

Heart & SOULE



Busy Bees

From the children's garden you can see right over to one of Farmer Kevin's hives that we have here at the farm. It's a daily swarm of bees hard at work creating some pretty tasty results. You may have noticed that we took a summer vacation from the printing of our newsletter. We apologize, but like the bees there are times that you have to put your head down and get to work if you want those sweet rewards. This summer was a swirl of activity for us using a combination of grant money from the CPA (Community Preservation Act) and other donations to get some much needed work done to our big yellow barn.

The awesome team from Burnet Builders finished re-shingling the back of the barn just in time for us to raise a glass at our second Farm to Table dinner. This year we were honored to host a pig roast (raised here by Farmer Dave) prepared by The Tasty of Plymouth. Our summer campers watched in wonder as carpenter Mike tapped the tippy top shingles into eaves of the front of the barn. Our Summer Concert Series saw some great numbers especially when we welcomed Middleboro natives, Riley Coyote. Summer camp was also hugely successful with only a handful of open spaces for the season. A few of our summer campers returned with 250 other folks for our second annual Kindergarten Welcome Picnic with the Middleboro Memorial Early Childhood Center. What a blast!

This fall promises to be another swarm of excitement here at the farm. We recently hired our new Education Coordinator (more info inside) and we also received a \$1,000 grant from the Middleboro Lion's Club and \$1,500 from the Ocean Spray Community Fund to work towards the completion of the Soule Kitchen. We are currently gearing up for our largest event of the year, The Harvest Fair and Joe Davies Folk Festival on September 16th/17th. It promises to be a wonderful day when our community comes together to celebrate another year together. In addition to 11 musical acts there will be lots of activities for the family, great food to share and time to slow down our busy bee ways and just enjoy some time together. We hope to see you all!

Save the Date!

Holiday Fair &

Wreath Making Workshops

Saturday, December 2nd

There is something magical about creating your own wreath, swag or a festive table arrangement. We will use greens harvested locally and guide you through the process. Stay to buy from our local vendors, enjoy some homemade baked goods and soup. Don't spend your holiday season in a mall, spend it with friends!

Speaking of Honey...

Farmer Kevin's Honey is here for sale for \$10 per pound. Eating local honey exposes you to small amounts of local pollen and has shown to help with allergies. So don't forget to buy your Soule-grown honey!

Goodbye to a True Farm Friend

In memory of Jane Lopes

In today's world it's rare to find anyone that has done something for 25 years straight. People change jobs, change towns or just change their minds pretty quickly. Last November at our annual volunteer potluck, we were so lucky to honor three volunteers that have been with Soule Homestead since day one. Sadly, just a few months later we had to say goodbye to one of these amazing women. Jane Lopes was one of our original board members and she had the stories to prove it. Stories were in fact her life's work. As the long-time editor of The Middleboro Gazette, her words touched almost everything and everyone in town. On our board of directors she was stalwart. Always a voice of reason, her perspective came from having seen Soule Homestead start out with nothing more than a small group of extremely hard working people with a shared goal. She could tell you about the early days of Soule Homestead when she and the original staff and volunteers had every family member, friend and favor called in to keep this place going. It always seemed that no matter how dire the story started, Jane would use her sharp wit to end the tale with her signature upbeat outlook and a laugh. She was instrumental in helping to connect Soule Homestead with the larger Middleboro community. She used her pen to craft numerous stories about our good work in the gazette through the years and often used her power of persuasion to find volunteers, sponsors and supporters of our work. The amazing thing is that most of us wouldn't have the time or energy to do this much for one organization and we were just one of many groups in town that she donated her time and talents to. She was a very active member of the Middleboro Rotary Club, she was a member of the Middleboro Community Preservation Committee and a champion of history and historic structures here in town. It was hard to find a business or organization in town that Jane wasn't a champion of. We are incredibly fortunate that we had the benefit of Jane's friendship and support for 25 years and like so many people in town we feel her loss tremendously. We hope that her legacy serves as reminder for all that the dedication of one person can literally leave a lasting mark on thousands of people. Thank you Jane for everything you did for Soule Homestead; we are so grateful.



Pictured above is Jane Lopes with Executive Director Meg Riley. Jane received an award last fall for 25 years of volunteerism to Soule Homestead. Jane passed away in April after a brief illness and her loss is felt by so many in town.

Leaders wanted!

Our 4H club, The Soule Kids, is about to enter into the third year as a group. This club has been a fantastic addition to Soule Homestead's education programs. The children have learned about how to care for livestock, public speaking, and team work. This summer, members enjoyed attending both the Marshfield and East Middleboro Fairs. The interest in the club has grown to the point that our one club is full and we currently have about 30 children on a waitlist. We are looking for adult leaders that would be interested in leading their own club here at Soule Homestead. 4H clubs are led by adults with a wide variety of experiences. Club leaders will receive support from our Plymouth County Extension and from our current club leader. All leaders will be background checked by the county as well. For more information email director@soulehomestead.org.

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 or call us at 508.947.6744. You can find more updates and pictures on Facebook at www.facebook.com/soulehomestead or Instagram@soulehomestead. Save these dates, we hope to see you this fall!

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
										1		2	
3		4	<i>Labor Day</i>	5	First Farm Fun 10am	6		7		8		9	
10		11		12		13		14		15		16	Harvest Fair/ Joe Davies Folk Festival 10am -5pm
17	Harvest Fair/ Joe Davies Folk Festival 11am -5pm	18		19	First Farm Fun 10am	20		21		22		23	
24		25	Carbon Pricing Presentation 7pm-8:30pm	26		27	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	28		29		30	

September Events:

First Farm Fun: Tuesdays, September 5th & September 19th, 10am-11am. Geared towards ages 2-5 but siblings are welcome too. Meet a farm animal, hear a story and make a craft. Indoor space if weather isn't cooperating. Members are FREE, Non-members \$4 per child. No pre-registration is needed.

Harvest Fair and Joe Davies Folk Festival: Saturday, September 16, 10am-5pm and Sunday, September 17, 11am-5pm. See flier below for more details or visit our Facebook page for all the latest updates on our biggest annual event. We hope to see you!!

Root Kids (Farm and Forest Program): Wednesdays, September 27th thru November 15th, 9am-11:30am; Ages: 3½ -6. See box on education page for all the details. Pre-registration required.

Growing Farmers (Afterschool Program): Wednesdays, September 27th thru November 15th, 4pm-5:15pm, Ages: K-4th. See box on education page for all the details. Pre-registration required.

Carbon Pricing Presentation: Monday, September 25th, 7pm-8:30pm. Join us for a partner program with the First Universal Unitarian Church of Middleboro to bring Marc Breslow, formerly with the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, and the Electric Power Division of the Department of Public Utilities and now on the leadership team of ClimateXChange. He will explain the basics of carbon pricing and explain the Barrett and Benson bills currently in the Mass. legislative pipeline. All are welcome, no pre-registration is needed.

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1		2		3	First Farm Fun 10am	4	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	5	4H Soule Kids 4pm	6		7	Rug Braiding 10:30am- 12:30pm
8		9	<i>Columbus Day</i>	10		11	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	12		13		14	Rug Braiding 10:30am- 12:30pm Spinners with Soule 9:30am
15	Rug Hooking 10am-2pm	16		17	First Farm Fun 10am	18	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	19	4H Soule Kids 4pm	20		21	Rug Braiding 10:30am- 12:30pm Quilting 9am-3pm
22		23		24		25	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	26		27		28	South Shore Foragers 10am
29		30		31	First Farm Fun Halloween! 10am								

October Events:

First Farm Fun: Tuesdays, October 3, 17, 31 10am-11am. See details in September listing.

Root Kids and Growing Farmers: Sessions start in September. See box on education page for more details.

Rug Braiding: Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, 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.

Spinners with Soul: Special Dying Day! Saturday, October 14, 9:30am. 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." This special Saturday meeting will focus on dying fiber. Contact coordinator, Barbara Chadwick at 508.947.2679.

Rug Hooking Workshop: Sunday, October 15, 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.

Quilting Workshop: Saturday, October 21, 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.

South Shore Foragers: Saturday, October 28, 10am-Noon. This group is a gathering place for people to share knowledge and connect. The foragers share knowledge about edible plants in the wild, forage sustainably and prepare and sample what we find. \$5 per person, with a \$10 max per family. No pre-registration required.

First Farm Fun- Un-scary Halloween Edition! October 31, 10am-11am. Help us close out the season of First Farm Fun with a special "Un-Scary" Halloween themed day filled with games and fun. Don't forget to wear your costume! Members are FREE, Non-members \$4 per child. No pre-registration is needed.

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
						1	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	2	4H Soule Kids 4pm	3		4	Electronics & Appliance Recycle Day 9am-1pm
5		6		7		8	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm	9		10		11	
12	Rug Hooking 10am-2pm	13	Spinners with Soul 6:30pm	14		15	Root Kids 9am-11:30am Growing Farmers 4pm-5:15pm Felted Ornaments 6pm-8pm	16	4H Soule Kids 4pm	17		18	Quilting 9am-3pm Volunteer Potluck 6pm
19		20		21		22		23	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	24		25	
26		27		28		29		30					

November Events:

Root Kids and Growing Farmers: Sessions start in September. See box on education page for more details.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser: November 4, 9am-1pm. For a small fee, you can clean your garage of electronics and appliances and benefit Soule Homestead at the same time! Event takes place at Middleboro Town Hall. For more info check our website at www.soulehomestead.org

Rug Hooking: Sunday, November 12, 10am-2pm. See details in October listing.

Spinners with Soul: Monday, November 13, 6:30pm. See details in October listing.

Felted Holiday Ornaments: Wednesday, November 15, 6pm-8pm. Want to make a unique holiday gift for your friends this year? Join us to learn the basics of needle felting while making your own felted ornament. You will bring home your ornament, some roving and your own felting needle. Members are \$15 and Non-members are \$20 per person. Pre-registration required

Quilting: Saturday, November 18, 9am-3pm. See details in October listing.

Annual Member and Volunteer Potluck: Saturday, November 18, 6pm. Bring a dish and spend an evening with old and new friends as we enjoy good food and entertainment. Help us elect next year's Board of Directors and brainstorm the future of Soule Homestead! Bring a dish to share with a recipe if you'd like. Please call or email so we can reserve your seat.

Welcoming a New Face to the Farm!

After a very large response to our call for applications for Education Coordinator we are so pleased to introduce the newest member of our team, Katie Roberts. Katie holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Education from Lesley University and many may recognize her work as one of the co-founders of The Forest Gnomes Waldkindergarten at Natick Community Organic Farm. Katie has worked with children of all ages and has a special skill for working with young children. She has over 8 years of experience teaching preschool aged children and Katie is EEC certified and Waldorf trained as well.

We are so excited to integrate Katie's skills into our work at Soule and she has wasted no time developing some new programs for this fall (see details below). Katie is also a mom, an animal lover, crafter and outdoor enthusiast and had this to say about her new position:

"I am excited about working at Soule where all of my passions: hands-on learning, environmental education, sustainable food systems, traditional arts and crafts, and community can come together. I have worked with children of all ages and abilities as a classroom teacher, naturalist, garden coordinator, outdoor forest kindergarten teacher, and mentor. Through my experiences, I have come to realize the importance of helping children connect to the outdoors, the food they eat, and their community. I am looking forward to starting my journey at Soule!"

You can meet Katie at our upcoming Harvest Fair on September 16th and 17th. She will be in our children's tent leading some fresh new crafts and activities. Stop in and say hello and give her a warm Soule welcome!

Root Kids (Farm and Forest Program) - Ages: 3 ½ -6
Wednesdays, September 27th - November 15th, 9am-11:30am.
Price: Members \$200, Non-members \$240

Root Kids is a drop-off, early learning program for children ages 3.5-6, which takes place outdoors and is inspired by the seasonal changes on the farm and in the forest. Each day, children are immersed in the daily life of a working farm and the beauty of the natural world that surrounds them. Developmentally appropriate, experiential learning opportunities and purposeful work are balanced with music, movement, storytelling and child-led play and discovery. Children spend time caring for animals, tending the children's garden, exploring the woods, expressing their creativity, engaging their senses, nurturing relationships, forming connections to their food and to nature, and strengthening their sense of wonder and purpose.

Growing Farmers (Afterschool Program) - Ages: Children K-4th grade
Wednesdays, September 27th-November 15th, 4pm-5:15pm.
Price: Members \$100, Non-members \$120

Growing Farmers is an afterschool program open to all children in grades K-4th grade. Children are involved in hands-on farm activities and authentic learning experiences. Each class includes time helping with farm chores (sweeping, caring for animals, tending the garden, cleaning stalls, or collecting eggs) and agricultural and skill-based activities determined by the group's interests, which could include: cooking, butter-making, preserving food, woodworking, fiber arts, nature crafts, and much more. Children learn valuable skills as well as what it means to be part of a community, learn to cooperate, gain confidence, a sense of responsibility and have fun doing it.

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, acres of open space and many options to customize your child's special day. \$7per child, \$2 per adult with a \$75 minimum.

Call us today:

508.947.6744 or email Katie
educator@soulehomestead.org

for more information.

Ivy House Partnership at Soule!

Ivy House Advanced Learning Center of Kingston is offering "Farm Fridays" at Soule Homestead for Homeschoolers ages 5-12. This program will be run by the talented educators of Ivy House and will use our farm as their classroom. Children will care for plants and animals and enjoy at least an hour of outdoor play each day. There will also be time for students to bring work from home and receive support from certified teachers. A major focus of the program will also be to develop self-confidence by creating their own products to sell at a student run booth at a local farmer's market. Program fees are affordable (averaging just over \$7 per hour) and will run from September till June. Space is limited so contact Margo, Ivy House director, today at margolapointe33@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook for the most up to the minute details on what is happening this fall on the farm!

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26th SOULE HOMESTEAD
Harvest Fair
& Joe Davies
Folk Festival

SEPTEMBER 16 ★ 10AM-5PM

SEPTEMBER 17 ★ 11AM-5PM

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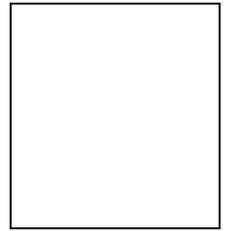
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**WELCOME TO OUR
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- Krystal Whedbee*
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- Meaghan & Andrew Weymouth*
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- Helen Soule Sweeney*
- Lindsay Sullivan*
- Kelly Fisher*
- Anne Desrosiers*

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 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.

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___ \$25 Individual

___ \$25 Family

___ \$30 Family

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___ \$50 Annual Sustaining

___ \$500 Lifetime

___ \$500 Lifetime

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___ \$1,000 Corporate

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