



spring & summer programming

may - august 2022

grace farms

Edwina von Gal
Landscape Designer
& Earth Equity Advocate



Thursday, May 26 | 9 am &
Saturday, June 25 | 4 pm

Silvia Baldini
Innovative Chef
& Passionate Food
Entrepreneur



Thursday, May 26 | 6 pm

Theaster Gates
Serpentine Pavilion
Black Chapel
by Theaster Gates
Design for Freedom
Pilot Project



Opening Friday, June 10
London, England

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Sandeep Pahuja
Food Enthusiast & Host of
IDEO Podcast *Food x Design*



Friday, June 17 | 7:30 pm

welcome to grace farms

Grace Farms provides a meaningful space for people of all ages, experiences, and interests to gather, collaborate for good, and pursue a more peaceful world.

With daily on-site activities, engaging exhibits and art installations, and programming rooted in our Foundation's work to support food equity, inclusive communities, environmental sustainability, and the prevention of forced labor and human trafficking, every visitor has an opportunity to take part in our work to advance good in the world.

This season, we invite you to learn about toxin-free landscaping with our Nature Initiative, consider the subject of time with our Arts Initiative, explore the shape of flourishing life with our Faith Initiative, discover how we are disrupting gender-based violence with our Justice Initiative, and link arms with our Community Initiative to create a more equitable world.

Join us!

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



plan your visit

Start your visit at the Welcome Center, located in the West Barn. There you will connect with our Visitor Experience Team and learn about daily programs and events. You will also find information about future events and new outcomes happening at the intersection of our initiatives: nature, arts, justice, community, faith, and Design for Freedom.

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 advanced registration.

Membership

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 about our membership program and benefits on page 39 or visit gracefarms.org/membership.



Scan the QR code to register for a daily visit.



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left: Imagination Playground; above: Gardening Below Ground

daily activities and experiences

Interactive on-site programs exploring topics like sustainable design, food equity, and ethical supply chains offer an opportunity for visitors of all ages to learn about pressing humanitarian issues and engage with our work. Below are select programs you may encounter this spring and summer. Visit the Welcome Center in the West Barn for more information about what is offered on the day of your visit.

Imagination Playground

Discover the positive impact of play! This innovative playground system, originally designed by **Rockwell Group**, features large-scale, lightweight blocks that encourage curiosity-driven learning, social development, movement, and above all fun. Recommended for families with children ages three and older.

Room with an Equal View

Explore the Sanctuary's extraordinary features and discover how intentional design creates a purposeful connection and collaboration between audiences, presenters, and nature.

Architectural Elements | Timber

Examine different types of wood found in the trees in our landscape, and the wood used in the River building. Bridging the divide between nature and the built environment, make connections between source materials and end products, learn about the considerations that go into building design, and learn about Design for Freedom and its role addressing forced labor in the global materials supply chain.

Follow the Food

In honor of World Hunger Day in May, learn about the history of farming on Grace Farms' site. Visitors will share observations of the blossoming apple orchard, sparking a conversation about the Community Initiative's work on food security and creating a more equitable food system.

Gardening Below Ground

Healthy soil yields food with higher nutritional value. Explore the Community Garden to discover how we utilize regenerative agricultural practices like planting cover crops, composting, and companion plantings that build healthier soil.

For more information about daily activities, please call 203-920-1702, or see our Visitor Experience Team in the West Barn 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 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 February 2023

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 tens of thousands of nutritious meals to our neighbors in need. Grace Farms Foundation's work to close the PPE gap was furthered by collaboration with the State of Connecticut, the Town of New Canaan, and many other municipalities, hospitals, healthcare organizations, not-for-profits, and individuals.

The immersive installation, which includes an area for children to engage with the exhibit, weaves individual stories to a fabric of interconnectedness. It poses the question about the urgency and the power of continuing to act for the common good, not just in times of crisis.

Common Good Through Crisis is designed by **MASS Design Group**, a not-for-profit design firm advocating for architecture that promotes justice and human dignity and winner of the 2022 AIA Architecture Firm Award, with **Eddie Opara** and his team at **Pentagram**.



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 site-responsive sculpture from artist Alyson Shotz. Made from 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 artworks

Beatriz Milhazes, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016

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

Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015

Commons | 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

Library | Framed pigment print | 5'6" (h) x 8'4" (w)
Library | Framed pigment print | 2'8" (h) x 2' (w)

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

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



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Rendering by Nina Cooke John



Centerbrook Architects, courtesy: New Canaan Library



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design for freedom pilot projects

Design for Freedom Pilot Projects are new structures that provide material transparency and prioritize ethical procurement. These projects, along with the first Design for Freedom Summit held at Grace Farms on March 31, raise awareness of forced labor in the building materials supply chain and demonstrate that it is possible to create a more humane built environment together. We anticipate more than 1 million people will encounter them.

Black Chapel by Theaster Gates (21st Serpentine Pavilion)

Location: London, England

Open: June 10–October 16, 2022

Project partners: Serpentine Galleries and AECOM

Shadow of a Face by Nina Cooke John (Harriet Tubman Monument)

Location: Newark, New Jersey

Estimated date of completion: late summer 2022

Project partner: Nina Cooke John

New Canaan Library

Location: New Canaan, Connecticut

Estimated date of completion: first quarter 2023

Project partners: New Canaan Library, Turner Construction, and Centerbrook Architects

Temporal Shift by Alyson Shotz

Location: Grace Farms, New Canaan, Connecticut

Date of completion: September 2021

Project partners: Grace Farms Foundation, Alyson Shotz Studio, Derek Eller Gallery, LERA Consulting Structural Engineers, Williams Metalfinishing, Inc., DCM Fabrication, Sicame Construction, North American Stainless, Yarde Metals, O&G Industries, Duff Price Excavating, LLC



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left: Grace Farms Tour; above: Grace Farms Family Arts Guide

ongoing programming

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 by artists Thomas Demand, Olafur Eliasson, Teresita Fernández, and Beatriz Milhazes. Complimentary tea included.

\$25 | member: \$20 | children: \$12

Bunny Book Group

Fridays in May and July | 10:30 - 11:00 am

Gather on the SANAA-designed 'rabbit chairs' as we read children's stories exploring topics related to our programs and initiative work.

Recommended for families with children ages one through five.

free

Open Arts Studio for Families

Saturdays | 10:30 am - 3 pm

Think, play, and create! Families are invited to experiment with new materials and art-making techniques during this facilitated series.

Recommended for families with children ages five through ten.

\$5 | member: \$4

Making Time for Tea

Fridays starting in June | 2 - 3 pm

Explore the origins of tea and the role it plays in modern life with tea expert Frank Kwei. Try samples of different blends, including Grace Farms Foods' sustainably-sourced line of Sips teas.

\$15 | member: \$12

member hour: Open Arts Studio for Families

Second Saturday of each month | 9 - 10 am

Designed and facilitated by artists, curators, and educators, this series invites families with children ages five through ten to think, play, create, and, best of all, get to know one another. Complimentary tea and coffee included.

free

self-directed programming

Grace Farms Family Arts Guide

daily | self-guided

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

Recommended for families with children ages five through ten.

Available at the West Barn Welcome Center and in the Library.

\$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? This can be completed over the course of a day or longer.

Available at the West Barn Welcome Center and in the Library.

\$5 | member: \$4



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left: Spring Birdwatching; above, Young Gardeners Series

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Tea for a Better Tomorrow

Thursdays, May 5 and 19 | 2 - 3 pm

See, hear, smell, and taste teas from around the world with tea expert Frank Kwei and Grace Farms Foods' Co-Founder Adam Thatcher. Learn about traditional tea practices and modern methods, enjoy tastings of varietals including herbals, oolongs, blacks, greens, and whites, and discover the impact of ethically- and sustainably-sourced teas.

\$15 | member: \$12

Spring Birdwatching | The Birds and the Trees

Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Embark on a guided walk through our nature trails, led by Master Birder Frank Mantlik, in search of birds migrating during the summer. Birdwatchers of all ages and experience will learn about the natural world and discover the species that make Grace Farms their home.

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

Young Gardeners Series

Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 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. Connect with the natural world and consider how a garden can grow more than plants.

Series begins on Saturday, April 30.

Prior participation in the series is not required.

\$20 per class | member: \$16 per class

(pricing includes child and one accompanying adult)

Against the Grain Screening with David Barber of Stone Barns Center

Tuesday, May 10 | 10 - 11: 30 am

Join David Barber, co-founder of Blue Hill at Stone Barns and a founding partner at Stone Barns Center, and Caitlin Taylor, Principal at MASS Design for a dynamic event on innovative strategies to advance food equity. A Community Meal – delicious menu items that are created for the public and for our food relief partners – is included.

\$30 | member: \$25

Books on Faith & Meaning Growing Moral with Steve Angle

Tuesday, May 10 | 12 - 1 pm

Philosopher Steve Angle returns to the *Books on Faith & Meaning* series, led by Faith Initiative Director Matthew Croasmun, to build a case for modern Confucianism as a way of life worth the attention of reflective modern readers. In his most recent book, Angle points the way towards a progressive, evolving version of Confucianism that is consistent with the principles it has upheld over centuries. Ancient and enduring, rich and wide-ranging, Confucianism offers insights into how we can lead deeply connected and good lives.

free (virtual)



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left: Spring Tour & Tea with Artist Alyson Shotz; above: New Canaan Chamber Music featuring Andrew Armstrong

may

Spring Tour & Tea with Artist Alyson Shotz

Saturday, May 14 | 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 artist **Alyson Shotz** and curator **Pamela Ruggio** for a conversation about the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time over a seasonal cup of tea following the tour.

\$25 | member: \$20

May Community Dinner

Friday, May 20 | 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

New Canaan Chamber Music featuring Andrew Armstrong

Friday, May 20 | 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Following our May Community Dinner, **New Canaan Chamber Music** joins us for an evening of music in the Sanctuary, led by world-renowned pianist **Andrew Armstrong** and presented in collaboration with **Amy Schwartz Moretti** on violin, **Matthew Lipman** on viola, and **Raphael Bell** on cello.

\$50 | member: \$40 | children: \$25

Growing Your Organic Home Garden from Seed | Instructional Outdoor Planting

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

The final class in our *Growing Your Organic Home Garden from Seed* series, led by Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, invites participants into Grace Farms' Community Garden for a hands-on demonstration teaching proper spacing and outdoor planting techniques.

Prior participation in the series is not required.

\$20 | member: \$16

Journey Into the World of Tea | 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. Led by tea expert **Frank Kwei**, our *Journey Into the World of Tea* series offers an opportunity to understand the global roots and ancient traditions of tea.

\$15 | member: \$12



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may special event

Earth Equity and Design for Freedom Landscapes Forum

Thursday, May 26 | 10 am - 4 pm
(Registration begins at 9:00 am)

Join Grace Farms Foundation, Edwina von Gal, an East Hampton-based landscape designer and founder of the **Perfect Earth Project**, and the **Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects** for a convening to renew commitments to human rights and sustainable ecosystems in landscape design and land care.

This full-day event will feature panels, tours, walks, lunch and breakout discussions with tools for establishing a new paradigm to create biodiversity-positive, nature-based solutions in our landscapes, installed with sustainable materials free of forced labor and child labor.



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Here is a preview of the day's events (with more to come):

- Join guided walking tours with **Dennis McClade** and **Eve Kootchick** of **Olin Studio** and learn about the landscape design vision and restored native meadows at Grace Farms.
- Hear from **Warrie Price**, Founder and President of **The Battery Conservancy**, about the conservancy's model commitment to chemical-free and sustainable ecosystems throughout its vast perennial gardens, lawns, urban farm, bike paths, and harbor vistas.
- Learn about forced labor associated with common material choices in the built environment from **Luciana Varkulja**, architect and urban designer from São Paulo, Stony Creek Quarry, and more.
- Hear from speakers including **James and Hayes Slade**, of **Slade Architecture**, and others.
- Explore techniques you can put into practice immediately for native, pollinator, and pesticide-free landscaping with **Edwina von Gal**.
- Close with a garden tea in the orchard of the **SANAA**-designed Plaza.

LA CES and APLD credits pending
\$50 | member: \$40



Edwina von Gal © Jacek Dolata



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left: Introduction to Design for Freedom; above: Meet the Grace Farms Bees

may

member program: An Evening with Chef Silvia Baldini

Thursday, May 26 | 6 - 9 pm

Join *Chopped*® champion and innovative chef **Silvia Baldini** as she collaborates with Grace Farms chef **Neena Perez** for an intimate dinner with ethically- and sustainably-sourced ingredients for Grace Farms members. Learn about the ingredients and the farms they were sourced from, with special pairings of **Ruinart** champagne, **Pointy Snout Caviar** and **Grace Farms Foods'** Fairtrade cookies, and gain insight into how we all can enhance ethical and sustainable food systems.

Co-hosted by **Vani Birnbaum** and **Amelia Osborne Scott**

founding friend members: free | individual and family members: \$100

Summer Picnic Series | Memorial Day Celebration

Sunday, May 29 | 12 - 5 pm

Celebrate Memorial Day at Grace Farms! Enjoy nature walks, craft projects, games, and picnic-themed food available for purchase.

free

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Introduction to Design for Freedom

Wednesday, June 1 | 12 - 1 pm

Join **Nora Rizzo**, Sustainable Materials Director, for a virtual lunch and learn about our Design for Freedom Initiative that highlights the risks of forced and child labor in the built environment. Architects, engineers, contractors, developers, and other industry professionals are invited to learn about the valuable resources and tools that can be used to assess forced labor risks within their organizations and projects.

This program is approved by the AIA for 1 LU | HSW.

free (virtual)

Tea for a Better Tomorrow

Thursdays, June 2 and 16 | 2 - 3 pm

See, hear, smell, and taste teas from around the world with tea expert **Frank Kwei** and **Grace Farms Foods'** Co-Founder **Adam Thatcher**. Learn about traditional tea practices and modern methods, enjoy tastings of varietals including herbals, oolongs, blacks, greens, and whites, and discover the important impact of ethically- and sustainably-sourced teas.

\$15 | member: \$12

Meet the Grace Farms Bees

Saturday, June 4 | 10 - 10:30 am

Enter the world of backyard beekeeping with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, who will share her experience tending the two beehives in our Community Garden. Learn why bees are crucial to the health of the planet, and the ways in which we can care for a hive or protect their natural environment.

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



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left: Native Meadow Walk; above: Full Moon Supermoon

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Wildlife Encounters

Saturdays, June 4 and 18 | 11 am - 12 pm

Did you know that birds are actually classified as reptiles? Come face-to-face with native wildlife and discover the wild world of raptors, reptiles, and amphibians with guest wildlife lecturers.

free

Restoring Wild | Native Meadow Walk

Saturdays, June 11 and 25 | 1 - 2 pm

Join us for a cup of iced tea and venture out on a guided walk around the meadows, a vital habitat for declining bee and butterfly populations. Learn about and identify native plants and trees, all while discovering the critical process behind our ongoing meadow restoration.

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

Astronomy | Full Moon Supermoon

Tuesday, June 14 | 8 - 9:30 pm

Attend a brief lecture from astronomer **Tim Haag** then observe the first supermoon of 2022 from our tranquil 80-acre landscape. This magnificent moon will be near its closest approach to the earth, a position that makes it appear larger and brighter than usual.

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

June Community Dinner

Friday, June 17 | 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

The Future of Food with Sandeep Pahuja

Friday, June 17 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm

The world's current food system isn't as resilient and sustaining as it could be for our families, communities, and environment. Join innovator **Sandeep Pahuja**, Haas Business School professor, and host of **IDEO's** #1 rated food podcast, *Food x Design*, for a conversation about how to realize a future of food that is equitable, regenerative, and nourishing for all people and the planet. A Q&A session, led by Community Initiative Director **Karen Kariuki**, will follow.

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

River Retreat Orientation

Saturday, June 25 | 2:30 - 3 pm

Faith Initiative Coordinator **Katie Grosh** will introduce the self-directed River Retreat. Completed at an individual pace, it inspires insights about priorities, relationships, desires, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity. Booklets will be provided for participants to explore on their own.

\$5 | member: \$4



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left: Edwina von Gal, Toxin-Free Landscaping; above: Wildlife Encounters

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member program: Toxin-Free Landscaping with Edwina von Gal Saturday, June 25 | 4 - 5:30 pm

Renowned landscape designer Edwina von Gal, principal of her eponymous firm and founder of the Perfect Earth Project, will share transformative strategies towards ethical and equitable landscape design and care. Following a presentation of von Gal's projects with noted architects and artists, learn more about Grace Farms' landscape with a guided pollinator walk, and receive native flowers to take home.

free

Summer Picnic Series | Summer Solstice Sunday, June 26 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Savor the longest day of the year with a community picnic. Enjoy extended Community Garden hours, lawn games, sun-inspired crafts, and a delicious meal.

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

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Wildlife Encounters Saturdays, July 2 and 16 | 11 am - 12 pm

Did you know that reptiles are among the oldest animals on earth? Come face-to-face with native wildlife and discover the wild world of raptors, reptiles, and amphibians with guest wildlife lecturers.

free

Tea for a Better Tomorrow Thursdays, July 7 and 21 | 2 - 3 pm

See, hear, smell, and taste teas from around the world with tea expert Frank Kwei and Grace Farms Foods' Co-Founder Adam Thatcher. Learn about traditional tea practices and modern methods, enjoy tastings of varietals including herbals, oolongs, blacks, greens, and whites, and discover the important impact of ethically- and sustainably-sourced teas.

\$15 | member: \$12

Restoring Wild | Native Meadow Walk July 9 | 1 - 2 pm

Join us for a cup of iced tea and venture out on a guided walk around the meadows, a biodiverse habitat that encourages indigenous wildlife to flourish. Learn about and identify native plants and trees, all while discovering the critical process behind our ongoing meadow restoration.

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



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left: July Community Dinner; above: Summer Picnic Series

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Meet the Grace Farms Bees

Saturday, July 9 | 10 - 10:30 am

Enter the world of backyard beekeeping with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, who will share her experience tending the two beehives in our Community Garden. Learn why bees are crucial to the health of the planet, and how we can protect their natural environment.

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

Books on Faith & Meaning | *Meaning in Life and Why it Matters* with Susan Wolf

Tuesday, July 12 | 12 - 1 pm

Join Faith Initiative Director **Matthew Croasmun** and Professor **Susan Wolf** to discuss her book, *Meaning in Life and Why it Matters*. This clear and compelling text explores human motivation and differentiates meaningfulness from happiness or morality.

free (virtual)

July Community Dinner

Friday, July 15 | 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

Pathfinders | Women Explorers Leading the Way

Friday, July 15 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join director **Devon Chivvis** for a screening of her film, *Pathfinders: First Women of the Explorers Club*. Following the screening, Community Initiative Director **Karen Kariuki** will moderate a discussion between Devon and NYC-based filmmaker **Danielle Lurie** about the film, gender equity, and women in filmmaking.

\$15 | member: \$12

member program: Annual Member Day

Saturday, July 23 | 10 am - 5 pm

Join us for our first annual member day, with experiences for all ages to enhance connection with Grace Farms' architecture, landscape, and each other. Programs include complimentary architecture tours, meadows walks, open arts studio, and exploration and art-making with artist **Hillary Waters Fayle**.

free

Summer Picnic Series | Red, White, and Blue

Sunday, July 24 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Gather with friends from the community to enjoy family-friendly crafts, lawn games, and a delicious meal.

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



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left: Sustainable Materials Tour; above: Native Meadow Walk

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Sustainable Materials Tour from Design for Freedom

Saturday, August 6 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Sustainable Materials Director **Nora Rizzo** will tour the SANAA-designed River building and Barns to highlight ethical and sustainable material sourcing. Glass, brick, timber, stone, and copper are vulnerable to being produced with forced labor. This tour will offer guidance for asking questions about material sourcing as a professional or consumer. The tour includes an introduction to the **Design for Freedom** initiative as well as tea in the Pavilion. Participants will also receive a copy of the Design for Freedom Report.

AIA CES Pending

\$25 | member: \$20

Wildlife Encounters

Saturdays, August 6 and 20 | 11 am - 12 pm

Did you know that birds of prey have some of the best eyesight in the animal kingdom? Come face-to-face with native wildlife and discover the wild world of raptors, reptiles, and amphibians with guest wildlife lecturers.

free

Summer Tour & Tea with Artist Alyson Shotz

Saturday, August 6 | 3 - 4:30 pm

Experience *Temporal Shift*, a site-responsive sculpture that animates an interior courtyard of the River building. Join artist **Alyson Shotz** and curator **Pamela Ruggio** for a cup of tea and an engaging conversation about the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time.

\$25 | member: \$20

Restoring Wild | Native Meadow Walk

August 13 and 27 | 1 - 2 pm

Join us for a cup of iced tea and a guided walk around our native meadows. Learn about the critical process behind our ongoing restoration of the meadows, home to over 60 species of birds, bees, and butterflies.

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

Books on Faith & Meaning *Notes of a Native Daughter* with Keri Day

Tuesday, August 16 | 12 - 1 pm

How can we bear witness to more liberating, decolonizing, and inclusive futures in theological education? Join Faith Initiative Director **Matthew Croasmun** and Professor **Keri Day** to discuss her book, *Notes of a Native Daughter*. Through her testimony as an Afro-Pentecostal Black woman, Day bears witness to the truth revealed in her and others' lived experiences of theological education, offers words of lamentation, and hope for future communities of intimacy and belonging.

free (virtual)

Summer Picnic Series | End of Summer Celebration

Friday, August 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Take our seasonal community dining experience outside for a picnic-style meal and an opportunity to partake in garden-themed family-friendly activities. We will offer crafts, demonstrations, and hands-on activities centered around sustainable gardening, facilitated by our master gardener and educators.

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



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left: Masters of the Garden; above: Fostering Inclusive Communities

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Meet the Grace Farms Bees

Saturday, August 27 | 10 - 10:30 am

Explore the world of backyard beekeeping with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, who will share her experience tending the beehives in our Community Garden. Learn why bees are crucial to the health of our planet, and how we can care for a hive or protect their natural environment.

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

Masters of the Garden

Saturday, August 27 | 11 am - 12 pm

Join us for a conversation with Grace Farms' master gardeners, past and present. **Nick Mancini** and **Lauren Elliott** will lead a tour of the Community Garden and share stories from their time tending the beds. Bring your questions and your appetite. Selections from the garden will be available for tasting.

\$10 | member: \$8

Visit gracefarms.org to register for programs. Students receive a 30% discount on all paid programming.

special programming: fostering inclusive communities

Grace Farms is committed to creating and making space for inclusive, collaborative, and meaningful community building with engaging leaders and timely programming. This past February, this commitment inspired us to invite American civil rights icon **Ruby Bridges** for a conversation about her life that engaged more than 5,000 members of our community.

Our Community Initiative seeks to foster communities that are civil, flourishing, and inclusive of all – with the goal of generating thought and action towards sustained social impact.

Building an Inclusive Community

This spring, we worked with **REthinc**, an interracial consulting group focused on building inclusive, equitable organizations in the public and private sectors, to host a series of training sessions for parents and coaches interested in teaching children about the importance of inclusion.

Inclusive Leaders of the Future

Applications available July 1; due September 1

Inspired by civil rights icon **Ruby Bridges'** belief that change will come from our youth, Grace Farms Foundation is launching *Inclusive Leaders of the Future*, a year-long experiential cohort for youth. The cohort will come together for a series of curated activities and experiences to foster equity and embrace diversity. Together with experts, participants will develop skills and strategies to live their values, speak up for others, and stand up for inclusion.



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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 selection of publications that inform the work of our initiatives – nature, arts, justice, community, faith, and Design for Freedom – our library offers titles for browsing on site or for purchase. With deep leather seating, a glass-enclosed conference room, and a cozy fireplace area, this 4,550-square-foot space is ideal for conversation and engagement.

The Sanctuary

Our 20,900-square-foot Sanctuary is an indoor amphitheater that welcomes up to 700 visitors, offering each an equal and unique perspective. In addition to lectures and programs, this space is ideally suited for quiet time and reflection, with calming views of nature and wildlife.

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 panorama 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.



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left: Fieldnotes on Time Featuring Distinguished Poet Tracy K. Smith; above: Screening and Discussion | A Conversation with Civil Rights Icon Ruby Bridges

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 multigenerational programming, and collaborating with other initiatives such as Justice, to protect endangered species and wildlife at a local and international level.

Arts

The Arts Initiative at Grace Farms demonstrates 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. Grace Farms provides an essential platform for our work to foster inclusive communities by addressing food equity, gender equity, and racial equity. The Community Initiative offers programmatic gathering spaces, self-directed recreational and social activities, and opportunities for diverse audiences across sectors to 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 reimagines architecture by raising awareness and inspiring responses to disrupt forced labor in the building materials supply chain. Visit designforfreedom.org.



an evening with Chef Silvia Baldini

membership

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

This season, select programming is free to members and is included in your membership package. Through these events, we encourage you to deepen your connection to the work of Grace Farms, and enjoy community with other members.

Members-only events this season include:

Member Hour | Open Arts Studio for Families

Second Saturday of each month | 9 - 10 am
free

An Evening with Chef Silvia Baldini

Thursday, May 26 | 6 - 9 pm
individual and family members: \$100 | founding friend members: free

Toxin-Free Landscaping with Edwina von Gal

Saturday, June 25 | 4 - 5:30 pm
free

Member Day

Saturday, July 23 | 10 - 5 pm
free

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.

Become a member at gracefarms.org/membership



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left: River Retreat Orientation; above: Innovators of Change (left to right): Karin Kariuki, Brooke Baldwin, Indra Nooyi, and Elizabeth Davis

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**

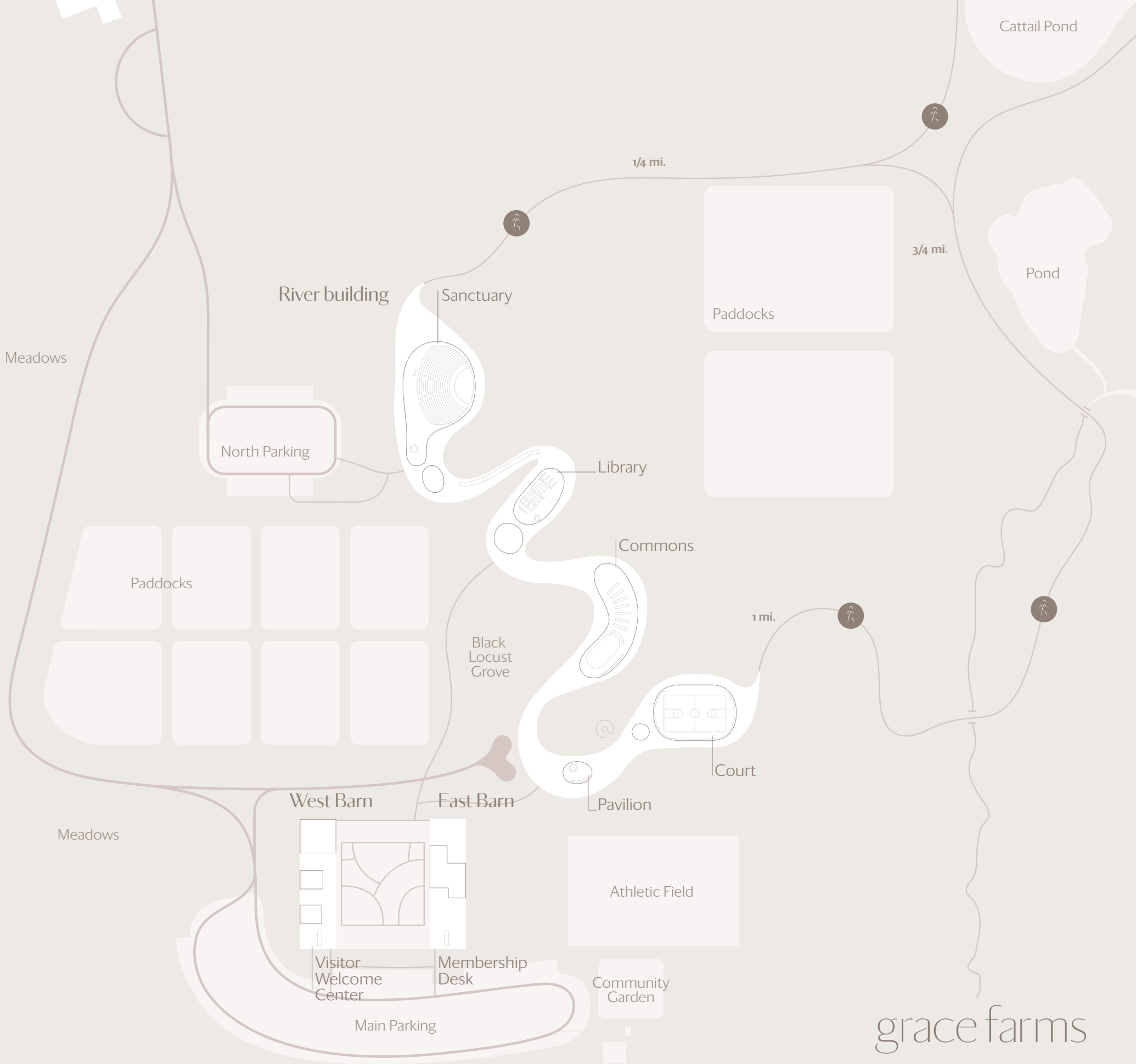
founding friend

\$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.

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



Cattail Pond

1/4 mi.

3/4 mi.

Pond

River building

Sanctuary

Paddocks

Meadows

North Parking

Library

Paddocks

Commons

1 mi.

Black Locust Grove

Court

West Barn

East Barn

Pavilion

Meadows

Athletic Field

Visitor Welcome Center

Membership Desk

Community Garden

Main Parking

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support

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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