

## Mount Harmon Plantation at World's End



Tidewater Plantation and Nature Preserve

## FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

Spring 2014 Newsletter

### MHP EVENT & PROGRAM SERIES



#### BRINGS HISTORY & NATURE TO LIFE

We are pleased to present our 2014 Mount Harmon Special Event & Program Series which brings history and nature to life and is sure to inspire and delight. We have a great line up of special events including a fun new event to celebrate nature: the inaugural Earth Day 5K, as well as traditional favorites: our Colonial Picnic, Lotus Blossom Art & Nature Festival, Revolutionary War Reenactment Festival (a National event this year!), Bull & Oyster Roast, and Yuletide Festival (see event flyer pg. 3). We also have a fun and educational new program series, including lectures on a whole host of interesting topics, as well as Guided Kayak Paddles and Nature Workshops. Visit our website [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) for details.

### VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN



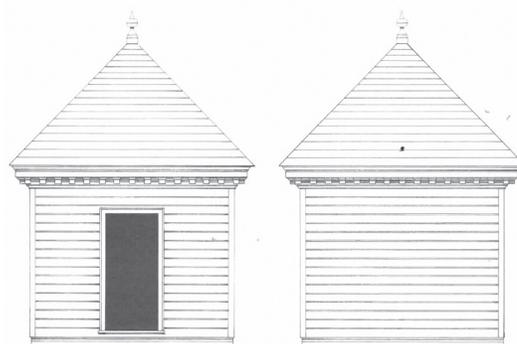
#### INTERESTED IN HISTORY & NATURE?

Join our dedicated team of MHP volunteers and you can help bring Mount Harmon to life for our visitors. Volunteers assist with everything from tours, special events, school programs, garden and grounds, and administrative duties. Call 410-275-8819 for more information and to take part in preservation and education in our community.

### CAPITAL & PRESERVATION PROJECTS

DESIGN FOR A SMOKEHOUSE

PL. II.



As we go to press, we have two exciting capital projects underway that will be great assets to our visitor programs: a new dock to expand nature programming and improve water access, and the reconstruction of Mount Harmon's colonial era smokehouse to enhance our plantation interpretation. Be sure to visit this spring and see all of the progress!

### MOUNT HARMON SCHOOL PROGRAM VOTED FAVORITE FIELD TRIP

Mount Harmon's school program continues to grow with new and returning schools coming to learn about early American and Natural History. This year we welcome schools from Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, and New Castle Counties. To our delight, we often hear students say "This is my favorite field trip!"



### GARDEN NEWS & FLOWER SHOW

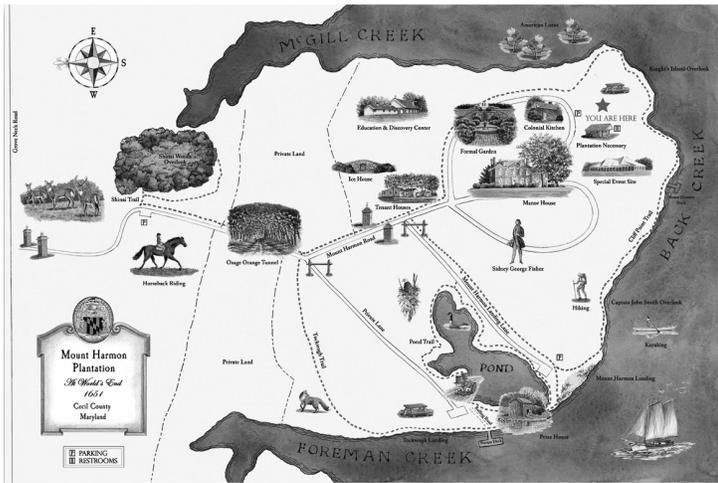
Don't miss your chance to see the manor house all decked out in flowers May 15 for the Greenfingers Garden Club Spring Flower Show. Come and see our new colonial herb garden at Mount Harmon. The garden features a beautiful array of colonial herbs. We also have a new garden plot of tobacco and flax in development. Stop by and see what is in bloom! Many thanks to the garden committee and volunteers, who make the gardens possible.

## President's Report

Greetings and thank you for your continued support for Mount Harmon! Our growth and success is made possible by your participation as members and contributors. Through your financial donations, our programming and mission continues to grow.

Spring brings a flurry of activity to Mount Harmon, with school groups, tours, weddings, lectures and workshops, and our special event series kicking off with a new event to showcase our nature trails, the inaugural Earth Day 5K.

Spring is also the time to renew your Friends of Mount Harmon annual membership, and for us to encourage new Friends to join us and experience all that Mount Harmon has to offer.



This spring I would like to send out a challenge. The family membership at \$100, gives you and your family year round access to the grounds (great for hiking, picnicking, and kayaking) and admission passes to use during our operating season (May-Oct). Join me in supporting the \$100 family membership or above this season and enjoy Mount Harmon throughout the year!

Your annual membership is tax deductible, and helps to keep Mount Harmon preserved, maintained, and operate our visitor and educational programs. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience, or become a member online at [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org). Please join us in taking an active role in preserving our region's colonial and natural heritage, and send in your membership contribution today.

~ Stephen W. Isaacson, President FOMH Board of Directors

## Director's report

We have just emerged from the winter of the decade, and spring has never been more welcome! Mount Harmon is bursting into bloom and activity with our staff and volunteers preparing for an exciting program and event series, school field trips, public tours, lectures, and workshops. Here are some of the exciting things we have planned for this year, so please come often and join in the fun!

Our new Lecture and Program Series is inspired by Mount Harmon's history and natural beauty. We have partnered with Sultana Projects to offer Guided Kayak Paddles again this year, and are also offering garden and nature workshops, along with lectures from area authors. Visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) for details. Our school program continues to grow with new and returning schools coming to learn about early American history and ecology.

We are excited to share several important preservation and capital improvement projects with visitors this season



including: the reconstruction of a colonial era smokehouse, which is part of a master plan to recreate additional plantation outbuildings to further Mount Harmon's plantation history and interpretation. Another exciting capital project is underway: a new MHP dock, for use by our school program, members and visitors by water.

I would like to extend very special thanks to our grant funders and special friends: Chesapeake Bay Gateway Network, Crystal Trust, Chichester Foundation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Bartus Trew Fund for supporting important preservation, education, and capital improvement projects; Greenfingers Garden Club for sponsoring our Yuletide Festival; and Sassafras River Association for sponsoring Project Clean Stream. Many thanks to our special event sponsors and silent auction donors. Thank you also to our MHP volunteers, staff, supporters, and contributors, you make it all possible!

~ Paige Howard, FOMH Executive Director

To receive e-news about FOMH upcoming events, please send your e-mail to [info@mountharmon.org](mailto:info@mountharmon.org).

# Mount Harmon Special Events you won't want to miss!



## Mount Harmon Colonial Picnic Sunday, June 8, 12 – 4pm

Come and enjoy a gourmet Eastern Shore picnic, Colonial Reenactors and Demonstrations, Manor House Tours, Silent Auction, Antique Carriage Tailgate & Parade, and more!

**Tickets: Adults \$35, Children \$10**



## Bull & Oyster Roast

**Saturday, October 11, 5pm ~ 9pm**

The Bull and Oyster Roast is a favorite fall event, and features a traditional Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast, silent auction, manor house tours, live music, and more. Come and join in the fun and support this important fall fundraiser.

**Tickets: \$50 per person, \$400 Reserved table for 8**



## Mount Harmon Yuletide Festival

**December 6 & 7, 11am – 3pm**

Holiday Decorations & Greens Sale

Yuletide Manor House Tours

Hearth Cooking

Children's Craft Activities

Inspired by Colonial Williamsburg

Sponsored by Greenfingers Garden Club

**Admission: \$10, FOMH Members \$5**

## Earth Day 5K Cross Country Run/Walk

**Saturday, April 26 9am – 12noon**

Celebrate Mother Earth at Mount Harmon's Earth Day 5K Cross Country Run/Walk.

Refreshments, Prizes, Tours, Earth Day Exhibitors  
**Registration: Advance: \$20, Day of: \$25, Guest \$5**



## Lotus Blossom Art & Nature Festival

**Saturday, August 2, 10am – 4pm**

The Mount Harmon Lotus Blossom Art & Nature Festival showcases the American Lotus in peak bloom and an array of nature-inspired Fine Arts, Crafts, & Exhibitors, Classic Car Show, Guided Nature Walks, Children's Activities, Food Vendors & More!

**Admission: \$5, FOMH Members & Children 12 & under Free**



## Revolutionary War Re-Enactment & Colonial Festival

**Saturday & Sunday, October 25 & 26, 10am ~ 4pm**

Come and Enjoy Living History at the Mount Harmon Revolutionary War Re-enactment & Colonial Festival featuring British & Rebel Encampments & Battle, Colonial Marketplace, Hearth Cooking, manor house tours, food vendors & more!

**Admission: \$5, FOMH members & Children 12 & under Free**



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**NEVER BEEN BETTER!**



**MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS MOUNT HARMON  
A SCENIC & HISTORIC TREASURE**

Membership in Friends of Mount Harmon is annual and benefits include admission to the manor house, access to the grounds and nature trails in season, bi-annual newsletters, listing in the contributor's report, and invitations and discounts to Mount Harmon special events.

Your membership is tax deductible and, most importantly, helps to maintain and preserve Mount Harmon Plantation. Every membership is important and is an investment in the future of this historic and scenic treasure. Visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) for more info.

**ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:**

- Free Admission to manor house, grounds, and nature trails in season:  
May ~ Oct., Thurs. ~ Sun., 10am ~ 3pm
- Listing in Contributor's report.
- Invitation and discounts to Mount Harmon Special Events.
- 10% discount at gift shop.

**◆ FOMH MEMBERS AT \$100 & ABOVE LEVELS RECEIVE ◆**  
**YEAR ROUND ACCESS TO THE PLANTATION GROUNDS & NATURE TRAILS!**

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YES, I/we would like to become a FOMH member. Enclosed is my/our membership check for:

- \$35 Individual Membership
- \$60 Couple Membership
- \$100 Family Membership
- \$250 Sassafras Steward
- \$500 Garden Sponsor
- \$1,000 Plantation Benefactor
- Other

Or pay by credit card by visiting  
[www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org)

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Membership benefits for one.

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Membership benefits for two.

**\$100.00 Family Membership**  
Membership benefits for you and your immediate family, plus two guest passes and year-round access to plantation grounds and nature trails. This level includes access to the Mount Harmon canoe & kayak landing!

**\$250.00 Sassafras Steward**  
Full family membership benefits, (year-round access to plantation grounds), two guest passes, and admission for two to Mount Harmon Colonial Picnic. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

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**Dates to Remember**

- ◆ Earth Day 5K, April 26
- ◆ Colonial Plantation Picnic, June 8
- ◆ Lotus Blossom Festival, August 2
- ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, October 11
- ◆ Revolutionary War Reenactment, Oct 25 & 26
- ◆ Yuletide Festival, December 6 & 7

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