

The Rusted Plow

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President's Report

by John W. Frank

As I sit down to write the presidents report for the upcoming addition of the Rusted Plow, I can't help but reflect on the almost unbelievable level of activity in the past few months of the Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum. Since the last newsletter we have participated for the 19th year at the Howard County Fair. Once again our displays at the fair were first rate and we had the opportunity to interact with a lot of visitors and share information about the Living Farm Heritage Museum. We hosted our 19th annual Farm Heritage Days event at the Museum that included our Saturday consignment sale, a Saturday evening Bull Blast, Sunday rodeo by the Maryland State High School Rodeo Association and lots of displays, tours, live music and good food for all those who visited this year's event. This marks the 19th year as well for our Farm Heritage School Days. We hosted a 5K walk/run

at the Museum to raise funds for the Howard County Food Bank. We also hosted the Howard County Bike-tober-fest bicycle race in partnership with Race Pace bicycles to support the Colleen and Erin Marlatt scholarship fund.

We recently hosted a meeting for the members of the Maryland Dairy Shrine which included a tour of the Museum, as well. I'm very excited to share that at their meeting, the Dairy Shrine members voted unanimously to place the Dairy Shrine at the Living Farm Heritage Museum. This is a great honor for the Museum and our community at large. The Dairy Shrine will be a great addition to the Museum and I look forward to working with members of the Dairy Shrine throughout the coming years.

I'm happy to share that we are working on the final stages of a partnership agreement with the Howard County Public School System. Although we have always had an excellent relationship with our County's Public School System, this formalized partnership would only serve to strengthen that bond and greatly increase the number of public school students who will

benefit from their experiences while visiting the Living Farm Heritage Museum.

Virginia and I, along with club board member, Art Boone, had the opportunity to attend a partnership celebration hosted by Howard County Recreation Parks and held at the Belmont facility in Elkridge. It was great to be included into the celebration along with the many other Recreation and Parks partners.

I'm also happy to report that we've completed our first wounded veteran deer hunt for this season at the museum. Eleven hunters participated, along with numerous support personnel. Seven deer were harvested during the hunt. We have three more hunts scheduled before the end of this season. This year's Wounded Veteran hunting season was dedicated in honor of Doug Henley from Convenience Catering, who passed away recently from cancer. Doug was a great supporter of our wounded veteran deer hunt program and a dedicated supporter and friend of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum. Doug's gift of kindness and support over the past years to our organization and its programs will always be remembered. I'd like to also send out special thanks, as well, to all of the support personnel who assisted with this year's veteran deer hunt program. They include our good friends from Recreation and Parks who have done most of the planning and work. Convenience Catering once again has supplied the meals and a number of our club members continue to supply the desserts. Thanks everyone.

It really is hard to believe the amount of activity and work that has taken place at the Living Farm Heritage Museum. Our members continue to step forward and participate in the planning and execution of all of these programs. The amount of work undertaken by our members is nothing short of amazing. As we continue to grow and forge ahead into the future it is important that we don't forget those who are no longer with us, who worked so hard to help bring us to who and where we are today. With

that in mind I think I'll close this president's report by reflecting on the contribution of a dedicated member of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and a longtime personal friend, who passed away much too soon this past August. Brice Ridgely was not only a charter member of this organization but I think it's accurate to say that he, more than anyone, could be considered the seed from which this entire organization has grown. Brice was instrumental in scheduling our very first meeting hosted at Sirks's store in Lisbon. Brice presided over the meeting until temporary officers were selected for our new fledgling organization. Brice stepped up as the first of several of our club members and put in \$100 for a life membership in an organization, that prior to that night, didn't even exist. That initial act gave us the necessary funding to grow this organization to what we know it to be today. Brice hosted our club's monthly meetings for our first several years in his shop's farm in Cooksville. As our membership continued to grow the shop became too crowded and we moved our meetings to the Fire and Rescue training facility in Cooksville. After several years there, Brice was instrumental in setting up the opportunity for us to conduct our general membership meetings at the Howard County Fairgrounds dining hall where we still meet today. Brice could be seen leading the charge or working in the background of the ongoing development of our organization and the Living Farm Heritage Museum. Sadly he has joined the ranks of other club members who have passed away. Their premature parting has robbed them from experiencing the full measure of their and our efforts to build something valuable and long-lasting in our community. Like the others who have gone before him, Brice will be missed, but the results of his efforts will remain a part of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum for years to come.

Thank you all for all that you do.

Art Boone marks 50 years jumping from planes

(From a recent article in the Howard County Times by Lisa Peklo)

A favorite local bluegrass musician, history buff and long-time supporter of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club has another honor to add to his roster. Art Boone recently was awarded a certificate from the U.S. Parachute Association in recognition of 50 years of skydiving.

Boone began his "sky adventures" at Fort Bragg, NC, back in 1963, as a paratrooper. Many locals may recall the days when Art and his brother Harold Boone made many exhibition jumps in western Howard County, sites including the Howard County Fairgrounds, Nixon's Farm and West Friendship Elementary. In recent years Boone has enjoyed skydiving in Chambersburg, PA. Congratulations, Art, on this accomplishment.

On a much sadder note, I received word that Club member, Mel Dielmann, passed away on September 5th. In past years Mel and his wife Barbara could be seen at any number of our events at the Living Farm Heritage Museum displaying a portion of his antique farm machinery miniature toy collection. Prayers and best wishes go out to Barbara and family.

Membership

Our MISSION STATEMENT is to preserve our past's agricultural way of life through programs, displays, and FUN. "But", as Doug Creswell said, "I think it's even more than that... we educate people on the importance and value of agriculture to our state and local economies (agriculture is the largest industry in the State). We also support and encourage

wholesome youth activities such as 4-H, and Boy and Girl Scout programs, and conduct educational events for local elementary through high school students.

...and oh, yeah, we keep some dusty old retired folks off the streets."

We have a diverse membership for we welcome everyone: all ages, male; female.

Annual Membership Dues are \$15.00

Life-time Membership Dues are \$100.00

We have made it very easy to JOIN!

Dues can be paid by cash or check at a Meeting OR by Mail OR by charge & Paypal online!

*ONLINE <http://www.farmheritage.org/Membership.htm> Pay Pal or charge

* CHECK payable to the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club [HOAFMC]

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Apple Tree Spraying in Baltimore

By: Doug Creswell

As a boy living in the northeast suburbs of Baltimore on a hilly ¼ acre lot, I could only dream of living on a farm; one like my great grandfather and grandfather had in Harford County. My great grandfather raised Morgan horses. My grandfather worked full time for Bell Telephone Company but maintained a small farm where he had a cow, an old plow horse, and two mules. The couple of weeks in summer I was able to stay there were the highlight of my year. The delightful aroma of freshly cut hay in the hay mow, the sounds and smells of the barn, and even the out house will be forever with me.

At home, in the suburbs, my father (Pop) planted two varieties of apple trees (Stayman Winesaps were his favorite - large, juicy, crisp), two pear trees (Seckle and DeAnjou), two Alberta peach trees, and a sour cherry tree (specifically chosen because birds avoided this variety and oh!, what mouth watering pies they made). During WWII, we, like our neighbors maintained a Victory Garden for fresh vegetables. Pop's pride was his asparagus patch. As far back as I can remember, I helped weed, feed and cultivate those gardens. In addition to the hoe, there was a cultivator - the push type with a big wheel and two curved handles much higher than I was tall. For some unknown reason, we always called that cultivator the "hutchibater". In addition to edible things, Pop maintained several flower gardens. So, it's not surprising that I had a hankering for agriculture.

Pop was a serious student of fruit growing. I still cherish his 400 page textbook Grow Your Own Fruit, by M.G. Kains, printed in 1940. The pages are laced with many hand-written notes he added and inserted here and there are clips of articles with details on grafting and budding, cross pollination, insect and disease control, and spraying. Spraying - that's what I recall most about the apple and peach trees.

Spraying in those days was labor intensive...my labor especially. Pop had mounted an old iron hand crank pump in a large wooden barrel. My job was to keep pumping hard to force the liquid up the extended copper tubing to reach the top limbs of the big apple trees. Pop would holler, "More pressure". That translated to "more pumping" for me. Rewards came in fall with huge, delicious, bug and worm free fruit and cider. One year, Pop decided to cook up a little barrel of cider with a bite. Daily checks revealed good progress in the fermenting process. To his dismay, a sudden burst of Indian-summer hit and he was left with a barrel of apple vinegar. I think my mother, a teetotaler, muttered words of relief.

The Museum BATS have a wonderful new home!

Bats are more closely related to people than to mice! Like humans bats have hair, and feed their young milk. <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/>

You may have seen the bats flying especially at dusk around the Museum! Recently a Boy Scout finished and installed his BAT HOUSE Eagle Project and a DISPLAY which shows and teaches about bats. He did lots of research. The BAT HOUSE is on the rear of Shed #5 [lawn mower shed] so that it is near the pond. The BAT DISPLAY is on the second floor of the Dairy Barn.

Check out both!

THANK YOU to the BOY SCOUT from Troop 72!

Bats belong to the order Chiroptera, which means "hand-wing" Their hand is literally their wing and they are the only mammals that caMaryland has ten species of bats that lead varied lives. Some reside in Maryland all year long, and some migrate through Maryland in the spring and fall. Some species of bats live in groups called colonies and others live by themselves or in small families.n fly.Maryland has ten species of bats that lead varied lives. Some reside in Maryland all year long, and some migrate through Maryland in the spring and fall. Some species of bats live in groups called colonies and others live by themselves or in small families.

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KIDS-AT-HEART Corner

By: Judy Singley

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind,
your talents,
the creativity you bring to your life and the lives
of people you love."



Winter Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters S N O W F L A K E. Don't guess - use logic



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www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

This an URL which shows and tells about many items and ways on an old farm. Check out the website for some interesting facts about how farms and equipment used to be! For example:

http://journeytoforever.org/farm_library/device/devicesToC.html

A Snow Plow

No person not owning a snow plow can appreciate how useful one is after every storm. A horse, or if the snow be a heavy one, a span or a yoke of cattle and this simple homemade arrangement, and in less time than is required to tell it there is a path, and no back-breaking work either. It is only a big V braced so the snow is pushed both ways by it. It must be made of 2-inch planks at least 1 foot wide and not less than 6 feet long. If shorter it wobbles and does not stay on the ground well.

To make a good road for teams, chain it to one side of the wood sled and drive up and down. It spreads 2 feet, and will make your farm front look as if somebody of pluck lives there. For foot-paths draw it from a ring at the top of the front so it will root.

Use for a Tough Log

Most farm wood piles have two or three old logs lying about which nobody cares to tackle with an ax or blasting powder, and are too short for the sawmill. If straight, they will make good water troughs. Square the ends, mark off about 10 inches from each end, chop out the inside and trim the edges. An inside coat of oil or pitch tar will increase wearing qualities.

Bats and bees and more! Oh My!

There is a new display developing on the second floor of the Dairy Barn. While there has been a small bee display, recently an Eagle Scout has submitted a marvelous display and copious information about BATS. He has also installed a large bat house on the back side of Shed #5 near the pond. We suggest that you go take a look!

Soon we will be displaying the pelts which had been used on the Club's Traveling Programs.

Both bats and bees play a part in farming as do many animals. As the Display Committee develops this area we would like to ask: **do you have items you would like to donate for consideration for this area? The space is not large and therefore the Committee will be need to be discerning. Donations could be informational material, traps, pelts; etc. Please email info@farmheritage.org**

**Thank you!
Display Committee**

The Club's Website

Don't forget to check out the Club's website – www.farmheritage.org. See for yourself what increasing numbers of visitors are checking out. Read The Rusted Plow online. While there, if you find that something should be added or revised, please contact, or send a note, to any of the officers, or send an e-mail to the site's webmaster, Jenny Frecker, at jenny_frecker@yahoo.com.
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For the betterment of the goals of our organization, your club leaders would welcome any helpful ideas, your constructive suggestions, and especially, your active participation. Please feel free to contact them.