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Volunteer Awards

The annual volunteer banquet was held at the River Birch pavilion on June 7, 2019; a beautiful Friday evening. Everyone that attended enjoyed the food and fellowship. Ranger Helen Overman and Carrie Fielder the Friends President shared in the presentation of the following awards:

- The Golden Horseshoe Award to Kirk Platt, a Friends Board member, for all the work he has done for the Friends in organizing and maintaining the tractors, the WWII House and helping with events throughout the year.
- Special Friend Award to Jennifer Sambataro, a member of the Historical Society for all her help at the Kinder Farmhouse in maintaining the gardens and the farmhouse, and being a docent.
- Rookie Friend Award to Leslie Engleman, member of the Farm Education Livestock Group for helping to learn about, prepare for and acquire the alpacas. She has worked tirelessly to assist getting the Farm Education garden as well as the small animal program up and running. Leslie was instrumental in the building of the rabbit house and run.
- Volunteer Family Award to Ruth and Danielle Heffner. Ruth is a 4H leader, Danielle is a 4H member, and both are members of the Farm Education Livestock group. Ruth is very active in making the park amenities better and is a great promoter of animal health, and is very generous in her financial support for both program. Danielle is one of the most responsible and brightest in both groups. See the Interview with Danielle on page 8 of this newsletter.
- Forever Vigilant Award to Linda Vitchock, a Bluebird Watch volunteer who stepped up after others had left to keep the program going.
- Golden Carpenter Award to Dave Barry, a member of the Friends and the Historical Society who has completed a restoration of the Kinder Icehouse and has stepped up to re-open the Woodshop at the park.

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- Good Neighbor Award to Grimes Engineering located in Davidsonville, for all their work getting our antique tractors operational again and working with us to establish a regular maintenance schedule to keep them operational for our hayrides.

National Trails Day at Kinder Park

By Linda and Bill Hassell, Freestate Happy Wanderers

The Freestate Happy Wanderers (FHW) Walking Club would like to thank the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and Mr. Brad Hunt for all they did to allow us to have a walk (volksmarch) in Kinder Farm Park.

The walk was on June 1, 2019 and was a beautiful sunny day. We offered two trails for the 128 walkers, one 5 Km and one 10 Km and both covered most of the park including the bamboo area and pond.

The walkers made many comments about the diverse nature of the trails and especially the restored farm area and the Kinder Farmhouse. Mr. Mike Lowman and Mrs. Diane Rausch of the Friends' Historical Society opened the farmhouse for walkers. This not only benefited the general visitors to the park but was very enjoyable for the walkers. We had many comments about the Tobacco Barn Museum and the displays in the Visitors Center Museum. Several walkers said the farm area was very pleasant with all the families and children enjoying the day around the farm animals.

Mr. Tom Mosely, FHW Vice President presented a donation check to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park to express the club's appreciation.



Anne Arundel County is very lucky to have such a treasure as Kinder Farm Park in Millersville and we know that it has only come about because of the hard work and dedication of the Rangers and the Friends of Kinder Farm Park.

Meadow Project

By Daniel Jansen, Park Ranger

Meadows are grasslands covered in native grasses and wildflowers. They are an essential part of our natural, cultural, and historic resources. The beauty of meadows and grasslands have been captured throughout the years in written word through stories and poetry as well as artistically through photography and drawings. Meadow areas throughout our county provide habitat for various species from butterflies and insects to small mammals and birds.

In April of 2018 the Park Rangers of Kinder Farm Park have been working on restoring four acres of the Wildflower Trail from invasive overgrown mile-a-minute and blackberry growth, back into a native meadow grassland area. Seeds were sown this spring and so far the project has been successful! There are several grasses and wildflowers coming up throughout the area. It will take roughly two more years for the meadow grasses to reach maturity but so far the area is thriving.

Emerging Meadow on the Wildflower Trail



Any patrons who wish to see the project in action will need to follow the paved perimeter trail to mile marker 1.4 where they would turn left into the meadow area.

Future plans for the area include an unpaved trail loop around the meadow, bulletin boards featuring educational pieces on meadow ecology and management, and ranger lead programs relating to

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Meadow Project (Cont.)

meadow and grassland ecology. If you have questions and/or wish to volunteer in our meadow management, feel free to contact Park Ranger Daniel Jansen at the Park Visitor Center.

Volunteer Signup for the Annual Fall Harvest Festival

We are looking for volunteers from 7th graders to adults. Individuals and groups are welcome! Kinder Farm Park's Annual Fall Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, October 12th, 2019. There will be no rain date.



Volunteers will be provided breakfast (9AM-1PM shift), lunch (9AM-1PM, 12PM-4PM shifts), and dinner (1PM-5PM shift) depending on the shift(s) they select.

Volunteers are welcome to sign up for 1-2 shifts by visiting our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org, then:

1. Select **Support** from the menu
 2. From the list of links displayed, select **Volunteer**
 3. On the page entitled *Annual Fall Harvest Festival* select **Volunteer Here**
 4. Fill in the form that displays, and select **Submit and Sign Up**
 5. Fill in the information on the form that is displayed and select **Sign Up Now** to complete the process.
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Kinder Farm Park Fall Harvest Festival

The annual Fall Harvest Festival at Kinder Farm Park (1001 Kinder Farm Park Road in Millersville, MD 21108) is being held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. This popular event includes something for everyone to enjoy,

games, hayrides, pony rides, a pumpkin patch, pumpkin painting, arts and crafts areas, face painting, scarecrow making, antique Sawmill demonstrations, Blacksmithing demonstrations, Kinder Farmhouse tours, local artisan booths, food and snack vendors, farm animals to visit, and much more.

The gate fees are suspended for the day and parking is free, as are the farmhouse tour and various demonstrations. There are several ticket stands located conveniently throughout the venue where \$1 tickets can be purchased (cash only) for many of the activities which require 1 up to 3 tickets per person to participate. The scarecrow making also requires either 12 tickets or a special \$12 ticket that can be purchased at the scarecrow making area. All artisan booths, food and snack vendors, and pony rides vary in price and accept cash and in most cases credit.



Families enjoy creating a Halloween craft at a previous Fall Harvest Festival

Organized by the Friends of Kinder Farm Park and co-sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, the Fall Harvest Festival is the Friends' major fund raiser to support the activities, groups and farm animals at Kinder Farm Park. So come, join in the fun!

Visit the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website at www.kinderfarmpark.org to learn more about the Friends and other activities at the park.

Chartwell Garden Club News

Horticulture News

By Rita Custer, Horticulture Chairman

This spring’s report from the United Nations on biodiversity said that millions of plant and animal species are facing extinction. This report is so alarming that we ring our hands and wonder what we could do to address a situation so overwhelming. Some of us just “turn-off” because the reality of this global tragedy is so huge. If you are willing to make changes to habits and ideas you have had all your life, there is much that can be accomplished.

Here are a few examples to think about. Lawns of beautiful lush grass have been a cherished goal of homeowners forever. Every mailbox is filled with flyers promoting lawn care products and services promising the best lawn that will be the envy of your neighbors. What they don’t tell us is that grass lawns in the U.S. gobble 9 billion gallons of water every day. In addition to using valuable water, growing grass eliminates space to grow other valuable plants which provide food and habitat for wildlife and insects.

Also, we feed grass with all sorts of chemicals, fertilizers, insecticides and repellants that poison the soil and runs off to our waterways. Addressing these facts is difficult. It requires us to rethink our love of grass by reducing lawn size and planting drought tolerant native trees, shrubs, and ground covers. Be more tolerant of weeds, let grass grow longer, and limit the number of chemicals applied. Limit watering to early morning to avoid loss by evaporation. Watering in the heat of the day is almost a total loss.

Reimagining lawns will be difficult for most of us, but it is easier than many other frightening problems such as loss of wildlife, poisoning waterways, loss of agricultural land to excessive heat and flooding. Also, to worry about is single use plastic, fossil fuels rather than renewable energy. Too much wasted food, and the love of too much meat. Consider just a couple of meals a week of plant based food for a change. This will require a lot of

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Chartwell Garden Club News (Cont.)

rethinking by all of us. Do what you can. The clock is ticking.

General Club News

Our 55th Anniversary year provided much for us to celebrate and reflect on. Hands on workshops and informative programs provided inspiration and tips for beautifying our homes and gardens. Our community gardens are thriving, and we made a positive impact on others through our community service projects and donations.

We are proud to announce that Chartwell Garden Club member Liz Williams was awarded the Marie Coulter Bowl and Award of Citation for her dedication to the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland (FGCMD). This was so very special because the award was named in honor of our dear friend and fellow Chartwell Garden Club member Marie Coulter. Liz contributes many hours to the FGCMD website, serves as *Gardenews* Editor and assisted in updating the Awards Manual. Liz is continuing her service as Chairman of the Communications Committee and the Judges Council.



*Kinder Farm Park Kitchen Garden
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Sunday: Closed

Interview with Gazelle the Goat

By Jen Plant, Leader Farm Education Livestock Dairy Goats Team

Recently we spoke with Gazelle, one of the dairy goats at Kinder Farm Park.

Q- Hi Gazelle

A- Hi Maya, it's so nice to meet you.

Q- Wow, a talking goat!

A- Well, how else will you learn about us?



Q- So for the record, you are a goat or a gazelle?

A- My name is Gazelle and I am a Nubian Dairy goat. I earned my name by leaping around the fields like an antelope or a gazelle. There are a few Nubians along with some Nigerians Dwarf Dairy goats here at Kinder Farm Park in the Dairy goat program.

Q- So tell me, what is your actual job?

A- Well, aside from looking this fabulous all the time, which is exhausting, let me tell you, I'm here to teach park visitors about dairy goats. During milking season I get milked every morning and anyone who likes can come watch. You can meet me in person and see how goats are milked. You can learn about what we eat, how we make milk, how goats milk is different from cow's milk, why people pasteurize milk, and how we think. We really are fascinating, if I do say so myself. My actual job is to teach, and I love it, especially with human kids.

Q- Wow, that IS a lot of information. Tell me more about what you eat? I once heard you can eat tin cans.

A- False. We don't eat tins cans or clothes off the clothesline or anything else like that. Which doesn't mean we won't chew a little, and see what it tastes like, but we have a very carefully monitored diet. Ruminants like us need to be careful what we eat. We have a four chambered stomach and it needs to stay properly balanced. If someone were to try and sneak us food it could actually make us sick. Some

folks are just trying to be nice and bring us treats but it can really hurt us.

Q- Does your diet affect the milk you make?

A- Absolutely! Great question. If lots of that delicious onion grass comes up and we overindulge, it can make our milk taste onion-y. Which isn't a big deal for making cheese, but no one wants onion flavors in their ice cream!

Q- Ice cream! I didn't know goat milk could be used for ice cream!

A- Oh yes, goat milk makes wonderful ice cream. It is rich and creamy and delicious. Goat milk can be used for cheese, yogurt, soap, lotion, butter and just about anything you would otherwise use cow's milk. And goat's milk is naturally homogenized, so it tastes extra yummy.

Q- What does that mean, homogenized?

A- That means that the little fat molecules are mixed all through. Cow's milk separates after it comes out of the cow, the cream rises to the top. If you want cow's milk to be the same amount of fat all the way through, you need to homogenize it after milking, using a machine. We goats are able to keep the fats all mixed through and when it comes out it stays that way, which means when the ice cream or butter hits your tongue, it tastes rich, creamy and delicious.

Q- Wow, that really is a special talent!

A- It's a gift.

Q- So how old do you have to be to make milk?

A- Well, just like all mammals, you don't make milk until you have your own babies. But once we Dairy goats have babies, we make soooo much milk, there is plenty to share with the humans who love it so much.

For example, my friend Dakota, who lives here too, had four babies this year. Quadruplets. And she is still making more milk than they need. If you come to visit us you can see all the beautiful ribbons she has won over the past few years. She's both lovely and accomplished.

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Interview with Gazelle...(Cont.)

Q- Really, I can come meet her too?

A- Sure! On May 11 we had our big annual party called “Meet the Kids Day” at Kinder Farm Park. Every day you can see some animals, but on this day we like to get ALL the babies out where everyone can see them. This year we had baby pigs, lambs, kids, bunnies, chicks, cows, quail, and alpacas. We even had hayrides, sack races, all kinds of fun things to do for the whole family. We had some wonderful eco goats too, who are working hard gobbling up poison ivy and invasive vegetation. You could have bought a hot dog; seen the Blacksmiths in action; and, visited the Kinder farmhouse. If you want to join in the fun next year, mark Saturday, May 9th, 2020 on your calendar.

Q- That sounds wonderful, but kinda expensive?

A- Excellent point. It does cost money to have all these wonderful programs. We are entirely volunteer run, from the head cattle wranglers to the tiniest quail incubators. This one day a year, just one day, the money that you pay to come in the gate goes to our program which is called the Friends of Kinder Farm Park. We have a shoestring of a budget and this is how we raise funds for all the animal feed, grain, hay, veterinary care and everything for the whole year. It doesn't cost anything to enter the farm complex once you are inside the park. Normal gate fees apply, which is \$6 per vehicle. A couple of attractions like the hayride cost a couple dollars, most are free. Parking is free. Petting the animals is free. Taking photos of us is free. My agent has a fit but it's for a good cause. We aren't a petting zoo, it's a real farm designed for education.

Q- Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me today.

A- You are most welcome. Come see all of us at 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road, Millersville, MD 21108

The original version of this article appeared in the Severna Park Voice.

Five New Kids on the Farm

Since the Spring issue of this newsletter there have been five more baby goats added to the population at Kinder Farm Park.

On May 6, 2019, Seven, the dairy goat, gave birth to a teeny tiny, but healthy, boy named Astro.



On Mother's Day, May 12, 2019, Brie the dairy goat celebrated by giving birth to two beautiful baby boys named Wyatt and Wilson.



On July 9, 2019, Penny a Boar goat gave birth to a boy named Hercules Mulligan and a girl named Theodosia.

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Five New Kids on the Farm (Cont.)

Keep up with all the latest animal birth announcements and other animal news visit our **Animals** menu on the Friends’ website at www.kinderfarmpark.org.

The Tiger Special Goes to Work

By Kirk Platt, FoKFP Board Member

In the Spring edition of *Down on the Farm*, the article entitled “Something ‘Special’ Comes Our Way” told our readers about the 1993 Tiger Special Tractor that had acquired for the Sawmill Club and the and the 4H and Farm Education Livestock groups to do work that had been done previously using county equipment.

After acquiring a set of forks for the front of the Tiger, we are happy to report that it is working well for both groups.



Tiger at work moving logs at the Sawmill



Moving hay for the animals with the Tiger

Between the Sawmill and farm groups, they are expected to use the new Tiger Special tractor weekly for tasks around the park.

A new seat was also purchased to replace the worn out one that came on the tractor. Kirk Platt and Bob Short worked to remove the rusted old seat mount, created a new bracket and mounted the new seat.



Interview with Danielle Heffner

By Emma Christie, Volunteer Farm Education Livestock Committee

“Learn as much as you can, while you can, when experienced people are still around. That’s what I did.” – Danielle Heffner

Emma: Danielle Heffner is a 4H and Farm Education Livestock Committee member and 4H Liaison to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board.

Ever since I started on the Friends Livestock Committee, Danielle Heffner has been a kind, confident, capable presence. Just after I started, she let me walk her precious Nigerian Dwarf goat, Dakota, much to my great joy. She has always been extremely generous with her animals, and with her time. Danielle knows so much about animals and is very willing to educate volunteers and the public alike. She is always at the farm, and ready to help do any hard, dirty job that comes to hand. It is very clear to see how her strong, confident personality draws the animals to her while she remains in complete control.

I was curious to find out more about how Danielle grew into the role of one of the go-to people for our program. I asked her some questions, and I think you will find her answers as interesting as I did.

How long have you been a part of 4H and Livestock Committee?

Danielle: I’ve been in 4H since I was 9. I’ve been a part of the Friends since it started. I came here when I was really little and saw what they were doing. I thought, this is what I want to do! It took me a few years to get into 4H. I’ve always been interested in animals.

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Interview with Danielle...(Cont.)

Emma: How did you first realize you enjoyed working with animals?

Danielle: There's a calmness to the animals. It's therapeutic for me. I love helping them. It's like a win-win situation where they are helping you and you're helping them.

Emma: What do you think it takes to be good with animals?

Danielle: First, you have to love them. You also have to be confident with them and show them who is boss. You have a balance, a mix, so that they respect you.

Emma: On average, about how many times a week do you come to the farm? How do you manage to balance this with everything else in life?

Danielle: I come everyday. It's kinda hard with school and all - I'm a high schooler - but I do it. I also horseback ride. I played volleyball for a while, and I do archery. This is my first priority.

Emma: What has been your favorite animal and why?

Danielle: Dakota! She's been my favorite all though out my years with animals. I got her in 2015, she's been my all-time favorite. She's got a personality like I've never seen on a goat. She's the sweetest thing I've ever seen.



Emma: What have you learned from owning, breeding, and showing Dakota over the years?

Danielle: I've learned so much. I wouldn't be where I am without Dakota or any of my animals honestly. They teach me so much. I'm really blessed to have this place, honestly. I wouldn't have found what I wanted to do without my animals and Kinder.

I've learned how to care for my first dairy goat with Dakota. How to give shots, clipping, showing, breeding and birthing. I've done three births with her, and she's been great. Every time gets better.

I've learned how to show. I've won Best-In-Show at the Anne Arundel County Fair several times in a row. Showing has taught me a lot. It's communicating with people as well as working with the animals. It's the business side of it. It's taught me what to look for in an animal as well as how to care for your animal. It's a lot of work to be showing and have other animals to care for, but it's a really good experience and I really recommend it. It teaches you a lot. The judges know what they're doing.



Emma: Do you enjoy teaching classes on animal care? Why do you think it is important?

Danielle: I do! I like making the animals happy, and it's very good to be close to an animal and know how to take good care of it because they can teach you a lot.

Emma: What advice would you give to kids who are new to working with livestock?

Danielle: Be confident! Don't let people get you down and don't second guess yourself. That's how I was and honestly, I wouldn't have gotten this far if I didn't just step it up and start learning for myself. Take a hands-on approach. Learn from your mentors and learn from the people around you who know more. They won't be around that long, especially in 4H. Learn as much as you can, while you can, when experienced people are still around. That's what I did. I have (and had) so many great mentors that I learned from. Jake Modeski (dairy goats 4H)- and Mr. Roy(Head of Livestock Committee) are two of my most important mentors. Jake really, really helped me as I just got into dairy goats, and he taught me almost everything I know. Mr. Roy actually helped me gain a lot of my confidence. He just said, 'here.. do this.' and sent me off to do things. He told me what to do, and I went off and learned it by myself. I took the hands-on approach with it.

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Interview with Danielle...(Cont.)

Emma: Farm life is often difficult and dirty work. What keeps you motivated?

Danielle: The animals! I mean, you're doing it all for them. That's what I love. And this is what I want to do. I want to be a large animal vet. The animals are what really keep me going, knowing that the animals are happy and healthy, that's all I want.

Most people don't get this experience. It's such a good learning experience working with animals. You get to do a lot here. It teaches you to think about other people. Having responsibility and doing all the work with the animals gets you prepared for life. You think, "Wow, this is a great experience, and not a lot of people get to do this!"

Emma: What have been the highlights of 4H and the livestock committee?

Having the opportunity to take care of these creatures and really show them love while I can. And, making a lot of connections. You get to meet a lot of great people that really touch your heart.

Emma: How will 4H and Livestock Committee help you obtain your life goals?

Danielle: They give me awesome experiences - without 4H and Livestock Committee I wouldn't be as far along with all that being involved with them has taught me, and what I've gotten to do. It gives me hands-on experience which is really hard to gain, especially if you want to be a large animal vet, you have to know what you're doing. 4H's motto is "Learn by Doing" and that's what this place is all about.

Emma: How has the livestock program changed over the time you have volunteered?

Danielle: There are lots more people who are interested now. When I first joined, there weren't that many people in the club. There's been a shift in how many people are really, really interested and love learning about this stuff. There's also a lot more visitors at the farm that I get to educate, that's really cool to see. That I'm not the only one who loves this!

Emma: You are 4H liaison with FOKFP board. What does this job entail?

Danielle: So, I'm basically the connector for 4H and the Board. I go to the Friends (of Kinder Farm Park) meetings and report on anything that's going on. I voice any questions or concerns from 4H and if the Friends have anything, I report back to the club. I'm the voice for both. It's a really nice experience that teaches me how to communicate with people, and it's a good responsibility to have.

Emma: What are the most important life skills have you learned from working at the farm that will help you in your future?

Danielle: Definitely communication! You know, being here everyday, there's a lot of people who ask you a lot of questions and it gets you into a routine where you're just answering questions all the time. It's really good to train your brain to remember things and teach yourself. I've been asked a lot of questions where I go, 'eh, I dunno!'" so I go look it up and now I know it. It widens your horizon. It's a lot about how you teach yourself and then go teach others, it really helps everybody out.

Emma: This interview inspired me to keep learning and sharing, and I hope it inspires you too. How much you can teach yourself with patience and hard work! Danielle, we wish you well in everything you do, thank you.

Sit Back and Enjoy

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Board Member

There is a unique place at Kinder Farm Park that has been made just perfect thanks to the generous donations made by family and friends in memory of Tom Maid, a longtime member of the Friends' Historical Society. Tom spent countless hours at the Kinder Farmhouse and all around the park cataloging and photographing the thousands of artifacts that are on display and in the Friends' collection.

Tom said the one thing that would make the front porch at the Kinder Farmhouse complete, would be a porch swing. Unfortunately, due to insurance

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Sit Back and Enjoy (Cont.)

concerns, an old-fashioned porch swing was out of the question. Working with Tom's family, a large glider and chair were selected, purchased and now grace the front porch of the Kinder Farmhouse.



Tom's family and friends gathered on Saturday, July 20th to remember Tom and to officially dedicate the glider and chair, which are there for all to enjoy, whenever at the park. One of the best times is late in the day as things begin to slow down and you can sit there and soak in the peacefulness of the evening.

Summer at the Apprentice Garden

By Janet Clausen, 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 Master Gardeners. It occupies two of the community garden spaces and is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically. Families have their own personal garden space where they can plant vegetables of their choosing, and everyone shares in the common garden areas. From April through September, Master Gardeners and the families meet every Wednesday at 6:30PM to plan, plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits and herbs.

Each season, no-till gardening techniques are used; no pesticides or herbicides are applied; Leaf-gro is used at

planting, and organic fertilizer is applied monthly. After this season's planting tasks were completed, the walkways were covered with newspaper and topped with straw to prevent weeds. Supplemental straw may be needed to cover areas where newspaper is exposed, but this technique ensures minimum weed growth for the rest of the year.

Planting began with cool weather crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces, Swiss chard, and kale. Families added their own choices in their personal plots (plots are 8' by 42"). Gorgeous purple cauliflower was the star in one garden.

A seed-starting workshop was held in late April and the home-grown seedlings were planted in early May, including beans, peas, zucchini, and yellow squash. Late in May, a variety of tomatoes and peppers were planted, along with tomatillos. Flowers planted in the garden (marigolds), and those in the native garden outside the gates, and along the outside fence line (grey goldenrod, and zinnias) will attract pollinators to the garden.

Also in May, the families enjoyed an in-garden Strawberry festival. The children cut up strawberries and made desserts for their families and themselves. Little cakes and lots of whipped cream were also devoured.

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.

In July, the monthly application of organic fertilizer was applied, and in mid-July, the children dug up the potatoes in the Apprentice Garden – always a surprise and treat since the children cannot see the potatoes growing underground.

Also in July, we enjoyed a field trip to Hancock's Resolution, another wonderful Anne Arundel County park on the grounds of a house and farm dating to the 1700's. Master Gardeners there have two projects: bee-keeping and a colonial kitchen garden. The beekeepers provided an excellent presentation on the life cycle and habits of honey bees, and placed a tray of honey comb, with live bees, in a glass frame so everyone could get a close look at the comb with brood and honey. The families and children toured the kitchen garden, learning

...Apprentice Garden (Cont.)

about the foods and herbs typically grown in 18th century Maryland gardens, and dug potatoes for their suppers. We also stuffed sachets with lavender grown in the fields at Hancock’s Resolution.

By the end of July, cherry tomatoes were plentiful, and lots of large tomatoes were ripening on the vines. Plus, sweet banana peppers and jalapenos. The first ripe tomatillo was picked, with many more to come.

In a nearby plot, planted with vines, melons are ripening, but the pumpkins were half-eaten by garden critters.

More about that garden in the next newsletter!

You are welcome to stop by the Apprentice Garden any Wednesday evening and bring your questions.



For more information about the Apprentice Garden, or if you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Janet Clauson (janetclauson301@gmail.com)



TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

Facts:

- There are over 25 billion chickens in the world, that's more than any other bird.
- Over 452 million hens are used a year for eggs.
- A hen can lay more than 300 eggs a year.
- Mother hens talk to their chicks when they are still in the egg.
- A mother hen turns her eggs about 50 times a day.
- The record flight time for a chicken is 13 seconds.

Humor:

Why did Mozart kill all his chickens? When he asked who was the best composer? They all replied, “Bach, Bach, Bach.”

What do you call someone who takes care of chickens? A chicken tender.

What do you call a rooster who wakes you up every morning? An alarm cluck.

Since chickens rise when the rooster crows, when do ducks wake up? At the quack of dawn.

Why does a chicken coop have two doors? Four doors would make it a chicken sedan.

Poultry Inspired:

The following is a list of chicken inspired words, idioms and phrases. It is provided to inspire you to think of others.

- Don’t count your chickens until they hatched.
- Rule the roost
- Henpecked
- Pecking order
- I don’t want to ruffle your feathers
- Chicken legs
- Tastes like chicken
- Good egg
- Have egg on one’s face
- Lay an egg
- Walking on eggshells
- Nest egg
- As scarce as hens’ teeth
- Stick in your craw
- Something to crow about
- Spring chicken
- Birds of a feather flock together

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2019 Life in the Park Photo Competition



Categories: Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

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

A 2020 Pass to the Park for 2nd place in each category

Deadline: December 31, 2019

- Photos must be taken after January 1, 2019, 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 see the next page

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 boundaries of Kinder Farm Park between January 1st and December 31st of 2019.
3. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, 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: Prints will be digitally scanned for judging purposes.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography, 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 by the following information:**
 - **The photographer's:**
 - **Name and address**
 - **Telephone number**
 - **Email address**
 - **Photograph title**
 - **A description of where and the date 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 photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org with the subject line of "2019 KFP Photo Contest"
 - By mail to:

2019 KFP Photo Contest
 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road
 Millersville, MD 21108
8. **All entries must be received by December 31, 2019.**
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, participants 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 and on the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website.

Friends of Kinder Farm Park

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 12, 2019
10 AM to 4 PM at
Kinder Farm Park
Millersville, MD 21108
No Gate Fees

Come and Enjoy:

- Hayrides•Farm Animals•Face Painting•Farmhouse Tour
- Arts and Crafts•Farm Displays
- Sawmill Demos•Artisan•Food Vendors•and Much, Much More

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www.kinderfarmpark.org

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Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP)

12 Month Calendar

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

August 2019

- 3 — Publish the Summer 2019 *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
- 28 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

September 2019

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 25 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 25 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

October 2019

- 6 — **Jingle Bell Hayride Tickets go on Sale**, details will be announced on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org
- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — **Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival**, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

October 2019 (Cont.)

- 15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 16 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Conference Room
- 23 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Conference Room
- 25 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

November 2019

- 3 — Publish the Fall 2019 *Down on the Farm* newsletter
- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 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
- 20 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Conference Room

December 2019

- 7 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, details will be announced on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org
- 7 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 11 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall

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December 2019 (Cont.)

- 14 — Jingle Bell Hayride Rain Date, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 14 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 31 — Deadline for entries in the 2019 Life in the Park Photo Competition
- 31 — Renew membership or join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for 2020 by Dec. 31st and be entered in a drawing to get your membership fee refunded and a 2021 pass to the park

January 2020: FoKFP membership fee due

- 1 — Kick-off of the 2020 FoKFP Life in the Park Photo Competition, visit our website for details
- 3 — First Call for Winter 2020 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall (early membership renewal drawing)
- 11 — Holiday Decorated 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 — First FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2020 at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 15 — Jingle Bell Hayride Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room
- 23 — Deadline for the Winter Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

February 2020

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

March 2020

- 11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 13 — First Call for Spring 2020 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

April 2020

- 4 — **Easter Egg Hunt**, 10:00 AM – Noon, rain or shine, more details to follow
- 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 at Kinder Farmhouse
- 21 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 22 — Deadline for Spring Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 22 — Kick-off Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

May 2020

- 3 — Publish the Spring 2020 Down on the Farm newsletter
- 9— **Meet the Kids**, in the Farm Complex at Kinder Farm Park from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- 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 — 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
- 27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

June 2020

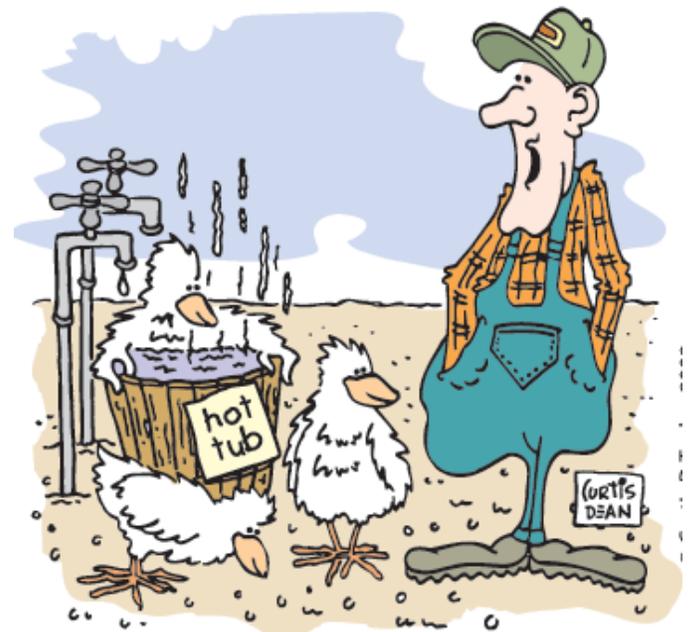
- TBA— FoKFP Volunteer Picnic (attendance by invitation only)
- 10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
- 13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
- 17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
- 21 — First Call for the Summer Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
- 24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

July 2020

- TBA — Annual Maryland Food Truck Festival at Kinder Farm Park
- 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

July 2020 (Cont.)

- 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
- 20 — Deadline for Summer 2020 Newsletter articles (email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net)
- 22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall



"Okay, which one of you has been laying the hard boiled eggs?"

Business Community Support

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to encourage our members and friends to support all the businesses and organizations featured in this publication to show appreciation for the various types of support provided to our organization and Kinder Farm Park. In addition to the advertisements from

- Alexander’s Animal Hospital on page 5
- Christina Josephs Salon Studio on page 4

The following businesses offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card:

Anne Arundel Co. Farm, Lawn and Garden Center

478 Jumpers Hole Rd
Severna Park, MD 21146
Website: aalawnandgarden.com

**Show your Friends Card here
and get a 10% discount**

The Wild Bird Center

568 Governor Ritchie Hwy.
Severna Park Plaza Shopping Plaza
Severna Park, MD 21146
Phone: 410-647-2453
Website: www.wildbird.com/severnapark

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