

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 EVENTS

### Insects, Pollination and Climate Change

**Thursday March 28, 7:30 - 9 p.m.**

**Dr. Stephen Wagener**, Environmental Science professor at *Western Connecticut State University* and Chair of the *Jane Goodall Center*, will give a talk on climate change and pollinators. This presentation will be hosted by *New Pond Farm Education Center* and co-sponsored with *The Redding Garden Club* as the first in a series through the *Pollinator Pathways Committee of Redding* to educate the public about the importance of our pollinators and how to help them. Please visit us online for more details.

*This program is Free, but registration is required.*

### Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday April 6 (Rain Date: April 13), 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 bring a basket and dress for a muddy farm. **For NPF Family Members!**

*Please sign up early, space is limited.*

*Fee: \$15 per child*

### Art Show Preview Party

**Friday May 31, 6 - 8 p.m.**

Join local artists for a gala evening of beautiful art, live music, delicious wine & hors d'oeuvres. Space is limited, please rsvp online or call (203) 938-2117.

*\$25 per person*

See inside for more special events!

**DON'T MISS ANYTHING!**

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Safe Sender's List: [info@newpondfarm.org](mailto:info@newpondfarm.org)



## Registration Information

- Registration & Prepayment required for ALL programs
- To register please visit our website [www.newpondfarm.org](http://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 2019**

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## More Special Events

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### Art Show

**June 1 - 9, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

New Pond Education Center is pleased to announce its 2019 Invitational Art Show featuring original paintings, drawings, and sculptures by 50 professional artists inspired by the flora and fauna of our property and the 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 for the schedule of events.

*Admission is free and open to the public.*

### Earth Art

**Saturday June 8, 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*

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## Adult Programs

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### Knitting & Spinning by the Fire

**Sundays: March 3 and April 7,  
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 donations supporting our fleecy flock are accepted and beautiful skeins of our yarn will be for sale.*

### Ladies Fly Casting Class Saturday March 30, 1 - 2 p.m.

Come join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, and learn how to fly cast. Fly fishing is becoming a very popular sport for ladies. Once you learn the basics you will be ready to go fishing once you obtain a state of CT fishing license and a fly fishing rod & reel. All equipment will be provided. Space is limited.

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

### Pysanky Eggs Saturday April 6, 1 - 3 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 the delicate meditative art of Pysanky and leave with beautiful creations for your home or as unique gifts.

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

### Entertaining with Ease Saturday April 6, 7 - 9 p.m.

Hosting a dinner party is a wonderful way to celebrate life with friends and family. From soup to nuts, you'll learn how to pull off a great dinner party of your own. With some great planning tips and make-ahead seasonal recipes, you'll be inspired to dust off the china and polish the silver! In addition to fabulous recipes and techniques, you'll learn how planning and preparing ahead will allow you to actually enjoy your guests. Gather around for an evening full of hands-on recipes, delicious food and wine. Our guest home-chef will be Wilton resident Tracy Castelli.

*Fee: \$30 per member,  
\$40 per non-member*

### Forest Therapy Walk with Jennifer Salkin

**Monday April 8, 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 focus on our senses to develop 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*

### Knitting Whimsical Children's Hats

**Wednesday April 10 & 24,  
7 - 9:30 p.m.**

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*

### Wildflower Ramble and Brown Bag Lunch

**Wednesday April 24,  
11 a.m. - 12:30 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 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*

### Birding & Breakfast with Miley Bull

**Wednesday May 8, 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*



## Family Programs

### Great Backyard Bird Count Training Class

Saturday February 9, 12 - 1:30 p.m.



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 15-18. 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 9, 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*

### Build a Bluebird Box and Take It Home

Saturday February 16, 10 - 11:30 a.m.



Please 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*

### Moonlight Snowshoeing

Tuesday February 19,

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Thanks to our outdoor partner, *L.L. Bean*, we 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)*

### Maple Syrup & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 2

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)*

### Honey Tasting

Saturday March 16, 10 - 11:30 a.m.



Join NPF Apiary Manager, Ann Murray, for a tasty exploration of one of the most popular products of the beehive — honey! Our honey bees forage on many different types of flowers throughout the spring, summer, and fall. As the floral sources change, so does the flavor of their treasured honey. We will discuss the differing nectar sources of several local honeys as we taste our way through this program!

*Fee: \$12 per member,  
\$14 per non-member*

## 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 at [tim@newpondfarm.org](mailto:tim@newpondfarm.org).**



### Winter/Spring Astronomy

February 23 & March 9 at 7 p.m.  
& April 13 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.

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. **Note: there will not be a pre-class on April 13th**

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)*

**Peeper Patrol**  
**Friday April 26, 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**  
**Sunday April 28 or**

**Saturday May 11, 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*

**Family Campout**  
**Friday May 17, 6 p.m.**



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

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

**Elementary School**  
**Students**

**Garden of Valentines (ages 6-12)**  
**Wednesday February 6, 4 - 5 p.m.**



Looking for a creative way to share the love this Valentine's Day? Join artist-in-residence, Kris Holm, for a creative afternoon to paint and fold an armful of heart-shaped blooms to share with family and friends. All materials provided.

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

**Easter Egg Trees**  
**Tuesday April 9, 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*

**Felted Flowers for Mother's Day**  
**Wednesday May 8, 4 - 5 p.m.**



Celebrate Mom this year by presenting her with a sweet felt flower necklace that you make yourself. We will show step by step the process of taking soft wool felt and rolling and stacking it into realistic floral shapes. Attach your flowers to a silky ribbon and you have a hand crafted piece of jewelry that will make your mom feel beautiful. **All materials included.**

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

**Feathers, Beaks, Hoots & Tweets — Bird Adaptations**  
**Wednesday May 29, 4 - 5 p.m.**

Come learn about different adaptations that different birds have. See how they use

these adaptations to survive in different environments. Specimens will be used to facilitate the discussion and the learning.

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

**Naturalists, Explorers & Adventurers!**



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](mailto:info@newpondfarm.org).

**Middle and High School**  
**Students**

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

**Introduction to Fly Tying**  
Wednesday May 15, 4 - 5 p.m.



Our Program Director Tim Laughlin, a veteran fly-tyer, would like to introduce you to the art of fly tying. Join us in tying 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 May 25,  
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

**We're Open to Members**

Our members are welcome 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.

**Calling All Volunteers!**

Join in on the fun! We would love helping hands for:

\* A Run for the Cows  
Saturday May 4 pre-registration  
Sunday May 5 Race Day! this is a great one for early-bird volunteers

\* After school help in our Wildlife Room

Please contact Ann Taylor for more information: [ann@newpondfarm.org](mailto:ann@newpondfarm.org)

**Thinking Ahead to Summer**

**SUMMER SHAKESPEARE**

For Middle and High School Actors Entering Grades 7-11

**"Twelfth Night"**

Get ready for songs, shipwrecks, and sword fights in Shakespeare's famous comedy of mistaken identity, practical jokes, re-united siblings, and unrequited love.



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 24 - July 13 (excluding July 4)  
Times: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (longer rehearsals during week #3)  
Evening Performances: Friday July 12 and Saturday July 13  
Fee: \$675 per NPF Family Member, \$750 per non-member

For more information please go to [www.newpondfarm.org](http://www.newpondfarm.org)

**SUMMER CAMP RETURNS!!**



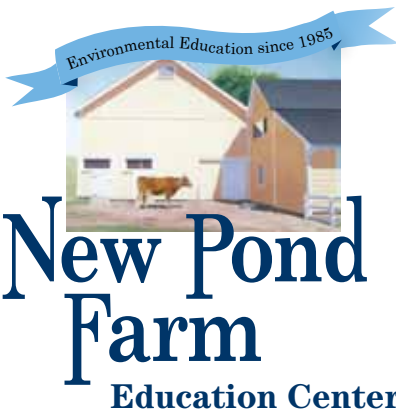
For over 40 years, New Pond Farm has hosted a unique summer camp that brings together children from the cities of Connecticut with area youngsters. If you have an 8-12 year old who would enjoy making new friends from different backgrounds and becoming a part of the farm family, then New Pond Farm is just the

place! Activities include exploring the woodlands and wetlands, Native American programs, swimming, working with the animals, fun in the gardens, cooking, hiking, outdoor games, crafts, and much more.

There will also be one fun-filled group campout per session. We have sleeping bags to borrow if necessary.

**Session 1: July 1 - 5 • Session 2: July 15 - 19 • Session 3: July 29 - August 2**  
Each session runs Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

One week of camp costs \$550 per New Pond Farm Family Members and \$625 per Non-Member (includes snacks, lunch, the campout, and a NPF t-shirt). Registration is now open online and requires a \$250 deposit (balance due at the start of camp).



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

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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](http://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) . . . . \$_____ |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor . . . . \$1,000 |   |
|                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian . . . \$ 5,000 |   |
- \* 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

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e-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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