



# Family News Letter

of

## The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States  
~ Celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> Year of Operation ~*

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2009

## OCTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER AT THE PAVILIONS

October 2: Mark your calendar!

Friday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 10 pm, we will be hosting a lively evening of Fun, Food and Fundraising. Invite family and friends and associates to participate in this event at THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN. It's also a chance to see our new expanded pavilion, complete with a large stone fireplace and clear sides, should the weather become a bit chilly (so no excuse not to come). There will be:

- ❖ Food by J.R.'s including Brats and Knocks, Chicken and all the sides
- ❖ Edy's Ice Cream Sundae Bar and of course, some great beer.
- ❖ A Polka Band for entertainment and dancing
- ❖ Lots of exciting items for our silent auction (some especially nice items provided by Marg, Queen of Fleas, plus local businesses)
- ❖ Plenty of opportunity to mingle with old friends and meet new ones.

Tickets will sell for \$25 ea. or 6 for \$100. For tickets please contact Anna Eberly at [aeberly@1771.org](mailto:aeberly@1771.org) or 703-475-2421.

As with everyone and everything, the economy has greatly affected the Farm's income and we are falling far short of our budget this year. Please, we really need your support to continue our operations. Any donations of auction items or additional cash donations are greatly appreciated – Plus it will be just a wonderful evening!

## ON THE FARM

*Tobacco Notes*

Greetings to our Friends:

Our Tobacco Harvest went quickly this year thanks to so many willing and helpful friends and neighbors. Though we feared it to be a hard year with the rains of this past spring, our harvest has turned better than we had expected.



We are now turning our attentions to our autumn crops. We pray that the rabbits and rodents have had their fill of our kitchen garden during the summer months, so that they may leave our other crops alone. The spinach, turnips, kale and parsnips shall taste mighty fine during the coming fall, if only we may get to them before they do!

We pray you have an easy time of your autumn planting, and may your bounty be fruitful.

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

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## HALF PRICE SALE ON ESTATE ITEMS

Visit the GateHouse Shop from August 26 through the 30th (Wednesday - Sunday) for a 50% off clearance sale on all donated items and used books. We have books, records, household items, advertising collectibles, craft materials, jewelry, toys and games and more. This sale includes all items marked either Dept. 70 or 72 but does NOT include the rest of the merchandise in the shop. The Shop is open from 10 am to 5 pm and we accept checks, charges and cash. No other discounts apply.

## WANTED: PUPPET MASTER/MISTRESS

Mistress McKenzie, who has long gloried in the title, begs leave to advise the public that for divers reasons, it is her solemn intention to leave the trade of Puppet Mistress. She is therefore desirous of procuring the dedicated attention of another to the Office to ensure the continued performance of such entertainments as are most fit for the edification and Amusement of young Visitors to Market Fairs. All willing persons are encouraged to report their interest in the same to Mrs. McKenzie by writing to her at [x81c10@gmail.com](mailto:x81c10@gmail.com). Mrs. McKenzie pledges to reveal all such mysteries of the trade as her replacement desires, viz., the artificing of players, preparation of scenery, &c.

## TEACHERS & HOMESCHOOLERS

Need help with your curriculum this year? We offer many educational materials at the GateHouse shop, for very reasonable prices.

**History:** We have many books to help teach history, both fiction and non-fiction. **Science:** Our natural dyes and kits (\$1-\$16) can help teach many scientific principles, plus provide a wealth of experiments for your budding scientists. Or, teach biology with our Herb Garden Kit (\$2.50). **Money:** Learn about 18th century money with our Currency Kit (\$6.50). **Writing:** Have your young scholars learn to write the old-fashioned way with a quill or on a slate with our Writing Kit (\$6.50).

*The GateHouse Shop is open Wednesday - Sunday,  
10am - 5pm, April through December.*

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## COLONIAL CORNER

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



### Water

“Do you really drink that water?!”

This is a common question on the 18th century farm site; the water in the natural spring is usually sprinkled with leaves, twigs, and the occasional frog. When they are in character, the “farm family” says that of course they use the water for cooking and sometimes drinking, but that apple cider is better for drinking.

So what *did* 18th century people think about clean water? We are lucky to have instructions on the choice of water from an even earlier time period; in 1542, Andrew Boorde wrote the following:

“Water is not wholesome, sole by itself, for an Englishman... The best water is rain-water, so be it that it be clean and purely taken. Next to it is running water, the which doth swiftly run... upon stones or pebbles. The third water to be praised is river or brook water, the which is clear... Standing waters, the which be refreshed with a fresh spring, is commendable; but standing waters and well-waters, to which the sun hath no reflection, although they be nigher than other running waters be, yet they be not so commendable. And let every man beware of all waters the which be standing, and be putrified with froth...”

So, even though they didn't know why (the germ theory will not be until the 19th century) they knew that water *could* be bad for you, and that running water was more likely to be healthy! Not bad for people who had never heard of microorganisms.

*Source: Andrew Boorde, A Dyetary of Helth (1542), pp. 252-3.*

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# 2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

Office: 703-442-7557  
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## SEPTEMBER

### BOOK SALE

Friday Sept. 5-8pm & Sat. Sept. 12 10-5pm  
Come browse our ever-growing selection of books of all types: fiction, non-fiction, children's, and much more.

### SPINNING & DYEING DAY

Saturday, September 19 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.*

## OCTOBER

### WORKSHOP: FARM ANIMALS

Thursday, October 1 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. \$5 fee; reservations required; contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).  
*Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome.*

### WORKSHOP: WOODWORKING

Wednesday, October 2 6 - 8pm  
Try several tools that are as useful today as they were centuries ago, and learn how to care for them. \$5 fee; reservations required. Contact [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org).  
*Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome.*

### AUTUMN 18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 17 & 18 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. 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. Market Fair admission fee: \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children (3-12 years old) and senior citizens. Weather Permitting.*

## 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. They will welcome any extra hands! *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 21: Wed. - Sun. 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.

## VINTAGE CLOTHES, ACCESSORIES, BOOK SALE

Sometime this Fall we plan on having a sale of vintage clothing, accessories and books on fashion, gemology, jewelry, etc. We haven't set a date yet so if you are interested, please contact Anna at [aerberly@1771.org](mailto:aerberly@1771.org). We will definitely be sending an email message about the sale but if you're not on the Claude Moore Colonial Farm News email list you may not get prior notice.

## JOIN THE TOWN CRIER GUILD

Help get the word out about the Farm! Too often we hear, "I've lived in this area for 20 years and never knew you were here!" And, with the Farm in financial difficulty, we need to raise awareness.



Members will receive occasional emails that can be forwarded to friends and co-workers, flyer and poster attachments which can be printed and distributed, half price Market Fair passes, etc. We're also interested in expanding social networking opportunities (Twitter, Facebook, etc.), outreach to community and property associations, Embassies, etc. We want your ideas as well as your help. Who better to promote the Farm than those who love it?

Please join us on September 10 at noon for an informative lunch with Vicki Baker, our board member and PR Consultant, to explore ways to promote the Farm. Limited space, adults or current Apprentice volunteers only. Contact Katie Cannon at [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org) to RSVP. If you can't make the meeting and still want to help, please e-mail Katie and ask to be added to the Town Crier Guild. Our new Town Crier Guild is vital to the Farm's continued operation!

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## CALLING ALL SEAMSTRESSES

Do you like to sew? Are you looking for a fun project to benefit a good cause? We've got a great volunteer opportunity for you! Our staff and volunteers on the 18th Century Farm site work hard and their clothing gets holes, rips, or just plain wears out. We need help to keep the "farm family" clothed!

We have projects for all levels, from basic to advanced. This is a great project to take home with you and work on at your leisure. The staff will provide supplies if you need them. Please contact Elizabeth Rolando at [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@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*

- 2 working electric ranges
- Hose hangers & hose reels
- A large trailer for staff housing

*We no longer accept televisions or computer parts*

### Volunteer Help Needed:

- Sorting donated books & goods. Contact [marg@1771.org](mailto:marg@1771.org).
- Mending the Farm's 18th century clothing. Mostly hand sewing. Contact [erolando@1771.org](mailto:erolando@1771.org).
- Teaching at the Farm Skills program; \$30 stipend. Contact [htrunick@1771.org](mailto:htrunick@1771.org).

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## TWO WORKSHOPS: FARM ANIMALS

Thursday, October 1, 6-8pm

Have you ever wanted to hold a chicken? Herd a turkey? Now you can! The Farm staff will take you behind-the-scenes to meet the Farm's heritage breed animals. Wear something you would not mind holding a chicken in.

## WOODWORKING

Wednesday, October 7, 6-8pm

Are you interested in woodworking tools and techniques that have been used for generations? Come learn about and explore 18th Century woodworking tools with our own Master Craftsman..

*\$5 fee; \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required. Contact Katie Cannon at [kcannon@1771.org](mailto:kcannon@1771.org) for a reservation. Workshops are intended for adults; mature children are also welcome.*

## BOOK SALE

Sept. 11, 5 to 8 pm

Sept. 12, 10 am to 5 pm

**H**uge sale with special deal of "Buy one - get one free" of all \$1 books. Special table displays of Performing Arts books and old records. This sale is held at the Sales building at the end of Colonial Farm Road. Checks and cash only.



## CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE

**A**t a time of sorrow when family and friends are recognizing loss and seeking comfort, THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN offers an alternative venue to a funeral home or a church. Located in McLean, VA, the Pavilions provide an opportunity to gather in a private and relaxed setting, perfect for honoring your loved one. The covered Pavilions blend perfectly with the beautiful wooded outdoors and set the stage for a celebration of life.



## SUCCESSFUL MARKET FAIR A RELIEF TO THE FARM

**O**ur July Market Fair brought much-needed visitors and income to the Farm. The Market Fairs are our best outreach events, introducing new visitors to the Farm.

This past July Market Fair brought 1800 visitors throughout the weekend, with gross sales over \$19,000!

We are hoping for another successful Market Fair this October 17 & 18. You can help the Farm by spreading the word, and also volunteering (in costume or not). "Many hands make light work" after all!

Afterwards guests can mingle and appreciate a plentiful buffet and beverages. J.R.'s will manage all of the details of your event, giving you the opportunity to attend to your guests. Friends of the Farm have used the Pavilions for this on several occasions and the events were so well received that we decided to offer this opportunity to others in the community.

For further information, please contact Peg Jarman at 703-707-8820 or [peg@jrsbeef.com](mailto:peg@jrsbeef.com).



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



OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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 • Basket Maker • Pewtersmith  
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

ADMISSION: Adults ..... \$5.00      Children (3-12 years) & Senior Citizens ..... \$2.50

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### SEPTEMBER

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Spinning & Dyeing Sept. 19

### OCTOBER

Farm Animals Workshop Oct. 1  
Woodworking Workshop Oct. 7  
Market Fair Oct. 17 & 18

### NOVEMBER

Autumn Chores Nov. 8  
GateHouse Holiday Shop Open House Nov. 17  
Chew the Fat Nov. 21

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