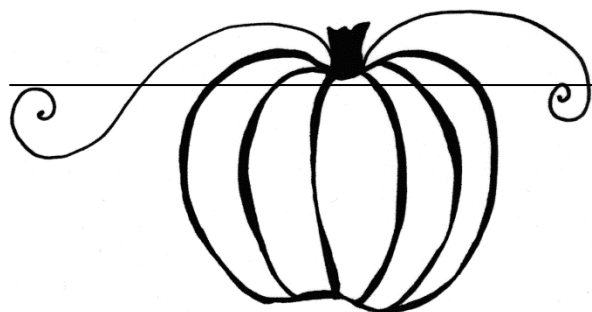


Join the Friends of the Red Barn for our 2011

Red Barn Harvest Day

Brick-oven pizza, cidermaking, live farm animals, and more!



Saturday, October 22, 1–4 pm

at the Red Barn, Shrewsbury Street, Holden

(Check www.redbarnholden.org in case of rain.)

Free Admission

How did they do it in the old days?

Try your hand at turning wheat kernels into flour on an antique hand-operated home grist mill. See apple cider made on the Red Barn's own antique cider press and help prepare animal feed using our 1867 corn sheller. In the barn, our collection of antique farm implements will also be on display.



Enjoy our own brick oven pizza!

See pizzas made and baked in the Red Barn's outdoor wood-fired brick oven. Buy whole pizzas or by the slice to benefit the Red Barn.

Soup-chowder-chili cook-off!

Enter your favorite dish to win a cash prize. Whichever of these satisfying foods are your favorites, there's a place for your entry in this contest. Entries will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges. After judging, samples of the delicious entries will be for sale – vote for your favorite. Proceeds benefit the Red Barn. Entry forms and information at www.redbarnholden.org or from Liz Johnson: EJohnson1850@gmail.com or 508-579-6883.

Spring bulb planting for kids!

Enlarge our glorious display of spring flowers in front of the barn with bulb planting at 2:30 pm.

Annual scarecrow contest!

Bring old clothes, hats, and gloves to dress your scarecrow. Stuffing, stakes, and good advice will be provided. Make your scarecrow funny, scary, human, or animal. Begin at 3:00 pm. Judging is by popular vote. Winners will be announced at 3:45 pm. Entries will remain on view through Halloween.

Garden sculpture!

Enjoy an assortment of concrete animal and human figures, from the Stone Muse, Worcester, suitable both for gardens and indoors. Items will be available for purchase.



Heritage apples, apple cider, and apple crisp!

Buy locally produced apples and cider to help support the Red Barn. Heritage Russet apples (great for cooking), as well as Macoun and McIntosh apples, will be available. Buy delicious apple crisp from the Holden Grange!



Live animals close-up!

See turkeys, pet chickens, and a variety of farm animals raised by 4-H Club members.

Kids – create your own farm animal!

Join artist Mary Shepherd for a fun children's arts & crafts project.

Live music in the barn!

Patrick McCarthy and his musician friends fill the barn with music, 1–4 pm.



Sustainable community agriculture!

Talk with Judy Haran about the productive community vegetable garden at her own home and learn how you can support local agriculture.

Storytelling!

Get ready for Halloween with Scary Stories told by storyteller Gwen Callahan at the Community Garden, 1:30 pm.

Bake sale table!

Take home tempting home baked cakes, pies, and cookies to satisfy your sweet tooth – and benefit the Red Barn, too!

Pumpkin roll!

See how far you can roll a pumpkin down the hill to win a prize.

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.

(check our website for more information: www.redbarnholden.org)

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THE FRIENDS OF THE RED BARN, INC.

c/o 360 Causeway Street, Jefferson, Massachusetts 01522



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 1920s 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 Cleland Blair, Sr. Blair subdivided part of the land for houses and in February of 2000 gave the barn and 7.7 acres to a nonprofit 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 sixth year of Farm Days, highlighting agriculture and farm life.