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Membership dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family. Dues are paid annually and cover a membership year of January 1 to December 31. All dues are used to enhance Claude Moore Park.

Please mail your membership application and check payable to FCMP to:

Membership, FCMP Claude Moore Park 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road Sterling, VA 20164

For additional information about Claude Moore Park and the Friends of Claude Moore Park, please call the Park at 571-258-3700 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:friendsofclaudemoorepark@gmail.com">friendsofclaudemoorepark@gmail.com</a> or claudemoore@loudoun.gov

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# FRIENDS OF CLAUDE MOORE PARK

"Preserving Nature And History, Hand in Hand"

The Advisory Board of Claude Moore Park



## Friends of Claude Moore Park



"Lanesville" is the historic name given to the area of Loudoun County now preserved in Claude Moore Park. The Lane family built the house here in the late 1770's. By 1807 they opened their home as an Ordinary to travelers using Vestal's Gap Road. The Lanesville Post Office was located in their parlor. Descendants of the Lane family owned the property until 1941 when it was purchased by Dr. Claude Moore.

Two hundred years ago "Lanesville" was a gathering place for weary travelers and neighbors enjoying each other's company and catching up on the news. Today Claude Moore Park is a special place where friends and families gather to picnic, hike, fish, tour historic sites, explore natural areas, play ball, and much more.

#### **Our Mission**

The Friends of Claude Moore Park's mission is to increase public understanding, appreciation and stewardship of Claude Moore Park. The rich cultural heritage, the wildflower meadows, the woodlands, the wetlands and ponds, the wildlife, the peace and tranquility . . . all are set aside for today's residents of Loudoun County, their guests, and for generations to come. Claude Moore Park is your community park; preserving green space, conserving the environment and cultural resources, and providing numerous recreation opportunities. You are invited to help us share this special place.

#### **Group History**

The Park advisory board began in the early 1990's as The Friends of Claude Moore Park Volunteers from the Friends were responsible for opening the park from 12-5 on Saturdays and Sundays. At that time, these were the only hours the Park was open to the public. When more staff were hired and facilities developed, the group changed focus. A great deal of volunteer help was needed to restore the historic buildings and do research. The group became the Lanesville Heritage Preservation Society in 1996. The mission of the group has always been to support the whole park. In November 2003 the LHPS voted to once again do business as the Friends of Claude Moore Park, reflecting their commitment to all of the resources of the Park.

#### **Membership Benefits**

Special opportunities will be provided for members to participate in members-only nature and history hikes, picnics and other programs. Staff will keep members posted on upcoming plans, projects and programs. Meet people with similar interests, gain new knowledge, share your enthusiasm with others and feel the satisfaction of giving back to your community.

#### **How We Help the Park**

As the Advisory Board of Claude Moore Park, the Friends of Claude Moore Park provides feedback from the community, guides staff with park interpretation, assists with project planning and implementation, provides grant funding for restoration projects, and cosponsors special events.

Individual FCMP members have led bird and wildflower walks, researched the families and historic sites, developed our hands-on nature center, adopted trails, monitored the ponds and wetlands, led tours of the Lanesville House, planted native plant gardens, conducted fishing programs, created displays and much more. New ideas are always welcome.

