

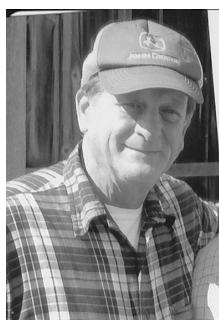
Friends of

The Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maurice Ward

Dear Friends' Members,

As we enter into this holiday season, I hope everyone is enjoying good health and looking forward to a great 2020! Our Friends' group will close out another successful year, albeit with the passing of so many of our dear and long-time members, and will begin planning anew for our upcoming events.

Since we have last spoken, our Friends' group hosted three events: Bluegrass on the Farm; Harvest Festival and the Blacksmith and Traditional Arts show. All were blessed with outstanding weather, good attendance and new and returning vendors. For those vendors who are familiar faces, we thank you for your continued loyalty and for those of you who were first-timers, we hope you found the experience a positive one and will visit us again. For the many volunteers, to include park staff, who made 2019 such a success, I cannot thank you enough! Also, have you noticed that our foot traffic picked up around our museum? We even had a traffic jam of walk-ins seeking to look at old farm-related items and to reminisce. Much of that increase has been made possible by our own Susan Morris and Howard Williams.....many thanks.

In addition to events, the Farm Park has been busy this year in other ways. Our members assisted with the bi-annual Newman Reunion and Close Encounters with Agriculture, the latter of which is a University of Maryland Extension program where a consortia of agricultural related groups provided ag-education to public and private school 4th graders. This program, conceived in 1993, has provided a close-up view of farm related activities for tens of thousands of students, as the elementary science curriculum fits closely with the Close Encounters program. We will close out our year with Christmas on the Farm, December 7 and 8.....stop by and warm yourself with Christmas goodies...and mark the 19th year for our annual Holiday party.

FRIENDS' HOLIDAY PARTY

December 19 at 6:00 p.m.



Our food, fun and fellowship event is nearly here! Bring the family, a dish to share and an item for our auction. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. And don't forget to bring your money; there will be auction items you want to buy and need! See you at our fun event, held as usual in the activity building on the farm!

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President: Maurice Ward; Vice President: Cindy Biery; Secretary: VACANT; Treasurer: VACANT
 Other Board Members: Robert Lee "Bobby" Allnutt, Deborah Lee, Chris Suzich and Howard Williams

Fall Event Highlights! ~ by Chris Suzich

Thank you to everyone who came out to the farm on Sept 14 to support **Bluegrass on the Farm** this year. What a beautiful day! Approximately 250 people enjoyed music from noon until 6pm. It was great to see attendees of all ages at the farm, running and walking around, listening to music, exploring, eating, and just plain enjoying themselves. This event would not be possible without the help and support of many volunteers, too numerous to list here. A special thank you to our set-up and take-down crews, the Montgomery County Ag Fairgrounds for loaning us their stage, our food booth volunteers, and the Parks' staff.

Thanks to all our October 5th Friends' volunteers who joined Parks' staff and others for the annual **Harvest Festival** sponsored by Montgomery County Parks. The weather was delightful and the farm welcomed over 1,500 visitors. Many farm guests left that day with a scarecrow made at the Friends booth, thanks to Christopher. Summer precipitation at just the right time resulted in a bumper crop of potatoes that Friends volunteers dug for the popular potato scramble. Thank you, Bobby and team. The lines were long for Friends French fries and funnel cakes and the sno-cones were well received. Friends drove the popular hay wagons all day with nary a break and Debbie provided expert narration, almost losing her voice by the end of the day!

AND thanks to everyone who visited the farm for our yearly **Blacksmith and Traditional Arts Show**. It was a bit chilly early on but the sun warmed-up everyone in the afternoons, November 2 and 3. This was the third time that the Friends have been fortunate to host a local glassblower at one of our events. The carriage shed was an ideal location for the glassblower and allowed visitors to safely view the almost constant demonstrations. The glassblower is already looking forward to returning in early April for our **Gas & Steam Show!** Of course, it was also wonderful to see the numerous blacksmiths working and displaying their wares, and we hope, enticing some farm visitors to take up the trade!

Thank you volunteers and visitors!

Granary Tool Museum Update ~ Susan Morris and Howard Williams

The name of the **What's It? Museum** has changed to the **Granary Tool Museum**, a more descriptive label. We are grateful for the many donations received over the years!

The Granary team would like to thank the following individuals for their help in building shelving units for our display purposes: **Billy Waters, George Epperson, Roger Logsdon, and Bobby Allnut. Mr. W.U. Waters** also built an authentic Miller's Bench used to display our inventory album. Special engraved plates honoring these men were made and installed in the Granary just prior to the September 2019 Bluegrass Show.

Thanks to **Chris and Howard Williams, Leonard Keifer, Todd Carter and Joe Ginther** for providing background information on the mystery tool in our last issue. The tool is known as a weaving comb or fork or beater. Thanks to the **Mike Dwyer Estate** for donating this gem.

We would like to thank these individuals for their most recent donations: **Debbie Lee** for an antique coffee grinder; **Chris and Howard Williams** for a two-person buck saw, old $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. weight, and four wooden moulding planes in a display shelf built by Howard; **Hugh Webb** for a moonshine jug complete with a corncob cork; **Sandra (Priebe) Day** for a red metal milking stool, large measuring tape, five items for decorating tack for horses, a photograph of Thomas Owings as a young man holding a basket of vegetables, a book of sewing needles called the "Farm Needle Book," two glass oil lamps, and an earthenware jug from the Gillis C. Owings estate. Stop by the museum to see our newest additions!

Thank you to **Linda Lewis** for donating one of her beautiful handmade baskets to the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park. The attractive design she used is called the *Josephine Knot*. Come to the Friends Holiday Party so you can bid on this treasure! We appreciate your generosity, Linda!

2020 FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Now is the time to renew your commitment to the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park using the updated application form (below). The date on your address label shows your current membership expiration.



The Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.

2020 Friends Membership Application

New _____ Renewal _____ Cash \$ _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

_____ INDIVIDUAL (\$5 Annually, 1 vote)

_____ LIFE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (\$250 One-time payment, 1 vote)

_____ FAMILY* (\$8 Annually, 1 vote) (Parents & children, 18 years and younger)

_____ ORGANIZATION (\$10 Annually, 1 vote)

_____ BUSINESS (\$10 Annually, 1 vote)

_____ LIFE BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION MEMBER (\$500 One-time payment, 1 vote)

Name(s) (*include names of children and birthdates for Family Membership) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

We would appreciate receiving your email addresses for Friends communication purposes ONLY (e.g., inclement weather). Email addresses will not be shared with outside individuals/groups.

Email Address: _____

I/We would be willing to volunteer with the following committee(s):

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| _____ Blacksmith | _____ Farm Crops | _____ Harvest Scarecrows |
| _____ Festivals | _____ History | _____ Food Service for Events |
| _____ Photography | _____ Demonstrations | _____ Fundraising |
| _____ Restoration | _____ Farm Animals | _____ Granary/Display |
| _____ Gas & Steam Engine Show | | |
| _____ Communications/Newsletter | | |
| _____ Other: _____ | | |

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We Care, Please Share

As members of the Friends, we care about preserving agricultural history AND we care about each other. We have been using the newsletter as a way to share wishes for improved health, sorrow, joy and congratulations. Send items you think are appropriate to Susan Morris (skmorris1@verizon.net) and she will make sure to include this information in the quarterly newsletter.



CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM
DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2019
NOON—5:00 PM

The Friends' will host **Christmas on the Farm** on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, from Noon - 5:00 p.m. Come enjoy cookies and cider, a bake sale of homemade treats, hayrides, farmhouse tour and farm animals. Donations of baked goods can be brought to the farm house on either of the 2 days of the event. Please include a list of ingredients, for example nuts or anything that someone may be allergic to. You don't have to provide the recipe. Be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors about Christmas on the Farm!

Newsletter articles are due by February 15 for the March 2020 newsletter.
Send to Kendra and John Wells—kendrawells@gmail.com