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Volunteer Award Banquet

By Mike Lowman, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board Member

This year's Volunteer Banquet took place on a beautiful Friday evening on the 1st of June at the River Birch Pavilion.



This annual event is given to thank volunteers for their continued support of the Kinder Farm Park. This year, to everyone's delight, Mission Barbeque catered the food.

After bellies were full, it was time to present special recognition awards to individuals and groups for their efforts.

This year's presentations began with a very special presentation of an **Anne Arundel County Citation to Paul Downey** in appreciation for the use of his knowledge and wood crafting skills to support the park over the years. For most of those

present this would be the last time we would see Paul, who passed away a few weeks later.



Hosts Bill Offutt and Carrie Fielder presented the following awards:

Special Friends Award:

The FoKFP Farm Education Livestock Groups

This group of families that care for our permanent breeding livestock here at the park and help assure that our 4H have access to affordable animals for their projects. Additionally, the families work on projects that improve the farm by adding new shelters and pastures for the animals.

Good Neighbor Award:

Maryland Farm Bureau

For continuing support of the Farm Education Committee's projects through a series of grants over the past several years.

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Volunteer Award Banquet (Cont.)

Volunteer Family Award:

The Christie Family

For their outstanding service to the Farm Education Committee and the Friends over the last several years.



Golden Horseshoe Award:

Karen Haghghi

Karen's influential impact on the Friends in the past year is laying the groundwork for the Sponsorship program, which is providing a structured way that businesses and groups can help to achieve so much more at the park. Karen is a person you can depend on to always be there to help-out, over the past several years she has served on the Fall Harvest Planning committee helping to find food vendors and assuring they have their licenses. Additionally, over the past couple years she has helped with the Jingle Bell Hayride and the Zombie Fun Run.

Forever Vigilant Award:

Chris Mowery

Chris is one of those persons who are always there when needed, as secretary she goes beyond just taking notes and is in the process of documenting how the Friends operate; as our webmaster she keeps our site updated and responds quickly to requests, and, if she is not on the planning committee for an event, you can be sure she will be at the event to lend a hand.

Golden Hammer Award:

Steve Keefer and Dave Barry

Steve and Dave are the go-to handymen for the Kinder Family Farmhouse Museum, taking care of odd jobs that recently included replacing the floor in the second-floor kitchen area and painting the room.



Volunteer for the Fall Harvest Festival

Mark your calendar, this year's Fall Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 13th. This event is the Friends of Kinder Farm Park's biggest fund raiser of the year and planning and preparing for the event takes several months. However, the real key to the continued success of the festival is the volunteers that help out on the day of the event.

It takes roughly 400 volunteers (7th grade to Adult) working various length shifts between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, helping with games, crafts, selling tickets and volunteer food. Volunteering for the Fall Harvest Festival is a great opportunity to give back to the park in appreciation for all that it offers throughout the year.

It only takes a few minutes to access and submit the volunteer form from our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org, and use the following instructions (if you are viewing this article electronically, skip to step 4):

1. Select the menu item labeled **Support**, which will display a sub-menu
2. Select **Volunteer**, a page of *Volunteer Opportunities* displays
3. Scroll down to view the section for the *Annual Fall Harvest Festival*.
4. In the very last sentence of the section which reads: *To help the day of the event>* select **Volunteer Here**, the *2018 Kinder Farm Park Fall Harvest Festival Volunteer Form* displays
5. Complete the requested information on the form and select **Submit** at the end of the form

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Volunteer...(Cont.)

If you have been on the fence about volunteering for the Fall Harvest Festival, here are a couple thoughts that might help push you off the fence. In morning volunteers are treated to coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juices, donuts and fresh fruit. At lunch time they can enjoy a hot dog (or two), a bag of chips and a snack. And at the end of the day, after clean-up volunteers can enjoy pizza in the Visitors Center. School age volunteers can earn credit for community service hours. And then there is the self-satisfaction of knowing you have helped people enjoy a day at the park.

We Don't Want No Naked Scarecrows

By Mike Lowman, Friends Board Member



Another way that you can help with the Fall Harvest Festival is to donate any old long sleeve shirts and long pants to help cloth the scarecrows that folks can make at the festival. We certainly don't want any naked scarecrows at the festival, this is a family event.

If you have some old shirts and/or pants you would like to donate, please drop them off in the box at the Kinder Farm Park Visitors Center which is open weekdays (except Tuesdays when the park and office are closed), from 9 AM – 4 PM, weekends 10 AM – 3 PM.

Temporarily Under New Supervision

As of July 23, 2018, Kinder Farm Park has been under new supervision as Bill Offutt fills the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks position as the Acting Chief of Park Operations.

In turn, Nolley Fisher the Supervisor of Downs Park is temporarily assigned as the Acting Supervisor of

Kinder Farm Park. And, Park Ranger Ockeem Ellis is the Acting Supervisor at Downs Park.

These temporary assignments should last about three months until a permanent replacement for the Chief of Park Operations is hired.



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Farm Education Livestock News

By Roy Fielder, Farm Education Livestock Group Leader

This summer has been quite busy for the Farm Education group. We are finished with building and setting up of the rabbit house. We also welcomed our first litter of bunnies.

Total of seven little ones that still have their eyes closed.



The quail are laying plenty of eggs and have become a big draw with the people that visit the park.

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Farm Ed. News (Cont.)

We have bred Dot the pig for a November 2nd birth. We struggled this time getting her bred. She did not cooperate at all.

On a better note, Snickerdoodle the heifer was bred, and I feel real good about her chances. Look for a calf in March.

We also have some of the goats working on clearing mile-a-minute vine in the back of the park. Gazelle the dairy goat should give birth early in August. Helen the Park Ranger did a great on the park program about goats in July. In addition, a goat and a couple chickens visited Anne Arundel Community College for their Kids at the Farm program.

We were also honored to be awarded group of the year by the Friends of KFP and The Christie family won family of the year and deservedly so. We have worked hard this spring and summer to make everyone’s visit to the Park a memorable one.

Quail Hutch



Tips from the Chartwell Garden Club

By Rita Custer Horticulture Chairman

Farmers and gardeners are obsessed with the weather. Crops are the basis of a farmer’s financial success or failure and well grown plants are the reward for the hard work of the gardener.

The past year has been a challenge. A dry, warm fall; a cold, dry, windy winter; and a late, cold and wet spring have kept everyone wondering how the garden would fare. Happily, the cold, wet spring was not what most people wished for, but definitely had its rewards.

The seemingly endless days of rain were a blessing to trees, shrubs and perennials in our area. Even

trees and shrubs which had browned out and had some dead branches have come back sooner than expected. On the down side many seeds did not germinate, and some seedlings rotted in the cold, wet soil. It is always best to wait until conditions are favorable.

Visitors to the Kinder Farm Park have asked about the peonies planted in the farm house garden. Peonies are among the most dramatic spring



perennials. Peonies prefer a rich, well drained, neutral soil in full sun. Peonies are not native. The old flowers are unattractive and should be removed to discourage disease. Red flowers are particularly susceptible. Even if the foliage begins to look ratty and

unattractive in the summer heat, it is still best to leave it as long as possible. The foliage continues to feed the peonies as they form next year’s flowers. In our area, remove the foliage in October and be sure to clean up all debris from around the plants to avoid disease. Do not compost! October is also a good time to plant peonies which can live for generations and beautify our gardens for many years.



AVA: America’s Walking Club

Non-competitive exercise with family and friends

Freestate Happy Wanderers

<http://mdvolks.org/freestate/>

Maryland Volkssport Association

<http://mdvolks.org>

Freestate has 5K and 10K trails at Kinder Farm Park; for year round walk information contact wahasse1798@verizon.net

Join our Meet-Up Group at <http://www.meet-up.com/Maryland-Walkers>

The Genesis of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park

By Jim Rausch, Friends' Board of Directors

Vice President of the Friends, Karen Haghighi, and I gave a presentation to the Chartwell Garden Club at their monthly meeting in May



during which we discussed the Friends organization, including its mission, its annual events, activities, and special projects, affiliated clubs and organizations which call Kinder Farm Park "home," the Friends' sponsorship program, and how to become a member. We also discussed how the Friends organization came into being - its history. Below is a brief description of the genesis of the Friends.

In the early 1990's the Chief of Planning and Construction for the Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks asked a variety of community interest groups to work on updating the Master Plan for Kinder Farm Park, which originally was developed in 1979 when the County first purchased the farm. Interest groups who were asked to participate included neighboring communities such as Chartwell and Kilmarnock, the Green Hornets recreation league, the Greater Severna Park Council, and the Millersville/Severn Run Federation. Work on updating the Master Plan was started around January 1993 and completed in 1994.

Kinder Park was built in phases which incorporated both active and passive recreational activities. Highlights included additions to the existing Garcelon Athletic complex, a visitors' center, a restored farm complex, playgrounds, picnic shelters, and a 2.4-mile perimeter trail system. The first Superintendent for the Park, Bill Offutt, was selected and he in turn was directed to establish a Friends group whose mission would be to support

Kinder Farm Park through fundraising and by sponsoring farm-related projects, programs, and activities.

Bill asked people who he knew that represented neighboring communities, birding interests, farm interests, and other related interest groups to meet to talk about serving on a Friends group. The first meeting was held around 1998 and at that meeting the objectives of such a group were discussed and officers selected, including a president (Michele Rose), vice president (Marty Horich), secretary (Laurie Kinnamon), and treasurer (Dick Mason).

The group began to meet monthly and a set of by-laws upon which the group would operate was developed in 1999. With a set of bylaws, the Friends applied for incorporation as a non-profit, volunteer organization under Section 501(3) (c) of the Internal Revenue Code. The application for incorporation was submitted in March 1999.

The Friends group held its first fundraiser, a Fall Harvest Festival, in 1999. At that time and for a few years afterward, the Friends held both fall and spring festivals and each succeeding event became bigger and more profitable in earning funds for the Park while providing fun for the entire family. Each activity, project or program sponsored by the Friends always had a farm theme and was reminiscent of a farm activity in mid-twentieth century Maryland.

Over the years, funds raised by the Friends organization have been used for a variety of purposes at Kinder Farm Park, including:

- restoring the 1925 Henry Kinder Family farmhouse and turning it into a museum furnished with period pieces
- helping to fund Eagle Scout projects at the park
- purchasing of a variety of farm-related equipment

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The Genesis...(Cont.)

- funding of materials to construct buildings such as the new poultry houses as well as numerous other outbuildings and barn extensions.

This is by no means a complete list of what the Friends have funded but demonstrates how critical monies raised by the Friends are to supplement what the County provides.

Today, the Friends group is governed by an eleven-member Board of Directors including four officers, plus a junior Board Member selected by and from the 4H Livestock Club of Kinder Farm Park. The Friends still operates from a revised set of by-laws and continues as a 501(c) (3) organization in close coordination with Park staff and the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks.

Summer at the Apprentice Garden

By Janet Clauson, Co-Chair of the Apprentice Garden and 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. Each family has a personal garden space, and everyone shares in the common garden areas. From April through September, master gardeners and the families meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs. In the garden, no-till gardening techniques were used; no pesticides or herbicides are applied; and only organic fertilizer and Leaf-gro are used monthly.

In addition to the community garden space, the Apprentice Garden project expanded to include the planting of a pumpkin and gourd garden behind the Visitor's Center. The Park provided seven 10-foot raised beds, and both gourd and pumpkin vines

were planted in two mounds in each bed. The vines are growing well, and trellises made of bamboo and bales of straw are being used to help contain them. The pumpkins and gourds will be used for various Kinder Farm Park projects in the fall.



Planting began with cool weather crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces, and kale. Families added their own choices in their personal plots (plots are 42" by 8'). A seed-starting workshop was held in late April and home-grown seedlings were planted in early May, including beans, peas, zucchini, and yellow squash. Late in May, after the cool and rainy weather, a variety of tomatoes and peppers were planted, along with sunflower seeds. Black-eyed Susan were transplanted from inside the garden to a strip just outside the south side edge of the garden, and a strip of zinnias was planted from seed on the north side. The flowers will attract pollinators to the garden.

Also, in May, families enjoyed a mini-Strawberry festival. The children cut up strawberries and made desserts for their families and themselves.

In June, planting-out the garden was completed, organic fertilizer applied, and a work party was held to lay newspaper on all the pathways, covered with straw. The newspaper/straw will prevent weed growth and will decay in time.

In July, we again fertilized the gardens using organic fertilizer. In mid-July, the children dug up the potatoes – always a surprise and treat since the children cannot watch the potatoes developing and growing underground. The sunflowers are tall and blooming; some heads



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Apprentice Garden (Cont.)

have already started to develop the seeds. Tomatoes are plentiful: the cherry tomatoes were starting to ripen by mid-July, and there are lots of larger tomatoes on the vines.

The children found a tomato hornworm with parasitic wasp eggs attached. The wasp larvae feed on the hornworm, so the hornworm was left in the garden to host the predatory wasps.

In addition, in August, we will take a field trip to Hancock's Resolution in Pasadena to visit Master Gardener projects there, including a visit to the beehives, with a presentation by the master gardener bee-keepers, and tour the colonial kitchen garden. In that garden, the children will learn about plants and herbs that would be found in an 18th century garden.

You are welcome to stop by the garden any Wednesday and bring your questions.

For more information about the Apprentice Garden, email Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com

Anne Arundel Bird Club Field

Happenings, Sep. – Oct.

By Al and Sue Young, Anne Arundel Bird Club 1st Vice Presidents

The Anne Arundel Bird Club happenings listed here are open to all bird lovers.



Kinder Farm Park

September 2, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields

Directions from park entrance on Jumpers Hole Road: Make the first left onto Gali Sanchez Way and follow road up to the top parking lot past the sports fields.

We will hike on paved paths as well as grassy and dirt paths through varied habitat. The park has four ponds, woods, and wildflower fields and we will be looking for early migrants as well as resident birds.

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or email: alnmyoung@aol.com

Mill Creek

September 5, Wednesday, 7:00 AM (half day), meet at Bay 50

A great opportunity to hike trails at the MOS Sanctuary in Talbot County. Be prepared for diverse terrain so sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Bring water and bug spray. Trip is limited to fifteen participants so contact leader if you plan to attend.

Contact: Dominic Nucifora at 443-534-4891 or email: d.nucifora@yahoo.com

Poplar Island

September 7, Friday, 7:00 AM (all day), meet at Bay 50

Join us as we take this great opportunity to tour this magnificent island in the Chesapeake Bay. We will board in Tilghman Island at 9:00, returning to dock at 1:00. The island is a magnet for migrating shore birds and home to many species. We will stop for a late lunch at Chesapeake Landing. Trip is limited to twelve participants so contact leader if you plan to attend.

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-9300 or email: alnmyoung@aol.com

Pontoon Trip with Greg Kearns, Patuxent River Park

September 19, Wednesday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at the Jackson Landing dock at Patuxent River Park

Directions: South on MD 301 to Croom Station Road. Turn left and follow Croom Station Road 1.6 miles to its end at Croom Road (MD 382). Turn left and proceed for 1.5 miles to Croom Airport Road. Turn left and continue for 2 miles to the Park entrance. Proceed 1.7 miles past the Park office, follow road down to Jackson Landing. We will meet at the dock for a three-hour tour of Jug Bay looking for sora and other rails. Greg will be checking his traps so it's possible to have some close looks at these magnificent birds. Cost is \$7 per person and reservations are necessary as there is limited participation.

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or email: alnmyoung@aol.com

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Anne Arundel Bird Club...(Cont.)

Monthly Meeting

AABC Annual Open House

**September 19, Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM,
Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park**

AABC welcomes all wild bird lovers to attend our Annual Open House Meeting! We will introduce the Fall/Winter slate of field trips, and the roster of speakers presenting at our monthly meetings. Colin Rees presents a brief program, “Feathers”, part of his series on bird natural history. Wildlife Rehabilitator Kathy Woods, founder of the Phoenix Wildlife Center, will describe her work and the center's service to injured animals over its 25+ year mission. Raffle drawing for a signed Robert Bateman framed print, “Pair of Black-crowned Night Herons”. (Tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25. Call Judy Brennan 410-280-2487 to purchase tickets in advance) Refreshments served.

Contact: Barbara Johnson at 410-703-4664 or email: barbarajohnson222@gmail.com

Swan Creek Wetlands

September 22, Saturday, 7:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Swan Creek Wetlands

Directions: From I-695 take Exit 1. Make a right at the end of the ramp and then a left onto Fort Smallwood Road. Follow for 1.3 miles and make a left onto Kembo Road. Take the road to the end and park on the right side of the road alongside the fence.

A great opportunity to explore the entire Cox Creek containment pond of this magnificent dredge site. Over 100 acres include open water, low marsh with non-vegetated tidal flats, saltbush assemblages, woodlands, and a beach/sand bar area. A viewing platform overlooks part of the wetland. We will be looking for migrating shore birds as well as many year-around residents. Trail is covered with rocks so sturdy waterproof footwear is recommended and scopes are helpful.

Contact: Stan Arnold at 410-428-7567 or email: thrushhost@gmail.com

Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center

September 26, Wednesday, 7:30-10:00 AM (rain date October 20), meet at Millersville Park & Ride on Veterans Highway behind Exxon Station

Directions from I-97 North: stay left to 895. Just after the tolls stay to the right and take exit 9 for Childs Street. Make an immediate right onto the Childs Street exit. **Do not go through the Harbor**

Tunnel. Make the next right onto Frankfurst Avenue and entrance to Masonville Cove is on the right. Masonville is 54 acres of wetlands, trails and protected bird sanctuary along the Patapsco River. You never know what rarity may show up, especially during migration.

Contact: Wendy Alexander at 443-204-3754 or email: drbeanes@verizon.net

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

September 29, Saturday, 7:00 AM (all day), meet at Bay 50

We will do the 12 mile wildlife drive, stopping for good looks at migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. Habitats include tidal salt marsh, freshwater impoundments, upland fields and forests. Bring lunch, water, bug spray. Scopes helpful.

Contact: Dale Murphy at 410-798-6345 or email: murphy_dale@msn.com

Cromwell Valley Park

October 3, Wednesday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Cromwell Valley Park

Directions: Take the I-695 beltway, get off at Exit 29A (from either direction). Turn left at the first light onto Cromwell Bridge Road, then go about 1 mile. (Watch for the speed camera by the school.) Pass 1st entrance (Sherwood Farm). In another ½ mile, at 2nd entrance, turn left onto park entry road at 2175 Cromwell Bridge Road. Sign says "Cromwell Valley Park, Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Willow Grove Farm." Follow the road across the bridge, and park in gravel parking on left. Cromwell Valley is one of the best places to see migrating warblers in the fall. Join us for a leisurely hike along fields and streams in this beautiful setting.

Contact: Kevin Graff at 410-967-5896 (text only) or email: keyweststyle2001@gmail.com

Kinder Farm Park

October 7, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields

Directions from Park Entrance on Jumpers Hole Road: Make the first left onto Gali Sanchez Way and follow road up to the top parking lot past the sports fields.

We will hike on paved paths as well as grassy and dirt paths through varied habitat. The park has four ponds, woods, and wildflower fields and we will be looking for early migrants as well as resident birds.

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or email: alnmyoung@aol.com

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Anne Arundel Bird Club...(Cont.)

Greenbury Point Trail

October 10, Wednesday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Greenbury Point Nature Center Parking Lot

Directions from MD-450 South: left on Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, 1.8 miles to Greenbury Point Nature Center. Meet in parking lot.

Join us as we hike the 2.0 loop along the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. There are wooded coves, wetland ponds, forest, scrub brush and grassy meadows teeming with birds.

Contact: Linda Vitchock at 443-557-8233 or email: lindabvit@hotmail.com

Big Sit at Ft. Smallwood Park

October 13, Saturday, 6:00 AM (all day), meet at Ft. Smallwood Park

We will start before dawn hoping for some owls and stay until the park closes at dusk! Come join us for the entire day or just part of it as we tally all the birds we can see from our spot by the water. Bring a chair and some food to share!

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or email: alnmyoung@aol.com

Quiet Waters Park

October 14, Sunday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet at Quiet Waters

Monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. Meet at Blue Heron Center.

Contact: Pat and Juanita Tate at 410-615-5133 or email: jpt8@earthlink.net

Ft. McHenry & Masonville Cove

October 20, Saturday, 7:30– 11:00 AM, meet at Millersville Park & Ride Veterans Highway

An opportunity to explore the restricted wetland at the fort and then to travel to nearby Masonville Cove to see what has come in there!

Contact: Wendy Alexander at 443-204-3754 or email: drbeans@verizon.net

Monthly Meeting

A 2018 Birding Trip to Columbia, South America

October 24, Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park

AABC past-president Pierre Henkart will narrate and share his photos of the expertly guided birding tour through Columbia that he and his wife Danalee

took in February 2018. Originating in Medellin, the 9-day adventure covered several distinct habitats at elevations from 1,000 to 10,000 feet.

Contact: Barbara Johnson at 410-703-4664 or email: barbarajohnson222@gmail.com

Patuxent Research Refuge, North Tract

October 27, Saturday, 8:00-11:00 AM, meet at North Tract

Directions: Rt. 32 to Route 198, left on Bald Eagle Drive

Over 8,000 acres of fields, forest, and ponds is home to more than 200 birds over the span of a year. We will travel by car to several of the hot spots throughout the park, as well as hike the river trail looking for late migrants and resident birds.

Contact: Rod Burley at 301-943-5923 or email: rodburley@aol.com

Visit the Woodland Garden

By Bonnie Pavlak, Master Gardener and Project Leader

Created in 2008 as a Master Gardener project, the one-acre Woodland Garden is located at the intersection of the Perimeter Trail and the North Gate Trail.



Many of the plants native to the deciduous forest have been purchased with grants from Unity Gardens, including one we received this spring to purchase Bunchberry, Maidenhair Fern, Hellebores, Bloodroot, Trillium, Ostrich Fern, Cardinal Flower, and two Allegheny Chinquapins (chestnuts). The TKF Bench made from whiskey barrels was given to the Woodland Garden by Unity Gardens as well.

Master Gardeners Susie Wells, Meg Hosmer, Paulette Heward, Bonnie Clark, Mary Jo Klovensky, Ginny Klocko, and Kim Forry did the planting, weeding, and pruning.

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Visit the Woodland Garden (Cont.)

The entrance to the Garden is decorated with ferns (the only ones found in the park) and Mayapple.



The signage shows the contributions of Unity Gardens and Friends of Kinder Farm Park. The Garden is also Bay-Wise Certified. The Woodland Garden sign in the background was made by Tom Lahdelma at the saw mill.



Pachysandra procumbens or Allegheny Spurge provides a lovely groundcover.

Recently we covered the paths with wood chips donated by Bear Landscaping, Inc. Many of the plants are labeled with scientific and common names. You are invited to sit in the garden, relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Blue Bird Monitors Needed

By Ranger Daniel Jansen

Are you interested in becoming a Blue Bird Box Volunteer?

Kinder Farm Park's Blue Bird Monitoring program is looking for volunteers to monitor boxes, clean boxes out, and report when boxes need to be replaced.



Photo taken by Michelle Hannon at Kinder Farm Park in 2016

If this is a program you would be interested in helping with please drop off your name and contact information to Park Ranger Daniel Jansen at the Visitor Center or call the office for more information 410-222-6115.

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A New/Old Tractor

By Kirk Platt, Friends Board Member

The Friends rely on dependable tractors, powerful enough to pull the wagons for the events where hayrides are offered. The hayrides are a large source of income for those events. Though we have quite a few antique tractors at the park, until recently we only had two that can pull wagons, and we had to rely on the kindness of others tractor owners to bring their tractors to help.

In May after a couple months shopping around, the Friends purchased a 1995 Ford 545D tractor that is in good working order, at a very reasonable price. It is the newest of our old tractors.

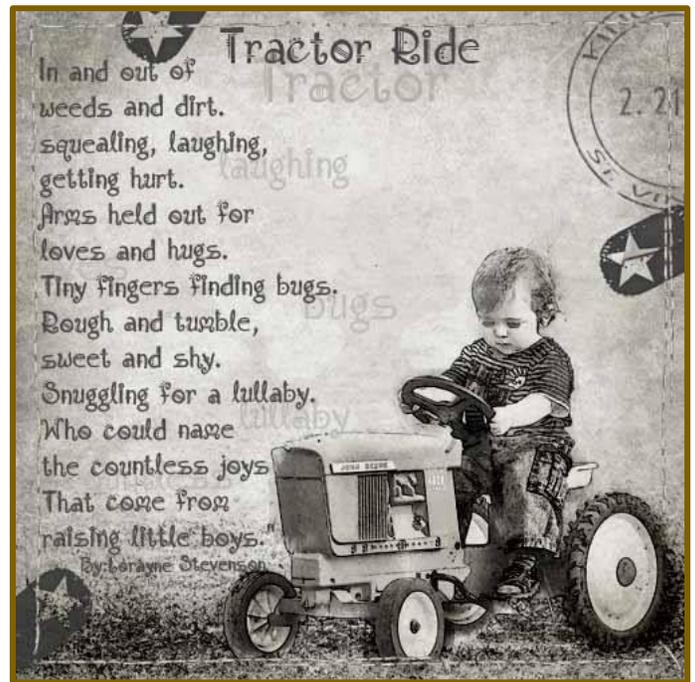


Kirk Platt (a Friends Board member) added a tractor caution sign and rearview mirror. He also added shielding to wiring throughout the tractor.

The only other work needed is to replace the badly rusted exhaust system. The parts have been purchased and Kirk and Kurt Godfrey are planning to do the work under the direction of John Bolly.



If all goes well this tractor will be ready to go to work for the Fall Harvest Festival.



Tractor Humor

Q: What do you get when you cross a robot with a tractor?

A: A transfarmer.

A Local farmer has been using a vehicle to make crop circles that are perfectly round. I think he has a protractor.

Q: When is a tractor not a tractor?

A: When it turns into a barn.



PIECED TOGETHER

The Story Behind Barn Quilt Squares

Sponsored by the Friends of Kinder Farm Park



In 2014, these two barn quilt squares were hung on the Tobacco Barn Museum at Kinder Farm Park. Come join Juliane Donofrio, who was at the park to film the event to include in her award-winning documentary entitled, “Pieced Together.” A story about the quilt square trails and how Donna Sue Groves’ love for her mother changed the American landscape and helped her survive job loss and cancer.



**When: Tuesday, Aug 21, 2018
at 7:00 PM**

**Where: Visitors Center
Harvest Hall**

*1001 Kinder Farm Park Rd.,
Millersville, MD 21108*

**Friends of Kinder Farm Park are Free and
non-members are \$5.00**

**Please let us know how many are attending by emailing
speakers@kinderfarmpark.org, so we can plan for
seating and refreshments.**

This event is co-sponsored by



Friends of Kinder Farm Park

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 13, 2018
10 AM to 4 PM at
1001 Kinder Farm Park Rd.
Millersville, MD 21108
No Gate Fees

For more information, visit
the Friends of Kinder Farm
Park's website at:

www.kinderfarmpark.org

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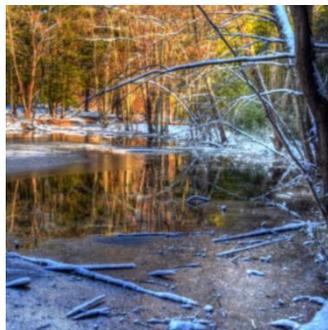
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2018 *Life in the Park*

Photo Competition



Categories: Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

Prizes: \$50 Gift Card to 1st place in each category

A 2019 Pass to the Park for 2nd place in each category

Deadline: December 31, 2018

- Photos must be taken after January 1, 2018, 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 winning photos from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org and select “Competition” from the Photo menu. Or, pick up a flyer at the park Visitors Center





Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP)

12 Month Calendar

For the latest calendar visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org/calendar.html

August 2018

- 3 — Publish the Summer 2018 *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 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
- 14 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 21 — Speakers Series at 7:00 PM in the Harvest Hall, Julianne Donofrio shares her documentary, “Pieced Together,” the story behind Barn art Quilt Squares. Free to Friends members and \$5 for non-members
- 22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

September 2018

- 2 — Bird Walk, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, Meet at the athletic fields, take a left before the gate house (free entry). Alan and Susan Young will lead this monthly trip around Kinder Farm Park. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Alan produced a checklist of the birds of Kinder Farm Park and walks and explores this area regularly. Contact the leader, Alan and Sue Young at 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com with any questions or if weather is iffy.
- 8 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

September 2018 (Cont.)

- 12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 18 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 19 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 19 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Annual Open House from 7:00-9:00 PM in Harvest Hall. Where the Fall/Winter slate of field trips, and the roster of speakers presenting at our monthly meetings will be introduced. Colin Rees presents a brief program, “Feathers”, part of his series on bird natural history. Wildlife Rehabilitator Kathy Woods, founder of the Phoenix Wildlife Center, will describe her work and the center's service to injured animals over its 25+ year mission. For more details visit their website at www.aabirdclub.org
- 26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 26 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

October 2018

- TBA—Annual Zombie 5K Fun Run
 - 7 — Bird Walk, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, Meet at the athletic fields, take a left before the gate house (free entry). Alan and Susan Young will lead this monthly trip around Kinder
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Farm Park. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Alan produced a checklist of the birds of Kinder Farm Park and walks and explores this area regularly. Contact the leader, Alan and Sue Young at 410-991-8300 or alanmyoung@gmail.com with any questions or if weather is iffy.

- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 13 — **Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival**, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
- 16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 17 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Meeting from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall, details will be announced on their website at www.aabirdclub.org
- 18 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 in the Visitor Center Conference Room
- 20 — **Jingle Bell Hayride Ticket go on Sale**, details will be announced on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Conference Room
- 24 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Meeting from 7:00-9:00 PM in Harvest Hall. AABC past-president Pierre Henkart will narrate and share his photos of the expertly guided birding tour through Columbia that he and his wife Danalee took in February 2018. Originating in Medellin, the 9-day adventure covered several distinct habitats at elevations from 1,000 to 10,000 feet.
- 30 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

November 2018

- 7 — Publish the Fall 2018 Down on the Farm newsletter
- 10 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 20 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 21 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 21 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 in the Visitor Center Conference Room
- 28 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Meeting from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall, details will be announced on their website at www.aabirdclub.org

December 2018

- 1 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, details will be announced on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org
 - 1 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
 - 8 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
 - 8 — Jingle Bell Hayride Rain Date, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - 9 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
 - 12 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall
 - 18 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
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December 2018 (Cont.)

- 19 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Meeting from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall, details will be announced on their website at www.aabirdclub.org
- 31 — Deadline for entries in the 2018 Life in the Park Photo Competition
- 31 — Renew membership or join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for 2019 by Dec. 31st and be entered in a drawing to get your membership fee refunded and a 2019 pass to the park

January 2019: FoKFP membership Fee due

- 1 — Kick-off of the 2019 FoKFP Life in the Park Photo Competition, visit our website for details
- 4 — First Call for Winter 2019 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall (early membership renewal drawing)
- 12 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 16 — First FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2019 at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 23 — Deadline for the Winter Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

February 2019

- 3 — Publish the Winter 2019 edition of *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 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

February 2019 (Cont.)

- 19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

March 2019

- 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
- 15 — First Call for Spring 2019 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

April 2019

- TBA — Meet the Kids
- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 13 — **Easter Egg Hunt**, more information to follow
- 16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 22 — Deadline for Spring Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 24 — Kick-off Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

May 2019

- 3 — Publish the Spring 2019 *Down on the Farm* newsletter

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May 2019 (cont.)

- 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
- 14 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

June 2019

- TBA — FoKFP Volunteer Picnic (attendance by invitation only)
- 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
- 18 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 19 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 23 — First Call for the Summer 2019 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

July 2019

- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

July 2019

- 22 — Deadline for Summer 2019 Newsletter articles (email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net)
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

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<p><i>The Wild Bird Center</i> 568 Governor Ritchie Hwy. Severna Park Plaza Shopping Plaza Severna Park, MD 21146 Phone: 410-647-2453 Website: www.wildbird.com/severnapark</p> <p>Show your Friends Card here and get a 20% discount</p>

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