

Mount Harmon Plantation at World's End



Tidewater Plantation and Nature Preserve

FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

Fall 2015 Newsletter

~ MOUNT HARMON FALL EVENTS ~ YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



Bull & Oyster Roast October 3rd

Bring your friends and join us for the ever-popular Bull & Oyster Roast, Saturday, October 3rd, and support this festive and important fall fundraiser. Event features Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast, Manor House Tours, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles, and Live Music. Tickets and reserved tables of 8 are available. Rsvp today for this fun event that benefits Mount Harmon. See ticket order form on Pg. 3 or visit www.mountharmon.org to purchase tickets online.

Calling all equestrians ~ don't miss your chance to ride on Mount Harmon's scenic nature trails at the Horseback Paperchase November 15. Looking ahead to the holiday season, be sure to join us for the Yuletide Festival December 5 & 6, and bring home some beautiful greens, wreaths, and arrangements to deck your halls!



PROGRAM SEASON NEWS

We have had a very busy tour and school program season, and could not do it all without an excellent staff and our dedicated team of volunteers. Mount Harmon is a volunteer-based organization and we are so grateful for our team, who make it possible to share Mount Harmon's history and natural surroundings with our visitors. Be sure to read on and hear more about highlights from our staff and season.

FALL WORKSHOPS & LECTURES



We have engaging and educational lectures and workshops planned for the fall including: Sassafras River Stewardship Update with Sassafras River Association River Keeper Emmett Duke September 10 at 6:30pm; Guided Bird Walk with Cecil Bird Club copresident Ken Drier September 13 at 10am; Hearthcooking Workshop November 7 at 12noon. For more information visit www.mountharmon.org or email info@mountharmon.org to make reservations.

PRESERVATION NEWS



We are always looking into ways we can continue to better fulfill our educational and preservation mission. Last year we opened our new dock to welcome visitors by boat, and reconstructed our colonial-era smokehouse thanks to generous funding from the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and private donors. We are now seeking funding for the following projects to further enhance and preserve Mount Harmon: reconstruction of our colonial-era barn and slave quarters; restoration and replanting of the boxwood garden; new exterior lighting for visitor pathways; and new handicapped accessible path to visitor check in. Please contact me at phoward@mountharmon.org to make a gift or let me know how you may be able to help. I so look forward to seeing you this fall at Mount Harmon.

~ Paige Howard, Executive Director

~ VOLUNTEERS INSPIRE ~



I have said it before but it needs to be repeated again, "Volunteers are the life blood of Mount Harmon." Without our volunteers, our visitors would not be able to experience all that Mount Harmon has to offer. Lucky for us, our volunteers are gracious ambassadors, and allow us to share Mount Harmon's history with an increasing number of visitors of all ages. We cannot thank our volunteers enough, both those who have been with us for many seasons, and those new to our team. Here are some of the folks that make things happen at Mount Harmon. If we missed anyone, we thank you too, we could not do it without you all!

This season we welcomed Lois Sessa, Glenda Carpenter and Tracy Manlove as new docents. Lois, Tracy and Glenda were trained by our experienced docents, Jackie Upp and Mary Segermark, for leading both school and adult tours with great success. The students love the nature walks guided by Lorraine Lehmicke and Kris Moore. How exciting to experience an eagle soaring, the red fox popping out of the tobacco field or finding a wood duck nest not to mention the aquatic life seen up close. And thank you to our crafty volunteers, Sue Coleman, Janet Rose, Doris Bolton, Judy McKinney, Rosemary Gipe, Ann Goudy, Thelma Wheatley, and Pat Cox always available to instruct the students in colonial crafts. We say a sad goodbye to Carole Hires, thank you for all your help and good luck with your move.

Many thanks to: Victoria Phillips who participates in our Junior Docent program and enjoys volunteering in the colonial kitchen under the direction of Gerry Scarfe, Georgia Renck, Bill Watts, and Sunny Rinker. Our special team of wedding docents who help with house tours during Mount Harmon weddings. They enjoy the preparation leading up to the ceremony, seeing a smiling bride meet her groom in our garden. To Doris Bolton, Mary Tazewell, Mary Segermark, Sunny Rinker and Mary Haggerty, thank you for all those Saturday afternoons spent at MHP helping the guests enjoy Mount Harmon. Our weekend docent Dana Wetter and our summer intern, Alexandra Gonzalez, who manned the tour schedule to welcome visitors to our site this season. I cannot forget the garden fairies, Marcia Haggie, Sandy Simonson, Gerry Scarfe, Bob Wetter, and Pat Cox who plant, weed, and tend our gardens.

Special events at Mount Harmon require many volunteers in both planning and execution of the events, we would not have been successful without you. Thank you to Patti Brown, Carla Miners, Donna Winterling, Steve Simonson, Coley Brown, Laura Stark, Ralph Young, Sandy Griffiths, Renee Bench, Tim Moore, Bill Horne, Lynn Schriver, Sandy Pierce, Suzan Schweizer, and Board members Steve Isaacson, Richard Renck, Bill Olmstead, Holly Isaacson, Bill Jeanes, Lee Vosters, Joe Sailer, Elizabeth Beckley, and Marcia Haggie.

Please think about volunteering your time or your skills to help Mount Harmon continue to share our history and surrounding nature with visitors and students from around the region. For more information contact Debbie Brown at 410-275-8819.

~ Debbie Brown, Tour & Volunteer Coordinator

EDUCATION CORNER



May and June were our busiest months ever for school field trips. Moreover, we hosted students from first grade through high school, and we hosted very large school groups. The following school groups visited Mount Harmon in May and June 2015: Worton fourth grade; Sudlersville fifth grade; Gunston 9-12 students; Gilpin Manor fourth grade; Cecilton first grade; Mount Aviat fourth grade; Bainbridge third grade; Bay View fourth grade; Holly Hall fourth grade; and Deep Roots youth group.

In April, we hosted Elk Neck fifth graders, Garnett first graders, and Galena first graders, as well as Thomsen Estates fifth graders. Our total number of field trips this spring was fourteen. The keys to success with these large groups were our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. The majority of these schools had been to Mount Harmon before and all plan to come back.

Activities varied for each group, but almost every child toured the manor house, cooked in the colonial kitchen, attended a "colonial school," hiked on the trails, and made a sewing, weaving, or tin smith project. Children also engaged in fun activities during the Lotus Festival, including weaving, sewing, face-painting, planting seeds, and making fairies. With fall here, we look forward to the return of student field trips, always a highlight of the fall.

~ Wendy Costs, Education Coordinator

**TICKET ORDER FORM
MOUNT HARMON PLANTATION**



**ANNUAL BULL & OYSTER ROAST FALL FUNDRAISER
Saturday, October 3, 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.**

Traditional Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast

Oysters on the Half-Shell & Fried Oysters

Manor House Tours & Silent Auction & Live Music

Advanced Tickets (by Oct. 1): \$60 per person. \$480 Reserved Table.

Tickets at Event (after Oct 1): \$70 per person.

Reservations Required. 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 \$60 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.

**~ FALL MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL ~
 JOIN NOW & RECEIVE
 MEMBERSHIP BEBEFITS THRU 2016!**



Membership in Friends of Mount Harmon is annual and benefits include free admission to the manor house, grounds and nature trails during visitor hours; newsletters, invitations and discounts to Mount Harmon special events, and listing in the contributor's report.

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 for more info.

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

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

**MOUNT HARMON ANNUAL
 MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS**

\$35.00 Individual Membership

Membership benefits for one.

\$60.00 Couple Membership

Membership benefits for two.

\$100.00 Family Membership

Membership benefits for you and your immediate family, plus two guest passes and year-round access pass to plantation grounds and nature trails. Includes access to the Mount Harmon dock, canoe and kayak landing!

\$100.00 Equestrian Membership * New!

Equestrian Members receive family membership benefits, including year round access pass for horseback riding on Mount Harmon nature trails (weather and footing permitted), call or email for details.

\$250.00 Sassafras Steward

Full family membership benefits (year-round access pass to plantation grounds, use of dock, kayak and canoe launch), & four guest passes to Lotus Blossom Festival. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

\$500.00 Garden Sponsor

Full family membership benefits (year-round access pass), two tickets to Gate to Plate Tavern Night. Option to use Boxwood Garden for function for up to 25 guests. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

\$1,000.00 Plantation Benefactor

Full family membership benefits (year-round access pass), four tickets to Bull & Oyster Roast. Option to use Manor House Terrace or Garden for function for up to 50 guests. *Plus, invitations to VIP Only Events.*

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

-----cut here and return with below membership form-----

**FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.
 P.O. BOX 65, EARLEVILLE, MD 21919**

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

Name and Address:

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

HELP US GO GREEN ~ LIST YOUR E-MAIL HERE

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

VISITOR SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Over the years our visitor season and program offerings have grown and evolved.



This year we started the season with our Earth Day 5K April 25, a fun new event started last spring to showcase our nature trails, and celebrate Mother Earth.



We added a wonderful new event this spring, a Gate to Plate Tavern Night event June 6, which showcased area farm fresh offerings, and celebrated Mount Harmon's agricultural heritage. Guests here are seen enjoying Tavern Night.



The Lotus Blossom Art & Nature Festival, a favorite event of summer, delighted visitors of all ages August 1st with an array of artists, craft vendors, children's crafts, living history, live music, and local food and beverage vendors. Artist Geraldine McKeown is shown above.

SCENES FROM RECENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Mount Harmon had a great turn out for our 2ND annual Earth Day 5K.



Many thanks to our co-host and beneficiary Union Hospital Foundation, our even sponsors, volunteers, and participants for making it possible!



Junior Docent Victoria Phillips guides visiting school children in a demonstration of what it was like to gather water during colonial times. Our school program continues to grow thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers.



Friends of Mount Harmon Board VP Richard Renck at the Mount Harmon information booth during the Lotus Blossom Festival. Board members are vital outreach ambassadors for our preservation and educational mission, programs, and events.

**2015 MOUNT HARMON SPECIAL EVENTS
Fall Dates to Remember**

- ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, October 3
- ◆ Mount Harmon Paperchase, November 15
- ◆ Yuletide Festival, December 5 & 6

For tickets and information
Visit www.mountharmon.org or call 410-275-8819.



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 Year Round by Appointment
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 We look forward to seeing
 you at Mount Harmon!

