



# New Pond Farm

EDUCATION CENTER

# Programs

for adults, families, children

*“Connecting people with the land that enriches and sustains us all.”*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Founders' May Fair

Saturday, May 17,

11 am-4 pm

(rain date May 18, 1-4 pm)

This is one of our favorite days of the year! As we celebrate the growing season we also take time to remember our Founders, Carmen Mathews



and Sally Trippe, whose generosity and vision made the New Pond Farm Education Center possible. There will be Maypole Dancing with students from RES, Morris Dancing, horse drawn hayrides, sheep shearing, fleece spinning, and bee keeping. Create many natural crafts to take home! Purchase a wonderful variety of heirloom vegetable seedlings to plant in your garden!

At 2 pm Special Guest Brian Bradley from **Skyhunters in Flight** will be here with his awe-inspiring falcons, hawks and owls! Don't miss the breathtaking sight of falcons soaring and diving over the pastures.

**\*\*Please leave your dogs at home!\*\***

*\$5 per person; \$20 maximum per family  
There will be small fees at the craft tables to cover the cost of supplies.*

### Preview Party Invitational Photography Show Friday, May 30, 6-8 pm

We will inaugurate our “Farm to Photo” invitational show with exquisite photographs, Banfi wines and sumptuous hors d'oeuvres.

Meet the photographers, and enjoy outstanding images of the Farm's landscapes, flora and fauna.

*NPF members and friends \$25 per person.  
Register online or call 203-938-2117 for reservations*

### Farm to Photo Photography Show

May 31 through June 14

Once again photographers are focusing on the unique beauties of New Pond Farm, with its sweeping vistas and tranquil views of barnyard animals. Some fifty regional photographers will transfer their visions of the farm to print so that, from May 31–June 14, the public may browse among portraits of its bounty and may buy images of a place that so perfectly reminds us of our elemental connection to the land.



#### Also featuring:

*Portfolios of photos depicting the natural world  
Silent Auction*

*All proceeds benefit the educational programs.*

#### Gallery Hours:

*10 am- 5 pm Mon-Sat., 12-5 pm on Sunday.  
Admission is free. Please come and browse through two beautiful rooms of photographs.*

### Hunt for the Hens!!

*A self guided tour of ten amazing coops in Redding!*

Saturday, May 31, 10 am-4 pm

Feeling Cooped up? Fly yours and visit ours! From a Taj Mahal for chickens, to creative dwellings built by fowl fanciers, you will have a wonderful time! Find out which hens lay blue eggs. There is a pecking order, discover who's boss. Come talk to the chickens — cluck and crow!

**NEW!**



#### TOUR:

*\$20 per adult NPF member, \$25 per nonmember adult  
\$5 per child*

*\$50 maximum per NPF Member Family*

*\$60 maximum per Nonmember Family*

*Details and lunch menu continued on page 2...*



Founder's May Fair  
Saturday, May 17  
*Details on this page.*

All programs and events, except for Founders' May Fair, require reservations and prepayment.

*One week cancellation is required for a refund.*

*Park at the Learning Center.*

*Dress for the outdoors.*

Please go to our website  
[www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)  
or call the office  
203-938-2117

**REGISTRATION**

**Spring, 2014**

Hunt for the Hens!! *Continued from page 1...*

### LUNCH

A delicious luncheon, catered by Collyer Catering, may be preordered and either enjoyed at New Pond Farm or picked up "to go" between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm

*Lunch: \$12 per adult and \$6 per child*

#### Lunch choices:

##### Adult #1:

Egg Salad Sandwich on rustic ciabata with field lettuce, seasonal fruit bowl, pasta primavera salad, brownie and blondie pair, and a bottle of water

##### Adult #2:

Two color quinoa salad with seasonal vegetables and fresh mozzarella, seasonal fruit salad, brownie and blondie pair, a bottle of water.

##### Children's:

Pasta primavera salad, cheese and crackers, grape bunch, chicken coop cookie, a bottle of water

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Birding and Breakfast with CT Audubon's Miley Bull

Wednesday, May 28, 7 am-9 am  
(rain date Friday May 30)

Join well-known ornithologist, raconteur, and Connecticut Audubon Society's Senior Director of Science and Conservation, Miley Bull, for an enjoyable and educational morning in search of the Farm's warblers, bluebirds, swallows and other spring residents.



A delicious farm breakfast awaits when you return to the Learning Center.

*Free thanks to the generosity of the Schroeder Education Fund*



## Kris Holm's Roosters, Hens, and Chicks! An Extraordinary Craft Project for Adults

Wednesday, June 4,  
6:30-8:30 pm

Bring a little bit of New Pond Farm back to your own home or garden with this colorful flock of chickens.



We will twist, snip and "up cycle" our way with some unexpected materials repurposed for this eco-friendly project. Even though they don't crow or cluck, these charming characters are sure to rule the roost!

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

Founders' May Fair see page 1

Hunt for the Hens see page 1

### Family Farm Chores *NPF Members Only!*

Saturday, May 10,  
2:30-3:30 pm

Help Farmer Mike with the feeding of the cows, calves, sheep and chickens! See how our cows are milked.

*\$10 per family*



### Spring Astronomy

Saturday, May 3, 8:30 pm

Join us on Astronomy Hill as we continue to get great views of the gas giant Jupiter and its four bright moons, Mars is still dramatically red as earth remains reasonably close and Saturn, bedecked with its magnificent rings and moons enters the early evening stage. The moons of Jupiter and Saturn are the most likely places in our solar system for some form of organic life. The slight crescent moon will add beauty to the cool, pleasant evening sky and dramatic views of the sun rising over its crater walls and mountains. We will have our last views of the winter constellations and point out and discuss the spring constellations of Leo the lion, Virgo the virgin and Bootes the herdsman.

*\$4 per person NPF members, with a maximum of \$16 per family.*

*\$6 per person nonmembers, with a maximum of \$24 per family.*

### Spring Astronomy

Saturday, June 7, 9 pm

On Astronomy Hill we will get our last evening views of Jupiter, and its Great Red spot (now a faded brown) early in the evening. Mars and the moon, a couple of days past first quarter, will make a beautiful pair, and Saturn is ascending in the eastern sky. During the spring, our spaceship earth's night sky presents us a view of our universe that is unobstructed by the "nearby" objects within our own Milky Way. This will allow us to tour the local cluster of galaxies in the direction of the constellation of Virgo.

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**FOR ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS: If it looks as if the skies might be cloudy, call the farm after 5:30 pm for program status (203) 938-2117 or visit the homepage on the website.**

## 6 – 12 YEAR OLDS

All programs meet from 4:30-5:30 pm and are drop off programs

\$8/member, \$10/nonmember

### Star Boxes

**Tuesday, May 13**

This is a season of wonderful celestial events. We will be making our own star box "planetariums" which will project a twinkling constellation on your ceiling at home.

### Woodland Indians

**Tuesday, June 3**

Spend an afternoon imagining what life was like when Eastern Woodland Indians traversed our land. Visit our wigwam and longhouse, learn about cooking with hot rocks, discover native plants used for toothbrushes, toothaches, and foods, and visit our museum brimming with artifacts — some found on the property!

### Tadpoles, Dragonflies, & Diving Beetles!

**Thursday June 12**

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

## 4 – 5 YEAR OLDS WITH AN ADULT

All programs meet on Mondays from 2-2:45 pm

\$6/member child and \$8/nonmember child

### Cluck, Cluck, Cluck! Meet our Flock!

**May 19**

Spend the afternoon celebrating our chickens! Discover who lays blue eggs? How to tell a chicken from a rooster, see chickens using their "bathtubs" and feed some special treats to our flock!

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### Birds of a Feather!

**June 9**

Get to know your neighborhood birds, their songs, their colors, their favorite foods, and then make a delicious birdie treat to put in your yard!

## SUMMER SHAKESPEARE 2014 for Actors Going Into 7th-10th Grades

### *Two Gentleman of Verona*

Our popular Summer Shakespeare program returns with the Bard's *Two Gentleman of Verona*. This engaging three-week theatre program with Director Nancy Ponturo and Enrichment Director Julia Levo will incorporate acting, movement, and voice. Students will become more familiar with the intricacies of Shakespearean language, garner a sound knowledge of the text and get a glimpse into life in Elizabethan times as they prepare for their three performances. We aim to stimulate their imaginations through an innovative and fun approach to classical material.

- Auditions: Monday June 9th from 4-6pm
- Program Dates: Monday to Friday, June 30th to July 19th (off on July 4th)
- Times: 9:30 am-12:30 pm Monday-Friday (longer rehearsals during week #3)
- Performance Dates: July 17-19
- Tuition: \$650 per NPF Family Member, \$725 per non-member

Spaces are limited.

Please call Ann Taylor 203-938-2117 to register





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Box 116 • 101 Marchant Road • West Redding, CT 06896

**Three special events await!**

(See page 1.)

Founders' May Fair;  
Hunt for the Hens and Farm to Photo



Founders' May Fair - Sunday, May 17

## Membership...the perfect gift!

The majority of our operating budget is dependent on memberships, program revenues and private grants. We welcome your support! *Please make your contribution payable to New Pond Farm Education Center* and send it to: New Pond Farm Education Center; Box 116; West Redding, CT 06896.

**To have a gift card mailed, please call the office!**

As members you will have the opportunity to:

- Hike, cross country ski and explore on our spectacular private 102-acre property
- Receive discounts on programs
- Enjoy many Members-Only programs — like Junior Staff, Summer Camp, Pancake Breakfasts, Caroling with the Animals & evening amphibian programs
- Receive seasonal Newsletter and calendars in advance so that you may be first to sign up for our classes
- Participate in educational and unique birthday parties for your children
- Enjoy an ongoing series of adult workshops and outdoor activities throughout the year
- Discover the fascinating plant and animal communities of the Redding area in our hands-on classes
- Support one of the last working farms in Fairfield County — celebrating our connection to the land and the origins of our food
- Support environmental programs that plant the seeds of conservation, encouraging students of all ages to become responsible stewards of the land
- Support a summer camp that brings together children from the inner city and children from surrounding areas in a personal atmosphere, fostering new understandings and friendships



**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Adult | \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron   | \$500   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family           | \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor  | \$1,000 |
|   |      |                                     |       | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian | \$5,000 |

Name(s) of family members: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_



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