

# NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST OF EASTON

Sheep Pasture is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harvest and Craft Fair!



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Join us in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Fall is a special season every year, bringing the area's best event - The NRT's Harvest & Craft Fair on **Sunday, October 1st from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. This year is extra special because not only is it fair season, but this year is the 50th anniversary of the fair! Originally, started in 1973 by a small group of community members who wanted to celebrate the fall season at Sheep Pasture, the NRT's Harvest & Craft Fair has now transformed into one of the largest fall events in the area that entertains thousands of visitors each year. An annual tradition for many families in the community, this event has also become the main fundraiser for the NRT's operations, allowing the Sheep Pasture property to be open to people throughout the year free of charge. This year's celebration is planned to be fantastic! Read more on the next page.



There will be all kinds of family-friendly activities at the fair to look forward to in 2023! Of course, there will be live music throughout the day from Rowdies of the Meadow, American Beauties, and Randy Davis and Ramon, so bring your dancing shoes! Pumpkin decorating will be on-site to show off your creative side. The fair will also be showcasing dozens of local crafters and artisans to admire, as well as information and games at booths from local non-profit organizations. Free family yard games and a photo booth sponsored by Spotted Photography will be ready for fun all day. New activities this year will include a petting zoo on site, a kids' carnival area where everyone wins a prize, an airbrush tattoo artist, and a storyteller.

For this anniversary year, there are also some exciting new food offerings at the Harvest & Craft Fair to go with the traditional favorites. For the first time, the fair will be hosting, Mom on the Go and The Sausage Guy food trucks, as well as food prepared by The Farmer's Daughter.

NRT's own food booth will also be making hot dogs, linguica dogs, and kids' grilled cheeses, so there will be plenty of lunch choices. After lunch, enjoy pumpkin pie or caramel apples served fresh to you! Finish off with a delicious hot cider, coffee, or cold drink in one of NRT's limited edition 50th-anniversary travel mugs!

For more information on the fair and the many activities planned for the day, please visit [www.nrtfeaston.org](http://www.nrtfeaston.org).

# Harvest & Craft Fair

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Come celebrate with NRT at the Sheep Pasture, 307 Main Street, Easton from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 5 and up, and children under age 5 are free!

Limited free parking is available at the Sheep Pasture. Enter at the NRT Community Gardens on Route 138, across from Moreau Hall. Carpooling and biking is encouraged. Bike racks are available at each of the fair entrance gates.

Due to the large number of guests and for the safety of all attendees, dogs and other pets are not allowed on the site throughout the fair day. Dogs that are trained to assist their handlers as defined by the ADA are always welcome. Bicycles, skateboards, or other non-medical transport are not allowed into the fairgrounds.

We appreciate our Harvest & Craft Fair sponsors for making this year's event possible. Special thanks to North Easton Savings Bank, our premier 2023 fair sponsor. We also appreciate the support and thank the many volunteers and local businesses that make the fair possible including Personal Best Karate, Village Speech, Washington Trust, Morse Insurance Agency, Roche Bros., Bourne's Auto Center, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

NRT's Education Department is thrilled to continue its exciting Sheep Pasture After Dark programs this fall! This engaging new educational series first began in the spring with the goal of bringing new audiences to Sheep Pasture while providing unique opportunities for the public to experience nature in a different way - in the dark! The spring programs proved wildly successful with community members of all ages joining us from all over the South Shore area to hunt in the dark for owls, identify mysterious animal sounds, and enjoy full moon hikes.

Now with the crisper fall weather and shorter days upon us, NRT educators are even more excited to start our Sheep Pasture After Dark programs once again and see what other nighttime adventures await us! In the upcoming months, NRT will be hosting more of our ever popular owl prowls, which will have participants scouring the woods for pellets, sounds, and sightings while learning more about our native owl species.

During the spooky season, NRT will delve into some "Haunted Happenings," where families can show off their costumes and hear more about Halloween, harvest traditions, and spooky stories over a toasty campfire.

NRT is also excited to offer programs designed for teen and adult audiences, such as November's New Moon Hike, which will challenge us to embrace uncertainty in the darkness and learn to become more comfortable and confident in unfamiliar settings.

Lastly, NRT's Sheep Pasture After Dark fall programs will finish in December as we celebrate the year's end on the longest night of the year with an exciting Winter Solstice Walk.

# News from the Education Department



## UPCOMING EVENTS

18, October 5:30 – 6:30 <b>Family STEM Night</b>	13, November 6:00 – 7:30 <b>New Moon Hike</b>
26, October 6:00 – 7:30 <b>Haunted Happenings</b>	28, November 6:00 – 7:30 <b>Owl Prowl</b>
28, October 2:00 – 5:30 <b>Spooktacular</b>	21, December 6:00–7:30 <b>Winter Solstice Hike</b>

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This fall NRT's Education Department will also launch a new set of programs centered around families and STEM. STEM education, which stands for science, technology, engineering, and math, plays a crucial role in developing critical thinking skills and increasing science literacy, and will ultimately lead to our next generation of great scientists, be they mechanical engineers, astrophysicists, or policy advisors.

NRT is thrilled to announce the start of its Family STEM Nights! This program series developed by NRT's newest member of the education staff, Hannah Newcombe, will provide engaging hands-on and minds-on opportunities for families to participate in fun STEM challenges. Diverse science experiences will have participants flexing their mental muscles as they think their way through various design tasks. NRT has already hosted the first in the series of "Make-Your-Own-Lava-Lamp". Families enjoyed multiple different puzzles before doing their own experiments. We look forward to the next in this series, putting our physics skills to the test and explore potential and kinetic energy while racing marbles!





Meet Hannah -

Hannah Newcombe joined NRT in January 2023 as the newest educator. In 2019, she graduated from Salem State University with a degree in Geology and a minor in French. In her senior year, she conducted a research study in paleoclimatology by taking sediment cores from Walden Pond. Through this research, she was able to find glacial evidence and created a timeline for Walden Pond that dates back to the Last Ice Age. This research was made into her senior thesis which was featured on NPR's On Point.

After graduating, she joined Americorps. Her first project was an environmental stewardship project with McKinney Falls State Park in Austin, Texas. The team did physical labor clear-cutting forest as they rerouted the park's most popular trail. Her second project was a tax preparation assistance program in Kansas City, Missouri. During that project, she learned how to prepare simple taxes for low-income families.

Hannah has had a lot of odd jobs, worked on trains, at a winery, and even an escape room, but she always knew that she wanted to end up in parks and environmental education. Most recently, Hannah was the Visitor Services Supervisor at Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on Cape Cod.

In her free time, she has been studying Portuguese, tending a small vegetable garden, and practicing jazz dance.

## Meet our new staff



Meet Jaquay -

Jaquay Dee-Hardmon joined NRT in March 2023 as the part-time Animal and Property Steward. With a background in vegetable planting, growing, and packing from working at a local vegetable farm, Jaquay brings a passion for all things agriculture to her work.

New to working with farm animals, Jaquay has enjoyed getting to know the NRT's sheep, chickens, and geese and enjoys the time she spends caring for them daily.

In her personal time, Jaquay loves to garden and grows many different types of plants, and she loves spending time outdoors in every season. Jaquay looks forward to experiencing all of the activities and events that happen at NRT throughout the year!



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 SPONSORS



## MEMBER DOOR PRIZE COUPON

50th Anniversary Harvest & Craft Fair  
October 1, 2023  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



### NRT MEMBER DOOR PRIZE COUPON

Print and clip this coupon and bring it to the NRT Info Booth at the Harvest Fair for a chance to win the door prize! New members or returning NRT members are always welcome! Visit the NRT Info Booth to register. Winners will be contacted by phone the week following the fair.

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Current NRT member? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no