

# THE RED BARN REPORT

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

The Museum offers a wide variety of educational programs based on The Virginia Standards of Learning. Contact our Education Coordinator at 804.761.5952 to schedule a field trip for your class or group.

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## H A L L O W E E N A T T H E B I G R E D B A R N

The Farm Museum will host a Children's Festival on Saturday October 31st from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the museum in Heathsville. There will be pumpkin decorating, carnival games, costume contest, Trick or Treating, story time, pony rides, farm animals, A FUN DAY FOR ALL !

\$5.00 admission includes all games and activities, including an opportunity to tour the museum.

There will be food and refreshments available for purchase. The festival will be followed by our annual meeting. All members are invited to attend.

## L O C A L S T U D E N T S V I S I T M U S E U M



May was a busy month at the Farm Museum for Northumberland County Elementary students. Children from both first and third grade spent a day on the farm. Students had lots of fun and the opportunity to learn more about the topics they studied this year. Third graders were able to investigate the use of simple machines on the farm, take an in depth look at soils, and learned about the various jobs a farmer has during the different seasons. First graders were busy learning about weather, goods and services and how food travels from the farm to our table.

GETTING TO KNOW NNFM BOARD  
MEMBERS: CRAIG GIESE & JOHN JENKINS

1. Which county do you live in?

Craig: Lancaster County

John: Westmoreland County

2. What was the last movie you saw? What is your Favorite Movie?

Craig: Valkyrie, Animal House and Caddyshack

John: Too long ago to remember, The Sound of Music

3. What are your Hobbies?

Craig: Playing golf and playing practical jokes on my friends.

John: Farming, crabbing, fishing, NNFM and family history.

4. Do you have any children? Any Pets?

Craig: One daughter, Madison. A dog named Chloe, a cat named Boo-Boo, a rooster and a hen.

John: Two children— Beth (daughter) & Mike live in Raleigh with 3 year old Katie. Johnny (son) & Renee live in King George with 2 boys ages 11 and 13. We have one old cat named Smokey and 1 old dog on loan from Raleigh.

5. What is one thing you cannot live without? Why?

Craig: Laughter— I believe it is the best medicine in the world.

John: I grew up on the farm. I took over farming when my father couldn't do it anymore. Even though I live at Potomac Beach now, I still need to go to the farm in Montross as often as I can to keep my sanity.

6. What is the one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

Craig: I was quiet during my school years.

John: How generous I am with my time! I love doing things for other people.

7. What is the best thing about NNFM?

Craig: The great support of many people in our communities that have helped get the museum to this point, this fast.

John: My father always wanted a museum built to show the younger generation what farming was like back in the old days with and without tractors. He started his collection of farming antiques back in 1963, and I am honored to be able to put some of his collections in the NNFM—It's strange how things come full circle.

8. If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go? Why?

Craig: Charlotte Motor Speedway to do the Richard Petty Driving Experience. I have always wanted to drive a race car at high speeds.

John: Back to Alaska —we went there in 2006, the scenic views, wild animals, beautiful flowers and glaciers were just breathtaking!

9. If you could have lunch with anyone who would it be? Why?

Craig: Joe Gibbs, I admire him for his football and racing accomplishments and even more for his strong faith convictions.

John: Sarah Palin, she seems to be a person who could relate to anyone without trying to show off what and who she is. Her way of life is no different from our lives (politics aside), as she talks about her family life in Alaska and about fishing, hunting and boating. Well, maybe the animals and guns are a bit larger.

10. What is a date on your calendar that you are looking forward to? Why?

Craig: September 20, 2009, opening home football game for Washington Redskins.

John: Crab season 2010. I am hoping that next year's season will bring more crabs back into the river. I enjoy cooking them and sharing with my family and friends.

11. What is your favorite food to cook?

Craig: Popcorn shrimp from the box. My cooking skills are limited.

John: Rum cake.

12. What is your favorite meal?

Craig: Shrimp, scallops, baked potato, Cole slaw, salad and cherry cheesecake.

John: Breakfast-Lunch-Dinner. I've had to cut back a little with getting older.

13. Who is your hero? Why?

Craig: My parents. I admire the things that they have accomplished during their lifetime. In addition, they had the difficult task of raising me.

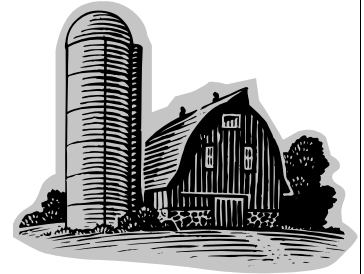
John: Clint Eastwood in his movies. He is straight to the point and doesn't take any "STUFF" off anyone.

## *Museum hosts Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop*

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, teachers from both the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula gathered at Rappahannock Community College for an "Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop" sponsored by The Northern Neck Farm Museum and Rappahannock Community College Workforce Development. Teachers spent the day participating in creative Virginia Standards of Learning based activities that they can use in their classroom to help students learn about the importance of agriculture. The Northern Neck Farm Museum is planning their second Agriculture in the Classroom Workshop for the area in October, for more details contact the Farm Museum at 804.761.5952.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We are in need of community members that are able to volunteer to participate in our school trips to the museum. If you are able to help out by spending a day assisting with local school trips, please contact the museum at 804.761.5952. We are also in need of volunteers for our "Farm Hands Program" to staff the museum from April through October on Saturdays and Sundays only. If you are interested in working at the museum on one of our open Saturdays or Sundays or helping from home, please contact us.



## **EVENT RENTAL**

Planning a group function or party? The Northern Neck Farm Museum is now available for your events. Contact the museum for more information on scheduling your next event

## **NEEDED DONATIONS FOR FIELD TRIPS**

The Museum is in need of a few items to assist in our field trip programs. Currently we are looking for: dry erase boards, large easels, bulletin boards, folding tables, tents or canopies and folding chairs.

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F U N D A C C O U N T O P E N S ~

**Hours of Operation:**

**The Museum will be open  
April through October  
Saturdays 10-2 and  
Sundays 1-4.**

**Admission:**

**Adults, \$2.00**

**Children, \$1.00**

**Children under 6, Free**

**\*Family Memberships are  
available**

The Directors of the Farm Museum have opened a bank account for contributions to the construction of the museum building. This new building will replace the "Red Barn" which will then be used for renovations and storage. We are not ready to begin a formal campaign, but we have already received contributions made for the building fund and decided to open a specific account for that purpose. Please feel free to make special donations to this fund at any time, but rest assured you will be contacted when we begin our formal campaign. It is because of our generous members that we have been able to do so much in such a short period of time.

Thank you for making the museum possible!!!

Bonnie Chandler, Chairman of the Board of Directors