



# **First Days of U-Pick Raspberries!**

It's finally here! The Raspberries are ripening and ready for picking. This week we plan to be open:

Thursday 10 - 5:45pm

Saturday 10 - 1:45pm

It's been a bit cool the last couple of weeks, so we're hoping for some sunshine to give them a nice pop this week. You'll have to be patient with the fields as this is the first week of picking - we will be open for as long as berries last that day - but hopefully they'll be coming hard and fast over the next coming weeks. We will update the newsletter and website each week with our open picking hours and will try to give updates and schedule changes that happen based on the weather.

Please check out our **U-Pick webpage** to refresh you memory on U-pick rules and tips before coming to the farm to pick.

### **New Blog Post**



# An Educator's **Experience at WLF**

Check out our new Blog Post from Youth Programs Manager, Jack Wright. In this blog he talks about his experience so far this season running the the summer youth programs.

# **Thanks for Riding** with Us!

# **Fall Cocktail Party Returns!**



# 6:30 in the Evening

- Farm-Inspired Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres
  - Live Music in the 1827 Barn
  - \$75 Per Person. To purchase tickets: wlfarm.org/equinox







Thank you to all who participated as part of our Tour-de-Farms Bike Ride this past Sunday. It was a gorgeous day filled with our local farm community members! If you have any pictures from the day that you'd like to share, please send them along to us by e-mailing kkneeland@wlfarm.org.





# Fall Youth Education Program Registration



Registration is open for our fall youth programs.

We are offering programs for toddlers with caregivers, preschoolers, and after school programs for children in K - 5th grade.

Learn more and register here.

Flower Field Drop-In Hours

#### Climate Week in Town and on Farm!

Climate Week Winchester!			
Event	Date	Time	Location
Display Case with children's interpretive artwork on climate change	8/15 – 9/30	Business Hours	Winchester Public Library Foyer
Library of Things: home energy testing materials that can be checked out for personal use	9/23 – 9/30	Business Hours	Winchester Public Library Reference Room
Mobile Interactive Displays: How can you help to keep our earth healthy?	9/21-9/30	Business Hours	Town Common, Town Hall, Library, Schools, Kids Corner
Farmers Market, Community Organizations Day, table	9/21	9:30 -1:30	Town Common
Talk by John Rogers Union of Concerned Scientists, "Climate Hope: Focusing Your Efforts, and Living Cooler and Smarter"	9/23	7:00 - 9:00	The Jenks Center
HeatSmart "Meet the Installers" for energy efficient heating and cooling technologies	9/24	6:30 - 9:00	Wright-Locke Farm
Talk by Laura Parker Roerden "Why the Ocean Matters: It's Probably Not Why You Think"	9/25	7:30 - 9:00	Wright-Locke Farm
Monica Tibbits-Nutt "YEP! Youth Engagement Planning"	9/25	10:00 -11:00	HS and MS
KidsCorner, projects on climate change	9/23 - 9/30	Afternoons	Kids Corner
Climate movies and other school and Library events	TBD		
Rush Hour Ride Around	9/25	4:30 - 6:00	Downtown

September 23rd - 30th is Climate Week! There are a bunch of town-wide events going on sponsored by Winchester's Climate Action Advisory Committee as part of their greater efforts to create a new Climate Action Plan by December.

Check out what's coming up!

### Two events will be occurring at the Farm:

- HeatSmart "Meet the Installers"
- WLF Speaker Series Why Oceans Matter: It's Probably Not Why You Think.

# **Upcoming Workshops**



# Forest Bathing - Tuesday 9/24 from 8 - 10am ous in one of the most inspiring trends in Nature Ther

Join us in one of the most inspiring trends in Nature Therapy called Shinrin-yoku, which translates to "forest bathing".

There's no water involved, instead we will immerse ourselves in the sights, sounds and atmosphere of natural environments by slow walking.

Spooncarving - Saturday 10/5 from 9am-12pm

Stargazing - Sunday 10/6 TBD

**Learn More and Register Here for our Workshops** 



Flower volunteers: drop-in hours are Wednesdays 10-12.

Join us for some 'zen weeding' in our beautiful flower fields!

# All Seasons Barn Updates



We've been working diligently on our plans for the All Seasons Barn with our architects, builders, the Town, and all key parties that will help inform a well designed building.

Here are our most upto-date plans for the All Seasons Barn.

**Check out the plans!** 

# Where to get our Organic Produce



Tis the season for fresh organic veggies, fruits, and flowers. The fields are bursting with Summer produce.

### **Markets:**

Winchester Market: Saturdays, 9:30am - 1:30pm

Lexington Market: Tuesdays, 2pm - 6:30pm

### Farm Stand:

Tuesdays - Fridays, 10am - 6pm Saturdays, 10am - 2pm Sundays, 11am - 3pm

### **Farm Reel**



# Why the Ocean Matters: It's Probably Not Why You Think

Wednesday September 25th, 7:30pm. Free.

Solutions to climate change require us to think differently about how the land and sea connect to communities. Laura Parker Roerden, founder/executive director of Ocean Matters and fourth generation farmer will take us on a journey into a new paradigm for farms informed by oceans that optimizes climate mitigation through integrating regenerative soil practices with other ocean conservation efforts such as the protection of our beloved and iconic right whale, our quest to stop algal blooms and dead zones, better management of water resources, and the need to address ocean acidification. Furthermore, engaging with this paradigm in holistic ways can help communities build resilient youth, expand our notion of tribe, and give us new ways to belong.

**Learn more and RSVP here.** 

# **Farm-to-Table Suppers**



Join us for a casual weekday supper at the Farm. Celebrate the seasonal bounty, featuring Wright-Locke produce, new friends and old, and maybe some raspberries, too. Local never tasted so good!

Every meals features a first course, a main course with protein and side dishes, and a dessert.

Suppers start promptly at 6:30 & end by 8:30pm. \$60 per person (seats are limited - many suppers sell out!). Cash Bar.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Wednesday Sept. 11th Wednesday Sept. 18th Thursday Oct. 10th Thursday Oct. 17th

For more details and to register for a supper, <u>visit our</u> <u>website.</u>



Bikes piled by the farm stand during the Tourde-Farms



Here's the Farmer at Clark Farm giving a tour to the cyclists in the Bike Ride.



Beautiful carrots getting a rinse after coming out of the fields.



Butternuts, onions, and popcorn curing in the greenhouse.

# **Support your Farm**



We had the Harvard Food Literacy Project come out for a day at the Farm last week - here they're showing off their dirty hands that helps us weed a big patch of leeks! It was great to have them visit and learn about Wright-Locke - it was also great to learn more about the work that they do on campus to help connect people to their food system! Let's keep collaborating for a vibrant food system!

Don't forget, you can also support Wright-Locke when you shop online with Amazon Smile - they'll donate 0.5% of your purchase to the Farm. Just make sure to access amazon through <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/">https://smile.amazon.com/</a> and designate "Wright-Locke Farm Conservancy LLC" as your nonprofit pick to make your purchases count towards proceeds for the farm.