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**FLANDERS TO HOST MAPLE CELEBRATION+MINI-FESTIVAL  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

WOODBURY - Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will host an afternoon festival called Maple Celebration+on Saturday, March 21 from 1 to 4 PM at its Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary in Woodbury. The event will cap off maple syrup season at Flanders with activities relating to food and nature. During ongoing maple syrup demonstrations, staff and volunteers will bring the history, science, and lore of maple syrup production to life. There will also be a bluebird talk and hike, demonstration of spinning wool into yarn, samplings of food made with maple syrup, cooking demonstrations, and special kidsqcrafts and activities.

Festival events will take place in and around the Sugar House and Trail House, both of which are located on Church Hill Road, about a quarter mile from Flanders Road. The cost is \$3 per person or \$8 for a family ticket. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. Call 203-263-3711 for more information.

The snow-date is Sunday, March 22, from 1 to 4 PM.

For more than four decades, Flanders has annually continued the Native American and New England tradition of making maple syrup from the sap of sugar maple trees. Flanders conducts its maple syrup program primarily through the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Flandersqsyrup and other maple products will be available for sale at the event.

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a nonprofit organization that focuses on environmental education, and on the acquisition, conservation, and stewardship of open space. Through its land trust initiatives, Flanders actively

works to protect important natural sites and the area's landscape character and quality of life. Flanders manages nearly 2,000 acres of preserved land in Woodbury and neighboring towns. Educational programs for children and adults are offered at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, Flanders's main campus in Woodbury. Trails at its major nature preserves are open to the public at no charge from dawn to dusk. Flanders Welcome Center is located at the corner of Church Hill and Flanders Roads in Woodbury.

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