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Farm Day Planned at Historic Huntley

Did you know that Fairfax County was once the dairy capital of Virginia? Experience a return to the past on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Huntley Farm Day. Meet small farm animals and try your hand at making ice cream. Listen to a story. Get to know farmer Albert Harrison and tour his house, Historic Huntley, now a part of Huntley Meadows Park.

Huntley Farm Day, from 1 to 4 p.m., will take place at 6918 Harrison Lane in Alexandria, Va. Parking is available next door at Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church.

This family-friendly event celebrates the area's bygone days of dairy farming when Huntley, an 1825 villa built for the grandson of George Mason, was the home of the Harrison family. In addition to farm animals, home-made ice cream, story-telling and re-enactors, there will be information tables and displays highlighting the Harrisons, the Woodlawn Agricultural Society, and other aspects of local history. The farming history of Green Spring Gardens Park and Frying Pan Park will also be shared.

There is a suggested donation of \$5. The program is sponsored by The Friends of Historic Huntley. Historic Huntley was built for Alexandria, D.C. mayor Thomson Francis Mason. Mason was also a grandson of George Mason, a founding father and author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. It was sold in 1868 to the Harrison family who owned the house and farm until 1946.

For more information call Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525.

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