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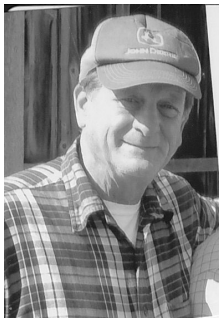


## The Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Maurice Ward

Dear Friends,

Our 27th annual Gas and Steam Engine show is now history---and what a show it was! Dodging rain on Saturday, the turn-out was very good for the two-day event. Though our saw mill was not operational, we were treated to two Belgian draft horses who proceeded to work the ground in preparation for potato planting. This event had it all: from music to food, antique cars and tractors, blacksmithing and museum interpretation. As always, an event such as this requires the efforts of so many. To those who volunteered, thank you so much and hope to see you next year! To those who became new members: Welcome aboard!

I would be remiss if I did not highlight the efforts of our Friends board for the success of this event. They are: Bob Allnutt and the Wednesday crew, Anita Campbell, Chris Suzich, Christina and Howard Williams, Deborah Lee, and Jean Phillips. Without their contributions and dedication, our show does not shine.

The Gas and Steam Engine show was not the only event that involved the Friends. "Touch a Truck" Day, held at the Mill Creek Parish Preschool, was a great success, as the Friends provided examples of agricultural equipment. In addition, the Friends participated in "Home School Tailgate" Day. From hayrides to farm animals, the home schoolers got an up-close and personal view of agricultural history.

Have a great summer and don't forget our Friends picnic on July 17th!

### Thank You!

The Friends of the Farm recently received a generous vehicle donation in memory of Tom Terko. Tom was an active member and supporter of the Friends of the Farm. We were saddened when he passed earlier this year. The Friends are grateful to Tom's wife, Carol, for her thoughtfulness and continued support.

## The Friends Corner – Edited by Susan Morris

**Illona Gayle (Grigg) Hull** of Hullside Farm in Westminster, MD and mother of Friends member, Heather (Hull) Whirley, died on March 27, 2025, at age 78. She earned a B.S. degree in Home Economics at the University of MD, a B.S. degree from Louisiana Tech University, and began her 25-year teaching career in Carroll and Baltimore Counties, MD. She was a National Quilt Association Certified Judge, active in 4-H and Hullside Farm operations. Mrs. Hull is survived by her husband, Jay; children, Heather Hull Whirley (Chip), Ginger Hull, and Lucas Hull (Jamie Thompson); grandchildren, Hayden, Caitlyn, Indie, and Dawson; siblings, Karen Changuris (Terry), David (Renee), and Troy Grigg. Our sympathy to the Grigg-Hull families.

**Ronald S. Lees**, 90, of Gaithersburg, MD, passed away on February 16, 2025. Born in Edmonton, Essex, England, Ron and his family settled in the U.S.A. in 1968 where he then worked for Flow Laboratories, later Novavax, for several decades. Ron loved taking photographs of nature and won many first-place ribbons at the Montgomery County Fair. Survivors include his wife, Ann, and her son, Ray; brother, Doug; son, Laurie (Debi); daughter, Joanne (Russell), eight grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. Our condolences to the Lees family.

**Margaret (Peggy) Elizabeth (Dayhoff) Johnson**, 82, of Dickerson, MD, passed away on April 18, 2025. Peggy attended Frostburg University and became a schoolteacher at Germantown Elementary School. Peggy and husband, Arthur, were married for over 60 years, operated a dairy farm, and raised three children. They were active in the Montgomery County Holstein 4-H Club and inducted into the MD Dairy Shrine. Peggy worked for many years at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center office. Peggy is survived by husband, Arthur; children, Bobby, Kathy, and Lisa Thrash (David); sister, Nancy Baker (Paul); sister-in-law, Ida Lou Dayhoff; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to the Johnson family.

A shout-out to **JoAnne D. Leatherman**, Friends Life Member #72, who experienced not only a broken bone but also kidney surgery in recent months. May you be blessed with a full and speedy recovery – you are one tough lady!

Congratulations to **Matt Rogers**, grandson of Friends Charter members, Diane (Savage) and Dale Geary, who was a star basketball player and center for the American University Eagles! The Eagles won their conference, with Matt showing great athletic ability as leading scorer and tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP). Matt is the son of Kristi (Geary) Rogers, former Friends member. Matt received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at AU and was honored as a Student-Athlete for his academic achievements.

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Friends secretary, 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 or note (lifeissweet91@gmail.com).

## Stepping Back in Time by Howard and Christina Williams

### LOG DRAGGING DEVICE

The log dragging device that is displayed in the Granary Tool Museum was donated by the John F. Windolph Farm of Dawsonville. This device was utilized to drag many a log out of the Windolph Farm woods.

This device is also called a “Log Grabber” or a “Log Dog”. The photo shows a log grabber like the one in Granary.

With the log lying on the ground, the log grabber is spread open and a grabber point (“dog”) is driven into each side of the log with a log pickaxe (seen in the photos) or a small sledghammer. The grabber is then attached to a team of horses or to a tractor using a clevis hitch. When the log reaches its destination, the grabber is detached using a log pickaxe to pry it away from the log.



Do you have an interesting item or **Stepping Back in Time** story to share?

Email Howard and Christina Williams ([hawckw@verizon.net](mailto:hawckw@verizon.net)) or stop by the Granary when you attend an upcoming Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park event.

## 2025 Gas and Steam Engine Show



Sincere thanks to **Roy Deppa**, Brookeville, MD, who generously shared his Morgan draft horses and equipment for a working demonstration at the 2025 Gas and Steam Engine Show. What beautiful animals!

Photo Credit—Larry Romans



And a big thank you to George Epperson (right) and Stephen Serra (left) for making a sturdy metal stand, on wheels no less!, for the new Friends cooking grill.

Photo Credit—Larry Romans

## Spring On (and Off) the Farm!

Rumley Steam Traction Engine & Model A Ford at the Gas and Steam Show.  
Mill Creek Parish Touch a Truck, Haircut, Working on JD 530 and  
First Plow on the Potato Patch

Photo Credits—Larry Romans



## Membership Dues and News – by Susan Morris

**Welcome, New Life Member!** Thank you to Eileen Cheng-Ward (#95), our newest life member! Your support of the Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park mission is appreciated.

**Welcome to our newest Honorary Life Member,** Carol Terko (HLIFE #9). The Friends of the Farm recently received a generous vehicle donation from Carol, in memory of her husband, Thomas Terko. Thank you, Carol, for your generosity.

**Welcome, New Members!** We welcome Lars Hertig, Diana Owen, Dahlia & Daphne (#1789), Marianne Hertig-Urban, Joseph & Trajan Urban (#1790), Mai Karadsheh (#1791), Robert & Patricia Phillips (#1792), Billy Cantler (#1793), Corey Byram & Kim Truong (#1794), Paula Perez Chaparro (#1795), Patricia, Gerald, & Jeremiah D'Costa (#1796), Amanda, Adolfo & Enzo Ferrario (#1797), Matthew, Jessica, Rosalind, Eva & Henry Fredericks (#1798), Matt Howell (#1799), Katherine, Moses & Max Valle-Palacios, and Nancy & John Wehrle (#1801) 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: I25 or LIFE.

### MEMBERSHIP FAQs

**Membership chair, Susan Morris** ([skmorris1@verizon.net](mailto:skmorris1@verizon.net) or 301-482-0439), will assist with the following:

- If you want a Friends membership card.
- If you have questions about your membership dues status.
- To update your contact information with any additions or corrections. **Note:** Please include your email address, if available, so that we may communicate with you quickly due to severe weather or emergencies. We will never share your email with outside groups.
- If you are willing to receive Friends newsletters *electronically* via email. This helps us save on printing and postage!
- To request a membership application. It can also be found on the Friends website (<http://www.friendsofthefarmpark.org/>). Complete the application and check (payable to **Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park, Inc.**) and mail both to **Treasurer, P.O. Box 5810, Derwood, MD 20855**.

**Treasurer, Debbie Lee** ([dalee1948@aol.com](mailto:dalee1948@aol.com) or 301-646-4961), will assist with the following:

- Regarding a missing check.
- Your desire to make a memorial contribution or donation.
- If you need a receipt.

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**<http://www.friendsofthefarmpark.org/>**  
(Use password **aghpletmein** to access member only information)

**Don't Miss the Friends' Summer Picnic!**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Activity Center**

Please join us for our annual summer picnic on Thursday, July 17th, 6:00 PM at the farm. Come a little earlier, if you are able, to help set-up. In recent years, we have held the picnic indoors at the Activity Center (Multi-purpose Room), **18410** Muncaster Road, at the farm, due to the heat, so that's where we will be this year, too. The Friends will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Mark your calendar for the Parks' Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 4th!**

Newsletter articles are due by August 15 for the September 2025 newsletter.  
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