

THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN



A 1920's Farmstead Highlighting Sustainable
Agriculture, Homesteading, Heirloom
Gardening, and Farm to Table Cooking



2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

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Our Farm to Table dinners have become a great addition to our programming. Menus can be found on our website, Facebook page or picked up at The Farm. Limited availability. Please call 765-567-4700 for more information.

Events run rain or shine. Please check our Facebook page FarmAtProphetstown or our website prophetstown.org for programming updates.

2/9/19 Seed Saving - Join us for information, tips, and FREE heirloom seeds from our new seed library. Learn about the importance of saving seeds and how you can get involved! Find out when to plant your seeds and how. *FREE with park admission. Stop in anytime between 12:00pm-3:00pm. *If you missed this event, come in anytime during business hours to pick out your seeds.*

2/16/19 Planting Seeds with Kids - Explore our seed library and take seeds to start your garden. Children will have the opportunity to plant and take home seed starters while learning how to care for the plants. *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-2:00pm.*

3/24/19 Little Red Wagon Day - Decorate your own little red wagon and join the parade at 2:00pm. Come learn about the making of an American icon - The Radio Flyer - founded in 1917. Everyone has a story about their little red wagon. Join us and share your stories! *FREE with park admission. 1:00pm-3:00pm.*

4/1/19 Welcome Spring - Prophetstown State Park will officially be open for the 2019 season. Stop at The Farm for FREE popcorn and say hello to our animals. We will have the renovated Tenant House open for tours. Explore the park and get ready for a great 2019 season! *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-4:00pm.*

4/6/19 Class - Raising Poultry - The Basics - Interested in raising poultry? Learn the basics of raising your own flock. Chickens, ducks and turkeys will be covered in this intro session. Meet our flock and ask questions about caring for poultry. *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-1:30pm.*

4/14/19 Class - Food Preservation - Are you looking to eat healthier, have a garden to feed your family, or patronize the local farm markets? Then learning home food preservation is a must! Farm Executive Director Leslie Martin Conwell will discuss various food preservation methods, including water bath and pressure canning, freezing, and drying. Meats, vegetables, fruits and herbs will be covered. Home preservation equipment from both modern times and the 1920s will be on display. \$10 per person, plus park admission. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. *1:00pm-2:30pm.*

4/20/19 Sheep Shearing - Come watch as our sheep get hand sheared for summer. Pat and Harold Dorrell will be on hand to demonstrate shearing, spinning wool and to offer information about raising sheep. Pat and Harold are both retired educators who own Simple Soapworks and Farm Yarns. They travel the Midwest selling their homemade products! Stop in to see this special demonstration. *FREE with park admission. 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm.*

4/27/19 Class - Horses 101 - Interested in learning about horses, basic horse care, and what life was like for a horse on a farm in the 1920s? Join Farm Executive Director Leslie Martin Conwell as she introduces you to our horses. Learn how to brush and handle a horse as well as tips and tricks to make your interactions with horses fun, safe and successful. Since this is a hands-on class, there is a limit of 10 pre-registered participants, with a minimum age of 10 years old. Class participants must wear hard shoes and long pants. *FREE with park admission. 10:00am-11:00am.*

4/28/19 Old Fashioned American Radio - Listen to the radio Saturday night! The National Barn Dance debuted on April 19, 1924 on the Chicago radio station WLS, the most popular in the Midwest amongst farmers. A much-loved program for over 26 years, the National Barn Dance featured music, comedy and down-home theatrical skits. Visit the Gibson Farmhouse and enjoy a program featuring the music and comedy of Gene Autry, the Zurick Sisters and the Hoosier Hotshots. *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-4:00pm.*

5/4/19 Homesteading: Dairy Goats and the American Farmstead - Angelia Mercer, owner/operator of Still Waters Farm LLC of Danville, IN, will speak about the significance of the dairy goat in the early American farmyard. She will have a dairy goat on hand for guests to see. This discussion will include a milking demonstration and address basic husbandry practices pertinent to dairy goats. *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-2:00pm.*

5/11/19 Native Wildflower & Plants Sale - Sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, buy straight out of the greenhouse! Over 40 native plant species of wildflowers and grasses to choose from. For more information call 765-567-4919 or email JParks@dnr.IN.gov. *FREE with park admission. Join us from 9:00am-4:00pm at the DNR Visitor Center.*

5/11/19 Heirloom Vegetable and Herb Plant Sale - The Farm will be selling heirloom vegetable plants and herbs grown in the DNR greenhouse. Your purchase supports The Farm at Prophetstown. Stop in at the DNR Visitors Center to purchase your plants. *FREE with park admission. 9:00am-4:00pm.*

5/18/19 Sounds of the Night Hike - Put on your walking shoes and join us at The Farm for a prairie night hike. We will discuss local wildlife and predators on The Farm. Listen to animal sounds and guess what animals we have roaming the prairie. *FREE with park admission. 8:30pm-9:30pm.*

5/19/19 Sears Home Exploration - Explore the Gibson Farmhouse! As the largest mercantile establishment at the turn of the 20th century, the Sears and Roebuck Company boasted of supplying the farmer and his family with their every wish, want and need. Learn more about the history of Sears and Roebuck Company, its catalog and early 20th century household goods with a tour of the Gibson House. *FREE with park admission. 12:00pm-3:00pm.*

6/1/19 Family Day - Please join us for a fun filled day on The Farm! We will have demonstrations, music, games, food, plenty of animals to see and more. Don't forget to join us for the pie-eating contest at 12:00pm! We'll have great music, too! Scott Greeson has performed all around the Midwest and will be playing his unique Americana style. Folk music in our barn from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Stop in and see a fabulous show! *FREE with park admission. 10:00am-4:00pm.*

6/1/19 1920s Recreation on The Farm - Enjoy the fun of indoor diversions at the Gibson Farmhouse. Test your skills at popular games of croquet, bowling (or tenpins) and horseshoes. Learn to play the traditional games of jacks, tiddley winks, fish pond and jack straws or engage in a board game of Parcheesi or Uncle Wiggly. *FREE with park admission. 10:00am-4:00pm.*

6/8/19 Class - Beekeeping Basics - Enjoy a talk about beekeeping on The Farm, led by our volunteer beekeepers. Explore equipment and techniques from the 1920s, to present day. If honey is available, try different techniques of extracting honey from the combs. *FREE with park admission. 11:00am-12:00pm.*

6/9/19 Class - The Benefits of Local Meat - Is there really a difference between locally raised meat and meat purchased from the store? We will discuss nutrition benefits, what it means to "support local" and learn about the benefits of knowing where your food comes from. We will have samples for guests to try, while supplies last. All meat will be 10% off from 10am-5pm. No additional discounts. *FREE with park admission. 1:00 pm-2:00pm.*

6/22/19 Draft Horse Expo - Come and meet Minnie Sue and Cash, local draft horses. These gentle giants are Percherons, a working breed that early agriculture in the U.S. (as well as the transcontinental railroad) was built on. Draft horse owners Bruce and Kris Clair

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will be on hand to answer your questions and help you pet/feed/take pictures of the horses. If weather permits, they will also do a driving demonstration so you can see the pair in action. Stop by with the whole family for this glimpse of heritage farming. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-3:00pm.

6/23/19 Home Extension and 4-H History - Explore the history of Cooperative Extension Service in rural communities! In the century since its creation, this nationwide educational and outreach network of land-grant universities has made significant contributions to American agriculture and improved lives across the country. Karen Mitchell and other extension agents will be on hand for this informational program. *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-4:00pm.

6/29/19 Small Farm Animal Program with Bittersweet Farm - Bittersweet Farms will join us for a fun and family friendly animal program! We will have several small animals for guests to enjoy, including hedgehogs, exotic chicken breeds and rabbits. Stop out and see these unique visitors. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-1:00pm.

6/30/19 Wildflower Yoga - "You belong among the wild flowers. You belong somewhere close to me. Far away from troubles and worries. You belong somewhere you feel free." -Tom Petty
Come get far away from your troubles and worries and experience an hour-long yoga class on the Prairie among the wildflowers of Prophetstown State Park. The class will be led by Aubrey Dietrich, Founder and Yoga Facilitator, of Heart & Soul Farm-a donation only yoga studio in Pine Village, IN. There will be 30 minutes of wildflower themed mindful yogic activity followed by 30 minutes of light Asana (the physical practice of yoga). Yoga is for any-body and this class will be accessible to all ages. Please bring along a mat or towel, a water bottle, and any other items you might want/need to experience your yoga practice. Please try to arrive 15 minutes prior to event to set up your mat/towel/chair. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-2:00pm.

6/30/19 Class-Cooking with Organ Meats - Did you know that organ meats are a great source of iron and protein? Learn about the various organ meats that The Farm sells, as well as how to prepare beef tongue (Lengua Tacos) and heart (Peruvian Anticuchos). Class members will be able to sample the dishes and receive printed recipes. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. \$15 per person. *Includes park admission.* 2:00pm-3:30pm.

7/6/19 Bum Ditty Barn Dance Band - The Bum Ditty Barn Dance Band is an old-time string band based in Lafayette, Indiana. Robert Freeman (banjo & fiddle) is from St. Louis, MO., and started playing old-time music in high school. Cliff Harrison (fiddle & guitar) and Jesse Danner (guitar & banjo) are from Charleston, IL., and started listening to old-time music before they were born. The band's name gives you an idea of its style - a danceable old-time ensemble that conjures up the spirit of old barn dance programs. *FREE with park admission.* The band will play two shows, 11:30am-12:15pm and 12:45pm-1:30pm.

7/7/19 Iced Tea on The Porch - Relax and sip refreshing iced tea on our porch. We will be serving up different teas for you to enjoy. Find out the many uses for tea and what common plants can make great teas! *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-3:00pm.

7/7/19 - Indiana's Golden Age of Literature - If it is a rainy Sunday afternoon or a quiet evening after chores, it's a good time to read a book! What were the literary choices found in the Sears and Roebuck Catalogue? For the littlest reader, the student, and to the adult book lover Sears provided inexpensive editions of best sellers, classics and educational material. Will you recognize a favorite book among the 1920s choices? Join us in the Tenant House for this special program. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-3:00pm.

7/13/19 Farm and Tippecanoe County Historical Association Membership Appreciation Dinner - The Farm is happy to partner with TCHA to say thank you to all of our members. The dinner will take place at the new TCHA History Center, 522 Columbia St, Lafayette, IN 47901. Meat will be provided by The Farm. Doors will open at 5:00pm and food will be available from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Come out and meet the staff from both organizations and enjoy a meal with friends. Reservations will be required. Seating times will be 5pm and 6pm. You must be a member of TCHA or The Farm. Please call 765-476-8411 extension 4 to make book your spot or visit www.eventbrite.com. *FREE to all TCHA and Farm Members.* 5:00pm-8:00pm.

7/20/19 Meet The Horses and Minis - Meet our horses! Learn about our horses and get to know them. Have your photo taken with the horses. Enjoy time with these gentle animals. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-12:00pm.

7/21/19 Class - Medicinal Plants of the Native Village - and Farm Join us at the Native American Village as we learn about traditional uses for native plants found on the prairie at Prophetstown. Then join us for a stroll to The Farm to learn about medicinal plants used on the homestead in the 1920s. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-3:00pm

8/3/19 Historic Baseball Game - Enjoy a real, old time American classic! The Rising Sun Belle River Baseball Club from Rising Sun, Indiana, will be on The Farm playing our community farm team, The Bo Janglers. See how different baseball was then to now. Hang out on our bleachers and enjoy this 9 inning classic. Food will be available for purchase. *FREE with park admission.* 12:30pm-3:00pm.

8/3/19 Baseball History - Play ball! The popularity of baseball in the 1920s engaged both the urban and rural communities. From the major league contests to the pick-up games in cow pastures, baseball was a popular spectator and participant entertainment. Visit the Gibson Farmhouse and learn about Indiana baseball history and play a baseball pinball or board game. *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-4:00pm.

8/10/19 The Tyranny of Housework: Keeping the Rural Home Clean - Keeping the farmhouse clean seemingly included a long list of labor-intensive chores. How did new technology at the turn of the 20th century alter household cleaning tasks? Did new technology mean less work and more leisure time for the farm wife? Visit the Gibson Farmhouse and review the seasonal, monthly, weekly and daily cleaning habits on the farm. Help evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the new cleaning products and tools. *FREE with park admission.* 12:00pm-4:00pm.

8/11/19 Class - Baking Breads - Who can resist the wonderful aroma of warm, freshly baked breads? Farm Executive Director Leslie Martin Conwell introduces you to tips and tricks on making homemade yeast breads! White and whole wheat flours will be used, along with ancient grains to enhance flavor. Techniques taught will include kneading, braiding, "no knead-style" breads, and dinner rolls. Class fee includes all materials and park admission. Participants must pre-register. Class limited to 8 participants. \$20 per person, includes park admission. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 1:00pm-4:00pm

8/17/19 Making Goat Soap - Felicia Payne Nicholson from Patchwork Acres Farm will be demonstrating the art of goat soap making. Felicia runs a very successful farm business where she makes products using milk from goats raised right on her farm. She will demonstrate milking and the process of making goat soap. Guests are welcome to pop-in for this demonstration or stay for the entire learning experience. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-2:00pm.

8/24/19 Family Picnic - Join us for a family friendly lunch on The Farm. We will serve a buffet lunch that will feature farm beef and pork. Enjoy live music as you eat lunch. Picnic tables will be provided. Cost is \$14 for adults, \$7 kids 4-12 and children 3 and under eat FREE. *Includes park admission.* Call 765-567-4700 for full menu and to book your spot. Reservations required. 11:30am-1:00pm.

9/7/19 Classic Camping and Bushcraft Experience - Classic Camping is defined as "The use of tools, techniques, and traditions in the style of the Golden Age of Camping. (1880-1930)." In other words, it's "Where the frontier skills of Daniel Boone meet the industrial age of Henry Ford." We will partner with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association to bring you a fun day of classic camping traditions. *\$5 per car, plus park admission.* 10:00am-5:00pm.

9/7/19 Country Fair - Join us for our annual Country Fair! Enjoy great music, food, games, demonstrations, antique tractors, the Gibson Farmhouse, and the renovated I. Floyd Garrott Tenant House, plus lots of family fun. Battle Ground Saddle Club will be on hand to show off different horse breeds! Pie eating contest at 12:00pm. *\$5 per car, plus park admission.* 10:00am-4:00pm.

9/7/19 The Auto on The Farm and Gasoline Gypsies - The automobile decreased rural isolation for the Indiana farmer by providing more convenient access to local economic, religious, educational and social pursuits. The automobile also allowed the farm family to enjoy a new popular pastime - auto camping! Visit the Gibson Farmhouse and learn how the farmer used the automobile on the farm. Play the "Gasoline Gypsy" and discover the perils and pitfalls of 1920s automobile vacationing. *Included with admission to the Country Fair.* 1:00pm-4:00pm

Discover the farm and celebrate the gift of this land!

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9/14/19 Class - Caring for Cast Iron - Cast iron cookware is durable, low maintenance and improves with use. In this class, you will learn how simple it is to season, care for and use your cast iron. We will even cover ways to repair slight damage and get your old iron back on the stove. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-12:00pm.

9/15/19 - Handkerchief Dolls - Try your hand at making a handkerchief doll. These dolls have been made for hundreds of years. Learn the history behind the doll and take home your work. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-2:30pm.

9/21/19 Peaceful Farm Yoga - "World Peace begins with inner peace" - Dalai Lama
Come find your inner peace and celebrate World Peace Day at The Farm with an hour-long farm themed yoga class led by Heart & Soul Farm's Founder and Yoga Facilitator, Aubrey Dietrich. This fun and playful yoga class will explore yoga on and off your mats with 30 minutes of mindful farm themed yoga activities followed by 30 minutes of farm animal Asana (the physical practice of yoga) and don't be surprised if a chicken comes by to join you! Yoga is for any-body and this class will be accessible to all ages. Please bring along a mat or towel, a water bottle, and any other items you might want/need to experience your yoga practice. Please try to arrive 15 minutes prior to event to set up your mat/towel/ chair. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-11:00am.

9/21/19 Class - Cakes 101 - Cakes became increasingly popular in the 1920s, thanks to gas and electric stoves. Learn about the science and methods to making perfect cakes and frosting, and watch these techniques demonstrated in classic yellow cake with fudge frosting and carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. Class members will be able to sample the dishes and receive printed recipes. \$15 per person, *includes park admission.* Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 1:00pm-2:30pm.

10/13/19 Corn Husk Dolls - Farm staff will be teaching the art of corn husk dolls. Enjoy this old time tradition and learn the history behind this historic toy. Take your doll home! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-2:30pm.

10/19/19 Fall Funfest and Barn Dance - Stop in and celebrate Fall Funfest weekend! We will have fall themed crafts and activities for kids. *FREE* popcorn and cider will be available while supplies last. Food will be available for purchase. Decorate a mini pumpkin for \$2 each. Scott Greeson has performed all around the Midwest and will be playing his unique Americana style. Folk music in our barn from 3:00pm-5:00pm. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-5:00pm.

10/19/19 Halloween Tenant House Tours - Hoosier families in the 1920s incorporated harvest and Halloween themes in their fall gatherings. Games and decorations included traditional, homemade and commercial products. Tour the I. Floyd Garrott Tenant House, and hear about "Little Orphan Annie" and how "the goblins will get you, if you don't watch out," see the dining room set up for a Halloween party and play a traditional fortune telling game. *FREE with park admission.* 10:30am-3:30pm

10/26/19 Trick-Or-Treating with the Animals - Come dressed in your costume and share this festive weekend with our animals. Find each station on The Farm and receive a treat. Learn about how trick-or-treating came to be and see the Gibson Farmhouse decorated for a 1920s Halloween party! Several of our animals will be in costume, so don't miss this fun event! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-2:30pm.

10/27/19 Class - Food Preservation at The Farm and Native Village - Learn about traditional food preservation methods used by those who lived at Prophetstown. We will discuss and explore methods used by Native Americans in the Village and then walk to The Farm to learn about food preservation of the 1920s. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-3:00pm.

12/1/19 Christmas Traditions Craft Class - Christmas decorations in the 1920s included both handmade and commercially produced paper decorations. Learn how to make crepe paper rosettes and trees, jointed Santas, "snaps" and more at the Gibson Farmhouse. *Registration required.* \$5 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

12/7/19 Northside Holiday Music - The wonderful staff from Northside Music will be on hand for old fashioned Christmas classics and caroling. Try out the player piano, sing carols or just enjoy the sounds of favorite holiday classics. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00pm-3:00pm.

12/14/19 Class - Egg Ornaments - Back by popular demand! Learn how to make beautiful ornaments from real eggs. We will use duck and chicken eggs, raised right on our farm. These ornaments make beautiful gifts. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be available for participants *Registration required.* \$5 per person. Two sessions will be offered this year. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 11:00am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm.



The Farm at Prophetstown is located at 5545 Swisher Road, West Lafayette, Indiana and is a non-profit organization operating 100 acres of land leased from Prophetstown State Park. Our staff is dedicated to showing, sharing, and teaching about historic agriculture and the homesteading arts.



Come to the Gibson Farmhouse to check availability for beef, pork, eggs, seasonal produce, and other items.

See more at: prophetstown.org



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