

FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.
2009 SPRING NEWSLETTER
Visitor Season Events, News & Information



Mount Harmon Manor House by Geraldine McKeown

**Valued Heritage Destination
& Community Resource**

Mount Harmon is the northern most Tidewater plantation open to the public in Maryland, and is a scenic and historic treasure. Mount Harmon serves the surrounding community as a favorite heritage destination and place to experience Tidewater history and pristine natural beauty. The impeccably preserved plantation set amidst 200-acres of prime waterfront, complete with nature trails and abundant wildlife, makes Mount Harmon your destination for exploration, education, and discovery.

Be sure to visit our website at www.mountharmon.org to learn more about our tours, special events, membership, and education programs. Mount Harmon is also available for weddings, corporate and private functions. Please visit us at the plantation this spring and join the hundreds of visitors who come each year and discover a renewed love of history and nature. For more information or to receive a free FOMH brochure call the FOMH office at 410-275-8819

2009 Spring Special Events

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events that will showcase Mount Harmon's history and scenic natural beauty – the Nature Trails Grand Opening, Saturday, May 2, from 10am – 3pm. Free to FOMH Members! Guided and self-guided nature tours will provide a great opportunity to explore the plantation. Mount Harmon's colonial history will come to life at the Colonial Plantation Picnic, Sunday, June 7, from 12noon – 4pm. The event features a gourmet picnic, colonial re-enactments and demonstrations. For tickets and information visit www.mountharmon.org or call 410-275-8819.

New Site Map & Nature Trails

This season come and see our new site map and network of nature trails. Visitors can now better explore Mount Harmon's points of interest and pristine natural setting. Renowned local water color artist Geraldine McKeown created the artwork for the map, featuring vignettes of Mount Harmon's historic buildings, natural features, and wildlife (see site map on p. 2). Fine art prints of the map are being produced and will be available for sale, to benefit Mount Harmon. Many thanks to Geraldine for her artistry and support for Mount Harmon's site map project. Be sure to come see the full color version and explore the plantation this spring. Become a FOMH Member and receive free admission to the museum and grounds (see membership form on p. 3 for details). \$100 and up members receive year round access to the plantation, which includes miles of nature trails and our canoe and kayak landing.

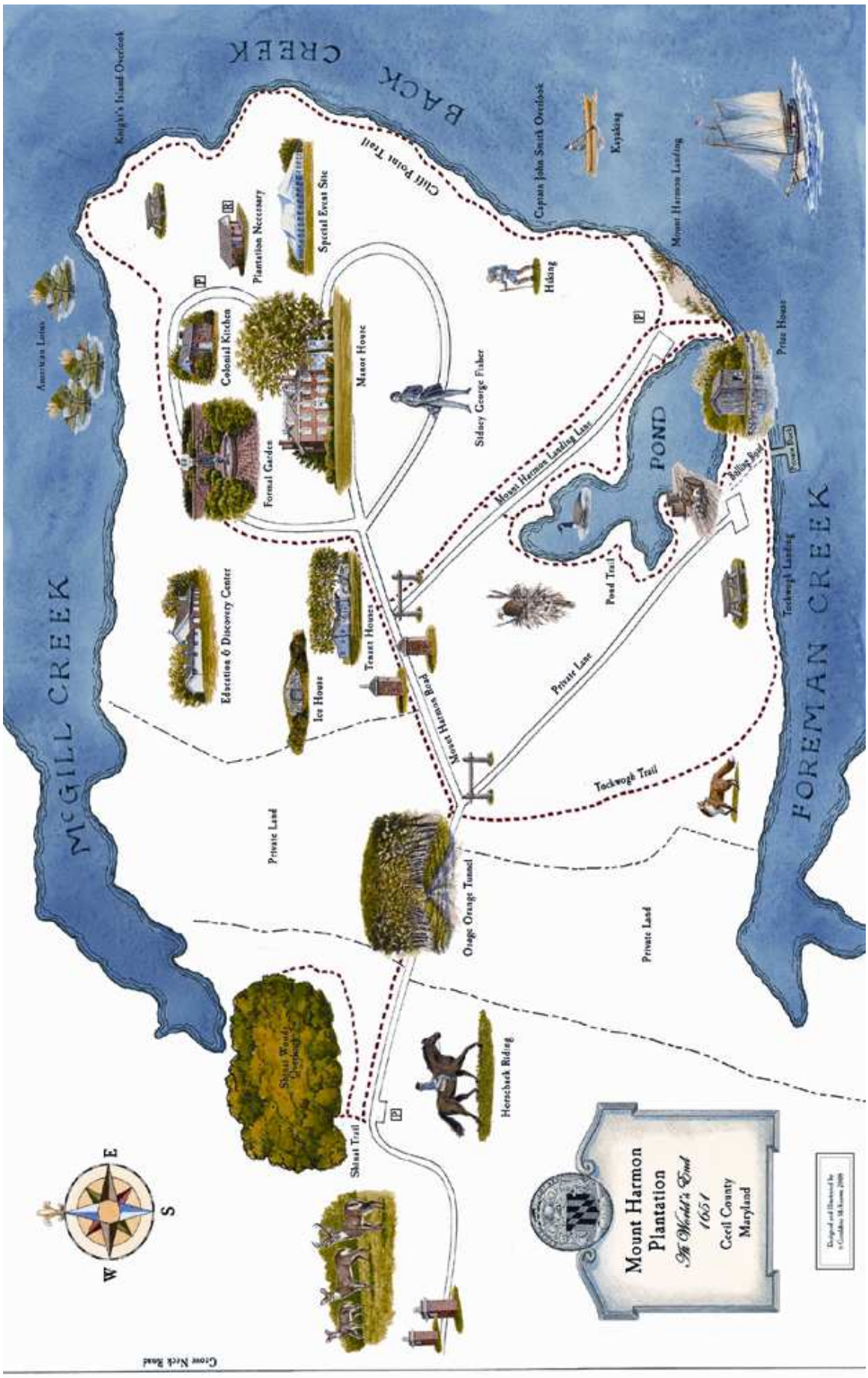
Contributions & Support

Friends of Mount Harmon, Inc. (FOMH) is a 501 © 3 non profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Mount Harmon Plantation. Thanks to our contributors and supporters, FOMH celebrates a new era of stewardship and awakening at the plantation - with manor house and colonial kitchen exterior restoration projects complete, new educational projects underway, and a record number of school, special event and wedding visitors coming to Mount Harmon.

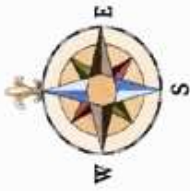
Thank you to all of our FOMH supporters, contributors, sponsors, and volunteers for making it all possible! Your support ensures Mount Harmon remains open to the public, funds our tour and educational programming, and that the plantation is maintained and preserved for you and for future generations.

Please Help Us Go Green

Please help us in our efforts to go green and to shift from paper to e-communications and send us your e-mail address. To receive FOMH e-newsletters and e-mails about upcoming events please send your e-mail address to info@mountharmon.org or be sure to include it on the enclosed membership form.



Crow Neck Road




Mount Harmon Plantation
The Harmon's End
 1651
 Cecil County
 Maryland

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**PLEASE JOIN NOW
THE BENEFITS OF MEMEBERSHIP HAVE
NEVER BEEN BETTER!**



**ANNOUNCING THIS SEASON ~
NEW SITE MAP & NATURE TRAILS!**

Membership in Friends of Mount Harmon is annual and benefits include admission to the manor house, access to the grounds and nature trails in season, bi-annual newsletters, listing in the contributor's report, and invitations and discounts to Mount Harmon special events.

Your membership is fully tax deductible and, most importantly, helps to maintain and preserve Mount Harmon Plantation. Every membership is important and is an investment in the future of this historic and scenic treasure. Visit www.mountharmon.org for more info.

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Free Admission to manor house, grounds, and nature trails in season (Visitor Season: May – Oct., Thurs. – Sun., 10am – 3pm).
- Listing in Contributor's report.
- Invitation and discounts to Mount Harmon Special Events.
- 10% discount at gift shop.

***FOMH MEMBERS AT \$100 AND ABOVE LEVELS RECEIVE
YEAR ROUND ACCESS TO THE PLANTATION GROUNDS AND NATURE TRAILS!***

-----cut here and return with below membership form-----

**FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.
P.O. BOX 65, EARLEVILLE, MD 21919**

YES, I/we would like to become a member of Friends of Mount Harmon.

Enclosed is my/our membership check for:

- \$35 Individual Membership
- \$60 Couple Membership
- \$100 Family Membership
- \$250 Sassafras Steward
- \$500 Garden Sponsor
- \$1,000 Plantation Benefactor
- Other

Thank you for your support!

**2009 VISITOR SEASON
MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS**

*Great New Benefits for
Nature & History Enthusiasts!*

\$35.00 Individual Membership

Membership benefits for one.

\$60.00 Couple Membership

Membership benefits for two.

\$100.00 Family Membership

Membership benefits for you and your children, plus two guest passes and year-round access to plantation grounds and nature trails. This level includes access to the Mount Harmon canoe & kayak landing!

\$250.00 Sassafras Steward

Full family membership benefits, (year-round access to plantation grounds), two guest passes, and admission for two to Mount Harmon Colonial Picnic. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

\$500.00 Garden Sponsor

Full family membership benefits (year-round access to grounds), four museum guest passes, admission for four to the Colonial Picnic. Use of formal Boxwood Garden for party or function for up to 25 guests. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

\$1,000.00 Plantation Benefactor

Full family membership benefits (year-round access to grounds), six museum guest passes, admission for four to Colonial Picnic and Bull & Oyster Roast. Use of Manor House Terrace or Garden for party or function for up to 50 guests. *Plus invitations to special VIP Only Events.*

Name and Address:

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

HELP US GO GREEN ~ LIST YOUR E-MAIL HERE

*Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Mount Harmon, Inc.*

VISITOR SEASON GOOD NEWS



EDUCATION & DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT FUNDED

Thanks to grant funding received from Crystal Trust Foundation, Chichester DuPont Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Gateway Network, and a Maryland State Bond, the Education and Discovery Center project is underway. This project will convert the stables into the new Center and allow Mount Harmon to greatly upgrade and expand its educational facilities and programming to include vitally needed orientation, exhibit, demonstration, and public facilities. The new Center will feature interpretive exhibits about Mount Harmon's Tidewater history, which will dramatically improve Mount Harmon's ability to educate visitors.

2008 EVENTS CELEBRATE COLONIAL & EASTERN SHORE TRADITIONS

Mount Harmon's history and eastern shore traditions came to life last season with special events like the Martha Lewis Skipjack Sail, the Bull & Oyster Roast, and Yuletide Manor House Tour. These events were important fundraisers for Mount Harmon, and could not have taken place without help from our event sponsors, volunteers, and donors. Mount Harmon events generate vital funds for the plantation's operations, maintenance and preservation.

A very special thank you to the Greenfingers Garden Club, who brought the holiday spirit to Mount Harmon, with the exquisite Williamsburg style arrangements they made for the Yuletide Tour. Thank you for making this successful fund and friend-raiser possible! Sandy Simonson is the tour de force behind the event and recently received the prestigious Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland award for District 1 (the entire Eastern Shore) for her handiwork at the Yuletide exhibit. Congratulations Sandy! Many thanks also to Nancy Gardner, an authority on colonial food ways, who delighted visitors with her hearth cooking demonstrations.

-Paige Howard, Director of Development

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR



DOCENTS & VOLUNTEERS!

We are very grateful to our docents and volunteers who provide wonderful educational tours throughout the visitor season: Mary Haggerty, Jackie Upp, Susan Whitelaw, Doris Bolton, Libby Keefer, Elsie Slater, Mary Foraker, Judy McKinney, Rose Miller, Sandy Pierce, Mary Segermark, Thelma Wheatley, Carolyn Blanchet, Sandy Peirce, Patti Saxton, Jan Schultz, Joan Byerly, Ann Goudy, and Lois Hartnett. Thanks in large part to our docents and volunteers, we are able to keep the plantation open. New docents joining us this past season are: Barbara Garner, Debbie Brown, Frances Collins, Lynn Clarke, Donna Winterling, Cathy Malone, our junior docent, Jaime Capron and in-training junior docent, Kylie Drupieski.

Among the visiting students this year, Mount Harmon will be hosting 150 fourth graders over two days in May. We couldn't do it without our Education Program volunteers! Bill Watts does his popular "fire and light" demonstration in the Colonial Kitchen, Gerry Scarfe will do her class in "How to - Spinning". Mary Haggerty, Doris Bolton and Edith Davis, spend countless hours preparing quilting squares and are joined by friends, Rose Miller, Thelma Wheatley and Shirley Gear who conduct this favorite hands-on colonial craft activity.

Libby Keefer and Goldie Cook expertly guide the children through several colonial-era games, where they can try their hand at stilts and hoops, have relay races and play hopscotch. Judy McKinney and Holly Isaacson conduct nature walks to the tobacco prize house where the children learn about colonial trade and experience the plantation's natural beauty - they often see eagles, osprey, deer, and other creatures of nature too numerous to name here! Want to help and join in the fun? Call 410-275-8819 to become a FOMH volunteer.

- Phyllis Drupieski, Site Coordinator

**MOUNT HARMON
2009 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR
Dates to Remember**

- ◆ Nature Trails Grand Opening, May 2
- ◆ Colonial Plantation Picnic, June 7
- ◆ Lotus Blossom Month, August
- ◆ Bull & Oyster Roast, October 3
- ◆ Yuletide Tour, December 5 & 6

For tickets and information
Visit www.mountharmon.org or call 410-275-8819.



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Visitor Season

May – October
Thursday – Sunday, 10am – 3pm
& Year Round by Appointment

Visitor Programs

Guided Manor House Tours
Self Guided Nature Tours
Education Program
Membership Program
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We look forward to seeing
you at the plantation!