



Experience Rural NEW HAMPSHIRE MAY 2023-APRIL 2024



The history and traditions of New Hampshire's rural heritage form the foundation of our state's character. From the beautiful scenery and welcoming community downtowns, to farms and rural industry, the country side of New Hampshire has much to offer. Experience the history and meet many of today's entrepreneurs!

Visit a historic farm, take the family to a harvest season festival, roam gardens in full bloom, shop a bountiful farmers' market, sample maple sugar on snow, get caught up in the excitement of a country fair...Join the fun!



Visit the Farm!

Our Visit the Farm website is your source for New Hampshire grown farm products, specialty foods and fun agricultural activities. Connecting to New Hampshire Agriculture has never been easier! Discover a delightful bounty of agritourism, year-round farmers' markets, pick-your-own farms, farm to table, farm stands, CSAs and more! You are one click away from your next visit to a nearby farm, local shopping, culinary adventure, or farm vacation.



www.visitnh.gov/agriculture

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*It's always best to call ahead to make sure the event of interest is happening as scheduled.

ABOUT TOWN



**July 10 – August 25: Pick-Your-Own Organic Blueberries
9am – 6pm Daily**

*Grounding Stone Farm, 289 Maple Street, Contoocook, 603-456-2833
kathleenjacobs@groundingstonefarm.com | www.
groundingstonefarm.com*

Grounding Stone Farm is a Certified Organic Blueberry Farm. Visitors can “Pick Your Own” organic, order online or purchase daily “pre- picked” organic blueberries at the farm stand.

**August 5, 12, 19 & 26: NH Eats Local Month Celebration
Saturdays, 9am – 4pm**

*Yankee Farmer’s Market 360 Rt 103, E Warner, 603-456-2833
yankeefarmersmarket@gmail.com | yankeefarmersmarket.com*

All 4 Saturdays in August we will be celebrating NH Eats Local month. Farm activities, sales on products, feed the animals, free samples.

**August 19: 10th Annual Farm Day - farms across the
three towns and UNH campus 10am - 5pm**

*Durham, Lee, Madbury 603-456-2833
theresawalker@comcast.net | https://www.ci.durham.nh.us*

A celebration of the working landscape of farms and gardens in Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Free, family friendly activities at over a dozen farms. Rain or shine!

**September–October: PYO Apple Orchard and Farm-made
Products**

Wed- Sun. 9am – 5pm

*DeVylder Farm, 563 Pleasant Valley Road, Wolfeboro, 603-675-5494
kurt@devylderlaw.com | Facebook: DeVylder Farm*

Instagram: devylder_farm

Established in 1978, DeVylder Farm offers a PYO apple orchard, farm-made apple cider, native produce, apple cider donuts, farm-baked goods, and more. We are open in September and October on Wednesday-Sunday, from 9-5, in beautiful Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Holiday Open House

December 2-3: 9am – 4pm, Sat.; 10am – 4pm, Sun.

*Folsom’s Sugar House, 130 Candia Rd., Chester, 603-370-0908
fmaple@aol.com | www.folsomsugarhouse.com*

Featuring our beautiful handmade & decorated, fresh balsam wreaths. Also offering an assortment of our pure NH Maple products, gift baskets and maple specialty products from around NH. Open weekends thru Christmas 12-4pm Check our website and Facebook for additional hours.

Clough Tavern Farm & Two Sisters' Garlic

23 Clough Tavern Rd, Canterbury, 603-731-5574

info@cloughtavernfarm.com | www.cloughtavernfarm.com

– July 22: 10am – 4pm Raspberry & Wool Day

Pick your own patch is open, information about growing and raspberry inspired goodies. Learn about our endangered Teeswater Sheep. In addition, visit the farm shop featuring wool products plus Two Sisters Garlic powder & blends. Demonstrations and local crafts people.

– November 24 – December 3: Clough Tavern Farm Christmas

Enjoy ten days of holiday shopping at one of Canterbury's oldest historic homes. Complementing the farm's garlic and sheep products are five rooms offering a diversified and eclectic collection of 50 NH artisans, artists and antiques.

Cookie Swap Party

December 9: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Saxy Chef, 310 Marlboro St, Keene, 603-354-3837

aubrey@saxychef.com | www.saxychef.com

Swap for the number of cookies you bring. Email ingredient list to Aubrey and prepay by December 4th.

Boxes and ingredient labels will be provided. We will also have preassembled treat boxes and cookies for sale. Come celebrate the holidays and enjoy treats with the Saxy Chef crew!

ART & MUSIC



Live Music Series at Averill House Vineyard

May 13 – October: Alternating Sundays, 1:30pm – 3pm

Averill House Vineyard 21 Averill Road, Brookline, 603-244-3165
reserve@averillhousevineyard.com

<https://www.averillhousevineyard.com/events>

We kick off the season with local Merrimack recording artist, Jackie Therrien!

UNUSUAL & SPECIAL EVENTS



Fox Point Oysters Sales and Farm Tours, July-September

Times and dates vary with the tides

Scammell Bridge parking lot in Durham NH, 217-714-1195

laura@foxpointoysters.com | www.foxpointoysters.com

Check out foxpointoysters.com to experience local oysters this summer season. Buy oysters directly from the farmer, join a farm tour or meet us at a shucking event near you. Dates and times are added throughout the growing season.

Averill House Vineyard May-October: 10 am (October 11am) Stretch & Sip Yoga

21 Averill Road, Brookline, 603-244-3165

reserve@averillhousevineyard.com

<https://www.averillhousevineyard.com/events>

Enjoy a 60 minute slow flow and deep stretch yoga class followed by wine tasting of 4 samples. Instructor is a 500-hour registered yoga teacher and currently teaches public and private classes at Banyan Tree Yoga in Nashua, NH.

Wild Edible Weekend with Russ Cohen, July 21, 22

July 21: 7:00pm, July 22, 1:00pm

218 Streeter Rd. Dorchester, NH, 603-786-2366

info@dacres.org | www.dacres.org

Friday 7/21 at 7PM slideshow presentation by wild edibles expert Russ Cohen. Saturday 7/22 at 1 PM walk the grounds at DAcres and discover many types of wild edibles. Call 603-762-366 or email info@dacres.org for more information.

The Inn at East Hill Farm

460 Monadnock St., Troy, 603-242-6495

info@east-hill-farm.com | www.east-hill-farm.com

– November 10: 9:00am – 3:00pm, Fall Family Farm Day

Bring the whole family to farm! Activities may include milking, pony grooming, arts & crafts, tractor rides, campfire with s'mores, swimming in the indoor pool and more! A buffet lunch is also included. Reservations are required. Prices are \$35 per adult; \$25 per child (age 2-15).

–December 9: 11:00am – 4:00pm Currier and Ives Cookie Tour

Kick off your holiday season by participating in the 18th annual Currier & Ives Cookie tour. Stops will bring you to Jaffrey, Rindge, Marlborough, Troy, Fitzwilliam, and New Ipswich. Proceeds are donated to a local non-profit. \$20 per person.

–December 16: 9:00am – 3:00pm Christmas on the Farm

Activities may include milking, bunny petting, pony grooming, udder to butter experience, campfire with s'mores, a visit with Santa, swimming in the indoor pool, and more! A buffet lunch is also included. Reservations are required. Prices are \$35 per adult; \$25 per child (age 2-15).

Petals in the Pines Events

126 Baptist Rd., Canterbury, 603-783-0220

donna@petalsinthepines.com | www.petalsinthepines.com

[facebook/instagram: @petalsinthepines](https://www.facebook.com/petalsinthepines)

– May 14-October 9: 9am – 6pm Tale Trails

Follow the pages of a nature story posted on signs along our woodland trails. The pages lead you to our Nature Explore pavilion for self-guided activities related to the story. Have fun exploring in our nature activity centers! Story schedule, admission fee, etc. on web site. <https://petalsinthepines.com/tale-trails>, [facebook/instagram: @petalsinthepines](https://www.facebook.com/petalsinthepines)

– Most Thursdays, June 8 – September 21: Spread Your Wings Days

Experience nature in a safe, nurturing environment by exploring the many “activity centers” in our Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. We offer fun unstructured play and creative expression. Pack a lunch, sunscreen, and bug repellent. Bring a change of clothes for “Mud Beach” time! Cost/reservations on web site. *Closed 8/17.

–July 7-9, 9am – 6pm: The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Peter Rabbit’s adventure comes to life during this 2-hour program! Enjoy an in-the-garden reading of this classic, featuring Beatrix Potter, grouchy old Mr. McGregor, and imaginary rabbits! Listen to the story, try seed-starting/garden activities, play in our Outdoor Classroom, and pose with the characters! Cost and REQUIRED reservations on web site. <https://petalsinthepines.com/kids-workshops>

Holiday Open House

December 2 & 3: 9am – 4pm, Sat., 10am – 4pm, Sun.

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FESTIVALS



August 12: 2:00pm - 5:00pm Sunny Valley Bloomfest

42 State Route 101A Amherst, 603-673-6160

k.martin@sunnyvf.com / s.robinson@sunnyvf.com | www.sunnyvf.com

Please join us for our annual customer appreciation event. There will be free samples of food, beer, and wine accompanied by live music and entertainment for all ages. Come enjoy the last days of summer with us!

August 25-27, September 8 – 10: 11th Annual NH Monarch Days New Format/Schedule

Petals in the Pines, 126 Baptist Road, Canterbury, 603-783-0220

donna@petalsinthepines.com | <https://petalsinthepines.com/monarch-festival> | Facebook and Instagram: @petalsinthepines

Learn about and celebrate the miraculous Monarch Butterfly! This 2-hour program includes presentations on the Monarch Life Cycle, butterfly tagging, and growing milkweed. Games/activities for kids, gardening experts, free milkweed seeds, and more! Tour our Pollinator Meadow; explore natural landscapes, two labyrinths, gardens, and 2 miles of trails/pathways. Cost and reservations (now REQUIRED) on web site.

September – October: Buffalo Wagon at Local NH Fairs

Hopkinton Fair, Deerfield Fair, Sandwich Fair, 603-456-2833

Fair Hours

yankeefarmersmarket@gmail.com | yankeefarmersmarket.com

Buffalo Wagon food truck serving buffalo meat cheese steaks, burgers, hot dogs and sausages.



MAPLE



NH Maple Sugaring at Folsom's Sugar House

February-April 2024: Weekends, 12pm – 4pm

*Folsom's Sugar House, 130 Candia Rd., Chester, 603-370-0908
fmaple@aol.com | www.folsomsugarhouse.com*

Join us weekends at the sugar house to learn the maple syrup process start to finish! Free "Tours" are ongoing daily 12-4pm. Check out the trees tapped in the yard or along a short trail. Try the Maple Leaf Trivia questions too. Boiling times posted on our website and Facebook weekly.

Maple Month Open Sugarhouse

February-April 2024: Weekends, 10:00am – 4:30pm

*Harding Hill Farm, 545 Stagecoach Road, Sunapee, 603-504-4121
info@hardinghillfarm.com | www.hardinghillfarm.com*

Visit the Sugarhouse at Harding Hill Farm during NH Maple Month. Located just a couple miles from Mount Sunapee Resort, at the intersection of Route 103 and Stagecoach Rd in Sunapee. Open Sugarhouse Weekends feature tours, samples, and our retail shop. Shop our selection of Maple Syrup, Maple Products, Grass Fed Beef, Local Stoneware, Farm Apparel & Gifts.

Maple Weekend

TBD 2024, Saturday: 9:00am – 4:00pm

*Yankee Farmer's Market, 360 Rt 103 E Warner, NH, 603-456-2833
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GARDENS



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facebook and instagram: @petalsinthepines

–June-September: Monthly, “Pollinator Week” Workshops

Pollinators, essential to food production, song birds, and biodiversity everywhere, are in danger. During National Pollinator Week and throughout the season, we’re offering hands-on workshops to help NH homeowners increase pollinator habitat in gardens or meadows, provide host plants for beneficial insects, and more! Cost and reservations on web site.

–Mid-July through mid-September: PYO: 9:00am – 6:00pm daily; workshop schedule on web site, PYO Flowers; Flower Arranging Workshops

Our PYO field has over 100 cut-flower varieties--come pick! In our workshops, you’ll learn how to properly select, cut, and arrange flowers into beautiful bouquets. We’ll show step-by-step simple design principles using great color combinations. Attend a scheduled workshop, or set up one for you and your friends! Cost and reservations on web site. <https://petalsinthepines.com/flower-arranging-workshop>
facebook and instagram: @petalsinthepines



UNIQUE & NH FOOD & DRINK



The Inn at East Hill Farm Events

460 Monadnock St, Troy. 603-242-6495

info@east-hill-farm.com | east-hill-farm.com

Contact us for event costs

– October 1: 5pm 18th Oktoberfest Dinner with Live Oompah Music

Join us for our 18th annual Oktoberfest dinner. Hors d'oeuvres and live music begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a German inspired meal. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

– November 5: 5pm NH Growers Dinner with live fiddle music and silent auction

Hors d'oeuvres and music begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a feast of locally grown food products. The silent auction benefits the Young Farmers of Cheshire County. Reservations required for this BYOB event.

– March 3, 2024: 5pm Maple Madness Dinner with live Fiddle Music Hors d'oeuvres and live fiddle music begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a five-course maple-inspired feast. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

– April 28, 2024: 5pm Sunday Suppah with live fiddle music Hors d'oeuvres and live fiddle music begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a five-course dinner. A silent auction will benefit the Conant High School baseball teams. This is a BYOB event and reservations are required.

LaBelle Winery

345 Route 101, Amherst, NH and 14 Route 111, Derry, 603-672-9898

tickets@labellewinery.com | www.labellewinery.com

– See website for date and time Cooking with Wine Classes

Amy LaBelle, the winemaker at LaBelle Winery, hosts a monthly Cooking with Wine demo class, teaching various culinary techniques and recipes. Attendees can enjoy wine pairings and samplings of the dishes created. The class is engaging, informal, interactive, and fun. Visit labellewinery.com to learn more and sign up.

– **See website for date and time Walks in the Vineyard**

A series of educational events hosted by LaBelle Winery focused on the lifecycle of grapevines. Educators from LaBelle will show visitors around the vineyards and tell them interesting and valuable facts while they sip wine. This series is a unique opportunity to learn about wine while enjoying the great outdoors.

– **Ongoing, Performance Series**

During the summer and winter, LaBelle Winery hosts a Performance Series. Guests can enjoy live music, comedy, wine, and cocktails in a winery setting. The series features talented musicians from various genres, including rock, blues, country, and more. Show info and tickets can be found at labellewinery.com.

– **Check website, Holiday & Special Events**

LaBelle Winery has holiday events all year long, like buffets for Easter and Mother's Day, the famous LaBelle Lights, Christmas-themed events, wine and spirits events, and more. There are events for adults and families. Visit www.labellewinery.com for event listings.

Averill House Vineyard

21 Averill Road, Brookline, (603) 244-3165

Reserve@averillhousevineyard.com

<https://www.averillhousevineyard.com>

– **12pm & 2pm, Sundays, Taste Tour and Bottle with the Winemaker**

Tour our 1830 vineyard, Cellar & Winery located in the historic Ice District of Brookline, NH. Bottle, cork, foil & label the day's wine, which you take home. Taste four of our best wines and enjoy a charcuterie board. Then receive a AVH wine glass embossed with Averill the Elephant, \$59.

– **5:30pm, May 20, June 17, July 22, August 19 & September 23: Saturday Night Comedy at the Winery featuring National Headliners**

We are excited to announce the return of Saturday Night Comedy featuring National Headliners and guest comedians! On select Saturday nights join us for world class comedy featuring as many as three or more comedians with Miked Up Comedy! This group of entertainers have joined Mike Koutrobis, Laughing all the way!



New Hampshire Association of Fairs & Expositions

Belknap County 4-H Fair: August 5-6, 2023

174 Mile Hill Road, Belmont, NH 03220
www.bc4hfair.org

Cheshire Fair: August 3-6, 2023

247 Monadnock Hwy. Swanzey, NH 03446
Phone: 603-357-4740 | info@cheshirefair.org

Cornish Fair: August 18-20, 2023

294 Townhouse Rd. Cornish, NH 03746
Phone: 603-675-5714 | Vendor: 603-543-3836
www.cornishfair.org

Deerfield Fair: September 28-October 1, 2023

34 Stage Rd., Deerfield, NH 03037-0156
Phone: 603-463-7421
www.deerfieldfair.com

Granite State Fair: September 14-17 & 21-24, 2023

72 Lafayette St., Rochester, NH 03867
Phone: 603-332-6585
www.granitestatefair.com

Hillsborough County Agricultural Fair: September 8-10, 2023

15 Hilldale Lane, Rte 13, New Boston, NH 03070
Phone: 603-641-6060
www.hcafair.org

Hopkinton State Fair: August 31-September 4, 2023

392 Kearsarge Ave., Contoocook, NH 03229
Phone: (603) 746-4191
admin@hsfair.org | www.hsfair.org

Lancaster Fair: August 31-September 4, 2023

516 Main St., Lancaster, NH 03584
Phone: 603-788-4531
www.lancasterfair.com

North Haverhill Fair: July 26-30, 2023

1299 Dartmouth College Hwy, No. Haverhill, NH 03774
Phone: 603-989-3305
www.nohaverhillfair.com

Sandwich Fair: October 7-9, 2023

7 Wentworth Hill Rd, Ctr. Sandwich, NH 03227
Phone/Fax: 603-284-7062
www.thesandwichfair.com

Stratham 4-H Summerfest, TBD

Stratham Hill Park Fairgrounds,
270 Portsmouth Ave, Stratham, NH 03885

NH Farm & Forest & Garden Exposition Spring 2024

(see website for 2023 details TBA)
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kelly@nhfarmandforestexpo.org
<https://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org>

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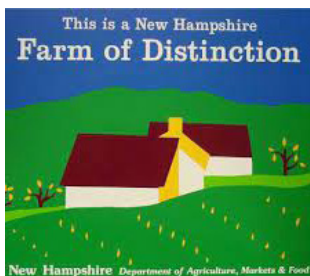


NH FARMERS' MARKETS

Farmers' markets not only offer a variety of fresh, locally produced products, but many also provide musical entertainment, kids' activities, cooking demonstrations and more. With typically nearly 60 summer season locations and 20 winter season locations across the state you are sure to find a market near you all year round: <http://agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/agriculturaldevelopment.html>



NH FARMS OF DISTINCTION



In 1997 the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food introduced a program recognizing those farms that make an extra effort to keep their busy farmsteads neat and attractive. The New Hampshire Farms of Distinction program honors have been awarded to 159 farms, to date. Each farm receives an attractive Farm of Distinction sign, which is proudly displayed at the farm.

For more information about the New Hampshire Farms of Distinction program contact the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, and Division of Agricultural Development at (603) 271-3788. To take a virtual tour of all the New Hampshire Farms of Distinction go to: <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/all-farm-of-distinction-winners.pdf>



New Hampshire

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Markets & Food*

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