

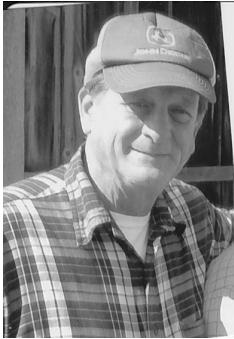
# Friends of



## The Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maurice Ward

Dear Friends,

As we enter into this holiday season, I hope everyone is enjoying good health and looking forward to a great 2025! We will close out another successful year, having completed a most successful Bluegrass on the Farm event in September and the Harvest Festival in October. We had great attendance at both events with many vendors returning....if you were a previous participant, we thank you for your loyalty and for newcomers---we hope to see you again.

Your Friends board can report that our balance sheet is strong and we added more memberships in 2024!....and we are always looking for volunteers for our events; committee chairpersons; and board members. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate as we have talented members!

Please do not forget our Christmas on the Farm event on December 7 and December 8. Once again we will hold this event in the bank barn as the space is ideal for the visitors. And make sure you mark the 19th of December for our year-end dinner and holiday party. This is intended to be a social gathering, however we will also nominate a slate of officers and directors for 2025 that evening....please consider joining!

### CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2024 NOON—5:00 PM

The Friends will host Christmas on the Farm on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8, from noon – 5 p.m. Come enjoy free cookies and cider in the barn, a bake sale, hayrides, special Christmas music, holiday crafts, and farm animals. Visit our tool museum. Invite your family and friends to this annual Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park event.

**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 7th and 8th. 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](mailto:julie.carroll@obsidianplanning.com) to volunteer.**

## The Friends Corner – by Susan Morris

~ From Anita Campbell

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle held at the Bluegrass on the Farm event in September. The winners received their prize via U.S. mail. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle by purchasing a ticket.

**Daniel Brum - Olney Theatre vouchers**

**Chris Barnes - Lone Oak Brewery gift card**

Thank you to our generous 2024 Bluegrass on the Farm sponsors! Please support these businesses if you are able to do so.

**Individual sponsors** - Maurice Ward, Amelia (Mimi) Stubbs

**Business sponsors** - Burtonsville Fuel Co., Olney Theatre Center, Rippeon Equipment Co., Willow Legal Group LLC., Frye Insurance Associates, Inc., Lone Oak Brewery

~ From Christina and Howard Williams

### **MD FARM AND HARVEST VISIT TO THE GRANARY**

A few weeks back, Chris Suzich received an email from the folks at the **MD Farm and Harvest** TV program, asking if they could visit the Farm Park to look for items to use in their weekly *“Thing-A-Ma-Jig”* segment of the show. Chris forwarded this email to us so we could arrange for this visit. On October 31, Richard Royle, Assistant Producer of this program, visited the Granary. We showed him numerous items that would be appropriate for the show. He chose three items to take back to his studio – they may appear in the program next year:

- \* 1890 tap and die set in a wooden finger-jointed box
- \* Cream top milk bottle (featured in the *“Stepping Back in Time”* article in this newsletter)
- \* A set of dairy cow shackles

Richard said there are several more items that he would consider for future shows. **MD Farm and Harvest** is aired weekly on Tuesdays at 7pm on PBS Channel 22.

**THANK YOU** to those Friends members who volunteered with the 2024 **Close Encounters with Agriculture** program in October at the Ag History Farm Park. This is an award-winning program that is offered each year to Montgomery County fourth-grade students from public and private schools. Since 1993, over 100,000 students have participated in this hands-on educational program designed to teach students about modern agriculture, maintaining a healthy environment, and leading a healthy lifestyle. We appreciate YOU!

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

## Stepping Back in Time by Christina and Howard Williams

## CREAM TOP MILK BOTTLES



These special bottles were first used in the early 1900s. They are glass quart milk bottles that have a bulb on the top to collect the cream as it rises to the top. A special spoon was used to extract the cream. This spoon has the handle bent at a ninety-degree angle from the spoon portion. Refer to the milk bottle in the advertisement. You can see one of these spoons in front of the milk bottle. This spoon could be used in two ways. It could be used as a dipper to dip out the cream. It could also be used as a stopper that would plug the neck of the bulb so the cream could be poured without mixing in the milk at the bottom of the bottle.

At one time these bottles were used by all creameries in the D.C. area. The bottle on display in the Granary came from Chestnut Farms Dairy in Bethesda. More of these bottles are on display at the King Dairy Barn MOOseum in Germantown. They were discontinued when homogenization of milk was mandated. The heat from this process adversely affected the quality of the cream so that these the cream top bottles would not function properly.

Invite  
**CREAM TOP**  
into Your Home!

**C**HARACTERISTIC is this compliment from Mrs. Philip Reed of Rockville, Md.: "I wish to tell you that I like your 'Cream Top' Milk better than any I have ever bought in the eleven years that I have been buying milk. . . . The Cream whips wonderfully."

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... AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!

**C**ONSIDER the convenience and luxury of our Special Pasteurized milk in the Cream Top Bottle—WHIPPED CREAM when you want it . . . heavy cream for coffee, cereals, fruits . . . excellent rich whole milk . . . or a less rich milk for infant feeding, cooking and for those who would fight overweight.

A special spoon separator accompanies Cream Top on the first visit. Ask us to demonstrate the advantages.

*Wise Brothers*  
**CHEVY CHASE DAIRY**  
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## Membership Dues and News – by Susan Morris

The 2025 Membership Application form will be included in this newsletter. Check your mailing label for your membership status<sup>+</sup>. Are you current?

**Welcome, New Members!** We welcome Olga LaCour (#1775), Dave Heyden (#1776), John McThrnia, Jr. (#1777), Cynthia Whitehead (#1778), Ann and Frank Nichols (#1779), The Pankiewicz Family (#1780) and The Walton Family (#1781) 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: I24 or LIFE.

Members who receive mailed newsletters will find the membership code next to their names.

+Those who receive newsletters electronically will receive an annual membership status email message.

**Please renew AND recruit new members!** Those who choose not to renew their memberships are moved into an inactive file and will no longer receive the Friends newsletters. If you know of anyone who may have neglected to renew, the Membership Application may be found in this newsletter, on the Friends website, or by contacting Susan Morris, membership chair (see below). Complete and mail the 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!

**Friends of the Ag History Farm Park Annual Holiday Party**  
**Thursday, December 19, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Activities Building (18410 Muncaster Rd)**



Come join the Friends for our 22nd annual holiday party **in the activities building at the Ag History Farm Park.** We will gather on Thursday, December 19 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!

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### 2025 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):

\_\_\_\_\_ Blacksmith

\_\_\_\_\_ Festivals

\_\_\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_\_\_ Restoration

\_\_\_\_\_ Gas & Steam Engine Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Communications/Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Farm Crops

\_\_\_\_\_ History

\_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrations

\_\_\_\_\_ Granary/Display

\_\_\_\_\_ Harvest Scarecrows

\_\_\_\_\_ Food Service for Events

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:skmorris1@verizon.net)  
[www.FriendsoftheFarmPark.org](http://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)

### **Dates to Remember**

December 7 and 8, 2024—Christmas on the Farm  
December 19, 2024—Friend's Annual Holiday Party

Newsletter articles are due by February 15 for the March 2025 newsletter.  
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