

The Third New Farmers Gathering is happening June 11 & 12 at Lorax Woodlands, just 10 minutes from Wolfville. You won't want to miss this year's event and all the great workshops we have planned.

We are paying special attention to **Beekeeping** this year with prominent local beekeepers and honey producers on site both days. Gary Smeltzer will be bringing a demo hive, Tom Cosman will be here to answer any questions you may have, George Foote will share his expertise and Norman Bird will show you the tools of the trade. We are very excited to have such a great wealth of experience to share with you on this very important part of any healthy farm.

The **Building Natural Structures** workshop will introduce you to two rustic building methods; using poles and the cruck. We will be putting up a lean-to using poles harvested from the surrounding woodlands and basic post and beam construction. Bring your hammer and help out! Mark Alvis will head into the woods and show you how to make a cruck frame style structure, beautiful and functional, using all natural materials.

Andrea Barry from Hope Seeds will lead the **Life Cycle of a Seed** workshop. Come learn how fun it is to collect your own seeds. We will be designing a planting a seed saving garden as part of this great workshop.

Farming Tools will introduce you to all kinds of implements needed for a small scale farm operation. We will show you how to use many common hand tools, some lesser known tools and even a Walking Tractor! Try you hand using a scythe at the Scything Demo.

There will be ongoing **Children's Activities** all weekend, a chance to see some eggs hatch in an incubator, a film, "Power of the Community", will be screened on Saturday night, an Open Mic, and much, much more!!

Did we mention the food? We cook healthy meals made with local ingredients served outdoors. We do provide a dish wash station, so please bring your own cutlery and dishes. New this year to the New Farmers Gathering....towel racks at the wash station!!

Bring your tent and stay the night, it's included in the admission price.

Don't forget to pre-register with the attached form and save \$10.

Make sure you check out the website for any new information.

www.thedandelion.ca/thegathering,

We are updating it regularly.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Gathering!

As our t-shirts said last year,

"The New Farmers Gathering Changed My Life".

Come and see what it's all about!!

