

At Sanborn Mills Farm, preserving the past and planning for the future never stops!

## Sanborn Mills Farm



Winter Sky From the Pond, Photo by Alison Witschonke

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### 2016 Workshops

Happy New Year! Why not make a new year resolution to spend time with us here on the farm and take a workshop in traditional blacksmithing, draft animal power, or a special floor cloth workshop.

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## How do the draft animals like winter??

The steers, oxen, and draft horses have their winter coats now and they enjoy working in cold weather. Most of winter work involves hauling firewood and saw logs out from the woodlot. The wood pulls much easier on snow covered roads and stays much cleaner.



The greatest challenge in the winter is making sure the animals have enough traction on the icy wood roads.

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## What do the sailing ships of old and oxen have in common?

Trees! In Colonial times the biggest and best white pine trees in the forest were used to make masts for sailing ships that transported goods and people across the seas. And, before the days of tractor power, oxen were the engines that moved everything from farm equipment, to cannons, to trees.



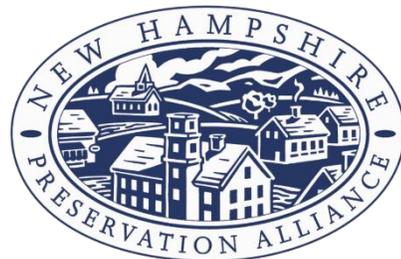
On Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, Sanborn Mills Farm ox teamster Tyler Allen will help with a "Hauling of the Tree" reenactment, just one of the activities the town of Lee's is organizing to celebrate their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## Considering a spring project on your historic home?

The Old House & Barn Expo will be held on March 12 & 13 at the Radison, Center of NH Armory in Machester and it is the perfect place to learn more about restoring historic buildings and make connections. Sanborn Mills Farm is a regular supporter of the [New Hampshire Preservation Alliance](#) and will have a booth, along with other major organizations and contractors specializing in historic restoration. Lectures, special demonstrations, and more will be part of the fun. Come join us!



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## Planning for the future . . .

Once the center of activity for the Sanborn family's skills and ingenuity, Sanborn Mills Farm is making plans so we can attract people from all walks of life and from around



the country to stay, eat, learn, and create right here at the farm. Check out this draft design concept for the "upper campus" developed by [TMS Architects](#) along with our staff team.

We will keep you posted as plans continue.

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## We bid farewell to . . .

Farm Educator Tom McQuade who is leaving Sanborn Mills Farm the end of January. We thank Tom for his fellowship, hard work, commitment to sustainable practices, and two seasons of delicious vegetables. Tom is setting out to work in gardens of his own in our neighboring state of Vermont. We wish him well and many happy seedlings.



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