



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2008

### MARKET FAIR: SUCCESS

The October Market Fair was a wonderful one! We had a good crowd, despite the chill (it made the fires feel all the better); almost 3,000 visitors attended over the weekend!

It was an especially good weekend for entertainment. Not only did we have such perennial favorites as **Signora Bella the Slack Rope Walker** and our own **Puppet Theatre**, but several new groups joined us this year; **Kelly Wynn**, a professional fencing instructor, mightily smote several hapless pumpkins, and the **Turkey Run Players** delighted the crowds with scenes from favorite 18th century plays.

We are most grateful to all our wonderful volunteers who help to make our Market Fairs happen. Whether they are in the back room up to their elbows in chicken grease or dressed in colonial clothing and cheerfully serving drinks, we really could not have the Market Fair without them.

### GARAGE SALE

The \$1.00 garage sale was a wonderful house clearing event, under the supervision of **Gail Robin**, who even managed to have all the leftovers disposed of by the following Tuesday! The sale, along with the book sales at Chez Puce, which opened to take advantage of all the activity, took in over \$1,600.

A crew of students from **Madeira School** unpacked the unbelievable number of boxes of STUFF and hung clothes (belying all those tales of teenagers who don't know what clothes hangers are for!). **Ted** and **Helen Gray**, **Peggy Singleton**, **Ann Guthridge**, **Dennis Huff**, **Ann Cote**, **Margaret Reining** and **Susan Leader** took on set-up and sale day and the whole thing was put together in about a week and a half – a remarkable feat when we remember earlier garage sales that disrupted the whole place for weeks ahead! Hats off to all the crew.

**Book Sales Coming Up: Nov. 19, Dec. 12 & 13**

### ON THE FARM

#### *Tobacco Notes*

Greetings to our Friends:

'Twas good to see so many of our neighbors at brother Daniel and cousin Hannah's wedding! The couple sends their regards and thanks all who have helped them to prepare for the coming cold.



The weather has turned quite crisp in the morn and we fear 'twill not be long fore the last of summer's leaves have fallen

from their branches. 'Tis good we have had a large crop of root vegetables; our turnips, carrots, potatoes, beets and radishes keep well in the root cellar, and the pickles we been making will help liven many a winter meal.

We are hoping to have a few more visits in with our goodly neighbors before the weather turns. We wish you good health and good cheer in the upcoming season!

Your most humble and obedient servants,  
*Mariah Thornton*  
*Lydia Bradley*

## 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

- Plastic laundry baskets
- A large trailer for staff housing
- Dehumidifier

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books & goods on Tuesdays. Contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).

## PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN: A GREAT SEASON!

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

It has been a very busy and fun year at the Pavilions of Turkey Run. We have hosted over 30,000 guests and the responses have been overwhelmingly positive. Many of the groups have already rebooked for next year. If your company or organization is thinking of having a picnic, party, awards banquet or team building, be sure to tell them about the Pavilions.



Thanks to all who have participated in the fabulous season and have made it another great success. If you would like more information on the Pavilions and what we offer, visit our web site at [www.jrspicnics.com](http://www.jrspicnics.com).

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## COLONIAL CORNER

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



### Anti-Tobacco

As one of the few places that grows historic tobacco, we often get asked if the people in 1771 knew it was bad for their health.



It's a good question; we have a lot of anti-tobacco advertisements now, but what about when smoking was more prevalent and accepted? Below are quotes throughout history warning about the dangers of tobacco use; can you match up the quote with the date it was printed?

1. "Tobacco is a stinking weed,  
It was the Devil sow'd the seed,  
It drains the purse & fouls the clothes,  
And makes a chimney of the nose."



2. "Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and may complicate pregnancy."

3. "A custome lothsome to the eye, hatefull to the Nose, harmefull to the braine, dangerous to the Lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, neerest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomelesse."

- A. 1604  
B. 1837  
C. 2008



ANSWERS:  
1. B  
2. C  
3. A

Sources: 2008, the Surgeon General's warning on a pack of cigarettes; 1837, an anti-tobacco poster; 1604, "A Counterblaste to Tobacco" by King James I.

### STAFF

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# 2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## NOVEMBER

### FALL CHORES

**F** Saturday, November 8 1 - 4pm  
Help the farm family clear brush from their fields, stack wood for the winter, repair old fencing, and perform many other necessary farm tasks in preparation for the coming winter. They will welcome any extra hands! Clothes that can get dirty and work gloves are recommended. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

### GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE

**G** Tuesday, November 18 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.

### WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS

**W** Thursday, November 20 6 - 8pm  
Ah, a rest from farm labor! Join us as we explore the customs of 18th century Wassail and Christmas celebrations. Singing, dancing, storytelling and more. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required.* Contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).

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### WASSAIL

**W** Sunday, December 14 1 - 4pm  
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 14 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 2009 season on Wednesday, April 1 at 10 am. The GateHouse Holiday Shop will remain open through Sunday, December 21, 2008.



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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# Wassail!

Sunday, December 14  
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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