

WOOD DAYS, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4, June 5&6 at Old Ways Traditions in Canterbury is your passport to New England traditional skills passed down through generations and still practiced today. At Old Ways, and especially during Wood Days each year we increase the opportunities for you and your kids to try these skills and experience doing them yourselves.

This year the 19<sup>th</sup> Wood Days marks the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ham Farm on Shaker Ridge in Canterbury, now the home of Old Ways Traditions. In 1785 Joseph Ham paid the first recorded taxes on this farmstead he cleared and established. Twenty-four years old at the time, Joseph was one of ten children of a Portsmouth master shipbuilder. The tremendous effort of the Ham family to turn this bony hillside into a workable farm motivates our efforts at Old Ways to make this place an inspiration to all who come here. The hands-on activities offered at Old Ways help all ages to understand how the Hams would have accomplished their success.

Dave and Anne Emerson have lived at the farm for half a century. We would like to welcome you.

At Wood Days, our largest gathering at Old Ways, many traditional crafts are still practiced at a high level, so you'll be able to learn from some of the best.

Mike Cook and friends will have you working at the forge. Our new timber framing crew will get you involved with joinery for a 12x12 timber frame. You can arrange to help us make one for you. Tools for kids has so many tools to try. You can even buy original traditional tools to use on your own. Master stonewall builder Kevin Fife will get you helping to rebuild our walls. You can help train steers, steambend red oak, watch Jay Traynor resore an antique canoe, do leatherwork with Diane Paul and see tools being made. And that ain't all – come see! See steam engine powered wood turning and other antique machinery in operation. Watch the sawmill cut timbers for the timberframe. And enjoy the music.

Bluegrass music provides the perfect accompaniment to such activities and we will have three bands playing each day. On Saturday, June 5, GrassDawgs will open at 11:00 with hot bluegrass numbers and jamming. Sit in if you can keep up! At 1:00 pm we'll have the Geddes Road Band. Never got to hear Flat and Scruggs live? Better catch these guys. From 3:00 pm Bow Junction's fine traditional and original music will finish the day.

Sunday we open at 11:00 am with Ellen Carlson and her brother, Darrell. Having played since they were young'uns, they sure know how to combine Ellen's fiddle with Darrell's guitar and voice for some music you'll just have to sit and listen to. At 1:00 pm Homefolks will have you singing along when they do some of the best of our old time favorites. From 2:30 on Jack Pine Holdouts will keep things plenty lively with old time rural traditional music.

Local food will be offered by The Maples of Warner. Admissions donation of \$6.00 is suggested.

Old Ways events are sponsored by Brentwood Machinery and Tools, and Woodcraft of Portsmouth.

Old Ways Traditions is located at 418 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH 1 1/4 mile north of Canterbury Shaker Village.

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