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Spring Newsletter 2017

Extended Earth Day Clean-Up at the Farm.



Earth Day and Volunteer Week are just past on the calendar, but we'll do our part on Saturday, May 6th. At the historic Dreibelbis Farm we'll be spending the day doing outdoor and "in-house" clean up jobs. Starting at 8:30 AM and quitting about 4:30 PM, we'll tackle things like: picking up windblown sticks around the yard, lanes and barnyard; airing out the house and dusting furniture and woodwork; picking up trash along the Nature Trail; raking and filling in ruts in the

farm lane; maybe even sweeping out the barn. Other jobs to be done include assembling wooden benches, hanging barn gutters, chain-sawing trees, painting, a small electrical wiring project, and weeding the flower gardens. For folks staying over the noon hour, we'll gladly host a simple lunch.

Our work day requires 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 Wednesday, May 3rd so we can be ready for you.** We'll have all the supplies for the clean up. You bring the elbow grease and good will.

Wish List

- Electrical— wire of all gauges, service panel, conduit.
- Shop Vac to be used in the barn.
- Fasteners— screws, nails, bolts, nuts, washers.
- Farm-type maintenance items you'd love to get rid of.... Mark says he'll take just about anything and find a good use for it.

Donations may be tax-deductible. We can arrange for pickup. If you have any questions about donating items not on the list, please contact us.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

The DFHS functions exclusively through the efforts of volunteers. We have no paid staff. Who would be a likely volunteer? Anyone who has a strong desire to preserve farmland and open spaces, a strong interest in history, a connection to farming, a love of nature and environmental preservation, or a love of teaching and demonstrating crafts or skills. If you are looking for a worthwhile activity, a great group of people to join, or if you're a skilled craftsman or tradesman who would like to "give back" to the community, we would love to have you join us.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

Once again, we'll be participating in this program that helps non-profit organizations and saves shoppers money, too. At up-coming 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.

Remember to "pre-register. Some jobs may require dry or mild weather. If you have questions, please contact Mark Dreibelbis at 610-488-7896.