



**Sholan Farms is owned by the City of Leominster and operated by the Friends of Sholan Farms. The Friends of Sholan Farms** is a community-supported, non-profit organization.

Visit the last working apple orchard in Leominster, the birthplace of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman). Your visit will be a memorable one! Situated on a hilltop with panoramic views of surrounding hills and even of Boston on a clear day, the farm provides cross-country skiing, walking trails, bird watching, picnic area and a variety of cultural and folk events throughout the year. In season, pick from a large variety of spectacular native apples as they ripen.

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Sholan Farms is located at 1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, MA 01453; Mailing address: P.O. Box 632, Leominster, Mass 01453 978-840-FARM; Web: [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com). Friends Annual Meeting Late June check out website for up to date information.

### **Calendar at a Glance**

#### **Worcester County Seedling Sale Distribution**

Saturday, May 7 from 9-12.

<http://seedlingsale.org/>

#### **Apple Blossom Festival**

May 20 2017, 10am – 4pm

(Rain Date May 21)

#### **Friends Annual Meeting**

June 21, at Monoosnock Country Club

#### **U-Pick Raspberries & Blueberries**

July—Oct

Check Website, Facebook or Call for hours

#### **Farmstand Open Late July**

Seasonal Produce

Check Website, Facebook or Call for hours

#### **U-Pick Apples**

**August - October**

Check Website, Facebook or Call for hours

#### **Opening Weekend**

**August 26 – 27, 10am-5pm**

#### **Johnny Appleseed Homecrafters Weekend**

**Sept 16 - 17**

#### **Cream of the Crop “Macoun” Weekend**

**Sept 23-24**

Join us as we unveil the finest eating apple in the region “the Macoun”.

Friends of Sholan Farms  
Activities Guide 2017  
**Annual Harvest Festival Weekend**  
**October 7– Oct 9**

Enjoy free live entertainment, free wagon rides, food trucks, numerous free, interactive children's events and so much more at this fun family festival.

**Christmas Tree Shop at Sholan Farms**  
Beginning in November 25

**Twilight Hikes (weather permitting)**  
2nd Friday, August - Oct 8PM.

**School tours and outings**  
We have the perfect location for tours,  
outings and family picnics.

For additional opportunities, please check the website or call for more information.

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**Twilight Hikes (weather permitting August 11 at 8PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month (July – Oct)**

Join us for our twilight hike series, which takes place on the second Friday beginning on August 11. Gathering time is at 8PM at the Farm Stand area - 1 hour hike with a 1 hour campfire (as conditions allow). Bring a friend or family members (pets on leashes are welcome) to enjoy the hike. Comfortable hiking attire is recommended, as well as a flashlight, and water. For after the hike bring your favorite treat (hotdogs, marshmallows, etc) to share. Hot chocolate and tea will be provided by the FOSF.

We are also looking for volunteers (hiking leads, trail blazers, campfire monitors, etc.) to be part of our FOSF Hiking team. If interested contact Neal Wynne.

Check our website for more information. For more information: info@sholanfarms.com or 978-840-3276 or Neal Wynne at 978-870-8560 or email NWynne@ascentria.org.

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**Special Attractions and Events:**

**Apple Tree Pruning & Grafting Exercises** – Come learn the art of pruning and grafting while enjoying the fresh air. Weekdays and Saturdays – Help Needed. Saturdays beginning February 11 10am – noon. (Weather Permitting)

**Pruning Location:** 1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, Ma. **How to dress...** dress warm, wear tall, insulated boots and several layers of socks. Recommend chapstick, water and dry skin protection.  
**Tools to bring:** Choose one of the following: By-pass hand shears, By-pass loppers. Wheeler saw, Pruning “pull” saw:

Weekday pruning contact Mike Meehan – Farm Manager – 978-660-4556. Saturday pruning RSVP please contact Joanne DiNardo at 978-870-5555. Also, check the Sholan Farms Website: [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) or info@sholanfarms.com, 978-840-FARM.

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## **Worcester County Conservation Tree Seedling Sale – May 6, 9AM.**

Sholan Farms will be a pick up location for the Worcester County Conservation District 2017 Seedling Sale. To receive the 2017 seedling brochure, please go to the website [www.seedlingsale.org](http://www.seedlingsale.org). If you have ordered before and are a current customer, you will receive a brochure automatically in the mail by mid February 2017. You may view and print the current brochure after February 1, 2017 by clicking on the link below. Thank you for your support! **Worcester County Conservation District**, 52 Boyden Road, Room 100, Holden, MA 01520, 508-829-4477 Ext. 5, [www.seedlingsale.org](http://www.seedlingsale.org)

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**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Blossom Festival  
May 20, 2017  
(Rain Date May 21, 10AM-4PM.)  
Sholan Farms  
1125 Pleasant Street, Leominster, Ma 01453**

- **Attention Crafters — Deadline for application is April 28, 2017**
- **Butterfly Purchase -- may be done on line at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) or by calling 978-840-3276. Please make your Butterfly Reservations by May 5, 2017.**

The **Sholan Farms Apple Blossom Festival** celebrates the advent of spring in the Central Massachusetts region as evidenced by the blooming of the apple trees. The Festival is a civic celebration organized and operated by the Friends of Sholan Farms.

Sholan Farms is grateful to our many local, regional and national business sponsors for helping to partially fund this event. Activities and live entertainment scheduled to appear: Bagpipe Procession and Butterfly Release at 2:30PM, and crafters, and so much more.

The Festival is an event the whole family can enjoy with children's activities, crafters, pony rides, music and food trucks. The astounding success of the Sholan Farms Apple Blossom Festival is a direct product of the committed energy of many members of our community. Without their dedication, support and participation, producing this event would not be possible. Since 2002, the Apple Blossom Festival has grown and become a community event almost synonymous with spring to both local residents and visitors alike. For more information contact the event chairs: Event Chair Patti LaGrassa | 978-840-FARM.

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## **Sholan Farms Community Garden**

Calling All Gardeners- This year, Sholan Farms will be hosting a multi-plot community garden that will be open to community members. The plots will be awarded on a first come basis. This community garden is being planned, coordinated, developed, and managed by The Friends of Sholan Farms. For more information about the Sholan Farms Community Garden contact: Joe LeBlanc at 978-534-8471, [daljoe@verizon.net](mailto:daljoe@verizon.net) or [communitygardens@sholanfarms.com](mailto:communitygardens@sholanfarms.com) or Sholan Farms 978-840-3276. Planting planned for May 27 & 28 – weather and soil conditions permitting. Registration will be announced at a later date.

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**Opening Week – August 26 – August 27, 10AM to 5:00PM Apple Picking, free wagon rides, hiking, and good old-fashioned fun at Sholan Farms.**

**Pick-Your-Own (See crops below)**

The U-Pick and Harvest Season runs from late July through mid November: Daily 10AM – 5:00PM. For information call 978-840-FARM or visit us online at [www.sholanfarms.com](http://www.sholanfarms.com) for information about events, volunteer opportunities, and membership. All events are subject to change. This year Sholan Farms has a stunning crop of apples waiting to be picked. Blueberries: July and August, Raspberries: July – Sept, Apples: Late August – October. (check our website for details).

Our store shelves will be stocked with fresh picked apples, peaches, homemade jelly, honey from our own hives, cider and when in season; gourds, mums, squash, pumpkins, and more. The bakers will be busy again making apple deserts and other treats. Our concession stand will be open on weekends serving, apple crisp, cider, coffee, cookies and other special delights.

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**Tours, Outings, Family Celebrations, and Hayrides:**

Sholan Farms offers tours of our seasonal operations to schools and other groups on a first-come first-served basis. Tour hours are 9 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday. A small per-person fee is charged. For reservations, please call 978-840-FARM. On a tour you can expect to see the 167-plus acres of farmland which includes orchard, meadows, and forests. The tours last about 30 minutes. All children receive complementary ¼ peck of apples, cider, and snack.

We also offer the perfect location for birthday and family celebrations. For more information please call 978-840-FARM.

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**Annual Johnny Appleseed Homecrafters Weekend Sept 16 – Sept 17, 10am-4pm**

Come to the annual Art and Craft Festival at Sholan Farms. Due to the popularity of this event it is now being extended for two days. Find handcrafted creations made by expert Artists and Artisans, and meet the actual makers of the work. Enjoy apple picking, great assortment of food trucks, free wagon rides, enjoy live music and other entertainment.

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**Cream of the Crop Weekend – Sept 23 – Sept 24**

Join us as we unveil the finest eating apple in the region –Want a perfect no-fat dessert that will satisfy your sweet tooth? **Macoun may just be your apple, but, hurry, these special apples are only available in the fall.** Macoun was developed at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva in 1932. It is named for a famous Canadian fruit breeder.

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**Friends Meetings:**

Wednesday, March 8, 6pm, Veterans Center  
Wednesday, June 21, 5pm, Monoosnock Country Club, Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, August 16, 5pm, Volunteer BBQ, Sholan Farms  
Sunday, December 10, 2pm, Knights of Columbus

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