

# FARMSTEAD NEWS

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER

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**LET'S GO DEUTSCH** - A celebration of our Heritage event was a great success this year with a warm fire glowing in the fireplace, delicious food cooking in the bake oven as well as over the coals, great demonstrations and good attendance.



*Ellen Phelan in charge of the bake*

The event was particularly successful with over \$5000 raised for the continued restoration of the 1770 Dutch barn. The Farmstead committee would like to express its appreciation to the event sponsors, to those who demonstrated their 18<sup>th</sup> century trades, and the re-enactors who shared their knowledge of the past with those in attendance.



*French & Indian War re-enactors*

This year, members of the French and Indian War re-enactors joined the festivities, leaving with a promise to return next year with a full contingent of members for an encampment at the Farmstead. Records indicate that the Farmstead's first owner, Frans Neher, served in this conflict.

Bob Hedges was on hand to greet visitors at the barn and show the progress made since last year.



*Bob Hedges demonstrating the mortise machine.*

To top the day off, Regina and Ed Simmons were on hand to entertain with period music.



*Regina and Ed with their violin and guitar.*

*Farmstead photos courtesy of George Karpel*

## Temporary Steps Taken

To allow access in and out of the front door, Bob Hedges, Alvin Sheffer, and Mike Frazier worked in July to install a temporary landing and steps.



*Alvin Sheffer & Bob Hedges working on the steps.*

Joyce Hearst and Michael Eisenstadt of Copiague, supporters of the Farmstead, happened to stop by on that day and were the first to test the steps. They were pleased to have a private tour and to see the continued progress of the site.



*Joyce and Michael testing the temporary steps*

**Pegs are still for sale, see insert.**

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