



# 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 ~*

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2008

### PLANTS FOR SALE!

The Farm's nursery is just packed with wonderful things. We have herbs, perennial flowers including many rare and heirloom varieties, and plenty of fig trees!

Fall is the best time to plant most perennials. They establish quicker and with less stress. Plus, you get a head start on next spring!



Come to the Farm office Monday through Friday, 9am - 5pm, or to the GateHouse Shop Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 5pm to browse our selection.

### ON THE FARM

*Tobacco Notes*

Greetings to our Friends:

Our thanks to the many folks who came to help with our tobacco Harvest. It looks like we will be able to pay the Rent this Year, and maybe have enough for a new pair of Shoes.



We have been planting the Autumn crops; our Kale, Spinach, and Turnips are coming up well, and we have great hopes for a good crop of Wheat next spring.

While this Summer was a bit dry, we are thankful that it was not the drought we had last year. We hope all your Crops did well also, and please know that you are most welcome to come visit us.

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

### ANIMAL NEWS

#### Calf has a Name

Our new calf, born last June, has now been named **Harriet**. We hope you will come and visit Harriet, her mother Faith, and her auntie Rose the next time you are at the Farm.



### FARMERS

We bid a fond farewell to **Katherine Hughes**, who is leaving us to get her Master's Degree. She was a farmer/farm wife here for two years. Good luck, Katherine!

Please welcome **Heather Trunick** the next time you visit the Farm; she is taking over Katherine's position, and we already like her a lot!

## JOB OPENING

### 18th century Farmer

#### Part-time

The Farm seeks a person with the following skills and interests:

- ability to set priorities and follow through without direct supervision
- good judgment and “people” skills as job requires working with both children and adult volunteers and other staff members
- interest or knowledge of history and/or teaching
- ability to work with the public
- a love and understanding of animals/livestock
- desire to become a member of a close knit staff and family of volunteers

The specific duties include **working 8-16 hours per week**. These 1-2 days will be spent as an 18th century living history farmer which includes:

- interacting with the public
- wearing 18th century reproduction clothing
- caring for the farm’s animals
- performing the farm chores required by the season
- working out of doors in both extreme heat and cold, doing heavy physical labor
- responsibly supervising both adult and child volunteers

This position includes some evenings and weekend work.

To apply: Email cover letter and resume to Ms. Katie Cannon at [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org). Position open until filled.

## COLONIAL CORNER

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



### Cosmetics

Makeup has been around for a long time. While styles change, people have been changing their appearance for thousands of years.

The 1771 edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* defines Cosmetic as:

“any medicine or preparation which renders the skin soft and white, or helps to beautify and improve the complexion; as lip-salves, cold creams, cerufs, &c.”

### Poison

Many preparations involved harmful substances, such as lead or sheep dung. So, be careful if you ever try out an old recipe-- make sure it is safe!



### Ingredients

Two common ingredients in lip salves and cold creams (as mentioned in the *Encyclopedia*) are **wax** and **oil**. The wax would usually be beeswax (from bees) or spermaceti (from sperm whales), and the oil from either olives or almonds.

### Coloring

So, where to get the red coloring found in lip salves and rouges? Two ingredients listed in 18th century recipe books are **alkanet** and **carmine**. Alkanet is a plant you can grow in your garden, and carmine is made from cochineal... which is a bug! It is also made into a modern food dye, so if you eat anything dyed red, you may be eating insects!

Source: *The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1771; The Compleat Housewife by E. Smith, 1753*

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J.D. Engle, <i>Facilities Manager</i>	Addie Singleton, <i>GateHouse Assistant</i>
Katie Jackson, <i>Site Supervisor/ Farm Wife</i>	Heather Trunick, <i>Program Manager / Farmer</i>
Will Pacheco, <i>GateHouse Assistant</i>	Debbie West, <i>Plant Manager</i>

# 2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## SEPTEMBER

**WORKSHOP: COLONIAL CERAMICS**  
Tuesday, September 9 6 - 8pm  
Enjoy an interactive presentation on 18th century pottery. Learn the differences in glazes, shapes and sizes of ceramics that were used in the 1700s. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required.* Contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).

**18TH CENTURY WEDDING**  
Saturday, September 13 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

**WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS**  
Thursday, October 2 6 - 8pm  
Meet the Farm's animals up close and personal! Learn how to correctly handle each of the animals, plus some history of each of the breeds. Clothing that can get dirty is recommended. *\$5 fee; members and volunteers \$3; reservations required.* Contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).

**SPINNING & DYEING DAY**  
Sunday, October 5 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 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR**  
Sat. & Sun., October 18 & 19, 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 amuse you. Have your fortune told or purchase a charm from the Gypsy Fortune Teller. 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. Market Fair admission fee: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children (3-12 years old) and senior citizens. Weather Permitting.*

## NOVEMBER

**FALL CHORES**  
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.*

**WORKSHOP: WINTER TRADITIONS**  
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).

**GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday, November 25 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.

**GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP**  
Wed. - Sun., Nov. 28 - Dec. 21 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.

## VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

**SEWING CIRCLE**  
Third Wednesdays 6 - 8pm  
Contact Katie Cannon at [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).

**BOOK SORTING**  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8pm  
Contact Marg Goralski at [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).

**FARM SKILLS PROGRAM**  
Selected Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Contact Heather Trunick at [htrunick@1771.org](mailto:htrunick@1771.org).

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Learn the backgrounds of the Farm's historic breeds of cattle, pigs, chickens, turkeys and geese, and how to correctly handle each of these animals



while on the 1771 farm site. This will be a hands-on training; wear something that you would not mind holding a chicken in! \$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required; contact

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## 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 alligator head (for the Market Fair Raree Show)
- An insect trapped in amber (for the Market Fair Raree Show)
- Bagged grass clippings & leaves
- A working, gas-powered lawnmower
- Plastic laundry baskets
- DVD player
- A large trailer for staff housing

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sewing: both take-home projects and new members of our sewing circle, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month May - November. Contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).
- Teaching at the Thursday Farm Skills program; \$30 stipend. Contact [htrunick@1771.org](mailto:htrunick@1771.org).
- Sorting donated books & goods on Tuesdays. Contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).
- Greenhouse & plant help throughout the growing season. Contact [dwest@1771.org](mailto:dwest@1771.org).

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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18th Century Wedding September 13

## OCTOBER

Workshop: Farm Animals October 2  
Spinning & Dyeing Day October 5  
Autumn Market Fair October 18 & 19

## NOVEMBER

Fall Chores November 8  
Workshop: Winter Traditions November 20  
GateHouse Holiday Shop Open House Nov. 25  
GateHouse Holiday Shop Nov. 28-Dec. 21

# 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY MARKET FAIR



OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Weather Permitting

Things to Buy, See, Do, Eat and Drink!

Turkey Run Players Theatrical Troupe • Dry Goods • Stillatory  
Fortune Teller • Spinsters • Seamstress • Basket Maker  
Pewtersmith • Signora Bella the Slack Rope Walker • Millinery  
Wood Workers • Chandler • Men's Goods • Rug Hooking •  
Puppet Show • Games • Stationer • Surveyor • Potter • Colonial  
Dancers • Blacksmith • Cabinet Maker • Militia • 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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