



# The Silo

“The Northern Neck Farm Museum tells the story of the region’s agricultural heritage”

Northern Neck Farm Museum

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## Northern Neck Farm Museum Announces Plans

The Northern Neck Farm Museum/ Luther Welsh Agricultural Center Board is busy planning several events. Among the first duties the board approached was accepting the design of the new building as conceived by historical architect Will Gwilliam, of Williamsburg. Mr. Gwilliam, who donated his time for the project, has created a spectacular vision for the board to achieve. The 10,000 square foot building will feature a large meeting area, exhibit hall, a foundation office, and gift shop area.

The Board has been seeking cost breakdowns for the building so they can begin the next step— fundraising.

In addition to the main building, out buildings will include a cannery, windmill, tractor and farm equipment, and forestry exhibit.

Other parts of the grounds will include flower and community gardens. The Board also hopes to have a petting farm yard for children.



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### Future Goals

Among the goals the Board has reviewed has been keeping

the story of agriculture alive for future generations.

With the generous donation of land from Margaret and Luther Welch and their family, this dream is now about to be realized.

Recently, the Board met to strategize and develop their next steps. Among the goals for 2006 are; create sophisticated education that engages our visitor; develop the farm museum site; develop and execute a highly effective and targeted marketing plan; achieve financial independence; and establish and maintain a volunteer program.

Members will receive updates as the various stages come together.



### Upcoming Events

- Desperate Housewives— The Farmer’s Wife - June 25, 2006
- The Producers - Learn from the wholesalers
- Working with Animals
- Farming Misconceptions - The Facts vs the Myths
- Down on the Farm - Sept. 2  
A tour of the farms in Northumberland County -

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### Luther and Margaret Welch Donate Land

Luther and Margaret Welch and their family have donated eight acres of land to the Northern Neck Farm Museum Foundation. This donation will form the nucleus of the founding and creation of the Northern Neck Farm Museum. The land, situated off Route 360 in Burgess, Virginia is a flat field surrounded by a strip of woods.

A natural spring on the land will provide the impetus of creating a pond and water holding area.

This generous donation will allow the Board to use the gift as a means of fund raising through matching grants.

The Northern Neck Farm Museum Board is deeply grateful for this generous donation.



# At the Site and Farm Museum Activities

*Visitors passing by the Northern Neck Farm Museum site can now view our new signage and the beginning of our large tractor display.*



Board of Directors visit the site in late April to measure and toss ideas around.

Thea Marshall interviews Luther Welch at the Farmer's Forum. Next up are the Desperate Housewives - The Farmer's Wife on June 4 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in



## Farm Museum Wins Garden Club Grant

The Northern Neck Farm Museum was awarded a Northern Neck Garden Club grant to help enhance the entrance of the museum site.

As part of the grant, the Board will be able to plant some shrubs and place mulch around the new signage .

In conjunction with the Garden Club, the Farm Museum Board will help select durable plants, in particular drought resistant varieties, to use at the

site. The plan also called for the creation of a scarecrow to place near the sign.

The Board hopes to utilize the skills of the 4H clubs in the design, creation, and maintenance of the garden.

The scarecrow will be designed by the local school children in the Northern Neck as part of a contest this fall.





# Charter Membership Grows

The Charter membership drive for the Northern Neck Farm Museum has begun quietly but effectively. To date, 40 families and individuals have become members.

With much gratitude we thank the following folks for being part of the beginning of this historic museum:

## Charter Members

Bruce Bley

Robin Thompson

Bill & Jinny Estelle

Keith & Genevieve Steele

Bob & Helen Pittman

Michael & Elizabeth Beaudet,

Dave & Patty Long

Stephen & Cynthia Madey

John & Barbara Jenkins

Robert & Carolyn Ginnings

Phillip & Sara Reed

The Jones Family (Christine J. Jones, W. C. Jones II, Jacqueline J. Harding, Charles C. Jones) in memory of their father, William P. Jones

Ned & Marie Goode

Tom & Sylvia Goode

Tom & Sylvia

Saunders

Alan & Dana Welch

Arthur & Maureen

Roberts

Philip & Gail Haynie

LeVander Toulson

Brian & Ginny Barnes

Lowell Starr

Jack Chilton

M/M Wilfred P. Montgomery

Fred & Marguerite Ajootian

Peter Kapitan

Evelyn Pitman Buckley

Robert & Martha Delano

John W. Welch

George & Jan Beckett

Michael Burch

Dr. Sherilyn Hummel

Thomas & Thelma Boswell



Robert H. Gawen

William & Judith Eldred

Mary Jones Keeling

Al & Mary Louisa Pollard

Lee Sanders

## NNFM Members:

Charles & Luz Maria Deolden

David & Connie Hudnall

Harold & Mary Alice Eubank

Warren & Shirley Haynie Jr,

Robert & Helen Blackwell

Charles & Ellen Coale, Jr,

David & Janice Cariens, Jr.,

Mary Louisa Pollard

## Desperate Housewives - The Farmer's Wife

On Sunday, June 25, the Northern Neck Farm Museum held its second farm forum at historic St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Heathsville. The forum "Desperate Housewives - The Farmer's Wife," an in depth look at what it means to be a farmer's wife.

The forum featured Thea Marshall, radio personality from WINDY. A noted interviewer, Ms. Marshall guided the ladies down memory lane and explored the intricacies of farming and being part of a farming family. A panel discussion followed the interview section of the forum. Tom Tryals videographed the program.

The "Desperate Housewives" were Anne Crowder, Carolyn Gray, Gail Haynie, Vernetta Hundley, Christine Jones, Jane Mothershead, Jane Packett, Charlotte Pierson, and Margaret Welch.



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## 2006 Board of Directors Named

The Northern Neck Farm Museum has selected the following board members to serve in 2006; Craig Giese, Chairperson, Charles C. Jones, vice-chair, Luttrell Tadlock, secretary, John H. Jenkins, treasurer; Directors; Francene Barber, Ginny Pitman Barnes, George Beckett, Gregory Carey, William H. Dawson, Jr., B. Gail Haynie, Mitchell Jett, Patricia A. Long, Aubrey Mitchell, Randall W. Packett, Lee Sanders, LeVander Toulson, Alan Welch, Luther Welch, and Margaret Welch. Advisors; Matt Lewis, Kelly Liddington, and Patricia H. Tyrrell.

The board has been meeting every month to plan and incorporate ideas into action items for the museum.

Recently, the board held an all day planning session facilitated by Jan Beckett, of NNHT. Ms. Beckett guided the group through the intricacies of planning for a long term project.

Based on the planning meeting, the board will now work from guidelines to make the museum a reality.

For the past year, board members have been attending different fairs and programs representing the museum and seeking charter members.

Board members are available to come to different groups and present a program on the Northern

Neck Farm Museum and its importance for the community.



Luther and Margaret Welch give the land deed to Craig Giese, chairman of the NNFM.