



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 33rd Year of Operation ~*

MAY - JUNE 2006

NEW PROGRAM: SPEND THE NIGHT!

This year, the Farm proudly presents an exciting new educational program: **The Colonial Living Experience**. This 2-day overnight program will immerse you in the 18th century. You will wear period clothes, cook meals, sleep in cotton tents, and learn 18th century survival skills. There is a required Wednesday evening training session prior to the weekend program, which begins at 8am on Saturday and goes through noon on Sunday. Program dates for 2006 are: June 10 & 11, and September 23 & 24. Paid reservations are required; see www.1771.org for details, or email kjackson@1771.org.

FARM PLANT SALES OPEN

On April 28th, the Farm's Spring Plant Sales began. We have vegetable plant production in full swing to provide you with our favorite varieties of tomatoes, peppers both sweet and hot, and eggplants for your garden. We also have a wide assortment of herbs including rosemary, thyme, oregano, sage, parsley, lavender and three kinds of basil. We have perennials for both sun and shade such as Aquilegia McKana's Giant, Anemone sylvestris, Astilbe 'Montgomery', Heuchera 'Green Spice', Polygonatum multiflorum 'Variegatum', also Virginia Bluebells, Bleeding Hearts, Peonies and many more. As the weather warms, we will be adding coleus, heirloom impatiens and other plants through out the summer.

Plant sales are from 9am to 5pm daily. Our plants are grown here at the farm with assistance from our volunteers. For information on volunteering in the greenhouse and the garden, contact Debbie West at 703-442-7557 or dwest@1771.org.

SUMMER BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24, 10am - 5pm.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings once again friends and neighbors.

It looks like spring is finally here to stay and all is activity here on the farm. We have gotten all the corn in finally and are looking for as good a crop as ever before this year. The seed beds for the tobacco are all in and starting to show some early signs of life. We are hoping that the seedlings will be ready for planting here in the next several weeks. All that remains is to continue praying for some rain. The dry winter and spring are sure taking a toll on our backs as we water the crops. It looks like the herring are running late this year. All are keeping one eye on the river in hopes of seeing them swimming up to spawn.



Rachel and the girls have just made up a nice bunch of cheeses and we are all looking forward to eating on those for a while.

Tain too much else to be reporting on now. As always, our door is always open to travelers so please do stop on in for a visit.

Until next we speak,

I am and remain your most humble servant,

John Harbin

Receipts

The women at the Farm present this receipt for your use.

Dumplings

Mix two eggs with one cup of milk and a pinch of salt. Add enough flour to make the mixture into sticky dough. Form into spoonful-sized balls and drop into boiling water, where they should sink. Boil until all the dumplings float, then take them out and serve them hot. They are good served with butter and salt, or honey if you have it.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members to our farm family!

Elizabeth Rolando joins us from Massachusetts. She has a degree in history and dance from Muhlenberg College and has worked at Plimouth Plantation and Old Sturbridge Village. She is our newest farm wife and will also be in charge of the Farm Skills program and scheduling school groups.

Darlene Dolbey is a native Washingtonian and enjoys working in the GateHouse Shop. She has two associate degrees, enjoys genealogy research, loves history, the simple life, real people, and serving the public.

NEED SUMMER WORK?

If you are looking for a job for the summer, and like to be outside and get your hands dirty, contact aerberly@1771.org or jengle@1771.org.

THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN

We do all the work... you have all the fun!



~ New this year!~
We have an expanded team building that includes Paint Ball and Treasure Hunt Orienteering.

The Pavilions can accommodate from 100 to 800 guests and all of the work is done for you.

For further information, visit the web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call Peg in the marketing office at 703-893-6545.

COLONIAL CORNER



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

Games

Games were popular with children in the 18th century, just as they are today. In fact, some of the games below may seem familiar! The poems are taken out of a chapbook printed in 1744, with a brief modern explanation of the rules.

1. BLINDMAN'S BUFF.

Bereft of all Light, I stumble alone;
But, if I catch you,
My Doom is your own.



One person from the group is blindfolded and tries to touch another person, thus making him or her the new "Blindman." And yes, it is "buff," not "bluff."

2. KNOCK OUT AND SPAN.

Strike out your *Taw* fstrong;
For the very next Man
Will bear off the Prize,
If you come to a *Span*.



This is a game of marbles. One person shoots a marble out onto a flat surface, and the next person tries to shoot his marble so that it either hits or comes within a span of the first marble. A span is the length between your outstretched thumb and pinky finger. If the first marble is hit or spanned by the second marble, the second player keeps the first marble.

3. HOP-SCOTCH.

Firft make with Chalk an oblong Square,
With wide Partitions here and there;
Then to the firft a *Tile* convey;
Hop in-- then kick the *Tile* away.



Source: Thwaite, M. F. A Little Pretty Pocket-Book. 1744. Reprinted 1966.

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2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

MAY

SALTING FISH

Saturday, May 6 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.*

SPRING 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, May 20&21 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
Weather permitting - call ahead.

JUNE

HERBAL REMEDIES

Haturday, June 3 1 - 4pm
One of the farm children has fallen ill. Help the farm wife diagnose the disease and harvest herbs from the garden for a cure. Learn the difference between decoctions, infusions, plaisters and poultices, and learn how these remedies were used to treat the dreaded maladies of the 18th century. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

GARDEN PARTY

GWednesday, June 7 6 - 9pm
Put on your garden hat and join our Horticulture Volunteers at the Greenhouse to pick out plants for your garden. Light refreshments available.

WHEAT HARVEST

WSunday, June 18 1 - 4pm
Planted in early fall, the wheat and rye are finally ready for harvest. Watch the farmer and his neighbors cut the grain, then join them to bind and stack the crop. Find out why more and more of the farmer's neighbors are growing wheat as a cash crop in addition to tobacco. At the farm house, lend a hand churning butter, and learn how the farm wife bakes wheat bread. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24 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.

JULY

WASH DAY

WSaturday, July 1 1 - 4pm
Do you find your laundry chores tiresome? For a little perspective, come help out at wash day on the 18th century farm. Scrub clothing with lye soap in the washtub; watch the whites boiling in the big pot over the fire; hang clothing out to dry on a fence. Then go home and count your blessings. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

SUMMER MARKET FAIR

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16 11am - 4:30pm
Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy summer dancing and singing, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture from the Cabinet Maker. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale and porter at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and candle making, and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. Period food, beverages and wares are available for purchase. Special Event Admission applies. Get a FREE Market Fair Pass from our website, at www.1771.org/market_fair_pass.htm
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VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

FARM SKILLS: SCHOOL PROGRAM

FThursdays in May & June; call ahead 9:30am-12pm

SPRING MARKET FAIR SET-UP

Saturday, May 13 9am-3pm

MARKET FAIR BEHIND-THE-SCENES HELP

MSaturday & Sunday, May 20 & 21 10am-5pm

SUMMER MARKET FAIR SET-UP

Saturday, July 8 9am-3pm

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THANKS

The Farm's staff would like to thank all the volunteers, including the **Girl Scouts**, **Capital City Public Charter School**, **Messiah UMC's Urban Plunge**, the **Eagle Scouts** and all the individuals who helped get us ready for the 2006 season.

COLONIAL CLOTHING FOR SALE

One full set of girl's clothing (used) is available. This includes a shift, petticoat, short gown, apron, cap, kerchief and pockets. It is all appropriate for the farm site or Market Fairs. \$100 for the whole outfit. Please contact Barbara Stephens at 703-532-5915 or swimmom1dc@hotmail.com.

FIRST-PERSON INTERPRETIVE TRAINING

The volunteer workshop for the month of May will be covering the art and science of First Person interpretation. Topics to be covered will include Character Development, 18th Century Language, and a discussion hosted by the esteemed Mr. Harris Andrews. Learn all about everything you never thought you needed to know about 18th Century Virginia. He will help make your character truly memorable!

This class is part of the series of volunteer training sessions we are now pleased to offer. You can find a full training schedule on our website, www.1771.org, or email jtilley@1771.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Spring 18th century Market Fair is coming fast upon us and there is much work to be done. Grab your water bottle & work gloves and join us for Market Fair set-up on Saturday, May 13th, from 9-3. Lunch will be provided. Please e-mail J-D at jengle@1771.org, or call the office at 703-442-7557 to get more information or to let us know you're coming.

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

- 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.
- Functioning shop-vac
- Clothes steamer
- Large plant pots
- Garden and leaf rakes
- Brooms
- Paint brushes
- 2 kittens
- Wood embroidery hoops at least 8" diameter
- Large wooden hoops for hoop rolling game

Volunteer Help Needed:

- To work at the GateHouse throughout the season, April through December. Contact aeberly@1771.org.
- To work at the Farm Skills program for school groups on certain Thursdays throughout the year. Contact erolando@1771.org.
- To help at the 18th century Market Fairs in May, July and October. Contact kjackson@1771.org.
- To work in the greenhouse and gardens. Contact dwest@1771.org.
- To set up the May Market Fair on Saturday, May 13th, 9am-3pm. Contact jengle@1771.org.
- To take down the May Market Fair on Sunday, May 21st, 4:30-8pm. Contact jengle@1771.org.

HEARTH COOKING CLASS

Have you ever wanted to learn how to cook on an open hearth, or do you want to improve your hearth cooking skills? On Tuesday, June 6th from 6-9pm, the renowned cooking instructors from Gunston Hall will be teaching a class here at the Farm on 18th century cooking... hands-on, of course! To sign up, email jtilley@1771.org.

This class is part of the series of volunteer training sessions we are now pleased to offer. You can find a full training schedule on our website, www.1771.org, or email jtilley@1771.org.

COME TEACH FARM SKILLS!

Volunteers are needed to help out on our Farm Skills days. If you enjoy, or have a special knack for skills like dipping candles or spinning wool with a drop spindle, and enjoy instructing children (and adults!) then you may have found your calling! The dates for Farm Skills this spring run every Thursday in May and end on June 1st. The dates for our summer session are July 20th, 27th and August 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please email Elizabeth at erolando@1771.org, or call the office at 703-442-7557.

THE GATEHOUSE SHOP

Gifts for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen



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

Open Wednesday through Sunday
☞ 10am - 5pm ☞

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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.

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. 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.

If you have a question about your membership, contact aerberly@1771.org.

ANIMAL NEWS

We would like to welcome 15 turkey poults and 10 goslings to the Farm. As soon as they are strong enough, they will go out to live on the farm site where they can be enjoyed by the public.



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
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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

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

18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



MAY 20th & 21st

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

Weather Permitting

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

Dry Goods	Stillatory	Fortune Teller	Spinsters
Seamstress	Millinery	Wood Workers	Chandler
Men's Goods	Games	Puppet Show	Stationer
Colonial Dancers	Militia	Blacksmith	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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