

Soldier writes from Arabia about CW

Sgt. Henry Newman, stationed in Saudi Arabia, wrote to both the Chamber of Commerce and to Colonial Williamsburg to express his appreciation of his visit here.

"This past Christmas my wife, little girl and I fulfilled a long-time dream and spent Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg. We explored the shops and buildings, took a carriage ride, attended the lighting of the tree, and ate Christmas dinner at the King's Arms. We also visited Carter's Grove.

"Shortly after that trip, my Army Reserve unit was sent to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. What sustains us here is the support of the American people and memories of home—not the least of which is of our trip to Williamsburg. It was a very special time for my family and me, and I thank

you for it. The care of the Foundation was evident in everything—the streets, buildings, employees, and Visitor Center. I hope to return one day and make your acquaintance again. Thank you."

Have lunch with Mother Earth!

Colonial Williamsburg celebrates Earth Day on Friday, April 19, next to the Franklin Street Offices, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Environmental Action Council and chaired by Peg Waite, the festival will highlight activities and accomplishments of the council. Over the past year, the council's subcommittees have focused on recycling, management and protection of land and other natural resources, community awareness and use of recycled products.

The festival will feature outdoor booths sponsored by each subcommittee:

■ **Recycled Products** will display recycled paper products available for home and office use, including samples and pamphlets.

■ **Energy and Technology** will display a refrigerant reclaimer, information on chemical treatment and energy efficient light bulbs.

■ **Recycling and Solid Waste** will host tours of Colonial Williamsburg's recycling center and have charts showing the amount of materials recycled to date.

■ **Hazardous Materials** will feature resource recovery, proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials found at work and in the home, and photographs of disposal sites outside of Virginia.

■ **Green Space and Land Use** will display pre-historic fossils from the bank of the James River in front of Carter's Grove Plantation. They will also have a map showing the natural resources identified on Colonial Williamsburg property.

■ **Community Awareness** will have a collection of articles about environmental issues.

Local businesses and fellow employees have donated door prizes to be given away during the festival. Refreshments will be served.

At 1 p.m. the first Environmental Action Award will be presented by Bill Gardiner, vice president, Facilities and Property Management, to the employee or group of employees who have promoted environmentally safe practices during the past year.

The compact car parking lot adjacent to the Franklin Street Offices will be closed from 5 p.m., April 17 through 5 p.m., April 19.

Parking for the Earth Day Festival is limited. You are encouraged to ride the Colonial Williamsburg busses, park in the South Lot and use the underground walk way to cross Lafayette Street, or, in honor of Mother Earth, walk or ride your bicycle to the festival!

For more information, call Peg Waite, ext. 7353.

Moving up, Moving in

Bob Keroack, previously the assistant manager of dining reservations, has moved to the Cascades Restaurant as assistant manager.

Mary Ellen Conroy was promoted from dining reservationist to night supervisor of dining reservations.

Lori Bain moved from her position as assistant manager, quality control and training, to assistant manager, dining reservations.

Best wishes to all in their new jobs!



Visitor Center Hours

8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., effective immediately

What's happening

- ✓ Architectural Photography Exhibit, Foundation Library, March 11 to April 19.
- ✓ Nimble Thimbles, Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m., Motor House Caucus Room. For information call Brenda Pruitt at ext. 7658.
- ✓ CW Chorus rehearsal, Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Center Room, Motor House.
- ✓ Fencing, Tuesdays, 5:45 p.m. in the PTB.
- ✓ TownCriers Toastmasters, second and fourth Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., PTB, brown bag lunch. Visitors welcome. For information, call ext. 7791 or Barbara Leach at ext. 7257.
- ✓ Tour of the Library of Congress and Ben Franklin—citizen of a new age Central Library Wednesday, April 17 at 2 p.m.
- ✓ March of Dimes Walk, Sunday, April 21, William & Mary Hall.
- ✓ Canoe Club organizational meeting, Wednesday, April 24, at 6 p.m., PTB

Restaurants announce operating hours and days

Hours of operation for taverns have been reduced in an effort to achieve expense control while still meeting the needs of our visitors. Schedules for April through October have been announced. The Woodlands Grill will be operating on a five day a week schedule this year due to the low visitation patterns. The two schedules are:

Chowning's Tavern

Open every day

Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Light fare and beverages	3:30 - 5 p.m.
Dinner	5 - 9 p.m.
Gambols	9 - 12 midnight

King's Arms Tavern

Open everyday except Monday

Lunch	11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:15 - 9:30 p.m.

Shields Tavern

Open every day except Tuesday

Breakfast	8:30 - 10 p.m.
Lunch	11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:30 - 9 p.m.

Campbell's Tavern

Brunch has been discontinued

Open Friday through Tuesday for dinner - 5:30 to 9 p.m.

(Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Woodlands Grill

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

7 a.m. till 8 p.m.

April	Closed Monday & Tuesday
May, June, July	Closed Sunday & Monday
August, September	Closed Thursday & Friday
October, November	Closed Monday & Tuesday
December	Closed Wednesday & Thursday*

*closed Thursday & Friday during Christmas week

New furniture introduced

More than 30 pieces of furniture for the WILLIAMSBURG® Reproductions Program will be introduced at the International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., April 18. These pieces are manufactured by the Foundation's new furniture licensee, Baker Furniture Company.

Of the pieces to be introduced, half were previously manufactured by Kittinger and half are entirely new. Stylistically the furniture represents the late baroque, rococo, and neoclassic periods dating from 1710 to 1810. Some of the new pieces capitalize on Baker's strengths in producing beautifully veneered and inlaid reproductions. Their selection of several neoclassic objects will add a new look to the WILLIAMSBURG® furniture line.

Come to Craft House later this month to see their new collection. The introductory line is the culmination of a year of hard work by many Foundation employees. Lending their expertise were the Products Review Committee, and staff members of product management, collections and conservation.

Vaillancourt chalkware demos at Lodge Gift Shop

Judi and Gary Vaillancourt, owners of Vaillancourt Folk Art of Sutton, Mass., will demonstrate the techniques involved in creating their collectible chalkware figures from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. Judi, the creative force behind the company, will sign individual pieces. Visitors may register to win a Vaillancourt chalkware collectible to be given away Sunday.

Vaillancourt Folk Art features more than 500 designs cast in chalkware from molds of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Each has detailed features painted by hand. The molds were fashioned in Germany, Holland, France and the U.S., primarily for making chocolates. Among the full-figure molds are many representations of Father Christmas and a variety of animals.

The demonstrations are free and open to the public. Call ext. 2561 for more information.

Where should the libraries concentrate their efforts?

The staff of the Colonial Williamsburg Libraries is celebrating National Library Week, April 14-20, by holding special focus groups for users to discuss issues that concern them. With *Patriot*, the Library's automated system, approaching its first anniversary, next week will be a good time for library users to give feedback on what they think of the system and what improvements they can suggest.

The staff will also be asking users for their comments on library service—where it is succeeding and where it is missing the mark? In a time when many departments are working with reduced staff, it is essential that the libraries concentrate resources on the services that are crucial to their operation. In the case of the Colonial Williamsburg Libraries, the users make the determination of what is crucial.

Special focus groups will be held daily, Monday through Friday, April 15-19 in Room 212 of the Boundary Street Office Building. Each session lasts one hour. They will be held Monday, April 15, at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, April 17, at 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, at 11 a.m.; and Friday, April 19, at noon.

The librarians want to hear from you!

Notice

Capital Concert for April 14 has been cancelled.

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