

grace farms

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fall & winter programming

september - december 2022

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Grammy Nominated
The Latin Heartbeat Orchestra



Saturday, September 17 | 3 - 4:30 pm

President of Williams College
Maud Mandel
The Future of Education



Thursday, September 29 | 7 - 8 pm

Pastry Chef Leah Jones
Afternoon Tea



Wednesdays | 3 - 4:30 pm
September 7, October 5,
November 2, December 7

Reimagining Architecture
2022 Annual Benefit



Saturday, October 15 | 5 - 9 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.

Whenever you attend our daily on-site activities or engage with exhibits, art installations, and event programming, you're taking part in our Foundation's work to support food equity, inclusive communities, and environmental sustainability. Your support contributes to our ongoing effort to engage the global community and international partners committed to the momentous **Design for Freedom** movement, centered on raising awareness of, and eliminating forced labor and human trafficking in the building materials supply chain.

This season, sip tea with friends, observe migrating birds and butterflies, ponder questions about a meaningful life, dance to lively music played by the **Latin Heartbeat Orchestra** – and more.

We look forward to welcoming you this fall and winter.

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



2022 annual benefit

Reimagining Architecture

Saturday, October 15 | 5 - 9 pm

On October 15, Grace Farms Foundation will celebrate its **7th anniversary** with its annual benefit, an evening immersion with dinner and dancing in the SANAA-designed River building among a dynamic fall landscape and community of supporters. This year's theme, Reimagining Architecture, invites us to come together, rethink our relationship to the built environment, and contemplate ethical choices that create a more humane future.

Since Grace Farms' founding as a new kind of public space that brings together people from all ages and backgrounds, we have reimagined architecture and its relationship to nature and people. This relationship has galvanized new outcomes locally and globally, from providing food relief to those in our community to advocating for our environment and advancing the ambitious goal of removing forced labor from our architecture. This year, against the backdrop of the expansive preserve and fall sky, we invite you to engage with possibilities and consider a world where sustainability extends beyond architecture's impact on our environment and people.

This event raises sustaining funds for Grace Farms Foundation's interdisciplinary programs, including the Design for Freedom movement, initiated by Grace Farms to eliminate forced labor from the building materials supply chain.

Honorees

Nina Cooke John

Founding Principal, Studio Cooke John Architecture + Design
Shadow of a Face, Harriet Tubman Monument
Design for Freedom Pilot Project

Debbie Propst

President of Global Retail, MillerKnoll
Design for Freedom Face Mask
Initiated New Canaan Library Pilot Project

Recognized for their innovative contributions to the
Design for Freedom movement

Benefit Chairs

Silvia Baldini

Abby Bangser

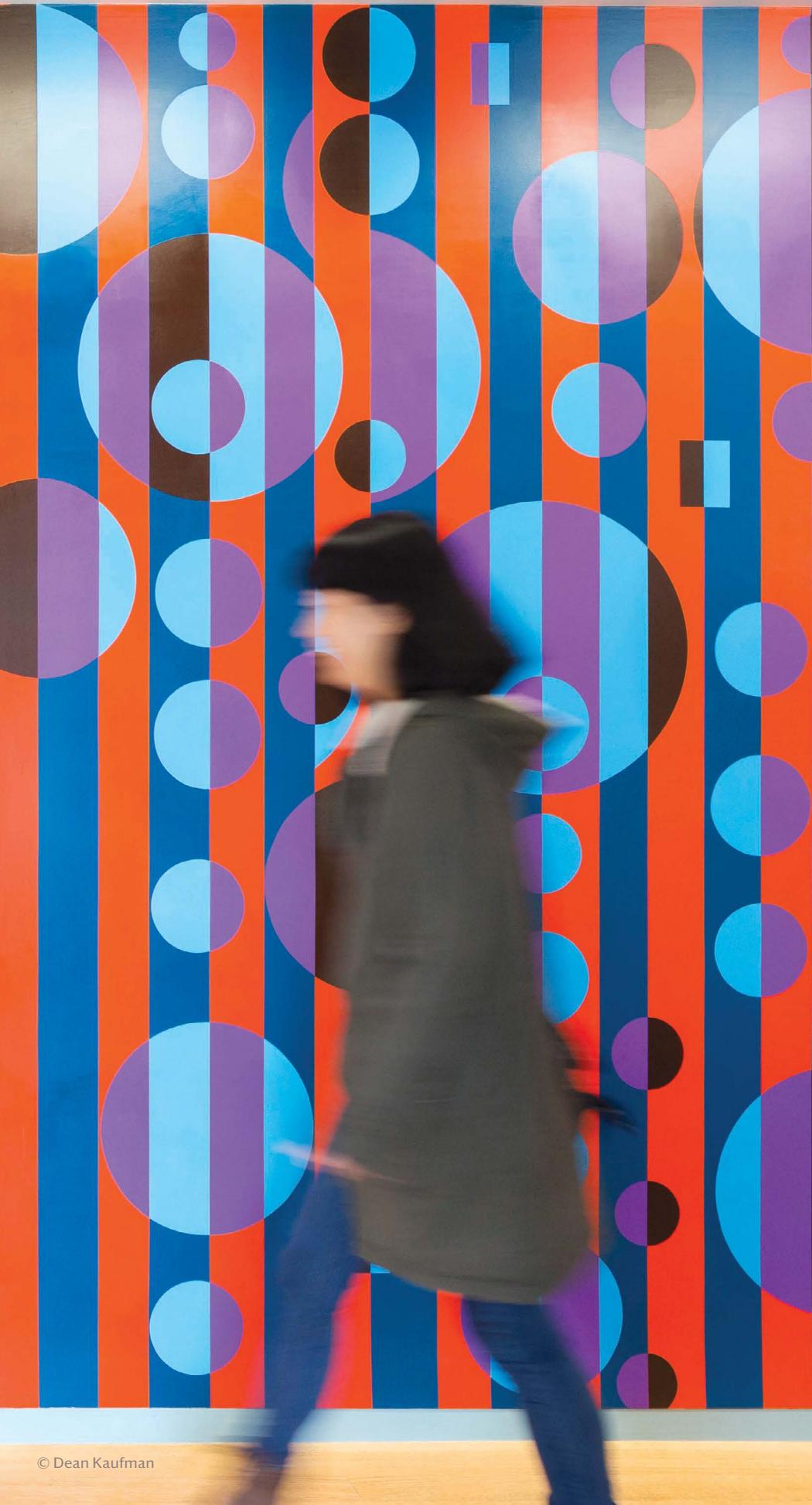
Angela Mwanza

Caitlin Taylor

Music Director

Marcus G. Miller

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plan your visit

Start your visit at the Welcome Center in the West Barn to learn about our daily programs and events from our Visitor Experience Team. You'll 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 here, register in advance online at gracefarms.org/visit.

Membership

Grace Farms members can visit us without advanced registration, as well as enjoy special access to our site for members-only events, early registration for select events, 20% off our thought-provoking programs, and an opportunity to share in something greater with a gift bundle from Grace Farms Foods.

Becoming a member helps us advance our mission to pursue a more peaceful world, and supports the preservation of the River building and its surrounding 80 acres. Learn about membership benefits and more on page 42 or visit gracefarms.org/membership.



Scan the QR code to register for a daily visit.



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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? Explore *Peace Forest*, an immersive installation inspired by nature, offering 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**.



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Common Good Through Crisis Exhibit with MASS Design Group

East Barn | through Spring 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 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 by collaboration with the State of Connecticut, the Town of New Canaan, and many other municipalities, hospitals, healthcare organizations, not-for-profits, and individuals.

Visitors are encouraged to participate in this immersive installation by weaving a piece of fabric that connects their story to others, and ponder the power in acting 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**.



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left: Alyson Shotz, *Temporal Shift*, 2021; above: Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015

art project

Alyson Shotz: *Temporal Shift*

Library Courtyard | closing October 16, 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 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

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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left: Architectural Elements | Timber; above: Apple Season

daily programs

Our daily, interactive programs are designed for all ages and explore topics like sustainable design, food equity, and ethical supply chains. Below are select programs you may encounter. The Welcome Center in the West Barn will provide you with more information about what is offered on the day of your visit.

Imagination Playground

Build skills, solve problems, and make friends through this innovative playground system. Originally designed by the **Rockwell Group**, these large-scale, lightweight blocks encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play. *Recommended for children ages three and older with adult caregivers.*

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 the wood found in the trees across our landscape and used in the River building, while learning about Design for Freedom and its role in addressing forced labor in the global building materials supply chain.

Follow the Food

Meet in the Plaza at the apple trees to learn about the history of farming on the land that Grace Farms is built on and partake in a conversation about the Community Initiative's work on food security and creating a more equitable food system.

Fall Garden Preparation and Sustainability

Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** will show you techniques to prepare for a beautiful garden next season, ways to support your local ecosystem, and how to increase sustainability and conscientious stewardship of the landscape.

Materials Matter

Through dialogue and a building activity, this engagement will illuminate how complex networks, such as construction supply chains obscure the human cost of production. Participants will learn how they can join the Design for Freedom movement and be part of a more equitable supply chain.

Apple Season

Visit during early fall for the best viewing of the ripening apple trees in the Plaza. Throughout the season, we harvest seven different varieties of organic apples, including Courtland and Red Baron apples, and two varieties of plums. A portion of the apples we harvest are donated to our local food relief partner, **Person to Person**.

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



self-guided daily programs

River Retreat

self-guided

Embark on an exploration of both the art and architecture of the River building in order 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: free

Grace Farms Family Guide

self-guided

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

Recommended for children ages five through 10, with adult caregivers.

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

\$5 | member: free

left: Grace Farms Family Guide; above: Bunny Book Group

weekly programs

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 | children: \$12

Bunny Book Group

Fridays | 10:30 - 11:00 am

Gather on the SANAA-designed rabbit chairs in our Library as we read children's stories from our curated selection of books exploring topics related to our ongoing programs and initiative work.

Recommended for children age one through five with adult caregivers.
free

Open Arts Studio for Families

Saturdays | 10:30 am - 3 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 series.

Recommended for children age five through 10 with adult caregivers.
\$5 | member: free

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



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left: Tea for a Better Tomorrow; above: Community Dinner

ongoing programs

Tea for a Better Tomorrow

Thursdays | 2 - 3 pm

September 1 and 15 | October 6 and 20 | November 3 and 17 |
December 1 and 15

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

Afternoon Tea at Grace Farms

Wednesdays | 3 - 4:30 pm

September 7 | October 5 | November 2 | December 7

You're invited to our take on a traditional English Afternoon Tea service. Enjoy this community gathering and conversation with friends and tea expert **Frank Kwei** over a delicious pot of ethically- and sustainably-sourced tea, and a seasonal assortment of tasty English and Japanese-inspired bites created by Pastry Chef **Leah Jones**.

\$30 | member: \$24

Bird and Butterfly Walks

Saturdays | 10 - 11 am

September 10 and 24 | October 1 and 8

Embark on timely fall walks that coincide with peak seasonal migration of songbirds, swallows, hawks, and water birds, as well as monarchs and other butterflies. Many species will pass through our landscape, a Pollinator Pathway site, on their way to overwinter in warmer climates.

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

Kids Cook with Chef Neena Perez

Wednesdays | 3:30 - 5:30 pm

September 14 | October 26 | November 9

Under the guidance of Grace Farms Chef **Neena Perez**, kids ages 11 to 17 will learn how to cook and bake during introductory culinary classes that emphasize good nutrition, organizational skills, communication, and teamwork. Students may enjoy what they cook during class or at home. We supply all ingredients, recipes, and cooking tools.

\$40 | member: \$32

Community Dinner

Fridays | dinner begins at 6 pm

November 18 | December 9

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



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left: Fall Foliage Walks; above: Life Worth Living

ongoing programs

Experience the River Retreat | A Facilitated Series

Tuesdays | 11 am - 12 pm

October 18 and 25 | November 1 and 8

This four-part series, led by Faith Initiative Director **Matthew Croasmun**, and Faith Initiative Coordinator **Katie Grosh**, offers a facilitated deep dive into answering the question, “What kind of life is worth wanting?” During each unique session, participants will move through a different part of the River building. The retreat provides an introspective immersion into different stages of the retreat through various religious and philosophical text and the building’s architecture and artwork.

class: \$10 | member: \$8
series: \$35 | member: \$28

Fall Foliage Walks

Saturdays | 12 - 1 pm and 2 - 3 pm

October 22 and 29 | November 5

Engage all your senses and experience the fall landscape with guest nature expert **Laura Green** from Yale School of Forestry and Environment. Stroll through the colorful, changing leaves and learn about the importance of forest restoration and how trees mitigate climate change through oxygen release and local biodiversity.

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

featured program

life worth living

7-Week Academic Course

Tuesdays | 7 - 9 pm

October 4 - November 15

This seven-week academic course is led by **Matthew Croasmun**, Faith Initiative Director at Grace Farms and Director of the Life Worth Living Program at **Yale Center for Faith and Culture**. It meets in the evenings, in-person at Grace Farms.

Participants are invited to embark on an honest reflection about their lives, and connect with others interested in exploring questions of meaning and purpose. Each week features select short readings from a variety of religious and philosophical traditions, both ancient and modern, along with video lectures and the chance to participate in group discussions.

\$250 | member: \$200

Life Worth Living Information Session: Q&A with Katie Grosh

Saturday, September 10 | 3:30 - 4 pm (in person)

Tuesday, September 13 | 7 - 7:30 pm (virtual)

Attend an informative session, available both in-person and online, to determine if this thoughtful and engaging course is right for you. Come with questions for **Katie Grosh**, Faith Initiative Coordinator.

free



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left: Introduction to the River Retreat; above: Christian Wiman

september programs

featured program

building a culture of peace and reconciliation through art

Wednesday, September 7 | 4 - 6 pm

Watch a livestream of a presentation for the art exhibit *Tears of Gold*, a visual testimony of humanity, dignity, and resilience featuring portraits of Yezidi, Rohingya, and Nigerian women painted by British artist and activist Hannah Rose Thomas. This is the first event of a series by our ongoing partner the International Peace Institute (IPI) highlighting the role of art and education in building a culture of peace and reconciliation.

Sharon Prince, Grace Farms Foundation CEO and Founder, and Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, President of IPI, will introduce Hannah, who will present her powerful work and offer reflections about the power of sharing personal narratives to inspire transformative changes within communities.

This event is hosted in partnership with the International Peace Institute, UN Women, UNESCO, and individual supporters.

free (virtual)

Apple Orchard | Gardener to Chef

Saturday, September 10 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Tour our community orchard with Master Gardener Lauren Elliott and learn about the varieties and how to care for orchards. Afterwards, join Pastry Chef Leah Jones for a mini-class on the anatomy of an apple and how the entire apple is used to create apple butter. Share in this tasting experience with a take-home recipe.

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

Introduction to the River Retreat

Saturday, September 10 | 2:30 - 3 pm

Attend an introduction to the River Retreat led by Faith Initiative Coordinator Katie Grosh. Completed at an individual pace, the retreat explores the flowing River building and inspires insights about priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity. Booklets are included.

\$5 | member: free

Books on Faith and Meaning *Home: 100 Poems with Christian Wiman*

Tuesday, September 13 | 12 - 1 pm

Poet and editor Christian Wiman will discuss his most recent collection of evocative poems and prose fragments about home, and home's deep theological, literary, philosophical, historical, political, and social dimensions. Christian returns after compiling *And Souls Are Candles*, our 2015 poetry anthology.

free (virtual)



left: The Latin Heartbeat Orchestra; above: Edwina von Gal,
Toxin-free Landscaping

september programs

Celebrate with The Latin Heartbeat Orchestra

Saturday, September 17 | 10 am - 5 pm

(Concert 3- 4:30 pm)

Celebrate September with a family-friendly day of special activities for all ages, music related crafts, and a community lunch menu specially curated by Chef **Neena Perez** that is available for purchase in the Commons. The day culminates with an afternoon performance by **The Latin Heartbeat Orchestra**, a Grammy-nominated, cultural heritage preservation ensemble led by Director and Manager **William Mendoza**. The high-energy salsa and Latin Jazz music is guaranteed to have everyone dancing in the aisles.

free



Neena Perez © Dean Kaufman

member program

toxin-free landscaping with Edwina von Gal

Sunday, September 18 | 1 - 2:30 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, you'll learn more about our landscape during a guided pollinator walk, and receive native flowers to take home.

member: free



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left: Alison Shotz's *Temporal Shift*, Fieldnotes on Time;
above: David Coleman, *The Future of Education*

september programs

Fieldnotes on Time with Curator Pamela Ruggio

Wednesday, September 21 | 11 am - 12:30 pm

Learn more about the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time with curator **Pamela Ruggio** during this three-part program. Experience *Temporal Shift* by sculptor **Alison Shotz** in the Library Courtyard, then visit the Foundation's Archive to view renderings, models, and documentaries that provide insight into our process-focused approach. Afterwards, continue the conversation with Pamela in the Commons, over a selection of seasonal lunch options available for purchase. Walking shoes are recommended.

\$25 | member: \$20

Innovations in Protecting our Global Environment and Communities

Where Science and Enforcement Collaborate in Combating Trafficking

Wednesday, September 28 | 11 am - 1 pm

(registration begins at 10 am)

Learn about the convergence of crimes and the role of science from **Rod Khattabi**, our Chief Accountability Officer and Justice Initiative Director; **Robert Mande**, Assistant Director and Chairman of the National Anti-Poaching Task Force, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Tanzania; **Dr. Samuel Wasser**, Co-Executive Director, Center for Environmental Forensic Science, University of Washington; **Meredith Gore**, Conservation Criminologist and Associate Professor, University of Maryland; and **John Brown**, Program Manager, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations.

free (virtual and in-person)

The Future of Education

Thursday, September 29 | 7 - 8 pm

Join us for a conversation about how innovative leaders in education are transforming our systems to be more inclusive, globally-competitive, and aligned with a changing world. Hear from **David Coleman**, CEO of the **College Board**, the not-for-profit organization that develops and administers tests like the SATs and AP exams, **Sam Seidel**, author and K12 Director of Strategy + Research at the **Stanford d.school** and **Maud Mandel**, President of **Williams College**, who is leading bold strategies to drive inclusion in financial aid and admissions as the first woman to lead the liberal arts college.

This panel will be moderated by Grace Farms Program Officer **Karen Kariuki** as part of our ongoing commitment to engaging with the education sector through programs and workshops to foster inclusive environments and welcome influential speakers who use education as a launchpad for increased opportunity.

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



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left: Nature Experience; above: River Building Architectural Tour

october programs

school group programs

At the unique intersection between architecture, nature, and the arts, Grace Farms Foundation is launching innovative and collaborative learning programs that align with the Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, CT State Social Studies Frameworks, and Social and Emotional Learning practices. These programs teach the importance of biodiversity, sustainable design, how humans impact their ecosystem, and the humanitarian work of Grace Farms Foundation and Design for Freedom.

Full descriptions of each program are available on our website. If you are interested in booking a visit, please contact our Director of Education Anna Marie Greco, amgreco@gracefarmsfoundation.org.

Experiences

Take an inquiry-based approach to learning through collaborative problem solving and hands-on activities. Each experience lasts 1.5 hours and includes two educational engagements, a specialized tour, and a creative opportunity. Recommended for grades 2 through 7 and adaptable for grades K-12.

Nature Experience

Students will learn how trees contribute to the ecosystem through immersion in the 80-acre landscape, among many species of birds, trees, and native plants.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Experience

Students are invited to pause, observe the world, consider critical humanitarian questions, and reflect on what it means to flourish personally and as a community.

Tours

Led by a Grace Farms educator, each tour runs 1.5 hours and is recommended for 8th through 12th grade.

River Building Architectural Tour

Enjoy an inside look at how the award-winning, LEED-certified River building was developed to respond to the natural landscape and support the work of the Foundation's initiatives.

Sustainable and Ethical Materials Tour

In an exploration of materials vulnerable to being produced with forced labor, this tour highlights ethical and sustainable sourcing, and asks participants how they can create a more equitable and peaceful world.

River Retreat

Completed at an individual pace, the River Retreat inspires insights about priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity by interacting with and pondering the River building and its many permanent works of art.



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left: Astronomy with the Connecticut Science Center; above: Grace Farms, October4Design Tour

october programs

Astronomy with the Connecticut Science Center

Tuesday, October 4 | 7 - 8:30 pm

Learn about the magnificent planetary positioning of the post-autumnal equinox during this STEAM program lead by a Connecticut Science Center educator. Two telescopes for enhanced viewing, gravity simulations, hands-on art projects, and more will assist in your exploration of this unique night sky. In case of inclement weather, attendees can view live feed from another telescope and use an infrared camera to better understand how we explore space. Hosted in partnership with the Connecticut Science Center.

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

Books on Faith and Meaning *Seeing Clearly: A Buddhist Guide to Life* with Nicolas Bommarito

Tuesday, October 11 | 12 - 1 pm

Nicolas Bommarito joins us to discuss his new book with Faith Initiative Director Matthew Croasmun. *Seeing Clearly* explores the central elements of Buddhist philosophy and practice, explains how these elements can improve life, and provides techniques and practices to pursue the goals that underpin Buddhist philosophy.

free (virtual)

featured program

October4Design tour

Thursday, October 20 | 1:45 - 5:30 pm

Tour three sites of architectural significance here in New Canaan, Connecticut – the Glass House, Grace Farms, and the Noyes House. Learn about the design, architecture, and structure of these unique spaces, which contribute to New Canaan's reputation as a center for modern architectural excellence.

Registration through the New Canaan Museum & Historical Society

member program

private tour of The Aldrich Museum

Saturday, October 22 | 12 - 1:30 pm

Experience one of the oldest contemporary art museums in the United States, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Members are invited to The Aldrich for a curator-led tour of the museum and its critically-acclaimed exhibition, *52 Artists: A Feminist Milestone*.

member: free



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left: Garlic Galore; above: Pilin Anice, Fall Movement and Meditation Series

october programs

Sustainable Materials Tour from Design for Freedom

Saturday, October 29 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Grace Farms Ethical Materials Director Nora Rizzo will tour the Barns and the SANAA-designed River building, highlighting ethical and sustainable material sourcing. This tour provides an introduction to Design for Freedom and offers guidance for asking questions about forced labor and material sourcing as a professional or consumer.

\$25 | member: \$20

Garlic Galore

Saturday, October 29 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Did you know fall is the ideal time to plant garlic? Learn how to prepare, plant, and care for garlic at home in a hands-on workshop led by Master Gardener Lauren Elliott. You'll leave with a head of garlic to get your home garden started. This program will be held rain or shine.

\$15 | member: \$12

november programs

See our many ongoing programs on pages 16-18.

featured program

fall movement and meditation series

Tuesday, November 1, 8 and 15 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Girls age 8 to 13 are invited to take part in this three-part series designed and led by renowned yoga, dance, meditation instructor, and wellness expert Pilin Anice. Girls will practice mindfulness and self-expression to discover the power of their voices and bodies. Participants may attend one or all classes.

class: \$20 | member: \$16

series: \$50 | member: \$40

Books on Faith and Meaning

The Hunger for Home with Matthew Croasmun

Tuesday, November 15 | 12 - 1 pm

In their newly published book, *The Hunger for Home*, theologians Miroslav Volf and Matthew Croasmun explore how shared meals become sites of nourishing mutual encounter. Matthew Croasmun joins Faith Initiative Coordinator Katie Grosh for a conversation about what the Gospel of Luke teaches about hospitality, food, and visions of flourishing life.

free (virtual)



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left: Gifting for Good; above: Astronomy with the Connecticut Science Center

december programs

See our many ongoing programs on pages 16-18.

Giving Tree

Starting late November

Stop by the Library, the Welcome Center, and the Sanctuary to select an ornamental card from the Grace Farms Giving Tree. Gifts are collected in service of our local community partner **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants**.

free

Addressing Gender-Based Violence in the Virtual World

Wednesday, December 7 | 10 am - 1 pm

(Registration begins at 9 am)

Hosted in collaboration with the **United Nations Population Fund**, this half-day convening brings survivors and local, national, and international experts from across the public and private sectors together to shed light on the prevalence of gender-based violence in the virtual world. They will offer pathways to improve the response to and reduction of gender-based violence online. This event is part of the United Nations' annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, which takes place between the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th and Human Rights Day on December 10th.

free (virtual and in-person)

Go to gracefarms.org for more service opportunities this season.

Gifting for Good

Friday, December 9 | 7 - 8 pm

Join us for our annual evening of gifting along with local families and children. Together, with music and crafts that embody the spirit of the season, assemble care packages with essential items, write cards, and bring cheer to support our local community partner **The Center for Family Justice**.

free

Astronomy with the Connecticut Science Center

Tuesday, December 13 | 7 - 8:30 pm

Observe the bright Geminids Meteor Shower during this STEAM program lead by a **Connecticut Science Center** educator. Experience gravity simulations, hands-on art projects, two telescopes for enhanced viewing, and more to learn about this shower and other elements of the night sky. Hosted in partnership with the Connecticut Science Center's Science-in-Motion program.

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

Songs of the Season

Throughout the holiday season

Experience moments of peace and tranquility with improvisational arrangements of seasonal music curated by acclaimed saxophonist and mathematician **Marcus G. Miller** and performed by local musicians in our Sanctuary, an indoor amphitheater with 360-degree views of the landscape.

free



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left: Design for Freedom Summit; above: Earth Equity and Design for Freedom Landscapes Forum

looking forward to 2023

Design for Freedom Summit

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Mark your calendars for March 2023 and join us for the second annual **Design for Freedom Summit at Grace Farms!** This convening will engage attendees with an action-oriented day focused on shifting the paradigm to more ethical and sustainable materials sourcing, and inspiring industry-wide solutions to remove forced labor from the building materials supply chain.

This Summit builds on the powerful momentum and buzz created by the first Summit, held in March 2022, where 300 forward-thinking key stakeholders engaged in awareness-raising and committed to action, and featured stirring keynotes by **Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein** of the **International Peace Institute** and **Sharon Prince**, Grace Farms CEO and Founder.

This immersive day-long Summit will include:

- Panel Discussions with Industry Experts
- Roundtable Discussions
- Exhibits and Tours
- Networking Opportunities
- Actionable Next Steps

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Earth Equity and Design for Freedom Landscapes Forum

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

May 2023 brings our second annual **Earth Equity and Design for Freedom Landscapes Forum**, a day-long experience in partnership with **Edwina von Gal**, founder of the **Perfect Earth Project**. This immersive forum will feature the three-term U.S. Poet Laureate, **Joy Harjo** and Grace Farms Foundation Creative Director and Chief Advancement Officer **Chelsea Thatcher**, and will focus on how we can create biodiversity-positive, nature-based solutions in the landscape, and how these landscapes can be installed with sustainable materials free of forced labor.

Join more than 300 like-minded people to learn more about the ethical role of landscape architecture, and how we can commit to solutions that can be incorporated into projects, ranging from intimate landscapes and gardens, to large parks and commercial complexes.

The Forum will include:

- Specific Projects, Discussions, and Briefs
- In-depth Expert Panels
- Industry Networking Time
- Toolkits to use on your next project

Sponsorship opportunities are available.



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 tables built from trees harvested on site. Our sofas and fireplace offer additional spaces 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 programs and 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 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 guests, 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 and Sunday 12 - 5 pm

Enjoy a quiet conversation and tea in Grace Farms' Pavilion with a 360-degree panorama of the landscape. 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 fun with the Imagination Playground blocks, we provide ongoing opportunities to activate your mind and body and engage with the community.

Activities are subject to change.



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In addition to these highlighted programs, Grace Farms Foundation invites individuals, not-for-profits 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, explore faith, and learn about Design for Freedom.

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. 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 a flourishing and purposeful life through workshops with various leaders and educators engaging the world's faith 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. To learn more visit designforfreedom.org



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design for freedom pilot projects

Design for Freedom by Grace Farms reimagines architecture by raising awareness and inspiring responses to disrupt forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

Design for Freedom Pilot Projects are new structures that provide material transparency and prioritize ethical procurement. These projects 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.

Black Chapel by Theaster Gates (21st Serpentine Pavillion)

Location: London, England
Closing October 16, 2022

Project partners: Serpentine Galleries and AECOM



Rendering by Nina Cooke John

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

Location: Newark, New Jersey

Project partner: Nina Cooke John



Centerbrook Architects, courtesy: New Canaan Library

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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Arts and Culture Center

Location: New Delhi, India

Project partners: Serendipity Arts, CRAB Studio, ARUP, and more



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membership levels

individual

\$75 (\$75 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
- 1 Tea or 1 Coffee from Grace Farms Foods

family

\$125 (\$89 tax deductible)

- All benefits of individual membership
- 1 Tea and 1 Coffee from Grace Farms Foods
- + Additional membership card*
- + One guest pass per visit**

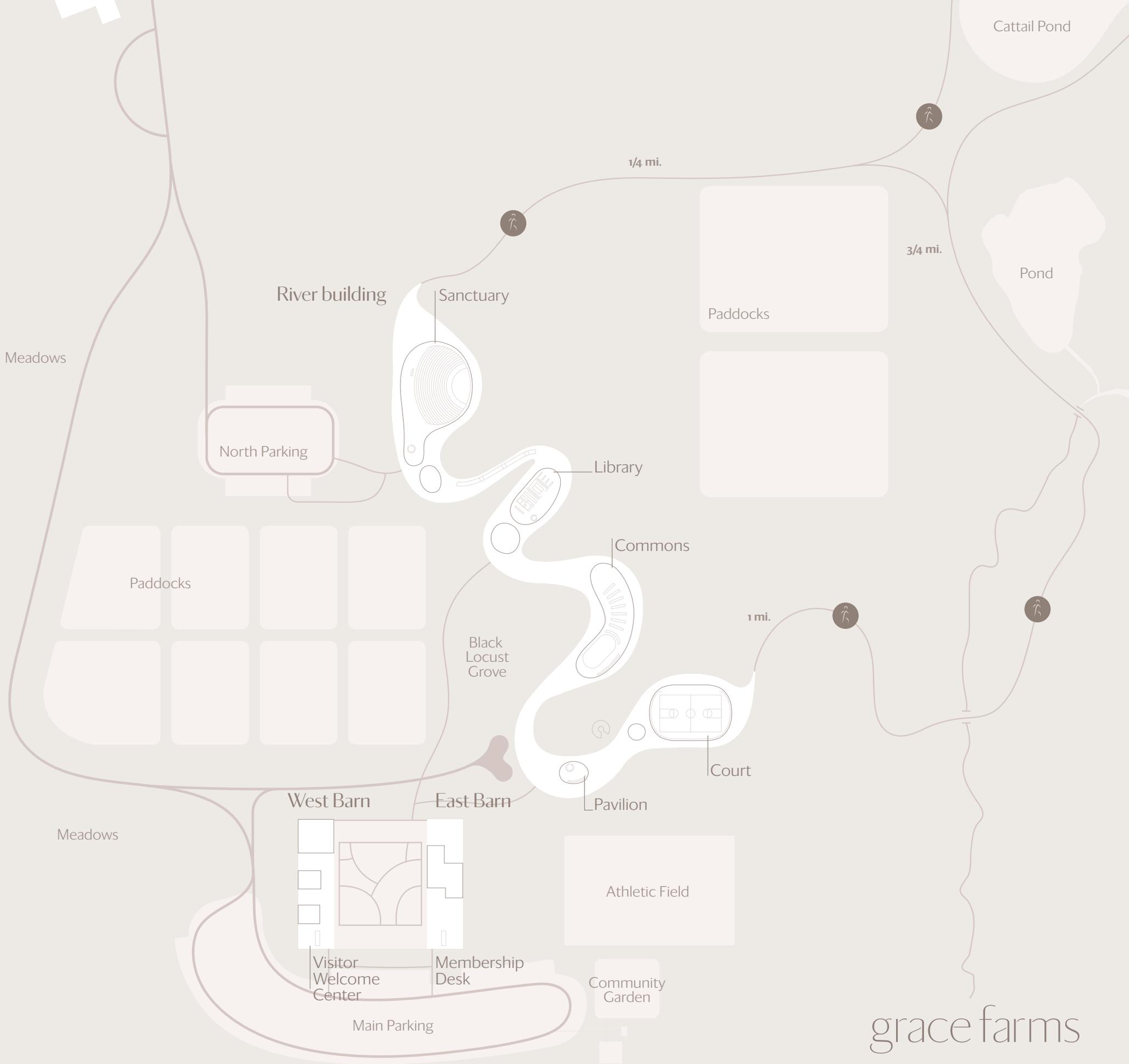
founding friend

\$1000 (\$725 tax deductible)

- All benefits of individual membership
- Tea, Coffee, and Tumbler Bundle from Grace Farms Foods
- + Additional membership card*
- + 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.



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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

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.

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