



winter & spring programming

january - april 2023

grace farms

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Voices of Culture

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and incoming
President of Dartmouth
Madam President

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Dean of Columbia University
Graduate School of Architecture,
Planning and Preservation

Conversations
in Architecture

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welcome to grace farms

A place for meaningful interaction, Grace Farms is home to 80 acres of natural landscape and the River building, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning firm, SANAA. Free and open to the public, we offer daily indoor and outdoor activities that engage all ages. Visitors can stroll our nature trails, gather for a meal, and explore the intentional architecture of the River building and its glass-enclosed volumes.

We also invite visitors to attend our public programs that reflect the work and mission of Grace Farms Foundation. This season's programs showcase our commitment to ethically and sustainably sourced products through delicious teas and treats; our recognition of the ongoing need for gender equity, with platforms for boundary-breaking women leaders to share their work; and the value we place on new outcomes, with our music, architecture, and culinary arts series unfolding in the new year.

These programs also engage the global community with the growing Design for Freedom movement, created by Grace Farms Foundation to raise awareness of, and eliminate forced labor and human trafficking in the building materials supply chain.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Visit gracefarms.org/calendar for the most up-to-date information about programs



plan your visit

Start your visit at the Welcome Center in the West Barn to learn about daily programs, current engagements, and future events from our Visitor Experience Team.

Public Hours

Free Admission

Tuesday - Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday | 12 - 5 pm

Monday | Closed

To make the most of your time, register in advance online at gracefarms.org/visit.

Membership

Grace Farms members can visit without advanced registration and enjoy special access to members-only events, complimentary access to select programs, 20% off our thought-provoking programs, and a gift bundle from Certified B Corporation, **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 on view

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 some of the many programs and activities that take place across the site.

The exhibit 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

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 interact with this participatory exhibit 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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Neena Perez

left: Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015 ; above: Chef Neena Perez

permanent works on view

Beatriz Milhazes, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016

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

West Barn

Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015

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

Commons

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

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

Pigment Print | 2'8" (h) x 2' (w)

Library

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

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

Sanctuary

ongoing programs

Books on Faith & Meaning

Led by Faith Initiative Director **Matthew Croasmun**, this digital conversation series invites authors from a variety of faith and philosophical backgrounds to discuss texts that encourage us to think critically about meaning in our lives.

Garden to Kitchen Cooking Classes

Wednesdays | 6 - 8:30 pm

January 25, February 8, March 1

Harness hearty seasonal flavors during this immersive garden-to-kitchen cooking experience led by our Director of Culinary Operations and Chef **Neena Perez**. We supply all the tasty ingredients, nourishing recipes, and cooking tools.

This class is for ages 18+.

\$50 | member: \$40

Introduction to the River Retreat

Saturdays | 2:30 - 3 pm

January 21 and March 25

The Faith Initiative's **Katie Grosh** introduces this self-guided exploration of the River building, and how it can inspire insights about your priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worth of our shared humanity. River Retreat guide booklets are included.

\$5 | member: free



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left: Imagination Playground; above: Room with an Equal View

daily engagements

Our daily, interactive engagements are designed for all ages. The Welcome Center in the West Barn will provide you with more information about what is offered on the day of your visit. Below are select programs you may encounter.

Experience the River Retreat

This guided exploration of the River building, with moments to pause and reflect on its architecture and permanent artwork, encourages participants to consider the Faith Initiative's core question: "What kind of life is worth wanting?"

Imagination Playground

Build skills, solve problems, and make friends through this innovative playground system. Designed by architect David Rockwell, these large-scale, lightweight blocks encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play.

Recommended for children ages three and older with adult caregivers.

Heat Beneath Our Feet

Geothermal wells sustainably heat and cool the River building. Learn more about this and other features that contribute to Grace Farms' Silver LEED Certification for building operations and maintenance.

Materials Matter

Create small-scale architectural models using common construction materials to learn about the building material supply chain and gain a closer look into how Design for Freedom works to eliminate forced labor from the construction industry.

Architectural Elements

This examination of the River building and aspects of its materials, design, and engineering brings participants closer to Design for Freedom and its work to eliminate forced labor from the construction industry.

Room with an Equal View

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

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



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left: Grace Farms Family Guide; above: Open Arts Studio for Families

self-guided daily activities

To be completed at your own pace during your visit, or over the course of several visits.

River Retreat

daily | self-guided

The River Retreat is a self-directed exploration of the River building that inspires insights about priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity.

\$5 | member: free

Grace Farms Family Guide

daily | self-guided

Discover the River building at your own pace with a sensory wheel inspired by the architecture, landscape, and artwork on view. This experience encourages participants to notice the relationships between line, shape, color, texture, sound, space, light, movement, and rhythm.

Recommended for children ages five through 11 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free

Visit gracefarms.org to register for programs.

weekly programs

Grace Farms Tour

Thursdays (starting in April) and Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Sip complimentary tea in the Pavilion and follow a guided exploration of the River building, 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.

Grace Farms Tours are approved for AIA CES 1.5 LU

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

Bunny Book Group

Tuesdays | 3 - 3:30 pm, Fridays | 11 - 11:30 am

Children are invited to gather on the SANAA-designed rabbit chairs in our Library to hear stories from our curated collection of children's books exploring topics related to our ongoing programs and initiative work, and to take part in an arts and crafts activity.

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

Open Arts Studio for Families

Thursdays | 3 - 5 pm, Saturdays | 10 am - 2 pm

Drop in and enjoy a facilitated series designed by artists, curators, and educators that invites families to think, play, create, and spend time together experimenting with sensory-rich materials and different modes of artmaking. Activities change monthly. Please arrive at least half an hour before the studio closes.

Recommended for children ages five through 11 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free



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left: Meaningful Tastings | Tea Flight; above: Pilin Anice

tea & coffee programs

Afternoon Tea

Wednesdays | 3 - 4:30 pm

January 18, February 1, April 5

Our take on a traditional English tea service encourages guests and friends to gather over a warming pot of tea and a tasty assortment of English and Japanese-inspired bites created by Pastry Chef Leah Jones.

\$30 | member: \$24

Meaningful Tastings | Tea Flight

Thursdays | 3 - 4 pm

January 26, February 16, March 16, April 20

Experience teas from around the world with tea expert Frank Kwei and Grace Farms Foods' Co-Founder Adam Thatcher during this interactive tasting that celebrates the impact of sustainably and ethically-sourced tea.

\$15 | member: \$12

Meaningful Tastings | Coffee Flight

Fridays | 1 - 2 pm

January 20, February 24, March 24, April 28

Discover different coffee varietals in an interactive tasting led by Grace Farms Foods Co-Founder Adam Thatcher and tea expert Frank Kwei that celebrates the impact of sustainably and ethically-sourced coffee.

\$15 | member: \$12

Wellness and Tea with Pilin Anice

Saturdays | 10 - 11:30 am

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29

These restorative mornings start with a delicious cup of Grace Farms Foods' Wellness Blends tea followed by a themed experience led by Pilin Anice, a renowned yoga, dance, and meditation instructor.

\$20 | member: \$16

Journey into the World of Tea | Tea 101

Saturday, March 11 | 3 - 5 pm

The first of this six-part series immerses guests in the world of tea with samplings of varieties from across the globe that highlight the differences between white, green, oolong, black, Pu-erh, and other major tea categories.

\$15 | member: \$12

Journey into the World of Tea | White and Green Teas

Saturday, April 1 | 3 - 5 pm

These sessions explore the differences between Chinese and Japanese green teas and provides an introduction to Chadō, the Japanese tea ceremony.

\$15 | member: \$12

Journey into the World of Tea is led by tea expert Frank Kwei and runs through August.



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above: Serene in concert, Macedonia

january

While January provides the perfect backdrop for quiet contemplation of the year ahead, it's also National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and a time that inspires action. Our Justice team starts the year by sharing their progress in disrupting modern slavery and ending forced labor while continuing to raise awareness of this crucial humanitarian crisis.

Human Trafficking Prevention and Protection

Thursday, January 19 | 12 - 1:30 pm

A convening highlighting the laws, policies, and experts working to prevent and protect against the prevalence of human and labor trafficking online. Hear expert panelists, including Grace Farms Chief Accountability Officer and Justice Initiative Director **Rod Khattabi**, discuss the importance of increased cooperation between the public and private sectors to improve the detection of and response to these crimes.

free (virtual & in-person)

Voices of Culture | Winter Showcase

Saturday, January 28 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Grace Farms Member Reception | 6 - 7:30 pm

This seasonal concert series curated by Music Director **Marcus G. Miller** invites audiences into diverse musical traditions. Our first-ever showcase features **Serene**, an endorsed Bösendorfer Artist and classical pianist whose solo performances have been described by *The Paris Review* as "a spectacle to match the New York Philharmonic."

Members are invited to join **Marcus** and **Serene** for a casual reception beforehand.

\$25 | member: \$20



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left: *Fashion Reimagined*; above: Seasonal Nature Walks | Wintry World

Women in Film Series

We are thrilled to offer a series of screenings featuring meaningful films about women and directed by women.

Pathfinders: Women Explorers Leading the Way Screening and Director Q&A

Saturday, January 28 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Families and guests of all ages are invited to watch *Pathfinders: Women Explorers Leading the Way*, highlighting four incredible women explorers – marine biologist **Sylvia Earle**, archaeologist **Anna Roosevelt**, photojournalist **Carol Beckwith**, and geologist, oceanographer, and former astronaut **Kathryn Sullivan** – and their work to literally and figuratively break boundaries around the world. The screening is followed by a Q&A with the film’s director, **Devon Chivvis**, a member of the Explorer’s Club and New Canaan native.

free

Fashion Reimagined Screening

Thursday, February 9 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

To coincide with New York Fashion Week, we’re screening *Fashion Reimagined*. This feature-length film follows the journey of trailblazer **Amy Powney**, who grew up as the daughter of off-the-grid environmental activists and eventually became the founder of sustainable luxury label, **Mother of Pearl**. *Fashion Reimagined* opened in 2022 at the Tribeca Film Festival with the support of Design for Freedom.

free

february

This February, celebrate all the cozy moments that winter has to offer! Our first-ever Polar Bear Picnic promises families a memorable way to make the most out of this season. Visitors can also take part in winter-themed activities, including playing board games near the Library’s toasty fireplace, snowshoeing across our nature trails, sculpting snow figures in the Athletic Field, or sipping hot cocoa in the Commons.

Seasonal Nature Walks | Wintry World

Saturday, February 4 | 11 am - 12 pm

Embark on a wintry trek through a scenic nature trail alongside naturalist and Master Birder **Frank Mantlik**. Enjoy a peaceful view of the dormant landscape of restored ecosystems in rest mode this season. Snowshoes will be available, weather permitting.

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



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left: Seasonal Celebration: Polar Bear Picnic; above: 2022 New Canaan Chamber Music featuring Andrew Armstrong

february

Youth Changemakers

Sunday, February 5 | 3 - 5 pm

You're never too young to change the world. This collaborative afternoon, with a panel and interactive workshop, invites teens to connect with their change-making peers addressing the most pressing issues of our time. Hear from **Maya Dummett**, freshman at Harvard University and award-winning coder; **Neha Shukla**, a 2021 Global Teen Leader and STEM advocate; and **Oliver Tuff**, a New Canaan High School senior and founder of not-for-profit Feeding 500. Bring your curiosity, and any of your innovative ideas – big or small – about ways to advance good in the world. We'll supply the snacks.

Neha's new book, *Innovation for Everyone*, will be available for purchase. free

Seasonal Celebration: Polar Bear Picnic

Friday, February 17 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Let's sip hot cocoa and warm up the maple syrup! Gather for a cozy breakfast-for-dinner meal hosted by our culinary team. Take part in winter-inspired activities, create something memorable at crafting stations, or watch a wintry movie playing in our cozy theatre-style room.

\$22 | member: \$18 | children: \$16

Winter Astronomy with the Treworgy Planetarium

Thursday, February 23 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Space lovers of all ages are invited to observe and learn about the night sky over Grace Farms with the guidance of educators from the Treworgy Planetarium at Mystic Seaport Museum. Take turns looking at the sky through the planetarium's Celestron 6" automated reflecting telescope and work with a sextant to learn how mariners navigate by the stars.

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

Winter Musical Moments

Saturday, February 25 | 3 - 5 pm

Join us for a wintertime concert! This family-friendly musical afternoon is curated by Music Director Marcus G. Miller and brings warmth and vibrance to a chilly February day. Check our website for more details.

free



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left: Band of Sisters; above: Madam President: Women Leaders in Higher Education: (l to r) Sian Leah Beilock; Helene Gayle, MD; Laura Sparks

march

March is Women's History Month! Our annual *Making Space for Women* programming series honors the integral role women play in equitable communities and the workplace, highlights progress made towards gender equity, and showcases voices of leading women who fearlessly push ahead towards innovation.

Also, our 2nd annual **Design for Freedom Summit** returns to Grace Farms this month. We'll bring together hundreds of industry professionals and those who want to be part of the movement to end forced labor in the building materials supply chain in an exciting day of collaboration and advancement.

featured programming

Making Space for Women Series

Making Space for Women showcases women who have boldly stepped into roles traditionally occupied by men and are transforming both how we think about leadership and what we can expect from our leaders in a changing world.

Band of Sisters

Friday, March 3 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Making Space for Women kicks off with a night featuring the **Band of Sisters**, a group of six executive-level women and authors of *You Should Smile More: How to Dismantle Gender Bias in the Workplace*. With operating experience across over 20 industries, the group offers unparalleled insight into dismantling gender bias and building inclusive corporate culture. Hosted by Grace Farms Program Officer **Karen Kariuki**.

You Should Smile More will be available for purchase in partnership with Elm Street Books.

\$15 | member: \$12

Madam President: Women Leaders in Higher Education

Thursday, March 9 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Hear from visionary leaders in higher education whose transformational leadership, guiding everything from admissions to athletics to the evolution of physical space on campus, is moving education systems forward. The night features **Sian Leah Beilock**, president-elect of Dartmouth; **Helene Gayle, MD**, President of Spelman College; and **Laura Sparks**, President of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, in conversation about how filling roles not traditionally held by women can shape the future of education for everyone.

This panel will be moderated by Grace Farms CEO **Sharon Prince** and followed by an audience Q&A. Students 14 and up are welcome to attend for free.

\$15 | member: \$12



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design for FREEDOM summit 2023

Thursday, March 30 | 10 am - 6 pm

"All good revolutions begin like this," said Prince Zeid Ra'ad al Hussein, President and CEO of the International Peace Institute, and the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, during his keynote at last year's summit.

Our second annual Summit builds on the powerful momentum created last year, where 300 forward-thinking industry leaders committed to accelerating the movement towards an ethical and sustainable global materials supply chain.

Hear from a diverse group of professionals representing the full ecosystem of the built environment, from architecture to interior design and manufacturing, policy makers, builders, engineers, owners and developers, as well as engaged community members, artist, activists and not-for-profits that are committed to a more humane future. Enjoy breakfast and lunch, cocktail hour, and ample networking opportunities, as well as an agenda designed to inspire collective action alongside leaders and partners in the Design for Freedom Movement.

Please visit our website to register, find travel information, and view the full agenda.

AIA CES accreditation pending

early bird price: \$100 (ends February 1st)
\$150 | Grace Farms member: \$120 | student: \$50

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact
designforfreedom@gracefarmsfoundation.org.

Students enjoy special pricing for key Grace Farms Foundation programs, including our annual Design for Freedom Summit, Landscapes Forum, and more.



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march

Nature Talks with The Nature Conservancy | Oceans, Our Global Watchdog

Thursday, March 16 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

The Nature Conservancy's annual Nature Talks series comes to Grace Farms! Hear from **Dr. Sylvia Earle**, marine biologist, oceanographer, president and chairman of Mission Blue, and National Geographic Explorer at Large; **Dr. Elizabeth McLeod**, Global Reef Systems Lead at The Nature Conservancy; **Dr. Tiara Moore**, Black in Marine Science Program Lead at The Nature Conservancy, and more!

This panel is hosted in partnership with The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut, whose mission is to conserve the land and waters on which all life depends.

This panel will be livestreamed.

free

left: Nature Talks with The Nature Conservancy | Oceans, Our Global Watchdog;
above: Spring Astronomy with the Treworgy Planetarium

april

Watch the 80-acre landscape awaken in April with springtime vigor! Visit us for a lively Earth Day celebration, a springtime astronomy program, and more. Make the most of spring by attending our Nature programming to learn about biodiversity and sustainability, and celebrate the natural world.

Behind the Scenes with Architect Toshihiro Oki

Saturday, April 1 | 10:30 am - 12 pm

Follow along on this guided tour designed to offer unique insights into the architectural choices that informed the River building's distinct look and design. This in-depth tour is led by Grace Farms Architecture Advisor and New York City-based architect formerly of SANAA, Toshihiro Oki, and concludes with tea in the Pavilion.

\$25 | member: free

Spring Astronomy with the Treworgy Planetarium

Wednesday, April 12 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Space lovers of all ages are invited to observe and learn about the night sky over Grace Farms with the guidance of educators from the Treworgy Planetarium at Mystic Seaport Museum. Take turns looking at the sky through the planetarium's Celestron 6" automated reflecting telescope and work with a sextant to learn how mariners navigate by the stars.

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



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left: Toshihiro Oki; above: Gardener-to-Chef's Table: Spring Community Dinner

april

Meet the Authors: Life Worth Living Book Celebration

Thursday, April 13 | 5:30 - 7 pm

Five years ago, our Faith Initiative hosted the first-ever Life Worth Living course outside of Yale University, inviting a broader audience into the curriculum. Today we celebrate the release of *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most*, which shares the insights of this curriculum with everyone. Gather for a celebratory book signing with the co-authors: theologians **Miroslav Volf**, Founding Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, **Matthew Croasmun**, our Faith Initiative Director, and **Ryan McAnnally-Linz**, Associate Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture.

free

Conversations in Architecture | Architecture as Processes

Saturday, April 15 | 3 - 4 pm

Grace Farms Member Reception | 4 - 5 pm

The first lecture and discussion in this conversation series features architects and academics **Andrés Jaque**, Dean of Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, and **Kiel Moe**, Gerald Sheff Chair in Architecture at McGill University, as well as Grace Farms Foundation CEO and Founder **Sharon Prince** in a discussion moderated by Grace Farms Architecture Advisor **Toshihiro Oki** (formerly of SANAA). This discussion focuses on the far-reaching impact that certain processes in place during building construction can have, from the resources used to the energies consumed.

Members are invited to join **Toshihiro**, **Andrés**, and **Kiel** for a tea reception afterwards.

free

Gardener-to-Chef's Table: Spring Community Dinner

Friday, April 28 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Gather around the community table with friends, family, and neighbors, and experience a true garden-to-table meal highlighting seasonal produce from our Community Garden. Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** provides insights on cultivating nutritious, local, and well-rounded plates, while Director of Culinary Operations **Neena Perez** crafts an impeccable meal showcasing fresh seasonal flavors.

\$30 | member: \$24

Beauty & Logic

Saturday, April 29 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Join us in the Sanctuary for a lively exploration of how creativity and aesthetics interact with math and science, and how this interaction can enrich our lives. This evening features a discussion and musical performances by Music Director **Marcus G. Miller** and special guests.

\$20 | member: \$16



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left: Bird Watching; above: Meadow, Garden, and Forest Engagements

Earth Day

Seasonal Celebration: Woven Together

Saturday, April 22 | 10 am - 5 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with family-friendly activities for all ages that explore the ongoing conservation of the surrounding 80-acre nature preserve, including the native meadows, forests, and gardens.

Fabrics are this year's theme! Along with our regular Earth Day programming, we'll highlight natural fibers and take a closer look at the textile industry's impact on the environment. Creating fabric from natural fibers is a practice spanning thousands of years. Today, fast fashion encourages consumers to buy a high volume of clothing that lasts a shorter period of time – a practice that can never be truly sustainable.

Yet we are all woven together – and the way we shop can have a positive global impact. From caring for soil and plants to understanding how our role as consumers can benefit the environment, everyone can have a hand in crafting a more sustainable future.

\$10 per car | member: free

Earth Day activities include:

Bird Watching

Master Birder Frank Mantlik discusses over 100 species of birds that rely on our trees for food, shelter, and nesting.

Wildlife Encounters

Come face-to-face with native wildlife and learn about the animals in your backyard.

Meadow, Garden, and Forest Engagements

Encounter our education team and Horticulture Advisor Kim Kelly throughout the landscape to learn more about the many habitats and beneficial insects that surround us.

Textile Demonstrations

Learn about fabrics made from regenerative fiber and those working in this essential industry. Local farmers and artisans will give demonstrations including yarn spinning, weaving, and creating natural dyes using plant-based pigment.

Open Arts Studio | Learning from the Landscape

Inspired by the black locust grove, the Arts Initiative invites children with adult caregivers to weave recycled yarn through the trees, encouraging participants to consider the interrelatedness of life.

Reflections on a Flourishing Life

In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer knits together scientific and Indigenous perspectives and offers poetic reflections on reciprocity, relationships, and responsibility. Join our Faith Initiative in conversation and a close reading of these essays.



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looking forward to may grace farms landscapes forum 2023

Wednesday, May 10

“It is not the Earth that needs fixing, it is our relationship to it,” said Karenni Gore, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Earth Ethics, during her keynote at this past year’s forum.

Our second annual forum focuses on creating biodiversity-positive, nature-based solutions in the landscape, and installing these landscapes with sustainable materials free of forced labor.

U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo will open this forum, as we build on the important conversation we started in 2021, about the ethical role of landscape architecture and landscape design alongside Edwina von Gal, founder of the Perfect Earth Project, as well as the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).



Joy Harjo

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above: Sustainable and Ethical Materials Tour

school program groups

We continue to offer experiences and tours designed for K-12 students that align with the Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, CT State Social Studies Frameworks, and Social and Emotional Learning practices.

Experiences and tours last 90 minutes. Full descriptions, and our School Group application, are available at gracefarms.org/school-programs.

Experiences

Adaptable for all grades, these programs are recommended for 2nd to 7th graders.

Nature Experience

This exploration of ways to reduce human impact on local ecosystems includes a walk through our restored landscape, the Community Garden, and a discussion about how the architecture of the River building supports natural water systems.

Architecture Experience

This introduction to architecture and design concepts explores how “space communicates” through the intentional design of the award-winning River building. Students will investigate the materials used to make the River building and learn to trace the materials as far as possible along the supply chain.

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.

Pre-School and Kindergarten Experience

Younger visitors will explore the Community Garden and take part in interactive story time that teaches the importance of pollinators. They'll also visit the Imagination Playground to create, problem solve, and make friends.

Tours

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

This introspective tour focuses on the River building and its permanent artworks to inspire insights about priorities, relationships, and visions of a life worthy of our shared humanity.



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left: Library; above: Pavilion

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 communal 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 selection of publications that inform our programming, the Library offers resources to browse or purchase. With comfortable seating, a glass-enclosed meeting room, and fireplace lounge, this 4,550 square foot space is ideal for quiet conversation and in-depth engagement with the ideas of the Foundation: nature, arts, justice, community, faith, and Design for Freedom.

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 quiet conversation and tea in Grace Farms' Pavilion with a 360-degree panorama of all 80-acres.

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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Grace Farms Foundation's interdisciplinary humanitarian mission is to pursue peace through nature, arts, justice, community, faith, and Design for Freedom, a new movement to remove forced labor from the built environment. Created in 2015, the Foundation carries out our work through Grace Farms, a site for convening people across sectors. Our stake in the ground is to end modern slavery and gender-based violence, and create more grace and peace in our local and global communities.

In 2020, Grace Farms Foundation launched the Design for Freedom movement, which unites industry leaders to eliminate forced labor from the built environment. Through our stewardship of the movement, the Foundation convenes decision-makers from across the public and private sector to collaborate in pursuit of a transparent supply chain for the built environment that relies on ethical and sustainable sourcing.

The Foundation's values are evident in our choices of public programs, and we invite you to experience this season's programs as a celebration and renewal of our commitments.



courtesy: Serendipity Arts & Culture Center

design for FREEDOM pilot projects

Design for Freedom Pilot Projects are new collaborations that provide material transparency and prioritize ethical procurement. These projects, along with the upcoming second annual Design for Freedom Summit and Grace Farms Landscapes Forum, 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.

New pilot projects will be announced in 2023.

Serendipity Arts & Culture Center

Location: New Delhi, India

Project partners: Serendipity Arts, CRAB Studio, and ARUP



Shadow of a Face, courtesy: Studio Cooke John

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

Location: Newark, New Jersey

Commemoration: March 11, 2023

Project partner: Studio Cooke John



New Canaan Library, courtesy: Centerbrook Architects

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: Lincoln, Massachusetts

On view: deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum starting Fall 2022

Originally developed and presented at Grace Farms for 12 months, as part of the Arts Initiative's interdisciplinary study of time.



Temporal Shift by Alyson Shotz, © Melani Lust



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

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Learn more at gracefarms.org/membership

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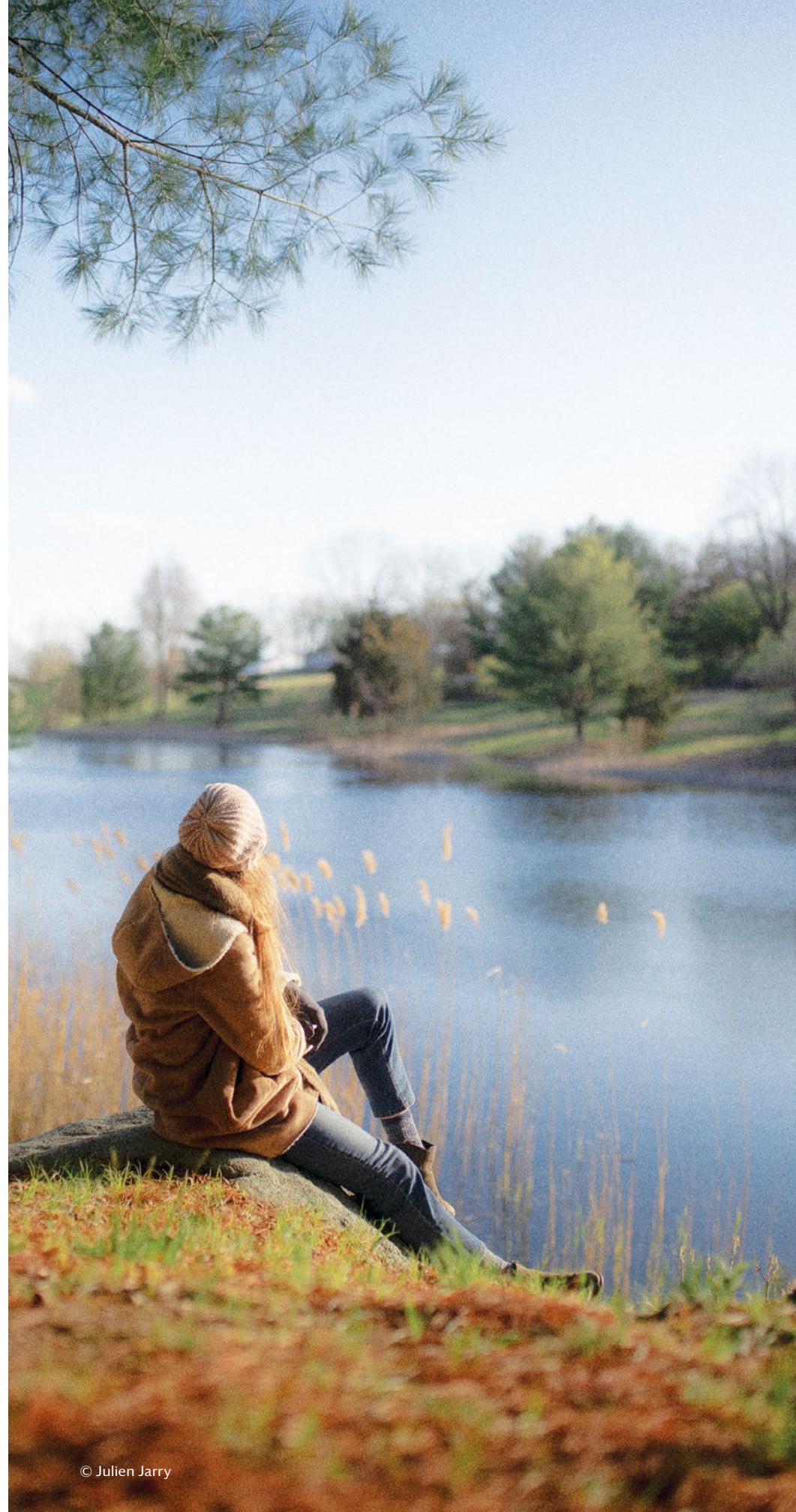
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