

Environmental Education Center

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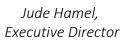
Community Connections Program Guide January - April 2025

Inspiring a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world through curiosity and discovery

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Welcome to Prescott Farm's Community Connections Program Guide!

In this guide, you'll find over 60 thoughtfully designed programs scheduled for Winter & Spring 2025. This year is particularly exciting as we continue to celebrate our expanded property and state-of-the-art program spaces, all created to enhance your hands-on learning experiences and deepen your connection to the natural world.

Our **Community Connections Programs** are led by Prescott Farm's talented environmental educators and an exceptional lineup of guest instructors such as Prescott Farm's Creative Arts Consultant Larry Frates, Chef LaShunda Allen, wellness experts Clare Persson and Gina McGuire, and snowshoe yoga guide Kate Kretschmer, among others. This year, we're additionally excited to introduce new topics such as Nature Writing, the History of Stonewalls in New England, and Natural History lectures.

Affordable and accessible, Community Connections Programs provide something for everyone, whether you're a longtime supporter or a first-time visitor.

We invite you to join us and discover meaningful ways to connect—with nature, with yourself, and with Prescott Farm and our community —in 2025!



Cupola Society Member!

Nature-Based Lectures, Walks & Explorations

<u>Name of Program</u>	Date & Time 0	Cost: Member/Non Member
Tracking NH Wildlife	Jan 4th 2 - 4 pm	Free/\$15
Winter Tree ID	Jan 11th 1 - 3 pm	Free/\$15 🔛 就 🚛
Five Senses Snowshoe Hike	Jan 18th 1 - 3 pm	Free/\$15
New England Stone Walls with Kevin Gardner	Jan 25th 10 - Noon	\$10/\$25



Full Moon Snowshoe Hikes Members: Free; Non-Member: \$15

January 14 (5 - 6:30 pm) February 12 (5:30 - 7 pm) March 14 (6 - 7:30 pm)



Maple Sugar Bush Management March 22 1 - 4 pm Free/\$15 with Lindsay Watkins & Steve Roberge, UNH Extension

Which Programs Are Right For You?

Physical Demands Scale (See program names for scale level):

O = *Entire* activity is indoors and seated.

1 = Activity is indoors or outside with up to 1/10 of a mile walking; includes both sitting and standing.

2 = Activity includes up to 1/2 mile of walking on uneven terrain; no steep slopes.

3 = Activity includes 1/2-1 mile of walking on uneven terrain; may include hills.

4 = Activity includes around 1 mile of walking on trails with uneven terrain and hills.

5 = Activity includes 1 or more miles of walking on uneven terrain with hills; may include some off-trail walking.

Experience Level: Unless otherwise noted, all programs use layperson terminology and provide a broad overview of the topic. No prior knowledge is necessary—just an interest in the topic area.

Recommended Ages:

[A] Adults: Designed for older teens (16+) and adults.

[A/Y] Adults & Older Youth: Suitable for adults and older kids (ages 12+). Children should have an interest in the topic and must be accompanied by an adult.

[Y/A] Youth + Adult: Programs for school-aged children to engage in alongside a grown-up. Adult participation is required.

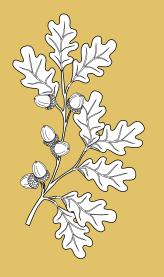
[MG] Multi-Generational: Open to participants of all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is recommended for our Community Connection Programs. Walk-ins may be accommodated on the day of the program based on availability, as some of our programs do fill up. To allow us to notify our waitlist, please cancel at least 24 hours in advance. While our programs are typically held rain or shine, we will notify participants in advance if inclement weather requires any changes to the schedule.

NEW! Homeschool Series!

Immerse your child in the wonders of nature with our year-round homeschool programs, designed to foster outdoor learning and exploration. Participate in one or all programs in the series. *All programs meet on Wedenesdays!

Jan 8th 9:30 am - Noon Firemaking & Campfire Cooking Jan 22nd 9:30 - Noon Animal Tracking in the Snow Feb 5th 12: 30 - 3 pm Snowshoe Winter Exploration Mar 5th 9:30 am - Noon Tap Into Maple Mar 19th 9:30 am - Noon Cooking with Maple



Cost: \$15 per child - with Adult Recommended Ages: 6–14



Visit <u>prescottfarm.org</u> for more information and to register.



Sign Up For Our Newsletter & Stay Up To Date On Programs and Events!

www.prescottfarm.org

Follow us on Social Media!

Become a Member of Prescott Farm!

Your Membership directly supports Prescott Farm's mission to provide high-quality environmental education programs - connecting our community with nature. By becoming a member, you help the continuation of programs that inspire a love for the environment, from school partnerships to hands-on workshops for all ages. Members enjoy special benefits while making a meaningful impact on local conservation and education efforts.

Membership Level	Annual	Benefits
Lonewolf	\$85	1 named Member. Includes discounted programming and events. Free car magnet.
Pair of Goats	\$115	All of the above with 1 named member & guest plus \$50 discount on Wildquest Camps for 1 camper
Herd of Deer	\$145	All of the above for 2 named members plus 1 guest plus \$50 discount on Wildquest Camps for 1 camper
Flock of Turkeys	\$165	All of the above for 2 named members plus 2 guests plus \$50 discount on Wildquest Camps for up to 2 campers
Pack of Coyotes	\$180	All of the above for 2 named members plus 3 guests plus \$50 discount on Wildquest Camps for up to 3 campers
Gaggle of Geese	\$210	All of the above for 2 named members and 4 guests plus \$50 discount on Wildquest Camps for up to 4 campers

Memberships are good for 1 year from the date of purchase.

There are many benefits to Membership:

- Discounts on programming and events! Enjoy the programs offered at Prescott Farm at a reduced rate!
- FREE Prescott Farm car magnet Flaunt your support of our programs all over town.
- Discount on WildQuest Camps the number of eligible camper discounts varies by level.
- 20% discount on Prescott Farm merchandise shirts, hats, travel mugs & more!
- FREE use of our snowshoes and Adventure Packs on the property.
- Monthly E-Newsletter get all the latest news and events in your inbox.



Find out more about becoming a Prescott Farm member!

Tap into Maple

Experience a Northeast tradition that predates New England—making maple syrup! From tapping a tree to tasting delicious maple syrup, you will take an inside look into every step of the syrup making process. Our naturalists will help you identify maple trees, learn the parts of the tree and their functions, and discover how the maple sap is turned into syrup.

This multigenerational program involves a 20 minute walk to our Sugar House with an uphill hike at the end. Please wear boots and dress appropriately for the weather. Snowshoes or traction cleats will be provided as needed - bring your own if you have them.

90 minute programs start at the top of each hour; pre-registration is highly recommended, though walk-ins are welcome Ma space permitting.

Maple Sugar Bush Management

Saturday March 22: 1-4 pm

- Tuesday, Feb 18th
 10 am Noon
- Thursday, Feb 20th
 10 am Noon

with Lindsay Watkins & Steve Roberge, UNH Extension

Members \$0 Non-Members \$15

The 1st Four Saturdays in March On the hour: 10 am- 2 pm Members: Free — Non-Members: \$15





Making Maple Candy

Tuesday, Feb 18th 1-3 pm Thursday, Feb 20th 1-3 pm Saturday, March 29th 10 am - Noon

Members \$15 Non-Members \$30

Field Trips to PRESCOTT FARM!

Bring your group to our center for one of many quality learning experiences that enhance and reinforce what your students are learning in your classroom. All programs can be fine-tuned to meet your specific needs and align with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and NH Social Studies Frameworks. Most programs are able to be adapted to all ages.

For questions on any of our school-age programs, please visit our website at www.prescottfarmlorg or scan the qr code below!

Find out more about Field Trips here! Or on our website: (www.prescottfarm.org





Beginner Soapmaking

Make Community Connections in this fun soapmaking program at Prescott Farm provides you with the skills, tools, and support you need to create soaps using organic essential oils and processes for different styles of soap. Perfect gifts to give away or to treat yourself!

Saturday, Jan 4th 10 am-Noon

Saturday, April 26th 10 am-Noon

Members \$25 Non-Member \$40



Cooking Programs

Join us in our state-of- the-art teaching kitchen to explore recipes and tips for creating delicious, satisfying, and healthy dishes you can re-create at home! *Member/Non-Member cost

<u>January</u>

<u>March</u>

Introduction to Home Cheesemaking Jan 11th 10 am - 1 pm \$20/\$35

Homemade Pizza Making Jan 18th 10 am - 1 pm \$20/\$35

Sourdough Bread Jan 25th 10 am - 2 pm \$25/\$40

February

Cake Baking and Decorating with Chef Allen

Feb 8th 10 am - 2 pm \$30/\$45

Making Maple Candy

Multiple dates : February 18th 1 - 3 pm; February 20th 1 - 3 pm, March 29th 10 am - Noon \$15/\$30

Honey Tasting and Uses Feb 22nd 10 am - 12:30 pm \$10/\$25

Herb-Infused Oils & Salves March 29th 10 am - 1 pm \$15/\$30

<u>April</u>

Homemade Pasta Making April 5th 10 am - 1 pm \$20/\$35

Sourdough Bread

April 12th 10 am - 2 pm \$25/\$40

Perfect Pastries: with Chef Allen. Pate Choux and Pastry Cream

April 19th 10 am - 2 pm \$35/\$50



Did you know?

Did you see a program you are interested in? We now offer private programs for groups of 8 or more! Feel free to call us at (603) 366-5695 for more details.









January 2025

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Date	Day	Time	Program Title	Age-Phys Dem	Program Cost Members/Non- Members
1/4	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Beginner Soapmaking	A-1	\$25/ \$40
1/4	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Nature Writing in Winter with Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder	A/Y-1	\$15/ \$30
1/4	Saturday	2 pm - 4 pm	Tracking NH Wildlife	MG -3	Free/ \$15
1/11	Saturday	10 am - 1 pm	Introduction to Home Cheesemaking	A-1	\$20/ \$35
1/11	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Winter Tree ID	A-4	Free/\$15
1/14	Tuesday	5 pm - 6:30 pm	Full Moon Snowshoe Hike	A-4	Free/\$15
1/18	Saturday	10 am - 1 pm	Homemade Pizza Making	A-1	\$20/\$35
1/18	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Upcycled! Metal Embossing with Larry Frates	A-1	\$10/\$25
1/18	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Five Senses Snowshoe Hike	MG4	Free/\$15
1/25	Saturday	10 am - 2 pm	Sourdough Bread	A-1	\$25/\$40
1/25	Saturday	10 am - Noon	New England Stone Walls with Kevin Gardner	A/Y-0	\$10/\$25
1/25	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Needle Felting Winter Landscapes	A-0	\$15/\$30



SCAN THIS CODE TO REGISTER FOR ANY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM OR VISIT PRESCOTT FARM AT WWW.PRESCOTTFARM.ORG

February 2025

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Date	Day	Time	Program Title	Age-Phys Dem	Program Cost Members/Non- Members
2/1	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Medicinal Herb Seed Starting	A-1	\$10/\$25
2/1	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35
2/1	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Paper Quilled Flowers	A/Y-0	Free/\$15
2/8	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35
2/8	Saturday	10 am - 2 pm	Cake Baking and Decorating with Chef Allen	MG-1	\$30/\$45
2/8	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Winter Navigation	MG-3	Free/\$15
2/12	Wednesday	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Full Moon Snowshoe Hike	A-4	Free/\$15
2/15	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Make Your Own Watercolor Paint with Earth & Mineral Pigments	A-1	\$10/\$25
2/15	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35
2/18	Tuesday	10 am - Noon	Tap Into Maple	MG-4	Free/\$15
2/18	Tuesday	1 pm - 3 pm	Making Maple Candy	MG-1	\$15/\$30
2/20	Thursday	10 am -Noon	Tap Into Maple	MG-4	Free/\$15
2/20	Thursday	1 pm - 3 pm	Making Maple Candy	MG-1	\$15/\$30
2/22	Saturday	10 am - 12:30 pm	Honey Tasting and Uses	MG-1	\$10/25
2/22	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35

March 2025

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Date	Day	Time	Program Title	Age-Phys Dem	Program Cost Memberes/ Non-Members
3/1	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35
3/8	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Snowshoe Yoga	A-4	\$20/\$35
3/14	Friday	6 pm - 7:30 pm	Full Moon Snowshoe Hike	A-4	Free/\$15
3/15	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Fruit Tree Pruning with Stephanie Sosinski and Sean O'Brien, UNH Extension	A-3	\$10/\$25
3/20	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7 pm	What Birds Can I Expect Here?	MG-1	Free/\$15
3/22	Saturday	1 pm - 4 pm	Maple Sugar Bush Management	A-4	Free/\$15
3/29	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Making Maple Candy	MG-1	\$15/\$30
3/29	Saturday	1 pm - 4 pm	Herb-Infused Oils & Salves	A-1	\$15/\$30

Tap Into Maple!

Join us on the first four Saturdays in March to learn about a classic New England tradition—maple syrup making! From tapping trees to savoring freshly made syrup, you'll enjoy a hands-on experience at every step of the process.

Visit our website for more information on our Tap Into Maple program!







April 2025

Date	Day	Time	Program Title	Age- Phys Dem	Program Cost Members/NonMembers
4/5	Saturday	10 am - 1 pm	Homemade Pasta Making	A-1	\$20/\$35
4/5	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Beeswax Candle Making	A-1	\$20/\$35
4/12	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Upcycled Papermaking	A-1	\$10/\$25
4/12	Saturday	10 am - 2pm	Sourdough Bread	A-1	\$25/\$40
4/12	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Needle Felted Animals	A/Y-1	\$15/\$30
4/19	Saturday	10 am - 2pm	Perfect Pastries with Chef Allen. Pate Choux & Pastry Cream	A-1	\$35/\$50
4/19	Saturday	1 pm - 3 pm	Growing Mushrooms at Home	A-4	\$15/\$30
4/26	Saturday	10 am - Noon	Beginner Soapmaking	A-1	\$25/\$40



Daisy Time

By <u>Marjorie Pickthall</u>

See, the grass is full of stars, Fallen in their brightness; Hearts they have of shining gold, Rays of shining whiteness.

Buttercups have honeyed hearts, Bees they love the clover, But I love the daisies' dance All the meadow over.

Blow, O blow, you happy winds, Singing summer's praises, Up the field and down the field A-dancing with the daisies.







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7 days a week from dawn to dusk! The Pardoe Center is open Mon -

Our trails are open and free to public

Sat from 9 am - 4 pm. Find out more at: www.prescottfarm.org

Winter Wellness Programs

Nature Writing in Winter with Author, Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder Jan 4th 10 am -Noon

Members: \$15 Non-members: \$30

Uncover and Manifest Your Heart's Dreams! with Clare Persson and Gina McGuire

Jan 11th 9 am - Noon

*See below for registration information

Snowshoe Yoga with Kate Kretschmer

Saturdays beginning Feb 1st thru March 8th 10 am - Noon

Members: \$20; Non-Members: \$35

UNCOVER AND MANIFEST YOUR HEART'S DREAMS!



With Clare Persson & Gina McGuire

Start the new year with a spark! Reconnect with your inner dreams and embrace new possibilities in this uplifting workshop. Clare and Gina will guide you through heartcentered practices designed to reveal and nurture your deepest desires in a relaxed, supportive setting.

*This program is independent from Prescott Farm's Community Connections Programs

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To register contact: perssonclare@gmail.com

Did you know...?

Discovery Tours are a perfect opportunity for our staff to share meaningful moments that inspire us at Prescott Farm. We hope they inspire you too! On a Discovery Tour you will hear stories about the meaningful connections and transformations people have experienced at Prescott Farm. Register for your Discovery Tour

DISCOVERY TOUR DATES Saturdays January 4th 9 - 10 am February 1st 9 - 10 am March 1st 9 - 10 am April 5th 9 - 10 am







"The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness." — John Muir



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Crafting Programs

Needle Felting

Discover the art of **needle felting!** Whether you're looking to try something new or embark on a journey into a rewarding and creative crafting hobby,our programs offer the perfect opportunity to explore this captivating technique. No experience is required—just bring your enthusiasm and let your imagination take shape!

Needle Felting Winter Landscapes Saturday, Jan 25th, 1 pm - 3 pm Needle Felted Animals Saturday, April 12th, 1 pm - 3 pm

Members \$15 Non-Members \$30

Paper Quilled Flowers

Saturday, Feb 1st 1 pm - 3 pm Members: Free Non-Members: \$15

Beeswax Candlemaking

Saturday, April 5th 1 - 3 pm Members: \$20 Non-Members: \$35









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Polliwogs

Ages: Pre-K with adult \$15 per pair adult/child pair

What's more fun than playing with friends in nature? Playing with friends AND your favorite grown up! Polliwogs is a fun group for the littlest explorers amongst us! Join us for music, art, and exploring. Polliwogs meet Wednesdays from 10-11:30 am.

Winter Session Jan 14th - February 20th Spring Session: March 11th - April 17th Summer Session: May 6th - June 12th

Scan the QR code to visit our website & learn more about Pre-K Programs at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center!



Special thanks to Foley Oil & Propane— Prescott Farm Business Partner & Cupola Society Member.





WildQuest Camps

WildQuest Camps inspire ecological awareness and fun through outdoor adventures and hands-on learning. Activities include nature exploration, animal and plant identification, arts and crafts, Quests, cooking and more! Each week offers unique, theme-based experiences in a collaborative, community-focused setting.

Camp runs 9am – 4pm (with before and after care available) Winter Camp: February 24 – 28 (ages 5-12) Spring Camp: April 28 – May 2 (ages 5-12) Summer Camp: Weekly Sessions from June 23 – August 22 (ages 5-14)

Registration opens for returning families January 8th January 15, 2025 for new families.

See www.prescottfarm.org for tuition, weekly themes, schedule and more! Questions? Email us at camp@prescottfarm.org!



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with Larry presents Seeing Your World

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Now Hiring for Summer 2025 Camp Instructors: age 16+ & Junior Instructors: age 15-16

Join Larry Frates for a Series of Nature-inspired Art Workshops!

Metal Embossing Saturday, January 18th 10 - Noon

How to Make Your Own Watercolors Saturday, February 15th:10 - Noon

Up-Cycled Papermaking Saturday, April 12th: 10 - Noon

Members: \$10 Non-Members: \$25

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Discovering New England Stone Walls

Kevin Gardner, author of *The Granite Kiss*, explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways that they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop! Jan 25th 10 am - Noon Members: \$10; Non-Member: \$25

Fruit Tree Pruning

Join UNH Extension Home Horticulture Educators, Sean O'Brien and Steph Sosinski for an in-person apple and pear tree pruning demonstration. We will cover topics such as tools and their proper maintenance, the basics of why to prune trees and shrubs, types of pruning cuts and when to use them, and safe pruning techniques for you and your plants. Bring a pair of pruners or loppers if you'd like to

> participate, and bring your questions! March 15th 10 am - Noon Members: \$10/Non-Members: \$25

What Birds Can I Expect to Find Here?

UNH professor Matthew Tarr will be presenting a video on local birds and their vocalizations. The video will introduce you to the most common habitat types encountered in New Hampshire, the bird species associated with each habitat, and how to identify some of the most common bird species you are likely to encounter. Question and answer to follow the 30 minute video presentation. March 20th 5:30 pm - 7 pm Members: Free; Non-Members: \$15

Maple Sugar Bush Management

Join UNH Extension Forest Resource Specialists Lindsay Watkins and Steve Roberge to learn how to manage maple sugar bushes large and small. Learn management strategies that will keep your sugar bush producing sap for many years to come while also benefit local wildlife. Dress for walking outdoors as we walk into Prescott Farm's sugar bush. Snowshoes or micro spikes will be provided. March 22nd 1 - 4 pm Members: Free; Non-Members: \$15



Special thanks to Hayward & Company, a Cupola Society Member!

Did you know...?

Prescott Farm is a 501(c)3 nonprofit governed by a volunteer board of directors. Featuring 160 acres of property, Prescott Fam is open to the public dawn-to-dusk, 7 days a week. You will find 3 miles of trails, gardens, Natural Playscape - all for you to explore!



Our <u>dedicated volunteers</u> allow Prescott Farm to continue enhancing and expanding our educational programs for the Lakes Region community. Volunteers are engaged in all aspects of our work; from hands-on efforts like maintaining our gardens, maple sugar program, and trails to behind-the-scenes work on committees and office administration. Along with enjoying a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie, volunteers are invited to attend exclusive events at Prescott Farm that honor their work.

Call us at 603-366-5695 x 310 or email Brett Rouleau volunteer@prescottfarm.org to learn more!

Looking for a thoughtful gift? Why not share the joy of learning with a Community Connections Program? Gift certificates are available for all our programs — a perfect gift for friends and family!

Thank you to our Community for Your Support in 2024!

Prescott Farm Cupola Society

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Teaching Circle cont.

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Prescott Farm thrives thanks to the generosity and involvement of people like you! Your support enables us to offer exceptional educational programs, preserve stunning natural spaces, and create opportunities for thousands of Lakes Region residents and visitors to connect with nature every year. Whether you choose to volunteer, become a member, or participate in our Community Connections programs, you're helping ensure that Prescott Farm remains a cherished resource for generations to come.



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