

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm Volunteer Opportunities

Many hands make light work!!

Volunteer opportunities abound at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm. As a non-profit organization we depend a great deal on the assistance of volunteers. We offer a variety of interesting tasks ranging in time commitment from a few hours to some that involve regular attendance and include special training.

Quiet Valley is an amazing place to volunteer. Here you can work in a pleasant rural setting, enjoy the fresh air, the countryside and get a little taste of farm life. There is always a chance to learn new things. As you head for home, you'll have that warm feeling of satisfaction that comes from sharing your time and talents with a very special organization. At Quiet Valley senior citizens, families, couples, teenagers and individuals can all find a niche to fill. There is something for everyone, including a wealth of gratitude!

Please consider becoming a part of our volunteer family. As with any important job a certain level of responsibility and commitment will be needed. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Deb DiPasquale - Volunteer Coordinator

*Call or E-mail with questions at -
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A Brief History...

The farm was founded by the Depper (Zepper) family who immigrated to Pennsylvania from the Palatinate region of what is now Germany. They made port in Philadelphia in 1765 and within a few years had settled on land to the north which came to be called Quiet Valley. The small family made their home by digging into the side of a hill and building a single room with a fireplace at one end. More rooms and buildings were added as the years went by with the last major change occurring with the 1890 addition to the house. The land passed out of the family's hands in 1913.

The property was purchased in 1958 by Alice & Wendell Wicks. After due consideration they decided to open a historic farm museum on the site with the help of their daughter Sue and her husband Gary Oiler.

Since 1963 Quiet Valley has been dedicated to preserving the rich history of America's early farming families through educational programs, school tours, special events and public tours.

Not A Member yet? Join us!

You are invited to become a member of Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm. Benefits include free admission to Summer Tours, the Harvest Festival and Farm Animal Frolic. Additional benefits include Ice Harvest, Maple Sugaring and three covered dish summer picnics as well as numerous opportunities to volunteer on the farm. Member discounts apply to workshops, children's summer camp programs as well as summer gift shop purchases.

Information on programs, volunteer activities and events are available to members in our newsletter, the *Rooster's Tale*, as well as on the Quiet Valley website www.quietvalley.org.

A SAMPLE OF VOLUNTEER JOBS AT QV

Name _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

- Teaching** – if you have a heritage craft or skill to teach
- Demonstrate** – Show a traditional skill you know to visitors
- Cooking** – help make food here at the farm or at home
- Guides** – train to be a volunteer tour guide
- Cleaning** – outside work as well as indoors, during spring, fall and after special events
- Wood cutting** – cut and/or split wood, stack in wood shed (Usually November or December)
- Sales people** – help in Gift Shop during school tours (April - June; October & early November)
- Entertainment** – Public singing, storytelling, acting or playing a traditional instrument at special events
- Speaker** – represent Quiet Valley as a public relations speaker at area events and meetings
- Merchandising** – make appropriate hand crafted items for regular and special event gift shop
- Clerical help** – bundling brochures, mailings, data inputting, etc.
- Gardening** – weeding, planting, bundling flowers for drying, help at Summer Garden Party, seasonal
- Farming/Animal care** - experience may be required
- Craft Training** – for men & women who want to learn or develop 19th century craft skills
- Sewing** - Help make QV costumes, become part of our quilting group, sew items for gift shop, etc.
- Handyman/Carpenter** – help with repairs and building projects when they come up, fencing, etc.
- Odd Jobs** – someone we can call last minute who is willing to help with a variety of things

WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE MAJOR ACTIVITIES!!

Public Tours - 3rd Sat. in June through Labor Day/Summer Events

Farm Animal Frolic - Memorial Day weekend & previous one

Harvest Festival - Columbus Day weekend

Old Time Christmas - First two weekends in December