

Winterthur plans farm exhibit

WINTERTHUR, Del. — This fall, Winterthur in Odessa and the College of Urban Affairs of the University of Delaware will present a program: Recording the Delaware Farm: Agricultural Buildings in Southern New Castle County.

The exhibition and ac-

companying lecture series will provide a rare opportunity for Delawareans and visitors to consider an important and often overlooked part of local landscape — the farm.

Over 110 items, including many original photographs, measured drawings, field notes, and sketches

by Bernard L. Herman and David L. Ames, will be included in the exhibition. Both of the University of Delaware, Herman is assistant director of architecture at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for Historic American Architecture and Engineering and Ames is dean of the College of Urban Affairs. Both have been instrumental in documenting Delaware's agricultural heritage.

Works in the exhibition illustrate the agricultural and social history of middle Delaware through architecture. Buildings pictured are placed in historic context and presented as essential documents for understanding rural Delaware. The exhibition displays a full range of agricultural building types, while demonstrating the process of photographic documentation of architecture. One farm site, "Woodlawn," will be examined in detail, exploring the farm family as it lives and works.

In addition to site surveys and photographs by Herman and Ames, Recording the Delaware Farm will include a small group of three-dimensional objects from Winterthur Museum, the University of Delaware, and two private collectors.



Carriage house at Woodlawn, Middletown, Del. will be featured in farm exhibit planned at Winterthur in Odessa.



Greenlawn Stable in Middletown, Del. is among farm buildings included in special exhibit upcoming at Winterthur in Odessa, Del.

Recording the Delaware Farm: Agricultural Buildings in Southern New Castle County is supported in part by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum. The exhibition will be on view Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 8 through Nov. 11. The exhibition

will be presented in the Brick Hotel Gallery in Odessa. Admission is free to Delaware residents.

For more information, contact Winterthur in Odessa at (302) 378-2681. Winterthur in Odessa is located in Odessa, Delaware, halfway between Wilmington and Dover on Route 13.

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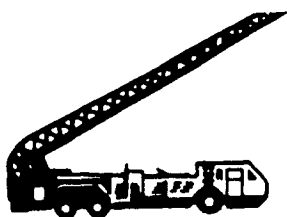
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Seed spitting contest set on Aug. 6

WILMINGTON, Del. — Nationally sanctioned watermelon seed spitting is coming to Wilmington!

Monday, Aug. 6, has been proclaimed Watermelon Day in Wilmington as the MarDel Watermelon Association and the Delaware Department of Agriculture converge on the 700 block of Market Street Mall.

20-year-old Teresa Walton of Columbia, S.C., the 1984 National Watermelon Queen and Corinne Burgess, 21, of Salisbury, MD., MarDel Watermelon Queen will be passing out free slices of Delaware grown watermelon to passersby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At 12:45 p.m. both queens will demonstrate the fine art of watermelon seed spitting and a contest featuring local celebrities will follow.

National Watermelon Association rules will be adhered to for the contest, which was won last year by Lt. Governor Michael Castle.

For instance, no one may use their own seed. If a person accidentally swallows their seed prior to launch, they are issued a new one. And, denture wearers whose teeth go farther than their seed will abide by the judges decision.

After the celebrity division, the contest will be opened to the public with the winner receiving a large Delaware watermelon.

Watermelons are a valuable crop in Delaware, accounting for over 1000 acres. Since most are grown in Sussex County, the growers association decided to let New Castle County residents sample their product on a hot August afternoon.

Last year's Watermelon Day in Wilmington attracted hundreds of people so the Association decided to make it an annual event.

Free slices of watermelon, stickers, and recipe information will be available from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. in front of Leo & Jimmy's Deli on the Market Street Mall.

Walter Melon, the MarDel Watermelon Association's new 7 foot tall mascot, will also make an appearance for the children.