

## Mount Harmon Plantation at World's End



Tidewater Plantation and Nature Preserve

## FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

Fall 2011 Newsletter

### See History Come to Life



#### Mount Harmon Revolutionary War

##### Reenactment Festival Weekend Sept. 24 & 25

Mark your calendars for September 24 & 25 ~ Mount Harmon is hosting a full-scale Revolutionary War Reenactment & Colonial Festival. This year's event is Maryland's only National Revolutionary War Reenactment Festival and will feature over 800 reenactors and an array of colonial craft merchants and activities for the public to enjoy. This will be an incredible living history event for the whole family. See flyer on Pg. 3 for more information.

#### Bull & Oyster Roast October 15<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to join us for another great event this fall ~ our popular annual Bull & Oyster Roast will be held Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and be a great time for friends to gather and enjoy freshly shucked oysters, traditional barbeque, silent auction, manor house tours, and live music. For tickets and information call 410-275-8819 or visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org). See ticket order form on Pg. 4 for tickets and information.

#### Mount Harmon Hosts Lotus Blossom Festival

##### Successful Friend & Fundraiser

Hundreds of visitors came to enjoy our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lotus Blossom Festival July 30<sup>th</sup>. A lovely summer day and our cove full of American Lotus in full bloom set the stage for visitors to enjoy a whole host of nature-inspired artists, exhibitors and activities, children's crafts, Lotus Car Show, and much more. Special thanks to the Lotus Blossom Committee for organizing this wonderful event which raised \$3,000 to benefit Mount Harmon. Be sure to join us next year for this wonderful nature, arts, and crafts festival for all ages to enjoy!

### Student Field Trips at Mount Harmon



#### New Hands-On Activities in History & Nature

Mount Harmon's expanded Education Program provides students the opportunity to learn first hand about Early American Life and Chesapeake Bay Ecology. Please encourage your children's teachers to take advantage this great area resource and plan a field trip to Mount Harmon. For more information or to schedule a field trip, contact Mount Harmon at 410-275-8819 or [info@mountharmon.org](mailto:info@mountharmon.org) or visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org).

#### Washington College Field School of Archaeology



#### Archaeology Field School Students in Action

Washington College Archaeology Field School students unearth artifacts, including the discovery of brick paths and an early foundation, during the Washington College Field School of Archaeology at Mount Harmon this spring. This partnership resulted in many exciting finds and helped to literally uncover Mount Harmon's history. We look forward to a long term partnership and more exciting finds to come. Many thanks to the Seidels and the whole WC team for their work on behalf of Mount Harmon.

### President's Report



I am happy to report that we have had a busy and productive 2011 season to date. We continue to grow our visitor programs, and work to strengthen our important mission to preserve and interpret Mount Harmon for the public's education and enjoyment.

To that end, this fall we are hosting a National Revolutionary War Reenactment Festival, September 24 & 25, which will be an exciting living history event and not-to-be missed event of the fall. Please also plan to join us for our Bull & Oyster Roast, October 15; and Yuletide Manor House Tour, December 3 & 4. I encourage you to bring your friends and family to these wonderful events that showcase our history and support our mission.

We have expanded our education program, and now feature hands-on curriculum for both early American History and Chesapeake Bay Ecology. This spring we hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Washington College Field School of Archaeology. The Field School was a great success with dozens of artifacts unearthed and what may be an original colonial era foundation. We continue to host a growing number of school groups, special tours, and weddings.

We could not continue to evolve and strengthen our mission without your support. For those of you who have joined our membership or contributed this year, thank you. You make it possible to keep Mount Harmon open to the public and preserved for future generations. For those of you new to Mount Harmon, please consider becoming a Friend, you will enjoy many special member benefits, and most importantly help to preserve, maintain, and operate this historic and scenic treasure. I look forward to seeing you soon at Mount Harmon.

~ Elizabeth P. Beckley, FOMH Board President

### New Mount Harmon Exhibits & Activities



Visitors, teachers, and students are enjoying our new Education & Discovery Center, Mount Harmon Highlights in History exhibit, and expanded education program. Hands-on activities such as spinning and weaving, quilting, colonial crafts and games, and nature walks are at the heart of our education program. A talented and dedicated group of volunteers enjoy sharing their love for history and nature, and make the program possible. For more information about our programs or to volunteer visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) or contact us at 410-275-8819 or [info@mountharmon.org](mailto:info@mountharmon.org).

### Education & Discovery Center Grand Opening



#### Heritage Troupe Performs on new Terrace

The Education & Discovery Center Grand Opening showcased our beautiful new education, exhibit and event facility, and featured educational activities and performances by the Cecil County Heritage Troupe. Special thanks to our project funders: Chesapeake Bay Gateway Network, Maryland Bond Grant, Crystal Trust and Chichester du Pont Foundations for making it possible. The Education & Discovery Center has already hosted numerous schools groups, community events, weddings, and private parties. Contact FOMH at 410-275-8819 to schedule your next private party or community event at Mount Harmon.

SEPTEMBER 2011 ~ the British are coming!



1775~1783



★ SEE HISTORY  
COME TO LIFE

- Revolutionary War Encampment
- Military Skirmishes & Drills
- Battle Re-enactments
- Hearth Cooking Demonstrations
- Colonial Trade Fair
- Children's Activities
- Manor House Tours
- Food Vendors

Fun for the Whole Family



MOUNT  
HARMON

# Revolutionary War

NATIONAL  
RE-ENACTMENT ★ FESTIVAL

admission: \$5 per person September 24 & 25

SATURDAY and SUNDAY ★ 10am - 4 pm



FOMH Members  
& Children under 12 FREE  
Advance Tickets or  
Purchase on entry



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**MOUNT HARMON PLANTATION**, a scenic and historic treasure, 600 Mount Harmon Lane, Earleville, MD 21919

**TICKET ORDER FORM  
MOUNT HARMON PLANTATION**



**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BULL & OYSTER ROAST  
Saturday, October 15, 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.**

*Traditional Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast*

*Oysters on the Half-Shell & Roasted Oysters*

*Pit Beef, Turkey & Ham*

*Manor House Tours & Silent Auction & Live Music*

**Tickets \$50 per person. \$400 Reserved Table of Eight.  
Proceeds benefit Mount Harmon Plantation.**

-----cut here and enclose below order form with your check-----

**MOUNT HARMON CONTRIBUTOR & EVENT TICKET ORDER FORM**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets, at \$50 per person. Total # of tickets ordered \_\_\_\_\_.

I am unable to attend, please except my contribution for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support FOMH.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Your name(s) will be placed on the guest list at the event check in.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, please add me to your e-mail list to receive FOMH News & Special Events.

Mail payment & ticket order form to: FOMH, P. O. Box 65, Earleville, MD 21919

Please make checks payable to Friends of Mount Harmon, Inc.

For more information call 410-275-8819 or visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org).

## VISITOR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



*Mount Harmon Education & Discovery Center  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony*

Mount Harmon Board Members, Staff, project supporters and funders were on site to enjoy the festivities at the Official Education & Discovery Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Sunday, May 1.



*Cecilton First Graders Spot a Swallow-Tail  
Butterfly on a Guided Nature Walk*

Mount Harmon has hosted numerous 1<sup>st</sup> Grade ~ A. P. High School Student Groups this season, including Cecilton Elementary School's First Grade Class who enjoyed a guided nature walk, manor house tour, colonial crafts and games.



*Steve Isaacson, Guy Beckley, John Howard &  
Jack Brown installing colonial "snake fencing".*

## SCENE FROM COLONIAL PICNIC



*Picnic Guests at the Colonial Picnic*

Mount Harmon's Colonial Picnic was held on the first Sunday in June, and featured a gourmet Eastern Shore picnic, colonial demonstrations, silent auction and manor house tours. Many thanks to event sponsors Manning & Napier, and silent auction donors for making the event a successful fundraiser.



*Recent Mount Harmon Summer Wedding*

Mount Harmon is a spectacular site for weddings ceremonies, receptions and private events. Plan your wedding or private party at Mount Harmon, visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) for more info.



*Phyllis Drupieski Memorial Dedication  
at Lotus Blossom Festival, Saturday, July 30*

## 2011 MOUNT HARMON SPECIAL EVENTTS Dates to Remember

- ◆ Revolutionary War Re-Enactment, Sept. 24 & 25
  - ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, Oct. 15
  - ◆ Yuletide Tour, December 3 & 4

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### Visitor Season

May 1 ~ October 31  
Thursday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm  
& Year Round by Appointment

### Visitor Programs

Guided Manor House Tours  
Self Guided Nature Tours  
Educational Programs  
Membership Programs  
Special Events  
Site Rentals

We look forward to seeing  
you at the plantation!

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