

# Heart & SOULE



## A Celebration of Service

As we enter the holiday season and near the completion of our 25<sup>th</sup> year at Soule Homestead, we are taking a moment to give thanks for the many people that have worked to get us this far. Over the years, thousands of people have come out to help in ways big and small and in the last year alone we benefitted from close to 7,000 hours of volunteerism. We recently held our Annual Meeting and Volunteer/Member potluck and this year we are very lucky to recognize a very extraordinary trio that have been with us since the start. What an amazing gift these three women have been to the operations of Soule Homestead!

Jane Lopes, the former Editor of The Middleboro Gazette, has been on our Board of Directors since day one. Jane is known by almost everyone in town and is not only a valuable volunteer to us, but also to many other organizations in town including the Rotary Club and the Middleboro Community Preservation Committee. Jane is critical in the advertising of our events and she is our connection to many local businesses. She recently retired from her job and has used the opportunity to travel but still always makes time for Soule.

If you have ever spent any time here, then you have definitely seen Kathy Heimerdinger! Kathy's sister Karen was our founder and first director, and keeping the doors open here has been a family affair that included their parents as well. Kathy has been involved in caring for every inch of this place and even lived on site for a number of years. Her special gift to Soule is that she has an unmatched love for animals and she treats them like members of her own family. No matter what the weather, Kathy has been here almost every day for the last quarter century. She is so dedicated and appreciated!

Our third volunteer is Sally Case and she truly is the soul behind Soule Homestead. Sally is an artist and many of her drawings have graced the covers of our Harvest Fair Booklet. Sally is also a lover of nature and she can be found hiking here at Soule or at other open spaces in town. Sally came on board with Karen and has stayed through the years and she volunteers at many large events and also helps with a number of administrative tasks. Sally has an amazing memory and is our resident "Soule Historian."

Thanks again to the many other volunteers that work with us here at Soule. We can't imagine doing it without you and it wouldn't be nearly as much fun if we had to!

## Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9am - 3pm

Join us to do some holiday shopping for unique gifts made by talented local vendors. Free children's crafts, and then stay for some soup and baked goods.

### Children's Workshop

10am - 11am

Felted Wool Ornaments

Ages 7+, \$7 per child

### Wreath Making Workshops

10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Create a unique wreath, swag, or table arrangement from freshly cut greens of holly, pine, spruce, hemlock & cedar. Decorate with ribbons and other embellishments.

Wreath \$25 M, \$30 NM

Swag \$10 M, \$15 NM

Table \$10 M, \$15 NM

Advanced registration  
required for all workshops.  
Space is limited



Thanks again to Jane, Kathy and Sally for 25 years of service and a big congratulations to June Gentile on being awarded Volunteer of the Year for 2015-2016!

### Notes from the Executive Director - Meghan Connolly Riley

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to attend and present at the 6th National Gathering of the Farm Based Education Network (FBEN). Now in it's 10th year, the FBEN is collaboration of very talented farm based educators, administrators and supporters across the country. Although I have one of those jobs that you can't exactly sum up in one sentence, it was reassuring to meet so many people that find themselves in the same position.

This was a fantastic opportunity to meet with other executive directors, board members and educators to discuss challenges and opportunities that go hand in hand with this work. I was blown away with how many young people were in attendance and the valuable work that they are doing in their schools, communities and beyond. I was really proud that one of my former 4H students was there to gain inspiration to start his own club. At times, it can feel like we are in our own world here at Soule Homestead but meeting people from Queens, Chicago, California and Vermont was a reminder of how important and universal this work really is. Everyone eats! I wonder when I see the school bus arrive at Soule Homestead what our greater impact might be. Having been around for 25 years, we have many people that visit us to share stories of growing up with Soule. The children and families we connect with today could be the farmers or policy makers of tomorrow. No matter what, they will have a better understanding of the need to protect places like Soule Homestead.

It takes an incredible amount of support to keep Soule moving. If you would like to donate any time to us at Soule, we are currently looking for volunteers to assist with our children's programs. If you choose to support us with a monetary donation instead, we will also be sending out our annual appeal in the next few weeks. Either way, we are so thankful for all that you do and we hope that you and your family enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season. You are all a gift to us at Soule. The lessons we teach and the community we create will be a present that we hope will keep on giving for many years to come.

### Important Note about the Bathrooms:

If you have been following our progress, you know that our bathrooms opened to the public this fall. As we enter into the winter months, our visitation and overall program offerings decrease. Therefore, the bathrooms will be open most days Monday through Friday during business hours and open in the evening and on weekends if we are offering a program. We no longer have a porta-potty on site so plan your visit accordingly. Thanks!

### The Eagles Have Landed

This fall we have been very fortunate to have two Middleboro Boy Scouts select Soule Homestead as the site for their Eagle Scout projects. Liam Bingham-Maas, who volunteered over 100 hours in 2015, undertook a very ambitious trail project. He was able to expand our current nature trail and add in a ridge trail out back near our growing fields. Liam is also going to be working on adding a kiosk so that people can better find their way around Soule.

Julian Cassady has been coming to the Homestead since he was a youngster. Although he appreciates all our animals, he thinks that our goats have the most personality and wanted to do something to help them out. He worked with our staff to design a safe and sturdy new shelter for them. He was able to get all the wood and roofing materials donated from local businesses including Mid Cape Lumber and Beacon Roofing. We are so thankful to Liam and Julian and the many Scouts that worked to help complete these projects. The goats and visitors to Soule get to benefit from their hard work and dedication.

Wondering if a program is postponed due to snow? Follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information or just to see what we are up to this winter. Facebook.com/soulehomedstead or check out our website at [www.soulehomedstead.org](http://www.soulehomedstead.org). We hope to see you!

Keep this middle insert for quick reference! More information on upcoming programs are listed on the back. To pre-register for any of our programs, please email us at [info@soulehomestead.org](mailto:info@soulehomestead.org) or call us at 508.947.6744. You can find more updates and pictures on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/soulehomestead](http://www.facebook.com/soulehomestead) or on Instagram@soulehomestead. Save these dates, we hope to see you this fall!

## DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
								1	4H Soule Kids 4-5:30 pm	2		3	Holiday Fair 9am-3pm Children's Workshop 10-11am Wreath Workshops 10am-12pm 1pm-3pm
4		5	Drama Kids 2-3pm	6		7		8		9		10	Clay Ornaments 1:30-2:30pm
11	Rug Hooking 10am-2pm	12	Spinners with Soule 7pm	13	Clay Ornaments 10-11am	14		15	4H Soule Kids 4-5:30 pm	16		17	Quilting 9am-3pm
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
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## JANUARY 2017

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1		2		3		4		5	4H Soule Kids 4-5:30 pm	6		7	
8	Rug Hooking 10am-2pm	9	Spinners with Soule 7pm	10		11		12	Full Moon Hike 6-7 pm	13		14	Quilting 9am-3pm
15		16		17		18		19	4H Soule Kids 4-5:30 pm	20		21	Rug Braiding 10:30am-12:30pm Girl Scout Program 10am-12pm Owl Pellet Dissection 3:30-4pm Owl Prowl 4-6pm
22		23		24		25		26		27		28	Rug Braiding 10:30am-12:30pm  Crochet 10-11:30am
29		30	Drama Kids 2-3pm	31	Crochet 10-11:30am								

## December Events:

**Holiday Fair: Saturday, December 3, 9am till 3pm.** Wreath making, vendors, crafts for kids and more! See details page 1.

**Create a Clay Ornament: Saturday, December 10, 1:30-2:30pm or Tuesday, December 13, 10-11am.** Make and take your own clay ornament to keep for yourself or give as a gift. What a great way to start the holiday season! Open to all ages. Member \$2, Non-member \$5. Pre-registration required.

**Rug Hooking Workshop: Sunday, December 11, 10am-2pm.** Beginners will learn basic hooking with a simple project and experienced hookers can bring a project to work on while being supported. Bring a lunch! Geared towards adults, all levels welcome. \$5 donation. Pre-registration required.

**Spinners with Soule: Monday, December 12, 7-9pm.** Members of the fiber arts group meet at the farm to work on projects for year-round events and participate in a short program each month. Members may also bring an item for "show and tell." Contact coordinator, Barbara Chadwick at 508.947.2679.

**Quilting Workshop: Saturday, December 17, 9am-3pm.** Are you looking for a fun group to work with to improve your quilting skills? All skill levels are welcome. Bring a portable sewing machine and supplies. Fabric requirements will be given upon registration. Members are \$15 and Non-members are \$20 per session. Pre-registration required.

## January Events:

**Drama Kids: Monday, January 30, 2pm-3pm** Drama Kids International provides a unique curriculum in fine arts and communication. Our prime aim is to give children ongoing confidence and verbal skills. We are excited to continue to offer classes at Soule Homestead this winter for our Home School community. The 13 week session will be \$175. For more info and to register: [www.dramakids.com/ma1](http://www.dramakids.com/ma1).

**Quilting Workshop: Saturday, January 14, 9am-3pm.** See additional details in December's listings.

**Rug Hooking Workshop: Sunday, January 8, 10am-2pm.** See additional details in December's listings.

**Spinners with Soule: Monday, January 9, 7-9pm.** See additional details in December's listings.

**Full Moon Hike: Thursday, January 12, 6-7pm.** No need for a flashlight! Come meet up for a guided walk to our farm fields and see Soule in a new light! Moon facts and trivia will keep the conversation aglow. All ages welcome. Members \$3 and Non-members \$5. \$10 max per family. Pre-registration required.

**Girl Scout Program: Saturday, January 21, 10am-12pm.** Animal Meet and Greet - Soule Homestead Patch. Grades K-5. Meet the farm animals and learn what products they provide us. Girls will card and spin their own bracelet from the farms sheep's wool and be treated to organic popcorn topped with butter the girls will help make during the program. Price: \$15 per girl, \$4 per adult. Please call Dana at GS of Eastern MA at 774-766-6953 to register.

**Rug Braiding Series: January 21, 28 and February 4, 10:30am-12:30pm.** Three workshops designed for people to learn how to hand braid rugs. New students must attend the first workshop. Students returning from past sessions may bring unfinished projects to work on. Everyone should bring scissors, needles, thread and wool. Wool available to purchase here. Members are \$10 and Non-members are \$15 per session; \$5 for returning students. Pre-registration required.

**Owl Pellet Dissection: Saturday, January 21, 3:30-4:00pm Saturday, February 18, 3:30-4pm.** Prior to the Owl Prowl with Marla Isaac, use tweezers to dissect an owl pellet and use a magnifier to see what kinds of things an owl eats. Match mysterious bones to a chart to identify the owl's meal! Members \$5, Non-members \$7.

**Owl Prowl with Marla Isaac: Saturday January 21 and February 18, 4pm-6pm.** The Owl Prowl will be led by Marla Isaac of New England Reptile and Raptor Exhibits. Marla has over 30 years of experience and has been a regular presenter at Soule Homestead's Harvest Fair for over 10 years. This exciting interactive educational presentation will start with a talk about native owls including a show of live rescued owls. The program will continue with an adventurous walk into the Soule woods and fields to look and listen for wild native owls. Dress in 'quiet' layers for cold weather with boots, hats and mittens. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Prepayment of \$5 per person, or a group of 5 or more at \$4 per person, is due one week before event.

**Head Warmer Crochet Class: Saturday, January 28, 10:00-11:30am or Tuesday, January 31, 10:00-11:30am.** Learn basic crochet stitches to make a head warmer for these cold winter months! Beginners welcome, class size limited, yarn is available for free. Members \$10, Non-members \$15. Pre-registration required.

# FEBRUARY 2017

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12		13	Drama Kids 2-3pm Spinners with Soule 7pm	14		15		16	4H Soule Kids 4-5:30 pm	17		18	Quilting 9am-3pm Owl Pellet Dissection 3:30-4pm Owl Prowl 4-6pm
19		20	Vacation Camp 9am-noon	21	Vacation Camp 9am-noon  First Farm Fun 10-11am  Workshop 1-4pm	22	Vacation Camp 9am-noon  Archaeology Program 1-3pm	23	Vacation Camp 9am-noon  Workshop 1-4pm	24	Vacation Camp 9am-noon	25	
26		27	Drama Kids 2-3pm	28									

## February Events:

**Rug Braiding Series: Saturday February 4, 10:30-12:30pm.** See additional details in January's listings.

**Heart & Soule Valentine's Dance and Fundraiser: Saturday, February 11, 7pm-11pm.** Middleboro Town Hall Grand Ballroom. Join us for our annual "FUN"draiser with live music from local legends Dale and the Duds, DJ'ing by Mike Gioscia of WZLX, raffles, cash bar and non-stop dancing to help us raise money for a great cause. \$20 per ticket.

**Spinners with Soule: Monday, February 13, 7pm.** See additional details in December's listings.

**Quilting Workshop: Saturday, February 18, 9am-3pm.** See additional details in December's listings.

**Owl Pellet Dissection: Saturday, February 18, 3:30pm-4pm.** See additional details in January's listings.

**Owl Prowl with Marla Isaac: Saturday February 18, 4pm-6pm.** See additional details in January's listings.

**First Farm Fun: Tuesday, February 21, 10am-11am.** Geared towards ages 2-5 but siblings are welcome too. Meet a farm animal, hear a story and make a craft in our warm barn or classroom for this pop-up winter addition of our beloved program. Members are FREE, Non-members \$4 per child. No pre-registration is needed.

**Archaeology Program: Wednesday, February 22, 1pm-3pm.** Join Quack from Paleo Quack Archaeology for a hands-on workshop here at Soule. Hold and examine stone tools and projectile points crafted by people thousands of years ago. The artifacts are primarily from New England. Engage in a dialogue about the tools people of ancient times and how they may have lived. Advanced registration required and space is limited. \$5 per person with a \$10 max per family.

## February Vacation Fun at Soule Homestead!

You might get a week off from school but you don't have to take a week off from having fun! We have a number of fun activities planned for you and your children during vacation week. Some programs are drop off and some programs are for the entire family. If you have any questions, email us at [info@soulehomestead.org](mailto:info@soulehomestead.org).

**Family Programs:** Dates and details above in calendar section.

Owl Pellet Dissection with Miss Laurie

Meet the Owls with Marla

First Farm Fun with Miss Meg and Miss Ally

Archaeology with Quack

### Drop off programs:

**Vacation Camp (Ages 4-6): Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24, 9am-Noon.** Learn about wild animals, barnyard animals and birds during this week of adventures! Email [educator@soulehomestead.org](mailto:educator@soulehomestead.org) for more information. Pre-registration is required. Members \$100, Non-members \$115 (per week) or Members \$25, Non-members \$30 (per day).

**Workshops (Ages 7-10): Tuesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 23, 1-4 pm** Email [educator@soulehomestead.org](mailto:educator@soulehomestead.org) for more information. Members \$25, Non-members \$30 (per day).

**Tuesday: Rockin' Geologist:** Discover famous rocks in our state, country and the world. There will be a variety of rock samples to hold and examine. We will learn how rocks are formed, and we will create a no-maintenance pet rock and a rock game to take home.

**Thursday: Wonders of Wool:** Visit with our diversified flock and dig your hands deep into fleece. Learn to wash, card, and dye wool to spin into a friendship bracelet and create a small wool pouch!

## We are already dreaming of SUMMER.. Camp Soule Sign up Deal!

Winter doesn't technically start till the end of December, but we are already dreaming about summer! The Farmer's Almanac is calling for a snowy winter so can you blame us? Although it seems like a long way off, we will have all the dates and details for Camp Soule 2017 posted on our website on January 15<sup>th</sup>. That way you can get a jump on your planning. We will be opening camp registration on February 1<sup>st</sup> and we have a special deal if you sign up before March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you sign up 2 children for 1 week of camp (or 1 child for 2 weeks) then you will receive a FREE year of Family level membership to Soule Homestead. That means that you will be able to join us FREE for First Farm Fun, enjoy one FREE admission to Sheep Day and Harvest Fair and discounts on other programs all year long. Already a member? We will renew your membership for another full year. You can get first pick of summer dates and take part in the fun at Soule for the entire year. It's a win-win!

## Have your child's next Birthday down on the farm!

Don't make a mess of your house or worry about where to fit everyone. We have the perfect party spot here at Soule! Parties are 1.5 hours and we have farm animals, trails, open space and many options to customize your child's special day. \$7 per child, \$2 per adult with a \$75 minimum. Call us today at 508.947.6744 for more information.



Field trips are now booking for spring. Don't miss your first pick of dates! Call us at 508.947.6744 or email Laurie, [educator@soulehomestead.org](mailto:educator@soulehomestead.org).



# Heart & Soule

VALENTINE'S DANCE  
FUNDRAISER



*featuring*

# Dale & the Duds

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February 11 ♥ 7pm-11pm

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*Middleboro Town Hall*

DJ Mike Gioscia of WZLX Boston

RAFFLES - DANCING - CASH BAR - SILENT AUCTION

**\$20 PER TICKET**

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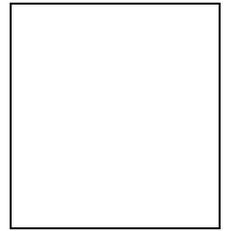
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**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS!**

Carrie Amendola  
Sharon Berry  
Gracie Burke  
Jack Creed  
Margaret and Joshua Everett  
Gallagher Family  
Hibbard Family  
Isabel Howard  
Patrick Kirby  
Elyse and Paul Kotakis  
Webster and Diane Lithgow  
Karin Manfredi  
and Peter Harnois  
Kathy McGuinness  
Rachel Nickerson  
Mikala Oxley  
Jennifer Pinto  
Victoria Robillard  
Amanda Rygr  
Marjorie Skiba  
Jim Smith and Carol Tardiff  
Jackie Underdue

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**Thank you to all the  
volunteers, animal  
caretakers and instructors  
who contribute their time to  
keep Soule Homestead  
running smoothly!**

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**Hours of Operation**

Office: Mon through Fri, 9AM till 4PM  
Property open sunrise to sunset daily

**Become a Member - Join Today!**

The Soule Homestead Education Center is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit. We rely on the support of our members and volunteers. Members are entitled to a discount on many programs and receive the quarterly newsletter, "Heart & Soule". Members may also vote for and serve on the Board of Directors. Most importantly, your membership shows your support for our mission. If you are a member, thank you for your support. If you are not a member, please join today.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Check one: New Member  Renewal

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like email reminders about workshops and events, please include your email:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(We will never sell or loan our mail list)

*Please make checks payable to:*  
**Soule Homestead Education Center, Inc.**  
**46 Soule St., Middleborough, MA 02346**

*Thank you!*

**Middleboro Resident**

**Non-Resident**

\_\_\_ \$10 Senior

\_\_\_ \$15 Senior

\_\_\_ \$20 Individual

\_\_\_ \$25 Individual

\_\_\_ \$25 Family

\_\_\_ \$30 Family

\_\_\_ \$50 Annual Sustaining

\_\_\_ \$50 Annual Sustaining

\_\_\_ \$500 Lifetime

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\_\_\_ \$100 Small Business

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**Memberships are tax deductible**

\_\_\_ I enclose an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a special contribution to the Soule Homestead Education Center.

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