

At Sanborn Mills Farm, preserving the past and planning for the future go hand in hand!

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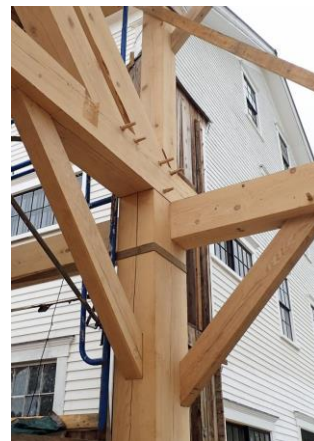


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The new Carriage Barn timber frame is going up!

A talented team of timber framers including the crew from Steve Fifield Building Relocation & Restoration and our own staff carpenters have been working on the new Carriage Barn since last winter. Each stick of the frame was carefully measured, cut, and fitted together and then stored until the cellar hole could be dug and basement completed this summer.



We are happy to report that we are on schedule and as of Sept 6, the handsome tapered gunstock posts and unique trusses that will support the roof and shed dormers are beginning to take shape. Fashioned from hemlock trees harvested and sawn right here at the farm, the frame is both sturdy and beautiful.

Thanks go to [TMS Architects](#) and [Fire Tower Engineered Timber](#) for helping us arrive at a design that will provide flexible space for gatherings and "bunk house" style housing for future interns and workshop participants. We expect to have the frame fully raised by October and will keep you "posted"!

What is the future of draft animal power ?

As part of our research into the expansion of educational programs at Sanborn Mills Farm, on Aug 25 & 26 we held a two-day convening of experienced draft animal educators to learn more about how different organizations and private farms are approaching the challenges of preserving and sharing the specialized skills needed to work productively and safely with draft horses and oxen.



We learned a great deal and thank everyone who attended the gathering and the staff who provided support. In attendance were:

Bob Bhrel, [Paul Smith College](#), Paul Smiths, NY
Drew Conroy, [UNH Thompson School of Applied Science](#), Durham, NH
Sophie Courser, [Alprilla Farm](#), Essex, MA
David Fisher, [Natural Roots Farm](#), Conway, MA
Dick & Terry Roosenberg, [Tillers International](#), Kalamazoo, MI
Carl Russell, [Earthwise Farm](#), Randolph, VT
Bradley Teeter, [Farm School](#), Athol, MA
Pete Watson, [Howell Living History Farm](#), Titusville, NJ

Thanks to our own Tyler Allen

Oxen teamster Tyler Allen recently helped with the Town of Lee's 250th Anniversary Parade where they hauled a mast log with the use of antique "mast wheels" and oxen power. A photo of Tyler appeared in the Farm Bureau's Sept/Oct issue of [The Communicator](#).



They say it has been a dry summer . . . just how dry?

If you would like to know, you can explore an interactive map that illustrates national drought conditions. Click on the New England region and again on New Hampshire to see how parts of the state are being affected:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

The map includes links for how to deal with the situation. Here's New Hampshire's State Drought Plan:

<http://drought.unl.edu/Planning/DroughtPlans/StatePlanning.aspx?st=nh>



What plants do well in dry conditions?

As weather conditions shift, how do we get the most from the water we DO have? It is helpful to know what types of vegetables and flowers are tolerant of heat and dry conditions so you can still have a productive garden. Here are some links that may help you out:

[Click here](#) for drought resistant flowers.

[Click here](#) for drought resistant vegetables.



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