



LAND'S SAKE

February 2018 Newsletter

A Note from the Executive Director

We love winter here at Land's Sake, especially as we enter the height of the maple sugaring season! If you're interested in learning more, join us this weekend at Tu B'shvat & the Local Trees or our Tapping Out Volunteer Day. We've been busy cutting firewood and tapping trees, but we are also excitedly planning for next summer. The growing season will be here before we know it, and we are looking forward to another great year. If you're dreaming of warmer weather, registration is open for summer education programs, CSA shares, Green Dollars, and Land's Sake Membership. Looking for a unique Valentine's Day gift? Consider giving a CSA, membership, or farmstand gift certificate! If you have any questions, feedback, or ideas for me, please reach out at pam@landssake.org. I would love to hear from you!



--Pam Hess, Executive Director

Membership: Be a part of Land's Sake!

With Membership, you not only support Land's Sake, but receive exclusive benefits designed to help you experience all that the farm has to offer. Becoming a Land's Sake member entitles you to discounts to our Supper Clubs and select education programs, entrance to our CSA program, and an invitation to our Members' Picnic. [Visit our website for a full list of levels and benefits.](#)



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tapping Out Volunteer Day

*Saturday, February 10
10 am - 12 pm*

27 Crescent Street, if using a GPS type in 25 Crescent Street

Help us install taps and buckets on Weston's maple trees! Supervised children are welcome, and remember to dress warmly! [Register here.](#)

Tu B'shvat & the Local Trees

*Sunday, February 11
3 - 4:30 pm*

456 Wellesley Street

Green Dollars are prepaid Farmstand credit that Land's Sake Members may purchase before the Farmstand opens. You'll get a 5% bonus on your credit total, so if you buy \$100 of Green Dollars, you will actually have \$105 to spend. New this year, Green Dollars are valid on all Farmstand purchases - including produce, flowers, honey, maple syrup, and local delicacies like bread, jam, and cookies.



ORDER GREEN DOLLARS NOW

CSA Registration is open for 2018

Registration for our 2018 Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA) is now open! With your CSA, you get the satisfaction of supporting local, sustainable agriculture, and get to savor delicious vegetables all season long. [Visit our website to learn more about our CSA program.](#)



ORDER YOUR CSA SHARE NOW

Education Programs Update

February is a month of tapping trees, checking the weather to determine sap flow, and collecting and boiling if the conditions are right. We've started up our After School Maple Sugaring programs, and the 20 participating youth have already begun to learn the ins and outs of maple syrup production. Soon, we will be welcoming school and community groups to the Sugar House for tours, and handing out delicious samples of syrup.



February is also the month for our new [Winter Discovery program](#), where students in grades K-3 can enjoy all the wonders of winter with a cozy indoor space available for when it gets too cold. Don't let the season stop you from enjoying the outdoors! Whether learning about trees in the winter, tracking animals in the snow, building shelters, or learning about animal adaptations, the winter has much to offer.

Land's Sake educators lead an exploration of the maple sugaring process.

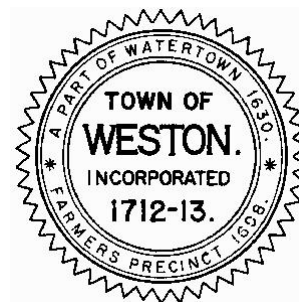
[Register here.](#)

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

We want to say a special thank you to the students from the Gifford School! We are so grateful for all of your hard work.



Thank you to the Gifford School, and to all of our wonderful volunteers!



With support from the Town of Weston and the Weston Conservation Commission

While February is a time to appreciate all that winter has to offer, it is also already time to plan ahead for summer. Registration is open for all of our popular **summer programs** as well as new and expanded summer opportunities. Youth in grades K-12 will work with the chickens, rabbits, sheep and goats, grow fresh vegetables in the field and garden, get involved in the community, learn new skills, and make a difference. We are currently accepting **applications for summer educators**, with multiple paid positions open for ages 18+ and volunteer positions available for youth in grades 10-12.

--Anna Cohen, Education Manager

Education Announcements

- Registration for our **Summer Programs** is now open!
- Registration for **Little Sprouts**, our pre-K program, is now open!
- Thanks to a grant from the Weston Cultural Council, **Open Farmyard** will run at it's usual time, beginning in June, on Thursday afternoons from 3 - 5, and will be expanded to Saturday mornings from 11 - 1.
- We are running a February Vacation program through the Weston Rec Center, **Winter Discovery**.
- We are **hiring** for multiple summer educators.
- Please email education@landssake.org if you are interested in any of the following opportunities:
 - We are looking for a **Thursday animal volunteer** - a once a week shift to care for our chickens and rabbits.
 - We are booking **group tours of the Sugar House**.
 - Land's Sake is launching a new **Ambassador Program**, a volunteer position to represent Land's Sake at local functions while gaining skills and giving back to the community.
 - We are currently booking programming for our adult and family educational workshops. We are **accepting workshop proposals from people who would like to partner with us to teach workshops**. From cooking, to exercise, to art, to homesteading skills, and more, we seek workshop leaders with a variety of skills.

Thank you, Sara!

Sara Rostampour, who has been our Assistant Farm Manager for several years, has just started an exciting new position as the Manager of Brookwood Community Farm in Canton. At Land's Sake, Sara worked tirelessly to give our CSA members, farmstand patrons, and hunger relief recipients the best quality vegetables. We'll miss both her quirky sense of humor and her detail-oriented conscientiousness. Good luck at Brookwood, Sara, and we'll miss you!



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