

**NEWS
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December News from Sanborn Mills Farm

Sanborn Mills Farm is pleased to announce that the 2016 workshops are ready for you to explore on our website. [Click here](#) for the full calendar. With Christmas right around the corner, consider giving a workshop to someone special in your life!

In 2016, the blacksmithing workshops will offer basic skills for people new to the craft, as well as those with some experience who want to pursue more advanced projects.

Gardening workshops are focused on increasing self-sufficiency using traditional gardening methods and decreasing dependence on fossil fuel derived inputs.

We have one exciting workshop for fiber enthusiasts - [Traditional Painted Floor Cloths](#).



The draft animal workshop series is designed to build up the practical skills needed to work effectively and safely on the farm and in the woods, primarily with oxen. Workshops are small, which allows for plenty of hands-on experience and individualized instruction from our master teamsters led by Farm Manager Tim Huppe. The 4-day yoke making workshop is a special opportunity, as this skill is rarely taught at craft schools and educational farms.



1 - [Oxen Basics](#) - April 20 - 22: How to choose a good team, training techniques, basic equipment, and animal health & nutrition.

2 - [Logging With Oxen](#) - May 25 - 27: Working with equipment productively & safely in the woods.

3 - [Working Cattle on the Farm & in the Garden](#) - July 20 - 22: Plowing, cultivating & other basic farm skills.

4 - [Ox Yoke Making](#) - September 13 - 16: Making ox yokes as your team grows.

5- [Oxen Basics for the Team & Teamster](#) - October 15 - 16: Basics on training & working with cattle of all ages.

Workshops 2, 3 & 4 cover specialized skills so some prior experience with draft animals is required. [Click here](#) for more information on how to register.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the oxen workshop series but has limited access to the internet, just send us an email or call and we will send out a full packet of information. Stay tuned for opportunities to learn more about working with draft horses.

Space is limited in some of the 2016 workshops so sign up early.

Contact us at: email - info@sanbornmills.org or call 603-435-7314 weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm.



Sanborn Mills Farm

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