

Prescott Farm celebrates the changing of seasons

LACONIA — Prescott Farm officially began its Celebrating the Seasons Series this month with an "Adaptation" program for adults, families and homeschoolers. Each month, the farm is celebrating the changing seasons while exploring its beautiful 160 acre property. Using author Mary Holland's book "Naturally Curious" as a month-by-month guide to the wonders unfolding in the fields, forests and wetlands of New England, participants will go on a leisurely hike with one of Prescott Farm's naturalists, with the goal of cultivating their observation skills and deepening each person's relationship with the natural world.

Program titles and descriptions are used with permission from Mary Holland. Monthly programs upcoming include "Quiescence" (November) and "Signage" (December). This series will be continued monthly in 2016 (keep an eye out for other programs coming in January).

The "Quiescence" program will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for adults and from 1:00-2:30 p.m. for families (children and adults welcome). This program will be offered to homeschoolers ages 8-12, on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

New England temperatures can fluctuate greatly in November. Within a given state, climatic condi-

tions can be wildly erratic. First snows may fall in northern New England, yet balmy days are not unheard of. Throughout the Northeast most deciduous trees have lost their leaves and many animals have disappeared from sight. Reptiles and amphibians that didn't enter hibernation last month do so in November. Insect sightings become more and more scarce. The last of the migrant birds are leaving. Mammals that don't remain active through the winter have entered hibernation or dormancy. The natural world is bracing for winter. All of this and more will be discussed on Nov. 7 and 14.

Prescott Farm is a non-profit organization that offers environmental education for all ages throughout the year including WildQuest camps, public programs, field trips, long-term partnerships with local elementary schools and NOW Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool. The farm is open year round, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. It is free to come and go for a hike or explore the "green" building!

The cost for the Celebrating the Seasons Series is \$10 (\$8 for members of Prescott Farm) per session (pricing is different for homeschoolers). For more information visit our website, www.prescottfarm.org. Reservations are required for these programs and can be made by calling 603-366-5695.

Annual Gathering of the Marines planned for Nov. 7

GILFORD — "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli", the opening lines to the Marine Hymn will be heard loud and clear as Marine veterans, old and new from throughout the Lakes Region and beyond, congregate for the 17th Annual "Gathering of Marines" sponsored by the Lakes Region Detachment #506, Marine Corps League, at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club (140 Country Road) Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m..

This year Marine veterans and all those on active duty throughout the world will once again come together to celebrate the 240th birthday of the founding of the United States Marine Corps at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. This tradition has been a ritual celebrated by the Marine Corps since its conception. Marines throughout the world will gather together and welcome one another with the words "Semper Parati" ("Always Faithful"), which signifies the dedication that individual Marines have to "Corps and Country", and to their fellow Marines.

The "Gathering of Marines" in the Lakes Region was conceived by retired Colonel, Norm Noel, USMCR, initially as a way for those who had served in the Marine Corps from the surrounding area could come together and celebrate the annual birthday tradition. It has grown every year, now having attendees from throughout the State of New Hampshire and beyond. Colonel Noel will once again serve as the Master of Ceremo-

nies including the traditional posting of the colors, the National Anthem and recitation of the Marine Corps commandant's message. A video message from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte will also be part of the program.

Tickets to this year's "Gathering" which includes a buffet dinner of prime rib, chicken and all the fixin's and dancing thereafter. Tickets can be purchased from Commandant Bob Patenaude by calling (603) 253-7970 or cell (603) 455-0636, or sending \$45.00 per person to the Lakes Region Det. #506, P O Box 764, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

Appropriate attire includes uniform, tux, formal gown, or business dress.

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