

Down on the Farm

Fall 2011 Newsletter



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President’s Message

By Jim Rausch, FoKFP President

It’s hard to believe that we are half way through fall already. The Friends’ big annual fundraising event, our Fall Harvest Festival, was a great success this year with the largest attendance ever; and more vendors, games, and crafts than in past years. We added some new activities in 2011 like the Boo Barn, Bingo, Mechanical Bull ride, and a herd of llamas to pet. Each was a big attraction and I’m sure we will want to have them again next year.

With a bigger and better Festival comes the ever-increasing need for more and more volunteers. This year we were short adult volunteers, particularly in the afternoon. We have a large number of individuals and families who are members of the Friends group and we are most grateful for their membership and financial support. But we would love to see all of the members of our Friends group volunteer to help during the events we sponsor, particularly the Fall Harvest Festival. Volunteering to work a 3 or 4 hour shift would have made a tremendous difference during this year’s Festival.

On November 14th we look forward to hosting our next speaker who will provide a history of farming both at Kinder Farm Park and in the County in general. In December the Friends will sponsor our annual Jingle Bell Hayride, always lots of fun for the family and a great way to usher in the holiday season. The hayride will be held on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 10 A.M. Registration is required for both events.

It has been a great year for the Friends and for Kinder Farm Park and we hope you have participated in many of the activities offered during the year. We look forward to 2012 and hope you will let us hear from you regarding your priorities for the Friends’ organization and Kinder Farm Park in general. If you have not attended one of our monthly meetings, held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, consider doing so...it will offer you a chance to find out about us and what we do and give you an opportunity to express your views.

On behalf of The Friends of Kinder Farm Park I sincerely wish you Happy Holidays and a Safe and Joyful New Year Down on the Farm!

Park Superintendent's Report

By Bill Offutt, Kinder Farm Park Superintendent

The Fall Harvest Festival this year was another outstanding success. After several weekends of rain and nasty weather before the event, it ended up being a beautiful sunny day with temperatures into the 80s. A record crowd of between 14 and 15,000 attended the event. We ran out of parking at noon and had to close the park to incoming traffic for 45 minutes until enough visitors had left to accommodate more cars. Visitors parked in adjacent neighborhoods and we soon had to direct traffic at the park's main entrance. As always, on behalf of the park's staff, I would like to express our thanks to the huge numbers of volunteers who made this event so successful.

It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to two of our staff members. Seasonal Ranger Kate Mason was promoted to full time in late August. You can visit Kate at her new job at Ft. Smallwood Park. Maintenance staff member Kevin Nethers is accepting a promotion within the County in the Waters Operations division. He will be transferring to that unit in mid-November. At this point in time, that full-time position has been frozen due to budgetary shortfalls. That leaves just one full-time maintenance professional working in the park. On a more positive note, Justin Ramos, a former seasonal ranger who left us two years ago, will be coming back in the same capacity. Welcome him back when you run into him.

Several construction projects in the park are in the planning stages. A small building to house the rangers' patrol vehicle will be constructed behind the visitor center. We are also in the early planning for a storage building for large equipment and historic implements. The most visible project will be the Friends renovation project of the Kinder Farm house located in the farm complex. Several members of the Friends have enlisted the aid of an expert in this field. He has extensive experience working with the Anne Arundel Historic Society in this field. If you want to get involved, contact Mike Lowman (mike_lowman@verizon.net) or Diane Rausch (jdrausch2@verizon.net) of the KFP Historic Society.



A New Gate for the Kinder Cemetery

By George McEwen, Member of the Chesapeake Forge Guild



The Chesapeake Forge Guild built a beautiful and unique new gate for the cemetery at Kinder Farm Park this summer. The pickets and the "K" for the top were forged by individual guild members. The gate was assembled as a group effort. The park had the gate Powder Coated to last a long time.

Next time you visit the park please check out the cemetery, which is behind the park's visitors center.

To find out more information about The Chesapeake Forge Guild check out our website at: <http://www.chesapeakeforge.org/> or stop by and visit us on either Sunday afternoon or Monday night.

Fall Harvest Festival 2011

By Michele Rose, Vice-president FoKFP and Chairperson of the Fall Harvest Committee

It was the first beautiful Saturday after six weeks of rain and dreary weather. What did you do to have fun? Well, if you were like 15,000+ other people, you attended the annual Fall Harvest Festival at Kinder Farm Park held on October 8th. The record setting crowd even necessitated the closing of the gates for about 45 minutes due to lack of parking, in spite of several more acres of space being cleared for parking the day before.



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park were delighted to again sponsor this event. Proceeds are utilized to support and enhance the park, in addition to purchasing items needed for the park that the county cannot fund.

Several new events proved to be quite popular, including a mechanical bull, the haunted “Boo Barn”, as well as bingo in the Harvest Hall of the new Visitors Center. We even had a book signing this year!

There was something for everyone – crafts, including cornhusk dolls, scarecrow making, planting, and more; demonstrations by the sawmill, blacksmiths, wood turners, quilters and Frisbee dog; games of all sorts; pony and hayrides; corn cannons; music by the Chesapeake Harmony Chorus and Gary’s Good Tunes with square dancing; numerous food and craft vendors, public service and educational displays and, of course, the farm animals, including llamas.

An event this size requires months of advance planning and the help of hundreds of volunteers to whom we are forever grateful. We would like to particularly thank the Severna Park Middle and High Schools for the huge number of student volunteers that they were able to provide. Students receive service learning hours for participating. Without them and the help of many community volunteers, this event would not happen!

In addition, a special thank you to the 4H who planned, decorated and operated the haunted “Boo Barn”, while also handling several other jobs during the festival. And of course, the park staff deserves accolades for the huge amount of time that they put into the planning, set-up, clean-up, parking and traffic control, as well as locating lost parents. Head ranger, Nolley Fisher, served as the coordinator for the event and worked long, hard hours to help make it our best festival yet.

Several individuals and businesses should be recognized for their donations to the festival: Bingo World, Pat’s Hallmark, the Wild Bird Center, Homestead Gardens, the Anne Arundel County Farm, Lawn and Garden Center, Pam Biddlecomb and Debbie Bohdal.

If you missed it this year, then mark your calendars in advance for next year when it will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 10 am – 4 pm. Planning meetings will start in March, 2012. If you would like to help, please contact me by phone at 410-544-8302 (home) or 443-618-9555 (cell) or e-mail at kfpfriend@verizon.net.

Antique Sawmill Club News

By Tom Lahdelma, President of the Antique Sawmill Club

The Sawmill Club Members have remained active and some of our more recent projects are highlighted below.

- Hurricane logs – The winds and rains brought down trees during the recent hurricane. We were able to salvage the wood from several of them. One in particular was a walnut tree that we picked up. After milling it to a customer's specification, we sold one of the logs for a nice sum. Thank you Bruce.
- Fall Harvest Festival – Our group came out in mass and put on an all day demonstration of the saw and shingle mills. Judging by the size of the crowd watching us, it was well received. The shingles could be taken to the blacksmith shop and be branded as a souvenir.
- Children's Guild – We had a request to show a group of kids from the Children's Guild where lumber comes from. When they arrived for the demonstration they were very hyper and were asking lots of questions. Once the mill started up, they were mesmerized. Afterwards some wood was donated so they could build a canoe. This was a very rewarding experience for all of us that participated.



The Antique Sawmill Club usually meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 and finishes around lunch. New Members are always welcome. Please contact the Park Office for details (410) 222-6115.

Beekeepers Corner: What happens to the bees and what is there to do as a beekeeper in the Fall?

By Lindsay Barranco, Beekeeper and FoKFP Secretary

The bees have already gathered nectar and pollen and the beekeeper has already extracted honey for the season, so what is happening in the beehive in the Fall? Well, autumn is a busy time for the beekeeper. Beekeepers are feeding their colonies sugar water regularly in order to help supplement the hive's honey reserves over the winter months. Each beehive needs to have approximately 60 pounds of stored honey over the winter in order to survive. The hive's ability to make it through the cold winter months is helped immensely by the beekeeper feeding sugar water in the Fall, since flowers (and therefore nectar) have already died out for the season.

Other autumn beekeeping tasks include reducing the entrance of the hive to a small hole, so that mice and other rodents are not able to enter and build nests inside the hive during the winter. Most importantly, the beekeeper will want to conduct a final and thorough inspection of the hive to be sure the queen bee is still present and is still laying eggs. Hives should also be ventilated so that condensation does not build up inside the hive and "chill" the bees. During the winter months, the bees will form what is called a "winter cluster" in the center of the hive where a thousand worker bees surround the queen. The temperature in the center of the cluster remains a constant 92 degrees. The bees will not "break cluster" until Spring when daily temperatures warm up into the 50's.

If you are interested in beekeeping or learning more about what is involved, the Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association sponsors a "short course" which is a 5 session course on how to get started with beekeeping. The class is usually held in February and March and meets at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville. For more information on the class, please see the Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association's website at www.aabees.org. If you are interested in keeping bee hives at Kinder Farm Park, please call the park office at 410-222-6115.

4H Happenings

By Mitzi Hardy, 4H Parent and FoKFP Member

This summer's fair and show season was once again a busy time for our 4H members. The members participated in shows throughout Maryland culminating in our own Anne Arundel County Fair in September.



At this year's Anne Arundel County fair, our 4H animals did extremely well and members brought home "Best in Show" awards for Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Sheep, Market Goat and also in the Poultry divisions. Several members sold their market projects at the livestock auction and members are already beginning to plan for next year's projects. Several breeding sheep are away from Kinder Farm being bred and should be soon be back home in the pastures. Penny Sue will be bred soon and hopefully we will have many piglets to enjoy again in the spring.

Many 4H members and their families volunteered at this year's Fall Harvest Festival, everyone had a wonderful and enjoyed helping to make this the most successful Harvest Festival to date. In the next few weeks, 4H members will be participate in the Halloween Happenings at the County Fair Grounds, the Ocean City Volunteer forum, as well as a Lambing and Kidding school being held in Wye Mills on the Eastern Shore.

As the year winds down, it is good to reflect on the accomplishments of our 4H group who are all looking forward to an exciting and rewarding 2012.

Apprentice Garden Activities

By Anne Nourse, AA Co. Master Gardener Project Leader & Member, Friends of KFP

In addition to learning basic organic vegetable gardening skills, families participating in the Apprentice Garden (AG) program also learn about other edible and non-food plants. In late July, after gardening chores were done, interesting facts were shared about a non-plant – the mushroom that we categorize as a vegetable and eat. Master Gardener (MG) Anne Nourse had ordered a "Ready-to-Pop" Hantana Pearl (Oyster) Mushroom (aka *Pleurotus ostreatus*) Kit that she excitedly spoke about and showed to the curious AGers and MGers.



The mycelium of this incredible fast-growing fungus consisted of fine white threads growing in a "brick" of sawdust, coffee grounds, limestone, gypsum and water encased in a plastic bag that was cut into a 2-inch cross shaped hole on one end that needed to be misted 3-4 times daily. During each stage of its growth, MG co-leader Trish Lilek sent superb photos electronically. It was amazing how fast the fungus expanded through the hole and matured. Just as the mushroom was ready to eat, unfortunately gnats overtook it and the process started again with a new kit. This time neem oil was used to eliminate any gnats thereby enabling us to taste this unique fungus.

Throughout the rest of the season, okra, peppers and cucumbers, and watermelons as well as huge squashes from the corn field were harvested but, as the hot weather continued few tomato plants flowered or produced fruits, leaves of the peanut plants were eaten and no sweet potato greens were to be seen. The corn grew taller and watermelon plants were starting to show themselves but no beans nor pumpkins. The bean/pea tunnel was stripped of vines and readied for a planting of fall crops. Sunflowers adorned the area across from the garden in the open field.

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Apprentice Garden Activities (cont.)

In August, families heard a very informative presentation on native plants presented by MG Dena Cameron. In addition to identifying and passing around samples of the natives from our front garden area, Dena talked about other important plants found in our region and the need to plant natives around our home property.



MG Dena showing native plants



MG John with AG Beekeepers



Some AG children with Certificates



AG Group at Last Meeting

A second speaker, MG John Connors, who takes care of the bees at Hancock's Resolution, came to our garden in August. He brought excellent visuals and wooden frames that displayed the various types of bees in a colony and the process of making honeycomb. Families learned that we should provide plants for bees to pollinate and collect pollen for making honey for the hive. Several children enjoyed trying on the beekeeper's clothes that included the hat, jacket and gloves. Additional treats that day were flavored honey sticks and graham crackers spread with honey that Mr. Roy Fielder's (co-leader of the Sprouts Garden) uncle had collected from his hives around Anne Arundel County. It was pointed out that the beekeeper only takes a little of the honey that the bees produce leaving the rest for the bees' winter feeding. And, that evening, everyone had their first taste of Apprentice Garden-grown and cared-for Sugar Baby Watermelon. Although not totally pink inside, it was sweet and delicious.

The annual Harvest Feast was held at the Kinder Farm Park Visitor Center for the first time this year, which is special in itself. Inviting vegetable dishes of apple cider slaw, corn pudding, vichyssoise, honey carrots, black bean salsa, lemon butternut squash muffins and lavender cookies were some of the dishes prepared by AG families and MGs for our dinner. Several guests came including MG Coordinator Mike Ensor and Community Gardeners Jack Crandell, Denise Smith and Debbie Jellick who arranged beautifully colorful cut flowers from their plots as centerpieces for the tables.

September's first activity was getting ready for the Anne Arundel County Fair. Three families participated representing the Apprentice and Sprouts Gardens' bounties. We were uncertain of how our crops, herbs and flowers would compare to other entries but were very pleasantly surprised to have received a total of 32 ribbons, better than last year's 24. These winnings reflect the loving care, hard work and dedication of the AGers and MGs throughout the past six months.

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Apprentice Garden Activities (cont.)

A listing of the awards follows:

1st Place (12) Blue Ribbons	2nd Place (9) Red Ribbons	3rd place (6) White ribbons	Participation (3) Green Ribbons
Blue Stem Grass Lavender Green Tomatoes 3 Watermelons Banana Pepper (S) Red Bell Pepper(S) Gourds (S) Face Pumpkin (S) Peanuts on vine (S) Peanuts, loose (S)	Lavender Bell Pepper Watermelon Jalapeño Pepper(S) Peanuts on vine (S) Loose peanuts (S) Red Bell Pepper(S) Broom Corn (S) Gourds (S)	Marigolds Watermelon Anaheim Peppers Mint Gourds (S) Peanuts on vine (S)	3 Eggplant (S)
Family plaque– 1st Place (2)		Note: (S) = from Sprouts Garden	

Our final formal meeting was held on the third Wednesday of September at the KFP Visitor Center. The children of the participating families of the County Fair spoke about their experience. It was mentioned how easy it was to enter and are ready to go back next year. Some of the children entered individual items they had privately made and won.

Bouquets of cheery zinnias were given to all attending MGs in appreciation for all of their participation, interest and enthusiasm. Then, a very special Friends of KFP Family- Greg, Linda, Jeremy and Briana Weight- were praised for all of their contributions, zeal and involvement over these past three years. Mr. Greg was presented a book on plants that played an important role in the world along with zinnias for Miss Linda. Without Mr. Greg the AG would still be in disrepair and not as bright as it is today. Certificates were distributed to the children along with gift bags of seed packets, a honey stick and MG/Extension Office information. MG Trish added to the “sweetness” of the evening by making whipped cream-filled tarts with berries on top—a wonderful treat for a program end. Lastly, we formed our circle passing positive nature thoughts to one another before closing the meeting.

Two clean-up meetings have been held during October to prepare the AG for a long winter’s nap. Weeds and plants have been pulled and planting areas covered with garden fabric in addition to covering the path areas. We will need to go back to the garden one more time to complete our task.

Even now there is interest in the garden so please do stop by. Our native short blue stem grass makes a pretty display outside our gate that is flanked by two corn stalk arrangements made from AG-grown corn.

The Apprentice Garden/Sprouts Program successfully produced large quantities of radishes, beans, peas, tomatoes, peppers, yellow squash, and zucchini this past season. The other crops of watermelon, cotton, tobacco, potatoes, corn, pumpkins and peanuts grew rapidly. Happy goats frolicked in the fenced area around the garden and enjoyed clearing the grass and weeds in preparation for the planting of fruit shrubs next season. As the end of September came, Mr. Roy cleared the area for the KFP Fall Harvest Festival. You can still see the gate standing that marked the entrance to the garden. And, soon the tobacco will be on display in the Visitor’s Center along with cotton and broom corn for touching.

On behalf of the AG Program and the Master Gardeners and myself would like to thank the Unity Gardens, AA Co. Parks & Recreation Department especially Kinder Farm Park (KFP) Superintendent Bill Offutt and his staff, the Sawmill Club of KFP, Friends of KFP and various other local sponsors for their continuous support.

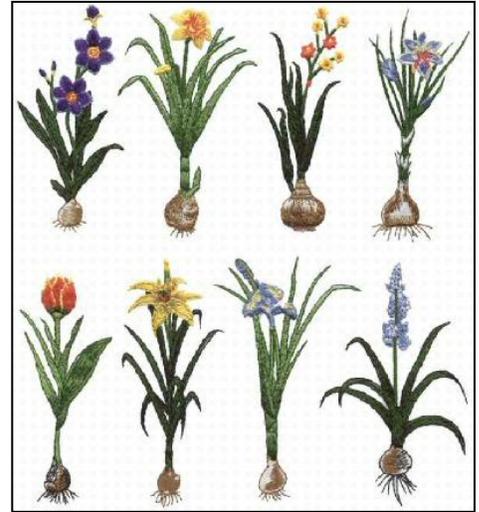
If you are interested in knowing more about our programs, please contact me at aonourse@verizon.net.

So You Want to Grow Spring Flowering Bulbs!

By Jill Breen, Member Chartwell Garden Club

After a long fall and winter how refreshing it is to have leaf tips of tulips, daffodils, and minor bulbs peeking out of the ground as you seek signs of spring in your garden. Soon a riot of cheerful colors will greet you and be the show piece of your garden. Such beauty arises from the dull tan bulbs you planted last fall.

A true bulb consists of a tiny, fully formed plant in its dull plain wrapper. If you slice a bulb crosswise you will see moist concentric rings and the outer paper-thin skin which is called - the tunic. If you slice the bulb vertically you will find a small fully formed tiny flower, stem and leaves. These have grown during the past summer months. The roots are attached to a compressed stem called a basal plate. The basal plate holds the bulb together. Roots will emerge from the basal plate as the bulb grows.



Tunicate bulbs include daffodils (*Narcissus*), tulips (*Tulipa*), Squills (*Scilla*), glory-of-the-snow (*Chionodoxa*), ornamental *Allium*, hyacinths (*Hyacinthus*), grape hyacinths (*Muscari*), star of Bethlehem (*Orinthagalum*), snowdrops (*Galanthus*), and *Puschkinia*.

Other types of bulbs are the scaly bulbs which are made up of small loosely bound scale leaves attached to a common basal plate. This bulb will produce a tall stem with whorls of foliage from the center of the bulb ending with large showy flowers. Examples of the scaly bulbs are the true lilies such as *Oriental*s, *Asiatic*s, *Aurelian*s and other members of the lily family.

Tunicate bulbs and scaly bulbs have relatives that are often called bulbs but are not true bulbs. These plants have enlarged underground stems or roots that store nutrients during the dormant season. Many such as the *Gladiolus* and the *Crocus* grow from corms. Others, such as the Dahlia and the Caladium grow from tubers. Yet others grow from rhizomes such as Canna and Calla Lily. Some of these relatives are often referred to as tender bulbs. They are planted in the summer and dug in the fall after blooming.

The best advice is to buy bulbs of top quality. Specialty catalogs often offer an extensive range of bulbs and they carefully package their bulbs before shipping to ensure that they arrive in prime condition. Select firm bulbs with tunic intact. Healthy bulbs should feel heavy. Avoid bulbs that are soft, shriveled or sprouted.

The information for this article is taken from the *Horticultural Study Course Guide* published by The National Council of State Garden Clubs Inc.

Woodland Gardens Activities

By Bonnie Pavlak, Master Gardener and FoKFP Member

An Intermediate Tree Identification class was held at the Visitors Center on October 1, 2011 from 9-12. Eight people attended and we identified numerous trees using the key, *What Tree is That?*

Four shagbark hickory trees were planted in the Woodland Garden. They were chosen because hickory and oak trees are the climax community in the Eastern Deciduous Forest. We are planting for the future. Other forest ephemerals, including columbine, bleeding heart, lenten rose, geranium, and purple trillium were planted. Brilliance autumn fern, cinnamon fern, and holly fern were also added to the garden. All the plants were purchased with a grant from Unity Gardens.

A Weed Warrior program will be starting in November to remove the invasive vines and weeds found in Kinder Farm Park. Contact Bonnie Pavlak at bonnie@pavlak.net to volunteer.

Winter Tree Identification Classes

WHEN: 9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, January 21, 2012
9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, February 25, 2012

WHERE: Visitor's Center at Kinder Farm Park

COST: \$5.00 (for materials)

INSTRUCTOR: Bonnie Pavlak, Master Gardener

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

- Learn how trees can be identified by the twigs, buds, fruit, leaf scars, and bark using the *Winter Tree Finder* key written by May Theilgaard Watts and Tom Watts
- Participants should be ages 16 and older
- Participants should bring a hand lens.
- Class size limited to 25 people
- Call the Park Office at 410-222-6115 to register



1953 Oliver, Super 66

By Rod O'Brien, Member of the Antique Tractor Club



Welcome back, glad to see you back Down on the Farm. This edition we're going to discuss our 1953 Oliver, Super 66.

The Oliver Farm Equipment Company was a farm equipment manufacturer formed in 1929 with the merger of four companies: the American Seeding Machine Company, Oliver Chilled Plow Works, Hart-Parr Tractor Company and Nichols and Sheppard Company.

Each of these companies had essentially outgrown their individual usefulness within the agricultural industry. Their individual markets had been saturated and their machines were dated and quickly becoming obsolete. By uniting their various and somewhat diverse product lines into a single company, Oliver Farm Equipment instantly became a virtual full-line manufacturer. Why did the merger become the Oliver Farm Equipment versus incorporating any of the other names, I don't know. My research hasn't uncovered that piece of trivia - but I'm still looking.

Oliver introduced a new line of tractors in 1948. These new tractors included the 60, 70, and 80 models beginning Oliver's reign as an industry leader into the 1950s. Although to be fair and honest it appears that Oliver was an industry leader through their promotion of diesel power; Oliver led the industry in the sale of diesel tractors for several years.

The Oliver 66, 77 and 88 tractors of the 1948 to 1954 period, marked an entirely new series of Fleetline models. The 77 and 88 could be bought with either gasoline or diesel engines. During the early 50's, the company upgraded these tractors with the new "Super" series models, and added the Oliver Super 55. It was the company's first compact utility tractor.

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1953 Oliver, Super 66 (cont.)

So that brings us to our very own 1953 Super 66. The 66 model was available in three models, the 66, the 66 Row Crop, and the Super 66. The 66 came stock with a wide front end which was changed to the tricycle configuration in the Row Crop and as an option for the Super models. Why Row Crop you ask? When the farmer was cultivating (weeding) his crops the tractor had to be able to drive between the rows without crushing the crop; tricycle front ends were easier to mount cultivators on and required less width adjustments than wide front ends. The 66 models have a four cylinder, gas engine and the Super 66 is credited with putting out 33 horsepower versus the 24 horsepower of the 66 and 66 Row Crop.

Well, that’s about all I have to say about our Oliver Super 66 for now. I thank you for taking the time to check out our articles on our antique tractors, and again I invite you to become an active part of our team here Down on the Farm that enjoy playing with these old machines. We’re always looking for more folks that want to drive them around the park during our events here and take them out to parades in the local communities.

Holiday Shopping and Savings

Friends of Kinder Farm Park Gift Shop

Come and check out the new Friends of Kinder Farm Park Gift Shop that will open every week on Saturdays Noon – 2:00 PM in the Visitors Center. The shop carries a variety of Kinder Farm Park items like caps, visors, floppy hats, T-shirts, mugs (with park photos), Penny Sue Buttons, activity books, and stuffed animals (pigs and sheep). In addition the shop will have some unique items like:

- 20 different farm related wooden puzzles handmade by Dick Sharp
- Beautiful note cards with painted scenes of Kinder Farm Park by artist Lynn Reed
- Autographed copies of the recently published pictorial history, *Farming in Anne Arundel County* by Frederick Doepken

All items are reasonably priced, and FoKFP members receive a 10% discount. There is something here for the young and the young at heart.

Merchants Discounts to FoKFP Members

We wish to thank and encourage you to shop the following vendors that offer the indicated discounts to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park (show membership card):

<p>The Wild Bird Center – 15% 568 G Governor Ritchie Highway Severna Park Plaza Shopping Center Severna Park, MD 21146 Phone: (410) 647-2453 www.wildbird.com/franchisee/sev/home</p>	<p>Country Feed and Gardens and Pets – 10% 865 Annapolis Road Gambrills, MD 21054 Phone: (410) 923-0960 www.countryfeedandgarden.com/</p>
<p>Anne Arundel County Farm and Garden (Farmers Co-op) – 10% 155 8th Ave. N. Glen Burnie, MD 21061 Phone: (410) 766-8400</p>	

2011 FoKFP Summer Photo Contest Winners



Landscape: Sunset taken by Victoria Willis



Fauna: Barn Swallows taken by Martin McCann



People: Grateful Mother taken by Martin McCann



Flora: Butterfly taken by Martin McCann

If you would like to view all of the entries in the Summer Photo Competition visit the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website at <http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/SummerPhoto.htm>.

Speaker Series: The Kinder Farm Park Story

By Michele Rose, Vice-president Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Chairperson Speaker Committee

The best of this year's series was saved for last! On Monday, November 14th, thirty-one people were treated to a presentation on the history of Kinder Farm Park, as well as touching on the history of farming in Anne Arundel County. Mrs. Diane Rausch, our resident local historian and one of the founding members of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society, was bursting with enthusiasm as she explained how the Kinder family came to purchase the land that now encompasses Kinder Farm Park, Chartwell and Benfield Elementary School.

She explained the intricacies of their family tree and delighted all with her tales of their lives on the farm. Mrs. Rausch has spent many, many hours interviewing numerous Kinder family members and neighbors who grew up on and around the farm. Mr. Mike Lowman assisted Mrs. Rausch with the visual portion of the program which included many photos and video recordings of several local farming families who recounted their farming experiences.

Ellen Griffith Shell, who was raised on her family's 20 acre farm in Severn was a special guest of Diane's. She discussed the practicalities of farm life, including the need to utilize feed bags for clothing. In addition, Ms. Shell also detailed her trips into the market in Baltimore with her family each week to sell their produce. Times have certainly changed!

Many thanks to Diane Rausch for such an enlightening program. With just the right mix of facts, anecdotes and answers to questions, she was able to entertain while also teach us about the history of our beloved park.

In January, the Speaker Committee will meet to plan programs for 2012. If you have a topic of interest that you would like to suggest, please contact Michele Rose at kpfriend@verizon.net or by phone at 410-544-8302 (H) or 443-618-9555 (C). We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

January Farmhouse Work Party Days

By Michael Lowman, Chairman of the FoKFP Historical Society

Have you ever just wanted to just smash something? Well here's your chance. The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society are starting the new year off with two work party days at the Kinder Farmhouse on **Saturday, January 7th** and **Saturday, January 21st**. The first day (Jan. 7th) we will be razing the walls in three rooms on the first floor. During the two weeks until the next work day an electrician will be re-wiring the rooms. Then on January 21st the work party will insulate the outer walls and hang and "mud" drywall.

All of the work will be under the able direction of Mr. John Rubino, of Rubino Enterprises who has graciously agreed to manage all the construction aspects of the restoration. Don't worry, if you've never done this type of work before John will show you what to do and all tools and materials will be provided.

Both work parties will begin at 9:00 AM. The more volunteers we have the quicker we'll get done. This is a very ambitious start and we need your help. Please let us know if you are going to participate so that we can inform you about what to wear and bring to the work parties. **To volunteer, contact Mike Lowman either by email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone, 410-760-0736.**

Why Join the Friends?

By Dennis Baker, FoKFP Membership Chairman

If you are reading this, you must have some interest in Kinder Farm Park, and Kinder Farm Park is not just another county park where people can go for relaxation, exercise, and special events. It is all that and much more. Kinder Farm Park also is being preserved, developed and operated to highlight a typical working farm set in Maryland during the 1930's. The new Visitors Center is only the latest and most visible aspect of that.

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP) are dedicated to that mission. We support the Park with funding; foster education and research programs that increase public awareness of, interest, and appreciation of the history and ecology of the Park; conduct and support volunteer activities; and sponsor affiliated organizations to facilitate these purposes. Our focus is on everything and everybody in the Park.

Of special note are the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society and the Livestock Education Committee, started last year, both of which are working towards providing convenient access and insight to past and current farm life right in the middle of our increasingly urban county.

We support in various ways and to various degrees more than a dozen park-affiliated groups from the 4-H Livestock Club; to the Quilters Guild; the Chesapeake Forge Blacksmith Guild; the Antique Tractor Club; the Antique Farm Equipment and Sawmill Club; and, multiple Gardeners clubs and groups (these are independent of the Friends and our support varies with interest and needs).

Perhaps you are interested in some of the things that are going on in the Park, or you have an interest in something additional you would like to see in the Park. You can support it and encourage it through your FoKFP membership and involvement.

But members also can be content just to support the Park through their membership, which also lets the county know that one more person or family thinks the Park is worth supporting even if they do not actively participate in or help guide the many goings-on.

But there are also direct benefits of membership including:

- Being kept up-to-date on goings-on through notices to members and personal delivery of *Down on the Farm* our quarterly newsletter
- Personal invitations to scheduled events like the Behind the Scenes Tour, Fall Harvest Festival, Speaker Series Events, & Jingle Bell Hay Ride
- Birthing announcements and member-only new farm baby visits
- A member services booth at major events that provides shorter ticket lines, etc. for members; free hayride passes
- 10 % members discount at the FoKFP Gift Shop, and member discounts at some local merchant

You can tailor your involvement to suit your own desires, and whatever degree of involvement you choose, you directly benefit, and in a most visible and countable way you are saying, "I care about Kinder Farm Park in my community!"

For more information about becoming a member of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, visit our website at http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/Join_Us.htm or come to a Friends monthly meeting at 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the each month in the Harvest Hall located in the Visitors Center.

2nd Annual Friends Membership Raffle

Every person that either joins the Friends of Kinder Farm or pays their 2012 membership fee between now and December 31, 2011 will be entered in a raffle to win a full reimbursement of your 2012 membership fee along with a year's pass to all of the Anne Arundel County Parks. The drawing will take place at the January 11, 2012 Friends meeting.

FoKFP 12 Month Calendar

November 2011

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — Diane Rausch presents the History of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP 2011 Speakers Series) in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, pre-registration is required, free to FoKFP members, \$5 for non-members (will be applied to membership if you join at the event)
- 18 — Publish Fall Newsletter
- 19 — First gathering of the Kinder Farm Park Weed Warriors from 10:00 AM until Noon to cut invasive vines which are covering trees. If you'd like to be a warrior bring your pruners, loppers, and handsaws and meet at the Visitors Center. For additional information contact Bonnie Pavlak at bonnie@pavlak.net

December

- 3 — Jingle Bell Hayride from 10:00 AM – Noon, preregistration required, \$3 fee, FoKFP can use their free Hayride passes in lieu of the fee but still need to preregister
- 12 — Deadline for entries in the FoKFP 2011 Fall Photo Competition, for details see the Friends website at www.kinderfarmpark.org
- 12 — First Call for Winter Newsletter Articles
- 14 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall

January 2012 — 2012 FoKFP membership fees are due

- 7 — Work Party to raze walls in the Kinder Farmhouse at 9:00 AM, to volunteer, contact Mike Lowman either by email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone, 410-760-0736
- 8 — Start of the 2012 FoKFP Winter Photo Competition
- 11 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 21 — Work Party to insulate an hang drywall in the Kinder Farmhouse at 9:00 AM, to volunteer, contact Mike Lowman either by email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone, 410-760-0736
- 21 — Winter Tree Identification Class from 9:00 AM until Noon in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall, preregistration required, \$5 fee for materials
- 21 — Absolute deadline for Winter Newsletter articles

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FoKFP 12 Month Calendar(cont.)

February

- 8 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 8 — Publish Winter Newsletter
- 25 — Winter Tree Identification Class from 9:00AM until Noon in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall, preregistration required, \$5 fee for materials

March

- TBA — Volunteer Banquet
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 17 — Deadline for entries in the FoKFP 2012 Winter Photo Competition
- 19 — First Call for Spring Newsletter Articles

April

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 21 — Absolute deadline for Spring Newsletter articles

May

- TBA — Behind the Scenes Tour
- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 9 — Publish Spring Newsletter

June

- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 18 — First Call for Summer Newsletter Articles

July

- 4 — Severna Park Independence Day Parade
- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 21 — Absolute deadline for Summer Newsletter articles

August

- 8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 8 — Publish Summer Newsletter

September

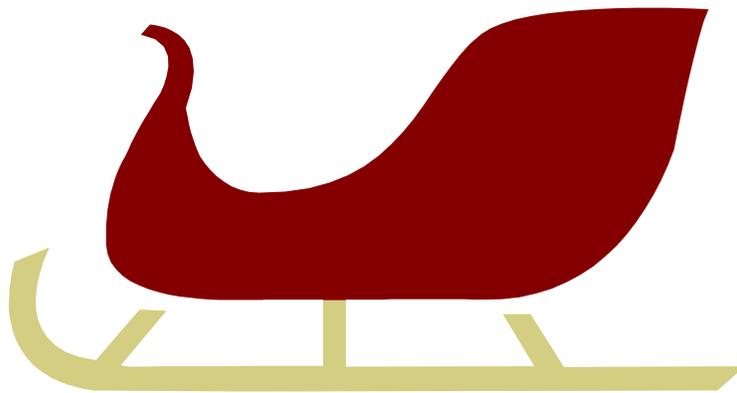
- 12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles

October

- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Harvest Hall
 - 13 — Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - 27 — Absolute deadline for Fall Newsletter articles
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Jingle Bell Hayride



Kinder Farm Park

Sat, Dec 3rd 10 AM–12 PM

Space is limited, so sign up today!!!

Enjoy a festive hayride through the Park complete with Mr. & Mrs. Claus and a decorated hay wagon. Following the hayride, warm yourself by the bonfire with some hot chocolate and a light snack. Fee \$3 per person (children 3 and under are free) and must be paid in advance at the Kinder Farm Park Office. Members may use your free hayride tickets that you received with your membership; however, you still must RSVP in order to get a space on the Hayride.

Pre-registration must be done in person at the Park Office no later than 4 PM Friday, December 2nd. Call the Park Office at 410-222-6115 for more information.

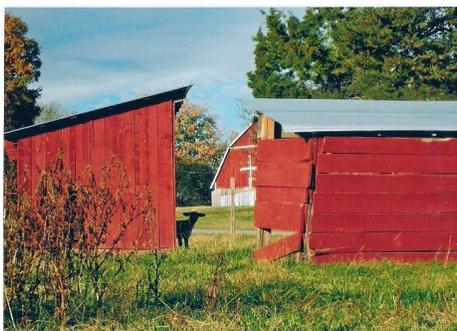


The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Photo Competition

ARE YOU A BUDDING
PHOTOGRAPHER??

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park are holding an amateur photography competition for people of all ages. A \$35 gift card will be awarded to the photographer of the winning photo in each of the following four categories:

Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People



2010 Winning Photo in the
Landscape category, taken
by Debbie Young.

- Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect the beauty of the Autumn season.
- The deadline for entries is: December 12, 2011.
- A panel of judges will select one winning photo from each category, and winners will be notified.
- For competition rules and entry instructions:
 - See Rules and Entry Instructions on the next page
 - Visit our website at: www.kinderfarmpark.org

FALL PHOTO COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The categories for this photographic competition are flora (flowers, trees, plants, etc.), fauna (all animals including fishes, birds, etc.), landscapes and people of Kinder Farm Park.
2. Entries must be taken within the boundary of Kinder Farm Park during the Autumn Season 2011.
3. Entrants can submit up to four photos, either as digital images or prints in color or black and white.
 - Photographs submitted in digital form should be no larger than 2mb in file-size, with a maximum of 10mb per email.
 - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10".
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography in our county parks. Photography is just one of the many activities enjoyed by park visitors. Contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. Each entry should be marked with or accompanied with an email that includes:
 - The photographer's name and address, telephone number and email address.
 - A description of where and when the photo was taken.
 - Which category each photograph is being entered (only one per photo)

Note: Personal details will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be published or provided to any third party without your permission.
7. Entries can be submitted in two ways:
 - By email to: mike_lowman@verizon.net - with subject line of "Fall Photo Competition 2011"
 - By mail to: Fall Photo Competition
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road
Millersville, MD 21108
8. All entries must be received by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2011.
9. No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organizers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
10. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will select the best photograph in each category. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
11. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
12. By entering the competition entrants grant the right for The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to display the photographs at Kinder Farm Park publish and exhibit the submitted photographs in print or on their website.

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