



BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

TEAM NEWSLETTER

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BF&M Mission: Growing a culture of care and connection to land, food and community through immersive experiences and shared stories at our working Vermont dairy farm.

BARN BRIEF FROM THE FARM

We're making some big changes to help with the Fiber Program here on the farm. We will be adding Angora goats to the farm's livestock. Two doelings named Annabelle and Joy will be arriving this weekend. The other goats have been relocated to a small farm in New York. A big thank you to Ian for finding a great new home for them. Please see the photo of the trio in New York.



Rosa is currently making some modifications to the pens in the small animal barn that will benefit the animals, the staff, and the guest experience. The vet was here on Tuesday and confirmed six new pregnancies!

CURATORIAL

Quilt submissions for the 2025 Vermont Quilt Sampler have been rolling in! We are feeling confident that there will be more submissions this year than last year, which will allow us to create another fantastic exhibition. While we can't reveal any of the quilt submissions yet, we are also getting a few furry quilting companions in the submission photos.



Remind your quilter friends and family to submit, there is still time! Submissions close at the end of the day on March 30th.

MEMBERS & MORE

Welcome to the Members & More news space! This is Jen and I'll be giving updates on membership and other fundraising initiatives and ways you can be part of those.

April is one of our biggest months for membership – it usually accounts for 15-20% of all membership sales each year! We are focused on increasing the number of local members in Vermont and New Hampshire as well as on bringing back past members who didn't renew in 2024. We are reaching out through social media and email and will also promote membership in a few more places around the site beyond the lobby. The Admission Desk training next week will include a refresher on how to talk about membership with guests, and we will have a member table at some of our key events. I look forward to working with everyone on membership this season!

SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Field trip season is almost upon us. We are going to have a very busy end of April, May, and first two weeks of June. We are fully booked for the months of May and June, which is so exciting. We will have lots of Delightful Dairy & Children on Hill Farms programs. To prepare for this we will be having a mandatory training session on **Tuesday, April 8th from 10:00AM-1:30PM**. If you are unable to attend this training, I will be hosting a make-up training on **Thursday, April 17th from 10:00AM-1:30**. This make-up session is for folks who cannot make the 8th as we do have field trips booked between the two training dates. Closer to our meeting time I will send out our agenda and a little prework to get our minds back in field trip mode!

I am so looking forward to teaching with you all and providing some amazing place-based learning experiences for students this spring!

FROM OUR PARTNERS

Woodstock Inn & Resort

See attached newsletter!

<https://www.woodstockinn.com/do/events>

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

<https://www.nps.gov/mabi/index.htm>