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# New Pond Farm

## Education Center

*Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Lands*

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt • Saturday April 8, 11 a.m.

Bundle up for one of the most egg-citing events on the farm! Children from toddlers to teens will "hunt" our beautiful pastures and gardens for hand-dyed eggs. Different areas for each age group, and great prizes for all. Please sign up early, space is limited. Please bring a basket and dress for a muddy farm.

*For NPF Family Members! Fee: \$15 per child*

### Earth Art • Saturday May 20, 1-3 p.m.

Join artists, Kris Holm and Victoria Wyndham, for an unforgettable afternoon at the farm creating earth friendly artwork using only the elements of nature, your bare hands and imaginations.

*Free*

### Art Show Preview Party • Friday June 2, 6-8 p.m.

Join local artists for a gala evening of beautiful art, live music, delicious wine and hors d'oeuvres. **Space is limited, please rsvp online or call (203) 938-2117.**

*Fee: \$25 per person*

### Hunt for the Hens • Saturday June 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

*A self-guided tour of ten chicken coops in Redding*

Feeling cooped up? Fly yours and visit ours! Hens, rooster and chicks are all welcome! Come talk to the chickens, find out which hens lay blue eggs, learn how to identify roosters, fun handouts at each coop. **If you'd like a boxed lunch (choices will be outlined on the website).**

*Fee: \$20 per adult member, \$5 per child (max. \$50 per family)*

*\$25 per adult non-member, \$5 per child (max. \$60 per family)*

**Cost for lunch: \$12 per adult and \$6 per children**

### Art Show • June 3-11, 10-5 daily

New Pond Education Center is pleased to announce its 2017 Invitational Art Show featuring original paintings, drawings, and sculptures by 50 professional artists inspired by the flora and fauna of New Pond Farm and the *Continued on page 2...*



## Registration Information

- Registration & Prepayment required for ALL programs
- To register please call the office 203-938-2117 or visit our website [www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)
- One-week cancellation required for refund
- Please park at the Learning Center and dress for the outdoors

At New Pond Farm, you can expect a season filled with exploration, discovery and authentic exposure! Join us in the fresh air and experience close encounters with animals and plants, and increase your knowledge of the natural world!

**Spring-Summer  
2017**

## ART SHOW — SPECIAL EVENTS

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surrounding countryside. Included are portfolios, a silent auction, artist demonstrations and workshops for adults and children, door prizes, and an open community art event. As the art show approaches please check the website ([www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)) for the schedule of events.

*Admission is free and open to the public*

## Open House at New Pond Farm Saturday June 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please come for a visit and discover the many wonders of NPF. Meet our farm animals, visit our Native American encampment, gaze through the telescope with a solar filter, learn about our dairy operations, feed a turtle and take a walk on our trails. Learn all about what we have to offer and how you and your family can benefit by becoming members! *Free*

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## Adult Programs

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### Pysanky Eggs

Saturday April 1, 12:30-2 p.m.



Join talented artist and NPF member, Chanel Dupare, as she shares this traditional Ukrainian craft. Using a wax-resist dyeing method you will learn this delicate meditative art of Pysanky and leave with beautiful creations to enhance your home or to present as unique gifts.

*Fee: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member*

### The Importance of Meadows & Shrubland

Wednesday April 5, 7 – 8:30 p.m.



Join Leslie Kane and Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe from the Bent of the River Audubon Center in Southbury, CT for a talk about the importance of both shrubland and meadows and the birds and pollinators that they support. Learn some tips on how to manage these types of areas, especially if you have either or both habitats on your property.

*Fee: \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member*

### Felting Class

Thursday April 6, 7 p.m.



Come learn the fascinating craft of needle felting with NPF teacher, Sheila Dick. Work with carded fleece and make an array of charming projects! All materials are provided.

*Fee: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member*

### Wildflower Ramble

Wednesday April 26,  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Each year, in memory of one of our founding Board members, Helen Hermes, we take a leisurely stroll down our streamside trail to discover some of her favorite spring ephemerals. Trout Lily, Rue Anemone, Dutchmen's Breeches, Trillium, and Spring Beauties will all be here to greet you. Bring your lunch if you'd like!

*FREE thanks to the Schroeder Education Fund.*

### Forest Therapy Walk with Jennifer Salkin

Wednesday May 3, 10 a.m. start

Join Jennifer, a certified leader of Shinrin Yoku walks through the Association for Nature and Forest Therapy Guides, for a walk on our property. Health benefits come not through exercise but through focus on our senses to develop an immediate connection with the forest. This is a very

relaxed, slow, and mindful way of walking that has many proven health benefits.

*Fee: \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member*

### Birding & Breakfast with Miley Bull

Wednesday May 10, 7 – 9 a.m.



Miley is one of a kind...a well-known ornithologist, a world traveler, raconteur, and Connecticut Audubon Society's Senior Director of Science and Conservation. Don't miss the opportunity to join him for a fascinating morning in search of the Farm's warblers, bluebirds, swallows, and other feathered residents. A delicious farm breakfast awaits you when you return to the Learning Center.

*Fee: \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member*

### Knitting Farm Hats for Children

Tuesdays May 23 & May 30,  
7 – 9 p.m.



Would you like to make a pumpkin hat, or a hat with grazing sheep? Join veteran knitter Mary Pat Cieri and create a unique "farm" hat that will delight a special child in your life. Pattern choices will be provided at registration. We ask

that you bring the necessary materials with you and Mary Pat will provide the how-tos!

*Fee: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member*

### Beyond the Basics: Keeping Color In Your Garden Spring Through the Fall

SPRING: Sat. May 20, 10 a.m.

SUMMER: Sat. July 15, 10 a.m.

FALL: Sat. September 16, 10 a.m.





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Does your garden lose its color after Spring bloom? Come find out how to maintain color in your garden during Spring, Summer, and Fall. Guest speakers Ellen Hughes-Sonnenfroh and Rob Hughes, from Stonebridge Associates, will walk you through the steps needed to achieve this goal. They are offering a 3 part series, one in each season, at Ellen's home in Redding and will actually show you how gardens can transition from season to season.

*Fee for 3 part series: \$45 for members,  
\$60 for non-members*

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## Family Programs

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### Introduction to Beekeeping Saturday March 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join NPF beekeeper, Ann Murray, in a class that will introduce you to the amazing hobby of raising honeybees. Ann will talk about and show you what equipment will be needed to get started. She also will cover where to purchase both equipment and bees then end her talk with a list of do's and don'ts.

*Fee: \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member*

### Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

#### Wednesday March 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

Join guest speaker, Traci Torres, from *My Pet Chicken*, for a talk on how to get started. Traci will outline what equipment is needed, fencing concerns, feed, breeds, and maintenance procedures. Leave with a better understanding of what it takes to be a backyard chicken keeper!

*Fee: \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member*

### Family Fishing at the NPF Pond Saturday April 1, 9-10 a.m.

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, in a fishing expedition at our pond. Learn how to use a spinning rod and try your hand at catching a resident bass, sunfish, or pickerel. We will provide both equipment and bait.

**Space is limited.**

*Fee: \$10 per member family,  
\$15 per non-member family*

### Spring Astronomy Programs Saturdays April 1, April 29, June 3

*April 1, 7:45 p.m. start,  
April 29 & June 3, 8:30 p.m. start*



This spring we will offer 3 astronomy programs. Two are being offered in April, because April 29 is *International Astronomy Day*. Come join us for viewing planets, stars, and constellations and if we are lucky, view the ISS as it continues to orbit the Earth. A short mini-lesson of what can be seen that night will be given 30 minutes prior to the start time in the classroom in the Learning Center.

*Fee per program: \$4 per member  
(\$16 max. per member family) and  
\$6 per non-member  
(\$24 max. per non-member family).*

### Peeper Patrol

#### Friday April 7 or Saturday April 8, 7-8:30 p.m.

Put on your boots and grab your flashlights, we are going looking for amphibians! This annual event is great fun for the whole family. We will search the pond, the marsh and surrounding wetlands for a variety of species. Please wear waterproof boots and be sure to check your flashlight batteries.

*MEMBERS ONLY! Fee: \$15 per family*

### Family Farm Chores

#### Sunday April 23, 2:30-3:30 p.m. or Saturday May 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Who drinks milk, who munches on hay and who eats grain? Find out the answers to these questions and more! You will help feed our chickens, sheep, and cows!

*MEMBERS ONLY! Fee: \$10 per family*

### Family Campout

#### Friday May 12, 6 p.m.



Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, for a family campout here at NPF. Our fun filled evening may include a night hike, singing around the campfire, gazing at spring constellations and a celebration of our nocturnal neighbors prior to turning in for the night. Then awaken early to join our farmer for morning chores, followed by hearty farmer's breakfast. **Space is limited.**  
*MEMBERS ONLY! Fee: \$50 per family*

### Become a Beekeeper for a Morning

#### Saturday May 27, 9-11 a.m.

Slip into one of our bee suits and join resident beekeeper, Ann Murray, for an absolutely fascinating morning. You will help her open one of our hives, observe workers and drones, search for brood, and if you are lucky, see the queen. Walk away with a first hand look into the complex and extraordinary workings of the honeybee colony. **Space is limited!**

*MEMBERS ONLY! Fee: \$25 per person*

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## High School/Middle School Students

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*Fee: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member*

### Introduction to Fly Tying Saturday April 8, 2-3 p.m.

Fly fisherman and veteran instructor, Tim Laughlin, will introduce you to the art of fly tying. Create your own "woolly bugger". Equipment and materials provided.

*Fee: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member*

## Rocketry

Thursday June 15, 10 a.m.-12 noon



Build a rocket, launch it from the pasture and watch it soar 100'-200' overhead and return to Earth! All materials are included.

Fee: \$20 per member, \$25 per non-member

## Elementary School

### Introducing Culture Club at NPF

The Arts play a nurturing role in our lives and thanks to our founder, Carmen Mathews, they have always been an important part of New Pond Farm. This year we are delighted to offer a three-session series of workshops that will introduce children ages 7-9 to ballet, opera, and Shakespeare. We have found a wonderful guest teacher, Diane Fuller, who has done a similar program in New York for years. For more information, please contact: [tim@newpondfarm.org](mailto:tim@newpondfarm.org)

#### Part 1: Introduction to Ballet:

Saturday March 18, 1-3 p.m.

#### Part 2: Introduction to Opera:

Saturday March 25, 1-3 p.m.

#### Part 3: Introduction to Shakespeare:

Saturday April 1, 1-3 p.m.

Fee for 3 part series:

\$48 for members, \$60 for non-members

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Fee: \$15 per member, \$20 per non-member

## Easter Egg Trees!

Tuesday April 4, 4-5 p.m.

Create your own beautiful tree as you decorate hand-blown eggs. This is a perfect decoration for your spring table.

Fee: \$12 per member, \$16 per non-member

## Mother's Day Craft "Dream Pillows"

Tuesday May 9, 4-5 p.m.

Please join NPF artist in residence, Kris Holm,

in making a special Mother's Day gift. Treat Mom to sweet dreams with a beautifully decorated pillow filled with a fragrant combination of herbs, flowers and soft sheep's wool. Tuck in your happy thoughts to make her bedtime pleasant and peaceful.

Fee: \$8 per member, \$12 per non-member

## Kitchen Magic

Tuesday May 16, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Can you rubberize an egg? Turn milk into glue? Squeeze an egg into a bottle? Join us for some kitchen magic!

Fee: \$8 per member, \$12 per non-member

## Tadpoles, Dragonflies, and Beetles

Wednesday June 7, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Join us for fun by the marsh! Using our strainers and nets we will capture, observe and release many of the fascinating residents. Let's see who's hopping, swimming, and diving in this watery habitat.

Fee: \$8 per member, \$12 per non-member

## Summer Shakespeare

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ACTORS

#### *As You Like It*

June 26-July 16 • 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Get Ready for Mistaken Identities, Wrestling Matches, Family Rivalry and Love All Rolled into a Fast Moving Romantic Comedy in the Woods!



This engaging three-week theatre program with director Nancy Ponturo will incorporate acting, movement, and voice. Students will become more familiar with the intricacies of the Shakespearean language, garner a sound knowledge of the text, and get a glimpse into

life in Elizabethan times as they prepare for their performances. We aim to stimulate their imaginations through an innovative and fun approach to classical material. "There are so many interesting characters that are brought to life on-stage," adds Nancy Ponturo.

Fee: \$675 per NPF Family Member,  
\$750 per non-member

## Summer Camp

AGES 8-12

Session 1: July 10-14;

Session 2: July 24-28; Session 3: Aug. 7-11



Each year New Pond Farm hosts a unique summer camp that brings together children from the cities of Connecticut with area youngsters. If you have an 8-12 year old who would enjoy making new friends with children from different backgrounds and becoming part of our farm family, then NPF is just the right place! Activities include exploring the woodlands and wetlands, Native American programs, swimming, working with animals, gardening, cooking, hiking, outdoor games, crafts, and more!

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED

Fee: \$550 includes daily snacks,  
lunch craft materials and t-shirt





# ADVENTURE BIRTHDAY PARTIES

## Naturalists, Explorers & Adventurers!

Autumn - Winter - Spring



On our 102 beautiful acres we have unique resources such as diverse habitat, 19th Century barns, a maple syruping shed, and an authentically recreated Native American encampment complete with a thatched longhouse and barked wigwam; the pastures and barns are home for a variety of livestock. Our best resource however, is our enthusiastic and experienced teaching staff. They adjust our programs to fit your child's age and learning abilities. All of our programs are hands-on and active, keeping your child and his or her guests involved throughout the program.

### Themes include:

#### NATURALISTS:

*Turning 4 and older.*

- Eastern Woodland Indians
- Farm & Nature Crafts
- Farmer for a Day
- Freshwater Habitats

#### EXPLORERS:

*Turning 6 and older.*

- Beehive Exploration
- Fishing
- Kitchen Magic
- Wildlife

#### ADVENTURERS:

*Turning 10 and older.*

- Fly Tying
- Fly Casting
- Rocket Scientist
- Treasure Hunt/Orienteering

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To learn more about our Adventure Birthday Parties or to check availability, please call our office at 203.938.2117 or email [info@newpondfarm.org](mailto:info@newpondfarm.org).

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We would love some help for these programs — Join in the FUN!

NPF's Run for the Cows — Saturday May 6, & Sunday May 7

*Sponsored by goneforarun.com*

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Please check out our exciting new website  
[www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)

Dear Renewing or Prospective Member,

For over 30 years New Pond Farm Education Center has provided individuals, families and organizations with ways to explore their passions for the natural world.

Thanks to actress Carmen Mathews' vision, New Pond Farm provides a myriad of opportunities for our members, donors, volunteers, and sponsoring entities. Her dedication to programs for urban youth, the environment, agriculture and the arts paved the way for the hands-on educational experiences that take place on our glorious 102-acre property.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible. I look forward to seeing you soon!

With warm regards, 

Ann Taylor, Executive Director  
 ann@newpondfarm.org • 203-938-2117

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*Connecting people to the land which enriches and sustains us all.*  
 The Environment • Natural and Local History • Astronomy • Agriculture • The Arts

*Membership Level (Annual)*

- Individual . . . . . \$50
- Family . . . . . \$75
- Supporting Member . . \$100
- Sustaining Member . . \$300
- Patron . . . . . \$500
- Sponsor . . . . . \$1,000
- Guardian . . . . . \$ 5,000

*As a member, are you interested in providing additional support for an area that is especially dear to your heart?*

- Programs for Urban Youth . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- The Working Farm (animals and agriculture) . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Educational Programs . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Re-planting of Native Species . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- The Arts (including performing/visual) . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Please contact me about Legacy Membership.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ or sign up online at [www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)

Names and ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of receiving newsletters and calendars:  e-mail  USPS  Both

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

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