

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead committee is compiling a cookbook of favorite recipes to celebrate the wonderful cooks and traditions in New Durham.

Zechariah Boodey was an early settler in town and his home was the birthplace of the Free Will Baptist Church. Publishing this cookbook is a chance to showcase our local cooks and raise much needed monies towards the reconstruction of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, which includes a house and an 18th century barn

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee is working on the restoration and reconstruction of the colonial era home, located in and for the town of New Durham, N.H. The house was originally constructed in 1769 and is a timber frame colonial style cape and was gifted to New Durham by the Boodey family in 2006. The reconstruction of the English style barn, a gift to the town in 2016 will complete the picture of the Boodey farmstead. Such a barn was part of the original Boodey homestead.

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead will afford space for demonstrations, i.e., herb gardening, weaving, cider making, cooking over fire, maple sugaring, etc. This property is important to our local community and national history for two reasons. The first is for its architectural features and secondly, it is the birthplace of the worldwide Free Will Baptist faith movement. Once reconstructed the buildings will be used as a house museum for educational opportunities and a function hall for meetings and conferences. To sustain the farmstead, rental opportunities by private, public and civic groups for their events and activities will be available.

This cookbook will bring together tried and true recipes from New Durham's best cooks. The committee is asking for recipe contributions toward this effort. We are looking for goodies in all categories: appetizers, soups, mains, breads, vegetables, desserts, and beverages. We would also like to include those old tried and true recipes used in past years for keeping a household going; soap making, whitening the wash, pest control, herbal remedies, and natural dyes, etc. Please send your recipes to either Crissa Evans (chevansme@gmail.com) or PO Box 47, New Durham, or Sherry Cullimore (Waquoit32@yahoo.com) or PO Box 408, New Durham.