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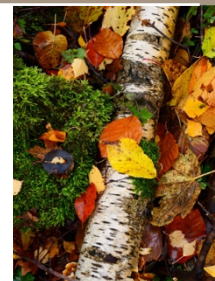
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Natural Resources Trust of Easton – Annual Newsletter



NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST of EASTON



Important Information >>>

The Harvest & Craft Fair is located at Sheep Pasture - 307 Main Street, Easton. This event takes place 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 6th.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children younger than 5 years are free of charge.

Please note tickets as well as food and many vendors are cash only.

Limited free parking is available at the Sheep Pasture. Enter at the NRT Community Gardens on Route 138, across from Moreau Hall. Bike racks are also 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 2024 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, Morse Insurance Agency, Roche Bros., and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Harvest & Craft Fair

Celebrate fall with the 51st annual 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 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 will be fantastic with many family-friendly activities to look forward to in 2024. The mentioned activities are a taste of what to expect at the fair.

Live music from Rowdies of the Meadow, American Beauties, and Randy Davis and Ramon will be featured throughout the day. In addition to the music, there will be shows from Big Joe the Storyteller. You can also purchase your own pumpkin to decorate onsite. Stop by the Kid's Carnival Area to play fun games and get a prize! Kids can also enjoy pony rides. Included in the price of admission, visit the photo booth sponsored by Spotted Photography or get your face painted. The silent auction features donations from different organizations and businesses. Stop by for a chance to win big – like a ferry trip to Martha's Vineyard!

**Sunday,
October 6th
10:00 AM
-
2:00 PM**

As a part of the fair, the NRT is proud to host a variety of talented local crafters and artisans. A perfect way to get a head start on holiday shopping. Local non-profits will also

be featured. As with any fair, food is a major draw. This year, food offerings include The Farmer's Daughter, Rockin' Burgers Food Truck, and the NRT food booth. After lunch, enjoy some delicious pumpkin pie or one of the iconic caramel apples. In addition to all the wonderful fair offerings, visitors can enjoy the grounds and farm animals – with special guests, alpacas from Kave Rock Farms! Most vendors are cash only. There is a lot to see and do at the fair and we hope you will join us in celebrating the NRT and our wonderful community. For more information on the fair and the many activities planned for the day, please visit www.nrtofeaston.org

Upcoming programs with the education department

The education department is excited to continue our *Sheep Pasture After Dark* and *Family STEM Night* series. Read more about our upcoming offerings.

Sheep Pasture After Dark

Night Hikes are back at Sheep Pasture! Join our educators after hours as we discover nature in a whole new way. Each program will feature a unique topic with hands-on activities, wildlife exploration, and hikes on Sheep Pasture trails. Programs are suitable for families and individuals of all ages.

Family STEM Night

Join NRT Educator Hannah as you put your science, technology, engineering, and math skills to the test. This one-hour program will provide all the materials needed to develop your own science experiments. These programs are best suited for children in grades 3-5 but all ages are welcomed. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



UPCOMING EVENTS

23, September 6:00 – 7:30 Autumnal Equinox Hike	26, October 2:00 – 5:00 Spooktacular
21, October 6:00 – 7:30 Haunted Happenings	14, November 5:30 – 7:00 Owl Prowl
24, October 5:30 – 6:30 Family STEM Night	21, November 5:00–6:30 Autumn Adventures

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Spooktacular

NRT's Spooktacular is back! Join us for a great family-friendly event that will have special fall-themed activities for visitors of all ages! Activities will include a fire pit and s'mores, guided hikes, face painting, Halloween crafts, and more! More information coming soon. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and website updates.

Upcoming Dates

September

9/23 – Sheep Pasture After Dark:
Autumnal Equinox Hike

October

10/06 – Harvest & Craft Fair
10/21 – Sheep Pasture After Dark:
Haunted Happenings
10/24 – Family STEM Night:
Make Your Own Catapult
10/26 – Spooktacular

November

11/14 – Sheep Pasture After Dark:
Owl Prowl
11/21 – Sheep Pasture After Dark:
Autumn Adventures
11/24 – The NRT Annual Meeting

Meet our new staff >>>

Nathan Duclos-Rickard

This year, the NRT welcomed aboard a new Education Director. Read more about him and see why we are so excited to have him on our team!

Nathan Duclos-Rickard joined the NRT in June 2024. He comes to the NRT with almost 15 years of teaching experience. His journey in education began in the summer of 2011 as a camp counselor at Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, RI. While there, he completed two years of AmeriCorps National and Community Service through the Ocean State Environmental Education Collaborative. After developing a passion for teaching and engaging students, he worked toward a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master of Arts in Teaching. Most recently, he taught biology courses at New Bedford High School with a focus on English Language Learners.



Nathan (left) and his husband, Josh.

Nathan currently resides in New Bedford with his husband, cat, and more houseplants than can be counted. In his free time, he can be found playing in the Providence Gay Flag Football League (he competed in 2 national tournaments last year!), camping in the White Mountains, or spending time with family and friends. He also helps moderate the New Bedford Science Café which sees guest scientists give short talks about unique and relevant topics, sharing science with local communities. He is a self-proclaimed pro at Catan and will play Phase-10 or Uno no matter how long it takes.

As he settles into the Education Director role, he said, "I am excited to rejoin the NRT, a place that I love. I look forward to seeing students throughout the year, and to finding more ways to engage the diverse learners and community found all around us!"

For more information go to
www.nrtofeaston.org

Thank You to our 2024 Sponsors*

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Easton Cultural Council



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51st Annual Harvest & Craft Fair
October 6, 2024
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.

Name _____ Tel _____

Current NRT member? _____ yes _____ no