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## Upcoming Events and Activities

Highlighted here are major upcoming events at Kinder Farm Park over the next few months. Visit the Friends' 12 Month Calendar on our website to see all the happenings at Kinder Farm Park.

### Visit the Kinder Farmhouse Museum

The Kinder Family Farmhouse will be open from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 9, 2025
- Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025
- Saturday, November 8, 2025

Historical Society docents help guide you through the house to learn about the Kinder family and the farmland that sustained them. There is no charge to tour the farmhouse.

### Pop-up Hayride

Come join us on Saturday, August 23, 2025, for a hayride through the wooded trails at Kinder Farm Park. The cost is \$5 per person and children 3 and under are free. The first hayride departs from in front of the Visitors Center around 10:00 AM and continues about every half-hour until 12:30 AM (see flier on page 11).

## Speaker Series: Planting With Purpose

Join us on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall as Maxine Yoom, Home Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator for the University of Maryland Extension in Anne Arundel County explains why native plants are:

- Uniquely suited to the needs of local wildlife,
- How they form the foundation of food webs,
- And the consequences of replacing them with non-native species.

You'll also learn some tips on how to plant your own pollinator garden. See the flyer on page 9.

## Fall Fun Day

Join us for our Fall Fun Day on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This year's event will be scaled down a bit. Tickets will be sold on the day of the event for the following popular activities:

- Pumpkin Patch
- Straw Maze
- Face Painting
- Hayrides

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## Upcoming Events...(Cont.)

### Fall Fun Day (Cont.)

Scarecrow Making Sessions will be scheduled throughout the day and will require pre-registration to participate, which will be available in mid-August on our website at [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org).

There will also be three food vendors, four craft vendors and several display activities including the Earleigh Heights Fire Department. See the event flyer on page 13.

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## From the President's Desk

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park have had a busy spring and early summer season. We hosted two very popular events; Meet the Kids and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our lovingly restored Kinder Family Farmhouse. And the Farm and Livestock Education Program (FLEP) and the Kinder 4H Club successfully participated in the Severna Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. These were fun and meaningful events that were made possible thanks to many volunteers and the Kinder Park Staff.

Now, we're in the dog-days of summer, and everyone is feeling the heat, especially our farm animals. This brings me to introduce our newest project, a **Shade Tree Campaign**. For the past two years, we have noticed that our grazing animals (sheep, goats and cows) are having a difficult time finding relief from the high heat and humidity. Rangers and Farm and Livestock staff have assessed the situation and found that we have a serious problem on our farm...a lack of shade trees in the fields.

Our livestock program and 4H volunteers have been working with park staff and various county and state agencies to find a solution to this problem. The Department of Natural Resources and other agencies will provide trees, but the trees they have to donate are small saplings that won't provide much relief and have a smaller chance of survival.

These agencies will continue to support our efforts where possible while we keep going on our own to identify tree varieties that are safe for grazing animals, are suited to their planting locations, and will be of a specific size to provide shade in a relatively short period of time.

We've already identified 17 areas throughout the farm complex where shade trees are needed. Kinder Park staff will help with planting, fencing and maintaining the trees once planted. The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Board has committed to kick-off the campaign with a \$1,500.00 contribution.

It's still early in this campaign, and you'll be hearing more about our efforts. But the momentum is building, and we wanted to take this opportunity to spread the word. In another section of this newsletter is a flyer with a QR code for your donations (see page 15).

Help the Friends by donating to this campaign. Kinder Farm Park is a treasured part of our community life, and we all love our farm animals.

Please help. Thank you,

*Barbara Buchleitner*

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## Kinder Farm Park 4H Club

### Appears in 4th of July Parade

By Aviva Krauson, Member Kinder Farm Park 4H Livestock Club

Severna Park celebrated its 50th Fourth of July parade with incredible floats this year. Kinder Farm Park joined the fun with a tractor hayride-themed float featuring festive 4th of July decorations like banners, flags, and farm animal designs representing the park.

Huge thanks to the Tractor Club, Wood Shop, Blacksmith Shop, FLEP, and the amazing volunteers who support the 4-H Club. The Tractor Club provided and drove the tractor, while other Kinder Farm Park clubs contributed in many ways. The Wood Shop built a small shelter and a

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## ...4th of July Parade (Cont.)



Christmas letter box, the Blacksmith Shop provided fencing and fixed a dairy headpiece for the animal stand, and FLEP lent animals to the 4-H club and helped with field spacing.



Special thanks to all the volunteers who decorated the float and walked the parade route, showcasing their support for Kinder Farm Park. Looking forward to next year's Fourth of July parade!



## 100<sup>th</sup> -Year Celebration

By Diane Rusch, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society Chairperson

On June 21, 2025, the Kinder Farmhouse volunteers led a 100<sup>th</sup> -year celebration at the Kinder Family Farmhouse which was built circa: 1925 as a new

home for Henry and Hilda Kinder and their children.



*Historical Society members hosted the event*

The house was a home for Kinder family members until the 1950's but later became a rental. After 1980 it was the office for the Kinder Farm Park rangers. Since 2014 this house has been a park museum for visitors to learn Kinder family history and farming facts.

The celebration welcomed several hundred adults and children who endured the 90° heat to enjoy kids' games from the 1930's, try out antique typewriters, view an 1890's sewing machine, and a farm video. Cake and cookies were offered, and a food truck and snowball vendor were available.



*Visitors could meet with Kinder relatives*

At noon a dedication of a commemorative plaque, designed by Ranger Jessica Furr and cut by David Rudzinski for the farmhouse was presented by Darian Beverungen of the AACO Cultural

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## 100 -Year Celebration (Cont.)

Resources office. That office also provided an archaeology/history table for visitors.



*Commemorative Plaque*

A watermelon eating contest added to the fun and music was provided during the event by the OVERTONES, a trio of string musicians. Visitors were also able to enjoy Steve Gehring's pristine 1936 Buick Special.



*1936 Buick Special*

Special thanks to Janice Hendra, event chairwoman, for her extensive planning and her team of volunteers: Laurel (co-chair) & Dan Raymond, Cindy & Mark Radowich, Judy & Mike Roblyer, Linda Hassell, Marty Dowdle, Diane & Jim Rausch, Andrew, Abigail and Dawn Bowders.

Come visit the Kinder Family Farmhouse Museum, which is open on the second Saturday of the month from February through December from 11:00AM until 3:00 PM.

## Wagons Get New Shelter

By Kirk Platt, Kinder Farm Park Tractor Club Co-Chair

The loafing shed near the Youth Camping area next to the Perimeter Trail was the shelter for the two strawbale seated wagons used for hayrides at Kinder Farm Park. Late last year it was realized that the shed was in danger of collapsing in a strong wind. The wagons would be severely damaged if that happened.



*Old loafing shed shelter.*

It was decided that the loafing shed needed to be razed and replaced with a shelter similar to one that our seated wagons are kept in, located next to the World War II House. The new shelter would consist of a carport-like structure 50 feet long by 28 feet wide and 10 feet tall at the center. The height will allow a tractor to easily pull the wagons into and out of the structure. The new structure will also provide additional sheltered storage area for the park.

During the spring the strawbale seated wagons were moved and temporarily stored in other locations and park maintenance staff tore down, removed the loafing shed, and then leveled the area for the new shelter. In early June Alan's Factory Outlet builders came to the park and installed the new structure. The cost of the shelter was covered by Friends of Kinder Farm Park as a Capital Improvement Project.

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***Apparently you can't  
use "Beefstew" for a  
password.***

***It's not stroganoff!***





## Wagons Get New Shelter (Cont.)



*The new wagon shelter.*

The Kinder Woodshop recently installed treated lumber along the bottom of both sides of the new shelter. The treated lumber will provide a protective barrier from the ground for the milled lumber that the Sawmill Club will cut and mount for the side walls of the shelter. This may take a bit of time as trees of suitable size for processing become available.



*Note: Treated lumber installed along the side.*

## Note of Appreciation



By Diane Rusch, Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society Chairperson

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society I would like to extend a special note of appreciation to Peter Zeender for his hard work caring for the Yanky Cemetery as a volunteer.

*Thank you Peter!*

## Apprentice Garden, Summer 2025

By Janet Clauson, Apprentice Garden Co-Chair with Kristin Silva, Master Gardeners

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park, managed by the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners, offers eight garden areas for families to cultivate vegetables and herbs. Participants are encouraged to grow their own produce and share in the communal gardening spaces. From April through September, every Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Master Gardeners and families convene to tend the gardens, acquire knowledge, and harvest a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

Each season, low-till gardening methods are employed, avoiding the use of pesticides, insecticides, or herbicides. Leaf-Gro is applied during planting, and organic fertilizer is used monthly. Recently, walkways were covered with newspaper and topped with straw to suppress weeds. Additional straw is added as needed to cover exposed newspaper, effectively minimizing weed growth throughout the year.

The planting of the common areas commenced with cool-season crops in April, including potatoes, lettuces, greens, and herbs. Families contributed their own selections to their personal plots, which measure 8 feet by 42 feet. The crops included lettuces, kale, Swiss chard, pea pods, and numerous seeds for radishes, beets, and carrots. By late May, a variety of tomatoes and peppers were added, along with basil, string beans, and cucumbers. Flowers were planted both within the garden and in the native garden outside the gates, as well as along the



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## Apprentice Garden...(Cont.)

perimeter fence. These included grey goldenrod, milkweed, swamp milkweed, native hibiscus, and black-eyed and brown-eyed Susans, all of which are intended to attract pollinators to the garden.

This year, three mounds of the Three Sisters were cultivated. The Three Sisters is an agricultural technique traditionally employed by Indigenous Peoples. It involves planting corn first, followed by beans once the corn stalks reach approximately six inches in height. Summer squash is then planted slightly farther away. As the bean vines grow, they naturally climb the corn stalks, utilizing them for support. The squash leaves develop to shade the roots of both the corn and beans, helping to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. This integrated planting system demonstrates an effective and sustainable approach, with the bean vines successfully climbing the corn stalks, exemplifying the harmony of this traditional method.

Although the cool, damp May adversely affected the strawberries, the potatoes cultivated in a large bucket thrived. The children delighted in discovering the potatoes hidden beneath the soil.



The Mediterranean herb garden yields a plentiful supply of sage, rosemary, chives, thyme, and lavender, which are harvested weekly for use in the gardeners' meals. Separate pots have been designated for mint to manage its spread and to provide sprigs for culinary and beverage flavoring. During June and July, families and volunteers actively maintained the gardens by weeding, watering, and harvesting on a weekly basis, while applying organic fertilizer once a month.

Throughout early summer, they harvested string beans, vibrant kale, and chard. Currently, anticipation builds for the ripening of tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, as well as the maturation of the Three Sisters planting.

You are invited to visit the Apprentice Garden every Wednesday evening to ask questions and learn more about our activities.

For additional information about the Apprentice Garden or to express an interest in participating, contact Janet Clauson at [janetclauson301@gmail.com](mailto:janetclauson301@gmail.com).

The University of Maryland Extension programs welcome all individuals, regardless of race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or national origin.

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## At the Sawmill

By The Sawmill Crew

Operating a sawmill capable of processing hundreds of logs weekly demands a combination of intelligence, strength, finesse, and precision machinery capable of working to 1/1000 of an inch!

The sawmill utilizes a Frick Model 01, originally designed with removable wheels to be temporarily set up on a landowner's property. This allowed landowners to saw logs while clearing their land, enabling them to utilize the lumber for building barns, houses, and more.

While cutting logs is one thing, doing it efficiently is an entirely different challenge! The volunteers at the sawmill are honing their skills and are grateful for the guidance of Zack and Gary Garman from Garman Brothers Sawmill in Crownsville, in operation since 1946. They have generously shared their time and expertise to educate and assist us.

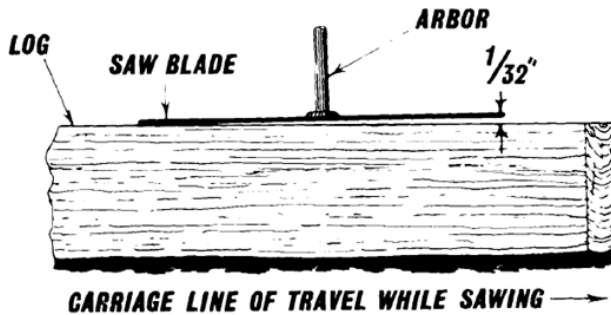
A few months ago, our saw blade began overheating and wobbling—a combination that spells trouble for efficiency. After consulting the Garman Brothers, they helped us identify the issue and introduced us to the concept of "saw lead."

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## At the Sawmill (Cont.)

To resolve the problem, the saw blade must be adjusted so the leading edge contacts the log before the trailing edge. Failing to do so causes excessive heat and wobbling. Fixing this required precision measuring tools, patience, and time. We're thrilled to report that after adjusting the lead on our saw blade to slightly more than 1/8 inch, the issues disappeared!



For the curious mind, how did sawyers refine the edges of their saws more than a century ago?

**Sawmill Shoutout:** This newsletter's appreciation goes to Juraj from Annapolis Tree Company.

The sawmill is in need of plenty of boards for the new equipment shed under construction, and our supply of logs was running low. A single call to Juraj brought us two truckloads of the finest logs delivered to the park for sawing. Thank you, Juraj!



## Tobacco Barn Museum Volunteer Needed

The Historical Society is looking for one or two volunteers to periodically help with the maintenance of the Tobacco Barn Museum at the park. Duties would include assisting with the set-up and removal of display items, weeding, and monitoring groundhog damage. If you are interested please contact Diane Rausch at [drausch73@gmail.com](mailto:drausch73@gmail.com).



## Horsing Around

What did the horse say  
when it fell?

Help, I've fallen and  
I can't giddyup



A pony goes to the doctor and tells him, "Doc, I think I'm dying. I have this terrible sore throat." The doctor assures him, "It's okay—you're just a little horse."

A horse walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey."

The horse says, "Buddy—you read my mind!"

A horse sits down in a movie theater and the woman next to him asks, "Excuse me... are you a horse?"

"Why yes, I am," replies the horse.

"What are you doing at this movie?"

The horse says, "I really liked the book."

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## Friends of Kinder Farm Park *Presents* GUEST LECTURER: **MAXINE YOON**

# PLANTING WITH PURPOSE

Supporting insect biodiversity  
through native plant gardens

**Sunday, Sept 28, 2025**

**2 - 3 pm**

**LOCATION: Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park**  
1001 Kinder Farm Park Road, Millersville, MD 21108

In a time of rapidly declining insect populations, native plants offer a powerful way for gardeners to make a positive impact—right in their own backyards. This presentation explores the vital role native plants play in supporting insect biodiversity, including native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators essential to healthy ecosystems.

We'll discuss why native plants are uniquely suited to meet the needs of local wildlife, how they form the foundation of food webs, and the consequences of replacing them with non-native species. You'll also learn practical tips on how to design and plant your own pollinator garden—from choosing the right plants for your region to creating year-round habitat for beneficial insects.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, this talk will equip you with the knowledge and inspiration to transform your outdoor space into a haven for pollinators and a vibrant piece of the local ecosystem.

### REGISTRATION INFO:

**\$3.00 NON-MEMBERS AND SERVICE FEE**

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**Maxine Yoon** is the Home Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Coordinator for the University of Maryland Extension in Anne Arundel County, a role she has proudly held for the past two years.

*Maxine also serves as the Master Garden Coordinator for Kinder Farm Park's Apprentice Garden Program.*

**SCAN OR CLICK TO  
GO TO REGISTER**



<https://kinderfarmpark.org/speaker2025Planting.html>

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# JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE

**On the following Saturday:**

**Aug. 23, 2025**

**\$5/person (cash preferred)**

**Children age 3 and under  
are free**



- Ticket sales for the hayrides will be in front of the Visitors Center
- Hayrides will start every half-hour from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM
- Friends of Kinder Farm Park members may use their free hayride tickets

**Gate Fees Still Apply**

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# FALL FUN DAY



**Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 10 AM – 3 PM**

**Tickets sold on day of event include:**

**Pumpkin Patch**

**Straw Maze**

**Face Painting**

**Hayrides**

**Food and Craft Vendors**

**Scarecrow Making: Pre-registration for sessions starts after mid-August on our website at: [www.kinderfarmpark.org](http://www.kinderfarmpark.org)**



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# The Friends of Kinder Farm Park

## 2025 Life in the Park

### Photo Competition



**Categories:**

**Fauna, Flora, Landscapes and People**

**Prizes:**

**Grand Prize** to best overall entry \$100

**1<sup>st</sup> place in each category** a choice of \$50 or an engraved Celebration Wheatfield Brick (a \$100 value)

**2nd place in each category** a choice of \$25 or an engraved Celebration Admiral Red Brick (a \$75 value)

**Deadline:**

**February 28, 2026**

- Photos must be taken on/or after March 1, 2025, 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 back of this flyer



## 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 March 1, 2025, and February 28, 2026.
3. Participants may submit up to a total of four photos in the competition, in any of the categories, either in color or black and white.
  - All photographs must be in digital format (preferably JPG), although they need not be taken with a digital cameras. Scans are acceptable so long as they meet the requirements of these rules.
  - Cell phone photos are acceptable.
4. This competition is intended to encourage amateur photography, contest entries will not be accepted if taken by professional photographers.
5. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. Participants must be the sole owner of copyright for all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries.
6. Each entry must be accompanied by the following information:
  - **The photographer's** (parent/guardian's contact info is acceptable if photographer's name and age are identified):
    - **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 must be emailed to **photocontest@kinderfarmpark.org** with the subject line of **"Life in the Park Photo Contest"**.
8. **All entries must be received by February 28, 2026.**
9. The Grand Prize-winning photo will not be eligible for additional prizes in the category in which the winning photo was entered.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. By entering, participants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.
13. 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.
14. Prize winners will be invited to attend a Friends Meeting to receive their prizes, if unable to attend, the winners will be asked to pick up their prize at the Visitors Center.

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Our Silver Sponsors provide continuing support with their donations. The businesses listed below offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card.



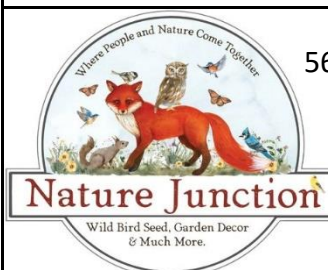
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## Become a Sponsor

There are many ways your business can sponsor the Friends of Kinder Farm Park events and activities.

To request an information packet with a Sponsorship application, email:

[contact@kinderfarmpark.org](mailto:contact@kinderfarmpark.org)

Specify a Subject of "Sponsorship Packet Request" and provide the following information:

- Business Name
  - Business Address
  - Business Phone
  - Contact Name
  - Contact Email
- 

## Fall 2025 Newsletter Articles

This newsletter is made up of articles about the activities and events at Kinder Farm Park, the following information is provided to people wishing to submit articles for the Fall 2025 edition of *Down on the Farm*:

**1<sup>st</sup> Call for Articles: September 16, 2025**

**Article Deadline: October 20, 2025**

**Scheduled to be Published: November 3, 2025**

**Email Articles to: [mike\\_lowman@verizon.net](mailto:mike_lowman@verizon.net)**

Articles should be submitted in digital format (preferably Word or plain text) and photos in JPEG (jpg) format.

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