



HEART & SOULE

*Celebrating our 24th year
at the Soule Homestead
Education Center!
Established April 5, 1991*

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Sept 2015 to Nov 2015

Message from the President- Marese Barry-Belanger

If you visited the farm during this summer, you may have glimpsed groups of delighted children learning about farm life or you may have watched families tapping their feet whilst listening to sweet sounds from our Summer Concert Series. Many new families dropped in for First Farm Fun and enjoyed our monthly StoryWalks which combine hiking with reading. Fall is coming fast and our staff and volunteers are ready for the next season's activities. Our Executive Director, Meghan Connolly Riley, is guiding Soule Homestead through some exciting changes with a new logo and website. Our traditional Harvest Fair will provide some new specialty food and spring water offerings as well as our usual delicious food choices. Come visit the farm this fall and take in a breath of fresh air. We look forward to seeing you!

Follow us on Social Media to stay in touch

Instagram: [soulehometstead](https://www.instagram.com/soulehometstead)
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Junior Volunteer Ethan Gioscia and his family were some of the many people that pitched in to bottle feed our new goats, Felicity and Fernando. You can visit the goats most days in the field!

Harvest Fair & Joe Davies Folk Festival! September 19th & 20th

Our biggest event is quickly approaching. More details about the fair can be found inside. We still need volunteers to help with our largest fundraiser of the year! We will have a work day on September 12th from 9am till 1pm to prepare. You can also help on either day of the event. Email us at info@soulehometstead.org.

Notes from Executive Director- Meghan Connolly Riley

Fall is approaching and I for one am excited for the change of seasons. Sweaters, foliage and of course our biggest event of the year! Change is in the air in other ways here at The Homestead. In the next few months don't be surprised to see a new logo, a new website as well as construction being completed on the expansion project and new projects started on the farmhouse. You might be thinking that it's too much at once. As we prepare for our 25th anniversary, as an organization we are doing our best to make decisions that reflect the wisdom of the past with an eye on the future. Just recently, I met two women that had traveled all the way from Maine to visit the property. They had grown up as close friends of the previous owners, the Guidoboni family. They have fond memories of days spent here and were delighted at how much has remained the same. As a matter of fact, you can find Mr. Guidoboni here volunteering most days of the week. We cherish the memories and the people that got us here and we look forward to making an impact on a whole new generation of people. So whether you are an old friend or new to Soule Homestead like me, let's get started on writing the next chapter!

Farm Based Educational Programs & Activities

FARM BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

IT'S WHAT WE DO!

For 25 years Soule Homestead Education Center has offered low cost, hands-on, interactive, Massachusetts State Frameworks farm based programs. Thousands of students, teachers, aides and chaperones have engaged, enjoyed and benefited from our unique programs. However, our programs offer so much more in the areas of heart, mind and spirit! Visit our website for our updated program listings and brochure. Call or email Laurie to check availability of a specific date and time for your group. 508.947.6744

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A Note from the Education Director- Laurie Amberman

Wrapping up the Summer Fun program is always bitter sweet to me. I have come to know many children (as well as adults) very well during the course of our 6 week program and sincerely miss them. I have truly enjoyed having met new friends and sharing my summer with such funny, smart, talented and curious children! It is my hope that I, with the help of my totally dedicated and extremely awesome volunteer staff, have made a small difference in their lives. I hope that the children walked away not only with a few laughs shared but with a deeper appreciation for life - animal and plant - and of course, new art skills...

Every season brings about change and here at Soule it is no different. In keeping with our roots, we offer traditional craft, farming and animal husbandry workshops and programs, for children as well as adults, but we also are keeping things fresh with new offerings.

We have also welcomed Allyson Amaral as our new office assistant! Within the short course of a couple weeks she has already added so much to our team with her smiling face! Peace

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

WOOD BEAD CAR SEAT COVER WET WIPES
SQUARE (METAL) DOG BRUSHES TISSUES



RAIN DID NOT STOP THE ADVENTURES AT
THE SUMMER FUN CHILDRENS PROGRAM!

CELEBRATE!

YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY 'DOWN ON THE FARM'

Birthday Parties 'down' on the farm offer children as young as 2 a unique farm experience! Party goes at the Meet the Farm Animals theme meet and greet Soule's resident farm animals, play needle in the hay stack, jump in the hay, and spin a friendship bracelet from our sheep's wool. There are a variety of themes to choose from or we can customize your party to suit your needs. Here is what Franzi Drummond has to say about her family's experiences! "... we have celebrated birthdays (kids are 4 and 6 years of age) at Soule Homestead for going on 4 years! All we had to do from the start was to pick a date, go over the birthday options and enjoy an educational, fun and special day with our family and friends. My kids have celebrated with the farm animals, enjoyed a nature theme another year, learned all about bats and will hoot with owls this year! There is no limit to the imagination. All our festivities have included a circle time, craft and walk around the farm. We end with Happy Birthday and cake of course!!! We look forward to more memorable celebrations! THANK YOU Soule Homestead!!!"

1 ½ hours of unique open-air fun!
\$7 per child \$2 per adult (\$75 Minimum)
Additional ½ hour time segments
available for booking at \$25 each

BOOKING IS A PIECE OF CAKE!

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Farm Based Educational Programs & Activities

Soule Homestead + Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts = THE PERFECT PAIR!

We are proud to once again partner with Girl Scouts of Eastern MA for 2015-2016. Our educational programs have been tailored to meet the badge requirements of scout leaders. No more scrambling around, we are here for you! In addition to a hands-on program, participants will also get a Soule Homestead patch. The Animal Meet and Greet will run in October and the Sheep to Sweater program will take place in November. More information can be found on our website. Leaders can register with Dana at Girl Scouts of Eastern MA at 774.766.6953.

SAVE THE DATE!

UN-SCARY HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

3 - 5PM



Our Un-Scary Halloween celebration has been providing all around family fun for over 10 years! In keeping with the tradition we will have old fashion games, crafts, interactive story time, prizes in the hay, refreshments and a hay ride (weather permitting). We will also have temporary tattoos and face painting! Space is limited, pre-registration and payment required by Wednesday October 21 - \$5 member, \$7 non-member – family rate for members 5 people for \$20, children under 2 free

RAIN OR SHINE

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS

AGES 12 -16

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TWO BIG EVENTS THIS FALL; HARVEST FAIR/ JOE DAVIES FOLK FESTIVAL (SEPT 19 & 20), AND OUR UN-SCARY HALLOWEEN PARTY (OCT 24)!

SIGN UP – 508-947-6744
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FAMILY FUN

DOWN ON THE FARM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3

9 – 10 am

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT



MEMBERS FREE

NON-MEMBERS \$3 EACH

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

FIRST FARM FUN

Geared for children ages 2 - 5 but siblings are welcome too. Meet a farm animal, hear a story and make a craft. Gather in the big yellow barn!

Tuesdays:

September 22 & 29

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

10 – 11am

Members free, non-members \$4 a child

No pre-registration required

ART ON THE FARM

SHEEP WOOL BEADING

Ages 12 thru adult

Wednesday, October 7 & 14

6 – 7:30 pm

Price: \$20 member, \$25 non-member

October 7: Learn how to dye wool and roll beads.

October 14: Instruction on how to make earrings and a bracelet.

Price includes; 2 pair of earrings or 1 pair of earrings and a bracelet. Additional wool available for purchase. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited to 8.



Sign up
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SOULE HOMESTEAD – A Place to Meet and Learn New Skills

Interested in learning a new skill or gathering with a group of friendly people who enjoy the same interests you have? Here at Soule Homestead we have a growing number of groups who meet bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly who do just that. If you have an idea or a skill that we do not currently offer or have a skill or talent you'd like to share with others in your community then we would love to hear. To Pre-Register for a program or for more information email us at info@soulehometstead.org or call 508.947.6744.

Come check out samples and demonstrations at our Harvest Fair on September 19 & 20.

SPINNERS WITH SOULE

Mondays October 19th, November 9th
7PM-9PM

Members of the fiber arts group meet at the farm to work on projects for year-round events and participate in a short program each month. Members may also bring an item for "show and tell". *Please contact group coordinator, Barbara Chadwick, 508.947.2679 for more details.*

QUILTING WORKSHOP

Saturdays, September 26, October 24th, November 21st
9AM-3PM

Instructors: Judy Rolt & Maureen Cunningham. Have you been saying that this is the year that you finish that quilt? Learn a new pattern or work on unfinished projects. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a portable sewing machine and supplies. Fabric is available for purchase if needed. The cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members; pre-registration required. Project details and fabric requirements upon registration.

SOUTH SHORE FORAGERS

Saturday, October 17th
1PM-3PM

Come down and meet with a really unique group that doesn't rely on the super market for their foods! This group is a gathering place for people to share knowledge and connect. The South Shore Foragers will meet up again this fall to share knowledge about edible plants in the wild, forage sustainably and prepare and sample what we find. Feel free to bring any foraging guides you may have along with a notebook and pencil for rough sketching. *\$5 for each meeting attended, \$10 max per family. Learn more on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthShoreForagers>*

RUG BRAIDING SERIES

Saturdays, October 24th, 31st and November 7th
10:30AM-12:30PM

Three workshops designed for people to learn how to hand-braid wool from old blankets, skirts and coats. New students will benefit by taking all three workshops and must attend the first workshop; students returning from past workshops may bring unfinished projects to work on. Everyone should bring scissors, needles, thread, and wool materials (wool is available to purchase for a small donation). Pre-registration Required. *Each workshop: \$10 Members / \$15 Non-Members (\$5 for students returning from past workshops).*

RUG HOOKING

Saturdays, October 10th, Sunday, November 22nd
10AM-2PM

Beginners will learn basic hooking with a simple flower pin project. Experienced hookers can bring a project to work on and get support and/or assistance. Come enjoy your passion while being surrounded by good company. All Levels welcome. \$5 donation. Pack a lunch! Pre-registration required.

4H RETURNS TO SOULE!

Leader: Meghan Connolly Riley

Middleborough has a strong 4H tradition and we are excited to start a new club here in town. The club is open to children ages 5-18. This year the focus of the club will be sheep, goats and chickens. For more information, please email us. For other clubs in the county consult www.plymouthcounty4h.org.



If you have been to the farm this summer you may have noticed that we are hard at work finishing up our Facilities Expansion Project. At this point, we have our fire suppression system installed and the tile is going in. Next steps include installing kitchen appliances and completing the bathrooms. We are also starting some needed projects on the farmhouse including masonry and a new roof this fall. The funds for the farmhouse work are from The Middleborough Community Preservation Act. We are going to be consulting this winter with an amazing volunteer that specializes in Historical Architecture to identify next steps in securing our very special barn for the next two hundred years!

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers for helping to bottle feed our baby goats!

SOULE HOMESTEAD – Workshops and Events

VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Saturday, September 12th

9AM to 1PM

Join staff and volunteers to get ready for our big day! Depending on the weather, both indoor and outdoor projects are planned. The focus will be on preparing the grounds for the upcoming Harvest Fair & Joe Davies Folk Festival. Any amount of time will be appreciated and refreshments will be served. Individual and family participation is encouraged. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and stay beyond the scheduled work time. Pre-registration encouraged.

SOUP AND BOWL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 26th

10AM to Noon

Calling all artists! Now in its 5th year! Join us to paint a bisqueware bowl for our annual fundraiser. You may paint a bowl for free and you can also pre-purchase one for \$10 to include soup at the event! If you are a ceramics artist and would like to donate a bowl to the event, we would love to hear from you. Pre-registration encouraged.

LAKEVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 3rd

10AM to 4PM

Soule Homestead will be hitting the road. Come on down and see our staff and volunteers at the Lakeville Arts Festival. It promises to be a great day for the entire family. For more info: www.LakevilleArts.com

HONEY HARVEST DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, October 17th

10AM to Noon

Instructor: Kevin O'Donnell

Join us in seeing just how busy our bees have been this season. As an extension to our Spring Basic Bee Keeping Workshop, Kevin will show us the process of harvesting the honey they have produced. Everyone is welcome to come view and taste Mother Nature's sweetest treat! Pre-registration required. Members: \$10, Non-members: \$12

WINTER HERBAL HELP

Sunday, October 25th

10AM to Noon

Instructor: Kim Almeida, Blue Vervain Farm (bluevervain.org)

Don't dread the change in seasons! Prepare yourself and your family for a winter of health. Kim will help you ID some wild medicinal herbs and also share some herbs from her local herb CSA. We will then learn how to make some tinctures and syrups to help get us through the season in good health. Now if only it could fight off the snow! Pre-registration required. Members: \$10, Non-members: \$12

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLIDAY FAIR &

WREATHMAKING

WORKSHOPS

Saturday, December 5th



“GREEN DAD” FILM SERIES

Friday, November 6th

7PM

Join local “Green Dad” Mike Gioscia for the second movie in our Environmental Film Series. Documentary will be announced as date nears. Popcorn served, Donations appreciated. Learn more about The Green Dad at www.thegreendad.com

ELECTRONICS AND RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, November 7th

10AM to 2PM

Middleboro Town Hall Parking Lot

We will host a Fall Electronics and Appliance Recycling fundraiser in the parking lot of the Middleboro Town Hall. For a minimal fee, you can drop off your old electronics and appliances. We are also accepting clean redeemable bottles and cans during this event. A list of prices and acceptable items is available on our website www.soulehomestead.org

MEMBER/VOLUNTEER ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK DINNER

Saturday, November 14th

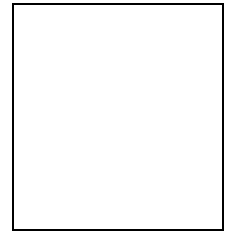
6pm

Spend an evening with old and new friends as we enjoy good food and entertainment. Help us elect next year's Board of Directors and brainstorm the future of Soule Homestead! Bring a dish to share with a recipe if you'd like. Please call or email so we can reserve your seat.

WELCOME TO ALLYSON AMARAL!

We are so thrilled to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Allyson Amaral, to our team. Allyson brings a wealth of experience including directing her own afterschool program and she currently works part-time as a Special Needs Assistant at Bridgeview Montessori School in Sagamore. Although we looked high and low to fill this position, Allyson was right in front of us! She and her family were already Soule Homestead members and attend many of our programs. You can stop in to the office to meet her, she has a smile for everyone!

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**WELCOME
TO OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS!**

- Fern Keniston*
- Carol Rowe*
- Jean C. Smith*
- Lucas Family*
- Zigouras Family*
- Nelson Family*
- Williams Trading Post*
- Kotlikoff Family*
- Baptiste Family*
- Cipullo Family*
- Marilyn Greene*
- Leslie Murphy*
- Massaro Family*
- Oates Family*
- Julie Lane*
- Alexandria MacKinnon*

**Thank you to all the
volunteers, animal
caretakers and
instructors who
contribute their time
to keep Soule
Homestead running
smoothly!**

2015 Board of Directors

- Marese Barry-Belanger, President*
- Michael Gioscia, Vice President*
- Jeff Stevens, Clerk*
- Bertha Terhune, Treasurer*
- Karen Brother, Ruth Knapp, Julie Lane,
Jane Lopes, Robert Nichols, Katherine
O'Donnell, Paul Singley,
Kathleen Anderson – Member Emeritus*

Staff

- Meghan Connolly Riley,
Executive Director*
- Laurie Amberman, Education Director*
- Allyson Amaral, Administrative Assistant*
- June Gentile, Secretary*

Hours of Operation

Office: Mon through Fri, 9AM till 4PM
Property open sunrise to sunset daily

Become a Member – Join Today!

The Soule Homestead Education Center is a 501c(3) educational non-profit. We rely on the support of our members and volunteers. Members are entitled to a discount on many programs and receive the quarterly newsletter, "Heart & Soule". Members may also vote for and serve on the Board of Directors. Most importantly, your membership shows your support for our mission. If you are a member, thank you for your support. If you are not a member, please join today.

**Website: www.soulehomestead.org
Email: info@soulehomestead.org
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www.facebook.com/soulehomestead**

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check one: New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____

If you would like email reminders about workshops and events, please include your email:

E-mail: _____

(We will never sell or loan our mail list)

Please make checks payable to:
Soule Homestead Education Center, Inc.
46 Soule St., Middleborough, MA 02346
Thank you!

Middleboro Resident (check one) Non Resident

- \$10 Senior
- \$15 Senior
- \$20 Individual
- \$25 Individual
- \$25 Family
- \$30 Family
- \$50 Annual Sustaining
- \$50 Annual Sustaining
- \$500 Lifetime
- \$500 Lifetime
- \$100 Small Business
- \$1,000 Corporate

Memberships are tax deductible

_____ I enclose an additional \$_____ as a special contribution to the Soule Homestead Education Center.

_____ I would like more information about becoming a volunteer.

SOULE HOMESTEAD

24TH ANNUAL

HARVEST FAIR & JOE DAVIES FOLK FESTIVAL

LOCAL FOOD VENDORS!
SAT. MARTHA STONE
SUN. CHARIOT PIZZA

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

SAT, 10 - 5

SUN, 11 - 5

MUSIC ALL DAY FEATURING
"THE HENNEDYS" AND "JIM PHOTOGLO"
OLD-FASHIONED CHILDREN'S GAMES & CRAFTS
HAY RIDES ★ FACE PAINTING
LOCAL ARTISAN VENDORS ★ SHEEP DOG DEMONSTRATIONS
DALE PERKINS' AMAZING TRICK HORSE SHOW
NEW ENGLAND REPTILE & RAPTOR EXHIBIT WITH MARLA ISAAC
JOE'S CRAZ-ZY CRITTERS EDUCATIONAL REPTILE SHOW
DEMONSTRATIONS: RUG BRAIDING, WEAVING, SPINNING,
SAWMILL & TIMBERFRAME CONSTRUCTION
NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS WITH RANDY JULIUS
BYOWB- BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE.
FREE REFILLS COURTESY OF SIMPSON SPRING

ADMISSION \$7.00 / CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE

THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORTED IN PART BY GRANTS FROM THE MIDDLEBOROUGH, BRIDGEWATER,
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THE MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL, A STATE AGENCY.

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Look What Is On The Horizon At Soule Homestead!



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Middleboro Children's Librarian, Amanda Meyer has secured a Full STEAM Ahead Grant. This grant supports the learning experiences for preschool children in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and the Arts in Public Libraries and with their collaborations within our community! Soule will be hosting a Meet the Farm Animals program at the library this winter complete with farm animal friends and a wool craft. Also, we will be hosting a Family Event in the spring of 2016 with Soule Family member Carol Carver. This family event is to include a Story Walk, 5 Sense Scavenger Hunt, crafts and more! In addition, we have two other events planned for the spring and fall at the farm for next year! Soule is proud to be working with the Middleboro Public Library on this amazing educational experience for preschoolers and their families. Stay tuned in for dates and times!

EARLY RELEASE DAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS!

If you missed coming to the farm during Summer Fun Vacation Program, this is an opportunity to check out our children's vacation program one day at a time! Fun, hands-on, interactive activities take place on the historical 120 acre working organic farm in Middleboro! Children ages 5-10 can take part in exploring the great outdoors, hear a theme related story at snack time and get the creativity flowing while making a craft to take home! The programs are designed to engage the children in mind, body and "Soule" while learning lifelong skills. Children will discover their interdependence with animals and plants through various farm and environmental themes. Please call to pre-register for a day or all three! 508-947-6744. Members \$13, Non-Members \$15



Hours 1:30-4pm

Thursday, September 24

Fun with Apples

Thursday, October 1

Leaves are falling

Thursday, October 22

Pumpkins, Scarecrows and Squirrels

