New Pond Farm
Education Center

Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Lands

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
• 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) 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!

Adult Programs

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

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.

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

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

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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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

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: $30 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

High School/Middle School Students

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

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

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

Pysanky Eggs

Saturday April 1, 2:30-4:30 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

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-July16 • 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

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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.

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

THIS IS A GREAT ONE FOR EARLY-BIRD VOLUNTEERS!

Afterschool Help in Our Wildlife Room
THIS IS A GREAT PARENT/OLDER CHILD ACTIVITY.
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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www.newpondfarm.org