



## Jon Nute Receives Award

At the annual meeting of the NH Project Learning Tree (PLT) on November 13, 2008, Jon Nute, UNHCE Hillsborough County Extension Educator, Forest Resources, received the Outstanding Educator award. Project Learning Tree is a national environmental education program designed for teachers in grades K-12 that offers curriculum training and support. The New Hampshire office operates from Concord with a staff of 3, coordinating more than 100 volunteers. See [www.nhplt.org](http://www.nhplt.org) for more information.

Jon Nute has been the Cooperative Extension Forester in Hillsborough County for 20 years. He enjoys presenting an average of 30 nature walks and discussions with approximately 1,000 youth and adults each year.

New Hampshire is the second most forested state in the US (after Maine) and forest products manufacturing is the third largest industry in the state, after high technology and tourism. One third of New Hampshire's population lives in Hillsborough County.



### 2009 NH Farm & Forest Exposition

Join Us At The 2009 NH Farm & Forest Exposition on Friday, February 6, 2009 from 9 am - 8 pm and Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9 am - 4 pm  
This year's theme is "Growing Opportunities: NH Agriculture & Forestry Today"

**Location:**  
Center of NH - Radisson Hotel  
700 Elm Street, Manchester NH  
**Admission Price:** Adults \$7  
Children 15 & under are free

There is something for everyone at the Expo!  
The Expo has been a winter standard since 1984.  
"New Hampshire's Greatest Winter Fair," offers commercial exhibits, educational sessions, demonstrations, an auction, and many activities for attendees of all ages!

The major sponsors of the 2009 NH Farm & Forest Exposition are the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, NH Division of Forests & Lands and the NH Departments of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

For more information about the NH Farm & Forest Exposition, its programs, purposes or exhibitor opportunities, please contact Tori Berube, Expo Manager at 603-271-3788, or visit the Expo online at [www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org](http://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org).



Devin Harling had a great time last year at the Kid Day table of the NH Cluckers 4-H Club. Devin would like to invite you to join him this year at the *Kids Teaching Kids Day*, at the NH Farm & Forest Expo on February 7, 2009 from 10:30 am - 2 pm. Kids Day is a family affair where you will have fun learning all about trees, bugs, animals, and other neat things through hands-on activities presented by 4-H'ers and other participating youth groups.

If your club or group is interested in presenting a hands-on activity, please call the 4-H office at 641-6060 or email [jolee.chase@unh.edu](mailto:jolee.chase@unh.edu) for more information.

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### Hillsborough County 4-H Teens Compete in National Contests

Congratulations to Beth Chesterley and Alyssa Birt who participated at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, held in Louisville KY during the first week of November.

Beth, a member of the NH State Hippology Team, placed first in the judging phase of the contest. Alyssa, a member of the NH State Quiz Bowl Team, did well in the contest.

Joanne Gelinas, a 30 year 4-H leader in Hillsborough County, coached the NH State Communications Team. These events are the high point of local and state contests. The youth and coaches work together for more than four months to prepare for this event. The event is supported by the 4-H Foundation of NH.

More than 350 4-H members from thirty states competed in the largest contest in the event's history. The Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup provides opportunities to showcase horse management, communications skills, equine knowledge, and is the ultimate experience that recognizes 4-Hers' achievements within the horse program.

All of the members and volunteers leaders did a great job in Louisville.

### County 4-H Horse Judging Results

Over 25 members and leaders representing several clubs (Apple Valley, Saddlehackers, Brookline Barn Pals, Silver Stirrups, Manes-to-Tails, Horse Around, Hoofbeats and one independent member) participated in the 4-H County Horse Judging Contest held on November 2, 2008 at Winged Spur Ranch in Candia.



Beth Chesterley is holding one of the horses in the halter class as 4-H members place them on their score card

This program was held to choose the top 4-H members ages 12 & over who will participate in the State 4-H Judging Contest to be held in April 2009. The youth listed below will work with Cher Griffin, (leader of the Apple Valley 4-H Club and county coach) for the next four months to prepare for the contest.

**Reason Team:** Paige Sutton, Kristen Paquette, Emilia Ascencio and Jillian Pierdimenico.

**Non-reason team:** Alison McKenzie, Brittney Pare, Cheyenne Melanson, Jordan Springman, Liam Cashin and Angelina Leal. The four alternates, Katelyn Cullinan, Elyse Morano, Ashley Winslow and Rachel Crinklaw, are invited to attend the practice sessions through the winter, should one of the above team members is not able to fulfill their role.

Thanks to the owners and staff of Winged Spur Ranch for hosting the event and providing great classes. Thanks to judges Cher Griffin and Alyssa Birt. Also, thanks to Wendy Pierdimenico, Mary Jacobs and Diane Sutton for doing the daunting task of scoring.

### Teens Participate in 4-H Marketing You Interviews

Thirteen 4-H teens were interviewed on November 14, 2008 by judges Joanne Gelinas, Kelly Chase, Liz Dolan, Hannah Hebert, Angela Cloutier and Grantham Raymond at the 4-H office in Goffstown for Marketing You. **Marketing You** is the process used in NH to select 4-H State and National award winners. These members developed a portfolio to document their experiences.

The teens create a cover letter addressing the goals of the award they would like to receive, provide dates and examples of what they have done in school, 4-H and other activities, write a story, and are interviewed. Page layout, spelling, typing errors, and grammar are taken into consideration when reviewing the application.

These outstanding teens did a great job and will move on to be interviewed on the State level for their State Achievement Award. This interview will be held on January 17, 2009. The Hillsborough County teens are Allison Fortin, Jamie Wojtkiewicz, Lillian Zimmermann, Christopher Humber & Connor Humber, Paige Tuttle, Ashley Winslow, Mackenzie Pratt, Mark Cook, Brianna Stoyle, Dan Makowski, Ethan Craggy and Liam Cashin.



Members of the Dream Team Connor Humber and Christopher Humber

☘ Good luck to all! ☘

### ❄ Winter Rental ❄

The Hillsborough County 4-H Foundation Inc. has winter rental space available at the T.R. Langdell Arena located at the 4-H Youth Center off Route 13 in New Boston. Vehicles, boats, campers, etc. are still being accepted.

Lessee must provide a copy of his/her insurance policy for item(s) stored in the arena. All storage will need to be removed on April 11, 2009.

For more information or to obtain a form call Jolee at 641-6060 or email [jolee.chase@unh.edu](mailto:jolee.chase@unh.edu).

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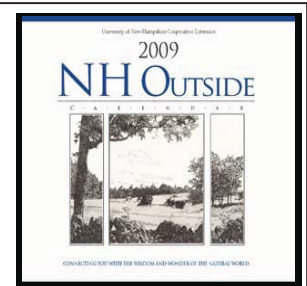
Our beautiful 2009 NH Outside calendar is now available. The calendar contains excerpts from published NH Outside columns, illustrated with original artwork by volunteer artists and spiced with daily tips and tidbits to help increase awareness of the natural world.

We think you'll find this year's edition every bit as gorgeous and useful. At \$8.95 each (\$7.95 for bulk orders), we expect the calendars to disappear quickly.

Order online at [https://www.events.unh.edu/register.shtml?event\\_id=3597](https://www.events.unh.edu/register.shtml?event_id=3597)

or send check or money order payable to UNH Cooperative Extension, FH-GEC, 200 Bedford Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

For more information, please call the Family, Home and Garden Education center toll-free at 1-877-398-4769.



# What's Happening in Extension!

## Agriculture

### Alternative Farm Energy Options

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009  
 Time: 10 am - 3:30 pm  
 Location: Eastgate Motor Inn, Littleton, NH  
 Cost: \$25 per person for lunch & refreshments

Speakers discussing new and old farm energy options with an overview of insurance options. For more information or to register by February 16, 2009 contact Michal Lunak at UNHCE Grafton County Office at 603-787-6944.

### NE Vegetable & Berry Growers Meeting Series

Date: Friday, January 9, 2009  
 Time: 9:45 am - 3:30 pm  
 Location: Chicopee/Springfield, MA

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009  
 Time: 9:45 am - 3:30 pm  
 Location: Suburban Research Center, Waltham, MA

The New England Vegetable & Berry Growers' Association and the various New England States' Cooperative Extensions are sponsoring this meeting series. There is a registration fee for each meeting and lunch can be purchased, if you are preregistered. For more information on these meetings, contact NEVBGA Secretary John Howell at 413-665-3501, or George Hamilton at 603-641-6060.



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 "UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy."

### A Beginner's Seminar on Agricultural Income Taxes & Selected Labor Laws

Date: Monday, January 12, 2009  
 Location: UNHCE Hillsborough County  
 329 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH  
 Time: 6:15 pm - 9 pm

This meeting will review basic farm income taxes under the current law for beginners as it pertains to farming and related agricultural business. UNH Cooperative Extension and First Pioneer Farm Credit of Bedford are co-sponsoring this meeting. For more information or to register contact George Hamilton at 603-641-6060 or e-mail Holly McKinney at holly.mckinney@unh.edu or contact Carol Zintel at the First Pioneer Farm Credit Office at 1-800-825-3252.

### Choosing Enterprises for the Organic Farm

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2009  
 Time: 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 Location: Eastgate Motor Inn, Littleton, NH  
 Cost: \$25 per person for lunch & refreshments

Date: Friday, January 23, 2009  
 Time: 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 Location: Redhook Brewery, Newington, NH  
 Cost: \$25 per person for lunch & refreshments

Featured presentations on making the most of compost on small farms and integrating livestock with other enterprises. Farmer panel discussions, an organic certification update along with crop and revenue insurance options for organic growers. For more information, contact Becky Grube, UNHCE Extension Specialist, Sustainable Horticulture at 603-862-3203 or email at becky.grube@unh.edu.

### New Hampshire Plant Growers Association Joint Winter Meeting with the New Hampshire Landscape Association

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2009  
 Location: Courtyard Marriott, Concord, NH  
 Time: 8 am - 4 pm

This annual winter meeting is an opportunity to mix with professionals you may not see very often, as well as attend some great educational seminars. The keynote speaker this year is Paul Tukey. Other speakers include Robert Gilmore, Dr. Brian Krug, Jeff Taylor and Lee Gilman. For more information contact Margaret Hagen @641-6060.

### Tri-State Greenhouse IPM Workshops

Wednesday, January 7, 2009:  
 Longfellow's Greenhouse, Manchester, ME  
 -or-  
 Thursday, January 8, 2009:  
 UNH greenhouses, Durham, NH  
 -or-  
 Friday, January 10, 2009:  
 University of Vermont, Burlington, VT  
 Sign up for whichever date suits you.

This one-day annual workshop is held on three consecutive dates in January. The focus is on biological controls of greenhouse pests and distinguishing diseases from nutritional disorders. Guest speakers Dr. Brian Krug, UNH and Bruce Watt from Univ. of ME, will show growers how to distinguish plant diseases from nutrient deficiencies. Steve Wraight, Cornell Univ. and USDA will discuss ways to optimize use of insect-killing fungi; and Alan Eaton, UNH; Cheryl Frank, Margaret Skinner, UVM; and Kathy Murray, Maine Dept. of Ag will talk about novel methods of using parasites and predators to manage greenhouse pests.

Workshop costs are partially supported by USDA funds so registration will be only \$30, which includes handouts, Greenhouse Manager's Guide to IPM and lunch. Parking permits are required for the UNH and UVM sites, cost: \$6 (\$2 is subsidized by the grant, so car pooling saves us all money). Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Pesticide credits will be awarded. To register or for more information, contact Cheryl Frank, UVM Entomology Research Lab, 661 Spear St, Burlington, VT 05405-0105 802-656-5434 or by email: cheryl.frank@uvm.edu.

### New England Grows

Dates: Wednesday, February 4 - Friday February 6, 2009  
 Location: The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

This conference and trade show has become a must-attend event for nursery growers, retail garden centers and landscape professionals in the Northeast.

The New England Grows' educational program features well-respected green industry professionals, academics, researchers, and high-caliber marketing specialists from across the nation and around the globe. The exposition features over 700 exhibiting firms with the latest plant material, products, equipment and services for green industry professionals. For more information visit:  
[www.NEGrows.org](http://www.NEGrows.org).

**What's Happening in Extension! continued****Feed and Forage Management;  
Livestock and Dairy Production**

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2009  
 Time: 10 am - 2 pm  
 Location: UNH - Thompson School,  
 Barton Hall - Room 109, Durham, NH  
 Registration Fee: \$10 per person

Featured presentations: producing, harvesting and storing quality forages; bunker silo and forage feeding management; a new insurance program for dairy producers; and update on grazing research. For more information or to register by January 14, contact Michal Lunak at 603-787-6944.

**Small Farms from the Ground Up:  
NH Small-Family Farm Conference**

Date: Saturday, February 7, 2009  
 Time: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 Location: Farm and Forest Exposition, Center of NH-Radisson Hotel, Manchester NH  
 Cost: **A separate registration fee is set for this conference of \$10.00 per person**

Featured presentation will be on "Appropriate Technology for Small Farms," with a farmer panel discussion on practical technology applications for small farms along with an update on crop insurance. Admission to the 2009 NH Farm & Forest Exposition is \$7 per person and children 15 & under are free. For you to attend this conference, separate registration of \$10 per person is required. Contact UNHCE Extension Professor/Specialist, Agricultural Business Management, Mike Sciabarrasi at 603-862-3234. Lunch is on your own.

**Forestry****Chain Saw Safety**

Date: Friday, February 6, 2009  
 Time: 6 pm - 8 pm  
 Location: Farm & Forest Expo  
 Center of NH/Radisson Hotel

Jon Nute, UNHCE Extension Educator, Forest Resources, will lead a hands-on workshop on safety, use and maintenance of the backyard chainsaw. We encourage you to bring your own saw. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Holly McKinney at 603-641-6060, or email at holly.mckinney@unh.edu.

**Family & Consumer Resources****Parenting Under Difficult Circumstances**

Dates: February 4 – March 18, 2009  
 (no class on February 25)  
 Location: YWCA of Greater Manchester  
 Time: 6:30 pm– 8 pm  
 No cost

This 6-session program will provide parents and guardians of children and teens with parenting information. Topics include finding a parenting style that fits your values, using discipline strategies that teach, dealing with stress and anger, understanding how children develop and grow, dealing with misbehavior, and communication skills. Content will focus on parenting under difficult circumstances, including divorce. Workshops are free, however, attendees must be pre-registered. For directions and registration, please call Sharon Cowen at 641-6060 or the YWCA at 625-5785.

**Don't Be Crushed By Debt**

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2009  
 Location: Wadleigh Public Library, Milford  
 Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Often debt problems remain hidden until a job-loss, a medical emergency or some other event puts you and your family into a crisis. Do you want to know how to avoid problems caused by too much debt? The workshop is free, but please pre-register by calling Maggie Decker at 641-6060.

**4-H****State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl**

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2009  
 Location: Belmont Middle School  
 38 School Street, Belmont NH 03220  
 Time: 9 am - 5 pm  
 Deadline: Entries, Fees and questions must be received by January 14, 2009.

The NH 4-H Horse Bowl is an event open to all youth enrolled in the 4-H horse project, ages 12 and older. For further information on this contest, please contact Jolee Chase at 603-641-6060 or Maryann Kasprzak at the state 4-H office at 603-862-2188 or email maryann.kasprzak@unh.edu.

**State & National 4-H Resume Judging**

Date: January 17, 2009  
 Time: 9 am - rain or shine  
 Location: Belmont Middle School  
 38 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220

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**2009 NH Farm & Forest Exposition Kid's Day**

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 Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm  
 Location: Center of NH/Radisson Hotel  
 700 Elm Street, Manchester NH  
 For more information, call Jolee Chase at 603-641-6060.

**Hillsborough County Activities Day**

Activities Day will be held at the Milford Middle School on March 21, 2009. All 4-H club members are invited to participate in this event. You can enter a photo, poster; give an illustrated talk, a demonstration, or an action exhibit. If you know how to sew, you can participate in the Fashion Review. For those of you who like to shop, why not purchase an outfit and participate in the 4-H Fashion Selection program? Posters & photos are due in to the 4-H office by February 15, 2009. Information will be mailed to you soon. If you would like someone to come to one of your club meetings, please call the 4-H office to set a date.

**State 4-H Horse Advisory Meeting**

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009  
 Time: 9 pm - 4 pm  
 Location: UNHCE Belknap County  
 36 County Drive, Laconia NH 03246-2900



**Congratulations to Ronda Gregg and Joanne Gelinias who represent 55 years of 4-H leadership in Hillsborough County. Ronda and Joanne were two of several leaders from the state honored at the NH Foundation 50th Annual Meeting.**  
**Pictured from left: Wendy Brock, Joanne Gelinias, Ronda Gregg, Tom Frangione**

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