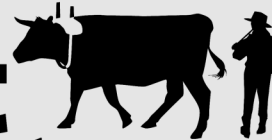


# DAPNet



## Draft Animal-Power Network

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Connecting animal-powered farms, forests, people & ideas.

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Teaching Teamster Skills  
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DAPFD Presentations  
Work Horse Workshop  
(October 3-6 - almost full!)

### Draft Animal-Power Field Days

September 28 & 29

An exciting event is in the works, but we need your help! Volunteers, exhibitors, vendors & sponsors are needed in order to make it a great event. Contact Rebekah Perry for more info:  
dapnetinfo@gmail.com  
802-763-0771 or visit our website: draftanimalpower.org

## Northeast Draftwood: Regional Marketing of Restorative Animal-Powered Forestry, Part I

The idea of working draft animals in the woods represents a host of aesthetic and environmental attributes that are attractive to many people. Around the world marketing research is finding that socially conscious consumers are looking seriously at the impacts that are created through the production of items they consume. It is increasingly clear that consumers want to buy products that make them feel good about how their consumption impacts the Earth and its environment.

The nature of logging with animals lends itself easily to making choices that enhance the quality of forestry workmanship based on environmental concerns. This two-part article explores ways that draft-animal powered timber harvesters can capitalize on these values through a joint marketing effort to make logging with draft-animals more financially viable and more relevant in modern forestry.

The forest industry in the north east is facing significant challenges as we consider the future sustainability of our woodlands. There is a constant struggle between meeting financial objectives of forestland owners, timber harvesters and the forest products industry, versus the social values of environmental concerns for the long-term health of our natural resources.

This has given rise to efforts to promote environmentally sensitive concepts such as Low-impact Logging, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Green Certification, or Positive Impact Forestry. Authentic conservation practices and ecological principles are very difficult to attain given the financial challenges of modern timber harvesting and many of these efforts fall short of their expressed objectives.



Although high production and maximum utilization have become conventional standards, they are not necessary components of successful forest management. In fact, the results of these conventions: low residual stocking, significant disturbance of natural cover, and the wholesale removal of biomass, are all contraindicated by normal conditions in a natural forest. These practices are justified entirely on the advantages they provide to increased harvesting efficiency. The impacts they cause are contrary to sound conservation methods, but they are regularly accepted as necessary compromises.

We have become overly dependent on forestry defined by timber harvest and the equipment used to do it, and the long-term health and viability of our forest ecosystem hangs in the balance. It is time that we consider a different financial model for timber harvesting and the implementation of the ecological and conservation ethics

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*...focus(ing)  
on the residual  
stand as the  
primary product,  
not the log  
pile...*

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## Draft Animal-Power Field Days Schedule: So much to see & do!

### Friday:

Doc Hammill Workshop: Teaching Teamster Skills  
3:00 Doc Hammill: The Nature & Mind of the Horse  
Evening: Pot luck supper & visiting

### Saturday:

8:30 – 11:45 Workshop Sessions & Equipment Demos  
11:45 Break for Lunch  
12:45 – 4:00 Workshop Sessions & Equipment Demos  
4:15 -5:15 Networking Sessions  
6:00 Local Harvest Dinner, Cowboy Poetry & Open Mike

### Sunday:

7-8:00 DAPNet Annual Meeting over Breakfast  
8:15 Sunday Service with Neal Perry  
8:45 -12:00 Workshop Sessions & Equipment Demos  
12:00 Break for lunch  
1:00 – 2:00 Teamster Round-Table & Demonstrations  
2:00 – 4:00 Obstacle Course & Ice Cream Social  
4:00 Farewells

Camping is available at the Fairgrounds. Saturday Dinner is by pre-registration only. Purchase your ticket online or send a check. See the registration form enclosed.

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# Lincoln Woods Video Project

In January 2013 when horses, teamsters, volunteers and project organizers headed into the NH Lincoln Woods to remove the timbers from a bridge deep in a wilderness area, they had the foresight to take photographers along to capture the event on film. Jed Schwartz and Bob Hofstetter took both still images and video of the production.

Now a team of volunteers including Mark Cowdrey and Ed Thayer are working to write and edit a 15 minute educational and promotional video recording the project and collaborators: DAPNet, Lincoln Woods and the US Forest Service.

Look for the video later this Fall. We hope it will be useful in securing future collaborations, both public and private. It will be exciting for those of us who were not there to get a better sense for the project and all that was involved. Thanks to everyone who is working on this valuable tool.

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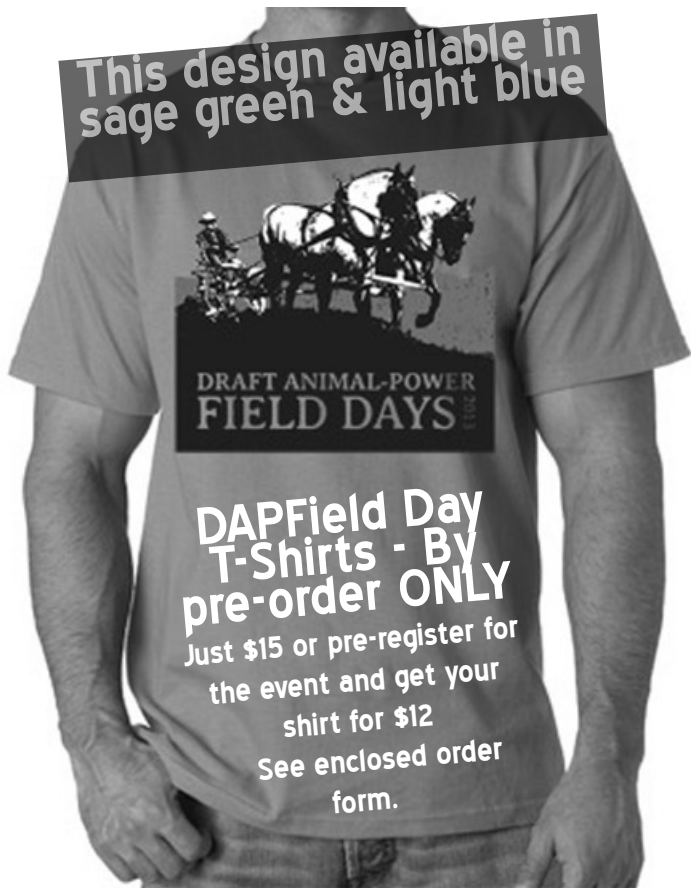
## Log-scoot Raffle: Back by Popular Demand

Would you like to own a Les Barden style log scoot? The Farm School in Athol, MA has donated the lumber and Berrybrook Ox Supply has donated the hardware, Ed Thayer has put it together and you could win! The drawing will be held at the Draft Animal-Power Field Days in September and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available online, follow the link from our website. All proceeds go to support DAPNet activities. Tickets are just \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets may also be purchased at the Field Days or directly from DAPNet. See the enclosed order form.

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## Order by September 1! T-shirts & Sat. dinner

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# Highlights of the upcoming Draft Animal-Power Field Days

Sept 28 & 29 in Barton, VT,  
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Teamster Round Tables, Mowing & Haying, Plowing,  
Cultivating Vegetables, The Heart & Mind of the Horse, Single  
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Association, Test Drive A Team, Wagon Rides, Local Harvest  
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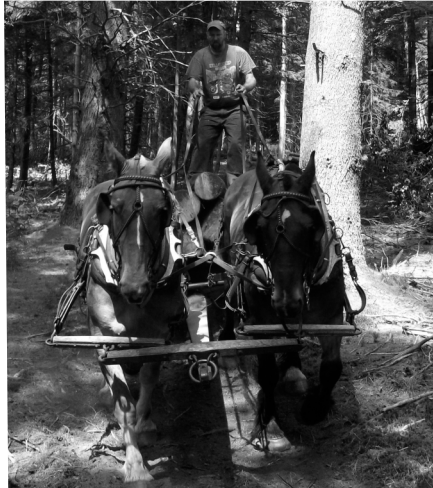


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Rather than competing for the most cost-efficient timber removal system, we should expect our timber harvesters to be the most skilled at combining the methods of timber harvest and silviculture with long-term conservation objectives based on ecological principles. If timber harvest is the mechanism that we use to implement forestry, then logging should be seen as a service, not as a speculative manufacturing business.

If timber harvesters concentrate on high quality workmanship for aesthetics, timber stand improvement, protection of ecological factors, and harvest small to moderated volumes using low site disturbance methods with frequent entry intervals, logging costs will be higher than the current norm, putting downward pressure on stumpage values. However, these higher costs can be seen as representative of investments that pay real dividends by creating forestlands that are financially productive at the same time that they are ecologically sound. The broader socio-environmental attributes of this type of management add authentic value to the forestland and any products harvested from them.

In the late 1990's Jason Rutledge, a forester and horse-logger from Virginia, formalized an effort to address these issues when he founded Draftwood, Inc.. In Jason's words, "This approach is born from an ethic of stewardship and a determination to be improving upon the world within all the processes of addressing human needs from the forests. We believe that in order to have a chance at being truly sustainable, forestry will have to be restorative. This silvicultural approach combined with the choice of animal powered extraction is the basis of true differentiation in the markets for forest products."



Some Draftwood standards include: harvesting plans based on forest improvement, biological diversity and ecological health, silvicultural guidelines, and soil conservation. Not only do these standards address the use of live-power for low impact sensitive

Draftwood offers an opportunity for draft-powered loggers to build a level of authenticity into sustainable forestry and harvesting practices that mechanical operations cannot achieve. By incorporating ecological principles and restorative forestry practices along with the inherent low-impact of

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# DRAFT ANIMAL-POWER FIELD DAYS 2013

SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> - BARTON, VERMONT



Weekend Activities:  
Teamster Round-Table, Local Harvest Dinner, Mike  
Night, Haying, Plowing, Logging, Hay, Cider, Pig  
Vegetables, The Farm World of the 19th & 20th C, Ax,  
Horse & Farming Workshop, Presentations, Suffolk  
Horse Association, "Teaching a Team" Workshop &  
Steeplechase, Debater's College Highlights, Van  
Orde's College, Natural Horsemanship Demonstrations,  
Teamster Association Breakfast, Annual Meeting of Draft  
Animal Power Network, Draftwood Networking Session,  
FarmHack Teamster, Teaching Teamsters Workshop with  
Doc Hammill, Obstacle Course and so much more!

# DAPNet Board Nominees:

To be voted on at the Annual Meeting, September 29, Barton, VT

## One Year Term:

*Reva Seybolt - East Woodstock, CT • 860-928-0754* Reva came to draft horses in her 50s after taking 30 years off from horses. She has done some haying (including mowing), logging, spreading manure, hauling stones and brush, Memorial Day Parades, and general chores with her farm team of Belgians on her hay farm in north eastern CT. She studied the soil with the VT Grass Farmers/NOFA and uses rotational grazing. She has assisted with the Low Impact Forestry weekends at MOFGA, has been a volunteer at the NEAPField Days and managed the Brooklyn CT Draft Horse Show. She has an MBA from Harvard Business School. She cares passionately about land and draft animals and hopes to continue to bring thoughtful energy to DAPNet.

## Two Year Terms:

*Donn Hewes – Marathon, NY tripletree@frontiernet.net • 607-849-4442* Donn Hewes traded his Fordson Super Major tractor for a team of mules in 1993 and has been farming and logging with horses and mules ever since. He and his wife Maryrose Livingston own and operate Northland Sheep Dairy . Donn uses horses and mules to do most of the farm work including hay making, compost spreading, pasture clipping, plowing and cultivating a couple acres of vegetables and small grains, as well as firewood hauling. Recently Donn has a Mammoth Jack Donkey and breeds working mules. In his spare time Donn sells parts and repairs horse drawn mowers.

*Jay Chase – Oneonta, NY - jay@jaychase.com* Jay and his wife Kerry purchased their first horse together before they were married and currently have three boys and eight equine. Jay first became involved with draft horses with purchase of a team of Haflingers last April. That team has been instrumental in the formation of Jay's retirement plan as the only form of traction on their Chase-n-Dreams Farm. When not working in New York City as a school administrator, Jay enjoys the rural life with his family, looking forward to the time when he can call himself a full-time "fossil fuel free" farmer.

## Three Year Terms:

*Tim Biello - Cazenovia NY - 518-207-7224 - trbweeks@yahoo.com* "I have been farming with draft horses and earning my living as a farmer for the past five years. The work I do with draft horses includes plowing, harrowing, cultivation, manure spreading, mowing and other haying tasks, as well as miscellaneous farm work (hauling wagons, wagon rides, moving chicken coops...). I also train horses and teach new teamsters. Prior to this, I worked as a trail steward, a naturalist, a researcher and a teacher. I also completed an MS in in 2008 with a focus on agriculture, natural resources and community development. I am currently looking for farm property in Saratoga Springs, NY on which to develop a full-year CSA. I am a volunteer on the Program & Events Committee and the Field Days Committee. I would like to continue my involvement with DAPNet to support live power on farms and communities."

*Brandon Bless - Craftsbury Common, VT - 608-320-4133 - ngbra@gmail.com* Brandon has been farming and logging with draft horses on a variety of horse powered farms in the North east and beyond since 2009. Recently, Brandon helped teach a new generation of teamsters with the draft horse program at Paul Smith's College where he also studied forestry. Currently he works with draft horses at Essex Farm. Brandon also serves on the board of the Restoration Agriculture Institute, operates Sylvan Land Services, is an adjunct faculty at Sterling College where he worked with the Draft Horse Program and ran the farm. He is pursuing a master's degree in agroforestry. His interest in joining the DAPNet board stems from his call to service of organizations committed to agricultural revitalization, and his deep appreciation for DAPNet from his many years of participation in events and the online forum.

*Jay Fisher - Charlestown, NH 03603 - 603-477-2114 - longviewfarminc@gmail.com* I'm a high school life sciences teacher in Langdon, NH. I work with horses whenever I'm not teaching. My primary team is a pair of Belgian x Morgan geldings. We do a lot of carriage work and logging. I grew up on a horse farm, but didn't get into it myself until after college. We have 16 horses on our family farm in Charlestown, NH, as well as 8 Simmental cattle, 4 pigs, and 8 layer hens. I have limited experience in farming but I enjoy it and it informs my professional career. I am Director and Treasurer of my families' Long View Farm, Inc. I have served on the DAPNet Programs & Events Committee, hosting a social event in 2012. My motivation for joining the DAPNet Board of

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# Dear Draft Animal-Power Network Membership,

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our Field Days and Annual Meeting in Barton VT. Remember the annual meeting is scheduled for 7am Sunday morning during the Field Days. Along with the election of new board members and voting on a few changes to our bylaws, the annual meeting is a great time to reflect on DAPNet: where we are as an organization and whether our plans are fulfilling our goals. We are a membership organization so DAPNet is you.

What is one thing you would like DAP Net to do differently? More of, less of, new? We want your input! We have had great educational events this year and are planning more for next year. What would you like to help us do?

This year we redeveloped our web site and forum. Next year we hope to add member profiles and other new content to our web site. We would really like to know what you think about the website changes and how we could make it better.

Finally, we plan to hold Draft Animal-Power Field Days every other year so planning will start next year for the 2015 event. Can you help with the Field Days this year? Contact Jeanmarie Cross, our Volunteer Coordinator if you would like to help out. We are also still looking for donations to help cover expenses. You can send a check to our address below or go to the website for a Paypal option through Brown Paper Tickets. Of course, after the Field Days are over we'll look forward to your feedback about the event, what you liked and how it can be improved next time.

As always, we have the two big questions for you: Do you have ideas on how to fund our endeavors? Can you volunteer to help make them a reality? Whether you know how to edit newsletters, write grants, or want to help us put new content on the web, DAPNet needs your help.

Please take the time to talk with your Board of Directors while you are in Vermont or anytime by phone or email. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Your Board

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<b>2013 Draft Animal-Power Festival</b>					
	<b>4-H Hall</b> AV Capability	<b>Barn 5</b> Round Tables	<b>4-H Back</b> Animal Mgmt	<b>Oxen Arena</b> Oxen	
<b>Saturday Morning</b> 8:30 – 10:00	Grazing Basics – Jenn Colby	Why Mules & Donkeys? Donn Hewes, Karl Hammer	Ox Hoof Care -	Starting Steers – Anna Peck & Andy VanOrd	F
<b>Saturday AM</b> 10:15 – 11:45	Managing Organic Pasture, Hay, Cover Crops & Small Grains – David Fisher	Compare & Contrast: Oxen & Equine	Multi-species Grazing - Jenn Colby	Ox Equipment New & Old Anna Peck, Andy VanOrd	S “W
<b>Lunch Break</b>					
<b>Saturday PM</b> 12:45 – 2:15	Horse Powered CSA - Ken Laing	Ecology (& Economics) of Draft Animal Powered Forestry - Carl Russell, Brad Johnson	Equine Hoof Care – Barefoot Trimming	Working a Single Ox - Anna Peck	F
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Afternoon 2:30 –</b> <b>4:00</b>	Organic Vegetable Production - David Fisher	Economics (& Ecology) of Draft Animal Powered Forestry – Carl Russell & Brad Johnson	Nutrition for Work vs Feed for Rest Doc Hammill	Yoke Making, Fitting & Adjustment Robert Boynton	Ph
<b>Saturday PM</b> 4:15 – 5:15	<b>Networking Session: Draftwood, Farm Hack, S</b>				
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Local Harvest Dinner</b> followed by Log S				
<b>Sunday AM</b> 7:00 – 8:00	<b>DAPNet Annual Meeting Breakfast &amp; Team</b>				
<b>Sunday AM</b> 8:45 – 10:15	Women's Teamster Forum – Cathy Greatorex, Erika Marczak, Reva Seybolt	Draft Animals in Educational Institutions	Harness Style & Selection – Donn Hewes	Training Oxen: Beyond the Basics - Andy VanOrd	Mo & C
<b>Sunday AM</b> 10:30 – 12:00	Horse Powered CSA Ken Laing	Animal-Powered Winter Chores Tony McQuail & Jay Bailey	On-farm Education Shelburne Farms	Working Cows – Andy & Howard VanOrd	B PT Ne
<b>Sunday PM</b> 1:00 – 3:00				Teamster Round Table (Milking Parlor)	

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Field Day Workshop Schedule					
Grass Ring Misc.	Sand Ring Market Garden	Pulling Arena Equine	Demo Areas		
Beginning Reinsmanship	“Must Have” Market Garden Equipment	Starting a Young Horse: Groundwork	Utilizing Draft Animals in the Woodlot – Farm	Equipment Demos: Tedding, Raking, Bailing & Loose Hay	Mechanics of Setting up a Plow: Sam Rich
Shopping for a “Well Broke” Team Doc Hammill	Cultivator Comparisons, Use & Adjustment Stephen Leslie	Starting a Horse for Saddle Neal Perry	Utilizing Draft Animals in the Woodlot – Commercial		Plowing w/Oxen & Horses: Sam Rich & Erika Marczak
Beginning Reinsmanship	Smaller Horse Breeds: Can they do it? Neal Perry & Stephen Leslie	Starting a Young Horse: Harnessing Doc Hammill		Mowing Hay Jay Bailey	Equipment Demos: Plowing, Tillage, Manure Spreading, etc.
Physics of Animal Draft - Tim Harrigan		Problem Solving with Broke Horses - Neal Perry	Log Yarding with Oxen		
Suffolk Punch Horses, “Test-drive a Team”, Equine Dentist demo					
Foot Raffle Drawing & Open Mike Night: Donation \$15 -25 for dinner					
Horse Appreciation Breakfast, suggested donation: \$10 at the door					
Power Adjustment Pre-purchase checklist Jay Bailey	How Horses Think - Neal Perry	Hitching Safety Considerations Doc Hammill	Equipment Demos: Arches, Sleds, Scoots, Log Loading, etc.	Loading & Stacking Loose Hay - Rebekah Perry	Smoothing & Seeding
Build Your Own TO Forecart al Perry & Donn Hewes	Cultivating with a Single Ox	Starting a Young Horse: Hitching Doc Hammill		3 & 4 horses: Configurations, Lines & Eveners Sam Rich & Erika Marczak	
	Obstacle Course & 3:00 Ice Cream Social				

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# Proposed DAPNet Bylaw Changes:

Proposed DAPNet Bylaw changes are in *italics* with explanation below in (parenthesis). These will be voted on at the Annual Meeting held on September 29, 2013 in Barton, Vermont

Proposed bylaw change 1: ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 — Name: The name of the organization shall be Draft Animal Power Network, Inc. It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Vermont. It's principal office is located at *509 Dutton Brook Lane, VT. 05860.* (This change is proposed to coordinate with administrator, Rebekah Perry's home location)

Proposed bylaw change 2: Section 2 — Purpose: *Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious or scientific, purposes, within the meaning of Section of 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).* (This change is for 501 (c)(3) filing purposes)

Proposed bylaws change 3: ARTICLE IV — BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Section 2 — Terms and Composition: *All board members shall serve three-year terms, beginning and ending at the annual meeting, and are eligible for re-election for up to two consecutive terms.* Board terms will be staggered, ensuring that continuity amongst board members is maintained. More than one member of a household, marriage, or civil union may share individual Board of Director seats. All parties to the sharing of a seat from the household, marriage, or civil union must stand for election as a unit. No household, marriage, or civil union may have more than one board seat at any one time. (The proposed change in section 2 will permit changing 1/3 of the board make up at one time rather than 1/2.)

**FYI: Addition to the bylaws by the board of directors in March, 2013 for 501(c)3 filing purposes: ARTICLE VII --- DISSOLUTION**

Section 1 --- Liquidation and Dissolution: DAPNet may be dissolved by a vote of the Board. Upon the dissolution of DAPNet, after the payment, satisfaction and discharge of DAPNet's liabilities and obligations, or after adequate provision is made therefore, the remaining assets of DAPNet will be distributed, as determined by the Board, to such one or more organizations which at the time of the distribution are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purpose within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended."

Proposed bylaws change 4: CERTIFICATION

*These bylaws were approved as amended by vote of the membership on September 29th 2013 in Barton Vermont. Once the election process of the annual meeting is fulfilled, those elected will constitute the Board of Directors as designated in the bylaws. (This proposed change will certify the amendments and elections)*



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# What makes a "Well Matched Team"?

Is it two horses with the exact same color & markings? The same size? The same pace or complimentary temperaments? I was contemplating this question to the tune of a pin-wheel rake pulled by one of our Brabants hooked with a Morgan gelding on a hot day in July.

At the time, we had two Morgans and a team of Brabant Belgians. The Belgians work great together, but they're not going to get the hay raked in a hurry! The Morgans work great with more experienced horses, but both were a bit too green to hook together yet. So we split the Brabants and worked each with a Morgan to make two teams. It worked out even better than expected. The slower paced Brabant's march along a bit faster with the influence of the faster paced Morgans hooked next to them. And in addition to adding a bigger powerhouse to the team, the Brabant's add a steadying influence. We raked with the two mixed teams for several hours that day and were very happy with the pace and steadiness of the work they did.

Since that day we have added a team of Hafflingers to the mix and we have experimented a lot more with different combinations of horses. The Morgans are no longer green and work together nicely. They march along with the rake at a good clip, out-walking the Hafflingers as well as the Belgians. So far we have used the Belgian/Morgan mixed teams on the mower (you should see the little Morgan mare push that big Belgian around when she



*These boys are almost exactly the same shade of bay and no white markings.*

*Clyde is a Brabant, Dandi is a Morgan.*

doesn't turn fast enough on the corner!), rake, tedder and manure spreader. It adds a lot of flexibility to match the team to the job by selecting the individual horses to create a team with the right amount of power, speed and steadiness, rather than just matching horses by color, size or speed.

On a safety note, of course care must be taken to introduce horses to each other in a manner that is safe. We like to turn them out together first, then let them stand together in

the barn for a while. Once the lines are hooked, we ground drive them some before hooking, and we always have a second person to help when hooking two horses together for the first time.

We also use an offset evener to give the smaller horses a bit of leverage.

We had a loop welded on each side of the loop where the single tree connects to the eveners, so each horse can receive more or less leverage as needed. This adaptation is useful for compensating for inequalities in strength or fitness between any two horses, not necessarily related to size differences.



*Offset evener detail.*

So what makes a well matched team? Well matched to what? To the job? To each other? To the teamster? Good thing there's a bunch more hay to rake...I've got lots more to contemplate. See you in the hayfield. --Rebekah Perry



*Clyde and Dandi tedding hay. The near horse is a QH/Morgan cross that is being started in harness. He'll make a fine addition to the work string someday soon.*



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## Northeast Draftwood,

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animal-power, practitioners can provide a legitimate choice for consumers and landowners to consciously support land-use that is truly environmentally sensitive.

Draftwood standards assert that restorative forestry methods are only authentic when draft animals are used. Forest management that maintains ecological integrity, uses surgical harvests to release crop trees, retains coarse-woody debris and naturally decomposing biomass, employs low-impact extraction methods, and provides inherent aesthetic values is ideally suited to the capabilities of draft animals. On the other hand, it is more expensive for mechanical operators to provide the same results in the residual stand as skilled Draftwood practitioners, and they cannot provide the truly low impacts on site and environment.

Healing Harvest Forest Foundation is a non-profit, public educational organization and community service agency designed to support Draftwood practitioners as educated through its Biological Woodsman mentor/apprentice program. HHFF provides certificates of training to practitioners who complete the mentor program, preparing them to provide superior harvesting and forestry on clients' forest lands.

As certified Draftwood practitioners following the

standards of their training, harvesting becomes a service, providing investment in ecosystem services, biological productivity, timber stand improvement, low site disturbance, and craftsmanship, resulting in a naturally vibrant and aesthetically pleasing forest. Investments are paid for by, and deducted from, the sale of harvested forest products. Practitioners are paid commensurate with the professional services they provide, and landowners receive income that reflects the true value of their timber in relation to the value of the forestry workmanship.

Once these services have been applied to a forestland they represent attributes that add value to the forest products harvested from these operations when sold to socially conscious consumers. Draftwood lumber is worth more because the owners of woodlands worked by these practitioners have made investments in practices on their land that have benefits extending beyond their own needs, to the social and ecological concerns of the broader public. --Carl Russell

*Want to hear more about Draftwood lumber? Part II of this article will explore the process of moving Draftwood forest products from the wood lot to the marketplace. Check our fall newsletter for this key piece of Draftwood that brings cohesion and integrity to practitioners everywhere.*

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## DAPNet Board Nominees

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Directors is to increase the crossover of natural skills into mainstream society's declining knowledge base.

*Tracey Wilkerson - Bethel, ME - (207) 418-7559 - wilkerst@gouldacademy.org* "I am currently serving as Director of the Farm and Forest Program at Gould Academy in Bethel, ME and we're developing our own family farm. I'm a "professional educator" and a passionate life-long horse-person. I love working with drafts, and I always look forward to leading training workshops through MOFGA's Low Impact Forestry program. Our involvement with MOFGA also includes exhibiting at the Common Ground Fair where we demonstrate some of the subtleties of working with animals and the basics of moving wood with horsepower. I have 5 horses including a team of Percherons. Our draft work includes small-scale low impact forestry, some haying, general farm maintenance, in-town rides, and, through it all, education. I live in Bethel, Maine with my husband and our children. I've found that DAPNet is a great resource, and I'd be happy to help build on the existing draft-minded community."

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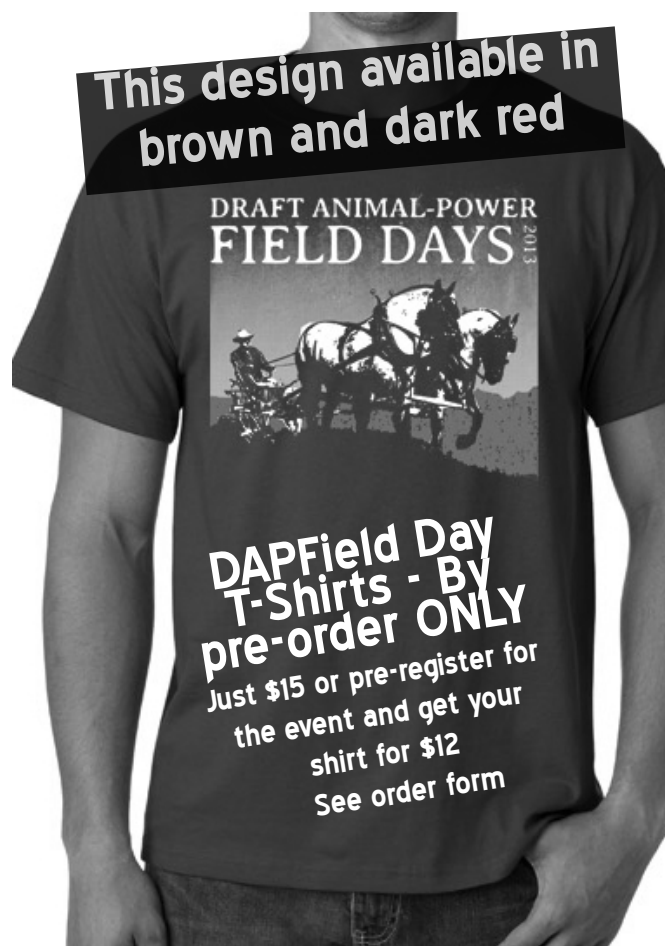
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# Do You Teach New Teamsters?

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This workshop will be held on Friday, September 27 at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in Barton, VT. Preregistration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. The cost is \$115, send your check with the enclosed form to register. Lunch is available for an additional charge of \$10 or bring your own. Lunchtime will feature a small group Q&A opportunity with other experienced teamster-teachers.



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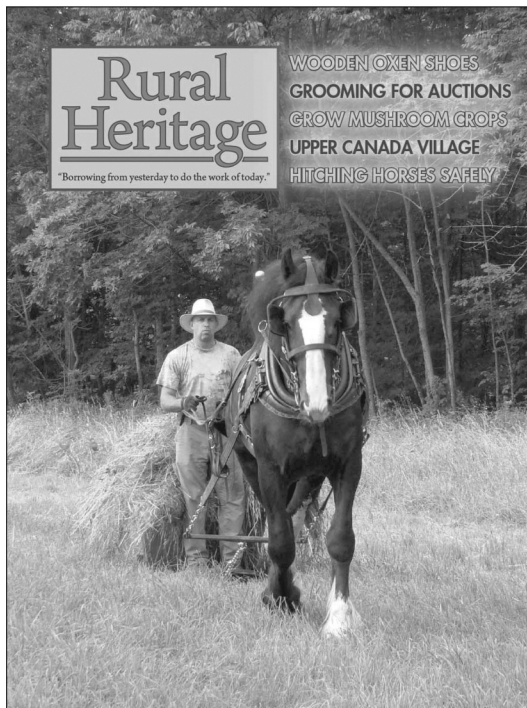
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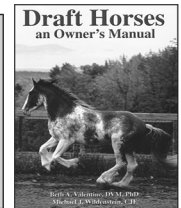
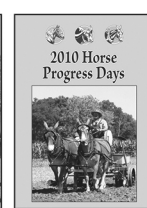
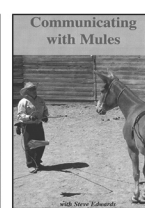
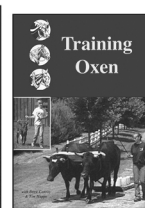
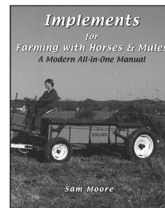




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Saturdays, August 10th, 24th, September 7th, 21st:  
Draft Horse Workshop,  
Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT  
Covers the basics of harnessing, hitching & driving a team & single on two & 4 wheeled vehicles. See our website for more details: [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org) or 802-254-9067

August 3 & 4: Oxen Basics for Teamster & Team  
Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH  
Two day workshop will cover basics from selecting a team to training to equipment basics to logging with oxen. For more information see [www.sanbornmills.org](http://www.sanbornmills.org) or 603-568-7388

August 9 – Sunday, August 11th NOFA-MA  
Summer Conference, Amherst, MA:  
[www.nofasummerconference.org](http://www.nofasummerconference.org)

Sept 21: Logging with a Single Horse  
Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH  
Skills and techniques specific to working in the woods with a single horse. For more information see [www.sanbornmills.org](http://www.sanbornmills.org) or 603-568-7388

September 27: Doc Hammill Instructor Workshop:  
Teaching Teamster Skills, Barton, VT  
For anyone teaching teamster skills to others. Info: [www.dochammill.com](http://www.dochammill.com) or call 406-250-8252

**Saturday & Sunday, September 28 & 29:**  
**Draft Animal-Power Field Days, Barton, VT**  
Two days of workshops, presentations, equipment demonstrations, training demos and more! Info at [www.draftanimalpower.com](http://www.draftanimalpower.com), email [dapnetinfo@gmail.com](mailto:dapnetinfo@gmail.com) or call 802-763-0771

October 3-6: Doc Hammill Work Horse Workshop -  
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October 5: Corn Harvest with Horse-drawn Corn Binder -  
Saunderskill Farms & Hudson Valley Draft Horse Association, Accord, NY  
10 - 4pm, Bring the family - lots to do! For more info contact Robin: 845-294-9016 or [dmj33@frontiernet.net](mailto:dmj33@frontiernet.net) *continued on pg 16*

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## Events Calendar:

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October 14: Informational Tour at Nordells Horse-Powered Market Garden

Beech Grove Farm, Trout Run, PA,

This is an opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about their bio-extensive system to walk the vegetable fields, check out the horse-drawn equipment and ask questions. Pre-registration is required, send a letter of interest to Anne & Eric by mid-September: 3410 Rt 184, Trout Run, PA 17771

October 22nd-25th: Draft Horse Workshop,

Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT

Covers the basics of harnessing, hitching & driving a team & single on two & 4 wheeled vehicles. Info: [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org) or 802-254-9067

October 26 & 27: Logging with Oxen

Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH

Two day workshop covers basics of logging with oxen including skills & techniques, different skid methods, etc. For more information see [www.sanbornmills.org](http://www.sanbornmills.org) or 603-568-7388

November 16th: Mower Rebuild Workshop

Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT:

Hands-on, in-depth workshop covering mower renovation, rebuilding and adjustment. See our website for more details: [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org) or 802-254-9067

November 23rd: Introduction to Small-scale

Logging,

Fair Winds Farm, Brattleboro, VT

Intensive Workshop covering the basics of moving smaller logs. See our website for more details: [www.fairwindsfarm.org](http://www.fairwindsfarm.org) or 802-254-9067

### **DRAFT ANIMAL-POWER FIELD DAYS September 28 & 29, Barton, VT**

See enclosed form to order T-shirts, Posters, camping, Saturday's Local Harvest Dinner, Log Scoot Raffle tickets and more. Please help us plan by sending your pre-order form now!

**Some of these items WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE at the Field Days, you MUST PRE-ORDER/PRE-REGISTER T-shirts, Saturday Dinner Tickets & Teaching Teamster Skills. See the enclosed form for details.**

# 2013 Draft Animal-Power Field Days

## September 28 & 29, 2013

### Ticket Order & Pre-registration Form:

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**Friday 9-5:** Doc Hammill Workshop: Teaching Teamster Skills  
 3-5: Doc Hammill: The Nature & Mind of the Horse  
 Evening: Potluck supper & visiting (join us!)

**Saturday:** 8:30 – 4:00 Workshop sessions & Equipment demos  
 (lunch break 11:45 – 12:45)  
 4:15 -5:15 Networking Sessions  
 6:00 Local Harvest Dinner, Cowboy Poetry & Open Mike Music

**Sunday:** 7-8:00 DAPNet Annual Meeting over Breakfast (\$10 at the door)  
 8:00 Sunday Service with Neal Perry  
 8:45 – 1:00 Workshop sessions, Equipment demos & lunch  
 1:00 Teamster Round-Table & various demonstrations  
 2:00 – 4:00 Obstacle Course, Ice Cream Social & Farewells

You will receive a confirmation phone/email when we get your registration and your name will be on a list at the ticket booth. **Send completed form to DAPFD, 509 Dutton Brook Ln, Brownington, VT 05860**

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**\*\*Remember:** T shirts are ONLY available by pre-order and cost just \$12 if you purchase Friday workshop and/or weekend admission at the same time. Be sure to circle your size & color choice.

There is lots more information about options is on our website: [www.draftanimalpowernetwork.org](http://www.draftanimalpowernetwork.org)

Item	Price	Qty Desired	Total
Friday Workshop	\$115.00		
Lunch (Fri)	\$10.00		
Camping, tent/car – 1 night, Circle: Th F Sat	\$15.00		
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