



Family News Letter of The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 36th Year of Operation ~*

MAY - JUNE 2009

HELP US MATCH THIS GRANT!

The loss of our Fairfax County grant this year has been recognized by the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation** with a generous and unexpected \$20,000 grant.



*Dr. Claude Moore
1892-1991*

While there are no restrictions on the use of these funds, in view of the financial difficulties faced by charitable organizations this year, we feel it would be responsible, and in the spirit of Dr. Moore, to use this grant to raise additional needed funding for the Farm.

Therefore, we are asking you, our faithful supporters, to contribute or raise money to help us reach a goal of \$40,000 with a one-to-one match. We have an event in the planning stages and you can learn more about our efforts by contacting aeberly@1771.org.

The Farm is an 18th century haven, but unfortunately can't exist at 18th century prices. As most of you know, the Friends of the Farm operate with a far lower budget than the Park Service was ever able to do. Our budget this year has been carefully pared, but some expenses (animal feed and care, utilities, for example) cannot be significantly reduced. We are working overtime to increase sales of books and other donated goods, GateHouse Shop sales, income-producing school programs and Pavilion events, but we still face an ominous shortfall.

BOOK SALE

June 5, 5-8pm & June 6, 10am-5pm

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

We hope your spring planting was successful. Our tobacco is coming up and will be ready to plant in the field by the end of May. We are so grateful to finally have fresh crops again. Dried and pickled vegetables only taste good for so long.



May you have a bountiful harvest this year. Your most humble and obedient servants,

Mariah & Lydia Bradley

HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK AT THE FARM

The Farm was honored with its inclusion in the Fairfax Garden Week tour for 2009. As the oldest and largest house and garden tour in the nation, Historic Garden Week in Virginia celebrated its 76th season this year. Homes and gardens all over Virginia are open over a seven day period and the Farm opened on Tuesday especially for tour day and was also open to its members on that day.

Historic Garden Week is presented each year by The Garden Club of Virginia. The club's mission is "to celebrate the beauty of the land, conserve the gifts of nature, and challenge future generations to build on this heritage". Funds from the tour are used to restore historic gardens throughout the state. We were delighted to partner with The Garden Club of Virginia for such a worthwhile project and event.

NEW GEESE “FLOCK” TO THE FARM!

The Farm is pleased to announce the arrival of a new, more historically accurate breed of geese to be used on the Farm site. The breed, called **Cotton Patch**, is listed by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy as “Critical” (the worst ranking). There are currently fewer than 500 breeding Cotton Patch Geese in the United States.

The Cotton Patch is an old American breed of geese that are believed to have derived from the Old English and Choctaw goose. The Old English breed can trace its origins back to the farmsteads of ancient England and has remained almost unchanged since its arrival in America in the 1600s.

One of the unusual characteristics about Cotton Patch geese is that you can tell a goose (female) from a gander (male) with a quick glance. Ganders have all white feathers and blue eyes, while the geese have brown eyes and can be dove grey or “saddle-backed.” Saddle-backed geese have white feathers with a grey patch on their backs in the shape of a saddle.

Cotton Patch geese, like many other heritage breed animals, tend to be smaller than modern breeds. This gives them the ability to escape predators quickly. These geese are frequently found jumping/flying over five- and six-foot fences without a running start. They can also forage for their own food of grass and weeds in cotton fields without damaging the main crop-- hence the name, Cotton Patch.

The goslings arrived in early April, and will be ready to meet the public on the 1771 farm in June.

COLONIAL CORNER

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



Geese

These birds have been domesticated for thousands of years, on several continents. They are used for their meat, feathers, and eggs.

Geese have even contributed to our language; consider the following: “silly goose,” “wild goose chase,” “goose egg” (when you get a large bruise).

The Virginia Housewife gives the following instructions on roasting a goose:

TO ROAST A GOOSE.

CHOP a few sage leaves and two onions very fine, mix them with a good lump of butter, a tea-spoonful of pepper, and two of salt, put it in the goose, then spit it, lay it down, and dust it with flour; when it is thoroughly hot, baste it with nice lard; if it be a large one, it will require an hour and a half, before a good clear fire; when it is enough, dredge and baste it, pull out the spit, and pour in a little boiling water.

Source: *Mary Randolph, The Virginia Housewife. 1838.*



Cotton Patch Goose & Gander
Photo by Mark See

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WORKSHOP: 18TH CENTURY DANCING

Tuesday, May 26, 2-4pm

Put on your dancing shoes! We will teach you a few of the simpler dances of the time, plus how to bow, curtsy, and flirt in public. Reservations required. Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome. *\$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required.* Contact Katie Cannon at kcannon@1771.org for a reservation.

CRAFTY PEOPLE!

We had no idea so many people are into crafts! The estate donation of two houses filled with craft supplies and miniatures boggled our minds. Where on earth could we find people to buy ALL THAT STUFF?

We found out! Have a sale and they will come – in droves! In addition to our emails and ads, the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME) spread the word through their enormous membership. So...two sales and a clearance sale later, we shook our heads in disbelief at all we still had! The Farm donated items to NAME for its fundraising efforts, and Toys for Tots came to pick up some extra toys and doll furniture. But don't worry, we've saved a few goodies for our new craft shelves at the Gatehouse.

It was a chore to set up, but it was well worth it. **Ann Cote, Gail Robin, Peggy Singleton, Steve Adams, Susan Leader, Margaret Reining, Dennis Huff, Ginny Norton**, a bevy of young ladies from **Ma-deira School** and everyone on the Farm Staff were dragooned to help. We thank them heartily, and we'll understand if they scream at the sight of another doll body part!

So now we're back to sorting, pricing and shelving books. Our regulars at book sales are nagging us, and we have a container full of books. Want to help? Let us know.

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

- Paper bags (grocery, shopping...)
- Large trailer for staff housing
- Dehumidifier
- Bagged grass clippings & leaves (no chemicals)
- Hose hangers & hose reels
- Usable work & gardening gloves
- Rolling tool chest/cabinet
- Dry onion skins, orange or red, for dyeing
- Food processor

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books & goods. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Mending the Farm's 18th century clothing. Mostly hand sewing. Contact kcannon@1771.org.
- Teaching at the Farm Skills program; \$30 stipend. Contact htrunick@1771.org.
- Greenhouse & plant help. Contact ddezarn@1771.org.

WORKSHOP: HEARTH COOKING

Thursday, June 18, 6-9pm

Tired of your stove at home? Learn to prepare food over a fire like an 18th century cook... and taste your creations, of course. *\$10 fee; \$8 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required.* Contact Katie Cannon at kcannon@1771.org for a reservation.

PAID INTERNSHIP

The Farm needs an intern to help with the set-up of the May Market Fair. Previous Market Fair experience is required. For details, email Anna Eberly at aeberly@1771.org.

2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

MAY

SALTING FISH

Sunday, 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 16 & 17 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.*

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JUNE

BOOK SALE
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Come and browse through our enormous collection of donated books!

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Tired of your stove at home? Learn to prepare food over a fire like an 18th century cook... and taste your creations, of course. \$10 fee. Reservations required; contact kcannon@1771.org.

WHEAT HARVEST
Saturday, June 20 1 - 4pm
Help the farm family harvest their rye and wheat, then help bake bread made from those grains. And what about yeast? You have to make that, too! The farm wife will show you how. *Weather Permitting.*

JULY

WORKSHOP: NATURAL DYEING
Wednesday, July 1 6 - 8pm
Turn plain natural fibers into lovely colors using only ingredients found in nature. \$10 fee. Reservations required; contact kcannon@1771.org.

SUMMER 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR
Sat. & Sun., July 18 & 19 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 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 and porter at the Tavern. Try hands-on crafts such as spinning 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

SORTING DONATED BOOKS & GOODS
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm
Contact Marg Goralski at marggoralski@juno.com.

FARM SKILLS PROGRAM
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Contact Heather Trunick at htrunick@1771.org.

PLANT VOLUNTEERS
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10am-6pm
Contact Debra DeZarn at ddezarn@1771.org.



NOW WE ARE REALLY EXCITED!!

Each year brings something “new and improved” to the Pavilions of Turkey Run. Last year we added on to the medium pavilion thereby doubling the size. It was very warmly received by our guests.

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



This year, we've gone a step farther – WE'VE ADDED A MASSIVE STONE FIREPLACE AND SIDES to the Pavilion. Just imagine, the picnic season can begin earlier in March or April and last through November and you can stay toasty warm with no worries about the weather. That's why we are so excited!

And here is one more way you can make a difference to the farm. If you or a group you know is planning a summer event for 100 or more people, please bring them to our PICNIC OPEN HOUSE on April 29 from 11:30 – 2:00. We serve the yummy food on our menu, have tons of entertainment vendors available and just have a FLIP FLOPPIN' GOOD TIME! It's a great chance to show off the facility and all the rental goes back to the CMCF. TO RSVP, call Peg Jarman at (703) 707-8559 or email peg@jrsbeef.com.

For more information, visit the web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call (703) 707-8220.

PLANTS FOR SALE

We have **vegetables, herbs, and annual and perennial flowers**, including many **rare and heirloom** varieties. The greenhouse is open Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6 (Fridays till 7), plus selected Saturdays.

There will also be a selection of plants for sale at the GateHouse Shop Wed. - Sun., 10 - 5.

For information contact ddezarn@1771.org.

MARKET FAIRS: WE NEED HELP!

The first of the Farm's Market Fairs is rapidly approaching (May 16 & 17), and as always, we need all the help we can get to make it a successful event.

We need costumed and non-costumed volunteers; tasks range from selling food & merchandise to preparing food, emptying garbage cans, and much more.

We're a pretty fun-loving group around here, so if you want to meet some really interesting people and get out in the fresh air, come join us! Email kcannon@1771.org.

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
Contribution	\$ _____

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18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



MAY 16th & 17th

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 • Print Maker • 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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Salting Fish May 3

Spring Market Fair May 16 & 17

JUNE

Book Sale June 5 & 6

Workshop: Hearth Cooking June 18

Wheat Harvest June 20

JULY

Workshop: Natural Dyeing July 1

Summer Market Fair July 18 & 19