SPECIAL EVENT

Annual Harvest Festival & Nature Day!
Saturday October 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Rain date Sun. Oct. 20, 1 - 4 p.m.)
Join us for an exciting family afternoon on the farm amidst the beautiful fall foliage. There will be historical demonstrations: rope making, open hearth cooking, broom making, and fleece spinning. There will be livestock encounters: wagon rides with a team of majestic Percherons (1-3 p.m.); sheep shearing fleece skirting, and spinning; an introduction to the world of beekeeping; Meet our dairy cows, enjoy their freshly pasteurized milk, and churn fresh butter. Try your hand at harvest crafts: create a grapevine wreath with dried flowers from our gardens, decorate pumpkins, make beeswax candles, gourd creatures, and MORE old fashioned fun! Enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of Redding’s own Ball & Chain!

SPECIAL AFTERNOON EVENT (3 - 3:45 p.m.)
MASTER FALCONER BRIAN BRADLEY FROM SKYHUNTERS IN FLIGHT
Don’t miss the breathtaking sight as Brian’s beautiful and beloved falcons, hawks, and owls demonstrate their hunting skills as they soar and dive over the pastures!

Great for all ages and included with admission.

Please leave your dogs at home.
Please visit our website closer to the Festival for more information.
$5 per person (3 years old and up) or $20 per family. There will be small fees for crafts and food.

Adult Programs

Knitting & Spinning by the Fire
Sundays October 6, November 3, and December 1, 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 yarn from New Pond Farm’s Romney flock will be available for sale. Registration is required, please 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!
Adult Programs, continued...

Beatrix Potter's Pre-rabbit Years as an Amateur Mycologist
Wednesday October 16, 2 - 3 p.m.

Before Beatrix Potter became the author of her beloved children's books, she spent a decade steeped in the study of mycology. By her mid-twenties she had two passions: art and fungi. Enthusiastic member of the Beatrix Potter Society Meredith McClung will return for a delightful program accompanied by tea and scones.

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

Introduction to Fly Tying for Ladies
Wednesdays October 16 or 23, 6 - 7 p.m.

Join Program Director, Tim Laughlin, for one or two introductory classes to the fascinating art of fly tying. Both classes will offer a different entry level fly that you create and take home. All materials and equipment will be provided. Space limited to 8 participants in each class.

Fee: $10 per member, per class, $12 per non-member, per class

What Do You Know About Ticks?
Thursday October 24, 7 - 8 p.m.

Professor Dr. Neeta Pardanani Connelly, Director of the Tickborne Disease Prevention Laboratory at Western Connecticut State University, will help us to better understand the world of ticks, their habits and habitats, as well as how we can coexist with them. This is surely a current topic that needs more understanding and information for people who live in CT, home of Lyme Disease.

Fee: $10 per member, $12 per non-member

Earth, Wind, Water, & Fire - A Daylong Nature Retreat
Saturday October 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This popular program returns and offers you the opportunity to 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, bread, and salad will be provided.

Fee: $90 per member, $100 per non-member
Registration required, space is limited. Dress for the outdoors, this program will be rain or shine.

Annual Mushroom Walk
Saturday October 26, 9:30 start

Enjoy a morning walk on our property and search for mushrooms with Joe & Kathy Brandt, from the Connecticut-Westchester Mycological Association, and other amateur mycologists. They will teach you how to identify mushrooms that have been collected and they will treat you to sample of delectably prepared mushrooms.

Free, Registration required

Climate Change: what is it and how does it impact us?
Thursday November 7, 7 - 8 p.m.

Dr. Stephen Wagener, Environmental Science professor and Chair of the Jane Goodall Center at Western Connecticut State University, will illuminate us on Climate Change. It is in the news daily but do you really understand what it is, how it impacts us, and how it could affect our future? Come find out the answers to these questions and much much more!

Fee: $10 per member, $12 per non-member

Black Bears Amongst Us — Seen in your town or even your own property!
Friday November 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

We see them at feeders, at beehives, strolling down the roads, and even visiting swimming pools. What can we do? Join one of DEEP's Black Bear Researchers, Melissa Ruszczyk, as she returns for an informative evening to learn about these furry visitors and how to peacefully coexist with them.

This program is free, but guests will be asked to leave a donation for DEEP's wildlife conservation efforts.

Registration is required.

The Wobbly Universe
Thursday November 21, 7 - 8 p.m.

Calling all Star Gazers! Join Astronomy Professor, Hans Minnich from Fordham University, for a talk on why your starfinder is not completely accurate and may never be. The equations used by sky programs to calculate the position of celestial objects do not take into account all the physical influences acting on the earth, moon, planets, and stars. Come find out what these influences are and how they could impact the future of stargazing!

Fee: $10 per member, $12 per non-member

Wreath Making
Tuesday December 3, or Wednesday December 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fresh greens, pinecones, pods, bows, frames, and expert hands will be here to greet you. Join us in our Gathering Place and make your spectacular one of a kind evergreen wreath (from scratch)! Due to the popularity of this holiday event, we have added a second evening, so please bring your friends, you are guaranteed to have a fantastic time! Please bring a pair of work gloves and clippers. Light refreshments will be served.

Fee: $65 per member, $75 per non-member

Gift Wrapping Using Recycled Materials
Wednesday December 11, 7- 8:30 p.m.

In this creative workshop local artist, Chanel Dupare, will illustrate how to make personalized wrapping paper out of everyday household items. Learn how to give new life to old books, damaged clothing, those endless homework pages, paper towel rolls, and more while making beautiful, unique wrapping paper, decorative bows, and reusable fabric gift bags. Bring your presents and some recyclables.

Fee: $15 per member, $20 per non-member
Family Programs

Fall Astronomy
Saturday October 5, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday November 2, 7 p.m.
Saturday December 7, 7 p.m.
On October 5, we will have a first quarter moon which will allow us to enjoy views of Jupiter and the fall constellations. On November 2 we will be looking for the Andromeda Galaxy, Mars, Saturn, and Neptune. On December 7, we will be 3 days past a quarter moon which will allow for great star gazing. Please dress for the weather and bring a 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 26, or Sunday November 10, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Put on your gloves and boots and get ready to help farmers Mike and Rachel with some daily farm chores. Collect eggs from the chicken coop and prep them for sale, meet our cows and watch the milking process, and get all of your questions answered about this unique process. Feel free to stop by the Dairy Annex to purchase some of our delicious dairy products to take home.   Members only
Fee: $10 per family

Caroling in the Barn with the Animals
Friday December 6, 6 - 7 p.m. or Saturday December 7, 5 - 6 p.m. or Sunday December 8, 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)

Middle School Students

Parent-Child Fly Casting
Saturday October 5, 2 - 3 p.m.
Program Director, Tim Laughlin, will have fishing rods at the ready and invite you to learn the basic techniques involved with fly casting. Fly fishing is a calm, relaxing sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. \* Space is limited. \* Fees: $10 per member team, $12 per non-member team

Japanese Calligraphy & Origami
Saturday October 12, 2 - 3 p.m.
Join NPF Board member, Masako Nakumata-Vigneault, for our summer camper’s favorite workshop! This afternoon promises to be both fun and educational. You will learn how to write your name and count to ten in Japanese, then move onto the art of chopsticks and origami. Fee: $10 per member, $12 per non-member

Elementary School Students

These drop-off programs will meet from 4-5 p.m. & are $10 per member child and $12 per non-member child (unless noted otherwise)

Beaver Craft
Tuesday October 15
Guest instructor, Adrianne Roberts, will share a short story then inspire you to create one of the colorful main characters.

Halloween Luminaries
Tuesday October 22
Join guest instructor, Chanel Dupare, for a pumpkin luminary workshop. Each student will leave with their own unique “pumpkin” to use as a festive decoration or seasonal nightlight!

Annual Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
Thursday October 24
Back by popular demand. Join NPF staff to carve and decorate your pumpkin that will be taken home. Pumpkin will be provided by NPF $12 per member child, $16 per non-member child

Mask Making
Tuesday October 29
Just in time for Halloween: join our artist-in-residence, Kris Holm, for the afternoon of creativity and fun as you make a masterpiece to wear!

Turkey Craft
Tuesday November 12
It’s the time of year to celebrate turkeys! Adrianne Roberts will share turkey tales and invite you to play Turkey Trivia before you make your very own “bird of courage” to take home for Thanksgiving!

Ceremonial Talking Stick
Tuesday November 19
For centuries many Native American tribes have used Talking Sticks as a way to help tribal members know when to speak and when to listen. Artist Kris Holm will help you to make your own ceremonial talking stick to share with your own “tribe.”

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.

Calling All Volunteers!

Join in on the fun! We would love helping hands for:
* Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 19 (Rain Date: Oct. 20)
* After school help in our Wildlife Room
Please contact Mary Lee Pampel for more information: marylee@newpondfarm.org
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

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.

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**

- $10/month
- $15/month
- $20/month
- $25/month

*Charged to your credit or debit card each month

- Individual . . . . $50
- Family . . . . . . $75
- Supporter . . . $100
- Contributor . . $300
- Patron . . . . $500
- Sponsor . . . $1,000
- Guardian . . $5,000

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

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

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