



Family News Letter

of

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run

*The only privately operated National Park in the United States
~ Celebrating its 33rd Year of Operation ~*

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2006

YOU ARE INVITED

THE Harbin family invites their Friends and Neighbors to a joyous celebration of the WEDDING of Mary Harbin and Eli Stone.

Saturday, the 2nd day of September
At the Home of John Harbin,
Brother to the Bride.
5-8pm

Please join the Harbin family as they celebrate this joyous occasion.

(Claude Moore Colonial Farm, regular admission)

COME LIVE IN THE 18TH CENTURY!

Do you want to know what colonial life was really like? Come join us for a weekend you won't forget!

The **Colonial Living Experience** is a new educational program at the Farm, in which participants can live the weekend in the 18th century, wearing the clothing of the day, sleeping in cotton tents, cooking the meals over a fire and performing other tasks necessary to survive in the year 1771. The program is offered September 23 & 24. Paid reservations are required; see www.1771.org for details, or email kjackson@1771.org.

ON THE FARM

Tobacco Notes

Greetings to you all once again, friends and neighbors. I hope that this will find you all in good health and spirits. Things here on the farm have been proceeding a-pace. The hot weather of several weeks back has passed, or so it seems, and the crops are little the worse for wear. Despite some infestation of deer, our corn seems to be doing fair well and the horn worms have not been so terrible bad this year as in years past. We are looking to bring a fine harvest of our tobacco and corn crops soon.



As I am sure you are all aware, sister Mary will be wed early in the Month of September and all are welcome to join in the festivities of that blessed event.

Till next we speak, I wish you all good health and prosperity.

I am and remain,
Your most humble and obedient servant,
John Harbin

THE GATEHOUSE SHOP

Gifts for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen



Handmade toys, honey, fruit preserves and jams, jewelry, soaps, home accessories, garden gifts, plants, books and collectibles

Open Wednesday through Sunday
☞ 10am - 5pm ☞

Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run
6310 Georgetown Pike McLean, VA
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FARM RECEIVES GRANTS

The George and Fay Young Foundation has given a very generous grant toward our donated goods program which will create additional sales space. The area formerly enclosed by a canopy will now have a floor, roof and walls. We are also adding a large ventilation fan which will help cool the entire space. The Young Foundation gave us the original grant to create this space and we are very grateful for their continuing generosity.

The Loughran Foundation has given a grant toward our "User Manual" project. We are creating an operations plan for the Farm that will cover all aspects of how to run the Farm. The first plan is for the GateHouse Shop and it is 95% complete. We are thankful to the Loughran Foundation for contributing to this very needed work.

The **New Dominion Women's Club** gave a gift which we have put toward our donated goods construction project. Several gifts have been received in memory of Dorothy Walton which have also been applied to this new building.

The **Woman's Club of McLean** gave a seed grant toward building railings at the Pavilions of Turkey Run. JR's Colonial Caterers completed the project and the new railings make our paths safer and also look wonderful.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The volunteer workshop for the month of September will be covering **heritage breed animals**. Come learn about the types of animals raised on the Farm, what makes them different from modern breeds, and how to care for and interpret them. The class will be held Tuesday, September 5th, from 6-8pm.

This class is part of the series of volunteer training sessions we are now pleased to offer. You can find a full training schedule on our website, www.1771.org, or email jtilley@1771.org.

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COLONIAL CORNER



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

Marriage

18th century Virginians had laws and customs governing marriage, just as we have today in the 21st century. Some of these laws were similar to today's, and some have changed.

Below are questions regarding marriage laws in 1771. See if you can guess the answers; they may surprise you!

1. Under what age did the bride & groom need parental consent in order to marry?

a. 16 b. 18 c. 21 d. 28



2. How many times did the banns need to be published (verbally or written) in the churches of the bride and groom? (This allowed the community to object to the marriage. The text for the banns is located on this page.)

a. 1 b. 3 c. 5 d. 7

3. Which was more expensive? (Until 1848, couples could obtain either a license or publish banns.)

a. marriage license b. banns

4. Who were the only people allowed to perform church marriage ceremonies in Virginia until 1780?

a. Methodist ministers b. Catholic priests
c. Jewish rabbis d. Church of England ministers

1c; 2b; 3a; 4d

Source: Farrell, Cassandra. "Early Virginia Marriage Records." Research & Information Services Division, The Library of Virginia, 2006.

I Publish the Bans of Marriage between Eli Stone and Mary Harbin. 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 second time of asking.

The wedding party will be held at the Farm on Saturday, September 2nd, from 1-4pm.

STAFF

Darlene Dolbey, GateHouse Assistant
Anna C. Eberly, Manager
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2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

18TH CENTURY WEDDING PARTY

Saturday, September 2 5 - 8pm
Wedding bells are ringing on the farm... or are they? Wedding traditions in the 18th century may be a bit different from what you are used to! Why isn't the wedding in a church? Who is performing the ceremony? How do tenant farmers fit major life events such as marriage into their farming schedule? Come celebrate with the farm family on this joyous occasion, and discover the answers to your questions. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

THRESHING & FLAX DAY

Sunday, September 17 1 - 4pm
With the field work finished for the year, the family turns to threshing the year's crop of wheat and rye. Pick up a flail and help beat the seeds away from the stalks. Watch the chaff fly away as you winnow the grain. Near the farm house, help the farm wife brake, scutch, hackle and spin flax into linen. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

FALL GARAGE SALE

Friday & Saturday, September 29 & 30 9am - 1pm
This sale is to dispose of donated items which the Farm cannot use. Garage Sale items include books, clothing, household items (both useful and decorative), small appliances, minor pieces of furniture, tools, toys, and a glorious conglomeration of bits and pieces. All sales proceeds benefit the Farm's educational programs.

OCTOBER

SPINNING & DYEING DAY

Saturday, October 7 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

Saturday & Sunday, October 21&22, 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. Allow Mistress Barrow and Mr. John to entice you with their wares at the Dry Goods and the Gentlemen's Goods stand. Learn to spin wool 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 FREE Market Fair Pass from our website, at www.1771.org/market_fair_pass.htm *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

NOVEMBER

TOBACCO PROCESSING

Saturday, November 4 1 - 4pm
The tobacco crop has been curing for several months and is now ready to be taken to the warehouse for inspection. Help the farmer tie the tobacco leaves into hands and prize them into his hogshead. Listen as the farmer and his neighbors discuss the current prices for the crop and discover how this will affect the farm family in the coming year. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday, November 17 & 18 10am - 5pm
Browse through our large selection donated to the Farm. Includes books for travelers, gardeners, cooks and kids. We have fiction, nonfiction, first editions and some rare and special volumes. Also videotapes, CDs, records and some ephemera.

FALL CHORES

Saturday, November 18 1 - 4pm
The farm family transitions from summer work in the fields to fall chores. Come help clear the fields of brush and build a bonfire, which will make good ash to enrich the soil. Help the farmer repair old fencing. *Weather permitting - call ahead.*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP

November 24 - December 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. *Closed Thanksgiving Day*

GATEHOUSE HOLIDAY SHOP OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 28 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

FARM SITE GARDEN HELP

Tuesdays through September 26 2-4pm

FARM SKILLS: SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thursdays Sept. - Nov.; call ahead 9:30am-12:30pm

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR SET-UP

Saturday, October 14 9am-3pm
Tuesday - Friday, October 17 - 20 (call ahead) 10am-5pm

AUTUMN MARKET FAIR TAKE-DOWN

Sunday, October 22 4-7pm

GARAGE SALE DONATIONS

Next month means Garage Sale time...so NOW is the time to bring us your lovely, barely used items for display and sale. (We hope you'll remember that no one will buy torn, dirty clothing or games with pieces missing.) If you have things to drop off, please call Marg (703-599-5308) or Debbie (703-945-6006) to make sure someone will be able to show you where to put things and give you a tax deduction slip. Please bring everything by Sept. 19th.

If you think fleas don't make a difference, think again! With books and fleas, we've already brought in more than \$11,000 toward this year's budget estimate of \$12,500! And the Young Foundation, with utter faith in us, has given the Farm a grant to enclose "Ted's Boutique" with walls and lay down a real floor.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Remember in May when you came to the plant sale and bought your tomato plants? You said you'd be back, you really did want to plant an herb garden. Well, it's not too late! Fall is the best time to plant perennials and that herb garden, too. We still have hardy herbs; Lavender, Chives, Oregano, Thyme, Tarragon, and even a few Rosemary in gallon containers.

If you need some fresh color for fall, we still have coleus in all those great colors. We have larger pots and a good selection of 4" pots. We will also have Pansies for fall planting in early October.

If you're looking for replacement or new perennials, we have some new additions as well as our favorites. We've added an old fashion single Hollyhock in pastel shades called 'Indian Spring'. Plant in small groups at the back of your flower bed and they will bloom next spring. Come and see our selection!

Successful fall planting is simple. Add some organic matter, peat moss or leaf mold to your soil when you plant. A layer of mulch helps retain moisture and keeps weeding to a minimum. Water thoroughly and regularly, until your plants are established. In the fall, the soil is warm and the temperature is cooling down. In the spring, temperatures go up and down, and plants don't have time to settle in before hot weather arrives. So try planting this fall and enjoy your rewards next spring! If you have any questions, you can 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

- Old rugs or carpets (stains OK)
- Bagged grass clippings
- Perennials

Volunteer Help Needed:

- For the Autumn Market Fair, October 21 & 22, and Market Fair setup, October 14 & 17-20; email jengle@1771.org.
- To research book values on Bookfinder.com (we can teach you how to do it) and to help sort donated goods; email marg@1771.org.
- To teach skills at the Farm Skills program, Thursdays in September, October and November; email erolando@1771.org.
- To work in the 18th century kitchen garden Tuesdays through September 26, 2-4pm; email erolando@1771.org.
- To help in the greenhouses; email dwest@1771.org.
- Public Relations Internship: work with a professional PR person and an on-line community newspaper to publicize the Farm; email aerberly@1771.org.

TEACH FARM SKILLS

Calling all Volunteers! We will be back in full swing with Fall Farm Skills on Thursdays September 28th through November 16th, so we will be looking for lots of helping hands! If you have a special interest in spinning, carding or candle dipping, come help us instruct school children in the skills of the eighteenth century. For information, contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

The Farm's site staff is continuing its volunteer group that works in the 18th century kitchen garden and fields on Tuesdays through the end of September. So if you have always wanted to work in our garden but prefer modern clothes and tools, here is your chance! The group will meet Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 weather permitting. Please contact Elizabeth Rolando at erolando@1771.org.

If you'd rather putter around the Farm's greenhouses and heritage seed garden, contact dwest@1771.org.

A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS

The Pavilions of Turkey Run is
The Place to Be.....

Springtime at the Pavilions was bursting with new growth on the trees and shrubs as we began a new season of picnics and parties.



Summer came in a blaze of heat but The Pavilions of Turkey Run offered a cool oasis for our guests. In addition to the beautifully shaded pavilions, guests enjoyed the soft breeze of fans and cool mist of the Tropical Rain Forest that winds along a lovely pathway.

As we near the fall season, the colors will be vibrant as the leaves change to spectacular colors and the air is crisp and clear – with possibly a roaring fire in the big stone fireplace.

Which season is your favorite? Any time of year is just right for a perfect picnic, party, meeting or team building event at The Pavilions of Turkey Run.

To book your group of 100 – 800 guests during your favorite season, call Peg Jarman at (703) 893-6545 and check out the web site at www.jrspicnics.com.

EMBRACE COLONIAL HISTORY
AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM...
RECRUIT FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES TO
JOIN THE FARM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Part-Time Retail Position

The Farm is seeking a new member of its team to work for 2 Sundays per month in the GateHouse Gift Shop. Hours are 9:30am - 5:30pm.

If you have a love for history, and would like a fun job that allows you to meet new people, this opportunity is for you! The successful candidate will also be outgoing, honest, reliable and organized.

Please email Anna Eberly at aeberly@1771.org for more information or to apply.

THANK YOU!

Our thanks to all the wonderful Market Fair volunteers who donated so much of their time, energy, and talents toward making the July Market Fair a success! Despite the heat and brief rain shower, you all pulled through and made it a great event. We were also pleased to have Jennie Geisner and her friends help with so much of the clean-up!

PLANTS FOR SALE

We have a full selection of hardy and tender perennial herbs and flowers for your garden. The Garden Center at the Farm office is open Monday - Friday from 9 to 5. We also sell plants at The GateHouse Shop Wednesday - Sunday from 10 to 5 and at the October Market Fair.

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

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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www.1771.org

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The Farm's financial statements are available in the Richmond Office of the Virginia Department of Consumer Affairs.

18th CENTURY MARKET FAIR



OCTOBER 21st & 22nd

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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SEPTEMBER

18th Century Wedding Party September 2

Threshing & Flax Day September 17

Garage Sale September 29 & 30

OCTOBER

Spinning & Dyeing October 7

Autumn Market Fair October 21 & 22

NOVEMBER

Tobacco Processing November 4

Book Sale November 17 & 18

Fall Chores November 18

GateHouse Holiday Shop open

November 24 - December 21

GateHouse Holiday Open House November 28