HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LACHAT FARM!

And it’s a big one! Established in 1770, Lachat will mark its 250th birthday in 2020. How wonderful that the old place has been brought back to life and is flourishing!

Wouldn’t Leon Lachat be proud?! Lachat Town Farm is a revitalized community gathering place celebrating agriculture, Nature, and art. As we begin planning for next year, we also recognize that 2019 was the best year ever at the Lachat Town Farm (LTF).

Please make a donation of any size to help continue to provide Weston with the best programs and services Lachat can offer. We thank you in advance for your contribution and hope you will visit the farm soon!

Friends of Lachat is a 501c3 Organization EIN #800768651
Here is what Friends of Lachat and the Weston LTF Commission did this year -- without any Weston taxpayer money.

**DIVERSE ACTIVITIES DRAWING AN ESTIMATED 4000 PEOPLE TO THE FARM:**

- The popular Farmers’ Markets
- Music in the Meadow series
- Singer Songwriter performances in the farmhouse
- Cooking, craft, & gardening classes
- Children’s events and programs
- Weekly Tai Chi classes
- Art/Photography exhibits
- Country Hoedown Barn Dance

**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FARM:**

- Construction of a fantastic goat house
- Expanded trails to connect the upper field with the main lower field
- Continued improvements to the Barn, Machine Shop, and Farm Residence

**TO COVER THE FARM’S OPERATING COSTS, WE NEED TO RAISE A MINIMUM OF $50,000 FOR:**

- Lachat Farm Market and Music in the Meadow event manager
- Programming costs for instructors & supplies
- Musician fees
- Event publicity costs
- Insurance costs

**AND PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US FUND SOME FUN NEW IMPROVEMENTS:**

- Sleds and toboggans for snow days
- Hot chocolate and fresh cookie parties for those snowy days
- A hay wagon for hay rides
- Feed for goats “Clover, “Bob”, and “Vindaloo” to arrive this spring
- Feed for our wonderful pair of lop-eared bunnies
- Feed for our flock of hens to arrive this spring
- A Little Farmhands scholarship program
- Plates so that farm events can be waste free

Ellen McCormick, Friends of Lachat board member and chair of the Weston LTF Commission sadly lost her partner of 35 years in October. We have created a special memorial fund for Peter Shih in his memory. Peter was a generous, sage, and warm volunteer who supported Ellen’s tireless efforts at the Farm over the past eight years. In memory of Peter and in recognition of Ellen’s dedication, we hope to create a cutting garden at the Farm in their names. After a year of great loss for some Weston families and great generosity in the wake of sadness, we humbly accept donations in a loved ones’ honor. Please see the enclosed card for details.

Make a donation online at lachattownfarm.org or use the envelope we have enclosed. Thank you again!

Warm wishes, Carol Baldwin
Director, Friends of Lachat