



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 ~*

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2009

OKTOBERFEST AT THE PAVILIONS

The Oktoberfest Fundraising Party held on Oct. 2 was enjoyed by over 160 guests who ate and drank and danced the night away. Others just enjoyed the cozy fire in our new stone fireplace and the new clear sliding sides on this expanded pavilion were such a help on a cool night. It was a perfect night at the Farm!

Once again our friends made this event a great success. Our thanks go to volunteers **Jean Ann Gililand, Gail Robin, Marg Goralski, Margaret Reinig, Peggy Singleton** and **Jody Moffitt** who helped with the Silent Auction – and the proceeds were over \$3,200.

The volunteer Polka Band was organized by **John McCauley** and the bar was ably tended by **Steve Adams** and **Moira Skinner**.

Our fabulous food and service was delivered by our very own, perfectly wonderful business partner, **JR's Colonial Catering**. It was a terrific menu of traditional German fare plus wonderful additions such as stir fried vegetables and apple cobbler with ice cream. JR's is so well known for its picnic menus people are always surprised that they do lots of other menus. Everything from prime rib and smoked salmon to vegan or Ethiopian. And their service staff is the best, sometimes they even let us help! Our grateful thanks to **Peg, David, Sandy, Tim** and rest of the crew for another wonderful year!

We haven't had an Oktoberfest for many years but this one was such fun, and brought in over \$6,000 much-needed income, that we have already scheduled it for October 1, 2010.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

We have received many blessings this year; our tobacco crop was not as poor as we were fearing, what with the heavy spring rains, so we will be able to pay our rent. Faith, our cow, just had her calf. The fresh milk, butter and cheese that she will provide these coming winter months will bring a welcome relief to the dried and pickled foods we have been working so hard to preserve.



We look forward to seeing all of you again, perhaps for Wassail, before the long winter months set in. We bid you good tidings and cheer!

Your most humble servants,
Lydia, Mariah & Zachariah Bradley

OCTOBER MARKET FAIR

For the first time in over five years, we had to cancel a Market Fair day. The rain all day Saturday prevented us from holding the Fair. But, good fortune smiled upon us once more by Sunday! Although it was still cold and very wet and muddy, the skies stayed clear of rain and snow.

With the generous support of so many volunteers who trooped out in the cold and wet to help us, our one day of Market Fair was a success. Our volunteers created a good experience for the over 700 brave visitors who came to sample the 18th century.

Many, many thanks are due to all those who made the Market Fair a success: the volunteers, the visitors, and all those praying for good weather.

FAREWELL ELIZABETH ROLANDO

After over three years of dedicated service to the Farm, Elizabeth Rolando has gone even further back in time. She now works as an interpreter at Plimoth Plantation, in Massachusetts, recreating the year 1627. If you are ever visiting Plimoth, do stop in and say "Good Day"!

WELCOME ZACH & JULIE DOZIER

The Farm is pleased to welcome Julie and Zach Dozier. They graduated from the University of Maine and were married this past May; Julie now has a degree in history, and Zach a degree in recreation management. They worked for the Farm as interns this past summer, and are now part of the staff. Julie manages our greenhouse and plant areas, while Zach is in charge of our group visits and is also a costumed interpreter on the 1771 farm site. We are delighted to have such hardworking and pleasant people added to our staff. Please give them both a warm welcome!

CATALOG NOW ONLINE!

The Farm is pleased to offer its unique selection of educational books, kits and toys, plus seeds and natural dyes, now available to purchase from our website as well as the GateHouse Shop. Visit www.1771.org/catalog.htm to browse our offerings.

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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Riddles

The following came from 18th century books. Can you figure them out? Answers below.

1. There's a little short gentleman,

That wears the yellow trows,

A dirk below his doublet

For sticking of his foes.

Yet in a finging posture,

Where'er you do him see,

And if you offer violence,

He'll stab his dirk in thee.

2. Two dozen old fellows, some shorter than others,

Two thousand years liv'd, and all of them brothers;

Notwithstanding their age, they're as upright as ever,

Much businefs they do, and are active and clever;

They are mostly in black when seen in the streets,

And never together lie, but in very clean sheets.

3. Without a bridle or a saddle,

Across a thing I ride and straddle,

And those I ride, by the help of me,

Though almost blind are made to see.

4. 'Tis true I have both face and hands,

And move before your eyes;

Yet when I go my body stands,

And when I stand I lie.

The Answers:



bee



alphabet



spectacles



clock

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2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

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GateHouse Shop: 703-903-9330

NOVEMBER

AUTUMN CHORES

Sunday, 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. *Weather Permitting.*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE



Tuesday, November 17 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.

CHEW THE FAT



Saturday, November 21 1 - 4pm
What can you do with fat? Many things! Come help the farm family make soap, candles and dubbin, all of which use lard (pig fat) or tallow (beef fat). *Weather Permitting.*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP

through December 20: Wed. - Sun. 10am - 5pm
Avoid the craziness of the malls and enjoy easy parking. Choose from a unique selection of 18th century reproductions toys, housewares, jewelry, toiletries and consumables. All sales proceeds benefit the Farm's educational programs.

UPCOMING BOOK SALE



It will be in November, we just haven't set the date yet. As soon as we know, we'll advertise on **BookSaleFinder.com**, send out an email notice, post to our website, Facebook and Twitter and send out a press release. Or you can always contact us through **aeberly@1771.org** or just call 703-442-7557. Thank you for donating books and then buying them back!

DECEMBER

WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS

Wednesday, December 2 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; reservations required; contact **kcannon@1771.org**. *Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome.*

WASSAIL

Sunday, December 13 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. Enjoy hot spiced cider, sugar cakes, a bonfire and 18th century games.



THE FARM GOES INTO HIBERNATION

Sunday, December 13 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 2010 season on Wednesday, April 1 at 10 am. The GateHouse Holiday Shop will remain open through Sunday, December 20, 2009.

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GENEROUS GRANT GIVES FARM NEW ORCHARD

The Farm's apple orchard has been nearing the end of its lifespan. After over 30 years of faithfully bearing apples, most of the trees are ready for retirement due to a disease called fireblight.



And, these aren't just any trees; the Farm grows heritage varieties of all its crops, including many old and rare types of apples: Roxbury Russet, Hewes Crab, Redstreak, and many more. These varieties have been grown in Virginia since the 18th century and earlier, and many are now difficult to find.

The National Grange was happy to support the Farm by funding a grant of \$850, which will fully cover the cost of the trees. The National Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization. Its 300,000 members provide service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America. The Grange was formed in the years following the American Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population. Over the past 142 years, it has evolved to include non-farm rural families and communities. The Farm is very proud to be supported by such a wonderful organization.

This entire project was conceived, organized and will be completed by Farm volunteer, **Poppy Coppock**, a 17-year-old who is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. Poppy first joined the Farm as a volunteer in the Apprentice Program when she was 14, and she has been dedicated to serving the Farm ever since.



As part of Poppy's project, she is organizing her fellow Girl Scouts to come out and plant the trees; most of the orchard will be replanted with new trees by our opening day of April 1, 2010.

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

- 1 full-size electric range with convection oven
- 1 electric clothes dryer
- large trailer for staff housing

We no longer accept televisions or computer parts

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books. Contact marg@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 zdozier@1771.org.

FOLLOW THE FARM ON TWITTER & FACEBOOK

The Farm is now finally in the 21st century (while remaining in the 18th): we have accounts with Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook is a website where you create a profile of yourself or your organization. You can become a "fan" of an organization. Our Facebook profile includes pictures, upcoming events, and posts of recent news flashes like the opening of our online catalog. If you go to www.facebook.com, create an account (it's free!), and search for **Claude Moore Colonial Farm**, you can view our profile and become a fan.

Twitter is a website that posts short messages and updates. There we will keep you informed of any breaking news at the Farm, as we did when we had to cancel 1 day of Market Fair, and also more regular occurrences such as what activities the "farm family" will be doing for the day. To receive these updates, go to twitter.com, sign up for an account (it's free!) and search for **CM Colonial Farm**.

THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN

Book now for 2010

Now as we end the season, we look forward to next year and begin the whole booking process all over again. Good Food - Good Facility - Good Staff - Good Friends - Good Times - it's what the Pavilions of Turkey Run is all about. Check out the web site at www.jrspicnics.com for more information.

As a reminder, J.R.'s can cater your holiday event to make it a special occasion. Call Peg at (703) 707-8559 for more details.

WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS

Wednesday, December 2, 6-8pm

Have you ever wondered how Virginians celebrated the winter holidays before our modern traditions were born? Some of the older traditions may surprise you!

This workshop features a discussion of colonial traditions, plus learning songs, stories, and dances appropriate to wintertime celebrations.

\$5 fee; \$3 members and current volunteers; reservations required. Contact kcannon@1771.org. Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome.

FARM FUNDING UPDATE

We need to raise \$42,000 before the end of the year to balance our operating budget. Because of loss of grants and income decline in Pavilion rentals, we started with a \$70,000 shortfall so we are moving in the right direction. We found ways to cut spending and have boosted income by finding more things and ways to sell stuff, joined the Fairfax City Sunday Farmer's Market, held the Oktoberfest, etc. There will be a general appeal letter sent out next month so our hopes are high that we will end the year "in the black". Thank you so much for your support this year.

NEW CALF



Our cow, Faith, had a cute little bull calf on October 27. Mama and baby are doing fine, and did not even need any help with the birth. We went out to the field to check on the cows, and -- surprise! -- there was the calf.

All three of our cows (the two adults, Rose and Faith, and the calf) are in the pasture beyond the apple orchard; make sure you look for them when you next visit the Farm.

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 Discover

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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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 13
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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Autumn Chores Nov. 8

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