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President's Note

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Annual Membership Meeting Set for May 21

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Moyaone Association Annual Membership Meeting at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 21, at the Wagner Community Center (2311 Bryan Point Rd.). We'll be electing officers, reporting on finances and Association issues, and enjoying a wine and cheese social following the meeting.

New Comptroller Appointed

Eric Hyten, who has been our Comptroller for the last 21 months, and his family are moving to the New York City area. As such, Eric has submitted his resignation from his position on the Moyaone Board. We thank Eric for his service and wish him and his family the best of luck in their new adventures.

The Board has appointed Jamie Kucab as the interim Comptroller. Jamie and his wife Christine moved to the Moyaone Reserve two years ago. Originally from Michigan, Jamie has lived in the DC area on-and-off since 2002. He works as a patent examiner for the US Patent and Trademark Office and was previously a flight test engineer for Bell Helicopter at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Jamie loves walking in the Moyaone woods and lives in the Auburn area with his wife Christine, dog Broccoli, and cats Horus and Tannenbaum. We are thrilled to have Jamie on the Board in the role of Comptroller.

Invoices for Dues Sent Out

Invoices for dues were sent out via email earlier this year. Hard-copy invoices have now been mailed to folks for whom we don't have a valid email address. If you did not receive an invoice via email please send an email to moyaonecomptroller@gmail.com with your name and property address so we can update our records.

With the snowy winter, equipment repairs, and ongoing road maintenance we need everyone to do their part supporting our community infrastructure. Please pay your dues promptly and remember that you can pay online at <http://www.moyaone.org/pay>.

Moyaone Association Board

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Date for First Moyaone Beer Tasting Moved to April 9

**Saturday, April 9, 7-9 pm
Wagner Community Center,
2311 Bryan Point Rd.,
Accokeek**

The date for the First Moyaone Beer Tasting has changed to April 9. But, never fear, all else remains the same. The same wonderful variety of beers crafted by our own brew masters will be available. You will sample stouts, lagers, porters and pilsners, and get to talk with the brew masters about techniques and equipment.

Cost: \$10 per adult. Water and soft drinks will also be available, and snacks will be provided. All proceeds will go to continuing improvements to the Moyaone Community Center. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Mary Lee Phelps at mlgp42@msn.com.



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Gordon Dean Watts

Gordon Dean Watts of 1145 Overlook Drive, Accokeek, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016. He was 87 years old. Until his last few days, when asked how he was, he'd reliably reply: "Pretty good for a young feller."

Gordon was a Moyaone pioneer. He and soon-to-be-wife Eileen bought their lot in 1960. They proudly built their log cabin kit home with the help of friends over a 16-month period. In December 1965, they moved in with their 2-year-old daughter Kirsten, and newborn daughter Erin. They later welcomed the birth of sons Brendan (1967) and Ian (1969).

Gordon was a native of Laconia, New Hampshire, and would readily tell stories of a remarkable childhood there. He served in the U.S. Army immediately after WWII. While enlisted, he worked as an X-ray technician in Georgia.

After being honorably discharged, he obtained a job as a sur-

veyor and worked "in the field" on contour mapping in various parts of the Northeast. With the U.S. Geological Survey, he also worked on topographic mapping in Turkey and could tell many stories about his time there.

After several years with USGS, he took a job as a civilian with the Naval Oceanographic Office where he worked on ocean floor mapping. He was fond of saying that he spent more time at sea than many sailors. On shore leave from his various assignments, he also visited many foreign countries. After proposing to Eileen, they arranged to be married in Zurich, Switzerland in October 1962.

When NAVOCEANO was relocated in 1976, Gordon chose to retire early rather than move to Mississippi. He returned to work a few years later at the Naval Sea Systems Command, where he completed his federal career. In that position, he helped design and oversee construction of a new ocean survey vessel. This was one of the last ships to be built by Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore.

Gordon was a man of many hobbies and interests. A child of the Depression, nothing could be thrown away, and many salvaged bits and pieces were given new life in the repair or creation of his own designs. At various times, he was actively involved in letterpress printing, auto mechanics, pottery, welding, and many, many other pursuits—including a fervent interest in feeding and monitoring hummingbirds.

Among his great interests was a life-long love of swimming. He actively competed in the Maryland Senior Olympics where he won gold medals each year in many events—the most recent round in 2014. He was very involved with the Accokeek Swim Team—first as a parent, and later as a volunteer timer.

He contributed many years of service to the Moyaone Association in various capacities, and particularly the Moyaone Community Pool. He was generous with his time and could fix almost anything.

He was also very proud of the fact that he had donated over 10 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years—Eileen; his daughter Kirsten and her husband Shane LaBrake of Accokeek; daughter Erin and her two sons Nathan and Dylan, of Baltimore; his son Brendan and granddaughter Sydney of Accokeek, and grandson Kyle of Lincoln Park, MI; and son Ian and his wife Tanya Bub, and their children Anouk and Arlo of Victoria, British Columbia.

A memorial service is being planned for this summer.

If you wish to honor Gordon with a donation, please consider giving blood to the Red Cross, or give freely of your time to an organization that you love.

Events at the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Theater in the Woods—Hard Bargain Players Announce 2016 Season

The Hard Bargain Players are pleased to announce the 2016 season. There will be something for everyone! This year Sunday matinees for the September show “Bambi: A Life in the Woods” have been added.

The Players always welcome volunteers to help in many capacities, e.g., show support (on stage, off stage, behind stage), sell the refreshments on the night of performance, and much more. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the performing arts program in the woods at Hard Bargain Farm. Contact Michael Margelos (mjmargelos@gmail.com) or Doris Sharp (dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org). Visit www.hbplayers.org for play synopses, audition announcements, and other details.

June 10–25. *Grimm Fairy Tales Spectaculathon*, by Don Zolidis. Directed by Trey Thomas.

August 12–27. *Radio Golf*, by August Wilson. Directed by Terry Spann.

September 16–25 (Sunday matinees). *Bambi: A Life in the Woods*. Adapted by James DeVita. Based on the story “Bambi” by Felix Salten. Directed by Melissa Ball.

October 7–22. *The Birds*, by Conor McPherson. Based on the short story by Daphne du Maurier. Directed by Michael Margelos.



(top) Alice Ferguson Foundation farmhouse, hung with wisteria.

(below) Lona Carlson Powell painting a watercolor of the farmhouse.

AFF Spring Farm Festival

Saturday, May 7, 11 am–4 pm

Bring friends and family and enjoy a fun day at the Alice Ferguson Foundation’s Hard Bargain Farm. We will have a plant sale, farm products for sale, live music, arts and crafts, hayrides to the Potomac, cow milking, blacksmithing demonstration, kids’ activities and much more. Admission is \$5 per car.

Would you like to show off and sell your arts and crafts? We still have some spaces open! Setup fee is \$25. Contact Doris Sharp (dsharp@fergusonfoundation.org) or Brenda Wright (bwright@fergusonfoundation.org).

Hard Bargain Players Audition Announcement

The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine all 209 stories ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel to more bizarre, obscure stories like The Devil’s Grandmother and The Girl Without Hands. A wild, free-form comedy with lots of audience participation and madcap fun.

Audition dates

Thursday, March 24, 7–9 pm

Saturday, March 26, 11 am–2 pm

Call Backs

Saturday, April 2, 11 am

Auditions: Alice Ferguson Foundation Amphitheater, 2001 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek. Please come prepared for cold readings, improvisation and movement exercises. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm, June 10–25.

Joan & Joni at Homegrown Coffeehouse, Sat., April 23

Opening the evening: Ruut

Homegrown Coffeehouse, Adult Education Bldg., National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Rd. Doors open at 6 pm. Opening act, 7:15–7:45 pm. Main act, 8–10 pm. Admission: \$12. More info: 240-305-0876. Light fare available: homemade soups, bread and cheese (served 6–7:30 pm); desserts, tea, and coffee (all evening).



Photo: Joe Jenelle.

Joan & Joni is a tribute to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell performed by singer/songwriters Allison Shapira and Kipyn Martin. In *Joan & Joni*, Allison and Kipyn bring to the stage many of Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell's well-known originals and folk songs, as well as a few hidden gems. They also highlight the impact these legendary women have had on their own songwriting and performance. Bios: Kipyn Martin is an award-winning Americana singer/songwriter whose roots sink into the banks of the Shenandoah River. Allison Shapira is a recovering opera singer from Boston who recently found her authentic voice as a folksinger

and songwriter. More at: www.JoanandJoni.com

Ruut. Opening the evening will be the talented songwriter Ruut. Hailing from the northern country of Finland, Ruut has journeyed far and wide in search of her authentic sound. A natural-born songwriter, her 2013 release, "The Steinway Sessions," has received numerous outstanding reviews, and Ruut's fan base is quickly growing as she tours nearby her hometown of Baltimore with her band. Ruut has been called "a star" by NPR's Kurt Andersen and has supported international acts, such as Passenger, Stu Larsen, Hem, Trevor Hall, Brett Dennen, Kat Edmonson, Slaid Cleaves and Sixpence None the Richer. More at: www.RuutMusic.com

Music at Mt. Aventine, Sunday, May 1

Chapman State Park–Mt. Aventine, 3:30 pm. Lynn Hollyfield performs with Steve Wolf. Admission: Free. 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD.



2016 Moyaone Homes Tour to be Held on April 30

The 6th Moyaone Homes Tour will be held on Saturday, April 30 (rain date, May 1), 1 pm to 5 pm. Plan to enjoy eight unique and delightful homes and gardens. The Moyaone Reserve contains a treasure of diverse architectural styles and beautiful landscapes. You will wander from the historical home at the Accokeek Foundation through lovely and diverse residences including the Living Building at the Hard Bargain Farm. The tour will end at the Moyaone Community Center with a wine and cheese social and auction.

Registration and sign-in will be held at the Accokeek Foundation Visitor's Center, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

Wine and Cheese Social and Auction, 5 pm to 7 pm, Wagner Community Center, 2311 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek.

The cost is \$20 per person when prepaid before March 30; \$25 per person after March 30. To register early go to the Moyaone Association Web Page at www.moyaone.org/homestour.

Hearing on Fracking April 12

—Judy Allen-Leventhal

CB-003-2016, the proposed bill to ban fracking in Prince George's County passed unanimously out of the zoning committee February 17. Later the bill was introduced to the full Prince George's County Council. The next (and hopefully final) step in the process is a hearing and vote by the full county council on Tuesday, April 12, at 11 am at the County Administration building in Upper Marlboro (14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr.). Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the hearing to show support for this important initiative.

CUSTOM CSA Now Accepting Members

Prickly Pear Produce is a small sustainable farm in Bryans Road, MD, growing vegetables, some fruits, herbs, and flowers.

Our 2016 CSA (community-supported agriculture) is open for new members. Support local food in your community!

The cost is \$560 for 20 weeks of produce, and local pickup location is on-farm. The CSA season starts in June.

For more information, or to sign up, please email pricklypear-produce@gmail.com or visit www.pricklypearproduce.com.



Springtime at the Accokeek Foundation

The Accokeek Foundation (AF) at Piscataway Park is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. For more information on events listed on this page, call **301-283-2113** or visit the website (www.accokeekfoundation.org).

Visit Your Neighbor Farms this Spring!

The National Colonial Farm site and Visitor Center is open for the 2016 season. Visitors are able to meander through the colonial site and stop in at the Visitor Center for fresh-from-the-farm eggs and other goods. Weekend interpretation returns on Saturday, April 9 with the opening of Underspace! an immersive, glow-in-the-dark exhibit that reveals what most people take for granted—the intricate web of life that resides in healthy soil.

Be sure to visit your neighbor farm this spring and meet the newest additions to the barnyard, learn from our past to save the future, or just to stop by and say hello to the Accokeek Foundation staff working hard to ensure that Piscataway Park and all of its amenities are open daily and free for all to enjoy!

Out and About in Accokeek:

Kids' Passport to Maryland History at the Accokeek Library
Sat., March 19, 11 am–3 pm

Travel through Maryland history with crafts and activities for school-aged children. Fill up your “passport” and earn a Maryland Junior Historian certificate! This drop-in event is open from 11 am to 3 pm. Special appearance by the Piscataway Indian Nation from 1 to 2 pm.

Crafts and activities provided by:

Accokeek Foundation / National Colonial Farm

Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, PG County Chapter

Archaeology Program, M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation

First Maryland Regiment

Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum

Maryland Milestones / Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.

Maryland Room Special Collection Library, PGCMLS Hyattsville Branch

National Park Service

Patuxent River Park

Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center

Surratt House Museum, M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation

Lattes with Lambs Sat., April 2, 10 am–2 pm

Spring has sprung at Accokeek! Join the Accokeek Foundation (AF) for its spring opening event, Lattes with Lambs. This popular event features barnyard visits to meet our newly born heritage breed lambs and calves, games, sheep shearing, wool processing, cheese and butter making, and hayrides. General admission is \$5 per person; AF members and children under 2 are free. Hot beverages, soup, and breakfast treats served at additional cost.

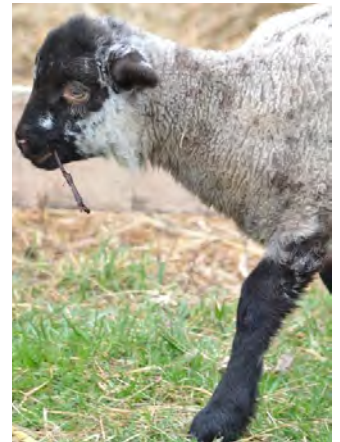


Photo: Accokeek Foundation

Stitch 'n Time Spring Cleaning Sat., April 9, 1–4 pm

Spring shearing is just around the corner, so we'll be getting ready for the new fleeces during April's “Spring Cleaning” meeting. Volunteers will be inventorying wool, equipment, and finished products, as well as helping us prepare products for sale in the Visitor's Center. E-mail volunteers@accokeek.org to register.

Underspace!: The Science of Soil Opens Sat., April 9, 11 am–3 pm

Ever wonder what it would be like to be able to shrink yourself to the size of a mole and travel beneath the soil to explore a magical world beneath your feet? Accokeek Foundation presents “Underspace! The Science of Soil,” an interactive, free family-friendly experience that connects the current-day importance of healthy soil to our colonial past. Opening day is Sat., April 9 and will include crafts and additional activities for families, scouts and interested gardeners. “Underspace” is the first of four new interactive experiences in our Green History Weekend series.

28th Annual Potomac River Watershed

Clean-up Sat., April 16, 10 am–1 pm

Volunteers are needed to pitch in and pick up at this year's 28th Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-up. Register today and help us make the Potomac trash free. http://accokeek-foundation.org/event/28th-annual-potomac-river-watershed-clean-up/?utm_source=March+eNews+2016&utm_campaign=March+2016+News&utm_medium=email

Homeschool Day: Breed All About It! Wed., April 20, 1–3 pm

Calling all homeschoolers (and parents!). Get up-close and personal with our baby lambs and calves as you learn about how we raise our animals the green way. Get chickeny with our chickens, make some butter, and follow wool as it becomes a fuzzy scarf. This day is all about animals! Contact MaryAlice for reservations (mbonomo@accokeek.org).