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From the President's Quill for September 2011 August 24, 2011

Next General Meeting: September 7, 2011

Dear Members,

The Fair is only a week away, but there is still much to do. Worker turnout has been good for workdays. Thanks to those of you who took time from your own personal busy schedules to help set up. The lunches have been great! There are two more workdays before the Fair – Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 – 28- Canvas Up ! We will be setting up canvas, taverns and booths, so a good turnout is very important. Some of the work does not require muscle.

Every member should spend at least one day helping with setup. And everyone is expected to help with takedown on Monday, Sept 5. One year we were done before dark because so many people did their part. Let's do that again this year!

We have planned a wonderful Fair at New Boston. Let's have lots of fun. See you at the Fair

Keep your powder dry,

Pele-ti-nuc-shel-wa, - Rusty

Fair at New Boston Sept 3 & 4

Fair preparations

GRCHA Office is now open every day until the Fair from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. You can renew your membership in person if you've forgotten to renew.

Workdays are scheduled for Aug. 27 & 28. Lunch will be provided both days. Work will continue during the week until the Fair starts. If you have free time during this coming week, call ahead 882-9216 to see what's happening. There is almost always some sort of work going on.

Advance Ticket Sales – Until Aug. 29 tickets are only \$6 if purchased in advance. Tickets are available at all Security National Banks. Tickets may also be purchased at the Gathering House, seven days a week, until Aug. 30. Call 882-9216.

Free Membership tickets – You must show your valid membership card that is paid up to date to get your free ticket. Single members get one adult ticket for one day. Family memberships get two admission tickets.

Dance Practice – One more time – Tuesday Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. with period music at the Fairmaster's Tent.

Costume Checkout – NO costumes will be checked out during the Fair. No, None, Nada. Costume checkout will stop on Wednesday Aug. 31. The pickings are getting very slim in our costume closets. The closets are locked unless Linda or Donna are here to check out costumes. Appointments – 882-9216. All who borrow period clothing are required to leave a \$25 deposit, members included.

Sewing days – We will sew almost every day until the Fair. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one; however, some machines are usually available. Call ahead if you need help to make sure one of the experts will be on hand.

Education Day volunteers still needed – Let Linda know if you can help or call Kelly at 882-9216. Costumes not required.

Fair Master's Letter

Here we are again, getting ready for setup weekend for the Fair. It's always hard to believe that a whole year has rolled around. Last weekend was productive, as many quite a few members turned out to stage everything that is going out on the field. The carpenters are hard at it and much of the painting has been done. We also managed to place permanent uprights for Little John's which should considerably stiffen that structure and make it less susceptible to wind and rain. We have not gotten as far along on wooden booths as we would like to be at this time, but with a good turnout this coming weekend we can catch up quickly. The weather promises to be good. As always, lunch will be provided and we always have a good time together. Please support this final drive. Come on out and be part of the magic, as New Boston rises from the dust of the old battle site.

Rusty and Sheri

During the Fair – Reminders and concerns

Hotel Discounts for Participants! – Five nearby hotels are offering special discount rates to Fair at New Boston Participants. Be sure to call in your reservation and identify yourself as a Fair at New Boston participant to get the discounted rate. These are Country Inn & Suites 937-322-2200; Quality Inn & Conference Center 937-323-8631; Hampton Inn 937-325-8480; Comfort Inn 937-322-0707 and Red Roof Inn 937-325-5356. Hotels and other businesses need to know that you are a part of the Fair when you register.

Please remember, no dogs or cats are permitted on the field or in the camping area—not even in the modern camping area. Please, leave your pets home.

Gathering House Hours during Fair – Use of the Gathering House will be restricted during the Fair. The building will be open only on Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m., and on Sunday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and will reopen at 4 p.m. The building will be locked during other times. Restrooms and use of the building are for members and administrative staff only. Do not leave clothing or personal items in the building.

Parking – The Fair has grown! Members can no longer park by the Gathering House. That space is needed for modern campers and handicap parking. Members/participants need to park in front of the Hertzler House.

Medallions – Medallions are in the registration packets. Keep your medallion with you at all times. You will need your medallion to get in the gate after you park in front of the Hertzler House.

Changing into costumes – Please do not change into costumes at the Gathering House. It may be locked when you come back. The upstairs door will be locked at all times.

Costuming for the future – The Fair is the perfect time to find appropriate material for next year's costuming needs. It is also the perfect place to find hats, and other items you cannot make.

1811 only hours – Remember, no vehicles are allowed on the field during Education Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Fair Days from 9 a.m. Saturday to Sunday 6 p.m. During these hours the field is in the year 1811. All dinner wear and accouterments are to reflect this. Please keep modern items out of sight. Please NO cell phone, ipod, laptop, etc. use on the field.

The participant dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday near Littlejohn's Tavern. You must pay in advance and remember to bring your dinner bracelet (This is your receipt) to be served. You must be in period clothing for the dinner. Remember to bring your own 18th century eating utensils and dishes. No paper plates!

Costume return – Return baskets will be downstairs in the Gathering House at end of Fair on Sunday.

Remember – When in 18th century garb -No modern eyeglasses. No cell phones. No cameras. No electronic gadgets. No nail polish. No wrist watches. No modern jewelry. Do your part to keep The Fair at New Boston the most authentic living history event!

Wifi area for participants is located next to the Gathering House. Please do NOT use cell phones, laptops, I-pads, droids, or any such electronic devices on the field – **day or night**. Please don't find yourself starring in that quaint video posted to You Tube of a costumed person using a cell phone!

Next General Meeting is Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Gathering House. We will gather to celebrate a successful fair and enjoy the company of one another.

Park Levy information

Our park – George Rogers Clark Park – is a part of the Clark County Park District, which has had some funding difficulties and is now seeking a levy. The park levy committee is asking for our help with their levy this fall. If you would like to volunteer to help with the levy, please call the park district at 882-6000. The levy committee is also seeking donations to pay for signs and advertisements.