



## Spring Fling Weekend & Plant Sale Coming May 10 - 12

This year we've got festivities and workshops all Mothers' Day Weekend to celebrate the new season. ***Picnics, Forest Goat-Walks, Touch-a-Tractor, Gardening and Cocktail Workshops, Farm Stand Goodies, our Seedling Sale, Music & More!***

[Check out our webpage](#) for the full weekend line-up and to register for ticketed events.

**We also need volunteers!** Sign-up to volunteer on [Sunday](#).

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



#### 5/6 Grounds Crew Work Day

We're prepping up some of our heavily trafficked areas for the upcoming season, we need folks to help us lay and establish sod for the farm grounds.  
[Sign-Up Here](#)

**5/12  
Volunteer at  
Spring Fling**  
We need folks to help staff tables and

### Adult Education Highlights!



#### May 7th, 8-10am: **Birding**

Join us for a guided walk through the farm property and into the woods with Ben Flemer to look for migrating spring birds. Ben is the Bird Banding Station Manager at Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Center. He'll teach the basics of birdwatching and help us to identify some common species. \$15/person [Register Here](#).

#### May 10th, 7-9pm: **Seasonal Cocktail Workshop**

Join us to kick off our Spring Fling Weekend with a Cocktail Workshop in the 1827 Barn. Learn how to create simple, tasty concoctions using your favorite spirits mixed with tinctures and shrubs made from locally grown fruits and herbs. \$25/person [Register Here](#)

activities during Spring Fling on Sunday.

[Sign-up Here](#)

(No Track-it-Forward account required for these events, but make sure you have filled out our [volunteer form](#) before arriving)

### Volunteering at WLF

Interested in volunteering? [Click here](#) to learn more about the types of opportunities available and how to sign-up!

### Farm Blog



Read our new Assistant Farm Manager, Diana Shomstein's [introductory blog](#).

Thank you for your thoughts Diana, we are excited to have you at Wright-Locke this season!

### Support the All Seasons Barn



### DONATE HERE

We are currently raising money to build a year-round facility at the Farm called the *All Seasons Barn*. Building this multi-purpose barn is a crucial step in ensuring the future of Wright-Locke Farm. The All Seasons Barn will allow us to operate all year-long and will expand and enhance our popular programming.

[Learn more about the All Seasons Barn Project here.](#)

You can donate online or send a check to the Wright-Locke Land Trust at P.O. Box 813, Winchester, MA 01890

### Sustainability Tips

### May 11th, 9:30am: Gardening Techniques for Better Harvests and a Better Planet

In conjunction with our seedling sale, we are offering a gardening workshop on Saturday. Learn strategies to build organic matter, increase topsoil depth, improve the soil's water holding capacity, increase resilience to drought and weather extremes, as well as keep pests and disease in check by working alongside biodiversity. \$15/person [Register Here](#).

### May 22nd, 7:30pm: 2019 Speaker Series Kickoff

*Climate Change in New England: Becoming a Resilient Part of the Solution*

Join us for a presentation with Dr. William Moomaw, Emeritus Professor of International Environmental Policy at The Fletcher School at Tufts, as he gives us a better picture of the implications and solutions of climate change in New England and what individuals, families, and communities can do to help mitigate these effects.



[More Info & RSVP Here.](#)

### Introducing...

We've been adding to our 2019 team. Here are our newest members. Make sure to stop by and introduce yourself to these awesome folks the next time you're up at the Farm!



(From Left: Farm Dog Slider, Farm Manager Adrienne, Assistant Farm Manager Diana, Farm Dog Hank, Field Assistants Tori & Zoe+Chicken)

**Assistant Farm Manager, Diana Shomstein:** I have a lot of gratitude for the past experiences that have led me to my first real job in farming, after internships and apprenticeships in a series of diverse places in the world, and teaching in early childhood education and music education. It is with some disbelief that I find myself in this position, having grown up in Brooklyn, New York. Like many who live in cities, experiencing nature is something that is rare, special, foreign and deeply familiar at the same time. Nature is not accessible to many, so I feel that it is with a lot of privilege that I am able to choose to farm, to live and work in places that have the potential to nourish and heal.

**Field Assistant, Tori Dahl:** This is my fourth full season farming, previously I worked at EarthDance Organic Farm School (Ferguson, MO); Farmer John's Plot (Dublin, NH); and Wolf Ridge Farm (Finland, MN). I have my Masters in Environmental Science with a concentration in Environmental Education. I am most excited for harvest days and also to be involved with educational programming on the farm.

**Field Assistant, Zoe Norman:** My name is Zoe and I am a field assistant at Wright-Locke farm this season. I am from Woburn and have always wanted to be a farmer. This year at the farm I am very excited for our new orchard!

**Farm Stand Manager, Sergio Sotelo:** I am a Spanish-Basque journalist turned food enthusiast. After 20 years working in journalism, communications, and non-profit management, I decided to pursue a career change looking for opportunities at the intersection of gastronomy, community based economy, and ecologically minded practices. I come to Wright-Locke Farm with the aim of helping to expand the current offering of premium-quality local products and treats available at our farm stand.



There are so many little things that we can all start to work into our daily lives to create big, positive change.

We wanted to share some suggestions and ideas that we've been trying out ourselves. Check out this section weekly for sustainability tips.

**TIP: Slow Fashion**

Buy and wear your clothes for keeps! Buy long-lasting, high quality, natural fiber clothing that you'll want to protect and wear for a long time.

Polyesters and nylons aren't biodegradable, and fast fashions are generally pretty hard on the environment, especially when they get trashed fast.

Buy secondhand, use a tailor to alter good clothes. Steer away from synthetics.

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Share your own tips! Send them along to [kkneeland@wlfarm.org](mailto:kkneeland@wlfarm.org)

**Farm Reel**



First transplants in the flower fields! We start anew.



You may have noticed some changes in the garden in front of the Squash House. We are cultivating a sensory garden here - one that has features for every sense: taste, touch, smell, sight, sound.



**Programs for Middle & High Schoolers**



**Adventures in Growing**

Join us at Wright-Locke Farm for a week of making new friends, exploring new interests, playing games, learning leadership skills and enjoying the farm!

**Ages:** 12 - 14 yrs, or 6th to 8th graders

**Two sessions offered:** July 29 - August 2 or August 5 - 9.

**Time:** 9am - 3pm, Monday - Friday

[Learn More Here](#)

**Summer Teen Farmer Program**

Designed for teenagers with an interest in sustainability, environmental science, horticulture, or agriculture, this exciting, week-long program hosted by Wright-Locke and Lexington Community Farms, offers a hands-on introduction to the basic principles of organic farming.

**Ages:** 14 - 17

**Two sessions offered:** July 15-19 or July 22-26

**Time:** M-F, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

[Learn More Here](#)

**Sustainability and the All Seasons Barn**



As we continue our fundraising campaign to build a new, year-round facility for the Farm, we've been hard at work finalizing the designs so that we are ready to build as soon as we hit our goal. An important part of the design process has been the environmental and energy considerations of this project.

The construction of the All Seasons Barn provides a unique opportunity to teach through doing - to demonstrate environmental responsibility through the very design of the building. This design will include geothermal heat, an extremely efficient building envelope, triple-glazed windows, and smart rainwater recycling systems among other elements.



We hope to make the sensory garden welcome to all. Stay tuned as it grows!



The chickens are MOBILE! They'll be moving around the farm all summer long. You can always ask us where they are when you come to visit, or do a bit of a scavenger hunt yourself!

Please join us for a **Design Update & Site Walk** on Saturday, May 11th at 11am at the Farm. Bring any questions and ideas you might have! This event is free.

[Learn more about the All Seasons Barn Project](#)

[Donate to the All Seasons Barn](#)

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## [Support your Farm](#)



Fancy a forest goat-walk? [Sign-up for a goat-walk](#) during our Spring Fling Weekend!

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