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### Coming Events:

**Winter Farm Days:**  
February 21, 2009, 10 am  
to 4 pm, Agricultural &  
Industrial Museum, 217  
W. Princess St., York

**Book Discussion:**  
March 2, 2009  
See below for details



### LOOK HERE!

Join us on March 2nd  
at 7 PM at the Kreutz  
Creek Presbyterian  
Church Social Hall as  
we partner with  
Kreutz Creek Library  
for a discussion of  
*Animal, Vegetable,  
Miracle* by Barbara  
Kingsolver.

Horn Farm Center  
members will lead a  
discussion of this de-  
lightfully written book  
(now available in pa-  
perback) by noted  
author Barbara King-  
solver, with contribu-  
tions by her biologist  
husband and two  
daughters. It docu-  
ments the challenges,  
joys and benefits of  
growing, buying and  
eating only local,  
fresh foods for an en-  
tire year.

We will also share a  
tasting of some of the  
delicious seasonal  
recipes included in  
the book.

To register for this  
event, contact the  
Kreutz Creek Library  
at 252.4080 .

# Around The Horn...

## News from the Farm



## Holidays at the Farm

Join the Horn Farm Center for an evening of education and cheer as we celebrate the season with *Holidays at the Farm* on **Friday, December 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm**. The event will explore what the holidays were like in the 19th century and feature a bonfire with storytelling and an overview of historical holiday traditions. Children can help to create ornaments that will feed an array of wild animals and then they will hang their ornaments on the Horn Farm Center's very first Christmas tree. Traditional carols will be sung while guests enjoy hot chocolate, mulled cider and cookies. Next we'll bundle up for wagon rides around the farm. On the rides, local Girl Scouts will lead modern day carols that are sure to appeal to all ages.

Admission is just \$5 per adult and \$2 for children 4-12. Help us end what has been an abso-



lutely fantastic inaugural year for the Horn Farm Center by joining us on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> for some good old-fashioned holiday fun at the Horn Farm. For more information contact 717.757.6441 or info@hornfarmcenter.org.

### *Coming Next Spring!*

## Community Gardens at the Horn Farm

In 2009 the Horn Farm Center will be offering community garden plots for rent.

This is a great opportunity to save \$ by growing your own food!

A 20'x20' plot can be rented for a reasonable amount, with the option to add up to four additional plots per renter.

Garden plots will be open from April 15 through October 15.

If you love gardening and eating good fresh food, but have limited space for growing your own food at home, call the Horn Farm Center at 717.757.6441 now to reserve your garden plot(s) for next year and for more information.

## Local Bounty Feast a Success!



Guests at serving tables helping themselves to local bounty feast.

On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the corn barn at the Horn Farm was bursting with activity. It was a successful day as a sold-out crowd of 100 supporters and

friends gathered to share their interest in the Horn Farm Center and in locally grown and raised food.

The gourmet meal was prepared by Master Chef Drew Barnes. Guests enjoyed dishes of roasted pork loin with persimmon chutney and chicken breast stuffed with wild mushrooms and spinach, all complimented by a wine selection from Moon Dancer Winery. The meal ended with paw-paw bread pudding with vanilla crème anglaise. The best part about this delicious meal was that it consisted of all locally grown food. It was a great way to promote the wholesome food that we have available right here in our area.

State Representative Keith Gillespie emceed the program that featured Doug Kilgore from the PA Dept. of Agriculture as our keynote speaker. The program concluded with toe-tapping entertainment in the bluegrass style of *The Cultivators*.

The silent auction was also a hit as unique items and local “experiences” generated funding for the Horn Farm Center’s future programs.

Many thanks go to the efforts of chairperson, Judy Bono, the Special Events committee, Chef Barnes, event sponsors, auction donors and guests. \$5,000 was raised through this first time event.

## The Most Innovative Small Farm in America

By David E. Gumpert  
(Reprinted from BusinessWeek)

A Virginia farmer is attracting attention with his unconventional farming techniques that emphasize the self-sufficiency of a closed system.

Small farms typically offer quiet pastoral scenes of rolling pastures, grazing animals, weathered barns, and a chicken coop or two.

Polyface Farm, a 550-acre spread in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, is different. The rolling pastures are there all right—but quiet they're not. Each day, men move fences, roll portable henhouses, and redirect cattle from one area to another for grazing. Trees are cut down for lumber and pigs set loose to roll in wood chips and cow ma-

nure to create compost.

It's all part of a plan that the owner, celebrity farmer Joel Salatin, carefully honed over the past 25 years to maximize productivity of his 100 acres of farmland and 450 acres of trees. He says the mobile approach enables him to produce not only much more beef, chicken, pork, and eggs than he could ever have done using conventional farming techniques, but better-tasting and more nutritious products as well.

The goal of the mobile approach is to systematically use the manure from his animals as fertilizer for his pasture, thus reducing his energy and feed costs. It's his secret quality-improvement ingredient. He figures his farm's revenue at about \$3,000 per acre, vs. about

\$150 per acre for typical small and medium-sized farms that emphasize grazing. “We can feed the world with this technology,” says an exuberant Salatin, who has written several books describing his techniques and offers popular weekend seminars to farmers and wannabes.



Polyface Farm, Virginia

## FIRST HORN FARM FUN & GAMES DAY : A WINNER !

October 4<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day and more than 300 guests enjoyed all the festivities and activities this fall event had to offer. Our young visitors participated in Farm Fun Games that combined physical fitness, fun and farming. Thanks to our friends at Unique Physique, youngsters joined events such as a sack race, pumpkin squat and corn shucking. The FFA group from Eastern High School challenged everyone's sense of direction by guiding guests through a straw bale maze.

Throughout the day, visitors learned about agriculture with a series of demonstrations and fun walks. Professional storyteller and local author Judy Wolfman entertained her listeners. The miniature horse, the Nigerian Pygmy goats brought by the Reed family of Felton and the two calves brought by their Dairy Princesses attracted kids of all ages. The variety of crafts taught by the York Art Association artists brought out the creative

side in all of the fair-goers, especially the face painting, the T-shirt, the flower pot and the stone critter painting. Demonstrations of beekeeping, spinning wool, basket making, paper pot making and garlic growing and how to make and maintain a compost bin captivated old and young alike. Senior Girl Scouts made four scarecrows to raffle off as well as demonstrated how to make and dress a scarecrow.

The Corn Crib was transformed into a café and housed an amazing variety of foods: Porky's pulled pork BBQ and sides, freshly popped popcorn, Smitty's soft pretzels, a baked goods table laden with home made goodies to buy, and cider and coffee. And in dozens of decorated brown paper bags packed by a nutritionist, you could count on having a low calorie sandwich, yogurt, carrots and dip, an apple, granola and 100% organic juice. All of this delicious food was available throughout the day. People kept asking, "Will you have this event every year?" The answer was, "Yes, we will."



Youth enjoyed making paper plate masks as one of the activities at Farm Fun & Games Day.



### Quotable Quote:

*What I stand for is what I stand on. -Wendell Berry, farmer, author (b. 1934)*

### HFC WISH LIST

Small tools: hammer, pliers, screwdrivers  
 Aluminum extension ladder  
 Circular saw  
 Shop vacuum  
 Large dust pan  
 Interior paint (neutral color)  
 Ext. cords, surge protectors  
 Watering cans  
 Gardening hand tools  
 Large and small hand trimmers  
 Sledge hammer  
 Garden hose, nozzle and holder  
 Metal or wooden shelving units  
 Free standing interior fans  
 Dehumidifier  
 Electric stove  
 Ductless range hood  
 Mailing supplies: postage, envelopes, mailing labels  
 Copier paper—white& colored  
 Misc. office supplies, paper clips, thumb tacks, staples, rubber bands, pens& pencils  
 2" binders, dividers  
 Sanitary items: paper towels, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, garbage bags  
 Cleaning supplies  
 Paper products, plates, bowls, cups, napkins, plasticware  
 Plastic serving bowls with lids  
 Serving utensils: large spoons, spatulas, tongs, etc.  
 Plastic storage containers  
 Dish towels and dish cloths  
 Plastic plates and cups (reusable)  
 Bath rugs  
 Paper towel holder  
 Gift Cards (Lowes, Staples, Target, etc.)

### Recipe for Bounty Feast Collard Greens

By Chef Andrew Barnes

Yield: 10 servings

2½ lbs collard greens  
 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar  
 1 tbsp malt vinegar  
 1/3 cup brown sugar  
 1½ oz. bacon  
 3 tbsp red onion, julienned

Use a large braising pan (a large flat-bottomed short-walled pan). Put the pan over a high flame and throw a little clarified butter in the pan. When the pan is good and hot, add the onions and bacon and saute´ them until the onions start to turn translucent, about 3 minutes. Reduce the heat and add the collard greens which have been rough chopped. When all the greens have been added, add the vinegar and brown sugar, and simmer until greens have totally wilted. Serve hot.

### PA House Adopts Resolution for HFC

Introduced by State Representative Keith Gillespie and others, the Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education was entered as House Resolution No. 847 by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on October 6, 2008 in recognition of its commendable role in providing agricultural opportunities in the Commonwealth.

### Horn Farm Center Board of Directors

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## Debbie Takes New Position with Heritage Trust

With sadness we said goodbye to Debbie Krout-Althoff last month. Debbie served as the Horn Farm Center's first Executive Director, and under her energetic leadership the Center got off to an amazing start. Debbie has taken a new position with the York County Heritage Trust as their Special Events and Rentals Manager and in that role she will certainly be partnering with us in the future.

In her farewell note to the Board Debbie said:

"It's hard to believe that it's been over a year since I became the first Executive Director of the Horn Farm Center. It has been a phenomenal year filled with special events and programs that exceeded even our wildest dreams

as far as participating and success!

How far we've come in such a short amount of time!

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who have supported me and the Center these last 12 months. Without your support, guidance and participation, the success of the past year would not have been possible. I have met so many wonderful people who are remarkably dedicated to the mission of the Horn Farm Center. I know that it is these people who will continue to grow the organization into a thriving and essential part of York County's agricultural community."

We will miss you, Debbie. We wish

you luck and success in your new position and look forward to your continuing interest in our goals and mission. We extend an invitation to you and your family to join us as we move forward with an exciting agenda of activities for 2009.



Debbie, second from left, with family after Bounty Feast dinner on September 21, 2008.