2020 FoKFP Officers and Board Members

The following Friends of Kinder Farm Park Officers and Board of Directors for 2020 were approved at the Annual Membership Meeting held on December 11, 2019 meeting:

**Officers**
- Carrie Fielder, President
- Karen Haghighi, Vice-President
- Chris Mowry, Secretary and Webmaster
- Barbara Buchlietner, Treasurer

**Board of Directors**
- Richard Christie
- Bill Hassell
- Ruth Monroe-Heffner
- Michael Lowman, Newsletter Editor
- Jen Plant
- Jim Rausch, Membership Chair
- Rich Tambascio

Dannielle Hefner returned this year as the Junior Board Member representing the 4H Livestock Club

Inquiries to any of the officers and board members may be emailed to contact@kinderfarmpark.org.

Santa’s Got a Brand-New Sleigh

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park Jingle Bell Hayride is an annual celebration that has sold out for the past several years. On Saturday, December 7, 2019 the Hayride Kicked off with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a brand-new sleigh, appropriately pulled by a ‘John Reine-Deere.’

The Clauses arrive in Farm-Style

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Santa’s New Sleigh (Cont.)

We have the Kinder Farm Park Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Short to thank for creating the beautiful sled for this event. Participants at the hayride could climb aboard for photo-ops. After the event the sleigh was on display in the Visitors Center, for visitors to enjoy through the end of the Holidays.

Santa’s new sleigh up-close

Mr. and Mrs. Clause attend the Jingle Bell Hayride every year to give all the little ones the opportunity to share their Christmas wishes. Visiting Santa is always free, the photographer is there to take photos at your request only.

Everyone had an opportunity to roast marshmallows and meet some of our farm animals up-close and personal. And of course enjoy a hayride through the park, which ended at the River Birch Pavilion where some hot beverages and Holiday treats were laid out for their enjoyment.

On behalf of the Friends of Kinder Farm Park I would like to thank all the volunteers and Kinder Farm Park staff for their hard work that makes the Jingle Bell Hayride such a great Holiday experience.

Mark your calendars, the 2020 Jingle Bell Hayride will be on Saturday, December 5th. Preregistration sales will begin around the beginning of October.
Christmas Mice Invade the Farmhouse
By Diane Rausch and Photos by Mike Lowman, FoKFP Historical Society members

The Christmas Holidays are celebrated every December and January at the Kinder Farmhouse when it gets decorated. This year the decorations were done by Chartwell Garden Club, The Crofton Garden Club and volunteers from the FoKFP Historical Society.

The yearly invasion of the Christmas mice is something our visitors look forward to each year, and they were not disappointed. This year the mice invaded the dining room.

Over 200 visitors toured the farmhouse during the three holiday openings. If you toured the house this season, here are some pictures that will kindle some pleasant Holiday memories. If you didn’t visit this season, the pictures might entice you to drop in next season.

Of course the Kinder Farmhouse opens (free) to tour the second Saturday of every month from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Volunteer docents, from the Friends of Kinder Farm Park Historical Society are on site to share information and answer questions about life on the farm and the Kinder Family history.
Kinder Playground Under Construction

By Brad Hunt, Kinder Farm Park Superintendent

The Kinder Farm Park playground has been one of the most popular destinations within the Park. The original playground was built back in 1998 and has been enjoyed by thousands ever since.

Its service life has finally come to an end, but I am happy to report that work on a brand-new playground has begun. This past December, park workers began dismantling the 22-year-old playground to make way for a new one. Starting in late January, construction began with work to be completed sometime early spring.

The new playground will incorporate swings, slides, climbing equipment and farm themed pieces. We ask that you bear with us during construction; I promise it will be worth the wait!

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Membership
By Jim Rausch, FoKFP Membership Chair

It is not too late to renew your membership to the Friends of Kinder Farm Park! For those of you who previously have been members, you should have received your renewal notices. Many have renewed and we sincerely thank you. For those who have not renewed, please do so soon.

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park is the largest, most active Friends’ group in the County and justifiably so – we have many wonderful activities and programs for the entire family throughout the year. Your continued support through membership demonstrates just how active and successful we are - as well as the potential for doing even more to make our Park the best in the State!

Membership also provides you with the opportunity to “weigh-in” on how you wish to make Kinder Farm Park an even better place to visit. So please, if you have not renewed, or if you have never been a member, do so today by visiting our website at: www.kinderfarmpark.org

On the website under the “Support” selection you will find more information on how to join the Friends and an online membership application. You can also pick up an application at the Kinder Visitors’ Center.

Learn Organic Gardening By Doing
By Janet Clausen, Co-chair of the Apprentice Garden, and Master Gardener

Would you, and your children, like to grow your own organic vegetables? Then join us, Master Gardeners and other families, in the Apprentice Garden.

The Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park is a program organized by the University of Maryland Extension Service Master Gardeners. It occupies two of the community garden spaces and the project is dedicated to teaching families with children to grow their own produce organically. Each family has personal garden space and shares care and harvest of the common garden areas. The master gardeners and families meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm to plant, weed, water, de-bug, fret over, learn much and harvest their own garden-grown vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

In the personal plots, families plant their own unique choice of seeds and sets. The 2019 garden had a wide variety of vegetables: tomatoes, peppers; cucumber, yellow squash, zucchini; lettuce, kale, beans, peas, radishes; broccoli; potatoes, herbs and sunflowers. Families share the bounty of their garden spaces and everyone shares the vegetables grown in the common areas, which include zucchini, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, and herbs.

If you visit the Apprentice Garden now, you will find crimson cover crop growing in the planting areas and newspapers, covered with straw on the pathways. The crimson clover will nourish the soil with nitrogen this winter, and it will also prevent weeds from choking the planting areas. In addition to the winter preparation for the family plots and common planting areas, the perennials, strawberry plants and herb garden have been bedded down for winter.

Planning is underway for the Apprentice Garden for 2020. If you are interested in more information, or would like to join us this season, please contact Janet Clauson at janetclauson301@gmail.com.

The Apprentice Garden project meets from April through September, Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the community gardens at Kinder Farm Park in Millersville.
Learn Organic Gardening (Cont.)

The University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.

Co-chaired by
Janet Clauson (janetclauson301@gmail.com) and
Deb Fritz (debritzdesign@gmail.com)

Chartwell Garden Club

Horticulture Tips
By Rita Custer, Horticulture Chairman

Some people dread snow and other people pray for snow. However, homeowners and government must deal with snow and ice for safe roads, driveways and walkways. Massive amounts of deicers have been dumped by governments, property owners and others causing extensive harm to streams, rivers and the Bay as well as pets, plants, wildlife and aquatic life. These products include:

- Rock salt (sodium chloride) is well known. It works fast, is less expensive, but is the worst salt for plant damage;
- Calcium chloride melts faster and works at colder temperatures than others. It does not damage concrete but is damaging to plants;
- Potassium chloride will also melt ice but more slowly and will not harm plants or paving;
- Urea also deices but works slowly and since it has nutrient factor promotes algae in streams and rivers;
- “SafePaw” is similar to urea but will not harm children, pets, plants or concrete.

In pursuit of safer conditions, use the least damaging product, but whatever you use try to use as little as possible to achieve safe conditions and NEVER use more product than recommended.

Keep salt sensitive plants such as azaleas, crape myrtle, dogwoods, forsythias, American hollies, maples, rhododendrons, yews, sweet gums and crabapples as far away from paved surfaces as possible. Areas that don’t get a lot of rain should be watered in Spring to wash the salt away. They need several inches of water given in daily doses.

General Club News:

2020 Philadelphia Flower Show Bus Trip (“Riviera Holiday”) on Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The bus departs the Millersville Park & Ride at 10 AM and departs Philadelphia at 7 PM. Mail your $80 check made out to:

Chartwell Garden Club

c/o Pat Poffel

502 White Oak Drive,
Severna Park, MD 21146

The cost includes transportation, driver’s gratuity, snack and show ticket. Please include your mobile phone number and email address in the event we need to contact you.

Refunds for inclement weather are conditional on the club first obtaining a refund from the show/bus company. Contact Pat Poffel (410-544-2376; or esherzog@verizon.net) or Shirley Santora (410-647-4624; shysanta@verizon.net) for information/flyer.

District II Daffodil Show
Tuesday, April 7th, 2 PM – 7 PM and Wednesday, April 8th, 10 AM – 3PM.
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park
Free, handicap accessible, and open to the public.
Contact Liz Williams (410-987-7571; mliz.williams825@gmail.com) for information.

Annual Kinder Easter Egg Hunt

By Carrie Fielder, FoKFP President

The Friends of Kinder Farm Park annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 4th. The cost will be $5.00 per child 12 and under. There will be four Easter Egg Hunt time slots (every 30 minutes between 10:00 and 11:30 AM) that participants can select.

Preregistration and payment will be online beginning around February 24, 2020. For more information see the flyer on page 18 of this newsletter.
KFP Quilt Guild
By Marian Barry, Kinder Farm Park Quilt Guild Member

The Kinder Farm Park Quilt Guild meets in the KFP Visitor Center on the third Tuesday of each month from 1 – 3 pm. Quilters of all skill levels are welcome to join us to share your expertise or get tips and advice from others, as you work on your current quilting project. If you choose to become a member, annual dues are $10.

First and foremost, we meet for friendship and our love of quilting, but the guild has coordinated a few joint efforts. We created a 1930’s era quilt for the KFP farmhouse. In past years, we have often had a booth at the Kinder Park Fall Festival.

If you have questions about the guild you may call member Jane Humphrey at 410-551-9345. Or come to the Visitor Center on a third Tuesday and spend a couple of hours getting some work done on a favorite project while enjoying good conversation with other quilters. All are welcome to join us.

Birth Announcements
By Jen Plant, FoKFP Board Member and member of the Farm Education Livestock Group

There have been four births at the farm since the last newsletter was published in late November. Three goats gave birth to six kids on December 22, 2019:

- Gazelle, a dairy goat, had triplets, two female kids named Coconut and Cinnamon and a male named Sage.
- Edith, an Eco goat, gave birth to a little female kid named Monica.
- Mabel, a member of the Goat Squad, gave birth to twins, a female kid named Noelle, and a male named Nicolas

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Birth Announcements Cont.)

On January 29, 2020, Pegasus the sheep gave birth to the first baby of the New Year. Peggy's baby lamb is already on her feet and nursing well!

Choosing the Right Chicken Breed for Your Flock

By Elijah Wells, Young member of the Farm Education Livestock Group

Choosing the right chicken for your flock involves several factors from size, to sex, to temperament and weather hardiness. One of the most important factors may be the breed you choose. Kinder Farm Park has many breeds of chickens represented on the farm. This article discusses some of the breeds you might see at Kinder and some facts about each of those breeds.

Russian Orloff

There are three Russian Orloffs at Kinder Farm Park. The Russian Orloffs are a new addition to Kinder as of March 2019. The breed actually originated in Persia and are rare in the United States. They were once considered critically endangered worldwide by The Livestock Conservancy but have recovered somewhat to “threatened” status. Russian Orloffs are primarily bred for consumption and are not particularly prolific layers. Russian Orloffs are cold hardy but don’t particularly care for the heat. These birds have a calm and docile temperament and are very easy to handle. The Orloffs at Kinder – Coco, Gucci and Prada – are among the favorites of the volunteers because of their sweet nature.

Ameraucana

Kinder is home to a few Ameraucana chickens. These birds are known for laying beautifully colored eggs ranging from pale blue to aqua blue to robin blue. As they are not particularly large, most farmers keep them for eggs instead of meat. The average hen lays 170-200 eggs per year and the breed is low cost to maintain. Farmers will find Ameraucanas docile and easily handled even if they’re not particularly interested in cuddling. Ameraucanas are frequently recognized by their puffy chipmunk-like face and, of course, their blue eggs.

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Choosing the Right Chicken…(Cont.)

Buff Orpington
These regal chickens were considered endangered until 2016 when farmers realized that the Buff Orpington is a great chicken for laying and consumption. They are always up for a cuddle and particularly tolerant of human interactions, which makes them ideal chickens for 4H clubs. Buff Orpingtons do well in heat and cold but require shade in extreme heat conditions. They make excellent additions to breeding programs. Buff Orpingtons are large light brown birds.

Leghorn
One of the best laying chickens may be a leghorn. Leghorns can lay upwards of 300 eggs per year and are often used to breed hybrids suited for commercial and industrial laying. Leghorns are not cuddly lap chickens. Instead, they are intelligent, busy and flighty birds who prefer foraging and roosting to human contact. Leghorn hens don’t typically go broody (sit on eggs for long periods to make them hatch). Leghorns can be noisy so suburban and urban farmers should keep their neighbors in mind. You can often find white Leghorns roaming Kinder’s coops.

Black Cochin
Black Cochins are an extremely popular breed even though they aren’t great layers and don’t have the best meat offering. They are considered ornamental and are well-loved because of their excellent personalities and mothering abilities. The best description of a Cochin’s personality is friendly, peaceful and docile. These lazy birds can be prone to obesity and easy for predators to catch but the upside to this laziness is that they are also easily contained. You can find Black Cochins by looking for extremely feathered feet.

Golden Laced Wyandotte
This popular bird is kept for both egg laying and consumption. Wyandottes are broody – meaning they want their eggs to hatch – so that should be taken into consideration before adding them to the flock. The Golden Laced Wyandotte is a beautiful bird with bountiful plumage, but their thick feathering makes them prone to lice and some other parasites. If you add one of these birds to your flock, expect him or her to be at the top of the pecking order. Wyandottes also prefer the company of other Wyandottes. They’re talkative and warm to their handlers but not particularly friendly or cuddly. Wyandottes are suited to cooler climates and requires assistance staying cool in extreme heat situations. You can find the golden laced Wyandotte by looking for a light brown chicken with a lace pattern over her feathers.

As you can see, each breed of poultry comes with characteristics that may or may not blend with your flock. If you would like a small flock in a small coop in your suburban neighborhood, the Leghorn is probably not the chicken for you. If you are interested in having friendly chickens who like human interaction and look lovely – you might pick the Black Cochin. Fortunately Kinder’s facilities afford volunteers and visitors alike the opportunity to see healthy, happy chickens in many varieties.

Learning from Animals
Charlotte Kim, a young member of the Farm Education Livestock Group wrote the following about what it takes and what one can get out of caring for the animals at Kinder Farm Park.

Animals can teach us important lessons. We can learn responsibility, patience, and how to nurture. People of all ages can enjoy them. I’m lucky to have the opportunity to take care of many animals at Kinder Farm Park.

Caring for an animal can teach you how to be a responsible person. Animals rely on us to provide for them. They need their feces scooped, water buckets filled, and to be fed regularly. Sometimes, medicine is needed when they get sick. Depending on the animal, their hooves may need to be trimmed or their wool sheared.

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Learning from Animals (Cont.)

Looking after animals helps me learn patience. Some can be difficult to care for. For example, if you are on the alpaca squad, they may spit on you. Even though they spit, we still must care for them. Many can learn how to love and give by caring for animals. While spending time with them, you can build a bond. When you treat animals well, they start to like you. Nurturing an animal can bring satisfaction to both.

In conclusion, patience, responsibility, and nurturing are all a part of caring for animals. Responsibility is mandatory so that our animals stay healthy. You need patience to continue your work because it’s not always easy. Nurturing requires love to do it properly. I love to take care of animals and continue to learn a lot from them.

2019 Photo Contest Winners

By Mike Lowman, FoKFP Board member

These are the winning photographs in the 2019 Life in the Park Photo Competition. There were 87 entries in this competition.

Fauna 1st Place: Faun at Dawn
Taken by Mickie Vigneri

Fauna 2nd Place: Love of Cows
Taken by Eryn Penn

Flora 1st Place: Wild Violets
Taken by Matt Beziat

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2019 Photo Contest Winners (Cont.)

Flora 2nd Place: Blanket Flowers in the Garden
Taken by Mary Gallo

Landscape 1st Place: Over the Bridge
Taken by Donna Corcoran

Landscape 2nd Place: Duck Pond Silhouette Reflections
Taken by Matt Beziat

People 1st Place: Making a Wish
Taken by Donna Corcoran

People 2nd Place: Rainy Day
Taken by Carol Collins

Visit the “Gallery” in the “Photos” menu selection on the Friends website at www.kinderfarmpark.org to see all of the great photos of the park that were entered in 2019 and all previous competitions.

Be on the lookout in the next month or so for some new opportunities to win in the Friends of Kinder Farm Park 2020 Life in the Park Photo Competition.
Anne Arundel Bird Club Meetings & Field Trips

The Anne Arundel Bird Club happenings listed here are open to all bird lovers.

AABC Meetings (Feb. through May 2020)
The Contact for all AABC Meetings is Pamela Kellett at 443-534-6938 or email coordinator@marylandbirds.org

“Gardening for Birds” with Virgil Davis
Saturday, February 15, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00 PM,
Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

Almost all of us are backyard birders, and we know just providing food is not enough to attract birds, so today we welcome Virgil Davis, a Master Gardener who knows how to plant and keep an oasis for our feathered friends. Now is the time to start planning on your spring plantings!

Virgil Davis is an enthusiastic advocate for the environment and wildlife. He enjoys the outdoors and nature. A University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener since 2012 he is currently serving on the Garden Presentation committee developing gardening related presentations. He is also a member of the Executive Advisory Board. Virgil has been involved with the Bluebird monitoring program at Kinder Farm Park sponsored by Cornell Univ. Ornithology Lab. He monitors and records data for 6-8 bluebird boxes. His home has been certified as a “wildlife habitat” by the Nat. Wildlife Federation and the Bay-Wise program. He combines the love of gardening and nature to present gardening techniques that promote a better habitat for wildlife.

Community Lecture Series
“Expedition to the Kingdom of the Ice Bear” with Gerald Winegrad
Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

Gerald Winegrad will present details of his and Carol’s High Arctic expedition around the Svalbard Archipelago, Norway, where about 60% of the land mass covered is by glaciers. They made it through the ice to within 560 miles of the North Pole on board the MV Hondius. Carol’s photos include Polar bears, walrus, Arctic fox, Svalbard reindeer, Barnacle, Pink-footed and Graylag Geese, King and Common Eiders, Arctic Terns, Parasitic and Long-tailed Jaegers, Dovekie, Atlantic Puffins, Black Guillemots, Thick-billed and Common Murres, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, Glaucous Gulls, and from Oslo, Great-crested Grebe and the Eurasian Coot.

The high cliffs of Svalbard are inhabited by tens of thousands of breeding seabirds with more than 10,000 Thick-billed Murres. Also sighted was the rare bowhead whale as well as beluga, humpback, minke, and fin whales. Bearded, harbor, and ringed seals also were seen. Even in the harsh Arctic environment, wildflowers were flourishing in August.

Gerald’s love of wildlife led him to 50 years of experience in environmental and wildlife advocacy. He served with distinction in the Maryland Legislature for 16 years, the last 12 as a State Senator. He was called the “Environmental Conscience” of the Senate by

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AABC Meetings... (Cont.)

the Washington Post. Gerald served as vice president of the Anne Arundel Bird Club for nine years which gave him the opportunity to bring prominent speakers to 72 club meetings. He also planned and led birding trips.

Gerald Winegrad served in the U.S. Navy in the Judge Advocate General’s Corp during the Vietnam War, was promoted to serve as a full-time Military Judge, and achieved the rank of Commander. He received the McDaniel College Alumni of the Year Award in October.

“What 20 Years of Bird Banding Has Taught Us” with Maren Gimpel
Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

We are all aware that the numbers of birds and species we see on trips or at our feeders are changing. So come and listen to what Maren Gimpel has to say on the subject. She is in the front lines of the efforts to learn what is happening to our birds, by banding birds for migratory and breeding studies. This ‘lady of the mist nets’ has much to say that will help us understand some of the changes we are already seeing.

Maren Gimpel is Field Ecologist and Outreach Coordinator at the Chester River Field Research Station at Chino Farms, overseen by Washington College’s Center for Environment & Society where she bands birds for both migratory and breeding studies. A bander since 2002 and a birder for over 25 years, Maren compiles the local Chesterville Christmas Bird Count. Before coming to Washington College, she worked on avian research projects from Nova Scotia to Tobago.

The Annual John W. “Bud” Taylor Wildlife Lecture
“Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird” with Katie Fallon
Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

Vultures evoke many feelings in humans: envy of their effortless flight, frustration with their urban roosts, and perhaps both appreciation and disgust at their eating habits. Vultures are often overlooked, underappreciated, and unloved, despite the vital role they play in healthy ecosystems. Worldwide, vultures are more likely to be threatened or endangered than any other group of raptors, but in the United States, Turkey and Black Vultures may be increasing in number. Katie will discuss the life and times of the noble Turkey Vulture, including its feeding, nesting, and roosting habits, migratory behaviors, and common misconceptions. Katie’s latest book, Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird (2017) will be available for purchase and signing.

Katie Fallon is the author of Cerulean Blues: A Personal Search for a Vanishing Songbird (2011), which was a finalist for the Reed Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment. She is also the author of two books for children, Look, See the Bird! (2017) and Look, See the Farm! She lives in West Virginia and is co-founder of the Avian Conservation Center of (Continues on next page
AABC Meetings… (Cont.)

Appalachia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the region’s wild birds through research, education, and rehabilitation. Her first word was “bird.”

“The Amazing Sora and Advances in Motus Tracking” with Greg Kearns
Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park
600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD
21403

Greg Kearns began studying the Sora rail in 1987 and has banded more than 5,000 rails as of 2019. At their peak in 1998, they banded 1,300 rails; by the year 2000, only 100. This research linked the decline of the rails to the vanishing stands of wild rice (95% decline) observed during the same period. A grant-funded study that turned into a full-scale restoration effort once the culprit was discovered—resident Canada Geese, whose population was increasing 15-20% per year during the 1990s, were grazing the wild rice. Greg coordinated a goose management plan that included the physical installation of four miles of fencing to keep geese out of wild rice plots. With the additional planting of seeds and rice plants, there has been a dramatic recovery. Today the wild rice has recovered beyond the acreage there was 30 years ago.

Now, 20 years later, Greg revived the Sora telemetry migration research with a new system called Motus, meaning “movement” in Latin. Motus is a large network of automated tracking stations all over eastern North America and beyond to detect birds with a digitally coded transmitter. Work was also done using DNA from blood samples to try and develop a method to sex the birds accurately. Greg will share his discoveries so far in the latest three seasons of field work and where it might go.

About Greg: Greg Kearns, a MNCPPC naturalist for over 35 years at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro Md., is an accomplished photographer, expert birder, and a renowned authority on the Sora Rail (*Porzana carolina*) and wetland ecology at Jug Bay. He was named conservationist of the year by the Md. Dept. of Natural Resources in 2006 for this work and for restoration of the wild rice marshes on the river, which has been recognized as one of the best wetland restorations in Maryland. He also received the Jug Bay Award for significant contributions to the environment on the Patuxent and recently was awarded the 2017 National Wetlands Restoration and Conservation award from the Environmental Law Institute In Washington, DC. Jug Bay is a component of Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (CBNERR). Greg’s interest in the secret life of Soras led to ground-breaking research that found answers to migration questions through improved trapping techniques, developing some of the earliest digital sound lures for bird research, and using radio telemetry.

AABC Field Trips (Feb. thru April 2020)

Annapolis Neck & Surrounding Area
February 5, Wednesday, 7:45 – 10:30 AM, meet at Giant Shopping Center on Bay Ridge Rd near the Wells Fargo Bank
We will carpool to Hillsmere to check along the South Riverfront for water birds then to the neighborhoods of Arundel on the Bay and Oyster Harbors, continuing on to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to walk the short trail back into Black Walnut Cove. From there, back around the entire Bay Ridge peninsula for great views of the Chesapeake Bay, the bridge and Severn River.

Contact: Judy Brennan, 410-991-2412 or el.judith@gmail.com

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AABC Field Trips... (Cont.)

Quiet Waters Park
February 9, Sunday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet in the parking lot by the Blue Heron Room
Situated between the South River and Harness Creek birders will enjoy trails winding through forests and past grassy fields on a paved path. $6.00 charge if you don’t have county park sticker.
Contact: Leo Dilling at 703-282-0011 or leodilling@hotmail.com

Governors Bridge Natural Area
February 12, Wednesday, 8:00 AM, meet in parking lot just off 7600 Governor’s Bridge Road.
Located on the bank of the Patuxent River and operated as part of the Patuxent River Park. Trails crisscross the park, allowing a walk through all the different habitats.
Contact: Chris Barry at 410-897-7216 or rpbarr00@aacounty.org

Beverly Triton Beach Park
Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 -11:00 AM, meet at the parking lot entrance
Join Ranger Karen Jarbo and Lloyd Lewis as we will hike through a variety of habitats, including bay shoreline, large freshwater lakes, woods, fields and marshes.
Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

Kinder Farm Park
March 1, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields
Directions from park entrance on Jumpers Hole Road: Make the first left onto Gali Sanchez Way and follow road up to the top parking lot past the sports fields. Join us for the monthly walk along paved paths as well as grass and dirt paths through varied habitat. We will be looking for late winter residents like the fox sparrows and hermit thrushes.
Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
March 7, Saturday, all day, meet at Bay 50 at 7:30 AM (directions to Bay 50: Route 50 east, exit at 30, turn left on Whitehall Road and follow to shopping center)
We will be hiking on this site in search of waterfowl and wintering birds. Please bring snacks and lunch and be prepared to hike 2-3 unpaved paths.
Contact: Dale Murphy at 410-798-6345 or murphy_dale@msn.com

Quiet Waters Park
March 8, Sunday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet in the parking lot by the Blue Heron Room
Situated between the South River and Harness Creek birders will enjoy trails winding through forests and past grassy fields on a paved path. $6.00 charge if you don’t have a county park sticker.
Contact: Dotty Doherty at 443-926-3054 or dottyholcomb@msn.com

Fort Smallwood Park
9500 Fort Smallwood Road
March 19, Thursday, 8:00 – 10:30 AM, meet at the parking lot next to white gun battery
We will hike throughout the park in search of early migrants and visit the hawk watch to look for the first ospreys to return to breed.
Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

Jug Bay Wetlands
1361 Wrighton Rd, Lothian, MD 20711
March 28, Saturday, 9:00 – 12:00 AM, meet in the parking lot
We will be hiking about 2 miles on unpaved paths looking for late winter fowl and early migrants.
$6.00 per car for non-members.
Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

North Point State Park
8400 North Point Road, Edgemere
$3.00 charge per car
April 2, Thursday, 8:00 – 11:00, meet at parking lot next to toll booth
We will hike the Black Marsh Trail and then drive to waterfront to check for waterfowl. Boots necessary.
Contact: Kevin Graff at 410-967-5896 (text only) or keyweststyle2001@gmail.com

Kinder Farm Park
April 5, Sunday, 7:30 – 10:30 AM, meet at top parking lot past the sports fields
Directions from park entrance on Jumpers Hole Road: Make the first left onto Gali Sanchez Way and follow road up to the top parking lot past the sports fields. Join us for the monthly walk along

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AABC Field Trips... (Cont.)
paved paths as well as grass and dirt paths through varied habitat.

Contact: Alan Young at 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

Piney Orchard Nature Trail
April 11, Saturday, 8:00 – 10:30, meet in parking lot at Piney Orchard Park (8702 Nature Trails Court, Odenton 21113)
We will be hiking 2 miles on unpaved paths looking for migrants and resident birds.

Contact: Peter Hanan at 301-580-2785 or peter.hanan@icloud.com

Howard County Conservancy at Mount Pleasant
10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock
April 16, Thursday, 8:00-11:00, meet in parking lot
Expect to see a variety of sparrows as well as Eastern Meadowlarks and warblers! This site is a beautiful land trust with streams, fields and wooded areas.

Contact: Mike Kerwin at 301-775-3064 or m63kerwin@verizon.net

Quiet Waters Park
April 19, Sunday, 8:00 – 11:00 AM, meet in the parking lot by the Blue Heron Room
Situated between the South River and Harness Creek birders will enjoy trails winding through forests and past grassy fields on a paved path. $6.00 charge if you don’t have county park sticker.

Contact: Pat & Juanita Tate at 410-615-5133 or jpt8@earthlink.com

Adkins Arboretum and Tuckahoe State Park
April 25, Saturday, all day, meet at Bay 50 shopping center at 7:30 AM
Join us for a fun filled day of hiking and paddling! Starting with a hike along fields, forests and wetlands at Adkins Arboretum, we will then drive a short distance to the picnic area at Tuckahoe lake. You can bring your own boats or rent for $10 an hour. We plan to paddle for about 2 hours, through rich hardwood swamp where we are likely to get wood ducks, prothonotary warblers and other songbirds. Bring snacks and lunch! Please call to reserve your spot as there is a ten-person limit for boaters.

Contact: Paul Fofonoff at 410-991-5093 or pfofonoff@gmail.com

Farm Animal Trivia
The source for this is the “Trivia Playing” website at www.triviaplaying.com/06_farm.htm

• The first bird domesticated by man was the goose.
• A group of geese on the ground is a gaggle, a group of geese in the air is a skein.
• A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
• It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs, because a cows' knees can't bend properly to walk back down.
• Twelve or more cows are known as a "flink."
• A Holstein's spots are like fingerprints -- no two cows have the same pattern of spots.
• There are more chickens in the world than people.
• Roosters can't crow if they can't fully extend their necks.
• Chickens absorb vitamin-D through their combs from sunshine.
• The average hen will lay 227 eggs a year.
• The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.
• It is physically impossible for pigs to lookup into the sky.
• The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' head enables it to see all four feet at all times.
• The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog. The frog peels off several times a year with new growth.
• When a female horse and male donkey mate, the offspring is called a mule, but when a male horse and female donkey mate, the offspring is called a hinny.
• A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't.
Friends of Kinder Farm Park

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday
April 4, 2020
(Rain or Shine)

Location: River Birch Pavilion

Cost: $5 plus an online service charge per child 12 and Under

Come and enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt, meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy the company of some of your favorite Farm animals.

Egg Hunt start times: 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:30 AM

Hunt areas are provided in each time slot for ages: 4 and under, 5 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12

Visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org to register.
Friends of Kinder Farm Park (FoKFP)  
12 Month Calendar  

For the latest calendar visit our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org/calendar.html

February 2020

2 — Bird Walk, 7:30 -10:30 AM, meet at the top parking lot past the sports fields for the monthly walk along paved paths as well as grass and dirt paths through varied habitat looking for resident birds, fall migrants. Contact: Alan Young at 410 991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

3 — Publish Winter edition of Down on the Farm newsletter

8 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

15 — Anne Arundel Bird Club Saturday meeting, 1:00-3:00 PM at the Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403. Topic: Gardening for Birds with Virgil Davis

18 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

19 — Anne Arundel Bird Club – Community Lecture Series, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403. Topic: Expedition to the Kingdom of the Ice Bear, with Gerald Winegrad

March 2020

1 — Bird Walk, 7:30 -10:30 AM, meet at the top parking lot past the sports fields for the monthly walk along paved paths as well as grass and dirt paths through varied habitat. We will be looking for late winter residents like the fox sparrows and hermit thrushes. Contact: Alan Young at 410 991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

March 2020 (Cont.)

11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

13 — First Call for Spring 2020 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

14 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

19 — Anne Arundel Bird Club meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403. Topic: What 20 years of Bird Banding has taught Us, with Maren Gimpel

April 2020

4 — Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM – Noon, rain or shine, more details to follow

5 — Bird Walk, 7:30 -10:30 AM, meet at the top parking lot past the sports fields for the monthly walk along paved paths as well as grass and dirt paths through varied habitat. Contact: Alan Young at 410 991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com

8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

11 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

15 — Anne Arundel Bird Club meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403. Topic: Vultures: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird, with Katie Fallon

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April 2020 (Cont.)
15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
21 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
22 — Deadline for Spring Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
22 — Kick-off Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

May 2020
3 — Publish the Spring 2020 Down on the Farm newsletter
9 — Meet the Kids, in the Farm Complex at Kinder Farm Park from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
9 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00-3:00 PM
20 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
20 — Anne Arundel Bird Club meeting, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Rd. Annapolis, MD 21403. Topic: The Amazing Sora and Advances in Motus Tracking, with Greg Kearns
27 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

June 2020
TBA — FoKFP Volunteer Picnic (attendance by invitation only)
10 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
13 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
16 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM
17 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
21 — First Call for the Summer Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
24 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Harvest Hall

July 2020
TBA — Annual Maryland Food Truck Festival at Kinder Farm Park
8 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
11 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
14 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00-3:00 PM
15 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
20 — Deadline for Summer 2020 Newsletter articles (email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
22 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

August 2020
3 — Publish the Summer 2020 Down on the Farm newsletter
8 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
12 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
18 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00-3:00 PM
19 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
26 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

September 2020
9 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
12 — Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00-3:00 PM
16 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse
23 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall
23 — First Call for Fall Newsletter Articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net
**October 2020**

5 — Jingle Bell Hayride Registration and payment begins, for more information visit www.kinderfarmpark.org

10 — Kinder Farm Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival, from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

14 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

20 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

21 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

23 — Deadline for Fall Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

28 — Fall Harvest Festival Committee Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor’s Center Conference Room

**November 2020**

11 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall

17 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

18 — FoKFP Historical Society Meeting at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

18 — Jingle Bell Hayride Planning Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitor Center Conference Room

**December 2020**

5 — **Jingle Bell Hayride** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, details will be announced on our website at www.kinderfarmpark.org

5 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

9 — FoKFP Annual All-Hands Meeting at 6:30 PM in Visitors Center Harvest Hall

12 — Jingle Bell Hayride Rain Date, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

12 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

15 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

**December 2020 (Cont.)**

31 — Deadline for entries in the 2020 Life in the Park Photo Competition

31 — Renew membership or join the Friends of Kinder Farm Park for 2020 by today and be entered in a drawing to get your membership fee refunded and a 2020 pass to the park

**January 2021: FoKFP membership fees due**

1 — Kick-off of the 2021 FoKFP Life in the Park Photo Competition, visit our website for details

4 — First Call for Winter 2021 Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

9 — Holiday Decorated Kinder Farmhouse Museum is open to the public, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

13 — FoKFP Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Visitors Center Harvest Hall (early membership renewal drawing)

19 — KFP Quilters Guild meeting in the Visitors Center from 1:00 -3:00 PM

20 — First FoKFP Historical Society Meeting for 2020 at 4:00 PM at Kinder Farmhouse

20 — Jingle Bell Hayride Follow-up Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room

22 — Deadline for the Winter Newsletter articles, email articles to mike_lowman@verizon.net

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**Q. What do you get if you cross a lamb and a rocket?**

**A. Space Sheep!**
**Business Community Support**
The Friends of Kinder Farm Park would like to encourage our members and friends to support all the businesses and organizations featured in this publication to show appreciation for the various types of support provided to our organization and Kinder Farm Park. In addition to the advertisements from

- Dr. Brian Vaile P.A. on page 2
- Alexander’s Animal Hospital on page 4

The following businesses offer a discount on your purchases with your Friends of Kinder Farm Park membership card:

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**Interested in Becoming a Sponsor**
There are many ways your business can sponsor the Friends of Kinder Farm Park events and activities. To request an information packet with a Sponsorship application, email:

sponsorship@kinderfarmpark.org

Specify a Subject of "Sponsorship Packet Request" and provide the following information:

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