

Environmental Education since 1985



New Pond Farm

Education Center

On every acre, in all we do, we plant seeds for a lifetime of active engagement with the natural world.

SPECIAL EVENT

Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday October 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Rain date Sun. Oct. 14, 1 - 4 p.m.)

A fantastic family day with historical demonstrations, antique tools, livestock encounters, old-fashioned crafts, sheep shearing, & horse drawn wagon rides (1-3 p.m. only)

Special Afternoon Event: 2pm*

THE AWESOME RAINFOREST REPTILE SHOW

Live Crocodiles, Alligators and Tortoises, Oh My!

Have you ever wanted to meet and touch a live crocodile or alligator? Spend an unforgettable afternoon with dynamic conservation educator and herpetologist Michael Ralbovsky. Michael travels across the United States introducing students of all ages to the marvels and mysteries of ancient reptiles. He will introduce us to an awesome group of live crocodylians.

Michael serves as a consultant for zoological parks across the country, and provides animals for television, working with shows on the Discovery Channel and the Animal Planet, including Jeff Corwin's Animal Quest. Michael's love and respect for reptiles are infectious - come and be amazed!

* If all seats fill, Michael will offer a second show at 3 p.m.

Please visit our website closer to the Festival for updates.

Please leave your dogs at home

*\$5 per person (3 years old and up)
or \$20 per family
There will be small fees for crafts and food*

DON'T MISS ANYTHING!

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and be sure to add us to your
Safe Sender's List: info@newpondfarm.org



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!

Autumn 2018

Adult Programs

Earth, Wind, Water & Fire — A Daylong Nature Retreat *Back by popular demand!*



**Saturday September 29,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Take a break from your busy routine and treat yourself to a restorative day with Redding neighbor and psychologist Ann Reeves. This is a chance to slow down, to deepen your awareness of the beauty and healing gifts of the natural world. Together, you and Ann will explore elements of nature in an experiential manner, reconnecting with their energies, bringing yourself peace, and renewing your commitment to be mindful stewards of our Earth. A simple farm lunch of squash soup, homemade breads and salad will be provided. *Dress for the outdoors, this program will be rain or shine.*

Registration required, space is limited.

*Fee: \$90 per member,
\$100 per non-member*

Herbal Luncheon & Learning



**Wednesday October 3,
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Join Claire Matzke, *The Fine Pruner*, and Helen Woodhall from *Le Potager* for a relaxing and informative morning in our herb and Shakespeare gardens. Claire and Helen will highlight many of the medicinal and culinary uses of our plantings, and we will share a delicious herbal luncheon and recipes on the balcony of our Learning Center.

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

Knitting and Spinning by the Fire



**Sundays November 11, and
December 9, 12 - 3 p.m.**

Bring your knitting projects and spinning wheels and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with seasoned knitters and spinners. They will coach you on your knitting challenges and invite you to try your hand at their spinning wheels. Beautiful skeins of our yarn will be available for sale.

Join us for each meeting, one meeting, or anything in-between!

*This program is free, but donations
in support of our fleecy flock will
be welcomed!*

Wreath Making



**Wednesday November 28,
10 - 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Fresh greens, pinecones, pods, bows, and frames along with expert hands will be here to greet you. Join us in our Gathering Place and make your own spectacular wreath this holiday season.

Please bring a pair of work gloves and clippers. Light refreshments will be served.

*Fee: \$60 per member,
\$70 per non-member*

Family Programs

Fall Astronomy



**Saturday October 13, 7 p.m.
Saturday November 17, 6 p.m.
Saturday December 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Come join us this fall and view planets, stars, and constellations. On October 13 we will have a waxing crescent moon which will allow for great star gazing. We will be looking for the 4th, 5th, and 12th brightest stars in the sky. On November 17 we will be looking for the Andromeda galaxy, Mars, Saturn, and Neptune. A short preview class will be held 30 minutes before the actual start time in the classroom of the Education Center where we will discuss what we are looking for that night and some astronomy etiquette.

Please dress for the weather and bring a good flashlight for the walk to and from the observatory.

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

Family Farm Chores



**Saturday October 27, or
Sunday November 4,
both dates: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Join farmer Mike or farmer James and assist him with some daily farm chores. Collect eggs from the chicken coop and prep them for sale, view the milking process and get all your questions answered about this unique process. Then stop by the dairy annex and purchase some dairy items to take home.

*Members only
Fee: \$10 per family*

Caroling in the Barn with the Animals



**Friday November 30, 6 - 7 p.m. or
Saturday December 1, 5 - 6 p.m. or
Sunday December 2, 5 - 6 p.m.**

Begin the holiday season on a joyous note. Join us in the main barn as we sit on hay bales surrounded by cows and sheep and are led in song by talented musicians. Homemade cookies and farm fresh hot chocolate will be served!

*Members only, seating is limited
Fee: \$10 per person
(Children age 3 and under are free)*

Elementary School Students

Stained Glass Panels using Materials from Nature



**Saturday October 20,
11 a.m - 12 p.m..**

Celebrate fall colors with guest artist Chanel Dupare as you create unique "stained glass panels" using materials from nature. Our summer campers gave this activity a 5 star review!

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

Pumpkin Carving & Decorating



Thursday October 25, 4 - 5 p.m.

Tap into your creative skills to carve and decorate a fantastic pumpkin, just in time for Halloween! All materials, including pumpkins, will be provided.

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

Nature Preparing For Winter



Saturday November 3, 10 - 11 a.m.

Skunks, bears, foxes, and other wild neighbors are busy preparing for the cold weather ahead! Discover some of their clever ways and meet some of our beautiful resident reptiles and amphibians.

Recommended for children age 5 and up.

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

The Art of Metal Embossing



Tuesday November 6, 4 - 5 p.m.

Popular artist, Kris Holm, is at it again! Using nature as inspiration, you will learn the techniques of drawing and tooling finely detailed raised designs on thin soft gauge metal. You will have the option to mount your creations on a variety of materials such as canvas, wood, and stone. All materials will be provided. Recommended for ages 8 -11. Space is limited.

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

Annual Crafting Extravaganza!



**Saturday December 1,
10 - 11:30 a.m.**

From traditional garlands made from cinnamon ornaments, baked oranges and laurel leaves, to enchanting snowmen, gnomes, and animals, we will be getting the season off to a festive start.

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

Calling All Volunteers!

- * **HARVEST FESTIVAL** on
Saturday, October 13, (Rain Date: Oct. 14)
- * After school help in our
WILDLIFE ROOM

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

Birthday Parties!

Book an ADVENTURE BIRTHDAY PARTY for your Naturalist, Explorer, & Adventurer! Visit <http://newpondfarm.org/education/programs-for-our-members/birthday-parties/>

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 ask that you leave your dogs at home.



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.

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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

Sustaining Membership* OR Annual Membership *Additional, area-specific support options:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10/month | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for Urban Youth \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/month | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm: Animals and Agriculture . . \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20/month | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter. . . . \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs \$_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25/month | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor. . \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-planting of Native Species . . . \$_____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts (performing/visual). \$_____ |
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* Charged to your credit or debit card each month

Legacy Membership: Please call me.

Name(s) _____

Names and ages of children _____

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

Address _____

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Amount enclosed _____, please make check payable to New Pond Farm.

Please sign me up for auto renewal annually. Auto renewal requires a credit card.

Amount _____ to be charged. Signature _____

Credit or Debit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ CVC# _____ Exp Date _____

Billing address same as above. (If not, kindly provide.) **Employer Matching Gift Program:** Yes No

