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June Newsletter 2017

Moving and Rebuilding a Farm Bake Oven.



Are you feeling strong or just want to be helpful? We're looking for a "few good men"....or gals, too...to help with a special project on Saturday, June 17th. We've known for years that the historic Dreibelbis farm once had a bake oven. You know the type, one of those free-standing stone, brick, and soil constructions so necessary to bake bread for a large farm family. Sadly, we never knew the original location of such a feature at our farm and no photographs of such a bake

oven have turned up. Now, a wonderful opportunity has come our way. The Wayne and Linda Wanner farm along Rte. 222 near Moselem Springs is about to be torn down and it has an old bake oven. The owners have offered Mark whatever he wants and can haul away!

Can you help? We'll gather at 8 AM at the historic Dreibelbis Farm near Virginville. If you'll be coming later, call Mark for more detailed directions. We'll provide shovels, digging bars, picks, and trailers. For folks staying over the noon hour, we'll gladly host a simple lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves, if you have them.



This work project requires a bit of advanced planning and preparation. We'll have to gather tools, supplies, and prepare food. That's why we're asking folks to let us know if they're coming. Give Mark a call at 610-488-7896.

You don't have to stay all day. You don't have to come early or stay until "quitting time." Give us whatever time you can. **Just let us know your plans by Thursday, June 15th, so we can be ready for you.**

The Historic Dreibelbis Farm is located on Route 143 south of the village of Virginville. GPS Address: 356 Hard Hill Road, Hamburg, PA. Our mission is to preserve and protect the historic Dreibelbis farm and to make it available to the public for educational, historical, and environmental purposes. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted.

Just a reminder: we're still collecting receipts from Redner's Markets. Berks County friends are supporting the historic farm are by sending us their receipts from Redner's Markets. The store donates 1% of those total sales to DFHS. If you would like to participate, sign up at any Redner's Grocery Store for a Redner's Rewards Card and use it whenever you purchase anything at Redner's. Save your receipts and send them to our treasurer at 140 Valley Rd., Hamburg, PA 19526.

No, you didn't miss the 2017 Wildflower Walk !

One of our favorite DFHS functions over the last few years has been the Wildflower/Wetlands walk. We expected to host one this springtime, but other pressing responsibilities ate up time and attention. The wetlands are still wet and Mother Nature sure is keeping us on the wild side, but we've missed our traditional spring timing.

Here's our alternate idea: instead of looking at the same spring-season wildflowers as in past years, we'll hold an early evening summertime stroll through the meadows and wetlands to see what's growing. Check your email for a date and time!

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

We're participating in this program that helps non-profit organizations and saves shoppers money, too. At our events we'll sell \$5 discount shopping passes that are good for 25% off almost all purchases during Friends Helping Friends Day, October 17th. 100% of the tickets we sell will go directly to Dreibelbis Farm Historical Society. You can buy tickets or arrange to sell them by calling Nancy Dresher at 610-562-3794.

Give Mark a call if you can lend some muscle for the bake oven. If you have questions, please contact Mark Dreibelbis at 610-488-7896.