send your friends, co-workers and family over to buy plants. Our prices are great and since the plants are grown here, they are very hardy once planted in your own garden. To volunteer, contact Anna at aerberly@1771.org.

BOOK SALE

Friday, March 12, 5-8pm

Saturday, March 13, 10am-5pm

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

Our dear sweet home has survived the harshness of this past winter, though the mounds of snow make it dreadfully difficult to move about much. The children enjoyed the snow whence it first fell, but now realize the difficulties of performing their chores as it begins its slow process of melting away. We fear the mud that will be left behind will make our spring plantings long and hard.



Mrs. Church payed us a visit just after the snows of February and she hath reported their root cellar has collapsed under the weight of the snow. She is quite stricken with worry as nearly all of her winter stores of vegetables were there and much has been ruined. Both we and the Foxxes have supplied her with what root vegetables we could spare, but we fear they will be facing many difficult evenings of hunger in the coming weeks.

We bid you warmth and luck with your crops in the coming months ahead.

Your most humble servants,

The Bradleys

OKTOBERFEST PLANNED FOR 2010

Please save the date for **Friday, October 1**. We going to expand the crowd into a second pavilion with an even bigger silent auction. So those that want to dance and those that want to talk have options. Tickets will be available online and at the GateHouse Shop beginning in June.

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE –

J.R.'s will help you build the perfect event

We've introduced a new type of event at THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN this year. It's a "PARTY WITH A PURPOSE". It can be used to:

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



*** REWARD * REJUVINATE*
*REORGANIZE ***

In this weak economy, it is more important than ever to RECOGNIZE employees for a job well done and the extra effort that goes into keeping businesses going. AN EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PARTY after work at the Pavilions can do just that. Add some great food and drinks (call us for some ideas about that) and you have the perfect way to REKINDLE ENTHUSIASM – and to do it very affordably. Now is the time to REPLY and set up that special event.

In spite of the fact that you can still see mountains of snow outside, the marketing office for THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN is busy making calls and taking bookings for this year's picnics and events.

Visit us at our web site www.jrspicnics.com or call Peg Jarman at (703) 707-8820.

SHOP EASTER STUFF HERE

Since the Farm opens just before Easter this year, we will have lots of Easter-themed items in the GateHouse Shop donated items department. Great prices on things you only need for one day! Shop Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm beginning April 1.

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

Would you have stayed alive in 1771?

The world today is as fraught with hazards as it was in the 18th century. Disease and accidents have always been a danger; the difference now is that we have more ways to protect ourselves and to treat the conditions that we do get.

Many medical advances have removed or greatly reduced the risk of the maladies that afflicted our ancestors. Below is a description of a few deadly diseases; can you match each with its modern name? Do you know of anyone, both now and in your family history, who has had one of these illnesses?

1. Weakness, coughing, coughing up blood, weight loss, no appetite. In 1771 was called "consumption."

2. Severe diarrhea, in which streaks of blood appear; used to be called "bloody flux."

3. An infection which, if untreated, causes the flesh to die and decay; it turns green or black, and emits an odor. Sometimes the affected limb must be amputated, or the infection will spread and become fatal. Older term: "putrification."

4. Fever, a membrane in the throat, swelling of the neck in serious cases. 18th century name is the same as the modern one.

A. gangrene
B. diphtheria
C. dysentery
D. tuberculosis

Answers: 1D, 2C, 3A, 4B

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2010 SPECIAL EVENTS

Office: 703-442-7557
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MARCH

BOOK SALE

Friday, March 12 5-8pm
& Saturday, March 13 10am-5pm

Come browse our enormous collection of used books! We have everything: fiction, non-fiction, new books, classics, plus videos and music.

SPRING CLEANING

Sat. & Sun., March 20 & 21 10am-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 are 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

OPENING DAY

Thursday, April 1 10am-4:30pm

The Farm ends its winter hibernation and welcomes the public for the 2010 season. The Farm is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 10am to 4:30pm, April 1 through December 12. The Farm is closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and during inclement weather. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CLOTHING

Wednesday, April 7 6-8pm

Come learn about the basics of 18th century clothing from our experts. You can also purchase linen fabric, trace patterns, and receive advice on your own clothing projects. *\$10 fee; paid reservations required. Contact kcannon@1771.org.*

DAIRY DAY

Saturday, April 10 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

Fri. & Sat., April 30 & May 1 10am-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

SPRING COLONIAL MARKET FAIR

Sat. & Sun., May 15 & 16 11am-4:30pm

Celebrate spring at the first Market Fair of the season. Purchase herb and flower plants and shop for the latest fashions in clothing, jewelry, potions and lotions. Play games and watch a children's puppet theatre. Order nails from the Blacksmith, or have your fortune told by the Gypsy Fortune Teller. Lunch might be fresh vegetables, 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 Pass for 50% Off Admission to the Market Fair. Weather permitting - call ahead.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

FLEA SORTING

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm

Contact Marg Goralski at marg@1771.org

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM

Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm

Contact Richard Webb at rwebb@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS

Contact Anna Eberly at aerberly@1771.org.

INTEREST IN MUSIC?

We would like to know if any of our volunteers would be interested in a music workshop to learn 18th century songs and tunes. We can always use more musicians wandering the Market Fairs! So, if you play an instrument (or want to learn), and would like to have some colonial tunes under your belt, contact Katie Cannon at kcannon@1771.org.

BOOK SORTING HELP NEEDED

We are looking for “book people” volunteers and you know who you are! Those who can’t pass a used book store without going in for just a few minutes and then find they’ve been there for three hours. You use books as furniture since they are stacked all over the house. Amazon boxes are delivered to your house weekly. You get the idea. The reason we need you is that we are trying to sort books so we can start up our Book Sales again. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 pm but other times can be arranged by contacting Marg at marg@1771.org.

NEW CALENDAR

In addition to our list of special events, we now have a full calendar available on our website. It is powered by Google, and shows all the important daily happenings at the Farm: when the 1771 farm is open, special events, book sales, and volunteer opportunities. To find it, go to www.1771.org and click on “Calendar of Events” under the “Visit” menu.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

We have finally added your membership expiration date to the mailing label and will be sending out renewal notices. So many people now email us to see when they need to renew, this will make it easier for everyone.

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

- cardboard boxes
 - 1 full-size electric range with convection oven
- We no longer accept televisions or computer parts*

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Mending the Farm’s 18th century clothing. Mostly hand sewing. Contact kcannon@1771.org.
- Teaching at the Farm’s school program; no prior experience necessary. \$30 honorarium given for each day worked. Contact rwebb@1771.org.
- Greenhouse & garden help. Contact aerberly@1771.org.

WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CLOTHING

This will cover the basic clothing items worn in the colonial period. There will be a lecture portion of the workshop, plus a time for discussion and hands-on experience with the Farm’s collection.

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! *\$10 fee; paid reservations required.* Contact kcannon@1771.org.

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION

You can now pay for workshops and purchase or renew memberships online with your credit card; we hope this will be easier for everyone!

PUBLISHED BY THE FARM

We offer several books, both reproductions and original works, published exclusively at the Farm. Our reproductions are all printed on laid paper and hand-bound with waxed linen thread.

The following are available at the GateHouse Shop starting April 1, and from our online catalog:

Abigail: Before the Revolution: This lovely children's book follows the life of 11-year-old Abigail, who lives on a farm in the year 1771. It highlights in a very real way the hardships facing an ordinary girl of the time-- not one of the rich and famous.

The Farm Almanack: Not to be confused with the Farmer's Almanac! This is an original book created by the Farm. It records the weather predictions and astronomical events of the year 1771; all the text comes directly from various 18th century sources, hand-picked by the Farm for usefulness and novelty.

The Drinker's Dictionary: This little volume is a reprinting of an article written by Benjamin Franklin. It contains dozens of terms for "being drunk," from being "raddled" to "carrying too much sail!"

The Virginia Gazette: This newspaper was printed in Williamsburg for many years. The Farm has selected a few issues to reproduce. Now you can find out all the exciting news... of 239 years ago! (Did you know that Britain almost went to war with Spain, or that the Lord Mayor of London was put in jail? Oh, the scandal!)

WANT TO TEACH?

The Farm's most popular school program, **Farm Skills**, is a big hit with visiting children. Kids age 4 through middle school come to learn a variety of farm-related skills.

But, we need more people to help teach these skills! Don't worry, they're easy-- after all, we teach them to 4-year-olds. Each adult teacher receives a **\$30 honorarium** for every Farm Skills day. This program is held on certain Thursdays, 10am-12 noon; teachers should expect to be here 9:30-12:30.

If you are interested, please contact Zach Dozier at zdozier@1771.org.

WANTED: REDSKINS FAN WITH GOOD MEMORY

Margaret Goralski, the head of our "donated M items department," says, "We need someone who adores the Redskins and isn't too young to recognize some unlabeled photos of early Redskin players which someone donated to the Farm." So, if you are either a mature Redskins fan or have studied the team's history, please contact Marg at marg@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 Discover

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 20 & 21
Saturday & Sunday
10am - 3pm



HELP THE FARM GET READY!

Spring Cleanup, March 20 & 21

The Farm is preparing for the 2010 season, and there is so much that needs to be done! There are jobs for every age and skill level. **Children** can help pick up sticks off the paths for use as kindling, **teens** enjoy whitewashing the farm house, and **adults** can play with sharp tools: cutting brush, splitting firewood, and much more.

This event is a lot of fun. It is a chance to get outdoors, and shake off the winter blues by getting some exercise and socializing with new people. We even provide a hot dog lunch! So if you've ever wanted to whitewash, use a tractor-powered log splitter, build a dam or fill plant pots, come join us for our Spring Cleanup. RSVP to jengle@1771.org

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Return Service Requested

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APRIL

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Workshop: Colonial Clothing April 7
Dairy Day April 10
Spring Plant Sale April 30 & May 1

MAY

Spring Colonial Market Fair May 15 & 16

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