

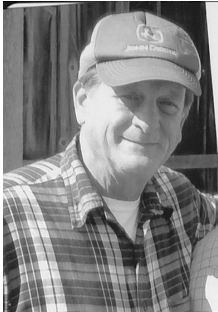
Friends of

The Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maurice Ward

Dear Friends,

Since we last talked, the Friends have had a busy fall and I want to thank all of the member volunteers who made our events so successful. Our Bluegrass on the Farm event was followed by the Harvest Festival, both very popular events. We even managed to work around precipitation on those dates with many new faces in attendance. Let's not forget "Close Encounters with Agriculture", the program that afforded elementary school students a "hands-on" agricultural experience during much of the month of October. Friends members were helpful in much of the interpretation. Then our Friends sold refreshments at our regional cross-country meet. There are so many opportunities to volunteer!

One of the many issues that arose in the recent county conference on Agri-Tourism at the Farm Park was the lack of granular data on who is coming and to what events. The Friends could benefit from this kind of information in assessing our events. Let me know if you are interested in working on this project.

As we close out the calendar year, we hope to see you at "Christmas on the Farm" and our Holiday party on Thursday, December 21 in the Activity Center on the Farm!

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2023 NOON-5:00 PM

The Friends will host Christmas on the Farm on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3 from noon – 5 p.m. Come enjoy free cookies and cider, a bake sale, hayrides, music, holiday crafts, and farm animals. *We are happy to announce some recent additions to the farm.* Three Lamancha goats have been added and are doing well. Come by and say hello. These goats were donated to the farm from generous Friends. We have also added seven young chickens, currently being carefully fed and supervised until they are big enough to be released into the larger coop. Visit our tool museum. Invite your family and friends!

We need volunteers on either of those days with shifts from 12:00 – 2:30 pm or 2:30 – 5:00 pm. As soon as possible, **email Julie Carroll** with your choice of day(s) and preferred shift(s) And please consider baking (or buying) a batch of your favorite holiday treats and donating those to **Christmas on the Farm**. We need at least 8 bakers! Our bake sale table is always popular with visitors. All treats are welcome: cookies, holiday candies, cakes or pies, bread, etc. Baked goods may be dropped off at the red barn on December 2nd & 3rd. Please cut/wrap items into individual portions and include a note with ingredients (to avoid food allergy problems).

Contact Julie at julie.carroll@obsidianplanning.com to volunteer.

The Friends Corner – by Susan Morris

Dolores Ann Andrews, age 88, of Montgomery Village, MD, died on February 27, 2021 after an extended illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, E. Linwood Andrews. Dolores is survived by her brother, Donald Urban, sisters, P. Darcy Barnett and Bernice LaRosa, and children: Gary L. Andrews, Kenneth M. Andrews, Stephen C. Andrews, and David J. Andrews. She's also survived by ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Dolores and her sister, Darcy, and brother-in-law, Jim, helped with the scarecrow-making at the Harvest Festival for many years. Dolores also volunteered with our Country Store for a time.

Condolences to the family of **Howard Eugene Waterworth** (86) of Lanham, MD who died on July 9, 2023. He was the son of the late Merlin and Dorothea (Wrede) Waterworth, formerly of Randolph, WI. Howard graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a PhD in Plant Pathology and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Glenn Dale, MD. He served in the U.S. Army and, in retirement, was an active Master Gardener, horticulture judge, and church member. We were fortunate that Howard restored more than six dozen antique pieces of farm equipment for the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, MD. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Pamela; daughters, Mary (Jeff), Allison (Robert), Rebecca (Jason), and Sarah (Maria); and grandchildren: Luke and Meghan Ramundo, and Jack and Collin Tarleton. We extend our sympathy to the Waterworth family.

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Robert "Bob" Lee Anderson**, age 74, of Mt. Airy, MD, on August 30, 2023. Husband of Dorothy; father of Heidi (David) Bowman and Curtis (Mary) Anderson; grandfather of Brittany (Dennis) Stiles, Bryan (Kayla) Bowman, Dalton (Terra) Anderson, Mallory (Cleveland) Anderson, and Faith (Tyler) Anderson; and great granddaughter, Avery Joan Stiles. Bob is also survived by his brother, Edward (Judy) Anderson; brother-in-law, F. Robert King; and beloved nieces and nephews. Bob worked for C & P Telephone Company, Cline Electric, and Gladhill Brothers, finally retiring in 2014. For many years, he was an active volunteer with the 4-H program, Montgomery County Fair's Old Timers Show and food committee, Montgomery County 4-H All Stars, and Friends of the Ag History Farm Park. Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Anderson family.

THANK YOU to **Anita Campbell**, our Friends secretary, who has offered to send cards (e.g., get well, sympathy, congratulations) to Friends members. Let her know your news (lifeissweet91@gmail.com).

Contact Susan Morris (skmorris1@verizon.net) if you have items for future issues of the FAHFP Friends Corner.

Letter to Maurice Ward and Members of the Agricultural History Farm Park:

We would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" many times over for your assistance in providing us with such a spectacular array of beautiful antique tractors. It was so nice to have the tractors back in the parade, opening the 2023 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. It was also clear that the old tractors continue to be a high point, piquing interest of both adults and children alike at the Old Timers Show. We hope we may have this successful collaboration with the Farm Park in future years. Thank you once again.

Best Regards,

Putt Willett

Putt Willett, Board of Directors, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
and Old Timers Show Participant

Stepping Back in Time by Christina and Howard Williams

WOODEN APPLE BUTTER STIRRER



The wooden apple butter stirrer shown in this photo is on display in the granary tool museum. Anything that touches apples during processing must be made of wood or copper; even a nail could risk spoiling the flavor or quicken souring. Heavy treen-ware (appliances and tools made of wood), such as the wooden stirrer, are necessary in apple processing.

The butter is cooked in copper kettles over an open flame, continuously stirring the apple butter to prevent it from sticking to the bottom and burning. The long handle allows the person to stand away from the heat. The holes in the bottom of the paddle ensure that the apple pulp is comprehensively agitated with each stir of the paddle.

Apple butter is a highly concentrated form of apple sauce produced by long, slow cooking of apples with cider or water to a point where the sugar in the apples caramelizes, turning the apple butter a deep brown. The concentration of sugar gives apple butter a much longer shelf life than apple sauce.

The apples are first peeled, cored and quartered in a process called snitting (from the Pennsylvania Dutch word 'snit' which is a dried chunk of apple). Snit comes from the German word 'schnitzen' meaning to carve or slice. Cutting up bushels of apples could take a long time but the Pennsylvania Dutch turned this time into "schnitzing parties", gathering to socialize and making the repetitive work fun.

Apple cider or water is added to the kettle and then the apple snits are added. The process takes eight to twelve hours with apple cooking usually starting at dawn and finishing near dusk. Traditionally, many hands shared this time-consuming chore with families, neighbors, and friends gathering around the fire, taking turns stirring.

Membership Dues and News – by Susan Morris

Welcome, New Members! We welcome the Laytonsville District Volunteer Fire Department (#1747), Elna S. Narula (#1748) and Robert Wolfe and Family (#1749) to the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park. Thank you for your support.

Mailing Label Abbreviations: I=Individual, F=Family, O=Organization, B=Business, C=Charter Member, LIFE=Life Member; HLIFE=Honorary Life Member. If your dues are current, your label should look like this: Example: I23 or LIFE.

Please renew AND recruit new members! It's time to renew your membership for 2024, unless you're a Life Member or have already paid future dues. The 2024 Membership Application is attached or may be found on the Friends website or by contacting Susan Morris, membership chair (see below). Complete and mail your membership application and check (payable to Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.) to: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5810, Derwood, MD 20855. Thank you!

⇒ **IMPORTANT:** please include your Email Address, if available. We will never share your email addresses with outside groups but we do need to quickly communicate with our Friends, upon occasion (e.g., bad weather, emergencies). Also, please note any additions or corrections to your contact information.

⇒ **NOTE:** If you're willing to receive future Friends newsletters electronically (i.e., via email), please notify Susan Morris (skmorris1@verizon.net) or check the appropriate box on your 2024 membership form. Thank you!

If you have questions about your membership dues status, want a Friends membership card, or need to update your contact information, please contact Membership Chair, Susan Morris (skmorris1@verizon.net or 301-482-0439).

If you have questions about your dues payment or other financial issue (e.g., missing check, desire to make a memorial contribution or donation, need a receipt, etc.), please contact Treasurer, Debbie Lee (dalee1948@aol.com or 301-646-4961).

AHFP Friends Annual Holiday Party
Thursday, December 21, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Activities Building (18410 Muncaster Rd)



Come join the Friends for our 21st annual holiday party **in the activities building at the Ag History Farm Park.** We will gather on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm.

Arrive a little bit earlier to help set up if you are able. Bring a dish to share. Beverages, paper products, and fellowship will be provided!

You can also donate an item for the silent and live auctions to raise money for the Friends. Plan to bid on a treasure to take home!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of



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2024 Membership Application

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

_____ INDIVIDUAL (**\$8 Annually**, 1 vote)

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

_____ FAMILY* (**\$10 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 email addresses for Friends communication purposes ONLY (e.g., newsletters, inclement weather, alerts). Email addresses will not be shared with outside individuals/groups.

Email Address: _____

Check (X) if willing to receive the quarterly newsletters electronically (i.e., via email).

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 | _____ Granary/Display | Other: _____ |
| _____ Gas & Steam Engine Show | | |
| _____ Communications/Newsletter | | |

The Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization for your tax planning purposes. Complete & mail membership application form & check (payable to Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.) to: **Treasurer, P.O. Box 5810, Derwood, MD 20855.**

Questions? Email us at skmorris1@verizon.net or Call the Friends Voice Mail at (301) 670-4661
www.FriendsoftheFarmPark.org

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Keep Up to Date! Visit the Friend's Website
<http://www.friendsofthefarmpark.org/>
(Use password **aghpletmein** to access member only information)

Upcoming Dates

Christmas on the Farm—December 2 & 3, noon—5:00 p.m.
Friends' Holiday Party—December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

April 27 & 28, 2024—Gas and Steam Engine Show

Newsletter articles are due by February 15 for the March 2024 newsletter.
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