



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States  
~ Celebrating its 33<sup>rd</sup> Year of Operation ~*

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2006**

### A GREAT FALL MARKET FAIR!

The weather was beautiful and the crowds were huge. The puppet show dazzled its audiences yet again, and at the auction the bidding was fast and furious. Items auctioned ranged from Aladdin's stoneware jug to the Pied Piper's backup flute. Meanwhile, the Gypsy Fortune Teller wandered the crowds foretelling the future and selling charms and amulets to alter it.

Our 18th century Market Fairs are volunteer run, like most things at the Farm, and this program is especially dependent on volunteer help. We would like to thank all of the folks who helped to put up tarps and drapes, price, pack and display merchandise, cook and sell food, tend the stands, entertain the visitors and then stay to help us pack up everything and move it into storage. In addition to the individuals who helped we also had a group of young people from the Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute who came in on Sunday afternoon to help clean and pack up the Fair. We deeply appreciate the hard work of everyone who helped to put on such a perfect Autumn Market Fair.

### FALL BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18  
10am - 5pm

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### THE GATEHOUSE SHOP

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Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run  
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### ON THE FARM

#### *Tobacco Notes*

Greetings once again, friends and neighbors,

'Tis been a right busy several months for us. As you all know, little sister Mary had her nuptials here beginning of September. It was nice to see so many of you come out for that.



Tobacco got all harvested up pretty easy. Not as good a year as some we have had, but not the worst either. We are now hoping for some damp weather to get some moisture back into the leaf so we can get it all packed and inspected. With the chill that is finding its way into the air, we now find our thoughts turning to winter and the re-building of fences and the putting by of meat and corn.

We hope to see y'all come out for Waffail and let me be the first to wish you fine good health and a prosperous fall season.

I am and remain,  
Your most humble and obedient servant,  
*John Harbin*

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## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The volunteer workshop for the month of November will be covering **food preservation**. Before refrigeration and modern preservatives, colonists had to use other methods of making food last. Come learn about pickling, salting, and smoking: how to do them, and which foods are best preserved by which method. The class will be held Tuesday, November 7th, from 6-8pm at the Farm office. Please RSVP to [jtilley@1771.org](mailto:jtilley@1771.org) if you would like to attend.

The December volunteer workshop topic is **winter traditions**. Learn the songs, dances, stories and games that 18th century folk used to celebrate holidays and enliven the winter evenings. The class will be held Tuesday, December 5th, from 6-8pm at the Farm office. Please RSVP to [jtilley@1771.org](mailto:jtilley@1771.org) if you would like to attend.

These classes are part of the series of volunteer training sessions we are now pleased to offer. You can find a full training schedule on our website, [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org), or email [jtilley@1771.org](mailto:jtilley@1771.org).

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## COLONIAL CORNER



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

### Glue

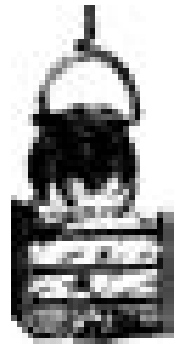
While Elmer's All-Purpose School Glue had not come about quite yet, the folks of the 18th century did have and use glue. The format was a bit different from what we are used to today, but the uses were similar: glue was intended "as a cement to bind or connect things together."

### How was it made?

Glue was made by boiling and purifying animal hides, sinews and hooves. The older the animal, the better the glue. The glue was then poured into a mold to harden.

### How was it used?

The glue that our ancestors used came, not in tubes, but in hard brown squares that they then had to prepare correctly in order to use.



Here is an extract from the 1771 edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*:

*Method of preparing and using GLUE.* Set a quart of water on the fire, then put in about half a pound of good glue, and boil them gently together till the glue be entirely dissolved and of a due consistence. When glue is to be used, it must be made thoroughly hot; after which, with a brush dipped in it, besmear the faces of the joints as quick as possible; then clapping them together, slide or rub them lengthwise one upon another, two or three times, to settle them close; and so let them stand till they are dry and firm.

Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica. Edinburgh: A. Bell and C. Macfarquhar. Volume II. 1771.

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# 2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## NOVEMBER

### TOBACCO PROCESSING

**T** Saturday, November 4 1 - 4pm  
The tobacco crop has been curing for several months and is now ready to be taken to the warehouse for inspection. Help the farmer tie the tobacco leaves into hands and prize them into his hogshead. Listen as the farmer and his neighbors discuss the current prices for the crop and discover how this will affect the farm family in the coming year. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### BOOK SALE

**B** Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18 10am - 5pm  
Browse through our large selection donated to the Farm. Includes books for travelers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, nonfiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also videotapes, CDs, records and some ephemera.

### FALL CHORES

**F** Saturday, November 18 1 - 4pm  
The farm family transitions from summer work in the fields to fall chores. Come help clear the fields of brush and build a bonfire, which will make good ash to enrich the soil. Help the farmer repair old fencing. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP

**G** November 24 - December 23 10am - 5pm  
Avoid the craziness of the malls and enjoy easy parking. Do your holiday gift shopping at the Farm while helping to support the only privately operated National Park in the United States. Choose from a unique selection of 18th century reproductions toys, housewares, jewelry, toiletries and consumables. All sales proceeds benefit the Farm's educational programs. *Closed Thanksgiving Day*

### GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE

**G** Tuesday, November 28 5 - 8pm  
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.



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### EVERYTHING BUT THE SQUEAL

**E** Saturday, December 2 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.*

### WASSAIL

**W** Sunday, December 10 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.*

### THE FARM GOES INTO HIBERNATION

**T** Sunday, December 10 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 2007 season on Sunday, April 1 at 10 am. The GateHouse Holiday Shop will remain open through Thursday, December 21, 2006.

## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

**F**OOD PRESERVATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
Tuesday, November 7 6 - 8pm

**W**INTER TRADITIONS VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
Tuesday, December 5 6 - 8pm

## TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

Too early for that to be Christmas greetings....so....it's the garage sale results, of course. And the Grand Total IS: \$3,068.00 !!!!!!!

MANY, MANY thanks to all of you who helped with sorting, cleaning, repairing, displaying, pricing, selling or buying. There were many comments from customers about how organized the sale was, how nice Ted's newly remodeled Boutique was, and how pleasant everyone was. Many said ours is the best garage sale to go to. One regular customer came Friday...came back Saturday morning...and then again Saturday afternoon for the 1/2 off sale!

Some of the leftover clothing goes to SHARE and VALUE VILLAGE, while leftover yarn and knitting needles go to a 4-H group and to some ladies who knit afghans for wounded servicemen. Leftover paper backs go to troops in Iraq. Leftover hardback books go to McLean Rotary who are creating libraries in India. And, of course, we kept for the Farm a number of donated items we can put to good use. Many customers who didn't know about the Farm were interested in visiting the Farm site and/or Market Fair. The McLean Backfence.com website gave us good publicity, and Board Member Vicki Baker did a marvelous job of promoting the sale in the Washington Post and local publications.

Now we've cleared everything out and are setting up for the Book Sale on November 17 & 18!

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## ARE YOU RECEIVING "FARM NEWS" EMAILS?

Have you been receiving emails with the subject line, "Claude Moore Colonial Farm News"? If not, you may want to check your email filter! We have been having a couple dozen emails bouncing back to us, from people who we know are members or volunteers. These emails contain important updates and exciting news bulletins from the Farm. You don't want to miss out! If you have any questions about these emails, contact [aeberly@1771.org](mailto:aeberly@1771.org).

## 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](mailto:jengle@1771.org).*

### Items Needed:

*Remember, all donations are tax deductible*

- An 18th century dollhouse to display toy items at Market Fairs
- Wooden dowel rods for drop spindles (3/8")
- Old rugs & carpets for kitchen prep at Market Fair
- Bagged grass clippings & leaves (no pesticides)

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- To teach at the Farm Skills program on certain Thursdays through November. Contact [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org).
- Sorting books & donated goods on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm. Contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).

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## FARM SKILLS SUCCESS ... AND HELP NEEDED

The Farm would like to heartily thank all those who volunteered their time teaching at Farm Skills this season. This year we have had happy participants tell us, "This was one of the best field trips we have ever taken," and "your staff and volunteers are fantastic"! You helped to educate, inspire and spark the interest of many school-aged children, and for this we thank you. We truly could not have done it without you!

That being said I'm sending out my last plea for help this year. I'm still badly in need of people to help with this wonderful program on the mornings of November 2nd, 9th and 16th. If you have not done this before, never fear it is not too late to start now! The time commitment is 9:30-12:30 and you get to have the rewarding experience of teaching children about skills used in the 18th century. For further information or to sign up, please contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org) or call 703-442-7557.

## PAVILIONS HOST MILITARY REUNION PLANNERS

**JR's Colonial Caterers, Visit Fairfax and The Pavilions of Turkey Run** hosted a group of almost 100 retired military folks from around the United States on the evening of September 14. These volunteer planners are bringing their groups to the Washington D. C. area for a reunion in the near future and we wanted to present the Pavilions as a potential location for their event.



The Farm's volunteers were happy to help as hosts for the evening. **Ted and Helen Gray** greeted people as they arrived and thanked them for their service to our country. **Ginny and Charlie Norton** both were in the army with Charlie retiring from Special Forces as a Colonel and **Bill and Grace Harkins** spent a career in the Navy. They are all active volunteers with the Farm and Ginny is our incoming President of the Board. **Steve Adams** served as bartender and **Katherine Rogers** helped with serving. **Marg Goralski** couldn't be there but she donated 50 copies of the book we gave to each couple, which was written by her late husband, **Robert Goralski**, NBC News war correspondent.

It was a lovely evening with a live band, dancing, great food and extremely decent people.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Part-Time Retail Position

The Farm is seeking a new member of its team to work for 2 Sundays per month and other occasional days in the GateHouse Gift Shop. Hours are 9:30am - 5:30pm.

If you have a love for history, and would like a fun job that allows you to meet new people, this opportunity is for you! The successful candidate will also be outgoing, honest, reliable and organized.

Please email Anna Eberly at [aerberly@1771.org](mailto:aerberly@1771.org) for more information or to apply.

### PLANTS FOR SALE

It's not too late to plant your fall pansies! The Garden Center at the Farm office is open Monday - Friday from 9 to 5.

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check  MC  VISA  AmEx

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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](http://www.1771.org)

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*The Farm's financial statements are available in the Richmond Office of the Virginia Department of Consumer Affairs.*

# Wassail!

Sunday, December 10  
1-4pm

The farm family will be ending the 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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