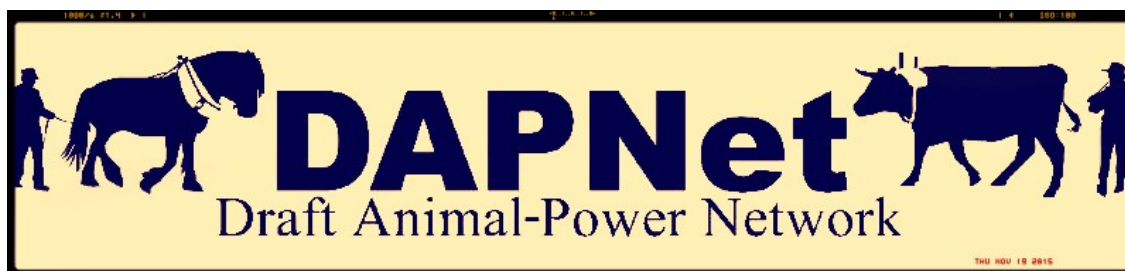


DRAFT ANIMAL POWER NETWORK

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### Our Mission:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Forestry Demo in Charlestown, NH  
December 10th, 2016**

On-site presentation of felling, transport, and milling of timber for a small, draft powered operation. Comparison of horse harvested vs. machine harvested areas.

\$25.00 per day

Hands on driving practice additional \$30.00.

Lunch available

Dinner and movie screening \$25.00

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*An excerpt from an article about our recent Annual Gathering written by Beth Hallissey.*

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The Draft Animal Power Network held its 2016 Annual Gathering in Charlestown, NH. DAPNet is based in the Northeast and has been organizing draft animal events since 2011. Its mission is to advance the use of draft animals and promoting sustainable land stewardship to build community through education and networking.

Jay Fisher hosted the event on the 1828 farm his family is bringing back to life. Owned by the same family since 1828, the old farm had lain fallow for 30 years until Jay and his family purchased it in 2014. Since then, they have gutted the farmhouse and prepared it for restoration, restored the equipment barn, and

## **Happy Holidays from all of us at DAPNet!**

**We feel we have many things to be thankful for this holiday season, and one of them is our members! If you have a friend or family who would like to join the Draft Animal Power Network or be on this mailing list...**

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**built an outbuilding from wood harvested and milled on the property.**

**The main activities during the Annual Gathering included logging, collecting hay and plowing parcels of the 30 year old sod. Folks from all over New England, as well as New York, Pennsylvania, Canada attended the event. There was a good representation from the Hudson Valley Draft Horse Assoc. in NY, and one family travelled 8 hours for the event with children and a large trailer with oxen in tow.**

**Saturday morning started with breakfast in the carriage barn and more interesting conversations. Donn Hewes, DAPNet president, gave a talk on "Wrecks and Runaways"... Carl Russell led the [pine harvest] workshop accompanied by several other experienced and Game of Logging trained horse-loggers, including John Smolinsky and Tom Jenkins... Meanwhile, over in the hay field, the hay was already raked and ready. A hay loader and wagon were put to use with Jay Fisher driving his pair of Percherons. Jay Bailey gave instruction on packing down the hay to the gathering group...**



**Also Saturday Neal and Bekah (Bailey) Perry gave a presentation on "Retraining the unused horse". Neal and Bekah are both experienced horse trainers.**

**Saturday evening concluded with a bonfire and film presentation of “Root, Hog or Die,” a 1973 documentary chronicling the recollections of elderly farmers in Western MA and Southern VT.**

**Sunday morning began with Cowboy church, a non denominational tradition at our gatherings, given by Neal Perry. After breakfast, the annual meeting took place... New board members were nominated and added to the board... The gathering concluded with a logging obstacle course.**



**When asked whether the annual gathering met his goals for the weekend Jay Fisher responded “... My goals were to have a great time with people, harvest some pine for lumber to use on the farm, demonstrate a variety of skills, and bring the farm back into production. I hope to build it up to agricultural use again, set up for the efficient use of animal power. ... The annual gathering let me get a taste of what that might be like. So yes, the Annual Gathering met and exceeded my goals.”**

**Next year, DAPNet’s biennial Field Days will be at Cornish, NH Sept 30- Oct 2, 2017. More**

information and a schedule will be available on the website [www.draftanimalpower.org](http://www.draftanimalpower.org) as the event approaches.

Find us online at [www.DraftAnimalPower.org](http://www.DraftAnimalPower.org) where you will find the international Dap forum, and on Facebook at Draft Animal Power Network, or on Twitter at #dapnet #draftanimalpower.

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And check out [this great article](#) about our board member Lizzy Koltai and other horse-powered farmers in Maine in the Portland Press Herald.



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