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The 2019 workshop season . . .

The 2019 workshops are now posted to our website and ready for you to explore! They will start up in early April and go through the first week in November.

Visit the [website](#) and click on the [calendar section](#) to learn more. You can view them by scrolling through the months or view them as a [list](#).



What's new for 2019 . . .

Blacksmithing . . .

Over the past couple of seasons students have expressed an interest in taking the skills they learn in Blacksmithing Basics to the next level. In response, we've scheduled two "Intermediate Blacksmithing" workshops for 2019. The first is set for the end of May and the second one is in mid-July. Both will be taught by Garry Kalajian.

Garry will be offering Blacksmithing Basics workshops throughout the season and specialty workshops in kitchen utensils, door hardware, and tool making.

Blacksmith Joel Tripp from Saco, ME will be back again, this time to teach two workshops. The first one will be on making two very important tools for the blacksmith shop - a cross pein hammer and a set of tongs. The second workshop will focus on making woodworking tools - a chisel and a draw shave.

Blacksmith Lucian Avery from Hardwick, VT will also be teaching two workshops. The first one will be on making a small hand axe, perfect for all kinds of projects at home and when out in the woods camping. The second workshop will combine blacksmithing, leatherwork, and woodcarving. Students make a carving knife, a custom rawhide sheath and then use the knife to do some whittling of a small wooden knife and spoon.

Joining us for the first time from Hebron, NY will be blacksmith Jordan LaMothe who specializes in blade making. He will be teaching a workshop on making a chef knife with custom fitted handle.



Instructor Garry Kalajian at the forge.



Instructor Joel Tripp (left) with student Kevin Simmons.



Carving knife, sheath & wooden spoon by Instructor Lucian Avery.



Chef knife by instructor Jordan LaMothe.

Fiber Arts . . .



Diamond & stenciled floor cloth by instructor Michele Hollick.

Once again, we welcome Michele Hollick of Hollis, NH back to teach a 2-day workshop in making traditional stenciled floor cloths. Students leave with two 2ft x 3ft floor cloths that are perfect for any room.

Wendy Jensen of Monterey, MA will be back again to teach basket making - this time students will spend a day making a Williamsburg Carrying basket.

New to the farm will be Linda Scherz (Allen) from Rome, NY who will be teaching a 2-day workshop in making a classic Adirondack pack basket.

We are very happy to welcome our neighbor Pam Bartlett of Loudon, NH who will teach a 2-day introduction to rug hooking.



Adirondack pack basket by instructor Linda Scherz.



Williamsburg Carrying Basket by instructor Wendy Jensen.



Hooked rug by instructor Pam Bartlett

Woodworking . . .

In 2019, we will be holding our first woodworking workshops. Head carpenter Kevin A. Schurman along with staff carpenters by Emma Woodward and Jake Farmer will teach a one-day introduction to hand tools followed by a 2-day workshop in making traditional sash windows.

Instructor Emma Woodward assembling window.



Oxen Skills . . .

Led by Tim Huppe, the oxen program will once again have a mixture of workshops - some teaching skills of working in the gardens and woods and two workshops in making the all-important neck yoke that allow oxen to work effectively together.

[Click here](#) for the calendar of 2019 workshops. Scroll forward to the month you are interested in or choose to see the workshops as a list from the "View As" pull down menu on the right.

[Click here](#) for information on the 2019 instructors.



Hauling hay during an oxen workshop.

Also new for the 2019 season . . .



If you have registered for one of our workshops in the past, you will notice we have a new registration system.

After you read about the workshop and start to register, the process will just like shopping in an online store. If you have any questions, be sure to call us at 603-435-7314 weekdays between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

Workshops make a great gift. If you are purchasing a workshop for someone else in our new system, [click here](#) for information.

The Ox Corner by Tim Huppe

The oxen teamsters were busy in October with private instruction. Thanks go out to the folks from [Hale Farm & Village](#), a museum of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Bath, Ohio who spent three days at the farm working on their teamster skills.

For more information on private instruction to move your home farm or living history museum to the next level, contact Tim Huppe at tim@sabornmills.org.

[Click here](#) for this month's "Ox Tips."



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