

Down on the Farm

Winter 2012 Newsletter



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President’s Message

By Jim Rausch, FoKFP President

We begin 2012 with hopes of another great year at Kinder Farm Park. The Friends’ group had an extremely busy and successful year in 2011, and we have already begun this year with continuation of restoration of the old Kinder Farmhouse. Two work parties were held on January 7th and 21st, with excellent volunteer turn out at each to tear out interior walls in the farmhouse and to further prepare the walls so that insulation and new wall board can be installed in February. Bathroom demolition is on the list of “things to do” along with hardwood floor refinishing, window repair, painting and decorating. The Friends hope to have the majority of the restoration work completed by late this year. Acquisition of furniture and other period pieces (circa 1920’s and 1930’s) is already underway and we anxiously await opening of the farmhouse to the public.

The Friends are also excited about leasing the old World War II (WW II) house which sits atop a hill overlooking the farm complex. This house was built with the help of German war prisoners in 1944 and will be used by the Friends for storage of our many materials used during Friends-sponsored events, to house a small office and meeting space, and for collection of some of the farm-related artifacts that we have acquired and categorized for eventual display in the Visitor’s Center. The Friends hope to make the WW II house its headquarters by early spring.



In March, the Friends and Kinder Park staff will host our annual banquet to honor volunteers that have worked so tirelessly during the year. Special folks will be recognized at the banquet for their outstanding accomplishments as a Kinder Park volunteer. This event is always a lot of fun combined with great food and deserving recognition and topped off with a slide show of beautiful scenes captured at Kinder over the last year.

We hope those of you who volunteered in 2011 will continue to do so, and those who have not had such an opportunity will choose to do so this year.

Jingle Bell Hayride

By Michele Rose, Vice President of the FoKFP and Chairperson of the Jingle Bell Hayride



On Saturday, December 3rd, the Friends sponsored the Jingle Bell Hayride at the Black Oak pavilion. It was a crisp, cold, sunny morning, just the right weather for a ride with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. The event, which usually runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, was extended to 1:30 pm due to popularity with about 120 more people attending than in previous years.

A large assortment of cookies, cupcakes, fruit and beverages, including warm drinks, such as hot chocolate, warm apple cider, coffee and tea were available to chase away the chill.

As if that were not enough, a bonfire was started in our new fire pit made by one of our Friends members and past president, Tom Lahdelma. Of course, we also had marshmallows for roasting, as well as the makings for s'mores.

As per tradition, the 4H'ers brought some of their animals to the event. It is always a treat for the attendees to be able to get a little closer to the animals and talk with the people who are actually raising them.

New this year were displays and interactive activities by the Friend's Farm Education Committee, showing a variety of items including different animal footprints and the various "coats" that animals wear.

A raffle was held for assorted holiday gifts under the Christmas tree, which was a surprise treat for all!

Festively decorated hay wagons pulled by reindeer-decorated tractors left every 30 minutes during the event for a tour of Kinder Farm Park. Mr. & Mrs. Claus rode along on each trip. The children were also given their own jingle bells as they boarded the wagons – a special treat from Mrs. Claus! Santa was available to listen to Christmas wishes and both he and Mrs. Claus spent much of their time posing for holiday photographs.

The event was overseen by a giant snowman made of hay bales and a smaller inflatable snowman that sprayed artificial snow.

All of this for the bargain price of \$3.00 per person and if you still had your hayride tickets from your membership, it was free as a benefit. Now is the time to renew or sign up for a new membership so that your family can reap the rewards!

The Jingle Bell Hayride is an annual event held on the first Saturday in December. This year's event will be on December 1st, so put it on your calendar now!



2012 Friends Officers and Board Members

The following slate of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2012 Officers and Board of Directors was approved by the membership at the December meeting:

Officers

Jim Rausch, President
 Michele Rose, Vice-President
 Chris Mowry, Secretary
 Joe Miller, Treasurer

Board Of Directors

Mike Lowman	Dick Mason
Martin Hardy	Lisa Willis
Tom Lahdelma	Carrie Fielder
Rod O'Brien	Zak Konkus, Junior Board Member

Speakers Committee

By Michele Rose, Vice President FokFP and Chairperson, Speakers Committee

Tentative plans are being made for three speakers this year. As of this time, none have been confirmed, but please hold the following dates on your calendars: Monday, March 26th; Monday, June 25th and Monday, November 5th. The speaker engagements will all be held at 6:30 pm in the Harvest Hall of the Visitors Center.



We are hoping to have a speaker from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to speak on gardening and lawn care and its effects on the bay for the first event of the series. So please check your e-mail, the information boards in the park or our web site at www.kinderfarmpark.org for updated information.

Animal/Plant Log

By Lisa Shore, Member of the Kinder Farm Park Staff

Did you see an interesting animal or plant when you visited the park? Please let us know! We now have a “Kinder Farm Park Visitors & Staff Animal/Plant Log” in the Visitor's Center at the front desk to document plant and animal sightings. It is a great opportunity to share what you've seen – or to check out what other visitors have observed in the park!



Selected entries from the log will be printed in future issues of this newsletter as part of a new regular feature of this newsletter called “Bunk’s Ponderings” (see article on page 4).

Introducing Bunk’s Ponderings

By Farmer Bunk and Sponsored by the FoKFP Farm Education Committee



“Bunk’s Ponderings” will be a new regular feature of this newsletter sponsored by the FoKFP Farm Education Committee with the initial objectives of:

- Answering your questions about farming or the animals
- Reporting interesting animal and plant encounters from the new Animal/Plants Log in the Visitor’s Center (see page 3)

Why are we calling it “Bunk’s Ponderings?” If you are familiar with Kinder Farm Park, you know where Bunk’s Pond is located, nestled in the woods and partially surrounded by a bamboo forest. The pond got its name from a very friendly Kinder Farm neighbor that regularly had family and friends get together at this farm pond for picnics, canoeing and ice skating in the winter. He even had a small train that ran on tracks around the pond for the young children to enjoy. So the gatherings at Bunk’s Pond were most certainly where friends and neighbors shared their knowledge and the latest local news.

The column will be written under the pseudonym of Farmer Bunk because its content will be the results of contributions from multiple people and sources. If you are interested in learning more about Bunk’s Pond and seeing photos of some of the gatherings, then check out the display and book the next time you’re in Kinder Farm Park Visitor’s Center Exhibit Hall.

The following are the first two entries found in the new Animal/Plant Log (kept at the park office reception desk) where visitors and staff can record their encounters with animal and plants while in park:

Date	Seen By	Animal/Plant	Location	Details
01/09/2012	J. Ramos	Red Shouldered Hawk	Near Park entrance at corner of Gail Sanchez & Kinder Farm Park Roads	Saw two hawks in the tree behind the park sign.
1/14/2012	J. Ramos	White Tail Deer - Bucks	Bird Watching Trail	Saw three bucks off the trail

If you would like to ask questions about farming or the animals at Kinder Farm Park, you can send them to:

Bunk’s Ponderings Down on the Farm 1001 Kinder Farm Park Road Millersville, MD 21108	OR	Email: mike_lowman@verizon.net with the Subject: Bunk’s Ponderings
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Sprouts Program

By Anne Nourse, Master Gardener and FoKFP Member

The Sprouts Program for families, teens, couples or anyone interested in preparing and maintaining a field of typical farm crops with others. No experience necessary except an interest in working together to create a demonstration garden for visitors to Kinder Farm Park and enjoying the fruits of your labor during harvest time. For details, send an email to aonourse@verizon.net.

The Farm Education Committee

By Lisa Willis, Chairperson of the FoKFP Farm Education Committee

The Farm Education Committee has been busy over the past months pulling together hands on displays to present at all Friends events, as well as other times throughout the year. The committee's first offerings were at the Jingle Bell Hayride in December, which included a "What Coat Do I Wear?" table that exhibited deer and bear hides, snakeskin, and fibers and fleeces from sheep, llama, alpaca, and rabbits. It was a great hands-on display for the guests to actually feel the different "coats" animals wear.

Also included was a display on "Animal Tracks" of various farm animal hoof prints in the snow, with lift-up quiz question and answer game to make it challenging for all!



The next time you stop in the Visitor's Center make sure you check out a very informative and hands on displays of Cotton and Broom Corn. They are a great way for the kids to learn about valuable crops that were grown here on the Farm.

The committee is also in the process of researching and compiling various farm and animal facts to be offered at sites throughout the farm area. There will eventually be 14 interpretive signs throughout the park with an ultimate goal being to offer an informative self-guided tour through the park. The committee has applied for a \$5,000 grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation in hopes to help fund the project.

The Farm Education Committee meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Harvest Hall at the Kinder Park Visitor's Center. If interested in joining the committee, come to our next meeting on Monday, February 20th or contact Lisa Willis at lisa23willis@gmail.com.

Beekeepers Corner

By Lindsay Barranco, Beekeeper and FoKFP Member

Every year, the Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association sponsors a "short course" which is a 5 session course on how to get started in Beekeeping. This year's course begins on March 13, 2012 and is held at the Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center in Millersville. This course is informative and is a bargain well worth the reasonable \$ 25.00 fee, as it is taught by knowledgeable and experienced local beekeepers. Each course participant is provided with a notebook jam packed with information on all aspects of beekeeping. The course content covers equipment, bee anatomy and the make-up of the hive, what to do to get started, tasks for each season and much more information on beekeeping. If you are interested in taking the course, a registration form is provided on the next page. Please note that registration forms are due by **February 29, 2012**. For more information on the class, please see the Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association's website at www.aabees.org, which also has many links to other beekeeping websites. If you are interested in keeping bee hives at Kinder Farm Park, please call the park office at 410-222-6115.

BEEKEEPING - A HONEY OF A HOBBY

FOR: Anyone interested in bees.

SPONSORED BY: Anne Arundel Beekeepers Association
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center
Maryland Department of Agriculture

PLACE:
Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center
975 Indian Landing Road
Millersville, MD 21108

DATES:
March 13, 2012 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
March 20, 2012 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
March 27, 2012 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
April 10, 2012 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
April 14, 2012- 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

FEES: SINGLE - \$25.00; FAMILY - \$25.00 PLUS \$5 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER

OPTIONAL TEXT - BEEKEEPING FOR DUMMIES - \$20.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Loyd Luna - (410) 757-5797, wlluna@verizon.net

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 29, 2012

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A FIVE SESSION COURSE; YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ALL FIVE SESSIONS.

Complete and return the application below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Work () _____

E-Mail _____

I want: Text _____ book(s) @ \$20.00 each - Total _____

Course Fee: Individual @ \$25.00 each _____

Family @ \$30.00 each _____ Total number & **names** of attendees

Student @ \$5.00 each _____

Grand Total Paid: \$ _____

Make checks payable to AABA and return the application and check to: Doris Luna, Treasurer - AABA, 754 Carlisle Drive, Arnold, MD 21012 by February 29, 2012.



Help Plan and Organize the Fall Harvest Festival

By Michele Rose, Vice President FokFP and Chairperson, Fall Harvest Festival

It has only been a few months since our last Fall Harvest Festival, but it will soon be time to start the process all over again for this year. Due to the timing of our newsletters, I am including information about our first meeting for this committee, which will be held on **Wednesday, March 28th** at 6:30 pm in the Harvest Hall of the Visitor's Center. Please be sure to put it on your calendars now.

Future meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday each month, same time and place from March through September. The Fall Harvest Festival is always scheduled for the second Saturday in October. Therefore, the event will be held on **Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Please make plans to attend and/or volunteer that day.

We are always looking for those who are also interested in planning the event. It is a several month commitment in order to organize an event for 15,000 people. No experience or expertise is needed, just an interest in making the event even better each year. Please come and share your ideas.

For more information or questions, please contact Michele Rose by phone at 410-544-8302 or cell 443-618-9555 or e-mail at kfpfriend@verizon.net.



Winter Tree Identification Class

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

WHERE: Visitor's Center at Kinder Farm Park

COST: \$5.00 (for materials)

INSTRUCTOR: Bonnie Pavlak, Master Gardener

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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



Farmhouse Restoration Report

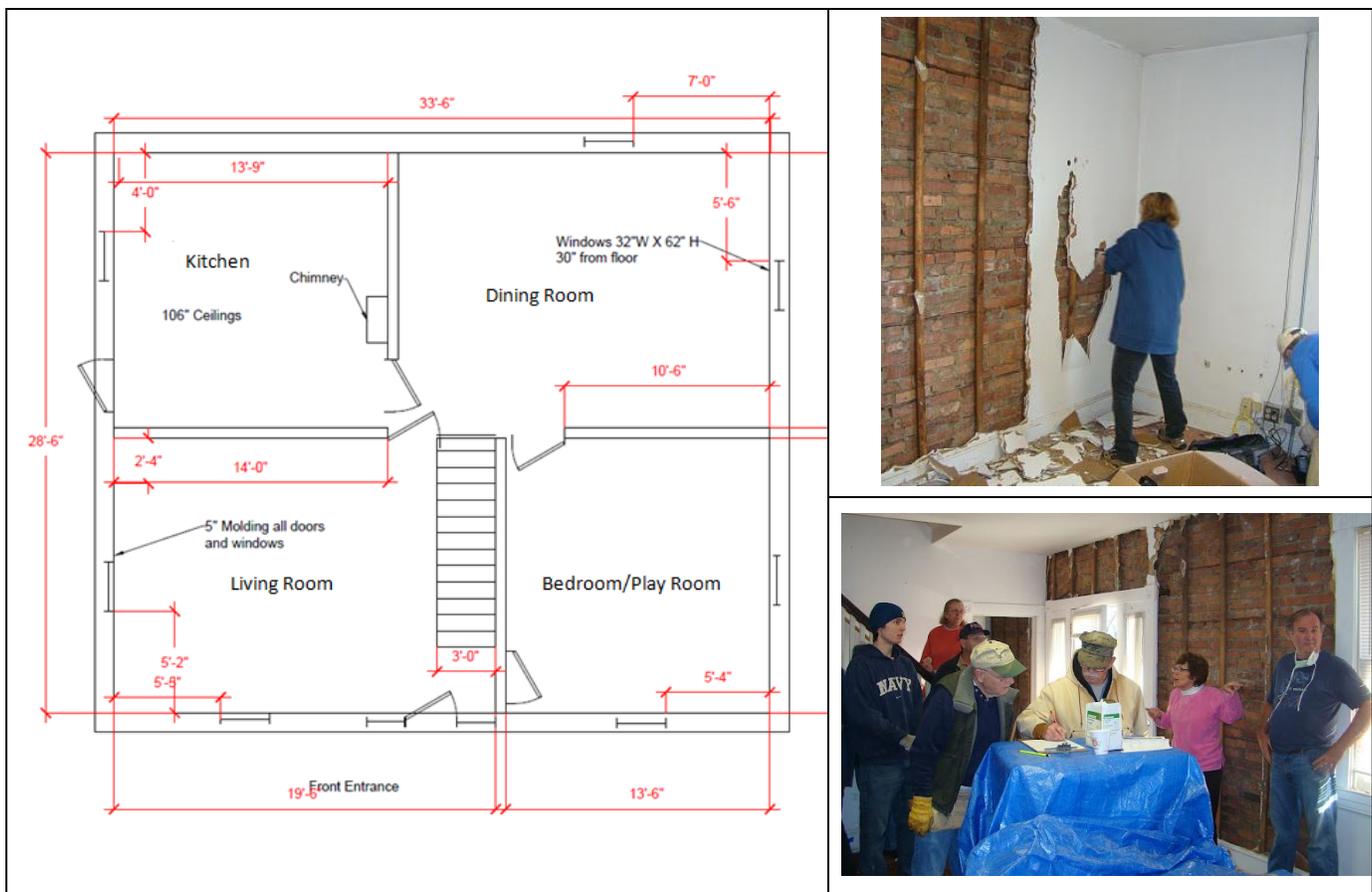
By Mike Lowman, Chairman of the FoKFP Historical Society

The restoration of the first floor of the Kinder Farmhouse is well under way thanks to the outstanding turn out and efforts of volunteers for the first two Saturday work parties held in January. In just two four hour sessions under the able direction of John Rubino, participants accomplished the following:

- Removed the interior wallboard from the exterior walls in the living room, bedroom and dining room to expose the brick
- Razed a short wall and doorway that served as an entrance to an office when the building served as the park office
- Started razing the first floor bathroom to open it up for the original dining room
- Removed the vanity and toilet in the second floor bathroom to replace floor and fixtures
- Reappointed the interior brick walls
- Secured and replaced as needed the furring strips on the brick walls



Along with some other work party photos below is a rough drawing of what the floor plan will look like when the work is done. It closely resembles the floor plan when the house was originally built.



If you would like to join in the project, there are two more work parties scheduled in February, on Saturday the 11th and Saturday the 25th from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM with the objective of insulating, hanging drywall and finish razing the first floor bathroom. No experience necessary, just bring yourself in work clothes, hard-soled shoes and a hammer (if you have one). Donuts, bagels and beverages (hot and cold) are provided.

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Farmhouse Restoration Report (Cont.)

If construction is not your thing, we still need to furnish and decorate the house to resemble a depression era farmhouse and we need volunteers to help research, find, acquire and set-up the items needed to accomplish that goal. If you are interested in assisting with those aspects of the restoration, come to an FoKFP Historical Society meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center conference room or contact Mike Lowman via email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone 443-867-0586.

2011 FoKFP Fall Photo Contest Winners



Landscape: *Reflections* taken by Sylvia Jacobs



Fauna: *Black Throated Blue Warbler*
taken by Wendy Crowe



People: *Shadows* taken by Michelle Dizon



Flora: *Fallen Leaf* taken by Cecilia Surodjawan

If you would like to view all of the entries in the Fall Photo Competition visit the Friends of Kinder Farm Park website at <http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/FallPhotoWinners2011.htm> .

Join the Friends!

By Dennis Baker, FoKFP Membership Chairman

If you are reading this newsletter, you must have some interest in Kinder Farm Park, and by now realize that Kinder Farm Park is not just another county park where people can go for relaxation, exercise, and special events. It is all that and much more.

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

Of special note are the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society and the Livestock Education Committee, both of which were formed in 2010 and are working towards providing convenient access and insight to past and current farm life right in the middle of our increasingly urban county.

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

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

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

But there are also direct benefits of membership including:

- Being kept up-to-date on goings-on through notices to members and personal delivery of *Down on the Farm* our quarterly newsletter
- Personal invitations to scheduled events like the Behind the Scenes Tour, Fall Harvest Festival, Speaker Series Events, & Jingle Bell Hay Ride
- Birthing announcements and member-only new farm baby visits
- A member services booth at major events that provides shorter ticket lines, etc. for members
- Free hayride passes
- 10 % members discount at the FoKFP Gift Shop, and member discounts at some local merchants (see page 16 for more details)

You can tailor your involvement to suit your own desires, and whatever degree of involvement you choose, you directly benefit, and in a most visible and countable way you are saying, "I care about Kinder Farm Park in my community!" And, what a deal membership is for \$10 an individual or \$15 a family per year.

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



Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP) 12 Month Calendar

February

- 8 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 8 — Publish Winter Newsletter
- 11 — Work Party to insulate and hang drywall in the Kinder Farmhouse at 9:00 AM, to volunteer, contact Mike Lowman either by email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone, 410-760-0736
- 25 — Work Party to continue restoration at the Kinder Farmhouse at 9:00 AM, to volunteer, contact Mike Lowman either by email at mike_lowman@verizon.net or phone, 410-760-0736
- 25 — Winter Tree Identification Class from 9:00AM until Noon in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall, preregistration required, \$5 fee for materials

March

- 3 — Volunteer Banquet at 4:00 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — Deadline for entries in the FoKFP 2012 Winter Photo Competition
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 19 — First Call for Spring Newsletter Articles
- 24 — Start of the 2012 FoKFP Spring Photo Competition
- 26 — Tentative date for the first 2012 Friends Speaker Series at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall, speaker to be announced
- 28 — Kick-off meeting for the 2012 Fall Harvest Festival Committee at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall. Meetings will be scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month through September

April

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

May

- 9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 17 — Publish Spring Newsletter
- 21 — Behind the Scenes Tour from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, pre-registration required, free to FoKFP members, \$5 for non-members (will be applied to membership if you join at the event)

June

- 13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 18 — First Call for Summer Newsletter Articles
- 18 — Deadline for the 2012 FoKFP Spring Photo Competition

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June (cont.)

- 25 — Tentative date for the second 2012 Friends Speaker Series at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall, speaker to be announced
- 30 — Start of the 2012 FoKFP Summer Photo Competition

July

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

August

- 8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 16 — Publish Summer Newsletter

September

- 12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 12 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles
- 17 — Deadline for the 2012 FoKFP Summer Photo Competition
- 29 — Start of the 2012 FoKFP Fall Photo Competition

October

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

November

- 5 — Tentative date for the last 2012 Friends Speaker Series at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall, speaker to be announced
- 14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 14 — Publish Fall Newsletter

December

- 1 — Jingle Bell Hayride from 10:00 AM – Noon, preregistration required, \$3 fee, FoKFP can use their free Hayride passes in lieu of the fee but still need to preregister
- 10 — First Call for Winter Newsletter Articles
- 12 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 17 — Deadline for the 2012 FoKFP Fall Photo Competition

January — *2013 FoKFP membership fees are due*

- 6 — Start of the 2012 FoKFP Winter Photo Competition
- 9 — FoKFP Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor's Center Harvest Hall
- 26 — Deadline for Winter Newsletter articles



FAMILY FUN GROWING VEGETABLES

Here's an opportunity at Kinder Farm Park to be part of a fun and educational experience learning the basics of vegetable growing with your family and friends. Become a participant of the Apprentice Garden sponsored by the A.A. Co. Master Gardeners. All members of this project are committed to providing you with a plot, lots of seeds and plants, and knowledge about good environmentally safe and sustainable gardening skills. Additional activities include speakers, nature arts and crafts projects, cooking, eating, and more. This program is geared to a parent(s)/guardian(s) AND children aged 8-13 years old. Beginning with an informational meeting in March/April, participating families and Master Gardeners will meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm to dusk during the growing season and will end in September. If you would like more information on the program, please contact:

Anne Nourse (aonourse@verizon.net), or
Trish Lilek (trish.lilek01@verizon.net).
Space is limited, so call soon.



The Friends of Kinder Farm Park



2012 Photo Competition

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

Flora, Fauna, Landscapes and People

Photos must be taken within the boundaries of Kinder Farm Park and reflect the beauty of the Winter season.

- The deadline for entries is: March 12, 2012
- A panel of judges will select one winning photo from each category, and winners will be notified by email or phone
- For competition rules and entry instructions:
 - See "Rules and Entry Instructions" on the next page
 - Visit our website at: www.kinderfarmpark.org

PHOTO COMPETITION RULES AND ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The categories for this photographic competition are: **Flora** (flowers, trees, plants, etc.); **Fauna** (all animals including fishes, birds, etc.); **Landscape**; and, **People** in Kinder Farm Park.
2. Entries must be taken within the boundary of Kinder Farm Park during the Winter Season (January through March 2012).
3. Entrants may submit up to four photos, either as digital images or prints in color or black and white.
 - Photographs submitted in digital form, with a maximum of 10mb per email.
 - Photographs submitted in print form should be no larger than 8" X 10".
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography in our county parks. Photography is just one of the many activities enjoyed by park visitors. Contest entries will not be accepted from professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. Each entry must be marked with or accompanied with an email that includes:
 - The photographer's:
 - **Name and address,**
 - **Telephone number, and**
 - **Email address.**
 - A description of where and when the photo was taken.
 - Which category each photograph is being entered (only one per photo)

Note: Personal details will only be used for the purpose of administering the competition and will not be published or provided to any third party without your permission.
7. Entries can be submitted in two ways:
 - By email to: mike_lowman@verizon.net - with subject line of "Winter Photo Competition 2012"
 - By mail to: Winter Photo Competition 2012
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road
Millersville, MD 21108
8. **All entries must be received by Monday, March 12, 2012.**
9. No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organizers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
10. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges who will select the best photograph in each category. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
11. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
12. By entering the competition entrants grant the right for The Friends of Kinder Farm Park to display the photographs at Kinder Farm Park, publish and exhibit the submitted photographs in print or on their website.

Shopping and Savings

Friends of Kinder Farm Park Gift Shop

Location: Visitors Center in cases next to the Harvest Hall entrance doors

Hours: Every Saturday from 12:00 to 2:00 PM, also open during special events

Come visit our Gift Shop! Many unique and interesting items for sale including handmade wooden animal puzzles by Dick Sharp, note card prints by local artist Lynn Reed, Activity Books, Stuffed Animals, Caps, Visor, Mugs, Mouse Pads and many more items. FoKFP Members receive a 10% discount!

Coming this Spring new T-shirts with the Kinder Farm Park Emblem.

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% (see advertisement on page 17)

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

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

155 8th Ave. N.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Phone: (410) 766-8400
email: AACOFarmLawnGarden@yahoo.com

Country Feed and Gardens and Pets – 10%

865 Annapolis Road
Gambrills, MD 21054
Phone: (410) 923-0960
www.countryfeedandgarden.com/

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Treasurer: Joe Miller
Secretary: Chris Mowry

Please visit our web site:

<http://www.kinderfarmpark.org/>



Your Ultimate Backyard Nature Store

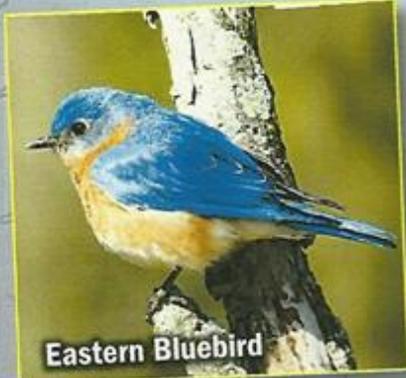


The Wild Bird Center

of Severna Park

We specialize in:

- Bird Baths
- Bird Houses
- Bird Feeders
- Binoculars
- Books
- Weathervanes
- Puzzles
- Pole Systems
- Earrings
- Indoor Fountains
- Garden Flags
- Windchimes
- Nite Lights
- Mail Boxes
- Deck Clamps
- Squirrel Proof Feeders
- Shepherd's Hooks
- Suet Feeders
- Relaxation CDs



Eastern Bluebird

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Many Products Made in USA

THE WILD BIRD CENTER

20% OFF

Any Large Bags of Seed
(20 lbs. or more)

Cannot be combined with any other offers

Expires on May 19, 2012

THE WILD BIRD CENTER

20% OFF

Any Item

Excludes Optics, Seed and Suet. Cannot be combined with any other offers

Expires on May 19, 2012