



## Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District WINTER and SPRING AG SCHOOL: March – May, 2021

Ag School classes are online and in-person this year. Please note class type under each listing. All classes require pre-registration. Please be respectful of others and follow mask guidelines as needed.

### 1. BEEKEEPING Q&A (Part 1)

Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Lincoln Sennett, Swans Honey

Online via Zoom – Pre-registration required

(BEEKEEPING Part 2 will be held in-person, Sept 2021)

- General overview of beekeeping in Maine for beginners & experienced beekeepers
- Submit your questions and topic interests to SASWCD before online session to include as discussion on common issues for northern beekeepers
- **Link for class will be emailed after pre-registration**

### 2. SMALL WOODLOT OWNERS WALK & TALK

Tuesday, March 23, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (snow/rain date March 24)

David Irving, Forester and Dan Jacobs, MFS

Outside at the Howard Homestead, 101 Westford Hill Rd, Hodgdon

- Discussion of maintaining your own woodlot based on personal objectives
- Woodland pruning techniques
- What to watch out for: invasive forest pests
- Basic tree identification – learn how to identify the trees in your woods!
- **Pre-registration is required as class size is limited**
- **Depending on the weather, snowshoes may be necessary – please come prepared to be outside**

### 3. UPDATES ON SOIL HEALTH - 2021

Thursday, March 25, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

RJ Rant, crop advisor on soil & plant health & owner, Nutrilink Biosystems, Michigan

Online via Zoom – Pre-registration required

- Looking at soil health in an integrated way
  - Photosynthesis as the carbon workhorse
  - Productive healthy crops & maintaining soil ecosystem
  - **Link for class will be emailed after pre-registration**
- Credits: 1 Pesticide**

*To pre-register for classes or if you require special accommodations please contact:*

Southern Aroostook Soil & Water Conservation District:  
254-4126 or email [angela.wotton@me.nacdnet.net](mailto:angela.wotton@me.nacdnet.net)

### 4. INTRO TO PERMACULTURE

Tuesday, April 6, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Kate Wallace, Programming Director, Resilience Hub

Online via Zoom – Pre-registration required

- What is permaculture and how to include in gardening
- Real-world examples of permaculture at work
- **Link for class will be emailed after pre-registration**

### 5. GARDENING IN RAISED BEDS

Thursday, April 29, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Kate Garland, Horticulturist, UMaine Cooperative Extension

Online via Zoom – Pre-registration required

- Soil, compost, and amendments for success
- Different bed structures
- Helpful tips on growing and weed and pest care
- **Link for class will be emailed after pre-registration**

### 6. VERNAL POOL

Tuesday, May 11, (rain date May 12) Noon – 3:00 pm

Gordon Moore, retired MFS; Joseph Roy, IF&W;

Matt Stedman, Forester, JD Irving

Outside at Irving field site, B Rd, Hammond (initial meet-up at rest area, Ludlow Rd)

- Biology and id of vernal pools
  - Management and overview of field site
  - **Pre-registration is required as class size is limited**
- Credits: ½ day recertification CLP; 3 QLP; 2 ½ hrs Category 1 LFP; 3 Master Logger**

### 7. BEGINNING WOMEN'S CHAINSAW SAFETY

Saturday, May 15, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

tish carr, Forestry consultant; Amanda Mahaffey, Forest Stewards Guild, Karin Bothwell, Prentiss & Carlisle

Outside at Meduxnekeag Ramblers Club, Wiley Rd, Littleton

- Learn fundamentals of safe chainsaw use
  - What to wear: Head to toe protection gear
  - How to fix and sharpen a chainsaw
  - “Cookie” cutting for practice
- Pre-registration is required – cost of workshop is \$15.**  
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