

Mini-Farm Show



Mandie describes equipment used to groom her steer as Willie looks on



Regina and Katelyn demonstrate control by switching pigs



Carlos demonstrates showing a goat as Bridget, Joan and Emily look on.



Vicki shows her pig to Amanda, 'the judge'

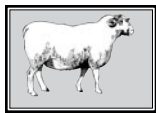


Friends of Fox Chase Farm members Linde and Norma volunteered at the 4H food concession

The second Saturday of June was a time for the 4H club at Fox Chase Farm to shine. Club members demonstrate skills they have worked on over the past 6 months - or more. 4H members demonstrate how they groom their animals. They explain what judges are looking for and how they show their animal to best advantage.

Thanks to Ken Rudolf for the photos.

Friends of Fox Chase Farm is an all volunteer organization that assists with programs, maintenance, and preservation of Fox Chase Farm, a facility of the Fairmount Park system, which hosts public events at the farm. The farming operation and weekday school programs are coordinated by the Philadelphia School District.



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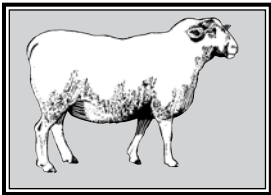
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Manor House 'work in progress' provides a scenic backdrop for 4H steer club members Willie, Emily and Mandie

Summer on the Farm

By Stephanie Hoffer
Environmental Education Planner

Fox Chase Farm was open to visitors throughout the summer months, attracting over 1,400 guests. The farm was open the second Saturday of each month, where visitors had the opportunity to explore the farm on their own. In June, the 4H club hosted a mini-farm show. The goat, pig and beef clubs had an opportunity to demonstrate grooming techniques and how they prepare their animals for show. Tuesday Nights on the Farm were also a huge hit. Evening activities included hayrides, a wildlife walk, garden cooking and beekeeping, and Movie Night on the Farm. Families enjoyed an evening under the stars for a showing of *Charlotte's Web*. These events were coordinated through Fairmount Park's Pennypack Environmental Center. For more info on exciting public events both at the farm and throughout the park, please call 215-685-0470.

General Meeting & Elections September 25, 2008

Education Building at Fox Chase Farm -7:30pm
Refreshments will be served

Elections will be held at this meeting.

Anyone interested in running for office, please contact the friends phone at 215-728-7900

Manor House Restoration

by Lucy Strackhouse,
Executive Director Fairmount Park Trust

The restoration of the windows at the Fox Chase Farm Manor House has been underway since May of 2008 thanks to a two year grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with contributions from the Philadelphia School District and the Friends of Fox Chase Farm. The goal of this project is the complete restoration of all window jambs, sills and window sash from the historic Fox Chase Manor Farm House.

The project began with a historic paint analysis which revealed that a medium buff color was used in the first paint campaign. The new color has been applied to several of the window jambs and sash and the result is a fresh, new and historically correct look for the building. Window sash have been removed from their jambs, consolidated and repaired as needed, reglazed, sanded primed, painted and reinstalled into their original jambs. Trust staff has also discussed the possible restoration and installation of two pairs of shutters with the assistance of Alex McGivern. Fairmount Park Trust staff have enjoyed working at the farm this summer and plan to finish approximately forty percent of the project by the end of September.

Are you Crafty?

Anyone interested in creating crafts to sell at festivals to raise money for Fox Chase Farm please call Linde at 215-663-9696.

Upcoming events VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Applefest** - Saturday, October 18 12 to 4PM
- Call Brian at 215-685-0470 if interested in
- volunteering
- **Greens Sale** - Saturday, December 6 and Sunday
- December 7
- Plenty of volunteer opportunities in the days
- leading up to the sale. Call the Friends phone at
- 215-728-7900. Someone will get back to you.