



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 ~*

MAY - JUNE 2007

FARM PLANT SALES OPEN



On April 27th & 28th, the Farm's Spring Plant Sales begin. 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 sage, parsley, lavender and three kinds of basil. We have perennials for both sun and shade such as Aquilegia Song Bird, Veronica, Sunny Border Blue, Astilbes, Heuchera 'Amethyst Mist', also Virginia Bluebells, Bleeding Hearts, Peonies and many more. As the weather warms, we will be adding coleus, heirloom impatiens and other plants throughout 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.



NEW AT THE GATEHOUSE

We are now proud to offer a selection of post-cards featuring images of the Farm! These full-color cards can be purchased at the GateHouse, which is open Wednesdays through Sundays.

ESTATE SALES

Our three Estate Sales were HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL events, bringing in a lot of new customers and new volunteers as well. In addition we've already brought in more than \$15,000 for the Farm's educational programs. We now go back to sorting books and will be scheduling our next Book Sale very soon.

We're continuing our Tuesday Night "Sorting Parties" which meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Chez Puce and volunteers are welcome. Contact marg@1771.org to sign up to help. Also, don't forget to give us your email address to receive information on our upcoming sales.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

The cold and windy weather has kept us huddled around the fire this spring, and so we hope that soon the weather will at last turn warm. The cold makes us concerned for our crops, our tobacco in particular. The feeds that we have sown are slow in coming up, as are many of the vegetables we have planted in our garden.



With Lydia's husband goin' out West these past few Months, we would welcome any extra help. Please stop by for a visit or to lend a hand!

Your most humble and obedient servants,
Lydia Bradley
Mariah Thornton

WELCOME NEW STAFF

The Farm is delighted to welcome **Katherine Hughes** to its staff! Katherine hails from Arlington, and earned her BA in History at the College of William and Mary, with a minor in Art History. She served several internships at Colonial Williamsburg, including a costumed position at the Millinery.

Katherine is our new farmer, in charge of field crops, the animals, and the Farm Skills program. And no, she will not be dressing like a man! Her place in the “family story” is that of Mariah, sister of the farmer’s wife, who has come to help while the farmer is away. Please give Katherine a warm “Good Day” when next you see her!

WELCOME INTERNS

Two new interns will be lending their many talents to the Farm this spring and summer.

April Martin is a sophomore at McLean High School. Her favorite sport is soccer, and she describes herself as a fun, active person. She is particularly interested in the Farm’s animals, and is also working in the Greenhouse.

James Haynes is a junior at Langley High School who enjoys basketball and music, particularly drums and guitar. He admires the Farm for its friendly staff and its work in the community, which he will be contributing to this year through his varied tasks.

COLONIAL CORNER



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

Herbal Remedies

In an age when doctors were both expensive and scarce, poor Virginians relied on their knowledge of home remedies to cure themselves of diseases and injuries. These were often made from herbs, both growing wild and cultivated in gardens.

Below are the descriptions, some properties and a drawing of three different herbs. See if you can guess the identity of each.



1.) “... hath many stiffe branches of a wooddie substance, growing up in the manner of a shrubbe, set with many long hoarie leaves... of a strong smell.”

When smelled or rubbed on the temples, this herb is “refreshing... to them that have the falling sicknesse, and that use to swoune much.”

Hint: this herb is often used in potpourri.

2.) “... hath very great stalkes of the bignesse of a childes arme... The floures grow at the top of the stalkes, in shape like a bell-floure.”



The leaves are a remedy for migraines and pains in the kidneys. The fresh juice or powdered leaves, when put in the hair, will expel lice. *Hint: this is one of the Farm’s major crops.*



3.) “... hath a little stalke of a cubit high... whereupon doe grow leaves verie finely cut... the whole plant is of a strong smell.”

The burnt leaves are said to cure mouth ulcers, and the oil is a digestive and aids insomnia. *Hint: this is a common cooking herb.*

1.) Dill 2.) Lavender 3.) Tobacco

Source: Gerard, John. The Herbal, 1633.

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/ *Farm Wife*

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Debbie West, *Plant Manager*

HEARTH COOKING WORKSHOP

Have you ever wanted to learn how to cook over an open hearth? Or perhaps you would like to improve on the skills you already have? Here is your chance! On Tuesday June 12th from 5-9 pm join renowned cooking instructors from **Gunston Hall** here at the Farm for a class on 18th Century cooking. For more information or to sign up please contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org or call 703-442-7557. Space is limited, and there will be a small fee to cover the cost of the food. Come prepared to dive right in!

GARDENING!

It's gardening time again! Now that the Farm season is in full swing and the weather is getting warmer, the Farm staff will be starting up their Tuesday Gardening Group. So if you have always wanted to work in the Farm's garden but prefer modern clothes and tools, this is your chance! Join us on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 pm, weather permitting. Wear garden-friendly clothes and bring a water bottle. Bug spray and sun screen are also recommended! To sign up please contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org or call 703-442-7557.

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

Open Wednesday through Sunday
☞ 10am - 5pm ☞

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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
- Shopping bags, grocery bags and zippered plastic bags for Donated Goods Sales

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 through June 7. Contact khughes@1771.org.
- Help in the Greenhouse on Wednesdays. Contact dwest@1771.org.
- To work in the 18th century kitchen garden in modern clothes on Tuesdays, 2-4. Contact erolando@1771.org.

DOWNTOWN MCLEAN BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 12, 1-5pm

This sale, featuring an eclectic collection of books, will be run by the Farm's volunteers-- some in 18th century costume!-- who will pass out information about the Farm and its Market Fairs. All proceeds go to the Claude Moore Colonial Farm.

The event will be held at the Civic Green Plaza at the Palladium Condominium, which is located at the corner of Laughlin Avenue and Emerson Street next to the McLean Fire Station in downtown McLean. For information, contact jimpeoples@juno.com.

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

MAY

SALTING FISH

Sunday, May 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 impact of the river in their lives. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

SPRING MARKET FAIR

Sat. & Sun. May 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.*

JUNE

HERBAL REMEDIES

Saturday, June 2 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

Wednesday, June 6 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.

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE

Sat. & Sun. June 9 & 10
This 2-day overnight program will immerse you in the 18th century. You will wear period clothes, cook the meals, sleep in cotton tents, and learn 18th century survival skills. A Wednesday evening session on June 6, 6-8pm, is a required meeting for all who will participate in the weekend overnight. *Paid reservations are required.*

WHEAT HARVEST

Sunday, June 17 1 - 4pm
Planted in early fall, the wheat and rye are finally ready for harvest. Watch the farm family and their neighbors cut the grain, then join them to bind and stack the crop. Find out why more and more of the 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.*

JULY

THRESHING DAY

Saturday, July 14 4 - 8pm
The family needs to thresh the year's crop of wheat and rye. Pick up a flail and help beat the seeds away from the stalks. Watch the chaff fly away as you winnow the grain. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

SUMMER MARKET FAIR

Sat. & Sun. July 21 & 22 11am - 4:30pm
Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy summer dancing and singing. 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 painting or have your fortune told by the Gypsy Fortune Teller. 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 *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

MARKET FAIR SET-UP

Saturday, May 12 9am - 3pm
Contact J-D Engle at jengle@1771.org.

HEARTH COOKING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 12 5 - 9pm
Contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

FLEA SORTING

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

FOR A PICNIC THAT IS OUT OF THIS WORLD YET EVER SO CLOSE

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

Here is one of those little wonders of the world right in your own backyard. The Pavilions of Turkey Run is nestled in this beautiful wooded setting right in the heart of McLean. But it's a hidden treasure that is just waiting for your company picnic, party, team building or reception. It's the very best location in town and the food is fabulous. But the secret is getting out so you need to hurry because the dates are going very quickly.



Now for that very intimate upscale reception, you can also book the beautiful deck that is attached to the Gate House Shop. Have you seen it yet? Stop by and take a look.

If you are looking for that unique place to hold an event instead of the "same 'ol, same 'ol," call Peg Jarman at (703) 893-6545



ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY & PLANT SALE

Our Spring Garden Party will be held on Wednesday, June 6 from 6-9pm and the Horticulture Group Volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions about the plants that have been grown here at the Farm's greenhouses. Everyone has worked so hard on growing the plants and grooming the gardens, we thought it was time to relax and enjoy what has been accomplished. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. Put on your garden hat and join us to celebrate the beginning of Spring and to buy some new plants for your garden. Follow the red sale signs along the road to the office. Call 703-442-7557 for more information on the Garden Party, our plants or volunteer opportunities with the Horticulture Group.

Many flowers, herbs and vegetables are available for sale at the Farm offices every day including weekends from 9-5 and at the Market Fairs.

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

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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
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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 19th & 20th

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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