

# Malabar Farm News

The Malabar Farm Foundation

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*Houses like people, have personalities, and, like the personalities of people, they are partly molded by all that has happened to them.*

– Louis Bromfield



Malabar Farm Volunteers receive the Above & Beyond Award 2016

## In The Spotlight

### The Malabar Farm Volunteer Adventure by Chris McQuillen

Around 1984, Naturalist Teresa Tansy Caldwell, discovered she needed assistance with the many programs she was proposing for Malabar Farm and saw a need for volunteers for the fledgling State Park. The call went out to area newspapers, radio and word of mouth for volunteers at Malabar Farm. Eight to ten people responded, and so the "Malabar Farm Volunteer Adventure" began. After a personal interview with Teresa and some on the job training and orientation, Malabar Farm volunteers were on their way!

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## Looking Back

By Tom Bachelder

In 1959 the second edition of the Louis Bromfield Malabar Farm Newsletter was published. The following was excerpted from that newsletter and will continue our story of Malabar Farm in the years following the death of Louis Bromfield.

May 1959 (No. 2)

*One hundred sixty-one visitors came to Malabar Farm in April. Among the groups touring the farm, nature trail, and the Big house were the Butler High School FFA, Soil Conservation Service trainees from Coshocton, and a Sunday School class of young people from Galion.*

*The hillsides at Malabar are spectacular at this season, with hundreds of clumps of blooming daffodils in the bluegrass pasture around the Big House, and carpets of wildflowers – bloodroot, hepatica and Dutchman's breeches bring life to the still rather drab woodland.*

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## Looking Back (From page 1)

The Malabar Holstein herd has been on pasture since about April 1, but milk production still continues upward. We have had the highest "herd average" of those on DHIP [Dairy Herd Improvement Plan] in Richland County and in March 38,872 pounds of milk were shipped. The herd average has risen from 640 pounds in October to 1,322 pounds in March for milk and from 24.5 to 50.3 for butterfat. The 29 or 30 cows on the milking line have responded well to the feeding program and on April 28 we shipped 2,897 pounds, the highest for any two-day period this year. The herd is still being culled and we expect a gift very soon of 6 registered cows and a fine bull from a Mansfield area dairy farm.

Eleven head of beef cattle averaging 1,030 pounds were shipped to market on April 25, and 15 more have been taken from the Ferguson pastures to fatten for the fall market.

The 59 acres of oats seeded this spring with Vernal and Ranger alfalfa look very good, and plowing for 75 acres of corn on the leased land at Pleasant Hill Lake is completed. Nine varieties of hybrid seed corn were sent to us by the DeKalb Agricultural Assn., Inc., through Walter Eppley, their District Manager in Wooster. These will be planted in separate plots and their performance noted during the summer.

The small lean-to greenhouse at Malabar is bursting at the seams with plants of many kinds grown by our skillful gardener Bill Voss. The 50 or more geranium plants are a riot of color. There are hundreds of tomato, cabbage, pepper, lettuce, and celery plants and flats of marigolds overflowing the greenhouse and taxing the capacity of the cold frames. The fine lilies in bloom at Easter were easily sold and the tulips and any hyacinths that remained were planted in a bed where they will bloom for years to come.

**Correction:** In the column -Looking Back-, from the first edition of our Newsletter (Edition 1, Volume 1, 8/1/16) a portion of the beginning from the original March 1, 1959 Louis Bromfield Malabar Farm Newsletter was inadvertently left off. The beginning should have read as follows: *Spring has come to Malabar Farm. Crows that were absent all winter reappeared on February 7, a killdeer called in the pasture below the dairy barn.* Our apologies to Dr. Floyd Chapman, editor of the original newsletter and ecology director at Malabar Farm 1957-1962.

## In Memory of Hope Bromfield Stevens

Hope Bromfield Stevens was born June 24, 1927 in Paris, France. She died October 25, 2016 in Bountiful, Utah at the age of 89. Hope's father, Louis Bromfield, author, farmer, and conservationist brought his wife Mary and eldest daughter Anne to live in Senlis, France, a small town outside of Paris before Hope was born. Her younger sister Ellen was born there as well. The sisters grew to love their nanny, Jean White who spent almost every waking hour with them.

Louis Bromfield sent his family back to the USA in 1938 and he returned a year later. They eventually settled in the rolling countryside of Richland County, Ohio. Hope and Bob Stevens were married at Malabar Farm on December 23, 1950 and started their married life on a farm nearby. In 1966 they moved to the Bozeman, Montana area, buying a small guest ranch in the Gallatin Canyon just north of Big Sky Ski Resort. Hope loved horseback riding, cooking delicious gourmet meals, playing piano, singing, dancing, painting, drawing and traveling. She was passionate about gardening, her pets, and spending time in nature.

Hope is survived by her daughters Melanie (Ron) Read and Sara (Tagge) Solaimanian, her sister Ellen (Carson) Geld, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one on the way.

Cards may be sent to her daughters: Melanie S. Read 2593 West 300 North, West Point, UT 84015 and Sara Solaimanian, 4525 Park Hill Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84124.

Visit our website: [malabarfarm.org](http://malabarfarm.org) for information about upcoming events

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Over the years, volunteers helped with programs such as basket weaving, pine cone wreaths, corn husk dolls, candle making, bluebird box making, and more. In helping with these programs, volunteers learned new skills for themselves. To provide extra funds for the naturalists for these programs, volunteers made homemade soap, beeswax candles, bat roosting boxes, bluebird box kits, all to be sold during Heritage Days. During barn dances, volunteers decorated the barn and provided cookies and cider for the visitors. Donation jars were on hand and visitors were very generous.

Gear was purchased for the naturalists to do pond and stream studies, cliff rescue equipment for the Ranger, tack for the draft horses, and curtains, paint, lampshades, etc., for the Big House. Officers were elected to help guide the volunteer association with the advice of the Naturalist and Park Manager.

There came a few difficult years, membership dwindled, the main barn burned down one Sunday morning, the Pepsi machine in the barn exploded, and things looked rather dreary at Malabar. Soon, the State committed to rebuilding the barn at a tremendous cost and like the Phoenix rising from the ashes, things began to change at Malabar.

Malabar began hosting many popular events. All of these events would not have been possible without the assistance of the first volunteers. Over time, the volunteer membership grew and expanded. Today it is a vibrant, active and dedicated group of over 100 individuals who willingly give of their time for the many traditional events at Malabar Farm and also the newer ones coordinated by Victoria Cochran and staff.

Enthusiasm for Malabar Farm has led to special recognition for some of our volunteers. Sally Rickel, now deceased, was instrumental in founding the Spinning and Weaving Guild now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year. For their bluebird efforts at Malabar Farm and Mohican State Park, Gil Trail, now deceased, and Chris McQuillen, were among the many volunteers in Ohio who were honored in 1992 by then Governor, George Voinovich. In recent years, Carolyn Bachelder's scrapbook depicting volunteer activities at Malabar Farm won second place among the State Parks of Ohio.

Several of our volunteers have been honored with the "Above & Beyond" award given by the Malabar Farm Foundation: Tom Bachelder, Victoria Cochran, Bob & Lynda Berry, Bob Huges, Deb Shade, and Sue Haeseker. All of the Malabar Farm events require many volunteers to be successful.

In 2016, The Malabar Farm Volunteers were honored for their many efforts by receiving the "Above & Beyond" award, a well-deserved award – congratulations! Many people work together to help make Malabar Farm a premier State Park in the Ohio State Park system and to ensure that generation of visitors will return for many years to come.

## News from the Farm

Park Manager, Korre Boyer reports that things are winding down on the farm for the winter. The 32 head of beef cattle will be headed back down to the farm from Mt. Jeez and all have been vaccinated.

The second phase of the remodeling project on the Lower Pugh Cabin will start soon. The work will continue through the winter. The Lower Pugh Cabin renovation is scheduled to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> when it will be an overnight rental cabin.

Malabar Farm State Park recently received and purchased equipment from MANCI after the closing of the State prison working farm. The equipment will allow some improvements to the feed lots and upgrades to the existing equipment.



**Around the Farm:** Just some of the many groups that make Malabar Farm a unique place are the Bromfield Book Club, the Spinning and Weaving Guild, the Hostel, and The Malabar Farm Restaurant where members receive a 10% discount. For more information visit our website: [malabarfarm.org](http://malabarfarm.org)

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## **Richland Gives, Day of Giving**

### **Hosted by the Richland County Foundation**

This event will take place on November 29, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Richland Gives is an online day of giving hosted by the Richland County Foundation with the help of generous donors and sponsors. The day is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to local nonprofits they care about through a single giving platform/website.

Make online donations quickly and easily to any Richland County registered 501©(3) by credit or debit card. All donations are tax deductible and non-refundable.

The Richland County Foundation's mission is to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger. Last year during the first Richland Gives over \$67,000.00 was donated to 65 local nonprofit agencies.

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