

# Prescott Farm



## Environmental Education Center

Members' Newsletter, Issue #4 - October 2010



### Dear Members,

Fall is here! We hope you have time to get outside and enjoy the fall colors around the Lakes Region, including a visit to Prescott Farm's beautiful forests, fields, gardens and pond!

We have a lot planned for this fall/early winter including a series of new "Do-It-Yourself" workshops and our Holiday WildQuest camp. You can read more about these programs below.

As always, we very much appreciate having you as a Member of Prescott Farm—your support makes all the difference.

Stop by and see us soon,  
Cathy, Sarah & Kim

### Fall "Do-It-Yourself" Workshops

***Do-It-Yourself this fall at Prescott Farm—Choose from a wide variety of classes that will help you save money and become more self-sufficient!***

### Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center

PFEEC is a non-profit center that offers environmental education for all ages. The 160-acre historic family farm is designated as an official NH Wildlife Viewing area, and offers visitors hiking on more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails. Visitors can also explore a three-story historic barn, beautiful heritage and heirloom flower and vegetable gardens, and an old-fashioned maple sugar operation. Other programs include school vacation camps, field trips and pre-school programs.

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### **Knitting Clinic**

**Tuesdays, October 5-26, 2010; 6:00-8:00**

\$8/class (\$5 members)

Whether you are new to knitting or have some basic skills, bring your questions, your started project or just materials and we'll give you the know-how and confidence to move to the next level!

Refreshments will be provided.



### **Preserving the Harvest\***

**Thursday, October 14; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Save money and savor the goodness of locally grown veggies and fruits all year-round! Learn the basics of hot water bath canning, freezing, and drying.

Participants will be able to sample a variety of preserved foods.

### **Easy Home Dairy\***

**Thursday, October 28; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Learn to make fresh soft spreadable cheeses, butter and yogurt in your own kitchen with just milk or cream, basic kitchen equipment and a few other simple ingredients. Participants will take home recipes and samples of foods made in class.

### **Sheep to Yarn (2 days)**

**Saturdays, October 30 & November 6; 10:00-2:00**

\$100 (\$80 members)

Learn the basics of fiber preparation and spinning on a drop spindle and spinning wheel to make your own yarns for knitting, crocheting or weaving.

### **Soap Making at Home\***

**Thursday, November 4; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Join us to learn the art of making natural homemade soaps. Participants will receive complete written instructions and get hands-on experience making a batch of soap to take home. Due to the use of lye, adults & teens only, please.

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### **\*Wish List\***

New and energy efficient refrigerator

### **Photo Quest of the Month!**



'Tis the season to start finding these items at Prescott Farm....what are they and where do they come from? Stay tuned to the next newsletter to find out the answer!

*Answer to our last Photo Quest:* The photo was of a rusted toy truck found in the gardens which now resides on a shelf just inside the main barn door.

### **Creative Needle Felting\***

**Thursday, November 18; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Using special needles and a rainbow of colors, participants will learn the basics of creating whimsical decorations out of wool. Your project will make a great holiday gift!

### **Nature-Inspired Holiday Ornaments\***

**Thursday, December 9; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Decorate your holiday tree with ornaments handmade from natural materials including wool, acorns, pine cones, birch bark and more...

### **Decorated Wrapping Papers\***

**Thursday, December 16; 6:00-8:00**

\$25 (\$20 members)

Give your gifts an extra flair with your own creatively decorated wrapping papers. Participants will learn several different stencil, stamping and screening techniques and decorate several sheets to use for the upcoming holidays.

**\*Register for two 2-hour classes and get a third at half price!**

**Children ages 9 and up may register with a registered adult unless otherwise noted.**

**Reservations are required**

**Call us at (603) 366-5695 to save your spot!**

## **Fall Volunteer Opportunities**

Here at Prescott Farm we are so thankful for the efforts of our amazing volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without them! If you'd like to join the team, please e-mail [info@prescottconservancy.org](mailto:info@prescottconservancy.org) or call us at (603) 366-5695.

### **Garden Volunteers**

We have a dedicated group of garden volunteers that come on Tuesdays (starting April 20th) during the Spring and Summer months to work on the gardens down near the Farmhouse. They are always looking for help, and if you have a green thumb and don't mind getting a little dirty then this volunteer opportunity is for you!

### **Trail Maintenance**

If you love hard work and are handy with a pair of clippers, our trails need you! The trails get a lot of use throughout the year and get cluttered by branches and other debris.

## WildQuest Holiday Camp - "Winter Survivor"

Monday-Wednesday,  
December 27-29,  
2010; 9:00-3:00 daily

*\$40/day (members); \$50/day  
(non-members)  
Ages 6-12; Extended care  
available*



Everyone loves our "Survivor" camp in the summer, but what would be different about surviving in cold weather? Join us for three adventure-filled days as we learn how to make shelter, find food and stay warm in the winter.

We'll also explore how animals adapt to survive New Hampshire's cold winters. Do they find food and stay active, crawl in a warm den and sleep or take off for a vacation in the tropics?

Throughout the week, we'll go on some extreme adventures-head outside and go where our interests take us. On such adventures in the past we've discovered hidden ponds, unexplored valleys and found the coolest signs of animal life - always something new and different.

You can register by the day or for the whole 3-day week!

Please dress children appropriately for the weather and time of year!

For more information and to register please call us at (603) 366-5695 or download and send in the [registration form](#).

## New Trailhead Kiosk

Visitors to Prescott Farm will now find an informational Trailhead Kiosk in the visitor parking area. Built by volunteer Justin Sabino in August, the kiosk features a history of Prescott Farm and a large colorful map of the trail system. Visitors will also find flyers for upcoming programs and a box to leave their e-mail addresses for more information about Prescott Farm.

## Our Harvest Festival Was a Huge Success!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, volunteered or otherwise supported us in our Harvest Festival on September 11. We had perfect weather and almost 475 happy visitors who participated in barn dances with "Two Fiddles," hayrides, the petting farm, children's activities and craft demonstrations! Please visit our [Shutterfly Site](#) to see some pictures of the event.



Congratulations to Angela Gilbert of Belmont who won a free week of camp for guessing the correct number of Jelly Beans in our Jelly Bean Count Contest!

We are already looking forward to next year's Harvest Festival....

Also, thanks again to Heritage Farm, K & M Livery and Ox-K Farm for bringing animals, and our sponsors: The Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation, Laconia Ice Company, The Common Man Restaurant, Smith Orchard, Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola of the Lakes Region, Hannafords Supermarket and Shaws Supermarket.

## Americorps Volunteer at Prescott Farm

Prescott Farm Staff is pleased to welcome Laura Blouin to our office starting October 6. Laura was recently hired by Americorps and PlusTime NH through a grant from the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation to coordinate a project called the "YES Team" which will allow students at Laconia High School to design and carry out hands-on environmental studies projects for high school credit. Most of the students' projects will be based at Prescott Farm, so Laura will be based here as well. She will also spend time working on education programs for Prescott Farm. Her position will run through August of 2011.

Laura graduated from Keene State College in May 2010 with degrees in Education and Theater. She also worked as a Camp Instructor at Prescott Farm this past summer.

## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to our Office & Communications Manager, Kim Drouin and her husband Eric - they are the proud new parents of a little girl, Raelyn Taylor Drouin, born Monday, September 20 at 6:57pm. Raelyn weighed in at 6 lbs. 7oz. and everyone is very happy and healthy. Kim & Eric's two golden retrievers, Jaxson & Logan are very excited to be big brothers! Kim will be out on maternity leave until late October. Best wishes to the Drouin family!



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