

Book sales to support Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village

DOVER – Delawareans interested in learning more about the First State’s rural history can also support the [Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village](#) with the purchase of a widely acclaimed book.

A portion of the proceeds of Georgetown attorney J. Everett Moore Jr.’s memoir, “Growin’ Up Country: Rural Life in the 1950s and 1960s,” will now be donated to the museum when purchased at certain locations or designated via online order.

Moore, who is a museum board member, and museum Executive Director Di Rafter said the arrangement will be a boost to the museum, an independent nonprofit organization, and help educate the public about Delaware agricultural and rural history.

Moore’s book chronicles his life and the times in mid-twentieth century Sussex County, including straightening nails to be reused, feeding and watering chickens, and working on his family’s farm. The book is now in its second printing.

“The Agricultural Museum and Village is a wonderful resource to help Delawareans understand the heritage and evolution of daily life and farming in our state, so this was a natural connection,” said Moore. “I hope that readers today can gain an understanding and appreciation for life in a simpler time.”

“Everett’s book is a valuable contribution that documents a part of Delaware life that is now largely vanished,” said Rafter. “His support and leadership are greatly appreciated.”

Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee, a former museum board chairman and agriculture historian, praised the book and Moore’s aid for the museum.

“This book is a great walk down memory lane, highlighting a farming lifestyle that many have forgotten,” Kee said. “The support for the Agricultural Museum helps preserve our long and proud Delaware heritage.”

A graduate of Georgetown High School, Moore has lived in Sussex County all his life. An attorney with Moore & Rutt, he is also the attorney for Sussex County Council and serves on the Delaware Heritage Commission. He has served on the Indian River School Board and as chairman of the Delaware Technical & Community College Owens Campus Foundation.

“Growin’ Up Country” can be purchased online at www.growinupcountry.com, where readers can designate their purchase to support the museum; at the museum itself; at MidAtlantic Farm Credit offices in Georgetown and Dover; and at Sussex Irrigation in Laurel. Copies are \$29.95.

More information can be found on Facebook, on the pages of [“Growin’ Up Country”](#) or the [Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village](#). Questions can be directed to the Museum at 302-734-1618 or damv@verizon.net.

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