



winter & spring programming

january - april 2022

grace farms

Robert Mande
Environmental Defender



January 21 | 7:30 pm

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Indra Nooyi
Icon and Changemaker



March 18 | 7:30 pm

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Dean Harriet Harriss, Ph.D.
Design Education Pioneer



March 31 | 9:30 am

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Lauren Stephens &
Kaki McGrath
Sustainability Entrepreneurs



April 23 | 10 am

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welcome to grace farms

Grace Farms is a place for meaningful interaction where people of all ages, experiences, and interests come to collaborate for good and to pursue a more peaceful world.

Through our on-site programming, daily experiences, and exhibits, we invite you to observe, experience, and support the work of our Foundation.

Each program is rooted in our work on environmental sustainability, food equity, disconnected communities, forced labor in the supply chain, and other ethical questions and humanitarian issues.

Whether your family connects with neighbors at our monthly Community Dinners, or you join the Design for Freedom Summit to explore the role of government and corporate ethical responsibility in global material supply chains, you are part of Grace Farms' aspiration to advance good in the world.

We welcome you to our work.

For the most updated information about these and other programs, and to register early to secure your space, visit gracefarms.org/calendar

Please note that COVID-19 safety measures will be observed. To review our current policies, go to gracefarms.org/visit



your discovery of grace farms begins at our welcome center

A warm welcome to all visitors begins in the Barns. Connect with our Visitor Experience Team at our Welcome Center in the West Barn to learn more about daily programs and events, as well as future events and new outcomes happening at the intersection of our five initiatives.

Grace Farms is free and open to the public. To make the most of your time at Grace Farms, visitors are encouraged to register in advance through our website at gracefarms.org/visit. Members are invited to visit us without advance registration.

Visitor Engagement Experiences

daily

Join our 10- to 15-minute pop-up talks and facilitated family-friendly activities, developed in partnership with the STEM Educators at the Connecticut Science Center. With topics including the exploration of ethical supply chains, sustainable foodways, and the intentionality of architectural design, these interactions serve as pathways into the larger work of our Foundation.

For more information please call 203-920-1702 or see our Visitor Experience Team in the West Barn Visitor Welcome Center.



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exhibits

Peace Forest Exhibit

West Barn

What is Grace Farms and how does Grace Farms Foundation advance good in the world? An immersive installation inspired by nature, *Peace Forest* offers visitors an interactive experience highlighting how the landscape, architecture, and people at Grace Farms are part of the Foundation's mission.

Pedestals made with ethically sourced steel and wood repurposed from the site, gently sway when touched and will feature text, objects, and archival photos. A video installation and a map of Grace Farms highlight offerings each day.

The installation is curated by Grace Farms Foundation Creative Director **Chelsea Thatcher**, and designed by **Peter Miller (Palette Architecture)** and **Shohei Yoshida (shohei yoshida + associates / SYA)**, members of the architectural team of the award-winning SANAA-designed River building at Grace Farms, with the graphics designed by **Pentagram**.

Common Good Through Crisis Exhibit with MASS Design Group

East Barn | on view through September 2022

Common Good Through Crisis considers the relationships and connections that inspired Grace Farms Foundation's efforts to provide 2 million critical PPE to frontline healthcare workers and hundreds of thousands of nutritious meals to our neighbors in need. Grace Farms Foundation's work to close the PPE gap during the initial surge of the pandemic was furthered through collaboration with the State of Connecticut, the Town of New Canaan, and many other municipalities, hospitals, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, and individuals.

The immersive installation, in which the public can participate in weaving, connects individual stories to a fabric of interconnectedness, and poses the question about an urgency and power in continuing to act for the common good, not just in times of crisis.

Common Good Through Crisis is designed by **MASS Design Group** with **Eddie Opara** and his team at **Pentagram**.



Scan the QR code to register for a daily visit.



art installations

Alyson Shotz, *Temporal Shift*

Library Courtyard | on view through September 2022

As part of the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time, Grace Farms Foundation presents a new, site-responsive sculpture from artist Alyson Shotz. Made of mirror polish stainless steel, *Temporal Shift* interacts with natural light and animates an interior courtyard of the SANAA-designed River building, describing time as the seasons change.

Alyson Shotz, *Temporal Shift*, 2021

Mirror polish stainless steel
14' (h) x 8.8' (w) x 1.5" (d)

permanent artwork curator Yuko Hasegawa

Beatriz Milhazes, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016

Acrylic paint on wall | 8'3" (h) x 108' (w)

Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015

Silvered glass cubes on wall | 4'3" (h) x 2'6" (w) x 3/4" (d)

Thomas Demand, *Farm 56*, 2015 and *Farm 88*, 2015

Framed Pigment Print | 5'6" (h) x 8'4" (w)
Framed Pigment Print | 2'8" (h) x 2' (w)

Olafur Eliasson, *Mat(s) for multidimensional prayers*, 2014 (editions 1-7 of 24)

Wool | 4' (h) x 2'6" (w) x 2" (d)



membership

Engage in your own unique exploration of Grace Farms and our work. Make the most of your experience with 20% off our thought-provoking programs, early registration for select events, invitations to members-only events, and an opportunity to share in something greater with a gift bundle from Grace Farms Foods.

Your membership supports the preservation of the River building and its surrounding 80 acres and plays a critical role in our mission to advance good by sustaining our local and global initiatives.

Learn more at gracefarms.org/membership



member programs

Creating Joy | A Member Program for Families

second Saturday of the month | 9 - 10 am

Join us each month for a family-friendly activity encouraging children to create and sustain joy together through play. Meet other members and enjoy early access to Grace Farms.

free

Against the Grain Screening with David Barber and Karen Kariuki

Tuesday, February 15 | 10 - 11:30 am

Join *Against the Grain* film series host, Karen Kariuki, Grace Farms' Community Initiative Director, and David Barber, Co-Founder of Blue Hill at Stone Barns and a Founding Partner at Stone Barns Center, for a private screening and discussion about innovative strategies to advance food equity. Before the screening, explore Grace Farms' new exhibit, *Common Good Through Crisis*, with Grace Farms' Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher, considering the relationships and connections that inspired Grace Farms Foundation's efforts to provide 2 million critical PPE to frontline health care workers, food relief to 125,000 people, and public programing to address the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

A Community Meal – delicious menu items that are created for the public and for our food relief recipients is included.

member: \$25

Amplifying Each Other | A Breakfast with Vanessa Barboni Hallik

Wednesday, March 30 | 10 - 11:30 am

Members are invited to join Vanessa Barboni Hallik, Founder and CEO of Another Tomorrow, for a breakfast conversation about her path to creating a tech-enabled, sustainable design company that is reinventing fashion in service of women and our shared tomorrow. The breakfast will foster community and conversation, and provide an opportunity for collaboration on the advancement of women's leadership.

member: \$25

In the Office with SANAA 2010-2015

Saturday, April 30 | 12:45 - 2:15 pm

Learn about the evolution of SANAA's practice leading up to the design and opening of Grace Farms, including insight into the projects that were developed at the same time as Grace Farms between 2010-2015. SANAA, an architectural firm based in Tokyo, Japan, was established in 1995, by architects Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa, both of whom won the industry's highest honor, the Pritzker Prize, together in 2010, shortly after they were hired by Grace Farms Foundation.

Enjoy a special lecture and tour by Toshihiro Oki, who established his office in New York after working several years at SANAA's office with Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa, and Grace Farms' Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher. The tour will end with tea in the Pavilion.

member: \$25



membership levels

individual

\$75 (fully tax deductible)

- One membership card*
- Expedited access to Grace Farms
- Early registration to select programs and events
- 20% discount to paid programs
- Annual members-only event
- 10% discount on retail and dining
- Sample from Grace Farms Foods

family

\$125 (\$89 tax deductible)

- All benefits of individual membership
- Grace Farms Foods *Welcome Bundle*
- + Additional membership card*
- + One guest pass per visit**

founding friend

\$1000 (\$751 tax deductible)

- All benefits of individual membership
- Grace Farms Foods *Share It All Bundle*
- + Additional membership card*
- + Hand-thrown mug from ceramicist **Kazu Oba**
- + Up to four guest passes per visit**
- + Access to special Friends of Grace Farms Programming
- + Recognition in our annual donor listing

*Children under 18 in your household are included in the membership.

**Guests passes provide access to all member discounts during their time on site. Guest passes are not valid during members-only programs and events.



ongoing programming

Imagination Playground

daily (please check our on-site calendars for dates and times)

Build skills, solve problems, and make friends at Grace Farms in the Imagination Playground – an innovative system of large-scale, light-weight blocks, designed to encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play.

free

Bunny Book Group

monthly (please check our on-site calendars for dates and times)

Gather on the SANAA-designed rabbit chairs in our Library as we read children’s stories from our curated collection of books exploring topics of Nature, Arts, Justice, Community, and Faith related to our ongoing programs and initiative work.

free

Open Arts Studio for Families

Saturdays beginning in February | 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Think, play, and create at Grace Farms! Children and families are invited to spend time together experimenting with new materials and art-making techniques during this facilitated program series. Recommended for families with children ages five through ten.

\$5 | member: \$4

Family Discovery Guide from the Arts Initiative

weekdays | self-guided

Explore at your own pace with a multi-sensory activity inspired by the architecture, landscape, and artworks at Grace Farms. This engaging experience invites participants to notice relationships between line, shape, color, texture, sound, space, light, movement, and rhythm.

\$5 | member: \$4

River Retreat

daily | self-guided

The River Retreat offers a self-directed way to encounter the Faith initiative and its core question: what is the shape of flourishing life? Completed at an individual pace, over the course of a couple of hours, a whole day, or longer, it inspires insights about priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity. Booklets are available throughout the year in the West Barn Visitor Welcome Center.

\$5 | member: \$4



january

Saturday Screening | *Pridelands*

Saturdays in January | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Featuring Justice Initiative Director Rod Khattabi and Nature Initiative Director Mark Fowler, *Pridelands* is an extraordinary documentary about illegal wildlife trade. As the fourth largest organized crime in the world, this film explores the global repercussions of wildlife trafficking. (30 minutes)

free

Forced Labor and Gender Considerations in Global Supply Chains

Thursday, January 13 | 12 - 1 pm

The economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with illegal recruitment and retention practices, have increased the need for public and private sector support of fair labor practices across global supply chains. This panel discussion, featuring Seema Jalan of the UN Foundation and the Resilience Fund for Women in Global Value Chains, Michelle Leighton, Chief of the Labour Migration Branch for the International Labour Organization, and Michael Manning of Homeland Security Investigations, aims to highlight the role of gender in supply chain considerations and the perspectives of funders, NGOs, and the legal community as they work to implement and expand on measures to prevent forced labor.

free (virtual)

Books on Faith & Meaning | *The Good Life Method* with Meghan Sullivan and Paul Blaschko

Tuesday, January 18 | 12 - 1 pm

Notre Dame professors Meghan Sullivan and Paul Blaschko teach an influential undergraduate course *God and the Good Life*, in which they wrestle with the big questions about how to live and what makes life meaningful. Their recent book based on these teachings invites us to work through issues like what justifies our beliefs, whether we should practice a religion, and what sacrifices we should make for others.

free (virtual)

Community Dinner

Friday, January 21 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy seasonal community dining experiences in our River building's Commons, a 6,900-square-foot glass space with 18-foot long communal tables that foster community and conversation.

\$16 | member: \$13 | children: \$10

Forced Labor and Environmental Crimes

Friday, January 21 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Join Robert Mande, the Assistant Director in Charge of the National Anti-Poaching Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for Tanzania, Edward Phiri, the Director of Lusaka Agreement Task Force, and Dr. Meredith Gore, Conservation Criminologist and Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, for a panel discussion exploring the connection between forced labor and environmental crimes.

free



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january

Tea & Conversation with Robert Mande and Edward Phiri

Saturday, January 22 | 2 - 3 pm

Join **Robert Mande**, the Assistant Director in Charge of the National Anti-Poaching Unit of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for Tanzania, and **Edward Phiri**, the Director of Lusaka Agreement Task Force, in the Pavilion for a conversation about their work to help end environmental crime.

free

Winter Nature Walk

Saturday, January 29 | 11 am - 12 pm

Experience the beauty and tranquility of winter throughout Grace Farms' 80 acres during a walk with Nature Initiative Director **Mark Fowler**. Learn how life survives, and even thrives, during the colder months. Snowshoes available upon request.

\$10 | member: \$8 | children: \$5

River Retreat Orientation

Saturday, January 29 | 2:30 - 3 pm

Faith Initiative Coordinator **Katie Grosh** will introduce the River Retreat, a self-directed way to encounter the Faith initiative and its core question: what is the shape of flourishing life? Completed at an individual pace – over the course of a couple of hours, a full day, or longer – it inspires insights about priorities, relationships, desires, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity. Booklets will be handed out after the introduction for participants to explore on their own.

\$5 | member: \$4

february

Grace Farms Tour

Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

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\$25 | member: \$20

Saturday Screening | *Frozen Worlds*

Saturdays | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Narrated by Sir **David Attenborough**, *Frozen Worlds* explores our poles – some of the earth's last remaining wildernesses – and how they are quickly changing. (53 minutes)

free

Books on Faith & Meaning | *Pirkei Avot* with Leah Sarna

Tuesday, February 8 | 12 - 1 pm

Rabbanit **Leah Sarna**, Associate Director of Education and Director of High School Programs at Drisha, will join us for a conversation about *Pirkei Avot*, a key ancient text of Rabbinic Judaism, exploring topics ranging from the ethics of everyday human interaction, to statements about the relationship of God and humanity.

free (virtual)



february

Fostering Inclusive Communities

Thursday, February 10 | 10 - 11:30 am

Join Community Initiative Director, **Karen Kariuki**, for a conversation about Grace Farms' work fostering inclusivity, food equity, and sustainability in our local and global community. This discussion will bring you into the Community Initiative's collaborative approach, engaging members of the community and activating our space to explore constructive strategies that address pressing humanitarian issues.

free

Winter Tour & Tea with Artist Alyson Shotz

Saturday, February 12 | 3 - 4:30 pm

Experience *Temporal Shift*, a site-responsive sculpture that interacts with natural light, animating an interior courtyard of the SANAA-designed River building at Grace Farms. Join the artist **Alyson Shotz** and curator **Pamela Ruggio** for a conversation about the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time.

\$25 | member: \$20 | students: \$15

Full Moon & Mercury at its Greatest Elongation

Wednesday, February 16 | 7 - 8:30 pm

Join Nature Initiative Director **Mark Fowler** for a Grace Farms astronomy adventure. The full moon – referred to as the Snow Moon by Native Americans – will be positioned on the opposite side of the Earth from the Sun and completely illuminated. This will be the evening's focal point for indoor discussion and outdoor viewing through a telescope.

\$15 | member: \$12 | children: \$7

Community Dinner

Friday, February 18 | 6 - 7:30 pm

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\$16 | member: \$13 | children: \$10

Flourishing Life | Ethical and Religious Inquiry in Secondary Education

Friday, February 18 | 7:30 - 9 pm

In a conversation facilitated by Faith Initiative Director **Dr. Matthew Croasmun**, **Joan Edwards**, Director of Equity and Professional Collaboration at the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), **Mark Davis**, Head of School at St. Luke's School, and **Dr. Francisco Lopez**, Director of Counseling at Choate Rosemary Hall, will discuss the importance of building ethical and religious inquiry into secondary educational systems.

\$15 | member: \$12

Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 19 | 10 - 11 am

Participate in the largest citizen-science birding survey of the year with Master Birder **Frank Mantlik**. Explore our property on a guided walk and enjoy the 100+ species that call our 80 acres home, as well as the forest preservation promoted by the vast biodiversity of our site.

\$10 | member: \$8 | children: \$5



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march

Grace Farms Tour

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\$25 | member: \$20

Saturday Screening | *Kiss the Ground*

Saturdays | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Featuring **Woody Harrelson**, *Kiss the Ground* offers the first viable solution to our climate problems. With compelling visuals, the film demonstrates an opportunity to rapidly stabilize the Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies by regenerating the world's soils. (1 hour 24 minutes)

free

World Wildlife Day

Thursday, March 3 | 1 - 2 pm

Wildlife conservation leaders will join Nature Initiative Director **Mark Fowler** from the field to celebrate and raise awareness of worldwide efforts to protect wildlife and restore our planet. The program will feature a virtual discussion with the opportunity for participants to join in and ask questions.

free (virtual)

Books on Faith & Meaning |

On Vanishing with Lynn Casteel Harper

Tuesday, March 15 | 12 - 1 pm

A minister, chaplain, and essayist, **Lynn Casteel Harper** joins us to discuss her important book *On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear*. Harper's personal, philosophical, and scientific examination of dementia encourages us to reexamine our fears of disappearance, death, and mortality.

free (virtual)

Exploring with Devon Chivvis

Thursday, March 17 | 1 - 2 pm

Join Director **Devon Chivvis** for a screening of her new film *Pathfinders: First Women of the Explorers Club*, an inside look at the early history of the first women to become members of The Explorers Club. Following the screening, join Devon and Nature Initiative Director **Mark Fowler** for tea and conversation in the Pavilion.

\$15 | member: \$12

Community Dinner

Friday, March 18 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy seasonal community dining experiences in our River building's Commons, a 6,900-square-foot glass space with 18-foot long communal tables that foster community and conversation.

\$16 | member: \$13 | children: \$10

Join us after the Community Dinner for **Female Innovators of Change**, featuring **Indra Nooyi**, former chairperson and CEO of PepsiCo, **Brooke Baldwin**, former CNN anchor, and **Elizabeth Davis**, an investor at the Female Innovators Lab.



Making Space for Women speakers (left to right): Pilin Anice, Sheri West, Jamie Renwick, Sophie Koven, Indra Nooyi, Brooke Baldwin, Elizabeth Davis, and Vanessa Barboni Hallik

making space for women series

In celebration of Women's History Month, our *Making Space for Women* series honors the important role that women play in our communities, the contributions they have made, and the innovative work they are doing to advance good.

Movement and Meditation for Girls

Saturday, March 5 | 10 - 11:30 am

Pilin Anice returns with an in-person meditation and movement course for pre-teen and teen girls, ages 8 to 13 years old. In this empowering interactive workshop, girls practice mindfulness and self-expression to discover the power of their voices and bodies.

\$15 | member: \$12

Making Space at the Lunch Table

Tuesday, March 8 | 12 - 2 pm

This inspiring lunch program, open to business leaders looking to grow an inclusive workspace, incorporates a Gen Z perspective alongside that of corporate partners known for making change in the workforce. Presented in partnership with Sheri West, Founder and CEO of LiveGirl; lunch will be included.

\$25 | member: \$20

Navigating New Pathways

Thursday, March 10 | 10 - 11:30 am

Join Jamie Renwick and Sophie Koven of Tide Risers in Fairfield County for tea and facilitated conversation. These leadership experts will guide women considering their professional and personal journeys through a series of tools and exercises designed to create progress.

\$20 | member: \$16

Female Innovators of Change with Indra Nooyi

Friday, March 18 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Female leaders at the forefront of innovation are creating an ecosystem of opportunities for others to advance, lead, and create change. Indra Nooyi, former chairperson and CEO of PepsiCo and author of *My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future*, will discuss various models of innovation alongside Brooke Baldwin, former CNN anchor and author of *Huddle: How Women Unlock Their Collective Power*, and Elizabeth Davis, an investor at the Female Innovators Lab, emphasizing how participation within this ecosystem is critical to developing ideas, products, and services that will change the world – for women, and everyone else. This program follows our March Community Dinner.

\$15 | member: \$12 | student: \$10

Amplifying Each Other | A Breakfast with Vanessa Barboni Hallik

Wednesday, March 30 | 10 - 11:30 am

Members are invited to join Vanessa Barboni Hallik, Founder and CEO of Another Tomorrow, for a breakfast conversation about her path to creating a tech-enabled, sustainable design company that is reinventing fashion in service of women and our shared tomorrow. The breakfast will foster community and conversation, and provide an opportunity for collaboration on the advancement of women's leadership.

member: \$28



march special event

design for FREEDOM summit

Forced Labor in the Global Materials Supply Chain

Thursday, March 31 | 9:30 am - 3 pm

Join Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms Foundation, and Design for Freedom Working Group members for a day-long summit exploring corporate ethical responsibility and the government policies that impact forced labor in the global building materials supply chain. Learn about the role of government and hear how industry experts are examining their own supply chains to meet corporate social responsibility goals related to sustainable and ethical sourcing and forced labor. Lunch and networking opportunities will be provided.

\$50 | member: \$40

Learn more about our Design for Freedom initiative:

Design for Freedom report by Grace Farms, available in the Library

Visitor Engagement Experiences

daily, exploring ethical building supply chains

Sustainable Materials Tour, April 30 at 10:30 am

Design for Freedom is a new movement launched by Grace Farms with more than 80 global leaders from the architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) professions, academia, artists, manufacturers, government officials, and NGOs to eradicate modern slavery from the built environment by addressing the systemic use of forced labor in the building materials supply chain. designforfreedom.org

How Government Policy Can Impact Forced Labor in Supply Chains

morning panel

Government agencies have an increasing responsibility to address the issue of forced labor. Explore how federal policies and regulatory frameworks can work to curb forced labor and improve supply chain traceability. Moderated by Justice Initiative Director Rod Khattabi, this panel features Angel Dizon, Managing Director, and Christy Foushee, Director of External Affairs, from the State Department's Bureau of Overseas Building Operations, alongside representatives from the Department of Homeland Security.

Corporate Ethical Responsibility Within the Building Materials Supply Chain

afternoon panel

As consumers show increasing interest in how products are sourced, manufactured, and distributed, corporations are taking a closer look at their ethical and sustainability practices. Industry experts including Dr. Harriet Harriss, Dean at Pratt Institute School of Architecture, Jane Abernathy, Chief Sustainability Officer of Humanscale, and Jennifer McCadney, Special Counsel International Trade and Government Relations at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, will discuss their approach to supply chain transparency, risk mitigation, and corporate ethical responsibility.



april

Grace Farms Tour

Thursdays and Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Explore the River, a meandering glass building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects SANAA, and four site-specific installations commissioned specifically for Grace Farms by artists **Thomas Demand**, **Olafur Eliasson**, **Teresita Fernández**, and **Beatriz Milhazes**. The tour begins with complimentary tea in the Pavilion.

\$25 | member: \$20

Saturday Screening | Sir David Attenborough's *Our Planet*

Saturdays | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary narrated by **Sir David Attenborough**. (53 minutes)

free

River Retreat Orientation

Saturday, April 2 | 2:30 - 3 pm

Faith Initiative Coordinator **Katie Grosh** will introduce the River Retreat, a self-directed way to encounter the Faith initiative and its core question: what is the shape of flourishing life? Completed at an individual pace – over the course of a couple of hours, a full day, or longer – it inspires insights about priorities, relationships, desires, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity. Booklets will be handed out after the introduction for participants to explore on their own.

\$5 | member: \$4

Sourcing Ethical Ingredients

Saturday, April 2 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Join **Adam Thatcher**, Co-Founder of Grace Farms Foods to step into the world of ethical and sustainable sourcing. Featuring Grace Farms Foods' line of signature cookies, coffee and teas, discover other B-corp certified products that are also committed to ethical sourcing.

\$15 | member: \$12

Books on Faith & Meaning | *This Here Flesh* with **Cole Arthur Riley**

Tuesday, April 12 | 12 - 1 pm

In her debut book, author **Cole Arthur Riley**, the creator of *Black Liturgies*, writes about the stories of her family, what they revealed to her, and how they unlocked her spirituality. *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us* encourages us to examine our own stories and reflect on how we can honor, lament, or heal from those stories.

free (virtual)



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april

Community Dinner

Friday, April 22 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy seasonal community dining experiences in our River building's Commons, a 6,900-square-foot glass space with 18-foot long communal tables that foster community and conversation.

\$16 | member: \$13 | children: \$10

Wildlife Works | A Market-Based Model for Conservation

Friday, April 22 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Nature Initiative Director Mark Fowler and our partners from Wildlife Works explore their strategy to create sustainable jobs and alternative livelihoods to poaching and deforestation. Learn about the REDD+ carbon marketplace that is financing conservation projects all over the world and the importance of making conservation work for local communities who share their land and resources with wildlife.

\$15 | member: \$12 | students: \$10

Impact and Innovation in Fashion | Dudley Stephens

Friday, April 29 | 10 - 11:30 am

Lauren Stephens and Kaki McGrath, Co-Founders of the responsible fashion and lifestyle brand Dudley Stephens, join us for a breakfast conversation about their commitment to promoting positive change through environmental stewardship, female entrepreneurship, diversity, and brand philanthropy. Learn about their sustainability story and how they are part of an innovative group of leaders reshaping the world of fashion by weaving values, vision, and a better tomorrow into their company and products.

\$35 | member: \$28

Sustainable Materials Tour from Design for Freedom

Saturday, April 30 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Nora Rizzo, Sustainable Materials Director at Grace Farms, will tour the SANAA-designed River building and Barns to highlight ethical and sustainable material sourcing. In buildings worldwide, glass, brick, timber, stone, and copper are vulnerable to being produced with forced labor, and this tour will offer guidance for asking questions about material sourcing as a professional or consumer.

\$25 | member: \$20



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earth day

the wonder of trees

Saturday, April 23 | 10 am - 5 pm

Forests play a central role in the well-being of our ecosystems. They sustain biodiversity, benefit our climate, and support human well-being. This Earth Day, join Grace Farms for a day of family-friendly activities celebrating the wonder of trees and encouraging us all to take part in forest conservation.

\$10 | member: \$8

Spring Tree Walks

Experience the beauty of flowering trees in the spring and learn how to identify them as **Laura Green** from Yale's School of Forestry and Environment points out the more than 50 species of trees on site at Grace Farms.

Painting Trees

Discover the joy of painting nature and wildlife with coloring pages from artist **Betsey Fowler**.

The Flourishing Life and Trees

In addition to being a critical part of our ecosystem, trees are also an important religious and cultural symbol. Join **Dr. Matthew Croasmun**, Faith Initiative Director, and **Katie Grosh**, Faith Initiative Coordinator, to explore the importance of living in balance with nature.

Find the Lines

Meander through the black locust grove and find lines in the landscape. Led by the Arts Initiative, this activity invites children and families to weave recycled yarn through the trees, encouraging us to consider the interrelatedness of life.

Climate Walks

Discover the incredible climate benefits of trees and forests during a walk through our 80 acres with Nature Initiative Director **Mark Fowler**.

Birds and the Trees

Join Master Birder **Frank Mantlik** to learn about the more than 100 species of birds at Grace Farms that rely on trees for food, shelter, and nesting.

Forest Bathing

Reconnect with nature and engage your senses, feelings, and emotions. A certified forest bathing guide will help participants to discover the power of nature's ability to alleviate stress and anxiety and improve our focus, wellness, and mental health.

Soaring Through the Treetops

Falconer **Brian Bradley** guides birds of prey along the treetops of Grace Farms as he discusses these majestic creatures and the importance of trees to their survival.

Plant an Oak

Over 250 species of life thrive in oak trees. Take an oak seedling home with you to plant and join us in creating and protecting the forests and wildlife of tomorrow.

Earth Day Inspired Art Installation

Enjoy a temporary artwork, inspired by the trees at Grace Farms, organized by Arts Initiative Curator **Pamela Ruggio**.

Library Resources

Visit the Library for a curated selection of books and resources about the power of trees and the importance of conserving our forests.



program series

journey into the world of tea

Tea has been a part of Grace Farms' welcome since its founding in 2015. We believe that to truly appreciate the intentionality of SANAA's River building design and the significance of the Foundation's work in advancing good in the world, one must start with a pause, a moment to reflect on possibilities.

This series, facilitated by tea expert **Frank Kwei**, is an opportunity to understand the global roots of this ancient tradition. Learn about the history and wide array of teas through tastings to understand nuances in flavor, texture, and smells. Moving among the River building's volumes, this experience includes a focused teaching and sampling of black, green, and white teas as well as Grace Farms Foods' ethically and sustainably sourced line of Sips teas.

\$15 per class or \$65 for the series | member: \$12 per class or \$52 for the series

Introduction

Wednesday, January 19 | 2 - 3 pm

An overview of the major categories of teas: white, green, oolong, black, pu-erh, and herbals.

Herbal Tisane

Wednesday, February 23 | 2 - 3 pm

Explore the world of blended herbs and spices with Grace Farms' Sips herbal teas. Try the delicate, yet complex flavors of caffeine free Rooibos Chai and Spearmint Rose made with organic and fair trade ingredients.

Oolong Teas

Wednesday, March 30 | 2 - 3 pm

Learn about the differences between Chinese and Taiwanese oolongs, with examples of Taiwan's famed "Two Sister" oolongs, China's Phoenix, and others.

Black Teas

Wednesday, April 27 | 2 - 3 pm

An introduction to black teas, covering distinctions from India, Sri Lanka, and China, with examples of Darjeeling, Assam, Ceylon, Keemun, and Yunnan teas.

White and Green Teas

Wednesday, May 25 | 2 - 3 pm

Discover the major distinctions between Chinese and Japanese green teas and learn about Chado, the Japanese tea ceremony.



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program series

growing your organic home garden from seed

The Community Garden has always been central to fostering community and our food relief efforts. Our 1,450-square-foot organic garden, managed by Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, is used to teach people about sustainable ways to grow food, and in the process foster a sense of peace, grace, and purpose. Open to the public daily, the Community Garden offers visitors an opportunity to learn about the full cycle of growing food, how to ensure soil health so that native plants can support our essential pollinators, and how to understand the life cycle and behavior of honey bees living in our on-site apiary. In addition to providing a window into sustainability, Lauren has created a sensory experience in the garden through the use of certain plants such as lavender.

Through our gardening series, participants will learn how to cultivate their own gardens and come away with a sense of stewardship for our environment and an understanding of how we can all contribute to the well-being of our communities.

\$20 per class or \$50 for the series | member: \$16 per class or \$40 for the series

Seed Planting and Design

Saturday, March 5 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Begin designing your organic home garden and learn how to start seeds indoors under grow lights.

Transplanting and Repotting

Saturday, April 9 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

As the air warms, discover techniques for spring soil preparation and transplanting seedlings into pots in preparation for the spring garden season.

Instructional Outdoor Planting in the Community Garden

Saturday, May 21 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

This hands-on class, held in Grace Farms' Community Garden, will teach proper spacing and outdoor planting techniques.

young gardeners series

Saturdays, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28 | 2 - 3 pm

Explore the senses through experiential learning during this five-part series. Young gardeners (ages 8-13) and their families will spend time planting, exploring our Community Garden, creating nature collages, and contemplating their connection to the earth. This multi-sensory approach connects families to the natural world and invites them to think deeper about how a garden can grow more than plants.

\$20 per class or \$90 for the series | member: \$16 per class or \$72 for the series (pricing includes child and one accompanying adult)



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river building

The Commons

Tuesday to Saturday 10 am - 3 pm, Sunday 12 - 3 pm,
with drinks and snacks available until 5 pm

The Commons is a community gathering place, with our communal tables built from trees harvested on site. Our sofas and fireplace offer additional spaces in which to take in the expansive views while enjoying food and beverages from our Commons menu.

The Library

Featuring a collection of books that respond to our five initiatives – nature, the arts, justice, community, and faith – and our programs, our library offers titles for browsing on site or for purchase. With a glass-enclosed conference room and a secluded fireplace, along with several other options for seating, this 4,550-square-foot space is ideal for conversation and hospitality. Guests are welcome to bring beverages in from the Commons.

The Sanctuary

Our 20,900-square-foot Sanctuary is an indoor amphitheater that welcomes up to 700 guests for programming across our five initiatives. In addition to lectures and programs, this space is ideally suited for quiet time and reflection.

The Pavilion

Tuesday to Friday 3 - 5 pm,
Saturday 11 am - 5 pm and Sunday 12 - 5 pm

Enjoy quiet conversation and tea in Grace Farms' Pavilion with a 360-degree view of our 80-acre preserve. To learn more about the Pavilion and updated tea service offerings, visit gracefarms.org

The Court

Drop in for activities that families and individuals of all ages can enjoy! From basketball and badminton on the court, to board games and puzzles on the mezzanine, to our Imagination Playground, we provide ongoing opportunities to activate your mind and body and engage with the community.

activities are subject to change



grace farms foundation

In addition to these highlighted programs, Grace Farms Foundation invites individuals, not-for-profit organizations, and government entities to come together to collaborate for good throughout the year. The Foundation provides a porous platform to experience nature, encounter the arts, pursue justice, foster community, and explore faith.

Our programs, which apply our own scholarship in addition to global partnership insights, become more profound when they intersect through Grace Farms. This often leads to unprecedented new outcomes.

Nature

We facilitate the stewardship of our natural world through restoration, exploration, and preservation, offering more than 30 weeks of multi-generational programming, and collaborating with other initiatives such as Justice, to protect endangered species and wildlife at a local and international level.

Arts

The Arts at Grace Farms demonstrate our integrative vision and a dynamic interplay between people, architecture, and landscape. We develop and present new, collaborative, and site-responsive programming at the intersection of the visual, literary, and performing arts by convening artists and practitioners across disciplines to explore complex subjects through an inquiry-based approach.

Justice

Our commitment to justice is based on the inherent right of liberty and equality for all. We leverage our law enforcement expertise, capacity-building across local, national, and global justice systems, and our unique interdisciplinary approach, in order to disrupt modern slavery, gender-based violence, and environmental crimes.

Community

We provide a warm, welcoming environment that fosters meaningful community among diverse groups of people. With Grace Farms as an essential platform for our work, the Community Initiative offers programmatic gathering spaces, self-directed recreational and social activities, and opportunities for individuals and not-for-profits to foster unity, forge new relationships and ideas, and advance good in the world.

Faith

We offer opportunities for dialogue and reflection to explore the nature of flourishing and purposeful life through workshops with various faith leaders and educators engaging the world's great traditions.

Design for Freedom

Design for Freedom is a new movement launched by Grace Farms with more than 80 global leaders and experts committed to eradicate modern slavery from the built environment by addressing the systemic use of forced labor in the building materials supply chain. designforfreedom.org



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Reformatting in progress



Map Key

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| 1 Peace Forest Exhibit | 📖 Books & Resources | 🪑 Bench |
| 2 Beatriz Milhazes, <i>Moon Love Dreaming</i> , 2016 | 🍴 Dining | 🚶 Walking Trail |
| 3 East Barn Rotating Exhibition Gallery | 🛗 Elevator | 🏠 Welcome Kiosk |
| 4 Teresita Fernández, <i>Double Glass River</i> , 2015 | 🏥 First Aid | |
| 5 Thomas Demand, <i>Farm 56</i> , 2015
Thomas Demand, <i>Farm 88</i> , 2015 | ℹ Information | |
| 6 Olafur Eliasson, <i>Mat for multidimensional prayers</i> , 2014, editions 1-7 of 24 | 🪑 Seating | |
| | 🛒 Shop | |
| | 🪑 Stairs | |
| | ☕ Tea | |
| | 🚽 Wash Closet | |

get involved

become a member

Grace Farms Members enjoy special access to our site, experiential activities, and thought-provoking programs – and the opportunity to be a part of our mission to pursue a more peaceful world.

Learn more at gracefarms.org/membership

donate

100% of charitable donations directly fund the Grace Farms Fund unless directed otherwise. Visit gracefarms.org to support our initiatives and publicly available space for all.

To make a donation, visit gracefarms.org/get-involved

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