



New Pond Farm

EDUCATION CENTER

Programs

for adults, families, children

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

SPECIAL EVENT

Wolves of North America with Atka

Sat., Mar. 22, 2 p.m.



New Pond Farm will welcome the Wolf Conservation Center of South Salem, NY and their Arctic gray wolf, Atka, on March 22, 2014 at 2 p.m. The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations. By providing science-based education programming with Atka, the WCC encourages a philosophy of respect for all living things. Nature is essential for the physical and emotional health of children and adults, Atka the wolf helps forge that connection. Perfect for all ages!

\$10 per person

We are grateful to the Schroeder Education Fund for helping to underwrite this exciting program.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Branches, Buds and Bark

Sun., March 2nd, 1 p.m.

Bundle up and Join NPFEC Board Member John Campbell for an invigorating and informative walk in our woodlands. Learn how to tell a maple from an oak, a beech from a birch, and so much more! John was a director for the Bartlett Arboretum, the past president of the Darien Audubon Society, and past vice-president of the Darien Nature Center! He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a spirit of great fun!

Free for members, \$10 nonmembers

Baking Fresh Bread at Home

Learn how to make artisanal bread and traditional challah

Wed., March 5th, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of breadmaking, where you will learn the recipes, techniques and magic of making beautiful and delicious bread in your own kitchen. There will be loads of delicious samples for you to try. Taught by three of our talented bread-baking Board members!

\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

The State of Honeybees

Tues., March 18th, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join Tammy Conley and David Blocher for an informative discussion of the latest findings surrounding honeybee health and



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Pancake Breakfast

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Pre-payment and registration is required.

One week cancellation is required for a refund.

Park at the Indoor Learning Center.

Dress for the outdoors.

To register,
CLICK HERE
or call 203-938-2117

REGISTRATION

Winter & Early Spring, 2014

ADULT PROGRAMS *(Continued)*

The State of Honeybees *(Continued from page 1)*

why it matters. We'll also share the delights of the hive, tasting mead and honey's from around the world. David Blocher is one of only 4 Master Beekeepers in the state of CT. He has been keeping bees since he was 12 years old and has between 80-200 hives at any given time. David lives in Redding and is responsible for much of the local honey you see for sale in the area. Tammy is responsible for the hives at the Farm and runs our Adopt-a-Hive Program, where families learn the art and science of beekeeping by working a beehive alongside her. You won't want to miss this!

\$15 members, \$20 nonmembers

Creating a Handmade Cowl with Paula Moliver

Wed., March 26th, 4-6 p.m.

We are so excited to have talented designer and fiber artist Paula Moliver back on the farm! Using yarns from our Romney flock, you will learn the unique technique of "arm knitting". Paula will teach participants of almost all ages (8-Adults) how to make a fashionable handmade cowl.

\$20 members, \$25 nonmembers (materials included)

Photographing the Redding Landscape:

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Thurs., March 27th, 5-8:30 p.m.

Five fantastic photography sessions and a simple supper!



5:00 Shaping the Scene/Basic

Composition with Chris Rixon

5:30 Landscape Photography with Elyse Shapiro

6:00-7:00 *Dinner Break — delicious fare*

7:00 iPhone Photography in the Landscape with Dan Burkholder

7:30 Current Trends in Framing & Presentation with

Bill McCann and Dave Clark from Visual Impact

8:00 Custom Artist Books with Roy Weinstein

A donation of \$10 is requested for the dinner.

Pysanky Eggs with Artist Chanel Dupare

Sat., April 5th 1:30-3 p.m.

Learn the art and craft of an old Ukrainian decorating tradition. Using a wax resist dyeing method, you will learn the delicate craft of Pysanka and take home beautiful eggs as gifts for someone special or to decorate your home.

\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers

Cloth Dolls Workshop With Artist Kris Holm

Thursdays, April 17th and 24th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Back in the good old days, cloth or ragdolls were a popular and practical plaything. Thrifty moms would let nothing go to waste and the result would be these homespun and huggable companions. In this workshop, you will create a simple cloth doll starting with cutting and sewing a muslin body. We will embroider its features, add yarn hair and stuff it with fleece from our own New Pond Farm sheep. To personalize your dolls, please bring in pieces of your own old children's clothing to cut up or even crib sheets with which we will fashion its clothing. This workshop can extend to an extra session if necessary to complete the project.

\$25 members, \$35 nonmembers

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Reptile Extravaganza!

Sun., Feb. 23rd, 2 p.m.

Join reptile enthusiast Lori Mott and meet our friendly resident menagerie of snakes, tortoises, iguanas and geckos! Learn fascinating details about snake spectacles and scales as well as chubby gecko tails!

\$10 per member family, \$15 per nonmember family



Maple Syruping and Pancake Breakfast

NPF Members Only!



Sat., March 1st

Seatings:

8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00

Start your winter morning with a breakfast of bacon and homemade pancakes topped with farm fresh maple syrup.

After breakfast head

down to the sugar shed to see how your syrup was made.

\$8 per person, 3 year olds and under are free.

Backyard Maple Syruping

Sat., March 8th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make your own syrup? Let Pete Lopuch teach you each step in this traditional New England process and review the materials needed for backyard production. Dress for the outdoors.

\$10 per member family, \$15 per nonmember family

Winter Astronomy

Sat., March 8th, 7 p.m.

Join our astronomy team for brilliant views of Jupiter with its bright moons and colorful cloud bands, along with dramatic views of our own moon's craters, plains and mountains. Get to know the winter constellations, including Orion with its glittering nebulae, where new stars and planetary systems are born.

Dress warmly, bring a flashlight for the walk from the parking area to the observatory, and binoculars, if you have them. The observatory has a wooden deck to stand on and an adjacent heated building to warm up in. Farm Fresh Hot Chocolate will be served!!

If it looks as if the skies might be cloudy, call the farm after 3:30 p.m. for program status 203.938.2117 or visit the homepage on the website.

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

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

Family Farm Chores

NPF Members Only!

Sat., March 15th, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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

\$10 per family

FAMILY PROGRAMS *(Continued)*

Peeper Patrols

Fri., April 4th or Sat., April 5th, 7-8:30 p.m.

Put on your boots and grab your flashlights, we are going to search for amphibians. This annual event is great fun for the whole family. We will explore the pond, marsh and surrounding wetlands for a variety of species. *Please wear boots and bring a flashlight (with new batteries!) Space is limited.*

Members Only! \$10 per family

4/5 YEAR OLDS WITH AN ADULT

All programs meet Mondays from 2-2:45pm

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

Wildlife in Winter

Feb. 24th

Who grows an extra furry coat, who flies south in search of food, who sleeps their way through these chilly months? Learn how our wild neighbors make it through the winter!

Making Butter

March 10th

Meet a cow from head to toe then take fresh cream from our dairy and make delicious butter!



Spring in the Barnyard

April 7th

Piglets, chicks and lambs are awaiting your arrival! Come learn about these special members of the farm!

Stay Tuned...

Stay tuned for more exciting April, May & June events, Summer Camp information, and corresponding registration information!

In the meantime please save the date: Members' Easter Egg Hunt: April 12th (rain date 19th)

We don't want you to miss a thing, so if you are not on our Program eblast List, please contact tammy@newpondfarm.org

6-12 YEAR OLDS

All Programs meet from 4-5 p.m. and are drop off programs \$8/member, \$10/nonmember... unless noted

Tracks and Traces

Thurs., Feb 20th

Nibbled cones, tufts of fur, feathers and footprints are just a few of the clues that our wild neighbors leave behind for us to decipher. Dress warmly for outdoor explorations!



Maple Syruping

Thurs., March 6th



Tap a tree, collect sap and spend time at the evaporator learning how we make syrup. A tasty treat awaits!

Blowing in the March Winds

Wed., March 12th

Celebrate the change in the weather that the blustery March Wind brings by making colorful wind-socks out of recycled sail cloth. These weatherproof windsocks will not only tell you the speed, direction and power of the wind but will add a lively splash of color to your yard as you wait for spring to arrive.

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Digital Farm Photography

Wed., April 2nd, 4-5:30 p.m.

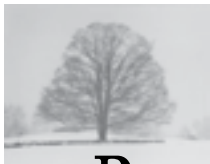
Carrie Brady, a fine art photographer as well as a fabulous teacher, will show you new ways to use a digital camera to create artful shots. Students will learn to trust their creative instincts and play with their camera to bring their vision to life. Bring your own camera or use one of ours.

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Wolves of North America
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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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