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?We have the will to work by letting flow into our work that which, coming out of the spiritual world, strives to become human within us in a soul-spiritual and life-bodily way.?

*Rudolf Steiner*



We believe that work is everyone's birthright. Not in the usual sense of time-clocks and earning daily bread but in the growth of self-worth and the sense of belonging that meaningful work can bring. To begin the day looking forward to the tasks ahead and to end the day with a sense of accomplishment and the knowledge that one's own contribution has brought about something of value gives purpose and joy to our lives.

Here at Plowshare, we all work side by side. Some of us are farmers, while others are builders or bakers. On a typical day, our more outgoing residents spend time working in a variety of roles and settings - from apprenticing with local tradesmen to assisting in a child care center to helping a needy neighbor split firewood.

The farmers care for the land and the many tasks on an organic farm: milking, compost

turning, feeding animals, training oxen, tending seedlings, or harvesting the fruits of their labor.

The bakers grind the grain, make our famous granola, and bake our daily bread, cookies, and other treats. The cooks make yogurt and cheese, process vegetables and fruit for winter storage, and prepare a warm and delicious midday meal which we all enjoy together.



Some work the land: splitting and stacking firewood, mowing, snow shoveling, gathering sap for maple syrup. The building and maintenance crew can be found just about anywhere: repairing a faucet,

putting on a roof, replacing a window.

The wood workers make napkin rings, beds, repair furniture, sometimes even doll houses. The crafters transform the sheep's wool into felted balls, hot pads, pin cushions, various little animals and other pleasures. In the cold winter months the candle-making workshop produces lovely 100% beeswax tapers.

All share in artistic activities including painting, music therapy, color-light therapy, movement classes, and play practice.

Many of the products we create are for sale to the general public. Our offerings vary though granola, cookies, baby rattles and candles are consistently available. We sell at Local Share (our community-supported store and cafe in Wilton), the Temple-Wilton Community Farm, and several little local shops. We strive to keep our prices affordable. Purchases can also be made at Plowshare in our self-serve store Monday- Friday 9am ? 5pm.







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