










# Lemonade Day's Lemon Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to the Donaldson-Bannister Farm! In celebration of Lemonade Day's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we invite you to go on a Scavenger Hunt to find 20 lemons hidden around the Donaldson-Bannister Farm. Have fun and learn a little bit about this historic park as you search.

Follow the clues and check off the lemons you find on your sheet. ***And don't forget - please leave the lemons where you find them so that others can search for them too!***

-  William J. Donaldson and his wife Millie built the front part of the home around 1870 after he returned from the Civil War. Near the front door is where we'll start. In order for the first lemon to be found, you may have to look high and low or even near the ground.
-  Back in the 1870's homes didn't have running water inside. Where might families have gotten their water? Well, well, well.... Where might that second lemon be?
-  In the 1950's the house was owned by the Smith family. Mr. Frank Smith was a successful nursery owner (he raised plants to sell). There is a serpentine design of boxwoods on the side of the house and the property used to be known as Boxwood Farm. This next lemon is under a bush – hopefully it won't come to any harm.
-  Today we have a beautiful rose arbor next to the house. These are New Dawn roses and will have a pale pink bloom this summer. We are training them to grow up the sides and on top of the arbor. Look close but don't touch - rose thorns hurt too much!
-  In the gardens there is a fountain. It's a restful place to get cool, listen to the water splashing and have a seat. Surely this next lemon's location won't get you beat.
-  Lemonade Days was started to raise money to replant the many trees that were lost in the 1998 Dunwoody tornado. The Donaldson-Bannister Farm was severely damaged in that storm but was restored by the Chesnut family. Last April, we recognized the anniversary of the tornado with the planting of a dogwood tree. This lemon is easy to find, I'm sure you'll agree.
-  During the restoration of the property, sadly there was a tree that was damaged. We are making plans to turn the large stump into a carving. Look around and find an old oak tree that is missing it's top. The lemon here might make you stop.
-  In the 1970's a swimming pool was added to the home by the Chesnut family. It no longer holds water but is still recognizable today. While this next lemon is not "in the pool", it's in the shade so don't get dismayed.
-  Like most farms from long ago, a family cemetery was on the property. Many Donaldson's are buried here including William J. and Millie Donaldson. His grave is marked by tall obelisk. This lemon can be found near the fence where the bushes are not very dense.

- On the back side of the pool is a brick wall that makes a beautiful backdrop for photos or a wedding. Find the spot where you can hear your voice loud and clear. You will be able to see the next lemon from here.
- Long ago, people didn't have washer and dryers for their clothes. Instead they had a wash house where they could heat water, wash the clothes in pots and then hang them out to dry. You might have to look up a little for the next lemon but not nearly as high as the sky.
- In 1934 the property was sold to Lois Pattillo Bannister. Mrs. Bannister added on the back portion of the house to what we see today as well as a guest house out back. The guest house is currently under renovation but will be the offices of Dunwoody Preservation Trust soon. As you pass between the guest house and the garage, there are some trees that hang low. Finding this lemon won't bring you much woe.
- As you step out onto the driveway, to the left there are two other "out-buildings" on the farm. The one with the stairs was a commissary (like a general store) and the other was a building where tools were stored and is known as the shop. The next lemon can be found here – it's not yet time to stop!
- A smokehouse used to be on the property but now there is a fire pit in that very spot. Hope this lemon doesn't get too hot!
- When Mrs. Bannister added on to the house in the 1930's she added a porch to the house that overlooks the barns and the meadow. From here you can rock and have a beautiful view even at night. Seems to me that you might surely need some light.
- There are two barns on the property – the one closest to the house is the "old" barn and used to be home to horses and donkeys named Peaches and Ashford. Is there something peaking out of the window board?
- Between the barn and the parking lot is part of an old plow. Surely this lemon can be found without the sharp eyes of an owl.
- A "new" barn was added to the farm a couple of years ago to replace one of the old barns that was falling down. The new barn is where you can find the public restrooms for the park. On your way there you will pass some large pots. Hope this lemon has found a good resting spot.
- One of our local Girl Scouts built a Little Free Library to place on the farm. It's next to a spot where horses and mules used to feed. Surely this lemon doesn't know how to read?
- A long time ago, houses didn't have electricity or refrigerators to keep food cool. Instead, people kept these items in a cellar. This last lemon is certainly a funny feller....

**Congratulations!** You have found all 20 lemons! Hope you enjoyed the hunt and learned a little bit along the way. If you would like Dunwoody Preservation Trust to post your name and/or picture on our social media sites as having done the scavenger hunt, please email us at [info@dunwoodypt.org](mailto:info@dunwoodypt.org).