

Fall 2014

THE RED BARN REPORT

Going on Now and Upcoming Events



Our **Corn Maze** is now open (weather permitting) through Oct. 26 on Sat. from 12 noon—4 pm and Sun., from 1 pm—4 pm. Admission is \$5 per person. Please, no sandals or open-toed shoes.

Ninth **Farm to Fork** Dinner will be held on Sat., Oct. 18 from 5 pm.—7 pm. Mark Jones will be the chef for this casual outdoor event.

If you enjoy shrimp, crabs, sausage, corn, and potatoes then this is the **Seafood Boil** for you.

Josh Grigsby & County Line Band will be providing music. If you do not know of Josh's band, check them out on YouTube.com.

There will also be raffles such as sports tickets, gift baskets and concert tickets available.

Help us celebrate our local farming heritage and have a fun evening at the Museum. Tickets are \$50 per person and are limited. Call 804-450-8182 to reserve your tickets.



Closing Event—Fall Festival

Two (2) Days of Fall Family Fun

Saturday, Oct. 25
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Barn Bounce

Corn Maze with hayride to Pumpkin Patch (\$5)



Music by Reno Hill

Silent Auction

40+ Vendors

Bake Sales

Pumpkin/Apple Bake Off

*Food * Kettle Corn *
Funnel Cake and much,
much more.*

**For vendor registration call -
804-450-0962 or email -
macleodmetalworks@hotmail.com**

Opening Day

Director, Aubrey Mitchell churning butter



A beautiful Spring day and grounds covered with lush green grass was the perfect setting for the Museum's Opening Day festivities. There were many types of antique farm equipment on the grounds for viewing, live sawmill demonstration, bounce barn, pony rides, wagon rides, and face painting.

Wesley Berry and his father, Kevin, had their farm display set up for viewing. Their display included a working farm with corn growing in a field to a tractor pull getting ready to start. His display was admired by all who attended. Wesley received an honorary life membership to the Farm Museum. This is the only time this honor has been presented.

Spring Farm to Fork Dinner

The Farm Museum Directors hosted their 8th Farm to Fork Dinner in May. Alva Jackson of Ma Margaret's Bed and Breakfast in Reedville prepared the meal. Butter that was churned by Director Mitchell at Opening Day had been placed in antique butter molds and was served with the meal. At each dinner talented chefs prepare our menus using as many vegetables, fruits, wines, and meats as can be found from local producers.

Young Farmers Day

Attendance was much larger this year than prior years for our Young Farmer's Day, held in August. We had many activities for the children such as a corn trailer (children played in the corn), bounce barn, pedal tractors, face painting, wagon rides, and antique farm equipment.

Threshing Day

A new event for this year was Threshing Day which was held in June. Wheat was cut with an International Harvester binder and threshed with a McCormick Deering threshing machine which dates back to 1935, as well as by old combines, including an Allis Chalmers All Crop 72 pull behind and a John Deere 45.

Other activities included sawmill demonstrations on the Frick sawmill, bounce barn, antique farm equipment and tools.



Sawmill being operated by Dale Clark. The sawmill is operational at our events.

Master Gardener's Report

The Farm Museum and Master Gardeners have finished their second gardening season with the new cistern and irrigation system. The cistern is a great demonstration of storm water management and use of a resource that would have just run down the hill. Thanks to the Master Gardeners for all their work at the garden. Master Gardeners members are so grateful not to have to bring water with them when working the garden area.

Students from field trips and YMCA enjoy learning gardening procedures and management.

Museum Update

The Directors, volunteers, and new this year, an administrative assistant, have been busy making sure the Museum was staffed for events, school tours, museum openings on weekends, wheat harvesting, fields prepared for corn maze and pumpkins planted for picking. There is much behind the scenes that has to be done and the Directors would welcome any "Farm Hands" who are willing to come and help us out. **WE NEED YOU!!! Call 804-761-5952 to become a Farm Hand.**

Please consider becoming a **member** of the **Farm Museum**. We have several levels which are all tax deductible. Membership forms are available on our website-www.thefarmmuseum.org.

The Farm Museum Awarded Grant from Pioneer (See parts of award letter below)

"Thank you for your interest in the DuPont Pioneer Giving Program. We appreciate the significance of the Northern Neck Farm Museum, The Luther Welch Agriculture Center program and commend your organization for its hard work and dedication.

We review each application carefully and select only those which align closely with our giving policy. After a review of your application, we are pleased to tell you the Agriculture History & Heritage in the Northern Neck is approved for funding in the amount of \$3,000. We hope these funds are instrumental to the success of your project and will support the ongoing sustainability of your mission."

The Museum Board of Directors thanks Pioneer and Ginny Barnes for sponsoring and supporting our grant request. Director Sam Johnson was instrumental in preparation of our grant request.

This is the second grant awarded to the Farm Museum from Pioneer. They also gave the museum \$5,000 last year. Pioneer plants good seeds.

School Tours

Through our continuing grant from the Wiley Foundation, the Museum was able to open its doors to a over 300 local students. These children from various area schools and homeschoolers came to the museum to take part in our "Day on the Farm" Virginia Standards of Learning based field trips. With the help of the Master Gardeners and our hard working volunteers we were able to provide hands on activities correlating with the learning that takes place in their classroom.

We also have residents in local assisted living facilities who come to the Museum to take a trip "down memory lane" as to the way things were when they were growing up.



Northumberland County Kindergarten class boards their bus after touring Museum, participating in educational activities and visiting with the Master Gardeners.

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The Museum's Hours of Operation:

**Open May through October.
Saturdays 10-2 and Sundays 1-4**

Admission:

Adults, \$2.00

Children, \$1.00

Children under 6, Free

Family Memberships are available.

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Looking Forward into 2015

Opening Day: Saturday, May 2

**Spring Farm to Fork Dinner:
Saturday, May 16**

Threshing Day: Saturday, July 11

**Corn Maze:
Mid September—October 31**

**Fall Farm to Fork Dinner:
Saturday, October 17**

Closing Event, October 31

D I D Y O U K N O W ?

Available at the Farm Museum Gift Shop is a DVD showcasing Threshing Day held in June 28, 1914.

In addition to coverage of the wheat being harvested, there are several farmer interviews.

The DVD is available for purchase each Saturday from 10 am—2 pm and Sunday from 1 pm—4 pm or our two day Fall Family Festival held on Saturday, Oct 25, 2014, from 9 am—4 pm and Sunday, Oct 26, 2014, from 10 am—4 pm.

REMINDER—The Northern Neck Farm Museum closes for the 2014 operating season on Sunday, October 26.

COME SEE WHAT'S NEW AT THE NNFM NEXT SPRING