

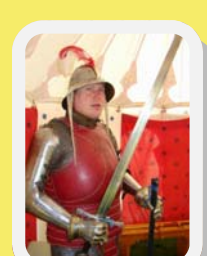
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# The Journal

October 2015

## Fall Fundraiser

If you haven't marked your calendars, make sure to put the 9th Annual Fall Fundraiser on yours. The date is Friday evening, Nov. 13 at Kings Mills in Media. The event is a critical piece of the Plantation's fundraising efforts and much anticipated by all. Proceeds are used to meet operating expenses during the 3 months that we are closed to the public. The evening features silent & live auctions, a buffet dinner with some drinks included. It all takes place in the beautifully restored mill along Chester Creek.

Invitations to those for whom we have postal addresses are in the mail. For members the cost is \$70 per person, non-members \$75 per person and tables of 8 or 10 are available at \$65 per person. Pre-paid reservations are required. You can pay by check, credit card or PayPal. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to attend, call Suzanne in the Office 610 566-1725.

Can't attend but want to help? Donations (\$\$\$) are welcome as are ads for the program/ad book (deadline Oct. 21) and gift certificates especially to local restaurants (deadline Oct. 29). To help, call Suzanne in our office.



Quilt made by Volunteer, Nancy Walls  
to be auctioned at Fall Fundraiser

## Dedication of Visitor Center

Our Visitor Center will be dedicated to Jane & Bill Humphreys on Sunday afternoon, November 1 at 2 p.m. The dedication honors their memory and recognizes the generosity of the Humphreys family. The proceedings will be followed by a reception with light refreshments at the Plantation farm house.

Jane began as a volunteer at the Plantation during its infancy—in the mid 1970's. She eventually assumed the role of Director of Education, and the programs that she created remained unchanged and in use many years after her retirement.

On occasion Bill was called into action at the farm, but he became one of the stalwarts of the "Climbing the Hill Gang" after he retired. The gang performed most of the maintenance and a few of the building projects—all without pay.

If you wish to attend the dedication, please call Suzanne in our office so that we may have some idea of how many to expect. Since much of the dedication will be outdoors, plan to dress accordingly.



Visitor Center to be dedicated to Jane & Bill Humphreys

# ON THE INSIDE

## Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

Do you have a few hours to spare? CPP is always on the lookout for volunteers. Of course, weekend historic interpreters are usually what is associated with us, but there are other ways you can help. Like to garden? Want to learn more about our animals and help the farmer? How about handyman jobs? How about office work? No experience is necessary. We can train you. Call Suzanne in the Plantation Office, 610 566-1725 and learn more.

## Lawncare Equipment Needed

Have you noticed how nice the Plantation looks this year? Thanks to Farmer Barb Corson with help from her Apprentice Kevin Tobias and helpers Maury Hutelmyer and Bruce Snyder, the farm probably has never looked better. Although 18th century farmers may have paid little attention to the farm's appearance, we 21st century folks are more comfortable with grass that is mowed to a reasonable height and weeds that are trimmed.

Our attention to the farm's appearance comes with a price. Even equipment that is carefully used and serviced eventually wears out. Before we begin the 2016 season, we need to replace both our large riding mower and the old dependable walking mower. Both of the current mowers were gifts from generous members of the CPP family several years ago, and they have served us well. **If you have either a large riding mower or walking mower in good condition and are willing to donate them to CPP, we would be very appreciative.** Contact Suzanne in the Office, 610 566-1725 if you can help.



## Two Options for Celebrating Halloween at the Plantation



It's "**Halloween at the Farm**" on Saturday, October 24. The children's part of the day includes candle and cornhusk doll making, a bonfire, haunted barn and ghost story in the springhouse. Wear your costumes and do a bit of trick or treating. Hours are 11 to 5 with last entry at 4. The cost is \$8 for adults and children ages 4 to 12. Children under 4 free.

Adults and children age 10 and over, are invited to attend a new event for CPP in the evening "**Lantern Ghost Tours.**" **You must Pre-register by calling our office at 610 566-1725 for this event. There are still a limited number of reservation times available.** The cost is \$10 per person (\$6 for members). Hours are 6 to 9.



**Reminder: The Plantation will be CLOSED on Saturday, November 21 for a "Volunteer Only" event**  
**We will also be closed on Saturday & Sunday, November 28 & 29 so that our staff and volunteers may enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays with their families.**



# VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Chuck Barr and a gourd from the kitchen garden



Warren Graham, our beekeeper, in the orchard with the bees



A luna moth seen at the farm

## In Memory

### Ben Rohrbeck

Volunteer Ben Rohrbeck who, with his skills as our resident blacksmith and ability to share his vast knowledge of colonial life as a weekday education staffer and as a week-end volunteer, made the farm a better place.



### John Mulligan

In memory of Volunteer John Mulligan, who for many years demonstrated woodworking at the Plantation and shared his talents with a another generation of volunteers.



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# FARM UPDATE FROM FARMER BARB CORSON

October 2015

Education and weekend staff have been featuring the animals in programming. Almost every school child has the opportunity to touch at least some of the animals and see them all up close. We are able to show animals "doing something" (working or being trained) with increasing frequency.

We have also re-instated our weekly "learn about the farm animals" meetings on Wednesdays between 2 and 3:30. We tailor the activities to the attendees. As of now the sessions are limited to Board members, education staff, and volunteers. Once we have a core of educated CPP "staff," we could open the meetings to CPP members.

I have been in communication with Ms. Devin Cunningham, a young woman who works for the Delaware County 4-H club, based at Garrett Williamson Foundation on Bishop Hollow Road. There may be interest in starting a 4-H "working steer/ ox" club.

Delilah is still giving milk, about 2 gallons each day. We believe she is bred (pregnant) and if all goes well, she should have her 5th calf in June 2016. Sable is almost as tall as his mother now but only about half as wide. Kevin Tobias (education staff), Sarah Chenkin (volunteer) and Maury Hutelmyer (volunteer/education staff) are all learning how to drive him in the small metal cart, and they are doing well.

Our younger calves, Red and Rust are also growing. They weigh about 700 pounds each. They have outgrown the double calf yoke I have, so we have been working them singly until I fetch or make a bigger yoke. They are useful for "student ox teamsters" because of their size (relatively small) and sedate temperaments. Chuck Barr (volunteer) tried his hand at driving Rust the other day.

The training of Garnet, our young draft horse, is progressing well. She has been pulling several sleds (full of manure) out to the fields several times each week. Hopefully we will try plowing again this month. We hope to be able to plant winter wheat and barley in the crop field without having to use a tractor this year. Garnet has also pulled the dump cart several times without any problem although the cart is heavy. I need two people to help me hitch her to it, so the cart is not something we do every day.

Max, our retired race horse, is proving very useful as a teaching horse for Kevin, Sarah and Maury. I bought a harness for him so that he will be able to pull the 2-wheeled sulky, and I have also been riding him on the bridle path across the creek.

In spite of some difficulties at birth, all 6 lambs born in May lived and are growing well. We plan to keep Gomer (the bottle-baby) - he has been castrated which makes him a "wether."

Right now we have three pigs who seem to be healthy and happy. They are all barrows (castrated males). A visit at the pig pen is always popular with our school groups.





*Animals and humans working together*



Left top: Kevin Tobias “ground driving” Max to get him used to his new harness  
Left center: Kevin Tobias and Sarah Chenkin take turns driving Sable with a load of manure.  
Left bottom: Maury Hutelmyer with Red ad Rust coming in from the pasture

Top: Barb Corson and Garnet pulling a small log for a school group





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Medieval Days . . .** Sat., Oct. 16; 11—5 (last entry at 4)  
& Sun., Oct. 17; 11 to 3:30 (last entry at 3)

**Halloween at the Farm . . .** Sat., Oct. 24; 11—5 (last entry at 4)

**Lantern Ghost Tours . . .** Sat., Oct. 24; 6—9 Pre-registration required. Only limited timed reservations available. Learn more on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Christmas on the Farm . . .** Sat., Dec. 5; 11—4 (last entry at 3:30)

For descriptions and updates of event, visit [www.colonialplantation.org/eventsandactivities](http://www.colonialplantation.org/eventsandactivities)



Volunteers Betsy Barr, Sue Sydney & Chuck Barr in the farmhouse kitchen



Historic Timeline, Volunteer Andy Miller in center



Union Army, Civil War