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## **President’s Message**

By Laura Kinnamon, President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

It has been a very busy spring at Kinder Farm Park. We have celebrated the birth of multiple farm animals; people are starting to come out from state of hibernation to enjoy the beautiful scenes around the park. In April, we held our first Meet and Greet for all the organizations that meet within Kinder Farm Park. This event provided members a chance to socialize, meet new people and establish new contacts with other organizations.

By the time this newsletter is published in mid-May, two events will have occurred. On May 9<sup>th</sup> our annual Volunteer Banquet will have taken place, where we will be saying “Thank You” to the volunteers, who have supported the Friends of Kinder Farm Park with countless hours of service.

The other event on May 11<sup>th</sup>, was recently set-up as part of the Speaker Series talks, entitled “Straw Bale Gardening,” given by Russ Sites an experienced Severn Gardner.

In honor of Flag Day, Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> a flagpole dedication ceremony complete with honor guard and a potluck picnic will be held. This will also include the first installment of the engraved bricks in the flagpole area by the visitor center. Do not forget to purchase your brick today.

My involvement with Kinder Farm Park started in 1998, when I was serving as the President of the Severna Park Jaycees. During this time, I developed a love of the park and a working relationship with park superintendent, Bill Offutt. In 1999, Bill recruited me to become an inaugural member of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park. In the 15 years that I have been involved with Kinder Farm Park the volunteerism, sense of community and the dedication of the volunteers make the park a very special place. The volunteers enable the park to grow, expand programs and provide opportunities for the community to get involved. I am encouraging everyone to become a member of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and participate in the wonderful programming that the park provides while building friendships that will last a lifetime.

Please join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for our monthly membership meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Visitor Center’s Harvest Hall. This is the perfect place to learn about upcoming events, offer suggestion for new activities, help with current projects and to meet wonderful people.

## Fundraising Committee

By Michele Rose, Vice-President Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Chairperson Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee was formed to address the need to develop some new fundraising activities to supplement our treasury due to the severe loss of funds over the past two years from cancellation one year and inclement weather the next for our primary fundraiser – the Fall Harvest Festival.

The first new program, “Buy a Brick” is off to a great start! This is expected to be an on-going process for years to come. Very soon, volunteers and rangers will start the process of laying the pavers around the newly placed flagpole outside of the Visitors Center. These blank pavers will be replaced with the engraved ones several times per year.

The initial unveiling will occur at 2:00 pm on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14th, at which time we’ll also be holding a flag dedication ceremony with a military honor guard. This will be followed immediately by a potluck dinner to be held in the Harvest Hall of the Visitors Center for members of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, as well as those non-members who have purchased bricks. Please RSVP to the park office at 410-222-6115 or to the Friends e-mail on our web site at [www.kinderfarmpark.org/](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/) if you plan to attend.



Food donations for the potluck meal will be divided by last names as follows:

- A-F - salads
- G-L - side dish
- M-R – appetizer
- S-Z - dessert

The Friends will provide the main course, as well as beverages and paper goods. Please come to join and meet others who also share your love of the park!

A donation box has been installed on the large animal barn and we are awaiting signage for it.

The committee will soon begin planning a Zombie Run for the morning of Halloween, Saturday, October 31st.

All monies raised by the Friends goes toward improving Kinder Farm Park through various projects, programs and equipment purchases. In addition, we are a 501(c)3 non-profit tax-deductible organization.



Of course, we need help to implement these events and activities, and we would love to have your help! If you are interested in getting involved with any of these activities, please join us at one of our meetings, which are currently being held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room in the Visitors Center. Even though the park is closed on Tuesdays, we’re still there! Our next meeting is May 19th.

Please contact me at [kpfriend@verizon.net](mailto:kpfriend@verizon.net) or by phone at 410-544-8302 or cell 443-618-9555 for any questions.

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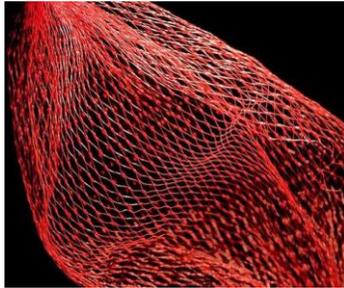
## HOW TO MAKE A NESTING BAG FOR BIRDS

### Needed supplies:

- Open Weave Bag (onion or potato)
- Ribbon
- Strips of Colored Paper
- Yarn
- String
- Pet Hair
- Dried Grass
- Straw

### Instructions:

- 1) Gather supplies.
- 2) Fill 2/3's of the bag, keep the materials loose.
- 3) Pull some of the material thru the bag so the birds can get it easier.
- 4) Hang the bag in a tree.
- 5) Watch the bag to see who comes and gathers material for their nest.
- 6) Keep a list.
- 7) Look for nests that have items you gathered that the birds used.



## WOODEN NICKEL PARK

Today's family friendly activity is to make a Nesting Bag for Birds. When it's finished, hang it outside and watch the birds come and pick items for their nest. As spring and summer go by and fall and winter arrive- look for signs of your Nesting Bag in bird nests. Can you name the types of nests?

Come out on June 13, 2015 to take part in the Frog Spot Run in honor of Woodside the Frog's, fifth birthday. As you run or walk the course you will be able to collect your spots. The run will be at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville Maryland. There will be an adult 5K run followed by a 1K kid fun run, where every child will break the tape and get a hay ride. There will be free games for children near the run entrance. A drawing will award random cash prizes and other items.

Wooden Nickel Park's goal is to connect children and their families to nature and to grow children's comfort, to increase their confidence, and unleash their curiosity. By doing so, the children and their families will be engaging in healthy outdoor activities like hiking and exploring the environment. WNP has particularly focused on creating a park concept that makes these parks entirely accessible. By design they will exceed the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements thus placing the experience within the reach of all children. Wooden Nickel Park is committed to providing accessibility.

Curiosity and imagination! Wooden Nickel Parks engage the entire family in activities that encourage curiosity about the natural world around them, and subsequently, their comfort and confidence interacting with this environment increases your imagination.

5 K Spot Run &  
1 K Fun Spot Run  
Games, Hay Ride

June 13, 2015  
Kinder Farm Park  
[www.woodennickelpark.org/](http://www.woodennickelpark.org/)

**HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WOODEN NICKEL PARK a 501 (c) 3:**  
To make a tax deductible donation please visit our website [www.woodennickelpark.org](http://www.woodennickelpark.org)

## Apprentice Garden, Spring 2015

By Janet Clauson, Master Gardener

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park is a program organized by the University of Maryland Extension Service Master Gardeners. It occupies two of the community garden spaces and is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically. From April through September, Master Gardeners and families meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm to work and learn together as we plant, weed, water, de-bug, and, eventually harvest our garden-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs. You are welcome to stop by the garden and bring your questions.

In the fall, the planting beds were cleared of debris and seeded with a cover crop of crimson clover and winter wheat; the pathways were covered with newspaper and overlaid with straw. As a result, there were few weeds. In areas where seeds are to be planted, the cover crop will be dug up and composted; otherwise it is simply turned over or cut to the ground. The cover crop enriches the soil, in addition to preventing weed growth. In the photos, the cover crop has been cleared for planting of early lettuces, and it is left in place until later crops are ready to be planted.

In the Apprentice Garden, each family has dedicated 3' by 10' garden space and also shares in the care and harvest of the common garden areas. In their personal plot, families are taught how to best use their space to plant their own unique choice of seeds and sets. The 2014 garden had a wide variety of vegetables: heirloom and hybrid tomatoes; jalapeno, banana and bell peppers; cucumber, squash and zucchini; lettuces, kale, beans, peas, beets, and radishes; as well as strawberries, potatoes, broccoli, sunflowers and many different kinds of herbs.

This season the common areas will be planted with lots of different varieties of tomatoes and peppers, both summer and winter squash, varieties of potatoes, beans, peas, and cucumbers. We also have a strawberry patch, herb garden and native flower gardens. This year we are expanding and adding a separate garden for vines, melons, pumpkins and squash. Please stop by and say hello!

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, please contact Janet Clauson at [janetclauson@hotmail.com](mailto:janetclauson@hotmail.com) or Teresa Rosello at [terosello@gmail.com](mailto:terosello@gmail.com).



## Free Family and Beginner Bird Walks

By Stacy Epperson, Member Anne Arundel Bird Club

One of the most beautiful features of Kinder Farm Park is the variety of birds! Come and enjoy a bird walk through the park on the following dates: **June 7, and July 5** (the first Sunday of each month).

All ages welcome. Walks begin at 8am and usually last 2-3 hours (attendees are free to leave at anytime!).

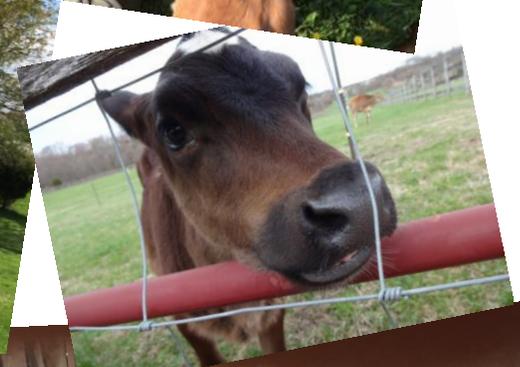
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## Free Bird Walks (Cont.)

Meet in the first parking lot on the left after passing the entry gate. We will be mostly off trail on grassy paths. June and July walks will incorporate some of Stacy's bluebird box monitoring, offering a potential for viewing of nests and/or nestlings. Contact leader Stacy Epperson at [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) with any questions. Walks are fair weather only. Call 410-987-7533 the morning of the walk if the weather is questionable.



## Bunk's Ponderings Spring in the Park



## Planning for the Fall Harvest Festival

By Michele Rose, Vice-President Friends of Kinder Farm Park, Chairperson Fall Harvest Festival Committee

Once again, the Fall Harvest Festival Committee has enthusiastically started making plans for the event to be held on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

As always, we are looking for new ideas to make the event even better. The committee would love to have more people to help us plan and implement the festival. If you are interested, we are meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Harvest Hall of the Visitors Center. So we encourage anyone interested to drop by and offer your suggestions.

One way you can help now is by donating items suitable for raffle prizes. Last year, we had everything from tools and an antique sewing machine to gift cards. If you would like to make a personal donation toward that or know of a business that would be interested, please contact us.

In addition, we are collecting jeans and long-sleeved shirts, as well as accessories, such as belts, hats, scarves, etc., that can be used to make scarecrows. Items may be dropped off at the Visitors Center on weekends 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, or on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, except on Tuesdays when the park is closed. If a tax deductible receipt is needed please leave your name, address and phone number with the items so that we may provide that for you.

On the day of the festival, at least 450 volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. We are always in particular need of additional adults, so please mark your calendars to reserve that date. We make every effort to make it a fun experience for all. Volunteer sign-up forms are available in this newsletter and soon on our web site at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org).

Due to the inclement weather of the past two years, we are trying to arrange a rain date, although that has not yet been finalized. This is the major fundraiser for the Friends of Kinder Farm Park, so your support is needed and greatly appreciated. This is the event that allows us to provide the additional support to make Kinder one of the best parks in the county!

For further information or questions, please contact Michele Rose at [kpfriend@verizon.net](mailto:kpfriend@verizon.net) or by phone 410-544-8302 or 443-618-9555.

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### Fall Harvest Festival Volunteer Forms

The following pages contain forms that can be used to volunteer for the Fall Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

- The Single Person Volunteer Form on page 7 can be filled in and mailed to or turned in at the park.
- The Group Volunteer Form that begins on page 9 can be filled in and mailed to or turned in at the park.

## Volunteers Needed for Kinder Farm Park’s Annual Fall Harvest Festival

**WHO:** Middle School-Adult Volunteers – Individuals, Families, & Organized Groups (please contact office for a group sign up sheet)

**WHAT:** Kids Games, Arts & Crafts, Food Service, and other help is needed

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 10, 2015, Rain date Sunday, October 11, 2015

**WHERE:** 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road, Millersville, MD 21108, (410) 222-6115 (phone), (410) 222-6117 (fax)

**WHY:** Give back to your community by helping people have a fun, enjoyable time!

- Only required to work 4 hours (although longer shifts are appreciated)!!!
- Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner will be provided for all volunteers
- Students receive a letter documenting their hours for Community Service

**ADDITIONAL INFO:** Due to limited parking, we are asking volunteers to carpool and/or be dropped off when possible. A copy of this form with your hours/position highlighted will be your confirmation. When you arrive check in at the Volunteer Table, a map will be mailed with your confirmation.



Please fill out & return to Kinder Farm Park. Please fill out **everything** listed below. Thank you. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. **YOUR COPY WILL HAVE YOUR HOURS/POSITION HIGHLIGHTED.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT:**    Y            N            **IF YES, LIST SCHOOL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS (ex. Must be able to sit, etc):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TIME AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER (PLEASE CIRCLE)**

9:00-5:00                      9:00-1:00                      12:00-4:00                      1:30-5:30

**AVAILABLE TO WORK THE RAIN DATE, SUN, OCT. 11<sup>TH</sup>? (IF YES, VOLUNTEER HOURS WILL BE THE SAME AS SAT, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>.)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PREFERENCE (PLEASE CIRCLE) (We will try, however preferences are not guaranteed)**

GAMES                      CRAFTS                      FACE PAINTING                      NO PREFERENCE



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**GROUP VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET FOR FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL  
SAT, OCT 10, 2015**

**RAIN DATE SUN. OCT. 11, 2015**

PLEASE DROP OFF, MAIL, OR FAX (410-222-6117) TO THE KINDER FARM PARK OFFICE, 1001 KINDER FARM PARK ROAD, MILLERSVILLE, MD 21108. CALL THE OFFICE AT 410-222-6115 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. **Due to limited parking, we are asking volunteers to carpool and/or be dropped off when possible. A copy of this form with your hours/position highlighted will be your confirmation.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CLUB OR ORGANIZATION'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# The Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2015 Life in the Park Photo Competition



**Categories:** Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

**Prizes:** \$50 Gift Card to 1<sup>st</sup> place in each category

A 2016 Pass to the Park for 2nd place in each category

**Deadline:** October 31, 2015

**Photos must be taken after November 1, 2014 within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect aspects of the beauty and/or life in the park**

- A panel of judges will select two winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions see the back of this flier or visit our website at: [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org)



This contest is cosponsored by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks

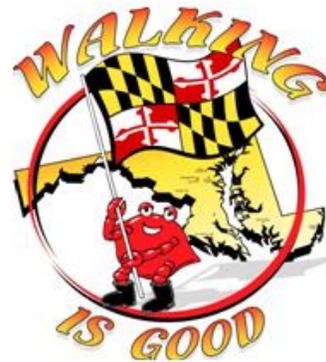
# PHOTO COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The categories for this photo competition are: **Flora** (flowers, trees, plants, etc.); **Fauna** (all animals including fishes, birds, insects, etc.); **Landscape**; and, **People** in Kinder Farm Park.
2. Photos must be taken within the boundary of Kinder Farm Park between Nov. 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015.
3. Entrants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, either as digital images or prints in color or black and white.
  - Photographs can be submitted in digital format (preferably JPG), with a maximum of 10mb per email.
  - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10". Note that they will be digitally scanned for judging purposes.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography in the 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 must be marked with or accompanied with an email that includes:**
  - **The photographer's:**
    - **Name and address,**
    - **Telephone number,**
    - **Email address, and**
  - **Photograph title**
  - **A description of where and when the photo was taken**
  - **The category in which each photograph is being entered (only one category per photo)**
  - Notes:
    - Entries will be returned if they lack any of the above requested information.
    - 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](mailto:mike_lowman@verizon.net) with the subject line of "2015 KFP Photo Contest"
  - By mail to:

2015 KFP Photo Contest  
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road  
Millersville, MD 21108
8. **All entries must be received by October 31, 2015.**
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 photographs 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 the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.

**Non-Profit Organization**  
**Family Fun Activity**

**CONTACT:** LINDA HASSELL  
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## **National Trails Day**

### **June 6, 2015**

On Saturday June 6, 2015, Freestate Happy Wanderers will celebrate National Trails Day and D-Day at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville, MD. There is a 5-km and 10- km route. The trails are on natural surfaces through KFP and sidewalks of surrounding residential areas.

Start at the River Birch Pavilion between 9 AM to 1 PM and finish by 4 PM. Give-away item to everyone. \$3.00 fee for adults, kids walk for free. Free park entrance - please inform gatekeeper on arrival.

Kinder Farm Park is named for the German immigrant farming family where they produced fruits and vegetables to be sold in the area. The new KFP Visitors Center has displays of items from early farm life in Anne Arundel County. A new Tobacco Barn Museum was opened recently and antique tractors and a working sawmill are in the farm complex area. The 4-H livestock club is responsible for the farm animals you see as you walk the event.

The Kinder Farm House will be open that day for tours. Take time and enjoy the farm. Several modern playgrounds for kids of all ages are located in the park.

Information posted for the event on the Freestate website:  
[www.mdvolks.org/freestate/](http://www.mdvolks.org/freestate/) call 410-437-2164 or e-mail  
[wahasse1798@verizon.net](mailto:wahasse1798@verizon.net) for brochure.



## Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP) 12 Month Calendar

### May 2015

- 19 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Kinder Farmhouse
- 27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall

### June 2015

- 6 — A special open house of the Kinder Farmhouse Museum will be held from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, for the Free State Walkers Volksmarch and the public.
- 7 — Family/Beginner Bird Walk, all ages welcome, meets at 8:00 AM in the Visitors Center Parking Lot. Walks are in fair weather only, last 2-3 hours, and are mostly off-trail on grassy paths. Contact the leader, Stacy Epperson at [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) with any questions. Call 410-987-7533 the morning of walk if weather is questionable.
- 12 — First Call for Summer Newsletter Articles
- 13 — Annual Wooden Nickel 5K Spot Run & 1K Fun Spot Run, for more information visit [www.woodennickelpark.org/](http://www.woodennickelpark.org/)
- 13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 14 — Flag Day Dedication Ceremony and unveiling of the memorial bricks will take place by the Flagpole in front of the Visitors Center starting at 2:00 PM.
- 14 — A Potluck Picnic for FoKFP members and non-members who purchased memorial bricks. It will begin immediately after the completion of the Flag Day Dedication Ceremony in the Harvest Hall and last until 5:00 PM. Please RSVP to the park office at 410-222-6115 or to the Friends e-mail on our web site at [www.kinderfarmpark.org/](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/) if you plan to attend.

Food donations for the potluck meal will be divided by last names as follows:

A-F - salads	M-R – appetizer
G-L - side dish	S-Z – dessert

The Friends will provide the main course, as well as beverages and paper goods.

- 16 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall

### July 2015

- 4 — Antique Tractors and 4H Livestock Club participate in the Severna Park Independence Day Parade
- 5 — Family/Beginner Bird Walk, all ages welcome, meets at 8:00 AM in the Visitors Center Parking Lot. Walks are in fair weather only, last 2-3 hours, and are mostly off-trail on grassy paths. Contact the leader, Stacy Epperson at [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) with any questions. Call 410-987-7533 the morning of walk if weather is questionable.

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**July 2015**

- 8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 11 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room
- 19 — Deadline for Summer Newsletter articles
- 21 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

**August 2015**

- 8 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — Publish the Summer *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 18 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 19 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room
- 26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

**September 2015**

- 9 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room
- 22 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 23 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

**October 2015**

- 10 — Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- 20 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 28 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 28 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles
- 31 — *Tentative*: First Annual Zombie Run
- 31 — Deadline for entries in the 2015 Life in the Park Photo Competition

**November 2015**

- 7 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 11 — Publish the Fall *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 16 — Last FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting for 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 17 — Last FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2015 at 4:00 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room

**December 2015**

- 5 — Jingle Bell Hayride 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, preregistration required at the park office (call 410-222-6115), rain date: Saturday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 7 — First Call for Winter 2016 Newsletter articles
- 9 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

## **January 2016: FoKFP membership fees are due**

- 1 — Kick off of the 2016 Life in the Park Photo Competition
- 9 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 19 — 1<sup>st</sup> FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting for 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 20 — 1<sup>st</sup> FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2016 at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room
- 23 — Deadline for the Winter 2016 Newsletter articles

## **February 2016**

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 9 — Publish the Winter 2016 *Down on the Farm* Newsletter
- 12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room

## **March 2016**

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 15 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room
- 23 — Kick-off meeting for the 2016 Fall Harvest Festival Committee at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center

## **April 2016**

- 9 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 19 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Visitors Center Conference Room
- 23 — Deadline for Spring 2016 Newsletter Articles
- 27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

## **May 2016**

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 11 — Publish the Spring *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Fund Raising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM in the Kinder Farmhouse
- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall

## Protect, Preserve and Promote, Buy a Brick

By Michele Rose, Vice President of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

Last fall along with the installation of a new flagpole in front of the Visitors Center, the Friends of Kinder Farm Park launched its *Buy a Brick* program. This is a very real way you can help the Friends raise money to support the park and leave a lasting memory in the park.

*Protect, Preserve and Promote* are the inspiration for this program. For almost two decades, people of all ages have been enjoying Kinder Farm Park's events, playgrounds, trails, natural areas, history museums and farm animals. The pavilions and picnic areas are home to many special gatherings celebrating life events. Members of the community learn about quilting, woodworking, blacksmithing, local history and gardening from our various volunteer groups.

Appropriately, on Flag Day, Sunday June 14, 2015 there will be a special dedication ceremony of the Flag and the first section of bricks, followed by a family pot-luck picnic at one of the park pavilions.

Help us continue these traditions for your family and the community. Celebrate your happy memories by purchasing a brick today. This would make a great gift for any occasion. For more information about the program and how to order:

- Visit our on-line brochure and order form at:  
<http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/brickBrochure.pdf>
- Order on-line at: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/FRB-kinderpark>
- Pick up one of the colorful brochures at the Visitors Center.




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## 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):

### **The Wild Bird Center – 20%**

568 Governor Ritchie Highway  
Severna Park Plaza Shopping Center  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
Phone: (410) 647-2453  
[www.wildbird.com/franchisee/sev/home](http://www.wildbird.com/franchisee/sev/home)

### **Anne Arundel County Farm and Garden Center (Farmers Co-op) – 10%**

155 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
Phone: (410) 766-8400  
email: [AACOFarmLawnGarden@yahoo.com](mailto:AACOFarmLawnGarden@yahoo.com)

### **Country Feed and Gardens and Pets – 10%**

865 Annapolis Road  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
Phone: (410) 923-0960

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