

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Friday, May 5, 2023

Classrooms are located in the back of the white Arts & Crafts building (Building A)

10:00 AM NH Homestead Act Part 1: Selling Homemade Food

UNH Extension / DHHS Food Protection

Location: Classroom 1

Starting a homestead food business is a dream of many home cooks. Beginning small, in your own kitchen, with shelf-stable baked goods and other allowed foods, is a practical way to try out this venture.

11:00 AM NH Homestead Act Part 2: When a Commercial License is Needed

UNH Extension / DHHS Food Protection

Location: Classroom 1

Perhaps you have been thinking about selling acidified or fermented foods, such as salsa, pickles, relishes, or sauerkraut under the Homestead Act. To produce these foods, you will need to move up from a home kitchen to a commercial kitchen. With this comes the added responsibilities of obtaining a license and following additional rules & regulations. This class is beneficial for anyone looking to sell acidified, fermented, and refrigerated foods.

11:00 AM Sprayer Calibration/Safety Workshop for Women

Kendall Kunelius - UNH Extension

Location: Outside, In front of Classrooms

Correctly calibrating a pump or backpack sprayer is a critical piece for any business risk management strategy. This hands-on workshop will provide learning opportunities for women in any agricultural sector- fruit and veggie production, green industry/landscaping, and livestock production. Pre-registration was required.

1:00 PM Poultry Farming in NH

Karina Allayne - Greentwist Acres: Farm & Learning Center

Location: Outside, In front of Classrooms

Geese, ducks, turkeys, and chickens, oh my! We have been farming poultry of various types for over 10 years. Along the way we have learned a lot about incubating/hatching, purchasing, raising, breeding, egg production and sales, meat production and sales, bird behavior, and more!

1:00 PM Managing Poisonous Plants in Pastures

Carl Majewski - UNH Extension

Location: Classroom 1

Potentially toxic plants are pretty common in pastures across NH. Don't panic, though – it's not as big a problem as you think. We'll review some of the more notorious toxic species you may come across in your pastures, and we'll discuss some management strategies you can use to minimize the risk to your animals.



2:30 PM Getting Started with USDA

Andrea Bye - USDA Farming / Ranching

Location: Classroom 3

From farm loans to crop insurance, and conservation programs to disaster assistance, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is here to support you and your operation. In this workshop, you will hear from your local Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD) staff about how USDA can help you get started or grow your farming operation through a variety of programs and services.

3:00 PM Farming with Livestock Guardian Dogs

Karina Allayne - Greentwist Acres: Farm & Learning Center

Location: Outside, In front of Classrooms

What is a Livestock Guardian Dog, and will it work for me? We have been poultry farming with LGD for 8 years, and we wouldn't/couldn't do it any other way. We protect our livestock and coexist with wildlife. We are happy to share our experiences, tips, training techniques, and answer any questions. One of our Great Pyrenees will be present.

3:30 PM Your Garden Photos – Enhancing the Story

Chris Blackstone - Make Scents

Location: Classroom 2

Understand more about how to capture details and frame the topic you are experiencing through the photo. Learn some ideas to consider when you are taking a photo, to be in the moment but also capturing your sentiments about the subject.

4:30 PM Invasive Plant Identification Lab

Michael Gagnon, UNH Extension

Location: Classroom 3

This session will be an interactive hands-on learning experience in upland invasive plant species identification. Through a guided activity, you will learn to identify many of the common woody trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennials listed on the prohibited invasive species list in New Hampshire. The focus will be on learning identification skills beyond just leaves through close examination of samples of woody material, twigs, and buds.

5:30 PM Exploring Affordable Solutions to in-home care, Medicare and long-term care insurance

Michael Healy - Advanced Life Management

Location: Classroom 2

Are you familiar with Medicare Parts A and B? Do you know where they pick up and where they leave off? Do you know what your situation would look like in the event you become sick, or injured and need in home services? Explore Medicare, and Long-Term Care insurance, and in home care needs, not just those eligible for Medicare.

6:15 PM Exploring Affordable in-home assistance programs

Michael Healy - Advanced Life Management

Location: Classroom 2

What would happen if you found yourself in need of in-home assistance because you were unable to take care of daily needs? Meal Prep, Dishes, Medication Assistance, at home Skilled Nursing Assistance? Would you want to or be able to depend on your family to handle these things for you? Explore affordable solutions that require no medical exams and have no costly waiting periods or deductibles.