Welcome to Fauquier County
the beautiful gateway to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

We are pleased to share our rich agricultural heritage with you on this award-winning Farm Tour. The refreshments, sounds and activities are sure to bring back fond memories…or create new ones to share and cherish.

The farm stops on the tour are clearly marked with Farm Tour signs and may be visited in any order. Scheduling of special activities, demonstrations and refreshments and other items for sale are noted.

This year each farm’s story will be told with interpretive tours about the land, the techniques, the products, and the art and science of farming.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend - rain or shine - “down on the farm” in Fauquier County!

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Visit the Fauquier County Agricultural Development Department web site:

www.FauquierAg.com

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Fauquier County Agricultural Development Department

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Fun for the entire family!

October 13, 2012
10AM TO 5PM
Interpretive Tours at Every Stop

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ATTENTION: Farm animals may carry contagious disease. Please remember to wash hands after contact with animals. Persons particularly susceptible to infectious diseases may wish to consult with their physicians regarding recommended precautions.

No Smoking or Pets Permitted. Thank you.
But don’t forget to bring your camera!
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Enjoy a wonderful weekend - rain or shine - and be sure to bring your camera to capture all the highlights of the tour. You will experience the natural beauty of the countryside, the charm of the country life, and the joy of being close to nature. This is a great opportunity to learn more about sustainable farming practices and the importance of protecting the environment. So come and join us for a day filled with fun and education. We look forward to seeing you at the farm tours and hope you have a wonderful time! - The Fauquier County Agricultural Development Department

**October 13, 2012**

**Over the Grass Farm**

**CONTACT:** Ben Rogers, (540) 592-3981 3619 Bokely Rd. Upperville, VA 20184

Directions: From Middleburg - take Rt. 50 west approximately 8 miles. Turn right on Rt. 623 (Rocky Rd.) and go approximately 1/2 mile to South Gate entrance on left (watch for sign).

Heronwood Farm is comprised of nearly 600 acres and is home to the original Grafton Farm. On this property is the Upper Valley Colt and Horse show grounds. The oldest horse show in the country, which originated in 1853 attracting 1200 horses and 30,000 spectators during the week long show. Heronwood Farm was a world renowned Thoroughbred breeding operation for over sixty years. The foundation herd sprang from and sire “Hallucine” and Broodmare of the Year “Kambur” were both from Heronwood’s breeding program. Today, Heronwood boards polo horses and raises a herd of 30 Alpaca. A highlight at Heronwood is the Wearing Barn. “This Horse Barn redefined the Horse Barn” as stated in the book “Ultimate Horse Barns” by Randy Leffingwell. The barn will be full of beautiful horses for this tour. Have your camera ready for the colorful herd of Alpaca originating from Peru, Bolivia and Chile. Enjoy your picnic lunch overlooking the pond and fountain while watching the swans by. We will have a hand spinner on site spinning our wonderful Alpaca fiber into yarn and there will be beautiful finished products made from the Fiber available for purchase.

**Middleburg Agricultural Research & Extension (MARE) Center**

**CONTACT:** Sha Parr, (540) 687-3521 ext 27 5527 Sullivan Mill Rd. Middleburg, VA 20117

www.eqine.vt.edu

Directions: From Interstate 495 - West on I-66, then follow directions below from I-66.

From Interstate 66 - Exit 31, then north on Rt. 245 to The Plains. Turn right (east) on Rt. 55, half block to left (north) on Rt. 626. Drive for 7 miles, then turn right on Rt. 807/ Sullivan Mill Road.

From Route 50 - On west side of Middleburg, turn south on Rt. 626 for 0.9 miles. Turn left at current, Rt. 807/Sullivan Mill Rd.

Situated in the heart of Virginia’s horse country, the Middleburg Agricultural Research & Extension (MARE) Center is one of Virginia Tech’s 12 AREC’s. The center, which is a hub for research and education, was founded in 1957. Today, the center is home to a variety of research programs and educational initiatives. From beef cattle research to plant science, the center is a hub for innovation and discovery.

**Kinloch Farm**

**CONTACT:** Kevin Jennings, (540) 253-3341 3313 Hopewell Rd. The Plains, VA 20198

Directions: From the town of The Plains, at the BP gas station, drive north on Rt. 626 (Leesburg Ave). Just after crossing the railroad tracks in town, turn right on to Rt. 601 (Hopewell Rd). Travel about 3 miles on Hopewell Rd, the farm’s entrance is on the right.

Historic Kinloch Farm has been owned and operated by the Carver family since 1980. The farm has 200 Black Angus cattle grazing on 750 acres of open pasture. Kinloch prides itself in the use of humane and natural farming methods as well as sustainable land management practices. In addition to their grass-finished cattle, the farm has programs to improve wildlife habitats, restore native grasses, encourage pollinators and manage invasive plant species. The Virginia Department of Conservation recently honored Kinloch Farm as the Potomac River Basin’s Grand Winner of the Clean Water Farm Award for the State of Virginia for their many conservation practices.

Come join us and see how Kinloch Farm has brought back to life the world-famous Board of Alderfer 8. Hayrides will take place throughout the day to showcase conservation practices with the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District. Come learn about pollinators and why they are so vital to our food supply at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. After each pollinator session, kids will be able to make their own pollinator craft. Master Gardeners will be on site to show “Edible Weeds” and how to make the most of your yard’s green infrastructure. If it’s raining, our indoor educational programs will be on display.

**Over The Grass Farm**

**CONTACT:** Lacy Warner, (540) 253-5228 6845 Rock Hill Mill Rd The Plains, VA 20198

Directions: From the South - From Route 50 take Zulla Rd (Rt. 709) for 3.1 miles then right onto Rock Hill Mill Rd.

From the North - From Route 50 take Zulla Rd (Rt. 709) for 4.9 miles then left onto Rock Hill Mill Rd. Farm will be on the right.

Over the Grass Farm is host to a variety of farm attractions and activities. Come join us and see how Over the Grass Farm has brought back to life the world-famous Board of Alderfer 8. Wool spinning demonstrations will take place from 10am to 2pm. Milking demonstrations of our dairy cows will begin at 3:30. A very healthy lunch will be served from 10:30am to 3pm.

Lunch will include grass fed and finished hamburgers and lamb sausage, homegrown salad greens, milk, white and Whole milk, fresh fruit, and slices of bread. Products available for sale will include free range eggs, raw honey, homegrown lettuces and vegetables, and a selection of cuts of our grass fed and finished beef and lamb. You may also inquire about our horseriding program and cow share program (for raw milk).
Enjoy the kid-sized corn maze. Learn about agriculture in Northern Virginia.

Learn how farmers use irrigation, plastic-mulch, and mesh-ground cloth in flower and vegetable production. Speak with wheel of farm and garden equipment. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and drinks provided by local high-school FFA members.

Meet and speak with local experts who can show and demonstrate sustainable farm practices. Sit at the painting. Enjoy the Ashland Bassets’ hunt demonstration from 12 - 1PM. Children will enjoy friendly farm animals and pumpkin trebuchet (catapult). Come out and launch a pumpkin for a good cause. If you’re not a pumpkin launcher, method demonstrations, classroom instruction, intern opportunities, mentoring, and hands-on learning. Moreover, the farm supports government agencies. It serves Fauquier and its neighboring counties by promoting agriculture and agriculture education using best-practices.

The Smith family of Avalon Farm has a long history in sustaining farming in the northern piedmont. The family, founders of Smith and Coffey families invite you to join them in experiencing this beautiful example of Fauquier County agriculture.

The Smith family has farmed Avalon Farm since 1978. They raise and sell Black Angus cattle on the commercial market, which have fed naturally from grass and hay that come from the farm. You will be able to take a hayride from the adjacent Buckland Farm Market down to Avalon’s barn and see the cattle and calves on this beautiful working farm. The Smith’s commitment to agriculture and their cooperative working relationship with Buckland Farm Market is intended to keep this farm intact, viable and productive into the future. The Smith’s and Coffey families invite you to join them in experiencing this beautiful working farm.

Avalon Farm & Buckland Farm Market

Avalon Farm - Bטרain Hill-Smith, (540) 347-4444, Betsmithryntaat@aol.com

Buckland Farm Market – Bill Coffey, (540) 341-4739

4448 Lee Highway, Warrenton, VA 20887, www.bucklandfarmmarket.com

Directions: From Warrenton, travel north on Route 15/29, through traffic signal at Rt. 600. Just past Battlefield Baptist Church, make a U-turn at the left-turn lane. Market entrance will be on right, look for Farm Tour Signs. From areas north: travel south on Route 15/29, look for “Welcome to Fauquier County” signs.

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Buckland Farm Market has 4-acre Corn Maze, apples, pumpkins, and freshly-pressed cider. Hayrides and farm animals add to the Fall Festival fun. Our huge slide, swings and airplane teeter-totter will guarantee a good time. We will have chicken salad sandwiches and other treats.

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1. Randolph Embrey – Antique Farm Equipment Museum


Directions: From Marshall, take Rectortown Road to Rectortown, about 4 miles. Turn left at Madison Road; the museum is ¼ mile on the right. See a bit of our agricultural heritage at this wonderful museum of horse drawn farm equipment and early American tools.

2. Chetwood Park

CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Seager, (540) 253-7715, 5403 O’Bannon Road, The Plains, VA 20198

Directions: From Warrenton - take Route 17 north towards Marshall. After the Warrenton by-pass, proceed approximately 5.6 miles and turn right on to O’Bannon Road. Follow for approximately 1.5 miles to Chetwood Park entrance (large stone gateposts). From northern VA – take I-66 west to The Plains, Exit 31. Turn left off the exit ramp onto Route 245 and proceed 1.3 miles; turn left at Mt. Eecentric Road. Proceed to stop sign and make a right onto O’Bannon Road. Follow for approximately 1½ miles to Chetwood Park entrance (large stone gateposts).

Visit beautiful and historic Chetwood Park (buildings circa 1762) for an unforgettable trip into the international world of polo, horses and gracious life on a working 600+ acre farm. There is a regulation-size grass polo field as well as an arena polo enclosure where polo demonstrations will be held from Noon until 3PM. Lunch will be available in the arena polo pavilion.

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