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A NEWSLETTER FOR STAFF & RESIDENTS AT OLD SALEM MUSEUMS & GARDENS

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MORE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS PLANNED FOR HALLOWEEN

As the time for jack-o-lanterns, ghosts and goblins approaches, Old Salem Museums & Gardens has planned a number of family-friendly activities for Halloween. A summary of the events follows:

Legends and Lanterns Twilight Tours

The popular Legends and Lanterns Halloween Twilight Tours (*photo above*) are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25, and Tuesday, Oct. 29, between 6-9 p.m. for a 45-60 minute tour, led by a costumed interpreter who will light the way by candle lantern through the historic district.

Tours will visit several haunting stops in the historic district and hear tales of a local ghostly legend, or interact with a person from the past. Visitors might even catch a glimpse of a ghost or two!

Tours will depart from the Frank L. Horton Museum Center (924 S. Main Street) every 15 minutes. Content is suitable for all ages, but does require extensive walking on streets and uneven brick sidewalks. Tour group size is limited.

Because these tours are popular, reservations are encouraged. To make a reservation, call 1-800-441-5305. Tickets for adults are \$20

and \$15 for children. Friends of Old Salem are \$18 and \$13, respectively.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Old Salem's annual Pumpkin Carving Contest for children will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Salem Square (*note new location this year*).

Children will receive a complimentary pumpkin to carve and can enter their creative work in a contest for a chance to win



a prize in several different categories.

After the pumpkins are carved, the children will be asked to display their jack-o-lanterns on the new Salem Square fence, where they will be lighted the following evening for Old Salem's annual Trick or Treat night on South Main Street. Families who want to take their pumpkins home may do so after the Trick or Treat event ends at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Children are asked to bring their own carving knives, and each child must be supervised by an adult. No pets, please.

Halloween Trick or Treat Night

Little spooks (accompanied by their parents or other adults) are invited to participate in Old Salem's Halloween Trick or Treat Night on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (note change in time from last year). At this free event, costumed children can trick or treat for candy at the doors of the historic buildings and retail stores, from the Single Brothers' House (600 South Main Street) to the Frank L. Horton Center (924 South Main Street). Some Old Salem residents who live on that section of South Main (*continued on page 2*)

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Street are invited to participate, too.

For this event, some streets in the historic district will be temporarily closed to traffic, and off-duty police officers will be present to direct traffic and help keep a safe environment. Children are encouraged to wear light-colored costumes and carry a flashlight for safety. No pets, please.

For more information about Halloween events, visit www.oldsalem.org.



HERITAGE BREEDS IN TAVERN BARN—Last Friday, these Shire horses were among the heritage breed animals that spent a day in the Tavern Barn in conjunction with the 2013 Landscape Conference: "Feeding the American South: Heritage Gardening & Farming" Restoring Southern Gardens & Landscapes, 19th Biennial Conference. Other heritage breeds onsite included St. Croix sheep and Java, Dominique and Delaware chickens. Heritage breeds are part of the sustainable agricultural movement. (Photo contributed by Martha Hartley.)



PUMPED UP! SALEM SQUARE PUMP GETS NEW DECKING, REPAIRS

The Salem Square Pump has received a work-out lately by way of comprehensive repairs. Bill Tobiassen, a gifted carpenter with Wilson Covington Construction and a resident of Salem, has lovingly labored to replace the decking of the pump, as well as perform needed repairs on the internal pumping mechanism to improve water flow. In addition, the access platform has been expanded for safer approach to the pump handle.

The work on the pump is just one of several projects underway to keep Salem fit, including ongoing replacement of the fence around the Square.

Next time you're walking by the pump, give it some muscle...and bring your pail!

—Contributed by Robbie King

CELEBRATING PIGS AND PIPPINS

On Saturday, Oct. 19, Old Salem Museums & Gardens will celebrate its annual Harvest Day, which will have a "Pigs and Pippins" theme. Visitors with an All-in-One Ticket can see cider mill and sausage-stuffing demonstrations; watch hearth cooking with pork and apples; enjoy candy apple tastings; make and taste applesauce; and more.

For more information, visit www.oldsalem.org/harvest-day.html.





HORTICULTURE STAFF SUPPORTS THERAPY FOR SPECIAL MISSION

Do you find relaxing or working in your garden a peaceful and therapeutic experience? If so, you are one of many who discover merely visiting a garden a welcome and curative poultice for the soul and the senses! Likewise, The Children's Center (a much honored local school for children with special needs) has applied these therapeutic advantages to a Horticulture Therapy Garden on their Coliseum Drive campus.

JoAnn Yates, a registered horticulture therapist, leads this program for the Children's Center and describes the purpose of this program as "providing an outdoor classroom where students can explore nature and reinforce their physical, cognitive and social skills."

Old Salem has been proud to support this program from its inception with donations of plants, soil and time. Vonnie Hannah, OSMG's Greenhouse and Programs Manager, has worked closely with the Center to provide this support.

Yates makes note that "the mixed perennial borders of the garden (which include a butterfly garden, hummingbird garden and wildlife habitat garden) support nature-based learning by exposing the students to a variety of sensory experiences." Yates adds, "With Old Salem's help and others from the community, the program has been able to expand to meet the needs of its very special students."

While just one of the Horticulture Department's community outreach endeavors, the Children's Center remains one of the most meaningful and

rewarding. On any given day in the Center's garden, one can see children, insects, flowers, and plants having unique experiences together. Nothing could be more heartening than bringing the special qualities of a garden together with the needs of a special collection of children.

For more information about The Children's Center Horticulture Therapy Garden, visit www.thecfec.org.

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'CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON' IS NEXT SATURDAY SEMINAR AT MESDA

On Saturday, Oct. 12, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts will host a Saturday Seminar titled "'Choose Your Weapon!': Use and Manufacture of Weapons in the Early South" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frank L. Horton Museum Center.

Presenters will discuss early southern dueling practices, a newly discovered early Salem longrifle, and the Potter Dragoon sword, an important weapon used in the American Revolution.

The speakers are:

- **Grahame Long**, Curator of History, The Charleston Museum
- **Blake Stevenson**, Manager, Timothy Vogler Gun Shop, Old Salem Museums & Gardens
- **Erik Goldstein**, Curator of Mechanical Arts and Numismatics, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Cost: \$65 / \$55 for Friends of MESDA. (Cost includes all sessions, seminar materials and lunch.)

Registration: Space is limited. Pre-registration is required to ensure a place. To register or to receive a brochure, call 721-7360 or email MESDAPrograms@oldsalem.org.

PUMPKINS HAVE ARRIVED

Heirloom cooking pumpkins, grown in Taylorsville, N.C., can be purchased now at the outdoor Garden Shop at T. Bagge: Merchant.



The price is \$5.99 each.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Through early **August, 2014** — “Specimens of Taste and Industry: Needlework in Salem 1780-1860” exhibit, Blum House (admission with All-in-One Ticket.)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17**, through **Sept. 15, 2014** — Art in Clay: Masterworks of North Carolina Earthenware (an abridged version of the traveling exhibit), Douglas Gallery, Frank L. Horton Museum Center
- **Tuesday, Oct. 1** — “Bonkers for Bulbs” gardening workshop, facilitated by Forsyth County Master Gardener Sharon Johe, noon to 1 p.m., in the Frank L. Horton Museum Center (Free. To preregister, call 721-7357 or email vhannah@oldsalem.org with your name, number attending, workshop title, and your contact information.)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 2** and **Wednesday, Oct. 23** — Science Alive Days for students, “Where History and Science Collide” (Fee.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 5** — Old Salem Cobblestone Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon, behind T. Bagge: Merchant
- **Sunday, Oct. 6** — Salem Band’s Oktoberfest Concert, featuring polkas, swing, jazz, food and vintage car show, 3 p.m., Salem Square (Free)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9** — Old Salem all-staff meeting, 8 to 9 a.m., James A. Gray Jr. Auditorium, Old Salem Visitor Center
- **Saturday, Oct. 12** — Old Salem Cobblestone Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon, behind T. Bagge: Merchant
- **Saturday, Oct. 12** — Fall Herb Harvest Gardening Workshop, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Single Brothers’ Workshop (Free. To preregister, call 721-7357.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 12** — MESDA Saturday Seminar, “Choose Your Weapon’: Use and Manufacture of Weapons in the Early South,” 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Frank L. Horton Museum Center (Fee. See story, page 3.)
- **Monday, Oct. 14** — Columbus Day
- **Oct. 16, 18, 19, 25 and 30** — “Farmer Kater and the Apple Tree” puppet show, Heirloom Puppet Theatre, Frank L. Horton Museum Center. (Fee. Due to Harvest Day programming, the Oct. 19 show times are 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.)
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** — Garden Workshop on “Growing Garlic,” noon to 1 p.m., Frank L. Horton Museum Center. (Free. To preregister, call 721-7357.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 19** — Old Salem Cobblestone Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon, behind T. Bagge: Merchant
- **Saturday, Oct. 19** — Old Salem’s Harvest Day (Admission with All-in-One ticket. See story, page 2.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 19** — Friends of Salem Shopping Day, in stores and online
- **Friday, Oct. 25**, and **Tuesday, Oct. 29** — Halloween Legends and Lanterns Tours, led by Old Salem’s interpretive staff. (Fee. See story, page 1.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 26** — Old Salem Cobblestone Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon, behind T. Bagge: Merchant
- **Saturday, Oct. 26** — Old Salem’s Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Salem Square (free)
- **Sunday, Oct. 27** — Old Salem’s Halloween Trick or Treat Night, 6 to 7:30 p.m., South Main Street (from Single Brothers’ House to Frank L. Horton Museum Center, free)
- **Thursday, Oct. 31** — Halloween Day



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