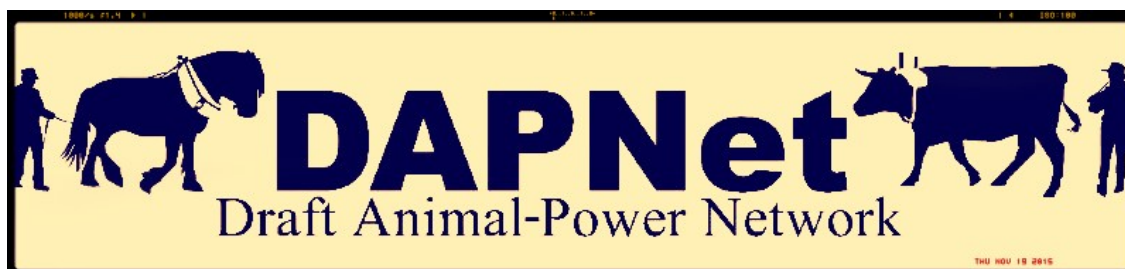


DRAFT ANIMAL POWER NETWORK
 October 2016 E-Blast
 DAPNet - Check out our upcoming events.

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Our Mission:

Advancing the use of draft animals and promoting sustainable land stewardship to build community through education and networking.

EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 10: Nordell's Farm Tour, 3410 Rt. 184 Trout Run, PA, 17771. 10 am – 4 pm. Walk the fields in their bio-extensive market garden and see horse-drawn equipment.

October 10-15: North American Belgian Championship 8, Eastern States Exposition. West Springfield, MA. FMI: <http://www.nabc8.com/> DAPNet will be there!

October 15-16: Oxen Basics for the Teamster & Team, Sanborn Mills Farm, Loudon, NH
<http://www.sanbornmills.org/event/oxen-basics-for-the-teamster-team/>

NOVEMBER

November 2 – 4: Build A Hay Barn Workshop, Northland Sheep Dairy, Marathon, NY. Learn to build a traditional

Annual Gathering 2016

Don't miss the DAPNet Annual Gathering!

October 7-9, 2016

338 Borough Rd. Charlestown, NH 03603



truss and frame loose hay barn. Enjoy a community style barn raising on the final day. \$400 registration. FMI: <http://www.teamsterschool.com/barn-raising-workshop>, or call Donn Hewes at 607-849-4442.

November 17-20: MOFGA Low Impact Forestry Workshop. MOFGA Common Ground Education Center, Unity, ME. FMI: <http://www.mofga.org/Events/LowImpactForestryWorkshop/tabid/297/Default.aspx> or Contact Anna Muller events@mofga.org

Tell your friends to become members NOW!

First-time members of the Draft Animal Power Network will receive your choice of a One-Year Rural Heritage Magazine Subscription or a copy of *Draft Horses- An Owners Manual*.

<http://www.draftanimalpower.org/home/membership/>

Every other year we host the Annual Gathering in place of our larger DAP Field Days. This event is smaller and more personal. Please join us for a fun, educational event focused on our relationships with each other in the draft animal power community.

This year we will gather in Charlestown, NH (15 minutes off of I-91). Events will be located at an 1828 farmhouse and surrounding lands that we are in the process of restoring to active agricultural use. We will work together on various homestead projects including plowing, cultivating, forestry, and training. We hope for some late season hay making and have lots of room for new and returning members to participate with or without their animals. Forestry will include a look into the pine harvest and land management on this farm, as well as transporting logs to our mill and producing lumber. Plowing, cultivating, and haying will all happen on the farmstead. There will be a space for horse, oxen, and farming equipment to sell or trade - bring your old, new and unused equipment to the Annual Gathering! All activities are close together.

See agenda below.

Log Scoot Raffle!

Buy your raffle tickets soon for a log scoot, handmade by Jay Fisher!



Raffle tickets are available from DAPNet board members, at DAPNet events and through the DAPNet Newsletter. You can also purchase your tickets by printing [Scoot raffle tickets](#) here online and mailing them in with payment or through [our online store](#).

One ticket for \$5 and five tickets for \$10. Drawing to be held October 9th at the Draft Animal-Power Network Annual Gathering. Need not be present to win. Must arrange own transport delivery from Charlestown NH.

DAPNet 2016 Annual Gathering Agenda:

Friday	Arrival, camping set up. Pine felling, Site prep
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6:30 pm	Potluck Dinner at 338 Borough Rd
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Saturday	Coffee by donation and Skillet Breakfast bowl for \$3
8:30 am	Presentation- "Wrecks and runaways" with Donn Hewes <hr/>
9:30 am	Pine harvest with forecarts & scoots. Comparison of different forecarts. <hr/>
10:00 am	Plowing pasture to reseed for hay Presentation: "Retraining the unused horse" in round pen with Neal and Bekah Perry <hr/>
12 noon	Lunch prepared by Sterling College Draft Horse Club <hr/>
1:00pm	Hay raking and loose hay loading (Weather dependent) <hr/>
2:00pm	Plowing, discing, and harrowing. Broadcast rye seed <hr/>
2:00pm	Felling demonstrations and continued pine harvest <hr/>
3:00pm	Presentation: "Retraining the unused horse" in round pen with Neal and Bekah Perry <hr/>
6:30pm	Dinner- Donn Hewes and Michael Glos do spaghetti with two kinds of noodles & sauces. Salad, Bread. Dessert \$12 <hr/>
After dinner	NH Chronicle and "Root, Hog, or Die" and other videos projected in barn Bonfire <hr/>
	Coffee by donation, Cowboy Church with Neal Perry

Sunday	Daniel Grover and Gillian Goldberg make breakfast
7:30 am	\$3
8:00 am	Annual meeting, Raffle
9:00 am	Finish pine harvest and hay field prep
9:00 am	Presentation: Donn's use of foot and butt rope
	Obstacle course
11:00 am	
2:00 pm	Leftovers and Ice cream
Afternoon	Finish Projects, pack up, and depart.

ANNUAL DAPNet MEETING

There will be the annual DAPNet member meeting where we will accept any other nominations for the board and induct new board members as well as address yearly business. Please see the slate for the DAPNet board members below.

SLATE FOR DAPNet BoD

RETURNING MEMBERS

Jay Fisher, Charlestown NH

Gillian Goldberg, Oley PA

Daniel Grover, Oley PA

Donn Hewes, Marathon NY

Lizzy Koltai, Guilford ME

Emily Landeck, Greenfield MA

Will Stephens, Nantucket MA

Bill West, Cambridge MD

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Glos, Berkshire NY

John Smolinsky, Greensboro Bend VT

Jared Woodcock, Cambridge NY

Michael Glos

I have farmed with my wife Karma and daughter Rosemary for the last 20 years at Kingbird Farm in Berkshire, NY. We operate a diverse certified organic farm producing vegetables, herbs, plants, pork, beef, duck, chicken, and eggs. We have done this from the beginning with the assistance of draft horses and ponies ranging from Percherons and Belgians to our current Fjords and Haflinger. They are active in the woods in the fields and woods as we all continue to learn and grow together.

John Smolinsky

John Smolinsky was introduced to working animals in 2010 when he started at Sterling College in Craftsbury Common Vermont. He went on to Intern with Carl Russell, 30 year horse logger in Bethel Vermont. Following his internship he started his own small logging business using a Belgian draft horse.

Earthbound Forestry Services focuses on low volume, high frequency harvest within the parameters of a silvicultural management plan. John focuses on putting the ecological integrity of the forest first by using horses special draft capability within a harvest. The goal is to work with landowners

so that they can understand how harvests provide long-term health and strength to the forests economic engine within a healthy and strong ecosystem.

<http://earthboundforestryervices.weebly.com/>

Jared Woodcock

Jared Woodcock owns and operates Taproots Farm with his wife Shannon, and two kids, Calla, and Shiloh. He is the Agriculture Coordinator for SUNY Adirondack a small community college in the southern Adirondacks and is developing both credit and noncredit programs in sustainable agriculture. Jared has a broad range of interests but most importantly he just wants to have a good time!

Our website is www.taprootsfamilyfarm.com if you see a picture on there that you like better you can use one of those.



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