



Job Posting: MAEF Mobile Lab Teacher for Southern Maryland!

Join the Mobile Ag Science Lab Team at Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation! Our Mobile Labs travel around the state and provide a week's worth of agriculture and natural resource science education, grades K-5 to hundreds of schools statewide. At this time, Southern Maryland is in need of an on-board teacher to provide hands-on science lessons to our young audiences in a fully equipped lab and classroom. Call Diana Tyler, Outreach Program Coordinator at 410-939-9030 or email dtyler@maefonline.com

The American Experience: Surviving the Dust Bowl

The PBS series *American Experience* is an excellent social studies/ history resource, and for students of American agricultural history and natural resources policy, *Surviving the Dust Bowl* is an invaluable film. When "Wheat Will Win the War" was the battle cry of the Southern Plains, little did we understand what abusive land practices would yield. Other AE films related to ag and nr are *The Great Famine* and *Civilian Conservation Corps*. Teacher guides included.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/dustbowl/player/>

Farmer Veterans Coalition – Get Involved!

The goal of FVC is to share experience with recent military veterans and to assist them in using their many relevant skills to create a new generation of innovative, ecological, and financially successful young farmers. FVC has the ability to help veterans reduce risk and become successful farmers by utilizing the many specific and unique resources available to help military veterans starting businesses, buying land, or overcoming disabilities. Check out the FVC website for information on career fairs, training and mentoring opportunities, fellowships, grants, and much more! www.farmvetco.org

Irvine Pumpkin Fest Saturday Oct 13 & 14!

Alpaca petting is the ultimate in autumn warm and fuzzies! Be sure to visit the Irvine Pumpkin Fest and get your alpaca fix while visiting the Jolly Pig, Sweetness Follows, and Summer Rock Farm stalls at the Farmers Market. Hay wagon rides and campfire cooking! Yum and cuddles!

<http://explorenature.org/experience-irvine/pumpkinfest>

Kathleen Mathias Ag Energy Program Announcement!

MEA is supporting showcase energy efficiency projects in the agriculture sector. Through the Kathleen A.P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program (Mathias Ag Program), MEA will distribute grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000 to assist with the costs of installing eligible energy efficiency technologies. The measures must enable a minimum 15 percent energy savings in the buildings or areas where they are installed. MEA will showcase these projects as case studies within the agriculture sector. MEA will award at least \$600,000 in grants funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Better Buildings program in autumn 2012, and anticipates granting 10-15 awards for this one-time program. Under the rules of the federal funds, all projects must be completed by April 1, 2013 and invoiced by May 1, 2013. (From the website) See

<http://energy.maryland.gov/Business/mathiasag/index.html>

Farm Based Education Association Maryland Network Meeting, Nov. 17!

Join fellow farm-based educators on Saturday November 17 at Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, Maryland for our 1st Annual Network Gathering. Interested in starting an agriculture education program at your center or on your farm? Come along and visit with our (small but growing) group of dedicated ag educators who are making a big difference in the field of environmental, food and nutrition, and ag literacy for Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware students! Contact me for more information or to sign up for this FREE gathering! peppig@maefonline.com (Flyer attached to this email) Join the Farm-Based Education Association for FREE at www.farmbasededucation.org and be sure to join the MD Network!

Oxon Cove National Park!

Oxon Cove Park is a national park. Our resources include a historic 19th Century plantation house, a working farm, a hiker/biker path along the Potomac River, and almost 500 acres to explore. We preserve these historic, natural, and cultural resources for the enjoyment of all. Our programs highlight the history of the property, including its role in the War of 1812, the Underground Railroad, and the founding of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. We also have daily cow-milking and chicken-feeding programs, and tractor-drawn wagon rides. We hold ecological programs along the waterside which highlight the importance of

stewardship in the Potomac River watershed. There is something for everyone at Oxon Cove Park!
<http://www.nps.gov/oxhi/index.htm>

Shelburne Farms Workshop in Vermont, Oct. 21-23!

If you are just starting to explore the possibilities of opening your farm for education, or looking for new ideas for your program, this is the workshop for you. Discover exciting, hands-on ways to develop agricultural education programs for school groups with kid-tested, easy-to-use activities from PROJECT SEASONS, a collection of teaching ideas developed by teachers and agriculture educators over the past 20 years. Shelburne Farms' farmyard, dairy, gardens, and forest will be our campus with the Education Center as our hub. Topics include marketing your farm program to schools and the community, creating a safe farm environment for the public, and meeting teachers' needs. \$200 (includes all materials & meals). Scholarships available. Limited accommodations for additional fee. Register with Susie Marchand, 802-985-0326, smarchand@shelburnefarms.org

Art-on-the-Farm at Dickenson College!

Join ag advocates, foodies, farm artists and students for a beautiful day appreciating the art of agriculture. Farm tours, craft beers, art auction, art education stations, and a yummy local dinner are but some of the activities taking place in this one-of-a-kind fund raising event to celebrate the end of a stunningly successful growing season and harvest in Pennsylvania.
<http://blogs.dickinson.edu/artonthefarm/>

Mobile Labs Booking for 2012-2013!

Our three Mobile Science Labs are almost ready to begin their cross-state odyssey for the 2012-2013 school year! Winter reservations now being taken for schools! (Yes, the labs are heated!) The Food, Fiber, and You Lab is completely available for spring – delivered to your door! See our website www.maefonline.com for more information and call or email Diana Tyler to reserve!

Herb Society of American Grant

From the website: The Herb Society of America's mission is to promote the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience of its members with the community. The Grant for Educators challenges individuals, groups or small businesses to develop and deliver learning experiences to the public. Each year, the Grant Committee anticipates funding one or two

grants for a total of \$5,000. The grant rewards innovative projects that enhance herbal education in school systems, in communities, or in any public forum (electronic or person-to-person). It requires learning goals and a mechanism to measure the educational outcomes.

<http://www.herbsociety.org/resources/educator-grants.html>

Delaware Ag Museum and Village!

For the child who believes milk comes from the grocery store instead of a cow, for the woman who remembers using a cornsheller on her grandmother's farm, the family who takes twentieth century technological advances and the farmer for granted, the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village offers a memorable and educational experience. By preserving the quickly fading agricultural heritage of Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula, the Museum stands as an important legacy for future generations. The Museum offers educational programs for school children, and special events for the community to learn about the importance of agriculture and history. <http://www.agriculturalmuseum.org/>

The Pasture

I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away
(And wait to watch the clear water, I may):
I shan't be gone long - You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf
That's standing by the mother. It's too young,
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.
I shan't be gone long - You come too.

- Robert Frost