



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 32nd Year of Operation ~*

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2005

SALES GALORE!

Garage Sale, October 28 & 29
Used Books Sale, November 18 & 19
One Day Toy Sale, December 3
9 am to 1 pm each day; free admission

The Farm has scheduled lots of donated goods sales for this Fall as we have been overtaken with stuff! Our new Flea Building, Chez Puce, is complete so now we can process our “stuff” more efficiently and have sales more often.

Our Thanks to the faithful “Flea Helpers” who come on Wednesday evenings and other odd times to unpack, sort, clean and display all of the things you give us. If you would like to join us, please email marggoralski@juno.com or call Marg at 703-356-4350 and she'll let you know how you can help.

Also, we can still use more “stuff” but we need to receive it on this schedule: General Stuff by Oct. 21, Books by November 14 and Toys by November 28. Be sure to leave your name, address, and phone number so we can send you a tax deduction receipt after the first of the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, March 2, 2006 6:30 - 9 pm

Plan now join us at the **United States Botanic Garden** in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Farm being a privately operated National Park. It will also be the 33rd year of the Farm's operation as an 18th century living history farm whose mission is to educate the public about the benefits of American agriculture.

Contact Anna Eberly, aeberly@1771.org or 703-847-0710 for more information.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE GATEHOUSE SHOP



The Shop will open on its 7-day holiday schedule beginning the day after Thanksgiving on November 25. We will remain open everyday from 10 to 5 through December 21.

The GateHouse Shop has lovely new merchandise just in time for your Holiday shopping! We have unique gifts for men and absolutely wonderful jewelry for the women. For children, we have traditional wooden educational toys for all ages. There are also gifts for gardeners, books and Christmas ornaments as well as collectibles. Don't forget about our honey and fresh preserves! They make great gifts for teachers, neighbors and colleagues. The GateHouse has a warm and pleasant atmosphere with easy parking and remember that every purchase supports the Farm's educational programs.

Join us on Saturday, December 10 for our Holiday Shop Open House from 1 - 4 pm with refreshments, a bonfire and traditional carols played by a brass trio.

EMAIL NEWS FROM THE FARM

We have switched the sending of our email messages of Farm news and events to googlegroups.com. In order to protect against spam, we were not allowed to import our list into Google. So, if you didn't receive the Market Fair email sent this past week, you are no longer on our email list. To get back on the list, go to www.1771.org, click on “Sign up for Farm News by Email” and enter your email address. You will then receive a message from Google asking you to verify that this is a legitimate request. We deeply appreciate you signing up as it allows us to contact you easily and at no cost. Please know that we will never bother you with lots of mail nor will we ever share your address with anyone else.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings friends and naybors,

'Tis been a busy several months here on the farm. September was filled with the handing of tobacco and the threshing of the wheat. We seem to have done right well with both crops this year. The tobacco looks to be coming in right around 1200# and we look to be getting a dozen bushels of wheat. Sad to say the corn crop did not do near as well as we was hopin' and we may be havin' to tighten our belts a bit this winter. All told after Mr. Lee's rents and the taxes get paid, we could be havin' as much as 5.10.5 for the buyin' of goods. This comes at a welcome time, as all the children are in need of shoes and we could all do with some fresh clothing.

October saw Rachel workin' the flax crop into the linen thread she will be needin' for all the upcoming sewing that this winter will furly bring. Thanks again to the many naybor folk and kin folk for droppin' by ready to lend a hand with the chores.

Lookin' ahead, some of my fences look to be in a sorry state and in need of the mendin'. Most pressing seem to be the pasture and the wheat field fences. It would seem that I have my work cut out in the comin' weeks with the splitting of rails.

I do hope to be seein' you all soon.
I am and remain, your humble servant,
John Harbin



Receipts

Rachel and Katharine, wife and sister of John Harbin, present this receipt for your use.

Johnny Cakes

Take your Indian meal, whatever quantity seems sufficient, and add to it a generous sprinkling of Salt. Boil up Water, enough to wet the meal so that it may be rolled into balls. Let it lye this way for half an Hour, then form it into little cakes the size of your palm or smaller. Fry them over low heat in plenty of Butter or Lard until they are golden brown; then, turn them over to brown the other side. Take Care that you do not heat them too fast, or the outside will be done but the inside still raw. They are good eten with Butter and Salt, or Honey, or what Preserves you have.

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COLONIAL CORNER



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

More from chapbooks

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter issue, chapbooks (derived from "cheap books") were just that: small, cheaply made and cheaply sold books in the eighteenth century. They covered a variety of topics, from jokes to stories to cooking instructions. Here are a couple of selections from eighteenth century chapbooks.

Riddles

1. *It flies without wings,
Between silken strings
And leaves as you'll find
Its guts still behind.*



2. *Into the world I came hanging,
and when from the same I was ganging,
I was cruelly batter'd and Squeez'd,
And men with my blood, they were pleas'd.*

1. A weaver's shuttle 2. Apples pressed into cider

The Signification of Moles

A Mole on the right Shoulder, denotes happiness to man or woman.

A Mole on the left shoulder, denotes a man to be quarrelsome but a woman to have many husbands.

A Mole on the right side of the belly, denotes a Man to flow in riches, and a woman to be happy in Marriage.

One on the back denotes Riches and honour.

One near the navel signifies many Children.

It is a most certain truth.

That if the second toe, near the great toe, be as long as the great toe, the person will be very rich and happy.



Source: Ashton, John. Chapbooks of the Eighteenth Century. London: Skoob Books Publishing, 1882.

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2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

MENDING FENCES

Saturday, November 5 1-4pm

As the harvest season comes to a close, the farmer turns to his wintertime maintenance chores. The farm's split rail fences are in disrepair. Roving animals and livestock are breaking into the crop fields. Help the family repair old fences and learn the importance of good, strong fences in the 18th century. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

RAIL BURNING

Saturday, November 19 4:30-7:30pm

Come on over for a rail burning this evening. Help the farm family and neighbors build a bonfire from rotten fence rails, which will make good ash to enrich the fields. Gather round the leaping flames and join in the merriment. Sing songs, play games, swap tall tales, and discuss the news of the day. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

THE GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPENS

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10am-5pm

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EVERYTHING BUT THE SQUEAL

Saturday, December 3 1-4pm

The colonial farm family uses every part of an animal after butchering. Come learn about the many contributions livestock make to the family's life. See how the family preserves their meat using salt and smoke, peer into a pot of rendering fat, and help dip tallow candles. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 10 1-4pm

Enjoy traditional mulled cider, butter cake and ginger cookies, the warmth of the open fire and Christmas music while you shop in the peaceful atmosphere at the Farm.

WASSAIL

Sunday, December 11 1-4pm

Stand fast, root! Bear well, top!

God send us a howling crop!

In the dead of winter the apple trees need encouragement to bear well during the coming year. Gather in the Farm's orchard to wassail the trees with singing, dancing and chants to ensure a "howling crop." Enjoy hot spiced cider, sugar cakes, a bonfire and 18th century games. *Weather permitting - call ahead: 703-903-9330.*

THE FARM GOES INTO HIBERNATION

Sunday, December 11 4:30pm

The 18th century visitor site at The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run closes for the winter months and will open to the public for the 2006 season on Saturday, April 1 at 10 am. The GateHouse Holiday Shop will remain open through Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

GATEHOUSE SHOP HELP

7 days a week, Nov. 25-Dec. 21 10-1pm or 1-5pm

Contact: pharithy@1771.org

SORTING FLEA DONATIONS

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Contact: marggoralski@juno.com

MOVING & CLEANING FARMHOUSE FURNITURE

The week of December 12-16 9-5pm

2005 MARKET FAIRS: SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all who helped make the 2005 Market Fairs an enjoyable experience. From the pleasant May Market Fair, to the beastly hot one in July, to the superb October Fair, we all pulled together to bring a fantastic experience to the public.

The Market Fairs require a lot of work from a lot of people, who tirelessly donate their time and energy to make the events happen. Our thanks go out to all of you, and we look forward to working with you next year!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a warm welcome to a new staff member. **Debbie West** has joined us as the Plant Manager, after decades of experience at the National Botanic Gardens. You may recognize her name, since she has been volunteering at the Farm for many years! We are expecting great things of the greenhouses and gardens next year, with such an expert on our staff.

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

We welcome back the folks from the McLean High School WAT program and a student from the Enterprise School Community Service Program, who will be working in a variety of capacities in the upcoming months.

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 2006!

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

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.
- Brown paper grocery bags in good condition
- Hand & bath towels
- Egg cartons
- Feather & down pillows or comforters
- Full-size refrigerator or two
- Heavy-duty washer & dryer (two each)
- Three dehumidifiers
- Bubble wrap
- Chest freezer

Volunteer Help Needed:

- To work at the Farm Skills programs for school groups on Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, September 29 through November 17; email: kjackson@1771.org
- To work at the GateHouse throughout the season; email: pharithy@1771.org
- To work in the Greenhouse & gardens
- To work at the GateHouse any day(s), 7 days a week, Nov. 25-Dec. 21, 10am-1pm or 1-5pm; email: pharithy@1771.org
- To sort flea donations on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm; email: marggoralski@juno.com
- Moving & cleaning farmhouse furniture the week of December 12-16, any time from 9am-5pm; email: kjackson@1771.org or rsummers@1771.org.

LOST & FOUND

There are quite a few 18th-century clothing items in the Farm's Lost & Found, located in the blue bin near the clothing closets in the office. If you think you may have lost something while volunteering at the Farm this year, please check the bin by **December 11**. The Lost & Found will be cleaned out at the end of the year.

EMBRACE COLONIAL HISTORY...
 AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
 LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM...
 RECRUIT FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO

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.

Visiting the Farm, parents and children can watch -- and join in -- as Farm wife, with baby on hip, churns fresh butter, feeds the heritage breed chickens, prepares the mid-day meal or makes soap from fat and lye. They can see the farmer mend the split rail fences, harvest his precious wheat crop, and coax the wild turkeys to shelter in the tobacco barn. An enriching and fun family experience is also provided through our ongoing events and seasonal Market Fairs, our internship and Apprentice Farm Skills Programs, and our Book and Plant Sales, and Annual Garden Party.

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, featuring lively period entertainment, crafts and freshly prepared food. 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. Above all, Claude Moore Colonial Farm Members are helping support and sustain a living history museum and privately operated National Park within their community.

Refer a Friend

Please refer a friend or colleague for Farm membership so that we may continue to enhance our visibility, role and services within the community. To refer a membership candidate simply e-mail **Lsaldana@1771.org** or call **(703)-847-0710**.

In our efforts to educate our community about colonial American everyday life, work and agriculture, YOU are our most valued asset. Thank you for your commitment and support!



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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Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

For more information, write to the Farm at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, call 703-442-7557 or go to www.1771.org

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Rail Burning: An Evening Event

Come to The Farm on Saturday, November 19th, from 4:30-7:30pm for an evening of music, games, bonfires, and merriment. Exchange local gossip with the farm family and their neighbors as they burn old fence rails to create ash to fertilize the gardens and fields.



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Wassail!

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1-4pm

The farm family will be ending the 2005 season with a celebration that ensures them a good apple crop next year. Please join us for hot cider, music, and a grand time at the Farm.



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December 10
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