



## Spring 2012

**Sholan Farms is owned by the City of Leominster and operated by the Friends of Sholan Farms. The Friends of Sholan Farms** is a community-supported, non-profit organization.

Visit the last working apple orchard in Leominster, the birthplace of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman). Your visit will be a memorable one! Situated on a hilltop with panoramic views of surrounding hills and even of Boston on a clear day, the farm provides cross-country skiing, walking trails, bird watching, picnic area and a variety of cultural and folk events throughout the year. In season, pick from a large variety of spectacular native apples as they ripen.

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Sholan Farms is located at 1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, MA 01453; Mailing address: P.O. Box 632, Leominster, Mass 01453 978-840-FARM; Web: [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com).

**January 25 – 6PM**  
**Friends of Sholan Farms General Meeting**  
**Veterans Center – 100 West St, Leominster, Ma**  
Refreshments Served  
Share some exciting news – come and bring a friend!

**June 20 – 6PM**  
Friends Annual Meeting & Elections  
*Come and bring a friend!*  
Location: To be determined

**August 25-26 10AM – 5PM daily**  
**Opening Weekend**

For additional opportunities, please check the website or call for more information.

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### **Twilight Hikes (weather permitting) January 13 at 8PM. (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Month) - Correction**

Join us for our twilight hike series, which takes place on the second Friday of each month beginning on January 13, 2012. Winter hikes include (weather permitting) snowshoe, cross-country skiing and a campfire. Gathering time is at 8PM at the Farm Stand area - 1 hour hike with a 1 hour campfire (as conditions allow). Bring a friend or family members (pets on leashes are welcome) to enjoy the hike. Comfortable winter hiking attire is recommended, as well as a flashlight, and water. For after the hike bring your favorite treat (hotdogs, marshmallows, etc) to share. Hot chocolate and tea will be provided by the FOSF.

We are also looking for volunteers (hiking leads, trail blazers, campfire monitors, etc.) to be part of our FOSF Hiking team. If interested contact Neal Wynne.

Check our website for more information. For more information: [info@sholanfarms.com](mailto:info@sholanfarms.com) or 978-840-3276 or Neal Wynne at 978-870-8560 or email [neal\\_wynne@verizon.net](mailto:neal_wynne@verizon.net).

### **Special Attractions and Events:**

**Apple Tree Pruning & Grafting Exercises** – Come learn the art of pruning and grafting while enjoying the fresh air. Weekdays and Saturdays – Help Needed. Saturdays beginning January 7, 2012 10am – noon. (Weather Permitting)

**Pruning Location:** 1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, Ma. **How to dress...** dress warm, wear tall, insulated boots and several layers of socks. Recommend chap stick and dry skin protection. **Tools to bring:** Choose one of the following: By-pass hand shears, By-pass loppers. Wheeler saw, Pruning “pull” saw:

Weekday pruning contact Mike Meehan – Farm Manager – 978-840-3276. Saturday pruning RSVP please contact Joanne DiNardo at 978-870-5555. Also, check the Sholan Farms Website: [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) or [info@sholanfarms.com](mailto:info@sholanfarms.com), 978-840-FARM.

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### **Worcester County Conservation Tree Seedling Sale – May 5, 2012, 10AM.**

New this year Sholan Farms will be a pick up location for the Worcester County Conservation District 2012 Seedling Sale. To receive the 2012 seedling brochure, please go the website [www.seedlingsale.org](http://www.seedlingsale.org). If you have ordered before and are a current customer, you will receive a brochure automatically in the mail by mid February 2012. You may view and print the current brochure after February 1, 2012 by clicking on the link below. Thank you for your support! **Worcester County Conservation District**, 52 Boyden Road, Room 100, Holden, MA 01520, 508-829-4477 Ext. 5, [www.seedlingsale.org](http://www.seedlingsale.org)

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**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Blossom Festival**  
**May 5, 2012**  
**(Rain Date May 6, 2012 – 10AM-4PM.)**  
**Sholan Farms**  
**1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, Ma 01453**

- **Attention Crafters** -- Deadline for application is April 28, 2012 – Contact Leon Christoforo at 978-534-4810 or email : [leonchristoforo@comcast.net](mailto:leonchristoforo@comcast.net)
- **Butterfly Purchase** -- may be done on line at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) or by calling 978-840-3276. Please make your Butterfly Reservations by April 28, 2012.

The **Sholan Farms Apple Blossom Festival** celebrates the advent of spring in the Central Massachusetts region as evidenced by the blooming of the apple trees. The Festival is a civic celebration organized and operated by the Friends of Sholan Farms.

Sholan Farms is grateful to our many local, regional and national business sponsors for helping to partially fund this event. Activities and entertainment scheduled to appear: Leominster High Marching Band, Ragged Hero's, Leominster Jazz Band, Fall Brook Songbirds, Bagpipe Procession and Butterfly Release at 2:30PM, and crafters, classic car show and so much more. The Festival is an event the whole family can enjoy with children's activities, crafters, music and food.

The wonderful success of the Sholan Farms Apple Blossom Festival is a direct product of the committed energy of many members of our community. Without their dedication, support and

participation, producing this event would not be possible. Since 2002, the Apple Blossom Festival has grown and become a community event almost synonymous with spring to both local residents and visitors alike. For more information contact the event chairs: Event Co-Chair Peggy Christoforo at 978-534-4810 or email: [peggychristoforo@comcast.net](mailto:peggychristoforo@comcast.net) , Website [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) or call 978-840-FARM.

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### **Sholan Farms Community Garden**

Calling All Gardeners- This year, Sholan Farms will be hosting a 30-plot community garden that will be open to community members. The plots will be awarded on a first come basis. This community garden is being planned, coordinated, developed, and managed by The Friends of Sholan Farms. For more information about the Sholan Farms Community Garden contact: Sholan Farms 978-840-3276. Planting planned for May 26 & 27 – weather and soil conditions permitting.

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### **Sholan Farms Farmers Market 2012 (Late July through October)**

Calling all growers and crafters – sign up for the season. For the third year Sholan Farms will host a Farmer's Market. In other communities, markets are an integral part of the urban/farm linkage and have continued to rise in popularity, mostly due to the growing consumer interest in obtaining fresh products directly from the farm. Farmers markets allow consumers to have access to locally grown, farm fresh produce, enables farmers the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with their customers, and cultivate consumer loyalty with the farmers who grows the produce. For more information, please contact us at [info@sholanfarms.com](mailto:info@sholanfarms.com) or 978-840-3276 or at Neal Wynne at 978-870-8560. [http://www.mass.gov/agr/markets/farmersmarkets/resources\\_managers.htm](http://www.mass.gov/agr/markets/farmersmarkets/resources_managers.htm)

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**Opening Weekend – August 25 – August 26, 2012, 10AM to 5:30PM Entertainment, Apple Picking, hayrides, hiking, and good old-fashioned fun at Sholan Farms.**

**Pick-Your-Own Apples and Raspberries:** The Season runs from Late August through mid November: Daily 10AM – 5:30PM. For information call 978-840-FARM or visit us online at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) for information about events, volunteer opportunities, and membership. All events are subject to change. This year Sholan Farms has a stunning crop of apples waiting to be picked. Our varieties include: Marshall McIntosh, Macoun, Empire, Honeycrisp, McIntosh, Cortland, Paula Reds, Crabapples, Red and Golden Delicious and more (check our website for varieties).

Our store shelves will be stocked with fresh picked apples, candles, homemade jelly, honey from our own hives, cider and when in season; gourds, mums, squash, pumpkins, and more. The bakers will be busy again making apple deserts and other treats. Our concession stand will be open on weekends serving hot dogs, apple crisp, cider, coffee, cookies and other special delights.

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**Classic Auto's the last Sunday Afternoon beginning in July and running through the Harvest Season – Dates: July 29, August 26, Sept 30, and Oct 14.** With the help of our friends, Mid-State Antique Auto Club ([www.midstateaac.org](http://www.midstateaac.org)) we welcome owners of Classic and Antique vehicles to participate the last Sunday afternoon of each month. We will have a special area for these cars to park for your review. Check our website for more information. For more information: [info@sholanfarms.com](mailto:info@sholanfarms.com) or 978-840-3276 or Neal Wynne at 978-870-8560 email [neal\\_wynne@verizon.net](mailto:neal_wynne@verizon.net).

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**Tours, Outings, Family Celebrations, and Hayrides:**

Sholan Farms offers tours of our seasonal operations to schools and other groups on a first-come first-served basis. Tour hours are 9 AM to 5 PM Monday-Friday. A small per-person fee is charged. For reservations, please call 978-840-FARM. On a tour you can expect to see the 169-plus acres of farmland which includes orchard, meadows, and forests. The tours last about 30 minutes. All children receive complementary ¼ peck of apples, cider, and snack.

We also offer the perfect location for birthday and family celebrations. For more information please call 978-840-FARM.

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**Cream of the Crop Weekend – Sept 29 – Sept 30, 2012**

Join us as we unveil the finest eating apple in the region – The cream of the crop celebration begins Thursday, September 22 with open house and continues throughout the weekend. Want a perfect no-fat dessert that will satisfy your sweet tooth? **Macoun may just be your apple, but, hurry, these special apples are only available in the fall.** Macoun was developed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva in 1932. It is named for a famous Canadian fruit breeder.

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**11th Annual Scarecrow Festival - October 6, 2012**

**Festival Hours: Saturday 10AM- 5:00PM. (rain date Oct 7)**

Come build your own scarecrow or view and vote on your favorite. Enjoy free entertainment on Saturday and Sunday, great food, numerous free, interactive children's events and so much more at this fun family festival! For information call 978-840-FARM or visit us online at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) for information about events, volunteer, and membership opportunities. All events are subject to change.