



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 35th Year of Operation ~*

MAY - JUNE 2008

GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

We're delighted to report that flocks of our fleas hopped out the door to new homes. Since Anna inadvertently scheduled two events for one day, we had to find a substitute to take charge and Dennis Huff replaced her admirably. JD and Evan hawked furniture; Peggy, Ted, Clare and Margaret urged buyers in the garage and clothing room. Dennis, Roberta, Alexa, Marg, and Ann waved goodbye to fleas from Chez Puce. And Anna and Jody sold almost \$400 in fleas from the booth at the Leesburg Garden Show.

And the grand – but not yet quite final total – comes in right around \$3,000! And next Saturday morning from 9-1 while the plant sale is in progress we'll be selling more of our wares at ½ off. DO feel free to take advantage of the opportunity.

And practicing our usual philosophy of recycling and waste not want not – on Saturday afternoon we'll be packing up the remainders to be sent to various charitable organizations which distribute to people who need help.

As soon as we recover from this, we'll be back to sorting books with a Summer Book Sale scheduled for sometime in June!

Many thanks to all of you who helped along the way, donating, cleaning up, setting up, and buying. Our extended Farm Family is the reason the Farm exists, and that couldn't happen without you.

LET THE PLANTING BEGIN!

On April 25th & 26th, the Farm's Spring Plant Sale starts for the growing season. We have vegetable transplants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cabbage, broccoli and shallots, and a wide assortment of herbs. We have perennials for both sun and shade including old favorites such as lily of the valley, Virginia bluebells, peonies and bleeding hearts. Soft fruits include red raspberries, thornless blackberries, grapes, figs, Alpine strawberries, currants and gooseberries. Plus perennial vegetables horseradish and rhubarb. As the weather warms, we will be adding coleus, heirloom impatiens, brugmansia, colocasia and other outrageous plants.

Plant sales are from 9am to 5pm daily.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

As everything is getting greener and greener we are happy to see our garden sprouting again.

As some of you may have heard, our cow Guinevere, passed this winter. We've been looking hard for a new cow. Well, Fortune has been smiling upon us. We have been able to trade with our Sympathetic neighbor Mr. Smith for a new cow. She is a lovely red color with a sweet face and a monstrously good set of horns. Next time you come by you must go up through the orchard to see her! I hope that you are enjoying this season. Do come by to see us soon.



Your most humble and obedient servants,
Lydia Bradley
Mariah Thornton

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.

ANIMAL NEWS

The Farm is sad to report the passing of **Elizabeth**, our matriarch Ossabaw Island Hog who in her youth lobbied for the Farm on Capitol Hill, and of **Guinevere**, our senior American Milking Devon cow.



We are pleased to welcome **Faith**, our new American Milking Devon. Originally registered as 'Iris of Grovemont', she was born in Williamsburg and comes to us from **National Colonial**

Farm in Accokeek, MD. She has been bred this season so, with any luck, we hope to welcome a newborn calf later in the year. Our Rosemary was delighted to have a companion again after having lost her mother late last month.

Don't mistake Faith for a bull, even though she has impressive horns! Both cows and bulls of the Milking Devons have horns.

COLONIAL CORNER

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



The Theatre

Imagine working hard in your fields for months... and then comes the Market Fair! Finally, a time when you can go and gossip with your neighbors, purchase a few supplies, and... oh look! Some actors are putting on a performance. Shall we watch?

The Plays

What is on the stage? A selection of plays by Shakespeare (already over 150 years old by 1771), and more recent authors such as David Garrick and George Colman. Their topics include comedies, tragedies, and political satire. (Sound familiar?)

The Actors



Both women and men are acting-- and sometimes playing the other gender's roles! Unfortunately for them, actors did not make much money, unless they were very famous or their shows very successful.

Closing

Rather than taking bows, plays often ended with the actors performing a dance for their audience.



Source: *The Book of the Fair, 1700-1825*, by Keith West

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SEWING CIRCLE!

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6-8pm

Every third Wednesday of the month May through November 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; there is plenty of handsewing.

The Sewing Circle is free. To be added to our email reminder list, please contact kjackson@1771.org.

WORKSHOP: COLONIAL DANCING

Tuesday, June 10, 6-8pm

Dance the night away! We will teach you a few of the simpler dances of the time, plus how to bow, curtsy, and flirt in public. \$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required. Contact Katie Jackson at 703-442-7557 or kjackson@1771.org for a reservation.



THANKS

The Farm would like to thank **Mr. Roger E. Smith** of Forest Heights, MD for his generous donation of our new American Milking Devon cow, who will be known as Faith in honor of his mother, Faith White Smith. We would also like to thank **Lee Kelly** and the **Accokeek Foundation** for arranging her speedy purchase and delivery.

We would like to thank the **Home Depot** in Merrifield, VA for their donation of new pallets for use in our greenhouse area & garage sales.

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

- Plastic laundry baskets
- DVD player

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing: both take-home projects and new members of our sewing circle, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month May - November. Contact kjackson@1771.org.
- Teaching at the Thursday Farm Skills program; \$30 stipend. Contact khughes@1771.org.
- Sorting donated books & goods on Tuesdays. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Greenhouse & plant help throughout the growing season. Contact dwest@1771.org.

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY & PLANT SALE

Our Spring Garden Party will be held on Wednesday, June 4 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.

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.

2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

MAY

SALTING FISH
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
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.*

JUNE

GARDEN PARTY
Wednesday, June 4 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.

HERBAL REMEDIES
Saturday, June 7 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 how these remedies were used to treat the dreaded maladies of the time. *Weather Permitting.*

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COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE
Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15
This 2-day overnight program will immerse you in the 18th century. You will wear period clothes, cook the meals, and sleep in cotton tents. A Wednesday evening session (June 11, 6-8pm) is a required meeting for all who will participate in the weekend overnight. *Paid reservations are required.*

WHEAT HARVEST
Saturday, June 21 1 - 4pm
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. At the farm house, lend a hand churning butter, and learn how the farm wife bakes wheat bread. *Weather permitting.*

JULY

WORKSHOP: 1ST PERSON INTERPRETATION
Tuesday, July 8 6 - 8pm
This will teach you how to pretend to be someone else. First-person interpreters take on the persona of someone from another time period; this takes training, practice and improvisation skills, all of which will be covered at this workshop. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required. Contact kjackson@1771.org.*

SUMMER 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR
Sat. & Sun., July 19 & 20 11am - 4:30pm
Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy summer dancing and singing, muster with the militia and re-outfit your home in furniture or have your fortune told by the Gypsy Fortune Teller. Only at Market Fair can you catch up on the latest news from the frontier and trade stories while enjoying local ale at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning and watercolor painting and shop for goods from the finest merchants in the colonies. *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
Third Wednesdays 6 - 8pm
Contact Katie Jackson at kjackson@1771.org.

FLEA SORTING
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm
Contact Marg Goralski at marg@1771.org.

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Katherine Hughes at khughes@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS
Wednesdays throughout the growing season
Contact Debbie West at dwest@1771.org.

CHEESEBURGER IN PICNIC PARADISE

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

That's the theme for this year's picnics at The Pavilions of Turkey Run. And WOW – what a great Cheeseburger we serve at the delicious BBQ Feasts cooked on site for all of our events, not to mention the yummy Marinated Chicken Breast, the famous J.R.'s Beef BBQ and the All Beef Hot Dogs. Combine that with all the delicious side salads and the Edy's Ice Cream and you come up with a perfect picnic menu.



For groups of 100 – 1,000, The Pavilions of Turkey Run provide guests with a convenient location, fabulous food and a whole day (or night) of fun and festivities.

For more information, visit our web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call Peg Jaman at (703) 707-8559

P.S. We have the honor of once again hosting the participants and their families of the National Spelling Bee.



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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LAST CHANCE TO LIVE IN THE 18TH CENTURY FOR A WEEKEND!

Come to our popular live-in program, **The Colonial Living Experience**, on Saturday & Sunday, June 14 & 15. What a great Father's Day gift! The whole family (ages 6 and up) can sleep in cotton tents, cook colonial meals over an open fire, wear 18th century clothing, and learn survival skills of the time period.

Deadline for registration is May 31. Contact Katie Jackson at kjackson@1771.org, or visit our website for details: www.1771.org/ed_cle.htm.

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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

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

TOTAL \$ _____

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



MAY 17th & 18th

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 • Basket Maker • Pewtersmith
• Millinery • Wood Workers • Chandler • Men's Goods • Rug Hooking • Puppet Show •
Games • Stationer • Surveyor • Potter • Colonial Dancers • Blacksmith • Cabinet Maker •
Militia • Blacksmith • Animals • Singing and Musick, and much more!

Roast Chicken • Bread • Cheese • Sausage • Fresh Vegetables & Fruits
Meat Pies • Tarts • Lemonade • Beer & Wine

ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00 Children (3-12 years) & Senior Citizens\$2.50

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