



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 34th Year of Operation ~*

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2007

YOU ARE INVITED

The Bradley family invites their Friends
and Neighbors to a joyous celebration of
the WEDDING of
Henrietta Thornton and Bryan Ferguson.

Sunday, the 9th day of September
At the Home of Lydia Bradley,
Sister to the Bride.

1-4pm; ceremony at 2:00

Please join the Bradley family as they cel-
ebrate this joyous occasion.

*This event at the Farm recreates an 18th
century wedding, but it will not be a le-
gal ceremony in modern terms.* The event
will include a short ceremony, music,
dancing, games, and a wedding cake that
all our guests will be able to try. Regular
admission. For more information, see the
Farm's website at www.1771.org.

MARKET FAIR PASSES

Change in website pass

There have been some changes in the Market Fair
Pass that is available on our website. First of all,
in order to access the pass, you need to provide an
email address. We will use this address to send you
information about upcoming Farm events, and will
not share it with anyone else. Secondly, the online
pass is now for **50% off** the admission price for up
to 6 people. Don't worry, you can still get the FREE
passes, but they are now only available at the Farm.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to our Friends:

Our Tobacco Harvest went well thanks to
all of you who came with Willing Hands!
The lack of Rain this year has led to a
Harvest lighter than usual, but we should
have enough to get by this Year.



With the Weather beginning to Cool, we are preparing for
our Fall Plantings of our winter Wheat and Rye, and various
Greens such as Kale and Spinach.

It is with great Excitement that we invite you all to the WED-
DING of our sister Henrietta, who will be Married in our Or-
chard on Sunday, the 9th day of September. The Festivities will
begin at 1:00, and we hope you can all Join us.

Your most humble and obedient servants,
Lydia Bradley
Mariah Thornton

COLONIAL COMPANY

Text

I Publish the Bans of Marriage between Bryan Ferguson and Henrietta Thornton. If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joyned together in holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it: This is the first time of asking.

The wedding will be held at the Farm on Sunday, September 9th, from 1-4pm. The ceremony is at 2.

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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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Wedding Traditions

Anyone who has been to a wedding is familiar with at least some of the traditions that our culture practices. But how long have they been traditions? Everything has to start somewhere, although the origins of most traditions are difficult to track down, since their popularity grew gradually. Here are a handful of traditions and their known, or probable origins:

White Bridal Gown

Fortunately, this is one of the easier traditions to pinpoint. There was no standard color for wedding gowns until 1840, when Queen Victoria of England set the trend at her own wedding by wearing white.



Rings

The gift of rings for various purposes has been a custom since the time of the Anglo-Saxons in England (before 1000 A.D.). We know that rings were used at weddings by the Farm's time period, 1771, because their exchange is included in the official Church of England ceremony. However, jewelry was expensive; what if the couple was too poor to afford rings? Then they just had to do without.

Wedding Favors

The practice of gift-giving is common in most cultures throughout history the world over; ask your local anthropologist for details. One custom that the Farm is adopting for its wedding event is the giving of silk ribbons. Hand-dyed silk ribbons will be loosely tied to the bride's gown, and after the ceremony guests will be encouraged to gently pull one off and keep it for luck!

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/ *Farm Wife*

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WORKSHOP: WOODWORKING TOOLS

Taught by Walt Henderson!

Come to this hands-on workshop, led by an experienced Cabinetmaker, to learn how to properly sharpen and use some common woodworking tools of the 18th century. Workshop is Tuesday, October 9, from 6-8pm. There will be a small fee for supplies. Please RSVP by October 2 to Katherine Hughes at 703-442-7557 or khughes@1771.org.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The following are free to a good home; first come, first served. Call the Farm office at 703-442-7557 to check availability and arrange a pickup time.

- A selection of videos, children & adult
- Puppet supplies
- Roosters (yes, we mean live chickens)

PERENNIALS FOR FALL PLANTING

Now that the weather is moving into cooler temps with more rain, this is the perfect time to add plants that are happier being planted in the fall. Not only do you save time in the busy spring season, but the plants become well established so they bloom heavily next year.

We have digitalis, heuchera, pulmonaria, anemone sylvestris, hardy ferns, begonia grandis and bergenia as well as astilbes, coreopsis, daylillies and many more. There are also a limited number of figs and grapes as well as lots of rhubarb plants. See a more detailed list at www.1771.org. All plants are grown here at the Farm by our Horticulture volunteers and staff and are available for sale Monday - Friday from 9 to 5 pm. For more information, call Debbie West at 703-442-7557 or email dwest@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.

Items Needed:

Remember, all donations are tax deductible

- Leather scraps 8" x 8" or larger for pickle jars
- Paper grocery bags
- Bagged grass clippings from untreated yards

Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing many different items for the Farm; projects for all skill levels. Contact kjackson@1771.org.
- Sorting books & donated goods on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm. Contact marg@1771.org.
- Helping at the Farm Skills program on some Thursdays this fall. Contact khughes@1771.org.
- Help in the Greenhouse. Contact dwest@1771.org.

NEED HELP WITH DONATED GOODS

Wanted! Someone who remembers what fun she had playing with dolls. Chez Puce has a bag of adorable doll clothes that need some dainty laundering and ironing -- would you like to do it? MUCH more fun than ironing shirts! When finished, we'll put them in the GateHouse, in case the dolls Santa plans to deliver need some additions to their wardrobes. If you're tempted, email or call Marg at marg@1771.org, 703-599-5038 (cell) or 703-356-4350 (home).

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

18TH CENTURY WEDDING
Sunday, September 9 1 - 4pm
Ceremony at 2pm

Come celebrate with the farm family on this joyous occasion! Dance with the bride and groom, witness an 18th century style ceremony, and taste the wedding cake. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

OCTOBER

SPINNING & DYEING DAY
Saturday, October 6 1 - 4pm
How do you go from sheep to clothing? Come help the farm family as they card, spin, and dye wool for knitting. Compare wool processing with flax, and note the differences in how they are prepared. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR
Sat. & Sun. October 20 & 21 11am - 4:30pm
Warm yourself by the fire and enjoy the splendor of fall with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads. Let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Have your fortune told or purchase a charm from the Gypsy Fortune Teller. Allow Mistress Barrow and Mr. John to entice you with their wares at the Dry Goods and the Gentlemen's Goods stand. Learn to dip a candle or turn a piece of wood on the carpenter's lathe. Stop by the Tavern for a cup of mulled wine before you begin your holiday shopping at the many tradesmen's and merchant's stalls. Period food, beverages and wares are available for purchase. *Special Event Admission applies.* Get a 50% Discounted Market Fair Pass from our website, at www.1771.org/market_fair_pass.htm *Weather permitting - call ahead.*



NOVEMBER

FALL CHORES
Sunday, November 4 1 - 4pm
Bring your work gloves and help as the farm family transitions from summer work in the fields to fall chores. The farm family will need extra hands to help as they clear brush out of the fields, repair old fencing, and perform many other necessary farm tasks. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP
Nov. 23 - Dec. 23; Open every day 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
Tuesday, November 27 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.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

WOODWORKING TOOLS WORKSHOP
Tuesday, October 9 6 - 8pm
Contact Katherine Hughes at khughes@1771.org

MARKET FAIR SET-UP
Saturday, October 13 9am - 3pm
(Continues the following week)
Contact J-D Engle at jengle@1771.org

MARKET FAIR CLEAN-UP
Sunday, October 21 4:30 - 8pm
(Continues the following week)
Contact J-D Engle at jengle@1771.org

FALL IS FABULOUS

At The Pavilions of Turkey Run

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

“It ain’t over yet!” Summer is coming to a close but The Pavilions of Turkey Run are still going strong with picnics and parties being held through the end of October. The trees are in full color and there is a festive crispness in the air. In addition to our picnics, there are Fall Festivals, Halloween Parties, and even a Rock n’ Roll Party.



And the FUN keeps rolling on and on and on.....

For more information, visit our web site at www.jrspicnics.com or call Peg Jarman in the Marketing office at (703) 893-6545. It’s not just for picnics!

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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 _____

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 _____

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18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



OCTOBER 20st & 21nd

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	Millinery	Wood Workers	Chandler
Men's Goods	Games	Puppet Show	Stationer
Colonial Dancers	Militia	Blacksmith	Animals
Singing and Musick, and much more			
Roast Chicken • Bread • Cheese • Sausage • Fresh Vegetables & Fruits			
Meat Pies • Tarts • Lemonade • Beer & Wine • Fish House Punch			
ADMISSION: Adults \$5.00 Children (3-12 years) & Senior Citizens\$2.50			

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18th Century Wedding September 9

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Autumn Market Fair October 20 & 21

NOVEMBER

Fall Chores November 4
GateHouse Holiday Shop Nov. 23-Dec. 23
GateHouse Holiday Shop Open House Nov. 27