



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 ~*

MAY - JUNE 2010

PLANTS FOR SALE BEGINNING APRIL 30

We already have some plants for sale at the GateHouse Shop but we are still potting up, tagging and organizing plants for our Spring Plant Sales beginning on Friday, April 30 at 10 am. Then we will be open every day from 10 am to 5 pm.



There will be more than 30 tomato varieties that are already about 5 inches tall plus pepper, eggplant, cauliflower, cabbage, broccoli, leek and onion plants. Also lots of perennial flowers for sun and shade, some container shrubs, herbs and even some native plants. We have the coleus back plus other tender perennials that are perfect for containers.

Since we grow all of our plants here at the Farm, you know they will be hardy in your own garden. And if you have plants to share with us, please contact Anna at aerberly@1771.org.

We will be adding more plants as the season progresses so come back often to visit. Our horticulture program and sales depend almost entirely on volunteer help so if you would like to learn about propagating plants, please contact Anna.

BOOK SALE

Friday, April 30, 5-8pm
Saturday, May 1, 10am-5pm

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

We hope that Spring finds you and yours in good health and good spirits! Our Tobacco has been planted in the feed beds and the Corn is being planted as the weather permits. Our Kitchen Garden looks promising as the first Crops of the season appear.



Sally and Benjamin have been devouring the Watercrefs that has sprung up after the rough Winter we had. We are sure our dear Friends are as glad as we to see the green things growing after such a winter!

We look forward to seeing all of our Friends at the upcoming Market Fair. It will be good to see you all, and inquire how your own Crops are faring.

We remain your most humble and obedient servants,
Richard and Lydia Bradley

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE

Come to our popular live-in program, **The Colonial Living Experience**, Friday through Sunday, June 25-27. 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 other important skills of the time period.

Deadline for registration is June 12. Paid reservations are required. Contact Richard Webb at rwebb@1771.org, or visit our website for details: www.1771.org/ed_cle.htm.

GATEHOUSE HELP NEEDED

Part-time position



Our GateHouse Manager, Katherine Rogers, is also our Stillatory lady at Market Fair so we really need someone to run the shop during our Market Fairs this year. If you are interested and available, please contact Anna at aeberly@1771.org. This is a part time paid position and could also include every Sunday.

GROUP RATES?

If you are bringing a group of 10 or more to visit the Farm, and you would like to get the group rate of \$2 per person, there is a procedure you need to follow. You are considered a group if you:

- Make a reservation at least 1 week in advance. This means contacting Richard Webb at rwebb@1771.org, or speaking directly to him on the telephone at 703-442-7557.
- Come as a group-- that is, everyone arrives at once and enters the Farm at the same time.
- Have one person pay admission for the entire group.

Thank you; we hope to see your groups soon.



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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Receipts for your Kitchen

The Farm gets its colonial receipts (recipes) from surviving cookbooks. They offer a fascinating glimpse into the cuisine of the time. One recurring theme is pies... but they weren't all sweet! A pie was just another way to cook, and you find all sorts of ingredients in them.

Cherry Pie.

CHUSE a proper Quantity of large Duke Cherries gathered in a Morning, for they are then fullest and finest flavoured, pick them from the Stalks, and see they be very clean.

Prepare a Quantity of Sugar, which must be the very finest Loaf Sugar beat to Powder, and make a small Quantity of very good Cruft.

All being thus ready, lay in a little Cruft handsomely round the Edge of the Dish, then strew in a thin Covering of the powdered Sugar upon the Bottom; this done lay the Cherries even and regular without breaking, and if there be a blemished Cherry leave it out.

When half the Fruit is in strew over them some of the powdered Sugar, then lay in the other half, and over them strew more, then put on the Lid, and let it be baked in a slack Oven.

-- Martha Bradley. *The British Housewife*. London, 1756.

A Potatoe Pye.

BOIL three Pounds of Potatoes, and peel them, make a good Cruft, and lay in your Dish; lay at the Bottom half a Pound of Butter, then lay in your Potatoes, throw over them three Tea Spoonfuls of Salt, and a small Nutmeg grated all over, six Eggs boiled hard and chopped fine, throw all over, a Tea Spoonful of Pepper strewed all over, then half a Pint of White Wine. Cover your Pye, and bake in half an Hour, or till the Cruft is enough.

-- Hannah Glasse. *The Art of Cookery, made Plain and Easy*. London, 1747.

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2010 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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.

JUNE

WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS

Wednesday, June 2

Meet the Farm's animals up close and personal! Learn how to correctly handle each of the animals, plus some history of each of the breeds. Wear something you would not mind holding a chicken in. \$10 fee; paid reservations required. Contact kcannon@1771.org.

6-8pm



HERBAL REMEDIES

Saturday, June 12

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.*

COLONIAL LIVING EXPERIENCE

Friday - Sunday, June 25-27

This weekend 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 (June 23, 6-8pm) is a required meeting for all who will participate in the weekend overnight. *Paid reservations are required.*

JULY

SUMMER COLONIAL MARKET FAIR

Sat. & Sun., July 17 & 18 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 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.

WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Farm's animals after visiting? Well, now you can! We will take you on a behind-the-scenes visit to our animals: cows, pigs, geese, turkeys, and chickens. And, like all our workshops, it is hands-on of course! Learn how to get geese and turkeys to go where you want them to, and how to properly hold a chicken. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. *\$10 fee; paid reservations required. Contact kcannon@1771.org.*

THE FARM HELPS ENDANGERED BREEDS

The Farm is thrilled to announce the arrival of four goslings that were hatched from our Cotton Patch Goose Eggs. Cotton Patch Geese are listed as "critical" on the ALBC (American Livestock Breeds Conservancy) endangered list. This means there are fewer than 500 breeding birds in the U.S. and less than 1,000 globally. Every bird counts in their conservation efforts!

The Farm is also happy to announce the arrival of a clutch of chicks. A mixture of Dorkings, Dominiques and La Fleche are among them. All of these chickens are on the threatened or watch list at the ALBC.

As these animals are so critically endangered, they will only be available for public viewing once they reach adulthood to ensure their safety and health.

THANK YOU, OAK SPRING DAIRY!

We are grateful to Oak Spring Dairy for generously donating several gallons of milk and cream for our popular Dairy Day event. We were able to make delicious cheese and butter, with the help of our many visitors. Oak Spring Dairy has donated milk and cream to us for many years; they make wonderful cheese themselves, too.

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

- brown paper bags
- old newspapers (for starting fires)
- tools: shovels, rakes, limb-saws, axes, wedges, sledge hammers
- Perennial plants such as bleeding heart, lily of the valley, peonies, native plants for shade. Contact aerberly@1771.org.

We no longer accept televisions or computer parts

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Book Sorting every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 pm. Contact aerberly@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 Gardening help every day except Monday. Contact aerberly@1771.org.

WE STILL NEED YOUR "STUFF"

Even though we haven't had a Garage Sale for a long time, we do still accept donated "stuff". We now sell items at several consignment shops, through online websites and of course, at The Gate-House Shop. The things that sell well are household and decorative items, collectibles and antiques, jewelry both costume and fine, really nice clothing in perfect condition, small pieces of furniture and of course - books! Please call 703-442-7557 or email jengle@1771.org before dropping anything off at the Farm. Remember, it may be useless to you but with a lot of labor, your "stuff" helped us raise over \$38,000 last year for the Farm's educational programs.

THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN

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



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

Now booking for 2010!

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

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 Richard Webb at rwebb@1771.org.

HAVE YOU WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE...

The last time you were at the Farm, did you look at our costumed staff and think, "I wonder what it's like to do that?" You can find out! We welcome volunteers of all ages to help in costume on our 1771 farm. There is a training process, and we have clothing to loan for the day. You can help us with spring planting, cooking over a fire, splitting wood... all sorts of things! *Children age 10-17 must apply to the Apprentice Program in order to volunteer on the 1771 farm; children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.* Contact Katie Cannon at kcannon@1771.org for details.

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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MEMBERSHIP FORM

New or Renewal?

Membership good for one year from date of purchase-- Today's Date is _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

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Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



MAY 15th & 16th

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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