

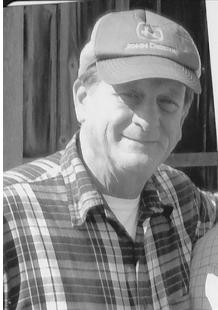
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maurice Ward

Dear Friends,

Once again your board of directors is planning our signature event, the Annual Gas and Steam Engine Show. The event, which is now always the last week-end in April, will feature something for everyone to include hayrides, good food, antique cars and trucks, a museum of agricultural artifacts, craft vendors, a tractor parade, kiddie tractor pull and much more! The board encourages all members to come and display any equipment they may have in their possession. If that equipment is steam powered, so much the better as there will be water on-site for their operation.

A two-day event such as this requires many hands to make it successful, so if you would like to volunteer, please reach out to any board member. In addition, Student Service Learning (SSL) hours will be provided for those students who qualify.

This Spring, the University of Maryland Extension Service, in a grant provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will be hiring students for a ten-week program where participants will receive valuable technical and leadership skills in the field of agriculture. For more information, please go to <https://go.umd.edu/extensioninternships>.

You may be seeing more staff around the farm. The Parks system has announced the upcoming hiring of a horticultural specialist and a special events coordinator....both welcome positions.

See you at the Gas and Steam Engine Show!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend and volunteer for these events!



- *April 26-27, 2025 – Gas & Steam Engine Show
- June 28, 2025 – Heritage Day (Sponsored by the Parks)*
- *July 17, 2025 – 6:00 PM – Friends' Summer Picnic
- August 8-16, 2025 – Montgomery County Fair, Fairgrounds*
- *September 6, 2025 – Bluegrass on the Farm
- October 4, 2025 – Harvest Festival*
- *December 6-7, 2025 – Christmas on the Farm
- *December 18, 2025 6:00 PM – Friends' Holiday Party

* Hosted by Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park

The Friends Corner – by Susan Morris

Thomas H. Terko of Silver Spring, MD and Friends Life Member, died on February 9, 2025 at the age of 74. After a career with the Mont. Co. Dept. of Transportation, he partnered in a Hyattsville body shop. Tom was an avid antique auto enthusiast, particularly for Model A and Model T Fords, including his 1929 Model A Ford Town Sedan and 1923 Model T Ford Huckster. He was active in numerous car clubs and the Mont. Co. Agricultural Fair. Son of the late Mary and Howard Terko, Tom is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol; son, Ryan, and granddaughter, Mia Angelina Terko. Our condolences to the Terko family. Rest in peace, Tom.

Clark Wesley (Sonny) Boyer, Jr., 79, of Darnestown, MD, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2025 after a long illness. He grew up on his father's dairy farm in Darnestown and spent the bulk of his long career with C&P Telephone Company and the Bell affiliates. Sonny is survived by his wife of 53 years, Diane; his son, James Wesley and daughter, Mary Elizabeth; son-in-law, Brian O'Boyle; sister, Dawn Boyer Porter (Ted), innumerable relatives and close friends. Sonny will be greatly missed. Our sympathy to the Boyer family.

Congratulations to **Doug Lechluder** of **Laytonville Turf Farm**, Friends Business Life Member, who received the *2024 Royce Hanson Ag Reserve Champion Award*. Excerpts from his nomination include: "Doug has been a stalwart collaborator, bringing voice to issues impacting farmers in the Ag Reserve. His inclusive and level-headed approach has brought balance to a number of zoning issues that threaten to take farmland out of production. As a 5th generation farmer, Doug knows the importance of protecting farmland. He grew up on a crop and livestock farm in Laytonville, MD, taking part in 4-H and FFA. In 1989, soon after the creation of the Ag Reserve, he started a landscape business specializing in erosion control. Since then, Laytonville Turf Farm has grown from 40 acres of sod planted to prevent sedimentation to 700 acres of various crops farmed by Doug, his wife Robin, and son Matthew. We are proud to honor this hard working and community minded farmer!"

Charles T. Linthicum, 99, of Laytonville, MD passed away on January 19, 2025. He was the husband of the late D. Juanita Linthicum and son of the late Charles G. and Ethel R. Linthicum. Charles touched the lives of many and will best be remembered for good conversations. He was a lifelong farmer. He was the oldest living Charter Member of The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, a former Montgomery County 4-H member/leader, MD 4-H All Star, past member of the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders, past Secretary/Treasurer of MD/DE Ayrshire Breeders Associations, member of MD & VA Milk Producers Cooperative Association for over 50 years, past member of MD Dairy Shrine, and Life Member of the Hyattstown Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barnesville, MD. Charles is survived by son, Tom (Paula) Linthicum; granddaughters, Abbey (Latham) Wiggins and Anna (Connor) Hamilton; and great-granddaughters, Jolie and Charlie Kate Wiggins. Our condolences to the Linthicum family.

We just received word of the passing of **Dr. Edward D. Purich**, age 83, husband of Friends Life Member, **Jeanne Purich**, and founder of ChiRhoClin (research of pancreas diseases and pancreatic cancer) on February 13, 2025. Ed often participated in Friends events, as recently as the December 2024 holiday party. Our deepest sympathy to the Purich family at this sad time.



Bobby Phillips, son of the late Zazelle (Zay) Bussard Phillips, was the official starter for a bike race, starting at the Ag History Farm Park, on November 24, 2024. Bobby, pictured on far left, was inducted into the Cycling Hall of Fame in 2023.

Recent *Happy Birthday* celebrations honored two special Friends members: **Nelson Palmer** (left) and **Joe Ginther** (95 years young). Congratulations!

Anita Campbell has offered to send cards (e.g., sympathy, congratulations, get well, etc) to Friends members. Let her know your news and/or who might benefit from a card (lifeissweet91@gmail.com).

Membership Dues and News – by Susan Morris

Welcome, New Life Members! Thank you to Nora Savage (#92), William H. Roberts, Jr. (#91), Robin (#C 93) and Fred (#C 94) Lechlida – our newest life members! Your continued support of the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park mission is greatly appreciated.

Welcome, New Members! We welcome Walter Bratton (#1782), William H. Roberts, Jr. (#1783), Catherine Schmader & Family (#1784), Kristen & Travis Woodruff (#1785), Justin, Molly, Addison & Oliver Mabin (#1786), Chad, Yesy & Alex Reissig (#1787), and Jeremy, Roseanne & Elizabeth Stanton (#1788) to the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park. Thank you for your support.

Welcome to our newest Honorary Life Member, Nelson Palmer (#8), who was recognized at the December holiday party for his many years of service. He joins other Honorary Life Members: Hugh Webb, Bonnie Lawrence, George Lawrence, the late Laura Ann Whirley, Henrietta Budd, Mimi Stubbs, and Denise, Liam & Clare Reed (in memory of past president, Rex Reed). Thank you for your years of dedication..

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: I25 or LIFE.

Please recruit new members! The Friends Membership Application 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). 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).

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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)

Dates to Remember

Annual Gas and Steam Engine Show
Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27

Volunteers welcome!

Newsletter articles are due by May 15 for the June 2025 newsletter.
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