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Opening March 2024

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welcome to grace farms

A place for meaningful collaboration, Grace Farms is home to 80 acres of natural landscapes and the River building, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning firm, SANAA. Guests can stroll nature trails, gather for a meal, and explore the site-specific art and generative architecture of the River building and its glass-enclosed volumes.

We also invite visitors to attend programs for all ages that reflect Grace Farms Foundation's work and mission to pursue a more peaceful world. These programs also engage local and global communities with our work to raise awareness of and eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain through Certified B Corp Grace Farms Foods and the growing Design for Freedom movement.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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



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plan your visit

Please register in advance at gracefarms.org/visit.

Public Hours

Free Admission

Tuesday - Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday | 12 - 5 pm

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Download our Digital Guide

Make the most of your visit with our digital guide on Bloomberg Connects. Explore an interactive map, learn about our art installations and exhibits, and register for upcoming programs and events.

Become a Member

Grace Farms members can visit without advance registration and enjoy 20% off programs, invitations to members-only events, and so much more.

Learn more about our membership program on page 49 or visit gracefarms.org/membership.



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plan your visit

Explore the River

With open architecture designed to remove barriers between people and nature, the River building embodies the Foundation's mission to create more grace and peace in our local and global communities. Guided tours of the River building are offered weekly.

Visit page 10 for more information on tours.

Artwork and Exhibits

There are four permanent artworks on view at Grace Farms that continually inform our work of place-making. In addition, there are two interactive exhibits currently on view in the Barns. **Our new Design for Freedom Exhibit will open this March.**

Learn more about our artwork and exhibits on page 46.

Dining

Fresh food and beverages are available for purchase in the Commons on Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am – 3 pm, and on Sunday from 12 – 3 pm. Drinks and snacks are available until 5 pm.

Tea is available in the Pavilion daily from 3 – 5 pm.

Learn more about tea at Grace Farms on page 31.

Seasonal Activities

Enjoy all that winter has to offer at Grace Farms! Borrow a pair of snowshoes or bring your cross-country skis to explore the beauty of our nature trails in the snow, build a winter wonderland with giant foam blocks in the Imagination Playground, or enjoy a peaceful cup of tea by one of our indoor fireplaces.

left: Beatriz Milhazes, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016; above: Enjoy a range of seasonal activities

Pop-up Talks

Designed for all ages, daily talks developed by our education team explore topics including sustainable design, food equity, and ethical supply chains.

Self-Directed Exploration

Children and adults are invited to explore Grace Farms at their own pace.

The **Grace Farms Family Guide** encourages children and families to notice the relationships between line, shape, color, texture, sound, space, light, movement, and rhythm using a sensory wheel.

Our **River Retreat** draws individuals through the River building while inspiring insights about priorities, relationships, and more. Both guides are available at the Welcome Center.

School Visits

Invite your students to learn about nature, architecture, and sustainability in Grace Farms' living classroom! Our innovative School Visit programs engage K-12 students with the River building and nature, inviting them to re-imagine the built environment and collaborate on new outcomes for a more ethical and sustainable world.

School Visit programs align with the Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks, and Social and Emotional Learning practices.

Learn more and apply at gracefarms.org/school-programs.



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tours of grace farms

Grace Farms Tour

Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

This guided tour explores the intentional architecture, sustainable design, and curated interiors in each volume of the double LEED-certified River building, designed by the Pritzker Prize-winning firm, **SANAA**.

SANAA and Grace Farms were awarded the 2014/2015 Mies Crown Hall Americas Prize (MCHAP). Grace Farms was also honored with the AIA National 2017 Architecture Honor Award and AIA Connecticut 2016 Design Honor Award.

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\$25 | member: free

Private tours are available for parties of 8 or more by request. To request a private tour, please visit gracefarms.org/visit.

Permanent Artworks Tour

Saturdays, January 13 & March 9 | 2:30 - 4 pm

Consider the intention behind Grace Farms' four site-specific installations on this in-depth walking tour inviting visitors closer to *Moon Love Dreaming* by **Beatriz Milhazes**; *Double Glass River* by **Teresita Fernández**; *Farm 56* and *Farm 88* by **Thomas Demand**; and *Mat(s) for multidimensional prayer* by **Olafur Eliasson**.

\$25 | member: \$20

left: Lighting Design Tour; above: Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki leading a tour

Lighting Design Tour

with **Gabe Guilliams of Buro Happold**

Thursday, February 1 | 5 - 6:30 pm

Follow **Gabe Guilliams of Buro Happold**, the remarkable designer behind Grace Farms' Lumen Award-winning lighting scheme, for a special evening tour of the River building's lightning techniques that achieve the sensation of a building without barriers, inside and out.

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\$25 | member: \$20

River Building Interiors Tour

Saturday, April 13 | 2:30 - 4 pm

Step inside the glass-enclosed River building with our Architecture Advisor, **Toshihiro Oki**, who worked with **SANAA** during the building's design, for an interiors-focused tour highlighting seating design selections, sustainably-sourced surfaces, responsive plans, and more.

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\$25 | member: \$20

Sustainable Systems Tour

Monthly on Fridays | 1 - 2:30 pm

February 2, March 1, April 5

Follow our facility experts for a rare glimpse of the 55 geothermal wells and other systems integral to keeping the River building - one of the only buildings in Connecticut with a double LEED certification - efficient, comfortable, and sustainable.

\$25 | member: \$20



january highlight

Tears of Gold by Hannah Rose Thomas

On view in the Library, January 11 - 27

View an exhibition of portrait paintings by artist and human rights activist Hannah Rose Thomas featured in the new book *Tears of Gold*. Created with oil and gold leaf, the paintings depict Yazidi women who escaped ISIS captivity, Rohingya women who fled unsafe conditions in Myanmar, and Nigerian women who survived Boko Haram violence.

Alongside their portraits, the book tells the women's stories providing a testimony to their humanity and resilience in the face of adversity.

Hannah Rose Thomas's work has been exhibited at the UK Houses of Parliament, European Parliament, Lambeth Palace, and Westminster Abbey. Three of Thomas's paintings were chosen by HM King Charles III for an exhibition in Buckingham Palace. Thomas is currently a PhD UNESCO Art Lab for Human Rights and Dialogue scholar at the University of Glasgow.

Tears of Gold will be available for purchase, and proceeds will support the survivors and their families.

A Conversation with Hannah Rose Thomas

Thursday, January 25 | 7 - 8 pm

Join us for a conversation between Hannah Rose Thomas, an artist and human rights activist, and Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al-Husseini, president and CEO of the International Peace Institute (IPI) and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Their conversation will explore how healing is found in places of conflict.

\$15 | member: \$12



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left: Crafting Tea-Based Drinks; above: James Carter, Voices of Culture

january

Chef's Palate | Crafting Tea-Based Drinks

Thursday, January 18 | 6 - 7 pm

Expand your knowledge of the culinary arts and learn how to mix your own delicious tea-based drinks with Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones** and the Grace Farms Foods team. Experiment with ethically sourced herbal teas from Certified B Corp Grace Farms Foods while learning how to craft custom-made mocktails that can support any wellness journey with every sip.

\$15 | member: \$12

Gardening Workshop | Starting from Seed

Saturday, January 20 | 11 am - 12 pm

Discover best practices for indoor seed sowing, as well as the differences between types of seeds, with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** during this hands-on workshop.

\$15 | member: \$12

Masterclass with James Carter

Saturday January 27 | 10:30 - 11:30 am

Join renowned jazz musician **James Carter** for an interactive Masterclass for saxophone and woodwind players. Widely recognized for his versatility and ability to play jazz in any style, Carter has been an influential part of the New York jazz scene for more than 20 years.

\$15 | member: \$12

Voices of Culture

Featuring James Carter

Saturday, January 27 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Member Reception | 6 - 7:30 pm

Our showstopping Voices of Culture concert series kicks off the new year with a performance by virtuoso jazz musician, **James Carter**.

A dynamic saxophonist, Carter's music beautifully blends high-velocity solos and soft, warm melodies, weaving together divergent impulses.

His impressive recording catalogue includes such albums as *Chasing the Gypsy*, an engaging lyrical session inspired by the unforgettable collaboration between Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli; *Layin' the Cut*, a collection of songs melding funk and electronic sounds, inspired by the iconic guitarist, Jimi Hendrix; *Gardenias for Lady Day* that pays a heartfelt tribute to Billie Holiday; and recently, *James Carter's Elektrik Outlet*, where he explores a new groove, shifting his sax into a keen array of electronics and pedals.

Voices of Culture is an unforgettable concert and conversation series exploring beauty in different musical traditions. Held three times a year, Voices of Culture invites guests into the Sanctuary where world-renowned artists perform and discuss their work with Grace Farms Music Director **Marcus G. Miller**.

Voices of Culture continues on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, September 28.

\$40 | member: \$32



winter week at grace farms

february highlight

Tuesday, February 20 - Friday, February 23

Winter Passport

daily | 10 am - 12 pm

Pick up a passport at the Welcome Desk and take a trip along the River building at Grace Farms! Participate in nature-inspired activities around the site and collect stamps to get a small treat. Every morning features a rotating offering of family-friendly activities:

- Build a winter habitat at the Imagination Playground
- Make seasonal art projects to bring home
- Follow a guided nature walk to appreciate the wintery world

free

Afternoon Activities

daily | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Each afternoon, join us for winter-themed workshops with experts, including Director of Education **Anna Greco**, Horticulture Advisor **Kimberly Kelly**, and Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**.

Tuesday | Animal Encounters

Wednesday | Winter Weaving

Thursday | Fairy House Workshop

Friday | Cookie Decorating

\$5 | member: free



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left: Winter Night Sky Astronomy; above: Winter Concert with Marcus Miller

february

Adapting for Climate Futures

Thursday, February 8 | 7 - 8 pm

Dr. Timon McPhearson, Professor of Urban Ecology and Director of the Urban Systems Lab at The New School, and member of award-winning global organizations including the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), as well as the World Economic Forum Global Commission on BiodiverCities, joins **Dr. Christine J. Kirchhoff**, Associate Professor from the UCONN School of Engineering with expertise in climate science for decision making, for a conversation exploring climate futures, nature-based solutions, and the power of place to inspire climate-positive action.

\$15 | member: \$12

Astronomy | Winter Night Sky

Thursday, February 15 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Marvel at the winter night sky alongside experts from **Mystic Seaport Museum's Treworgy Planetarium** who will explore constellations and seasonal points of interest from the comfort of our indoor classroom, thanks to the sophisticated Stellarium projection program. If weather permits, there will be an outdoor viewing.

\$15 | member: \$12

Polar Bear Picnic

Friday, February 16 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Families are invited to celebrate the best of winter's offerings with a deliciously cozy breakfast-inspired dinner, as well as winter-themed crafts and learning stations with our educators.

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

Gardening Workshop | Pruning Apple Trees

Saturday, February 17 | 11 am - 12 pm

Learn how to properly prune your apple trees to enhance their overall health during the winter months and ensure a bountiful crop for the following season with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**.

\$15 | member: \$12

Winter Concert

Saturday, February 24 | 4:30 - 6 pm

Join us for a family-friendly winter concert featuring **Sonora Collective**. With a roster of classically trained New York City-based musicians, Sonora Collective creates memorable chamber music experiences reimagined for unique spaces.

This seasonal music series, curated by Music Director **Marcus G. Miller**, began in 2023 with a winter jazz performance from multi-instrumentalist Irwin Hall, and continued with a summer blues concert by King Solomon Hicks.

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



march highlight

Design for Freedom Summit

Tuesday, March 26

Join us for the 3rd annual Design for Freedom Summit, kicking off with **Lisa Kristine**, an internationally-recognized photographer, humanitarian, activist, and speaker, as well as a supporting partner in the United Nations' International Labour Organization's 50 For Freedom campaign, whose goal is to eradicate modern slavery.

During this momentous day of action and awareness, hear from leading experts across key sectors who are working to create a more humane future. Since holding the first yearly summit in 2021, Grace Farms has welcomed hundreds of attendees united in the fight against forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

Please visit our website for registration, travel information, and the full agenda.

AIA CES accreditation pending

early bird price: \$100 (ends January 15th)
\$150 | Grace Farms Member: \$120 | student: \$50

"We are not just in agreement that forced labor in the building materials supply chain is unethical and immoral. We are in agreement that now is the time for action and true market transformation to design and build more humanely."

– Sharon Prince



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march

Building AI for the Greater Good

Thursday, March 7 | 7 - 8 pm

Hear from leaders exploring the vast field of AI as a tool for fostering positive outcomes and advancing equity. Moderator **Karen Kariuki**, Grace Farms West Coast Program Officer, will be joined onstage by **Liz Grennan**, Global Co-Lead for McKinsey's Digital Trust service line, **Mia Shah-Dand**, Founder of **Women in AI Ethics** and **Lighthouse3**, a consultancy focusing on responsible AI and data governance, and **Stephanie Dinkins**, Kusama Endowed Chair in Art at Stony Brook University and advocate for inclusive AI.

\$15 | member: \$12

Chef's Palate | The Science of Flavor

Saturday, March 9 | 3 - 4 pm

Refine your palate during this interactive sensory experience led by Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones** who discusses the science behind our taste buds, explores memorable flavor pairings, and demonstrates how to rely on each sense to become a stronger cook who can craft an unforgettable dish full of flavor.

\$15 | member: \$12

Gardening Workshop | Beekeeping Basics

Saturday, March 16 | 11 am - 12 pm

Learn the fundamentals and seasonal rhythms of beekeeping from Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** during this workshop covering how to start your own hive. Includes a honey tasting and cup of tea.

\$15 | member: \$12

Nature's Classroom | Spring's Native Wildflowers

Saturday, March 23 | 11 am - 12 pm

Join Horticulture Advisor **Kimberly Kelly** to learn about the important role ephemerals and wildflowers play in providing food for beneficial insects and other woodland creatures during the spring – and how to incorporate these plants into your own landscape.

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



april highlight

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 20

Spend time connecting with the natural world during this year's Earth Day celebration, inviting guests to explore all corners of our natural landscape from the far-reaching groves of trees to the tranquil pond brimming with life. Our Earth Day activities invite you to:

Learn from Nature

Join Horticulture Advisor and butterfly expert **Kimberly Kelly**, Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, and Grace Farms' Educators to explore the majestic trees and the flourishing pond life of the nature preserve; enjoy tasting tours of the produce growing in our lively Community Garden; and take a sneak peek at the butterflies that inhabit the meadows during the summer months.

Come Face-to-Face with Wildlife

Encounter rescued animals from **Animal Embassy** and learn about the birds that call Grace Farms their home with Master Birder **Frank Mantlik**.

Participate in Nature-Inspired Artmaking

Pause and map the variety of sounds heard across the nature preserve with Arts Initiative Curator **Pamela Ruggio**.

\$10 per car | member: free

Please visit gracefarms.org to learn more about the programs and activities offered on Earth Day.



Image courtesy of Michael Ra



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left: Michael Ra; above: Beauty & Logic with Marcus Miller

april

Conversations in Architecture A River of Glass

Saturday, April 6 | 3 - 4:30 pm
Member Reception | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Grace Farms Architecture Advisor **Toshihiro Oki** and **Michael Ra**, Founding Principal at **Front Inc.**, the forward-thinking group behind the River building's unique glass walls, discuss architectural glass.

Their conversation explores the distinct glass system created to complement SANAA's design concept; the creation of customized glass seals; the process of sourcing of glass that meets high-quality fabrication, energy, and performance criteria, and more.

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\$10 | member: \$8

Spring Garden-to-Table Dinner

Friday, April 12 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Experience a delicious meal prepared by our culinary team highlighting fresh produce and herbs harvested from our garden, followed by a spring-inspired dessert. Members of our culinary, horticulture, and garden teams, including Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** and Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**, will introduce the meal and provide helpful tips on how to select, grow, and extend the life of local produce. Recommended for adults.

\$30 | member: \$24

Astronomy | Navigating by Nature

Thursday, April 18 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Explore how clues from the natural world – the stars, sun, wind, and trees – have helped humankind navigate across land and sea during this astronomy lecture led by educators from **Mystic Seaport Museum's Treworgy Planetarium**.

\$15 | member: \$12

Gardening Workshop | Compost and Soil

Saturday, April 27 | 11 am - 12 pm

During this backyard composting workshop led by Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**, learn how to repurpose kitchen scraps and garden debris into a homemade compost that enriches soil health for gardens, meadows, trees, and lawns.

\$15 | member: \$12

Beauty & Logic

Saturday, April 27 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Treat both sides of your brain to an unforgettable concert and conversation with **Marcus G. Miller**, Grace Farms Music Director, saxophonist, and Harvard-trained mathematician who explores the beautiful relationship between music and math.

\$20 | member: \$16



tea & coffee at grace farms

Bringing people together over shared meals and a cup of tea has been central to Grace Farms from the beginning.

In 2021, Grace Farms Foods, a public benefit LLC and a Certified B Corp, launched to demonstrate how it's possible to source tea and coffee that's free of forced labor. With Grace Farms Foods, we're able to hold up a cup of tea or coffee – accessible goods that are integral to everyday life – and educate people about ethical supply chains, both at Grace Farms and beyond.

Grace Farms offers a full collection of premium organic coffees and teas that give back 100% of profits to support our Design for Freedom movement.

Grace Farms at Work

You can now share Grace Farms' signature coffees and teas with your office through a corporate and nonprofit partner program.

Demonstrate your commitment to quality and giving back each time your customers, stakeholders, and employees sip a cup from Grace Farms Foods.



Scan the QR code to shop teas and coffees from Grace Farms Foods and learn more about the corporate and nonprofit partner program.



Afternoon Tea

Monthly on Fridays | 3 - 4:30 pm
January 19, February 16, March 15, and April 19

Gather with friends in the glass-enclosed Pavilion for a social afternoon inspired by English tea service! Enjoy a warm pot of tea with tasty English and Japanese-inspired bites created by the Grace Farms Culinary Team.

\$30 | member: \$24

Journey Into the World of Tea

This tranquil and in-depth exploration of tea offers guests a taste of different notable varietals from cultures around the world, demonstrations, and more, led by Tea Expert **Frank Kwei**.

\$15 | member: \$12

Introduction to the World of Tea

Saturday, January 31 | 1 - 2:30 pm

The Soothing World of Herbals

Saturday, March 27 | 1 - 2:30 pm

The Journey Continues

Visit gracefarms.org/calendar to learn about the rest of this six-part series occurring throughout the year.

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left: Journey Into the World of Tea; above: Yoga & Movement with Pilin Anice

featured series

Wellness & Tea

Begin your morning with a warm cup of Grace Farms Wellness Tea, followed by an energizing wellness class in the glass-enclosed River building.

\$20 | member: \$16

Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice

Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm
January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6

Step into the airy Court filled with natural light for a movement class designed for all levels led by Pilin Anice, a renowned yoga, dance, and meditation instructor, as well as lululemon Studio Trainer and Ambassador.

Each class emphasizes a different characterisitic of wellness in movement and tea: Revive in January, Rise in February, Breathe in March and Rest in April.



ongoing children
& family programs

Imagination Playground

daily

Children can build skills, solve problems, and make friends in the Court using an innovative system of large-scale, lightweight blocks designed by architect **David Rockwell** to encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play. Up to age 8 with adult caregivers.

free

Bunny Book Group

Fridays | 11 - 11:30 am

Listen to stories from our curated collection of books and take part in an arts and crafts activity. For ages 1-5 with adult caregivers.

free

Grace Farms Family Tour

Sundays | 3 - 4 pm

January 21, February 18, March 17, and April 21

Join us for an interactive family tour of Grace Farms. Explore the unique design of the River building, discover the sustainability features that have earned us two LEED certifications, and learn about the work we're doing to create a more peaceful and equitable world. For ages 5 and up with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free



children & family programs

Open Arts Studio

Thursdays | 1 - 5 pm & Saturdays | 10 am - 2 pm

Drop in for a facilitated series designed by artists, curators, and educators that invites families to think, play, create, and experiment with sensory-rich materials and different modes of artmaking. This season, artists are invited to discover the River with a series of programs taking inspiration from the architecture and artworks at Grace Farms.

\$5 | member: free

Building Texture

Inspired by Olafur Eliasson's *Mat(s) for multidimensional prayers*

January

Create a woolly weaving using materials from nearby and far away and discover how textures look and feel when combined.

Carrying Light

Inspired by Teresita Fernández's *Double Glass River*

February

Experiment with reflections! Become a part of Teresita Fernández's *Double Glass River* by attaching mirrored vinyl to your clothing and carrying light as you move around Grace Farms.

left: Building Texture; above: Finding Space with Arts Initiative Curator Pamela Ruggio

Finding Space

Inspired by Thomas Demand's *Farm 56* and *Farm 88*

March

Explore the curved shapes and layered spaces of the River building the way Thomas Demand did! Create paper sculptures by collecting, cutting, punching, connecting, and making spaces using colorful materials.

Creating Shapes

Inspired by Beatriz Milhazes' *Moon Love Dreaming*

April

Shift how and what you see! Build a window of color using shapes and light inspired by Beatriz Milhazes' 108-foot-long painting that extends the length of the West Barn corridor.



grace farms foundation

We bring together people across sectors to explore nature, arts, justice, community, and faith at the SANAA-designed River building, on 80 acres of publicly accessible natural landscape.

Our humanitarian work to end modern slavery and foster more grace and peace in our local and global community includes leading the Design for Freedom movement to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

This collaborative approach to comprehensively address humanitarian issues and generate new outcomes is reflected across all of our initiatives and the place of Grace Farms.



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our work

Our work is collaborative. We invite public and private sectors to Grace Farms to consider what’s possible through diverse perspectives. The River building was intentionally designed around nature to create a reflective and restorative space to consider innovative ways to advance the common good. Our experts across disciplines, in collaboration with our local and global partners, create unprecedented outcomes.

Nature

We facilitate the stewardship of our natural world through restoration, exploration, and preservation. Through the protection of the open meadows, woods, vital wetlands, and ponds on our site, and by providing year-round exploratory opportunities and multi-generational programming, we encourage visitors to experience the awe and wonder of nature and embrace stewardship of the natural environment.

Arts

We welcome artists from across disciplines to share diverse perspectives that expand our worldviews, help us connect with one another, and enhance our sense of beauty. By weaving the arts through our rhythms of work, reflection, and play, we discover aspects of ourselves and the world around us.

left: the River building; above: Madam President, moderated by CEO and Founder Sharon Prince and featuring women leaders in higher education

Justice

Our commitment to justice is based on the inherent right of liberty and equality for all. In 2020, we launched Design for Freedom, a global movement to create market transformation to remove forced labor from the building materials supply chain and reimagine architecture as a driver of humanitarian outcomes.

Community

We provide a warm, welcoming environment that fosters meaningful community and engagement among diverse groups of people. The Community Initiative creates proximities to individuals and organizations with different perspectives to advance new ways of thinking, ignite partnerships, and catalyze new outcomes that can lead toward sustained social impact to advance good in the world.

Faith

We offer the reflective space of Grace Farms and opportunities for dialogue to explore the nature of flourishing and purposeful life. In pursuit of more grace and peace in the world, we bring together leaders and educators for workshops to engage with the world’s ancient and modern philosophies, beliefs, and faiths.

The Grain Market

Jaipur, India



design for FREEDOM and pilot projects

In 2020, Grace Farms Foundation launched the Design for Freedom movement to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain, create true market transformation, and build a more equitable future.

Design for Freedom has brought together an expanding group of leaders who have committed their expertise and means to eliminate modern slavery in the built environment.

Pilot Projects

Design for Freedom Pilot Projects are collaborations that provide material transparency and prioritize ethical procurement. These projects, along the annual Design for Freedom Summit, 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. Shown left are a selection of current pilot projects. Completed pilot projects include:

Black Chapel (21st Serpentine Pavilion)
by Theaster Gates

Shadow of a Face, Harriet Tubman Monument
by Nina Cooke John

New Canaan Library
with Turner Construction, MillerKnoll, and Centerbrook Architects

Temporal Shift
by Alyson Shotz

Visit designforfreedom.org for more information and to learn about upcoming events featuring Design for Freedom.

Unshattered Project Possibilities

Wappingers Falls, NY



The Brij

Delhi, India





artwork & exhibits

Design for Freedom Exhibit

West Barn

Opening March 2024

Design for Freedom is Grace Farms Foundation's ongoing work to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain. This exhibit, designed by **Studio Cooke John**, with **Pentagram**, offers cross-sector insights into the scope of the problem and proposes strategies and practices to address it through a series of material studies, including timber, steel, concrete, and textiles.

A space for both education and contemplation, the exhibit features innovative solutions, including a tapestry of bio-based materials designed by the **Yale Center for Ecosystems in Architecture**, alongside contributions from poets, photographers, theologians, and others who remind us to consider the relationships inherent in the questions central to Design for Freedom: where do our building materials come from and are they made with fair labor?

"Understanding that humanity touches every single step along the way allows us to reimagine how architecture fits into the rest of our lives."

– Nina Cooke John

left: Lisa Kristine's *Blue Red Black - India*



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exhibits on view

Peace Forest

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.

The exhibit is curated by Grace Farms Chief Strategic Officer **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**.

permanent artworks

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



membership

Grace Farms members can visit without advance registration and enjoy 20% off our thought-provoking programs, complimentary and early access to select programs, invitations to members-only events and receptions, and a gift bundle from Certified B Corp, 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.

Upcoming Member Events

Voices of Culture Member Reception

Saturday, January 27 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Private Tour of the Aldrich Museum

Saturday, February 10 | 12 - 1:30 pm

Conversations in Architecture Member Reception

Saturday, April 6 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Visit gracefarms.org/calendar for the full schedule.



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left: exploring Grace Farms; above: a Member's dinner featuring Adam Silverman's *Common Ground*

membership levels

Become a member at gracefarms.org/membership.

individual

\$75 (\$75 tax deductible)

- One digital membership card*
- Expedited access to Grace Farms
- Complimentary and early access to select programs
- 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 (\$98 tax deductible)

- All benefits of individual membership
- 1 Tea and 1 Coffee from Grace Farms Foods
- + Additional digital 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 digital membership card*
- + Up to four guest passes per visit**
- + Access to special Friends of Grace Farms Programming
- + Recognition in our annual donor listing

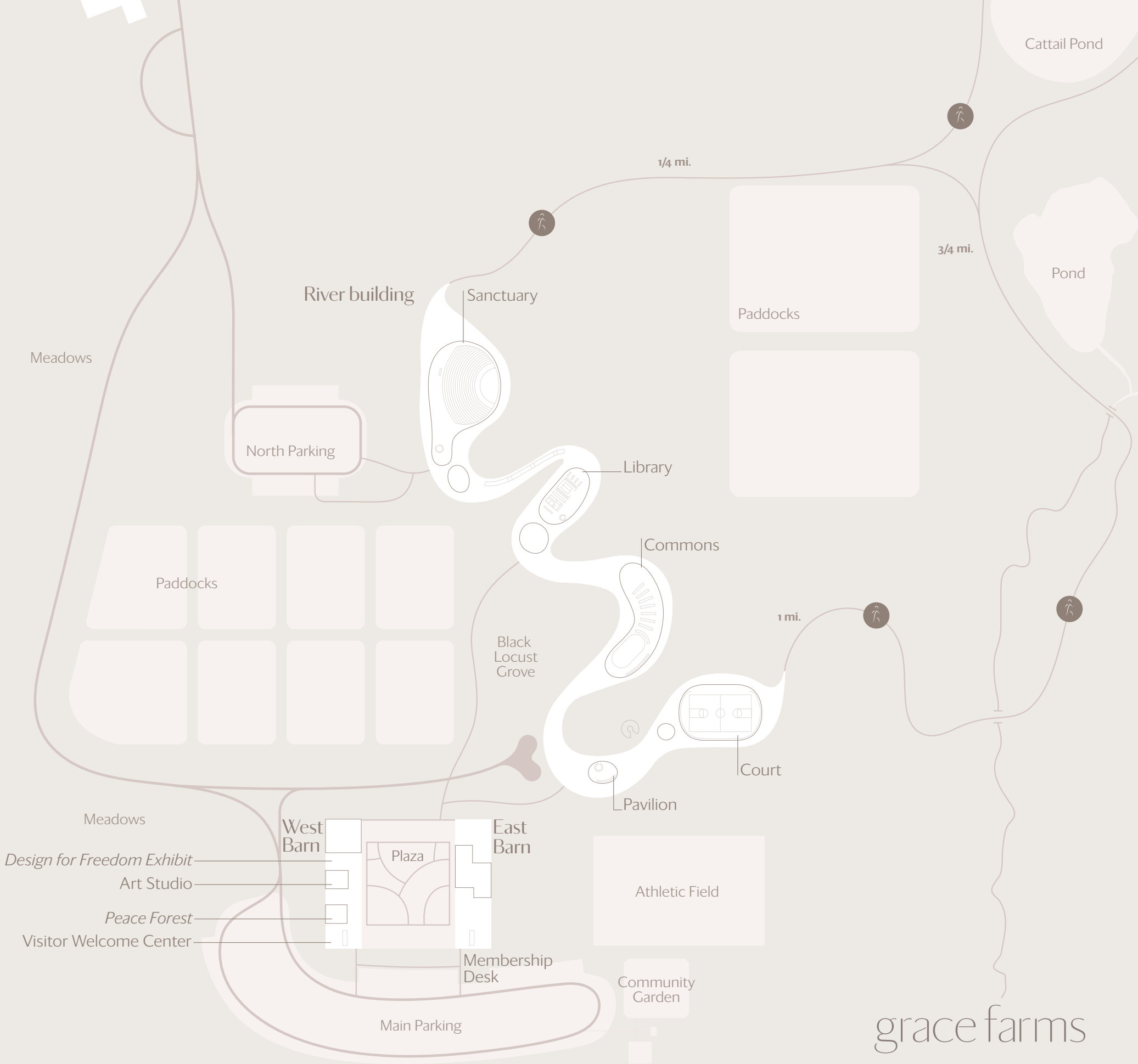
*Children under 18 in your household are included in the membership.

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

Grace Farms recognizes the Lenape and other tribes who once nurtured and lived in harmony with this land. We honor their past, present, and future generations. We share in their respect for this Earth and every creature who inhabits it.

As an organization committed to critical inquiry and collaboration, we have begun the process of listening and learning from indigenous communities to understand the indigenous stewardship of the land on which Grace Farms stands.





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