

## The farm story.....

For 135 years the Strong Family Farm has stood as a sentinel in the center of Vernon. Once comprising more than 50 acres on West Road and Hartford Turnpike, the farm has served as the home and workplace for more than seven generations of Strongs.

Built in 1878 using his own skills and his wife's dowry, Nathan Morgan Strong purchased orchard lands and built the 7-bedroom homestead that still stands today. Establishing the farm was a matter of survival for the Strongs, as a means to feed and support their growing family and to produce crops that could be bartered for other necessary goods and services.

Over the years, all kinds of fruits and vegetables were grown, hay was harvested and herds of Holstein cows were bred and milked. For 50 years, the people of Vernon spent each fall watching hundreds of tiny poults grow into ample, adult turkeys that would eventually grace dinner tables all over town.

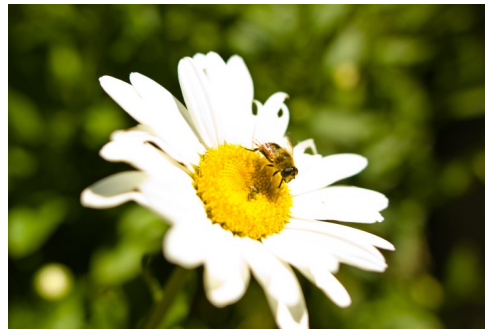
Vernon has grown and commercial farming is not a viable future for the farm. The last of the Strong farmers has moved the operation to greener, open spaces in Virginia. Vernon's last active farm has now ended, but the legacy lives on for all members of our community to experience an authentic historic family farm environment.



Enjoy various hands-on agrarian and horticultural learning opportunities, including workshops, demonstrations, lectures, classes, volunteer opportunities and more.

### Member Benefits:

- Discounts on programs
- Merchandise discounts
- Priority program registration
- Strong Family Farm tote bag



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## Membership Form

<i>Sign up for:</i>	<i>Price</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Student / Senior per person</i>	<i>\$20</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Individual per person</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Family / Business</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cultivator</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Haymaker</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Harvester</i>	<i>\$1000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Blue Ribbon lifet member</i> <i>(Name will be added to the "Blue Ribbon Wall ' )</i>	<i>\$3000</i>

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***Make tax deductible checks payable to  
"Strong Family Farm"***

We welcome you as a member!  
Thank you!

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