**Upcoming Events at Adams Farm**

Summer brings a return of Music in the Barn with two concerts scheduled, the first on Saturday, July 13, and the second on Saturday, August 17. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy a great afternoon of music at the Farm.

**July**
- 13 Music in the Barn (Rain date: July 14)

**August**
- 4 Barn Burner Bike Race
- 17 Music in the Barn (Rain date: August 18)

**October**
- 20 Young Life Walk-a-thon
- 27 Sun Multisport Barn to Run Race

**November**
- 3 Community Garden Closing Day

**Music in the Barn Returns**

Join us on Saturday, July 13, for another FREE concert at the Farm from 12 noon to 3 p.m. (Rain date: July 14) Three local performers will be featured at the concert. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets and your own food and drink to enjoy during the concert which will take place in and around the barn and pavilion.

Beginning at 12 noon, Claire Sully, a WHS grad, will treat the audience to pop and country tunes. She’s auditioned for American Idol and been played on 102.5 the River as a Top 10 contestant in the entire New England area. She hopes to move to L.A. or Nashville to pursue a career in music and will inspire you through her melodies and lyrics.

Fiona Campbell will take the mic at 1 p.m. A singer songwriter and artist, she comes from a Scottish background and has been singing and playing guitar for more than 10 years. She performs a mix of popular songs and jazz vocals, as well as some original works. She has released two albums of original works, “Break-away” and “Heading Home”.

At 2 p.m. Jeannie Gagné, Professor of Voice at Berklee College of Music, will close out the concert. Jeannie plays piano and acoustic guitar, and leads the Jeannie Gagné band with her own blend of blues, soul and jazz. She has performed with Penn and Teller, Philip Glass, Reggae artist Frankie Paul, Stan Stickland, Talking Drums, and George Duke, among many others. Her three solo CDs are “Wide Open Heart”, “Must Be Love”, and “Closer To Bliss”.

**Plant Swap**

The annual Plant Swap was a big success! Bring a plant, take a plant was the order of the day. But more than just an opportunity to snag some free plants, the Plant Swap was a chance to get to know other gardeners and exchange success stories. There were LOTS of kids at this year’s swap, a wonderful way to get the younger generation involved in gardening. All leftover plants were donated to Fisher Farm, the garden at Fisher School. Many thanks to Lance Robinson and Jim Holmes for organizing this great event!

**Butterfly Garden Update**

*by Roy Noepel, Butterfly Garden Manager*

Insider information is included in this Butterfly Garden greeting and update! My secret information for readers is that the Garden is available to weed and water just like your garden at home. Some may think they can only view and walk through the Garden and that’s it. I’m here to welcome more involvement in terms of weeding the gravel paths and watering the Garden.

For those that rent and don’t have a garden, this should be welcome news! I’m just back from a trip to The Bridge of Flowers in the town of Shelbourne Falls. This old trolley bridge was converted to a beautiful garden with flowers on both sides and a crushed stone path leading to the center of town. This garden has a professional gardener on staff and many committed volunteers year-round.

For our special Butterfly Garden, we look to you and your friends. All you need is a pair of gloves, a trowel or small shovel, and a tarp or basket to gather the weeds to bring to the nearby compost pile. Weeding in a group offers the chance to get caught up with your friends on news, while making the Butterfly Garden look it’s best.
Additionally, while the Garden is now quite full of plants, we always welcome ideas on additional plants and thoughts on how to make the Garden even better. Send your ideas to me at rnoepel@gmail.com.

(Re)Productive Gardens – Make Your Yard More Pollinator Friendly
Excerpted from an article by Nell Buck in the Summer 2018 issue of Special Places, the Trustees of Reservations member newsletter

Did you know that your garden or backyard landscape can also be a source of nourishment and shelter for the native pollinators who are so crucial to the success and health of our environment? There are approximately 200,000 different species of pollinators worldwide, according to The Natural Resources Conservation Service. 1,000 of these are vertebrates like birds and bats, and the rest are the better-known bees and butterflies, as well as numerous other beetles, flies, and other insects.

Variety is Key
While pollinators’ natural habitats have been disrupted or destroyed by human activity, it is possible to make a difference by creating a haven for them right in your own backyard. Whether you have an existing garden landscape or are looking to start from scratch, the first step is thinking about the obvious: What are you going to grow?

Many pollinators are generalists and will forage for food without much discrimination. Planting a wide range of native species that bloom throughout the growing season will attract a wide range of insects. Bright colors like vibrant blues, whites and yellow are favorites of bees and butterflies. Consider plant shape, too – just like people, pollinators like a comfy spot to rest while eating. Butterflies and birds often need tubular flowers, while flies and beetles might be happy with leafy greens.

Beyond Flowers
Does your yard or garden offer any places for pollinators to shelter? What about access to water? Providing access to one or both can boost your space to the next level in terms of pollinator support. Did you know that most native bees are solitary, building their nests in the ground, or in holes bored into logs by other insects?

Allowing for a more loosely manicured look in your yard and garden could make it a great stopping place for these friends. Think about mowing less frequently, maybe even dedicate a back corner to go a little wild. You can also think about what your neighbors’ gardens are like. Do they already have a bird bath? A woodpile? Considering the landscape as a whole can assist in giving you ideas about what is needed most.

Habitat Support
The situation for pollinators – who often travel thousands of miles to reach their summer and winter destinations – is precarious. But with a little purposeful planning, your outdoor space, be it large or small, can act as a safe, nurturing habitat for these hardworking and critical food system superheroes.

Time to Renew Your Membership
If you haven’t done so already, please renew your membership for 2019! Your membership fee goes toward maintenance costs such as sanitary facilities, electricity, and haying the fields, and also allows you to receive our quarterly newsletters and other email updates about happenings at Adams Farm.

Currently, over 280 families are members of the Friends of Adams Farm. Please take the time to talk to your friends, neighbors and relatives about Adams Farm and the many activities that take place there, and encourage them to join the ranks of our members.

FOAF membership dues are as follows:

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Membership forms are available in the map box at the Farm, in the Selectmen’s office at Town Hall, and on the Adams Farm website (www.adams-farm.com), and should be sent, along with a check made out to The Friends of Adams Farm, to P.O. 725, Walpole, MA 02081.

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