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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:

Register Early. Classes will be cancelled if they do not meet the minimum enrollment by 6 business days prior to the start of a new session. The Collin County Farm Museum reserves the right to cancel, combine or reschedule any class. Instructors may alter the class schedule during a session to accommodate holidays or emergencies. These changes will be announced on the Collin County Farm Muse-





From the Museum Coordinator

The Collin County Farm Museum's educational programs are growing and I am so excited. Last Fall a third of the programs we initiated were attended. This Winter a little more than half of our programs were attended. The word is getting out about our unique, informative programs and its all thanks to you. The Farm Museum was featured in Plano Profile by Cindy Boykin, written up in McKinney BubbleLife, interviewed for County Magazine by Liz Carmack and another interview with Fox 4 News. Wow!

The Farm Museum could not have moved forward with its programs without the helpful and informative suggestions and criticisms the public and workshop attendees provided. I want to thank all the patient people who put up with my multitude of questions at the Garden Show and other events, as well as those who took the time to give me feedback on Facebook and fill out surveys. It is because of **you** that the Farm Museum now offers Soap Making, Cheese Making, Rug Making, Leather Crafts, Fiber Crafts, and a plethora of other workshops. Keep those suggestion coming my way and I will do my best to incorporate them into future programs.

*Thank
You!*

Jennifer C. Rogers, Museum Coordinator

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Was Life Really Simpler “Back Then”?

I have given hundreds of tours at history museums, possibly thousands in my eighteen years working with history, and it never fails that someone in the tour group remarks on how much simpler life was “back then.” That phrase always struck me as odd because we often use the words “simple” and “easy” interchangeably. The contemporary implication behind the statement is that life in the past was easy. The definition for easy is to “achieve without great effort.” That is just not true.

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2015 Garden Show



Produced annually by the Collin County Master Gardeners, the Garden Show is fantastic for the whole family. The Farm Museum will be open free of admission and showcasing rural craft demonstrations at their vendor booth.

March 21 & 22, 2015

Admission: \$2 donation or Bring your canned food!



March to August

Workshops are predominately for adults and youths older than 10 years old unless otherwise stated.

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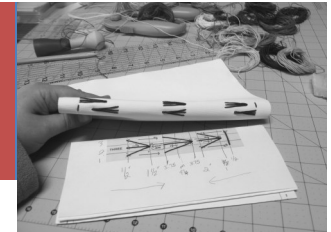
Tool Making Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Drop Spindle for Spinning	Mar. 6, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20
Peg Loom Frame for Weaving	Mar. 28, 2015	9:30—11:30 am	\$30
Paint Brush	Apr. 18, 2015	9:30—11:30 am	\$20
Book Sewing Frame	Apr. 24, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$30
Soap Molds	Jul. 31, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20

Bookbinding Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Art Book: Freehand Binding	Apr. 11, 2015	8:30—11:30 am	\$20
Art Book: w/ Sewing Frame	Apr. 25, 2015	8:30—11:30 am	\$20
Leather Book Binding: Part 1	Aug. 21, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$30
Leather Book Binding: Part 2	Aug. 22, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30

A book is divided into one or more groups of paper. These groups are called signatures.



Fiber Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Carding & Drop Spindle Spinning	Mar. 28, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30
Craft Thread & Stitching	Apr. 17, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$10
Applique	May 8, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$10
Ribbon & Bows	May 29, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$10
Carding & Drop Spindle Spinning	Jul. 18, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30
Natural Dyes	Aug. 1, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$20

Leather Workshop

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Stamping, Techniques & Tools	May 1, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$10
Bracelet or Cuff	May 15, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20
Leather Belt: Part 1	Jul. 24, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20
Leather Belt: Part 2	Jul. 25, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$20
Water Bottle Fob	Aug. 7, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20
Leather Bound Journal: Part 1	Aug. 21, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$30
Leather Bound Journal: Part 2	Aug. 22, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30
Magic Wallet	Aug. 28, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20

*A rag rug is any rug made with scraps of fabric.
They can be woven into different patterns.*



Rug Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Intro. Coiled Rug	Mar. 27, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20
Pattern Weave: Herringbone	May 9, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$20
Intro. Rag Rug	Jul. 17, 2015	5:30—7:30 pm	\$20

Basket Weaving Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Pine Needle Basket	Aug. 8, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30
Melon Basket	Aug. 29, 2015	Noon—4 pm	\$30

*The below workshops are only offered on Tuesdays and held in the Concession Stand commercial kitchen at Myers Park & Event Center. **Minimum age is 13 years old.***

Canning Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Cherries & Berries	May 12, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Chicken & Veggies	Jun. 9, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20

Cheese Workshops

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Butter... There's so much to learn!	Jun. 30, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Mesophilic Cheese— Buttermilk, Sour Cream, Cream Cheese	Jul. 7, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Thermophilic Cheese—Yogurt & Labneh	Jul. 14, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Mozzarella Cheese & Whey Ricotta	Jul. 21, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Dessert Cheese—Crème Fiche & Mascarpone	Jul. 28, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$10

The people today who are attending workshops in order to learn long abandoned skills are quickly learning that the work is anything but easy. I believe, they would even say it is not simple either. Simple means “presenting no difficulty.”



You try vigorously mixing lye water and tallow for 20 solid minutes with a whisk and tell me how *easy* it is. You could also try monitoring the temperature of the fat and lye water to get them within 2 degrees of 98 degrees and tell me how *simple* that is. I hear these two words ‘simple’ and ‘easy’ and think they have nothing to do with the past.

I gave a tour to a school group once and explained how the past was neither simple nor easy. A parent spoke saying she agreed with me and then went on to say, “But wasn’t it *uncomplicated* back then?” I did not know how to answer.

Uncomplicated means the past is understandable, “it is not intricate or involved.” Is that true because we are viewing the past through the lens of history? Perhaps.

The past is uncomplicated to the contemporary viewer because there are many things about it that we understand now. We have taken time to study the past, analyzed decisions made, and examined the evolution of technology.

But to further state that the past is not intricate or involved is a disservice. In many ways, the people who lived in the past had much more complicated lives than we do in the present. Running through the list of basic human needs we learned in elementary school (food, water, shelter) will cause you to reevaluate the use of the word ‘uncomplicated.’

Think about what you do to get and preserve your food. Majority of

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Soap Workshop

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Soap Makers Club—Botanicals	Mar. 3, 2015	3:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Soap Makers Club—Natural Color	Apr. 21, 2015	3:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Soap Makers Club—Salt & Sediment	Jun. 16, 2015	3:30—8:30 pm	\$10
Part 1: Tallow Soap	Aug. 4, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Part 2: Goats Milk Soap	Aug. 11, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Part 3: Shampoo Bar	Aug. 18, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Part 4: Soap Extras - Recipes, Liquid Soap & Shaping Soap	Aug. 25, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20

19th Century “Naked Face” Workshops

During the 1800s, many of the cosmetics were made from supplies such as olive oil, cream of tartar, castor oil, borax, etc. Thankfully, these recipes were saved in books published in 1853 such as *The Arts of Beauty* and *Secrets of a Lady’s Toilet*.



PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Lotions & Lip Balm *No Belladonna!	Mar. 24, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Blush & Other Powders *Without Iron!	Mar. 31, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20
Face & Foundation Creams *No Arsenic!	Apr. 7, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$20

5th Annual Model T•ea Picnic



May 2, 2015 11 am - 2 pm

FREE Admission

*Join us for our Model T•ea Picnic
celebrating the 114th Birthday of our
1911 Ford Model T with games,
activities and picnic!*

*Tractors used to be hard to start so farmers
left them running because gas was so cheap.*



For the Artist

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Sunrise Painting in the Park (Pre-registration is required!)	May 9, 2015 May 16, 2015	6:30—9 am	FREE
Painting in the Park (Pre-registration is required!)	May 9, 2015 May 16, 2015	9 am—Noon	FREE

For the Urban Farmer

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Wiggly Worm Farming	Mar. 17, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$30
Crops in Pots	Apr. 14, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$30
Micro Fish Farming	May 19, 2015	3:30—5:30 pm 6:30—8:30 pm	\$30

Antique Driving Classes

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
1911 Ford Model T Driving: Part 1 *Must have valid drivers license	Apr. 11, 2015	1—3 pm	\$10
1911 Ford Model T Driving: Part 2 *must have taken Part 1	Apr. 18, 2015	1—3 pm	-
Antique Tractor Driving Class *Must be 10 years or older & 47" tall	Apr. 25, 2015	1—4 pm	\$10



Family Fun!

Activities fun for the whole family! Great for adults and children (as young as 3) to work and play together.

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Sparks & Fire	Apr. 4, 2015	10 am—3 pm	FREE
Blacksmith Demonstrations	May 2, 2015		

Kids Crafts... (It's not just for kids!)

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Easter Egg Basket Weaving	Mar. 27, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Finger Knitting	Apr. 17, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Weaving Circle Mat	Apr. 24, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Paper Straws	May 1, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Button Barn Owls	May 8, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Finger Puppets	May 15, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10
Ribbons & Bows	May 29, 2015	4—5 pm	\$10

Summer Crafts & Snacks...

PROGRAM	DATE	TIME	FEE
Seed Ball Bombs	Jul. 18, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10
Peanut Butter Birdfeeders	Jul. 25, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10
Beaded Blossoms	Aug. 1, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10
Poppy Painting	Aug. 8, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10
Acorn Cap Jewels	Aug. 22, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10
Bubble Bird Bath	Aug. 29, 2015	9:30—11 am	\$10

people go to the grocery store and choose foods fresh or already canned. Bread and soaps are bought already made. Water fills the sink, toilet and bathtub at the twist of a handle. Your house or apartment was probably already built or you hired contractors to build it for you. I see life today as uncomplicated, simple and easy.

The past was complicated, achieved with great effort (not easy), and fraught with difficulties (not simple). Learning the physical and mental components of various historical skills has led me to appreciate those who lived “back then.” It is a pleasure to revive what some people termed “forgotten” or “abandoned” skills here at the Collin County Farm Museum.



Canning Food



Hauling Water from the Well



REGISTRATION

If two times are listed, please circle the time you wish to sign up for!

Workshops with *asterisk are designed specifically for children.

3/3/15	Soap Makers Club	3:30—8:30 pm		\$10 x _____
3/6/15	Drop Spindle Making	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
3/17/15	Micro-Warm Farm	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$30 x _____
3/24/15	Lotions & Lip Balm	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
3/27/15	*Easter Egg Basket Weaving	4—5 pm		\$10 x _____
3/27/15	Intro. Coiled Rug	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
3/28/15	Peg Loom	9:30—11:30 am		\$30 x _____
3/28/15	Carding & Spinning Basics	Noon—4 pm		\$30 x _____

3/31/15	Blush & Other Powders	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
4/7/15	Face & Foundation Creams	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
4/11/15	Art Book Binding (Freehand)	8:30—11:30 am		\$20 x _____
4/11/15	Model T Driving Class: Pt 1	1—3 pm		\$10 x _____
4/14/15	Crops in Pots	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
4/17/15	*Finger Knitting	4—5 pm		\$10 x _____
4/17/15	Craft Threads & Stitching	5:30—7:30 pm		\$10 x _____
4/18/15	Make a Paint Brush	9:30—11:30 am		\$20 x _____
4/18/15	Model T Driving: Pt 2	1—3 pm		\$10 x _____
4/21/15	Soap Makers Club	3:30—8:30 pm		\$10 x _____
4/24/15	*Weaving	4—5 pm		\$10 x _____

4/24/15	Make a Book Sewing Frame	5:30—7:30 pm		\$30 x _____
4/25/15	Art Book Binding (w/ Frame)	8:30—11:30 am		\$20 x _____
4/25/15	Antique Tractor Driving Class	1—4 pm		\$10 x _____
5/1/15	*Paper Straws	4—5 pm		\$10 x _____
5/1/15	Leather Stamping Tools	5:30—7:30 pm		\$10 x _____
5/8/15	*Button Barn Owl	4-5 pm		\$10 x _____
5/8/15	Applique	5:30—7:30 pm		\$10 x _____
5/9/15	Painting in Park	6:30—9 am	9 am—Noon	Free x _____
5/9/15	Pattern Rug Weaving	Noon—4 pm		\$20 x _____
5/12/15	Canning Cherries & Berries	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
5/15/15	*Finger Puppets	4—5 pm		\$10 x _____
5/15/15	Leather Bracelet or Cuff	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____

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6/9/15	Canning Chicken & Veggies	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$20 x _____
6/16/15	Soap Makers Club	3:30—8:30 pm		\$10 x _____
6/30/15	Butter & More Butter	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
7/7/15	Mesophilic Cheese	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
7/14/15	Thermophilic Cheese	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
7/17/15	Intro. Rag Rug	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
7/18/15	*Seed Ball Bombs	9:30—11 am		\$10 x _____
7/18/15	Carding & Spinning	Noon—4 pm		\$30 x _____
7/21/15	Mozzarella & Whey Ricotta	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____

7/24/15	Leather Belt: Pt 1	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
7/25/15	*Peanut Butter Birdfeeders	9:30—11 am		\$10 x _____
7/25/15	Leather Belt: Pt 2	Noon—4 pm		\$20 x _____
7/28/15	Dessert Cheeses	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
7/31/15	Soap Molds	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
8/1/15	*Beaded Blossoms	9:30—11 am		\$10 x _____
8/1/15	Natural Dyes	Noon—4 pm		\$20 x _____
8/4/15	Tallow Soap: Soap Pt 1	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
8/7/15	Leather Water Bottle Fob	5:30—7:30 pm		\$20 x _____
8/8/15	*Poppy Paintings	9:30—11 am		\$10 x _____
8/8/15	Pine Needle Basket Weaving	Noon—4 pm		\$30 x _____
8/11/15	Goat Milk Soap: Soap Pt 2	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
8/18/15	Shampoo Bar Soap: Soap Pt 3	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____
8/21/15	Leather Journal: Pt 1	5:30—7:30 pm		\$30 x _____
8/22/15	*Acorn Cap Jewels	9:30—11 am		\$10 x _____
8/22/15	Leather Journal: Pt 2	Noon—4 pm		\$30 x _____
8/25/15	Soap Making Extras: Soap Pt 4	3:30—5:30 pm	6:30—8:30 pm	\$10 x _____

Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Register by Mail: Send registration form with check payment to

Collin County Farm Museum, 7117 CR 166, McKinney, TX 75071

Register by Phone: Call 972-548-4792 and have credit card ready

Register by Email: Send email to ccfm@collincountytx.gov with subject heading