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New Pond Farm

Education Center

Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Lands

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SPECIAL EVENTS

A Night of One-Acts



**Saturday March 24, 7 p.m. and
Sunday March 25, 2 p.m.**

You are invited to our annual play reading! This year brings a night of one-act plays performed by professional actors who are near and dear to New Pond Farm. This will be a collection of smart and funny short plays written by a wide assortment of contemporary writers. The talented cast will include Kate Katcher, Julia Levo, Bob and Nancy Ponturo, Don Striano, Frank and Heather Whaley. All actors are back by popular demand and generously donating their time for this joyful fundraiser.

After the performance we hope you will join the actors for libations, homemade desserts, and lively conversations!

*Fee: \$40 per member,
\$50 per non-member*

Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday March 24, 11 a.m.
(Rain Date: March 31)

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 bring a basket and dress for a muddy farm.

Please sign up early, space is limited.

For NPF Family Members!

Fee: \$15 per child



***More special events,
winter and spring
programs inside...***

Registration Information

- Registration & Prepayment required for ALL programs
- To register please visit our website www.newpondfarm.org or call the office 203.938.2117
- 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!

**Winter-Spring
2018**

More Special Events

Earth Art



Saturday May 12, 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

For the Love of Gardening



**Saturday June 9,
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

New Pond Farm and the Redding Garden Club are pleased to co-sponsor a joyful tour through some of Redding's exceptional private gardens.

Garden Tour Only: \$40
Garden Tour & Lunch: \$55

Please visit the New Pond Farm website for lunch details:

www.newpondfarm.org

Adult Programs

Knitting and Spinning by the Fire



**Sundays: February 4, March 4,
and April 8, 12 - 3 p.m.**

(If weather is bad, we will cancel.)

Bring your knitting projects and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with seasoned knitters and members of the Nutmeg Spinners. They will coach you on your knitting challenges and invite you to try your hand at their spinning wheels.

This program is free, but it is asked that you purchase a skein of New Pond Farm yarn (\$12) and donate a completed scarf, hat, or pair of mittens to the Farm by April 15

Pysanky Eggs



Saturday March 17, 12 - 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*

Helping Honey Bees Saturday April 14, 10 - 11 a.m.

Join us for a Honey Bee conversation with our Apiary Manager, Ann Murray. We will share a day in the life of a beekeeper, challenges facing bees today, and ideas of how you can help these important pollinators.

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

Wildflower Ramble and Brown Bag Lunch



**Wednesday April 25, 11 a.m. ramble,
12 - 12:30 p.m. lunch**

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 a brown bag lunch and share happy conversations on our balcony as you look out over the pastures.

*Free thanks to the
Schroeder Education Fund*

Ladies Fly Casting Class



Saturday April 28, 1 - 2 p.m.

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, and learn how to fly cast. Fly-fishing is becoming a very popular sport for ladies. Once you learn these basics, obtain a State of CT fishing license and a fly fishing rod and reel, you will be ready to go fishing! *Space is limited.*

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

Forest Therapy Walk with Jennifer Salkin

Tuesday May 1, 9:30 a.m.

Join Jennifer, a certified leader of ShinrinYoku walks through the Association for Nature and Forest Therapy Guides, for a walk on our property. Health benefits come not through exercise, but through focusing on our senses and developing an immediate connection with the forest. This is a very relaxed, slow, mindful way of walking that has many proven health benefits.

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

Birding & Breakfast with Miley Bull



Monday May 7, 7 - 9 a.m.

Miley is one of a kind, a well-known ornithologist, a world traveler, a raconteur, and CT Audubon Society's Senior Director of Science and Conservation. Please join us for a fascinating morning in search of the Farm's warblers, bluebirds, swallows, and other feathered residents. A delicious breakfast awaits you when you return to the Learning Center.

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

Knitting Children's Hats



Wednesday May 16, 7 - 9 p.m.

Would you like to make a pumpkin hat or a hat with a farm animal or strawberry on it? Join veteran knitter Mary Pat Cieri and create a unique 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

Family Programs

Build a Bluebird Box and Take It Home

Saturday February 3, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Come join us and assemble a bluebird box for your yard. Once built, participants will be given details of where to place their birdhouses and when to start looking for activity at their box! ***Please bring a hammer and a Phillips-head screwdriver. Space is limited.*** *Fee: \$20 per member family, \$25 per non-member family*

Great Backyard Bird Count Training Class



Saturday February 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Come learn how to get involved in an annual citizen science project where you identify and count the number of birds in your backyard anytime between February 17-20. We will show you all the steps and helpful apps to identify the birds. We will also walk you through the steps on how to enter the data on the citizen science website. ***Free***

Backyard Syruping

Saturday February 10, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make your own maple syrup? Let us teach you each step of this sweet process and review the materials needed in backyard production. Dress for the outdoors!

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

Winter/Spring Astronomy



**February 24 at 7 p.m.,
March date & time TBA,
April 21 at 8 p.m.**

Join our team of astronomy volunteers as we gaze through the telescopes at the Moon, Saturn, and deep space objects. Our team will also point out and discuss various seasonal constellations. *Note: Families are invited to a special preview in the Learning Center classroom a half-hour before the official start. This will give participants, especially children, a better understanding of what they will be viewing out on the hill.* Please dress for the outdoors, bring a flashlight for the walk to and from the observatory, and binoculars if you have them.

*Fee: \$4 per member
(\$12 max. per member family),
\$6 per non-member
(\$24 max. per non-member family)*

Moonlight Snowshoeing

Friday March 2, 6 p.m.

(Weather permitting.)

Thanks to our outdoor partner, *L.L. Bean*, NPF will offer the opportunity for our members to borrow sets of snowshoes (both adult and youth sizes) to be used right here on our property. You may reserve the snowshoes in advance (limited pairs available so please call ahead) or better yet bring your own snowshoes!

Members only!

*Fee: \$5 per member
(\$20 max per family)*

WE'RE OPEN TO MEMBERS

Our members are welcomed to enjoy the property; winter hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone under 18-years-old must be accompanied by a parent. We invite you to hike the trails, cross-country ski/snowshoe around the pastures, or sled down Astronomy Hill. ***NO SKATING!!*** *Please park at the Learning Center and walk out to the pastures and please call to let us know you are coming, we also ask that you leave your dogs at home.*

CALLING ALL SNOWBIRD SNOWSHOE-ERS

Dear NPF Members,
Thanks to the generosity of our outdoor partner, *L.L. Bean*, we have a few pairs of snowshoes (adult and children's sizes) for our members to sign-out and borrow while on the property. If you'd like to learn more about this or to be on our "Call List" for impromptu snowshoeing, please email our Program Director Tim Laughlin: tim@newpondfarm.org.

Maple Syrup & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 3

Seating times: 8:30, 9, 9:30, or 10 a.m.



Start the 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.

Reservations are required, seating is limited.

Members only!

Fee: \$10 per person, children 3 and under are free. (\$30 max. per member family)

Peep Patrol



Friday April 6 or
Saturday April 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

Members only!

Fee: \$15 per family

Farm Chores

Saturday April 7, or Sunday May 13,
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Who drinks milk, who munches hay, and who eats grain? Find out these answers and lots more. Come help us feed chickens, sheep, and cows.

Members only!

Fee: \$10 per family

Helping Honey Bees

Saturday April 14, 10 - 11 a.m.

Join us for a Honey Bee conversation with our Apiary Manager, Ann Murray. We will share a day in the life of a beekeeper, challenges facing bees today, and ideas of how you can help these important pollinators.

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

Family Campout



Friday May 18, 6 p.m.

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, for a family campout here at NPF. Our fun filled evening includes a night hike, sitting around a campfire, viewing 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 a farmer's breakfast.

Members only!

*Space is limited.
Fee: \$50 per family*



Middle School/ High School Students

Pysanky Eggs



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

Introduction to Fly Tying



Saturday April 28, 10 - 11 a.m.

Our Program Director Tim Laughlin, a veteran fly-tyer, would like to introduce you to the art of fly tying. Join him and make a "Woolly Bugger" that you will take home once it is finished. Once started this could become a lifelong hobby! *All equipment and materials will be provided.*

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

Rocketry

Saturday June 2, 10 a.m. -
12 p.m.

Come build a rocket and then launch it outside in the pasture. Watch it soar high in the sky and then take it home once it returns to Earth. *All materials will be provided.*



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

SUMMER SHAKESPEARE

for Middle and High School Actors

Much Ado About Nothing

Get ready for war heroes,
bumbling policemen, mock weddings and masked balls,
deception, dancing and of course, a little romance.

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.

Dates: June 25 - July 14 (excluding July 4)

Times: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(Longer rehearsals during week #3.)

Evening Performances: 7/12 at Meadow Ridge, 7/13 and 7/14 at NPF

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

For more information please go to www.newpondfarm.org ■



Elementary School Students

Valentines Day Craft (ages 6-12)

Wednesday February 7, 4 - 5 p.m.

Join artist-in-residence, Kris Holm, for a creative afternoon making a unique Valentine craft for your family or friends.

Fee: \$8 per member,

\$12 per non-member

Pysanky Eggs



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Fee: \$15 per member,

\$20 per non-member

Hot Air Balloons (ages 6-12)



Wednesday March 21, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Teams will create their own tissue paper hot air balloons and then head outside to launch them into the atmosphere.

Fee: \$8 per member,

\$12 per non-member

Easter Egg Trees

Wednesday March 28, 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

Programs for Home Schoolers and for RES Students Who Have Early Dismissal Because of Conferences

Mask Making Workshop: Bird Masks

Tuesday April 3, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join world renowned puppeteer, Adelka Polak, as she guides you through the process of creating your very own bird mask that will be taken home at the end of the class. *All materials are provided.*

Fee: \$20 per member,

\$25 per non-member

Making Frog Puppets

Thursday April 5, 1 - 3 p.m.

Join world renowned puppeteer, Adelka Polak, and celebrate "World Puppetry Day" by making and taking home a frog puppet that you create. *All materials are provided.*

Fee: \$20 per member,

\$25 per non-member

Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday May 9, 4 - 5 p.m.

Join NPF artist-in-residence, Kris Holm, in creating a special hand made gift for Mom.

Fee: \$12 per member,

\$16 per non-member

Feathers, Beaks, Hoots and Tweets - the Amazing World of Birds!



Tuesday May 22, 4 - 5 p.m.

Visit our Barred Owl, Bernard, and discover cool adaptations that allow owls to fly silently, to see at night, and to digest meals of mice and frogs! Become Nature Detective and, using mounted specimens, figure out why birds look the way they do and what adaptations help them to survive.

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

Tadpoles, Dragonflies, and Beetles



Wednesday June 6, 4 - 5 p.m.

Fun at the marsh! Using strainers and nets we will capture, observe, and then release specimens found in this fascinating habitat. Come see who is hopping, swimming, or diving in this body of water!

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

New Pond Farm's Summer Camp 2018 The Perfect Place for 8-12 Year Old Adventurers!

For over 40 years, New Pond Farm has hosted 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 from different backgrounds and becoming a part of the farm family, then New Pond Farm is just the place!

In five action-packed days you will become a beekeeper, a farmer, a naturalist, a vegetable gardener, a chef, an artist, a map & compass treasure hunter, and a scientist! Form friendships with our residential campers from Danbury, Bridgeport and Norwalk while eating delicious foods from the garden and dairy, swimming in our crystal clear pool, going on a farm campout, and enjoying loads of fun games! We can't wait to see you!

Session 1: July 2-6 • Session 2: July 16-20 • Session 3: July 30-August 3

Each session runs Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Online registration begins on March 1st and will require a \$250 deposit.

One week of camp costs \$550 for NPF Family Members and \$625 for nonmembers and includes snacks, lunch, the campout, and a T-shirt.



ADVENTURE BIRTHDAY PARTIES • Naturalists, Explorers & Adventurers!

Autumn - Winter - Spring - Summer



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.

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.

“Naturalists” (turning 4 or older)

- Farmer for a Day
- Maple Syruping
- Farm & Nature Crafts
- Eastern Woodland Indians
- Freshwater Habitat
- Reptiles & Amphibians

“Explorers” (turning 6 or older)

- Wildlife
- Beehive Exploration
- Kitchen Magic
- Fishing at the Pond

“Adventurers” (turning 10 or older)

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

Calling All Volunteers! Join in on the fun!

We would love helping hands for:

A Run for the Cows
Saturday May 5 pre-registration
Sunday May 6 Race Day!



This is a great one for early-bird volunteers.

Garden Tour
June 9



**After School Help
in Our Wildlife Room**



Please contact Ann Taylor for more information: ann@newpondfarm.org



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

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

New Pond Farm is a 501(c)(3) organization eligible for corporate matching grants. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

New Pond Farm Education Center
Connecting people to the land which enriches and sustains us all.
The Environment • Local History • Astronomy • Agriculture • The Arts

As an alternative to annual memberships, we offer sustaining memberships which allow support of the farm on a monthly basis at a level of your choosing. You may also sign up online at: newpondfarm.org

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