

Join the Friends of the Red Barn for our fourth season!

Farm Day “Made by Hand”



Spinning, alpacas, strawberry shortcake, and more!



Live farm animals!

Great Rock Alpacas will be back by popular demand, along with Heifer Project goats and sheep, Chris Shustak's horse, Gillian and Nathan Ganesan's delightful chickens, and young animals from the Sterling 4-H Club.

Adventures with yarn and quilting!

See the Wachusett Spinners card wool by hand, and learn how they dye fibers with natural dyes! Watch them spin the wool into yarn using spinning wheels, and also using drop spindles — then try it yourself with your own drop spindle kit! See rug hooking! Watch Marjorie Femia demonstrate hand quilting, and see her quilt display! Learn wet felting with Christina Lentz Larsen, of the Sheep Shack in Holden!

Kids, learn to knit with the Wachusett Spinners, and make yarn dolls with Susan Marsh! Buy a Knitting Starter Kit (made by Elaine Swee to benefit the Friends of the Red Barn), including homemade knitting needles, enough yarn for a scarf, and instructions!

Help knit the world's longest scarf!

Keep the Fleece, in partnership with Heifer International, is helping to organize teams to knit sections of the World's Longest Scarf and raise \$250,000 to donate fleece-bearing animals to families around the world. Join the team!

Blacksmithing and metal arts!

Watch Joshua Swalec demonstrate blacksmithing on his forge, and see Steve Urbanovich's metal garden sculpture.

Books by hand!

A renowned Paxton bookbinder will demonstrate bookbinding techniques.

Saturday, June 20, 1–4 pm

at the Red Barn, Shrewsbury Street, Holden

(Rain date: Sunday, June 21 — www.redbarnholden.org)

Free Admission!



Sweet refreshment!

Sample the Holden Grange's famous strawberry shortcake, try homemade brownies from the Red Barn Bake Sale, or make your own ice cream soda!

Pottery and woodworking!

See Holden potters Ariann Johnson, Kate Saab, and Theresa Wolcott demonstrate how to make clay pots. Watch Anthony Costello turn wood on his foot-operated lathe!

Music and story-telling in the barn!

1:00 pm, Bob and Deedee
1:30 pm, Linda McCarthy, children's songs and stories
2:00 pm, Patrick McCarthy
2:30 pm, Meredith McCarthy
3:00–4:00 pm, join our musicians at an open mike



Red Barn Community Garden!

Our community garden is expanding! See what's growing in the gardens, talk with the gardeners, and buy Hubbard Farm cow manure to benefit the Friends of the Red Barn.

Antique Farm Implements on Display!

See an exhibit of old farm implements. Simon Gregory will explain how they were made and what they were used for.

Hand-Craft Raffle!

Buy a raffle ticket to win beautiful hand-made items generously donated by our craft demonstrators.

Where is the Red Barn?

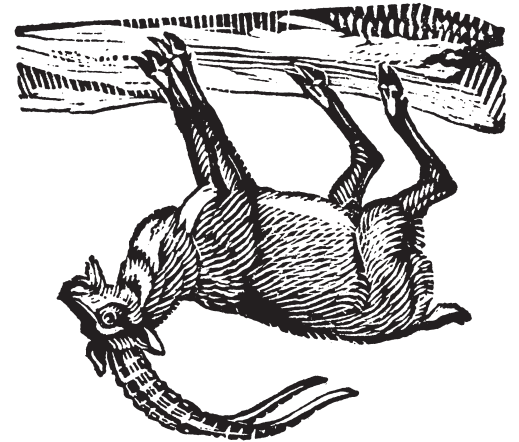
The Red Barn is on Shrewsbury Street in Holden at the intersection of Wachusett Street, near Alden Lab. Parking is available at the Alden Lab parking lot and on Tyler Drive and Red Barn Road. There is no parking on Shrewsbury Street.



THE RED BARN was built in the mid-19th century for Winslow Fairbanks (1800–1880) on Fairbanks Farm, where he lived with his wife, Maria Knowlton Fairbanks (1809–1890), and their two children. The farm remained in the family for two generations and was considered one of the best and most productive farms in Holden. Worcester Polytechnic Institute acquired the Fairbanks Farm in the 1920's to supplement the landholdings of its nearby Alden Hydraulic Laboratory. Alden Lab used the barn for storage, and the Fairbanks farmhouse, which stood in front of the barn, served as

housing for WPI Civil Engineering students attending summer programs. The farmhouse was demolished in about 1938.

In 1994, after Alden Lab became a private enterprise, WPI sold 14.6 acres to Rutland builder Clealand Blair, Sr. Mr. Blair subdivided part of the land for houses and in February of 2000 gave the barn and 7.7 acres to a non-profit organization, The Friends of the Red Barn, Inc. With many improvements to the barn and grounds now complete, the Friends invite the public to their fourth year of Farm Days, highlighting agriculture and farm life.



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