



Cutest Picture of the Weekend!

Despite the gross weather on Sunday, Patricia Hudson, Jonathan Pierce and son, Charlie, came to check out our Touch-a-Tractor exhibit in the corral. Here, Charlie can't take his eyes off the Farmall Cub.



Thank you to everyone who came to our weekend workshops, festivities, and seedling sale. It was a fun filled couple of days (with some fun electrical surprises for those who were there Saturday). Stay tuned for more upcoming Farm Fun and may next year we have sunshine on Mother's Day.

If you missed the plant sale this weekend, we still have seedlings available at the Farm Stand during open hours (see below for more info).



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

#### TIP: Find more sustainable heating and cooling options!

Think smarter when it comes to heating and cooling your home! Thirty percent of home energy use here in New England goes towards heat. When it's time to replace your old boiler, look into greener options - Right now, Winchester and Arlington are participating in an exciting program that helps educate and make recommendations for smart heating options.

#### **Heat Smart**

Share your own tips! Send them along to kkneeland@wlfarm.org

## Volunteer Opportunities



#### Volunteering at WLF

Interested in volunteering? <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the types of opportunities available and how to We've just begun our Match Challenge to **Make the All Seasons Barn GREEN.** There's \$75,000 on the line that, if we're successful in matching by June 21st, will go towards providing for the sustainable features planned for the All Seasons Barn. Here's an excerpt from an interview with Energy Conservation Coordinator, Susan McPhee and Sustainability Advisor, Colleen Soden:

"The All-Seasons Barn won't just be a place to educate locals about carbon emissions and low-impact living; the barn itself will actually embody these ideals. In this way, the barn will be a living model of how to move toward a more sustainable and humane future for us all.

Susan McPhee, Energy Conservation Coordinator and farm board member, explains the beautiful synchrony that will power the building. First, the temperature inside will rely on geothermal heating and cooling. Very deep wells - descending up to 500 feet into the ground - call on the earth's static temperature of around 55 - 65 degrees F to provide cool air in the summer and to bring relatively warm air (warmer than a Boston winter!) up in winter. The heat gap on cold winter days between the somewhat chilly "earth air" and a more comfortable temperature will be bridged by a motor, but even the small amount of energy needed to power it will come from electricity provided by rooftop solar panels. These panels will also light the building, run computers, keep the kitchen up and running for cooking classes and on and on."

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# Adventures in Growing & Teen Farmer Program



#### **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

sign-up!

## Farm Blog



Sustainability and the All Seasons Barn

Read our latest blog post by volunteer, Betsy Block, about the sustainability features of the All Seasons Barn and the process behind designing and making a "Green" building.

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#### 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

# Bill Moomaw to Speak on May 22nd

Bill Moomaw is kicking off our 2019 Speaker Series with his talk -- *Climate Change in New England: Becoming a Resilient Part of the Solution.* 

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#### The All Seasons Barn Project

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

#### **DONATE HERE**

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

## **Farm Reel**



Field assistant, Clay, scuffle hoeing the flower fields.



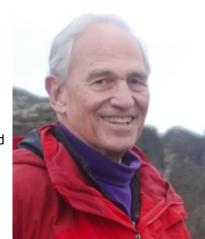
More flower weeding!



#### Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30pm

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.

The talk is free but we ask that you RSVP so we can prepare accordingly.



#### More Info & RSVP Here

## **Upcoming Workshops**

Yoga in the 1827 Barn is back!! Join Brittney Burgess for sunrise and sunset classes here at the farm. Also this spring, more Bird Walks (we saw over 20 bird species last week!), a Forest Bathing walk, Spoon Carving in the barn and more!

Check out our Adult Workshops page to register.

# Farm Stand is Open for Business!



That's right, the Farm Stand is officially open for the season! We've got coffee, tea, organic and seasonal produce and flower bouquets (more and more as the season goes on), pasture-raised meats and eggs, honey, snacks from local vendors, beautiful artwork of the farm, and of course our famous Farm T-shirts (come in toddler

New Farm Sign by the roadside.



The beautiful old pear trees were flowering this week. Fingers crossed that we'll get some delicious pears this season. and baby sizes too!)



## Our current hours are: **Tuesday - Friday** 10 - 6. **Saturday** 10 - 2.

You can reach our Farm Stand Manager, Sergio Sotelo, for questions and suggestions at farmstand@wlfarm.org.



Barn Cat, Buddy, overseeing the Plant Sale during the weekend.

We're excited to welcome you back to the Farm Stand this year as we continue to develop this great little destination on the Farm.

# Support your Farm



See you at the En Ka Fair & Parade this weekend!