

## Mount Harmon Plantation at World's End



Tidewater Plantation and Nature Preserve

## FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

Fall 2017 Newsletter

### ~ Celebrating 20th Anniversary of Friends of Mount Harmon ~

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



#### **Bull & Oyster Roast October 14th**

Come and celebrate our 20th anniversary season of Friends of Mount Harmon, and join us for our festive fall and holiday events. Bring your friends to the ever-popular Bull & Oyster Roast, Saturday, October 14th, and support this important fall fundraiser. Event features Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast, Manor House Tours, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles, and Live Bluegrass 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](http://www.mountharmon.org) to purchase tickets online.

Calling all equestrians ~ don't miss your chance to ride on Mount Harmon's scenic and historic nature trails at the Horseback Paper Chase Sunday, November 12. Looking ahead to the holiday season, be sure to join us for the Yuletide Festival December 2nd & 3rd, and bring home some beautiful greens, wreaths, and arrangements to deck your halls!

#### **MOUNT HARMON WELCOMES NEW STAFF**

We have had one of our busiest tour seasons, and could not do it all without our excellent staff and volunteers. Many of you have enjoyed tours this season with our new Tour & Program Coordinator Georgia Renck, who brings her passion for colonial history and MHP to all she does. Georgia has been busy expanding Mount Harmon's gift shops, so be sure to stop in and see the many lovely treasures we now offer. Georgia has been a long time MHP volunteer and hearth cooking program leader. We also welcome new administrative assistant Lois Sessa to our staff. Lois is a MHP volunteer docent and is another wonderful addition to our team.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL WITH MOUNT HARMON**



Fall brings school field trips and time traveling fun for student visitors to Mount Harmon, who learn first hand about colonial and tidewater history. We offer a marvelous school program, so be sure to encourage teachers and family friends with children to come for a Mount Harmon field trip.

#### **MOUNT HARMON VOLUNTEERS**

We could not offer all we do without our amazing group of volunteers, who share their passions, and talents with our visitors and students. Enjoy history and nature, and working with people? Join our wonderful team of Mount Harmon volunteers and be a part of this community treasure. For more information about volunteering at Mount Harmon contact Georgia Renck at [grenck@mountharmon.org](mailto:grenck@mountharmon.org).

#### **FALL WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS**

We have fun and educational programs planned for the fall including: Braided Rug Making Workshop September 24; Guided Bird Walk October 29; Colonial Craft Making Workshop November 5; Photography Workshop November 19; Christmas Ornament Making Workshop December 10. For more information visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) or email [info@mountharmon.org](mailto: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. We are now seeking funding for the following projects to further enhance and preserve Mount Harmon: reconstruction of colonial-era slave quarters; exterior lighting for visitor pathways; wharf bulkhead restoration; and lane enhancements. Please contact me at [phoward@mountharmon.org](mailto:phoward@mountharmon.org) to make a gift or let me know how you may be able to help.

~ Paige Howard, Executive Director

~ PRESIDENT'S LETTER ~  
"YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW"

A spectacular season produced an action packed year of event attendance. With your help we have produced a bumper crop of activity and friend building for our 20th anniversary season!

With fall just around the corner, meet us under the harvest moon and enjoy Mount Harmon's seasonal favorites! The Bull and Oyster Roast is fast approaching on Saturday October 14th. We sell out fast, so get your tickets today! Come experience the region's most popular equine paper chase/trail ride! Over 100 horses and riders make a day of riding the beautiful trails and fields in a timed event that yields tons of fun and excitement. This year's event is on Sunday November 12th! Come ride, volunteer or just take in the sights! Capping off the season will be the Mount Harmon/Green Fingers Garden Club Yuletide Festival! Please join us on December 2nd and 3rd to experience a Colonial Christmas on the Sassafras!

Please remember MHP in your gift giving this year's end with a tax deductible contribution to support our many programs! We are all friends of Mount Harmon and together we are building a legacy to the past, present, and the future of this Maryland tidewater treasure!

~ TOBACCO BARN RECONSTRUCTION  
SLATED FOR FALL ~

~ Mount Harmon Colonial Tobacco Barn ~  
Reconstruction Project

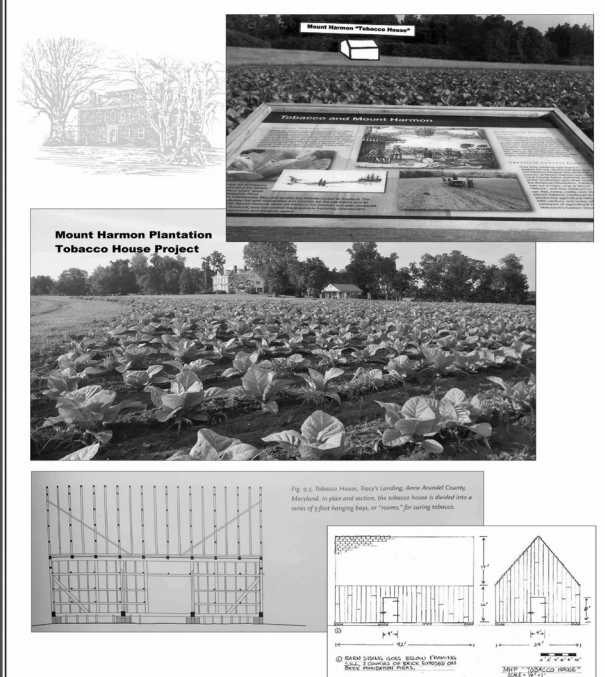
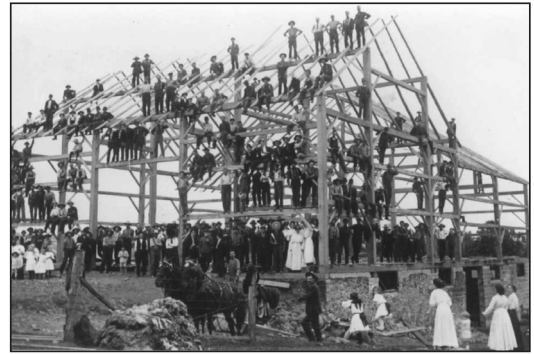


Fig. 9-3. Tobacco House, Tracy's Landing, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. In plan and section, the tobacco house is divided into a series of 5-foot hanging bins, or "rooms," for curing tobacco.

Friends of Mount Harmon, Inc. are dedicated to  
Preserving and Interpreting Mount Harmon's colonial history.

~ BARN RAISING: AN AMERICAN TRADITION ~  
JOIN US!



We are very pleased to announce that the second structure in our plantation outbuilding series will be completed this fall! In an effort to expand living history and showcase our agricultural history, we will soon have a reconstructed tobacco barn! The 24'x42' tobacco barn will help interpret tidewater farming practices, showcase our growing collection of agricultural tools and farming items, and provide another spectacular venue for our school program, as well as for special events and private functions.

For 300 years barn raisings were the centerpiece of the American rural social landscape. Early settlers, pioneers and 20th century farm communities have used barn raisings to gather and build the hopes and dreams of a nation. Prior to modern life, the majority of Americans lived on farms and took huge pride in their regional barn design and construction. Many early settlers that came to America from England and Germany could never have owned or built their own barns in Europe, due to the hierarchy of land ownership. What these settlers did bring with them was skill and ideas that built the largest and most diverse agricultural society the world has ever seen. Barn raisings were a chance for young men and women to "show off" their talents and possibly impress a future life partner!

As you read this newsletter, the timber framing for our barn is being cut out. The barn will be built in two phases. The first phase will be the timber framing. This will consist of a whole day of putting the huge timber framing together and preparing the building for siding. The second phase will be putting the siding on and building the doors. This phase will last several days. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the barn raising! We would encourage you to visit the site during the event to witness this truly American tradition! Please watch for info on MHP Facebook, through MHP e-news updates. The exact date of our barn raising has not been set. We anticipate sometime in October. Stay Tuned!

~ Steve Isaacson, Mount Harmon Board President

COME CELEBRATE OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON



AT THE MOUNT HARMON  
BULL & OYSTER ROAST FALL FUNDRAISER  
Saturday, October 14, 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*

*~ Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Door Prizes & Raffles ~*

Advanced Tickets (by Oct.10) \$65 per person. \$500 Reserved Table of 8.  
Tickets at Event: \$70 per person (if not sold out).  
Reservations Required. Proceeds benefit Mount Harmon Plantation.

-----cut here and enclose below order form with your check-----

**MOUNT HARMON EVENT TICKET ORDER & CONTRIBUTOR FORM**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets, at \$65 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ 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](http://www.mountharmon.org).



## 20TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

### ~ VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS ~

Over the years our visitor season and program offerings have grown and evolved thanks to an amazing and dedicated team of MHP volunteers.



*Mount Harmon Volunteers enjoy a delightful luncheon at our Spring Volunteer Orientation in April, while planning for the upcoming season.*



*Volunteer Pat Cox enjoys helping with Mount Harmon School Field Trips and is shown here leading a colonial school segment.*



*New volunteer docents Valery Malek and Carey Maloumian enjoy a toast after a record setting day of visitors at the Lotus Blossom Festival.*

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING MHP VOLUNTEERS!

We couldn't host thousands of visitors each year without you, so thank you one and all!!



*Long-time docent Jackie Upp enjoys leading student group tours through the manor house and sharing Mount Harmon history with our visitors.*



*Many thanks to Eagle Scout Project leader Topher Hummel and crew for making the snake fencing for Mount Harmon's tobacco barn lane.*



*New Admin Assistant and MHP Volunteer Docent Lois Sessa, enjoys sharing her passion for Mount Harmon history with our students and visitors.*



## 20th ANNIVERSARY SEASON VISITOR HIGHLIGHTS

### MHP 2017 SEASON SETS RECORDS

Thanks to our event volunteers, participants, and sponsors for making it possible!



*Walkers & Runners enjoyed our Earth Day 5K April 22, photo above of our Medal Winners. Congrats to all of our participants.*



*New Tour & Program Coordinator Georgia Renck and husband Richard Renck, VP of FOMH Board of Directors, presented Readings from the Mount Harmon & Rose Hill Diaries in May.*



*The Mount Harmon flag at half-mast marks the passing of beloved Site Manager Gary Biscoe in May. A memorial fund has been set up in Gary's honor. Please contact MHP to make a gift.*

## SCENES FROM RECENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Mount Harmon hosted wonderful programs & events this spring and summer including our Earth Day 5K, Artist Open House, Lotus Blossom Festival, Workshops & Lectures, and Kayak Trips.



*Artist Mary Clark Confalone enjoying our Plein Air Painting & Photography Open House in May. Mary is a new MHP volunteer and is assisting with archiving and digitizing our photographs.*



*Live Blue grass music by acclaimed band Chesapeake Crossing was a big hit at the Lotus Blossom Festival the first Saturday in August.*



*Members of the Scottish Highland Brigade brought history to life for our record crowd of over 700 visitors at the Lotus Blossom Festival.*

## 2016 MOUNT HARMON SPECIAL EVENTS

### FALL & HOLIDAY

#### Dates to Remember

- ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, October 14
- ◆ Mount Harmon Paperchase, November 12
- ◆ Yuletide Festival, December 2 & 3

For tickets and information

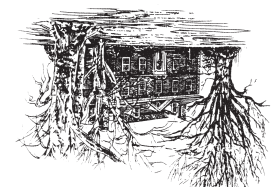
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**Visitor Season**  
May 1 ~ October 31  
Thursday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm  
Year Round by Appointment  
For School & Group Tours  
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We look forward to seeing  
you at Mount Harmon!



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