

# The Rusted Plow

Newsletter of the  
Howard County Antique  
Farm Machinery Club

## March 2014

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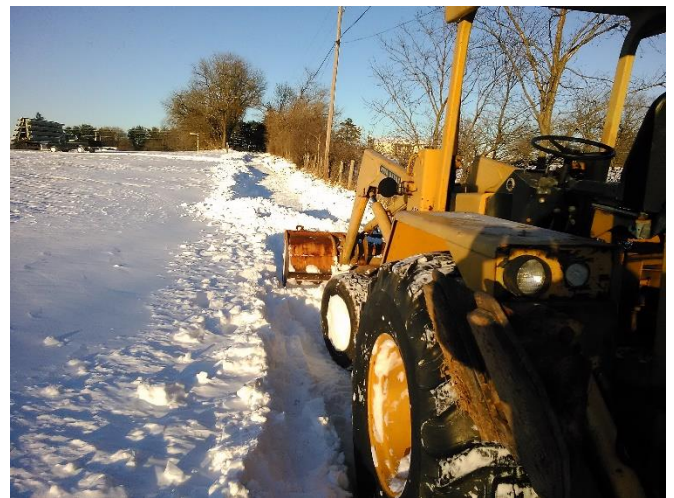
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### President's Report

by John W. Frank

Seems like 2014 started off with a "BANG" literally! We recently had our last deer hunt of the season. Big thanks go out to all of those who supported this year's Wounded Veteran Deer Hunt Program, especially our good friends from Howard County Recreation and Parks. The hunt is over and we are actively engaged in the planning for next season.

There's a lot of activity going on at the Living Farm Heritage Museum. Given the amount of snow that we have all faced so far this winter you would figure it to be enough just to keep the roads and parking areas plowed. But in addition to keeping up with that challenge we have also been working to put the finishing touches on 2 new farm sheds, the blacksmith shop, the floor in the one-room schoolhouse, and the ongoing pickup of items donated to the Museum.



Pushing snow on Harless Lane

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Consignment Auction Sale is coming up April 26<sup>th</sup>. As many of you know this is one of our largest annual fundraisers. We're hoping for a lot of good items to be consigned as well as good weather.

## Club Wear

Coming up on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Plowing Field Days along with our Wild West Fest and Cowboy Reunion. This program continues to grow bigger and better every year and we are all looking forward to a great time with our friends from the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Association and all of the Cowboy re-enactors.

Although there hasn't been much time for cabin fever, the weather has stopped us from working on several of our outdoor projects. As soon as the snow goes away and the ground stiffens up we hope to get right back at working on our trails as well as starting to lay track for our train project.

We hope that 2014 proves to be a very successful year for the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and Living Farm Heritage Museum. We hope to make major strides on the completion of the James Clark main display building, the Daisy one-room schoolhouse, the blacksmith shop, bleachers for the show arena and West Friendship's very first train line.

So as you can see even with the snowy cold weather its business as usual at Howard County's Living Farm Heritage Museum. Be sure to come out, get involved and have some fun. Thanks for all that you do.



The new Blacksmith Shop is looking great!

We are in the process of checking our inventory of hats and t-shirts as well as looking into ordering sweatshirts (zip front and hooded and pull over). If you are interested in purchasing one of these please let us know. We will be ordering more tan colored hats, as they seem to be asked for the most. Please let Virginia Frank know if you are interested in any of these items.

## Mark Your Calendar

We will be gearing up soon for our many programs that are planned. Mark your calendars and we hope that you will either volunteer to help during the programs, or come out and support us.

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Consignment Sale/Auction - April 26 with set up April 23, 24 & 25. Help is always needed during set up, sale and take down. Any help that you can give is always appreciated.

Sheep & Wool Festival - May 3 & 4 - We provide on-site transportation and overflow parking for this event at the Howard County Fairgrounds. We need conductors to ride on the people movers as well as drivers of the tractors and buses. The more help we have the less time people spend on the tractors/people movers.

Spring Plow Field Days and Mid Atlantic Wild West Fest and Cowboy Reunion - Saturday and Sunday, May 10 & 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. As always, Club members who volunteer during this program get free admission.

Maryland Pickers on the National Road – This program is taking the place of the National Road Yard Sale. We will have a yard sale on May 18 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to rent a space for \$5.00 is encouraged to participate. This also coincides with the National Road Wagon Train Festival in Boonsboro. It should be a big day on the National Road. This yard sale will run from Baltimore City to Garrett County along 170 miles of Maryland’s National Road.

Cutting of the Grain – June 28 – This year we have oats planted, and along with the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Association, we will be harvesting them.

As always, when the weather is “iffy” call the office, 410-489-2345 to find out if the program is cancelled.

### Needed – Repairs to a sign

If you have been by the Living Farm Heritage Museum lately, you will notice that the large sign that we usually post programs and other information, does not have a back on it. During the winter, strong winds blew it open and off of the hinges. The back door needs to be replaced. We would like it cut in half and put up so that it opens in the middle. Because one big door is so big, the two smaller doors will be easier to open and deal with. Anyone who would be able to fix this please let John or Virginia Frank know.

### April Showers bring May flowers and bushes and trees . . .

by: Judy Singley

There are many challenges when planting & maintaining plants at the Museum:

- \* deer and other critters
- \* no on-site gardeners (all plants have to live, get water & thrive on their own)
- \* mowing & edging by big machine mowing (thank you mowers for all you do!)
- \* plants need to be of an era/theme - for example: 1880-1910 at McCracken House
- \* limited water sources
- \* wind . . .

What is needed: people of all ages who would like to create, cultivate a few times a year to maintain the museum property.



What name would you suggest for a landscaping group? Green Fingers / Green Ache-rs / Wild Oaters / Golden Hotrod-ers / Museum diems (day) / what else rhymes with "museum"? plebeian / arboretum / protean (versatile)

Please contact us at Ho Co Club/Museum <[info@farmheritage.org](mailto:info@farmheritage.org)> for more information and answer your questions.



## Note from the Editor

by: Morgan Covert

Thank you to all who submit articles for the Rusted Plow. Please make sure to include Rusted Plow in the subject line. This will help me organize all of the submissions.

As warmer weather approaches (at least we hope) please keep in mind that our daughter, Makenna is nearly 2 years old and VERY active. She enjoys being outside whenever possible, do **please use caution on the museum roads.**

## 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!

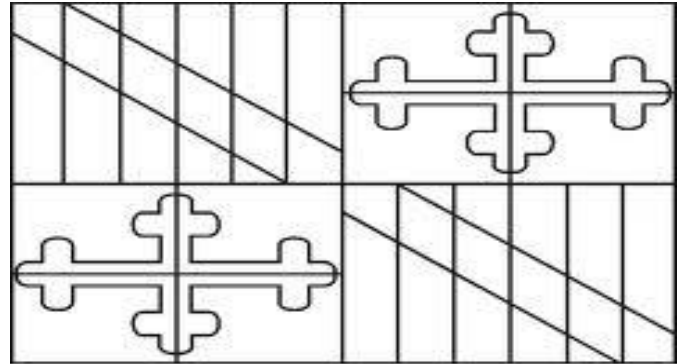
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\* CHECK payable to the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club [HOAFMC] and mailed to:

The Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc. (HCAFMC)  
P.O. Box 335  
West Friendship, MD 21794

## Kids' Corner

by: Judy Singley



Maryland  
The Old Line State

Officially adopted by law on March 9, 1904, the Maryland State Flag is the only state flag based on heraldic emblems.

The design of the flag is taken from the shield in the coat of arms of the Calvert family.

Test your knowledge of the State of Maryland below. You can find the answers on the last page.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>

1. State Beverage \_\_\_\_\_
2. State Boat \_\_\_\_\_
3. State Folk Dance \_\_\_\_\_
4. State Sport \_\_\_\_\_
5. State Tree Species \_\_\_\_\_
6. State Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

## Restoration

There is always something that needs to be restored at the museum. If you would like to restore something please let us know. There are small things like tools, there are medium sized things like furniture, or large items like buggies, or larger pieces of equipment. There is room to work on them at the museum or you can take them home with you. This is a way to support the Club and Museum on your own time.

## The Club's Website

Don't forget to check out the Club's website - [www.farmheritage.org](http://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](mailto:jenny_frecker@yahoo.com).

NOTE: there is an underline ( \_ ) between "jenny " and "frecker".

## Got Internet Access?

### Why Not Receive the Rusted Plow Electronically?

If you have a computer with access to the internet, then why not help the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club save "a bundle" of money on the cost of postage and paper by choosing to receive The Rusted Plow electronically? Just go to the Club's website, [www.farmheritage.org](http://www.farmheritage.org) and access the current, or even past issues. It's quick, easy, economical, and sometimes even in color. The electronic version also makes it easy for you to copy, print, and save certain articles, even the entire newsletter if you so choose. Why not give it a try? Also, if you would prefer to

receive your monthly meeting reminders by the much more economical email route, then please inform Virginia Frank at [JSRSTAR@verizon.net](mailto:JSRSTAR@verizon.net). Simply indicate in a short e-mail message that you prefer to receive your future meeting notices AND The Rusted Plow now by email. It's easy, efficient, "green", and you will be making a significant positive contribution to the Club's finances.

## Obituary

Carl E. Layton, age 73, died Thursday, February 27 at Carroll Hospital Center in Westminster MD.

He was a facility service maintenance worker for Montgomery General Hospital. He was in the US Army. He was a member of Jennings Chapel UMC in Woodbine and attended Mt. Airy Bible Church in Mt. Airy. He was a long time member of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club.

Services were held at the Burrier-Queen Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 4. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions can be made to: Burrier-Queen Funeral Home & Crematory, PA, 1212 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 to help defer funeral expense.



Snow in December 2013 - Always pretty

## Nature Trail

The Nature Trail is one of the most used areas of the museum. We have horses and riders, and walkers who use it regularly. We are in the process of doing some more improvements. We recently received a Grant to add those improvements. Are you interested in helping to maintain the Nature Trail? Here is another way to support the Club/Museum on your own time.

## Club Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

The names of club officers and their telephone numbers can be found under the masthead of The Rusted Plow. Current members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

### **Board of Directors:**

Art Boone . . . . . 410-531-2644  
Dick Claycomb . . . . . 410-549-2171  
Phil Greenstreet . . . . . 410-489-0403  
Walt Toney . . . . . 301-854-6398  
John Mihm . . . . . 410-489-7704  
Chris Feaga . . . . . 410-531-3307

Club committees and chairpersons:

### **Technology/Web Site**

Jennifer Frecker.(contact her by e-mail at jenny\_frecker@yahoo.com) (NOTE: There is an underline ( \_ ) between “jenny” and “frecker”.)

### **Hebb House**

Virginia Frank (410) 531-2569

### **Bank Barn**

David Haugh (410) 489-4728.

### **Main Display Building**

Phil Greenstreet (410) 489-0403.

## **Special Projects**

John Mihm (410) 489-7704 and  
Dick Claycomb  
(410) 549-2171.

## **Sunshine**

Dorothy Frank (410) 531-5555  
(Notify Dorothy regarding the need for cards in the event of sickness, death, birth, etc.).

## **Asset Management**

We need a chair for this committee.

## **Activities**

Art Boone (410) 531-2644.

## **Membership Secretary**

Judy Singley (301) 596-9723 or  
wood\_sing@verizon.net. (NOTE:  
There is an underline ( \_ ) between “wood” and  
“sing”.)

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.



One of the new sheds that has been built during the winter.

Answers to the state of Maryland questions:

1. **State Beverage** - Milk
2. **State Boat** Skipjack - A sailing boat used to dredge for oysters on the floor of Chesapeake Bay.
3. **State Folk Dance** - Square dance
4. **State Sport** - Jousting
5. **State Tree Species** - White oak (*Quercus alba*)
6. **State Nickname** - "Old Line State" "Free State" "America in Miniature"



2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC  
**WILD WEST FEST & COWBOY REUNION**  
MAY 10 & 11, 2014 10AM-6PM  
Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum  
12985 Frederick Road | West Friendship, MD 21794  
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