

## Mount Harmon Plantation at World's End



## Tidewater Plantation and Nature Preserve

## FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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



#### **National Revolutionary War & Colonial Festival Saturday & Sunday, October 12 & 13**

Bring friends and family to see history come to life at the Mount Harmon National Revolutionary War Reenactment & Colonial Festival October 12 & 13! This is the largest event of its kind in the U.S. this fall and features British & Rebel Encampments & Battle, Colonial Marketplace, Hearth Cooking & Colonial Crafts, Kid's Musket Drill, Manor House Tours, Foreman's Tavern & Food Court! This is a not to be missed event of the fall, see flyer on pg. 3 for more info.

#### **UPCOMING FALL & HOLIDAY PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

##### **Bull & Oyster Roast November 2nd**

Be sure to join us for the ever-popular Bull & Oyster Roast, Saturday, November 2nd, 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. Rsvp today for this fun event that benefits Mount Harmon. See ticket order form on Pg. 4 or purchase tickets online at [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org).

Calling all equestrians ~ don't miss your chance to ride at Mount Harmon's Horseback Paper Chase Sunday, November 10. Looking ahead to the holiday season, be sure to join us for the Yuletide Festival December 7 & 8, and bring home beautiful greens, wreaths, and arrangements to deck your halls and enjoy hearth cooking, holiday crafts, and gift shop marketplace! We also have fun and educational programs planned including: Guided Watershed Walk with Sassafras River Keeper Zack Kelleher October 6 at 1pm; Hearth Cooking Workshop Sunday, November 17 at 12noon; and Colonial & Holiday Craft-making Workshop on Sunday, December 1st 1pm - 3pm. For more information visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) or email [info@mountharmon.org](mailto:info@mountharmon.org) to register.

### VISITOR SEASON NEWS



#### **Lotus Blossom Art & Nature Festival**

Visitors of all ages enjoyed a wonderful array of artisan, craft, and nature vendors, live bluegrass bands, plantation wagon rides, children's crafts, manor house tours, Hessian Tavern, Scottish Highlanders, and Eastern Shore Food Court. A big shout out to our event sponsors, volunteers, staff, artisans, exhibitors, and visitors for making the event such a success and for making it all possible. See page 5 for more event and program highlights!

### **PRESERVATION NEWS EXPANDED LIVING HISTORY CAMPUS**



We are always working to better preserve, interpret and maintain Mount Harmon. We are excited about our recently completed replica Slave Quarters thanks to funding and support from the Crystal Trust Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The replica Slave Quarters is an important educational and interpretive tool to better represent Mount Harmon's plantation and slave history. We are also seeking funding to further enhance and preserve Mount Harmon with upgraded manor house furnace system, restoration of dormer windows and millwork, as well as bulkhead restoration for the wharf and prize house. Please email [phoward@mountharmon.org](mailto:phoward@mountharmon.org) to make a gift or let us know how you may be able to help.

~ Paige Howard, Executive Director



~ PRESIDENT'S LETTER FALL 2019 ~

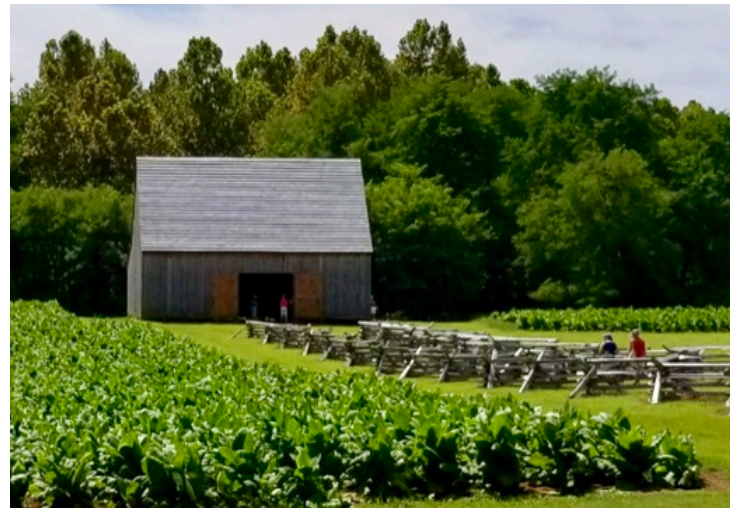


Fall is here and we have an action packed event line up for all to enjoy. Read about Mount Harmon upcoming events and programs in this newsletter and visit our website at [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) to learn more. You won't want to miss our fall and holiday events, including our much anticipated National Revolutionary War Reenactment Festival October 12 & 13. Bring friends and family and be sure to join us for this very special event! Follow Mount Harmon on social media for updated news and information.

We are very excited to announce the debut of our replica Slave Quarters, the 3rd and final colonial building project on MHP's expanded Living History Campus. After more than 6 years of planning, the smoke house, tobacco barn, and replica slave quarters serve to tell a much fuller history of Mount Harmon's colonial era. These plantation outbuildings give visitors a glimpse into Maryland's "Golden Age" of the Tobacco Trade, and the growth and wealth generated by agriculture, trade and export, and indentured and enslaved labor.

With the growth and expansion of the tobacco trade from the Chesapeake also came the complicated story of Slavery and the enslaved people that built our young nation. MHP has teamed up with Dr. Kami Fletcher, Professor of African American studies and Alexa Silver, Professor of American History at Delaware State University to help research and better tell MHP's role in the Slave trade and more importantly, the stories of the people who made Mount Harmon and our young nation prosper. Stay tuned as we continue to further develop and share Mount Harmon's slave and plantation history with our visitors.

The MHP Colonial Outbuilding Project was conceived in the spring of 2012. After establishing the most relevant colonial buildings to bring Mount Harmon's plantation history to life, the project was underway! Building design, grant funding, and construction were crucial elements to the project. With all the planning behind us, it was time to find an artisan builder that shared the same vision, skill and passion necessary to bring the project to life. The perfect person for the job ahead was McGuirk Restoration Inc. owned and operated by Derek McGuirk of Bel Air, Maryland.



At 8 years old, with a woodworking kit Derek received for Christmas from his parents, his lifelong passion for woodworking, timber framing and restoration was off and running! In 1972 Derek bought an old axe and timber adze for \$20. His first big project was to rebuild the spring house on his family's farm in Bel Air. Derek's passion for old tools and pictures from the Eric Sloan "Vanishing Landscape" books, were pivotal in his pursuit of a career in restoration and timber framing. Derek has built and restored many old buildings including a replica log barn in which he cut and hand hewn all the timbers and rafters himself. Using antique trim molding wood planes to recreate period molding is something Derek does well and has implemented in the buildings at MHP. Derek has built all 3 of our outbuildings over the last 5 years. Starting with the smoke house in 2014, the tobacco barn in 2017, and the slave dwelling in 2019. One visitor remarked that Derek's buildings are not simply buildings, but "works of art". The buildings are simple in design but very complex in regards to the detailed elements of construction and craftsmanship.



Along with woodworking Derek enjoys Bluegrass Music, playing the banjo, fishing, shaker furniture and spending time with his wife Susan and their 3 children! Many thanks to Derek for sharing his incredible talents with MHP!! Please stop by and see these wonderful "works of art" on our expanded Colonial Living History campus this fall. Finally, please consider MHP in your year end giving plans. Your support, memberships, and donations are very important to the success of MHP and keeping this Maryland Tidewater treasure preserved, maintained, and open for all to enjoy. We so look forward to seeing you at Mount Harmon's upcoming events. With thanks for your support in making all we do possible!

~ Stephen W. Isaacson, Mount Harmon Board President

**To receive e-news about FOMH upcoming events, please send your e-mail to [info@mountharmon.org](mailto:info@mountharmon.org).**



OCTOBER 2019 ~ the British are coming!



## SEE HISTORY COME TO LIFE

Revolutionary War Encampment  
Colonial Marketplace  
Military Skirmishes & Drills  
Battle Re-enactments  
Hearth Cooking Demonstrations  
Children's Activities  
Manor House Tours  
Food Vendors

Fun for the Whole Family



**MOUNT  
HARMON**

# National Revolutionary War

RE-ENACTMENT ★ FESTIVAL ★

October 12 & 13

SATURDAY 10am - 4pm ★ SUNDAY 10 am - 3pm



FOMH Members  
& Children under 12 FREE  
Advance Tickets or  
Purchase on entry



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAVORITE EASTERN SHORE TRADITION  
THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON



**BULL & OYSTER ROAST FALL FUNDRAISER  
TO BENEFIT MOUNT HARMON**  
Saturday, November 2, 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

*Traditional Eastern Shore Bull & Oyster Roast*  
*Oysters on the Half-Shell & Fried & Roasted Oysters*  
*Manor House Tours & Silent Auction & Live Music*

**Advanced Tickets \$70 per person. \$500 Reserved Table of 8.**  
**Tickets at Event: \$75 per person (if not sold out).**  
**Reservations Required. Proceeds benefit Mount Harmon Plantation.**

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets, at \$70 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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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).



**2019 MOUNT HARMON  
SPRING & SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS  
COLONIAL DAMES HONOR MOUNT HARMON**



*The National Society of Colonial Dames  
Ann Arrundell Chapter awarded special plaque  
honoring Mount Harmon as important historic site.*

**LIVING HISTORY OPENING WEEKEND**



*Members of the 4th Legionary Corps brought  
history to life for opening weekend in May.*

**MHP SUMMER INTERNS**



*Interns Gabi Conlon and Victoria Phillips were  
terrific additions to the Mount Harmon team and  
conducted tours and assisted with special projects.*

**MOUNT HARMON TEAM WORK  
STAFF & VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**



*Program & Outreach Coordinator Lynne Meis enjoys  
working with MHP volunteers, assisting with  
outreach, and conducting guided tours for visitors,  
school field trips, and events.*

**BEST LOTUS BLOSSOM FESTIVAL EVER**



**MANY THANKS SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS**

We wanted to send along our thanks to all those who supported our most successful Lotus Blossom Festival! We are grateful to all of our friends and supporters that attended this major fundraising event to benefit MHP. We hope all enjoyed the artisan and craft vendors as much as we did finding them. It was really a group effort this year to seek out and secure more vendors to offer our festival attendees a variety of crafts to enjoy and purchase. Thanks to all those that attended the Lotus Blossom Festival, we welcomed over 600 visitors and raised over \$7,000 to benefit Mount Harmon.

We have had a busy tour season at Mount Harmon and received some wonderful reviews including recent visitor's blog SouthernSpirations.com. We could not accomplish the success of our programs and events without the assistance of our amazing volunteers. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group of volunteers that support us. We are open for guided tours through the end of October, and have events through December, and are always looking for assistance to share our community treasure with visitors. If interested in volunteering, please contact Lynne Meis at [lmeis@mountharmon.org](mailto:lmeis@mountharmon.org).

~ Lynne Meis, Program & Outreach Coordinator



## 2019 MOUNT HARMON SPECIAL EVENTS

### FALL & HOLIDAY

#### Dates to Remember

- ◆ Revolutionary War & Colonial Festival, Oct. 12 & 13
- ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, November 2
- ◆ Mount Harmon Paper Chase, November 10
- ◆ Yuletide Festival, December 7 & 8

For tickets and information

Visit [www.mountharmon.org](http://www.mountharmon.org) or call 410-275-8819.



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

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