



# A Huge Thank You to All Who Donated as Part of the Green Match Challenge! We Did It!

You helped us raise \$81,660 - \$75,000 of which has been matched by one of our generous donors, which means that \$156,660 will go towards making the All Seasons Barn a greener, more sustainable building to benefit many farm generations to come!

This brings us to a total of \$2.35 Million+ in our overall campaign. Our total goal is \$3 Million and we're working on the final stages to bring this building to fruition! Stay tuned.

#### **Volunteer Needs**



#### Family Farm Night

Jump in a help us with our famous Family Farm Nights. We always need extra hands for set-up, welcoming concert-goers, concessions, & more.

Sign-up Here!

#### **Solar Approved at the Farm!**

Exciting news! After many years of consideration, talking with community members, board members, the Winchester Historical Commission, and the Select Board, we recently received unanimous support for our application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission seeking permission to place solar panels on the south facing roofs of the 1827 Barn and Squash House. Both buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and subject to a State historic preservation agreement, so any such changes require the prior approval of Mass Historic.

Despite presenting compelling arguments, we were very disappointed that Mass Historic denied our request. However, we enlisted the support of our elected state delegation in appealing the decision. Special thanks to Senators Jason Lewis, Pat Jehlen and Represenative Mike Day who were joined by neighboring Senators Cindy Friedman of Arlington and Mike Barrett of Lexington for interceding on the Farm's behalf. As a result of their efforts, we are happy to announce that last week, Mass Historic reversed their decision and will allow for this important addition to our structures.



#### **Flower Field Work**

Flower volunteers needed to plant, weed and fertilize.

Wednesday 9:30-11:30

**Sign-Up Here** 

Click here to learn more about other types of volunteer of opportunities available and how to sign-up!

#### **Speaker Series**

Start getting excited for our next Speaker Session.



# Climate Resilience in your Own Backyard

Soil is alive with more microbes in a teaspoon of healthy soil than there are people on this planet. Only in recent years have we come to fully understand the extent to which a thriving soil also has the potential to rapidly sequester carbon, store and filter water, buffer extremes, break down toxins, and support biodiverse ecosystems. This talk is a call for gardeners to learn to become stewards of the immense thriving world beneath our feet.

#### <u>Learn more and RSVP</u> <u>for this talk here.</u>



We also have just made Bill Moomaw's talk available online. If you missed our May speaker session, you can view it here.

Climate Change in New England: Becoming a Resilient Pursuing a renewable energy strategy is a critical step towards a sustainable future for the farm and these panels may very well be able to supply power for the entire farm's operations, getting us closer to achieving "Net Zero." As we proceed with planning our solar installation, we will keep you all informed of the next developments. If you have any questions or suggestions or particular expertise in solar power, please feel free to reach out to <a href="Archie McIntyre">Archie McIntyre</a>, the Farm's Executive Director

#### **Preschool Programs Added!**



Due to high demand, we are opening up two additional week-long preschool programs: July 15 - 19 (1 pm - 4 pm) and July 22 - 26 (9 am - 12 pm).

To enroll in these programs, please email <a href="mailto:FarmEd@wlfarm.org">FarmEd@wlfarm.org</a>. Spots will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. We look forward to seeing you on the farm!

# Upcoming Workshops: Foraging for Wild Edibles with Russ Cohen!



# Foraging for Wild Edibles with Russ Cohen Wednesday, July 10, 6 - 8 pm

Join Russ Cohen, a local and expert on wild edibles, for a walk around the farm and conservation lands in search of wild plants that are edible and delicious! As well as learning from Russ Russ fun and tasty ways to prepare some of these treats!

Cost: \$25/person.
Registration required, Register Here

#### Part of the Solution

#### Sustainability Tips



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: Conserving water!

3 ways you can use less water:

- 1. Fix leaky sinks
- 2. Instal a watersaving shower head
- Use a dishwasher instead of hand washing dishes

#### **Learn More Here**

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

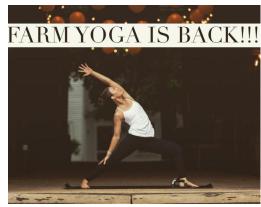
## Farm Reel



Buddy Cat guarding the CSA boxes



The Garlic is coming along nicely!



# Yoga in the 1827 Barn TONIGHT JUNE 25TH! Join Brittney Burgess for yoga here at the farm from 7-8pm. Space is limited so please sign up!

**Check out our Adult Workshops page to register** 

#### **News from the Farm Stand**



#### Now at the Farm Stand:

Feeling thirsty after roaming around the farm on this gorgeous hot day. We got covered. Stop by the farm stand and check out our cooler. We just got some new additions: NitroCold Brew from NOBL, Cascara Tea from Peloton, and Ginger Beer by Harmony Springs.

### Farm Stand hours:

Tuesday - Friday 10 - 6. Saturday 10 - 2. SUNDAY (NEW): 12 - 4PM

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

#### Family Farm Night is ACTUALLY BACK!

Fingers crossed that the rain will stop, so we can finally start Family Farm night this Thursday, June 27!

For info about rules, when gates open, parking, and the summer lineup,



#### check out our website.

Note that we have scheduled rain date concerts to make up for the slow start to the season!

## **Find our Organic Produce and Flowers**



Volunteers, Mary Lou and Kent, with a beautiful box of flower arrangements they put together for the market!



Pullets exploring their outdoor playground.



Now that the season is really kicking into gear, make sure that you come by for our organic produce and beautiful flower bouquets. You can find us...

#### On the Farm at our Farm Stand:

Tuesdays - Friday from 10 - 6, Saturdays from 10 - 2 and NOW Sundays from 12 - 4 as well.

#### **At the Lexington Farmer Market**

Tuesdays from 2-6:30pm

#### **At the Winchester Farmer's Market**

Saturdays from 9:30 - 1:30

## **Support your Farm**



One of our after school youth programs during a "goat lesson". Here, Youth Programs Manager, Jack Wright, leads the kids in an outdoor discussion and asks for their observations.