

Prescott Farm

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Prescott Farm Announces New Executive Director

Laconia, NH: Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Jude Hamel as Executive Director.

Hamel was born and raised in Vermont where she grew up hiking the Long Trail, fishing, camping and cross country skiing with her family, and has been a resident of the Lakes Region for the last 15 years. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1996 and earned an M.S. in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University in 2000. She has had 17 years of experience working in the non-profit sector, 15 of which were in the field of community economic development. She has also served on the boards of directors of the NH Women's Business Center and the Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corp. She enjoys beekeeping (and is currently the Secretary of the Capital Area Beekeepers Association) as well as organic gardening, cooking, hiking and camping with her husband Jim, daughter Eden, son Forest, and dog Mowgli.



"The beauty and natural resources which are so abundant in the Lakes Region are a big reason why I've made this area my home for the past fifteen years," said Hamel, "Prescott Farm's commitment to connecting community members at all income levels with the natural world through environmental education and programming is important. It perpetuates a sense of environmental responsibility and helps to ensure the integrity of this beautiful region, its wildlife and the natural systems upon which we all rely. I'm delighted to be joining the team here at Prescott Farm and contributing my efforts to such a laudable cause."

"Jude brings a strong business and community development background to Prescott Farm, and she has a personal commitment to our mission as a member of the Lakes Region community," says Charles Pardoe, a member of Prescott Farm's Board of Directors. "She is assuming the leadership of Prescott Farm at an exciting moment when we are expanding our educational offerings and emphasizing local food and farming topics in our curriculum. We're excited that Jude has joined Prescott Farm and delighted that Sarah Dunham-Miliotis will stay on as our Education Director. Welcome Jude and thank you Sarah!"

Hamel replaces former Executive Director Sarah Dunham-Miliotis who has stepped down to a part-time position as Education Director so that she may spend more time with her baby son.

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 160-acre historic farmstead features woodland and field trails, a “green” building with geothermal and solar energy systems, historic barns, an old-fashioned maple sugaring operation, heritage gardens, and a forested pond.

For more information about this, please visit www.prescottfarm.org or if you would like to meet her, join us on Saturday, September 19 for our 6th Annual Harvest Festival from 10-3pm!

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