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New Canaan, CT 06840

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10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 12 - 5 pm.

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# spring & summer programming

may - august 2024

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*With Every Fiber* exhibit  
opening May 4

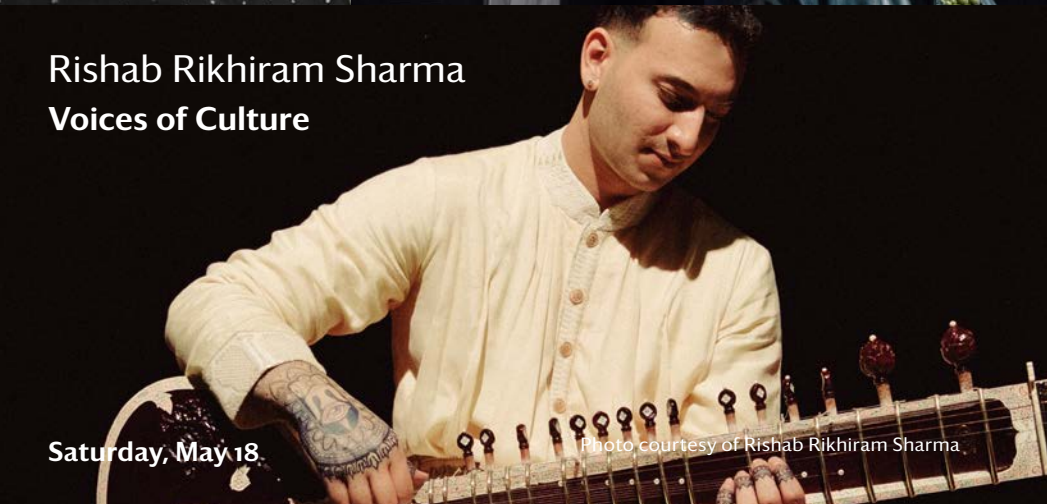


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Rishab Rikhiram Sharma  
Voices of Culture



Saturday, May 18

Photo courtesy of Rishab Rikhiram Sharma

Lauren Bush Lauren  
Dinner with Purpose



Wednesday, May 22

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Jorge Fontanez  
*The Profiteers* and  
Better Business Pioneers



Thursday, June 6

Photo courtesy of Jorge Fontanez

## welcome to grace farms

A place for culture and meaningful collaboration, Grace Farms is home to 80 acres of natural landscapes and the SANAA-designed River building and Barns. During the summer months, visitors can enjoy our vibrant nature trails, gather for a cup of refreshing iced tea, take in the beauty of our site-responsive artworks, and be inspired by our new exhibit, *With Every Fiber*.

This summer, we invite visitors of all ages to attend joyful and thought-provoking programs 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 the growing Design for Freedom movement, and supported by Certified B Corp, Grace Farms Foods.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Visit [gracefarms.org/events](https://gracefarms.org/events) for the most up-to-date information about programs.





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## plan your visit

Please register in advance at [gracefarms.org/visit](https://gracefarms.org/visit).

### Hours

Free Admission

Tuesday - Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday | 12 - 5 pm

Monday | Closed

### Address

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### 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](https://gracefarms.org/membership).

### Download our Digital Guide on Bloomberg Connects

Explore an interactive map and discover the stories behind our art installations and exhibits, including Design for Freedom's new exhibit, *With Every Fiber*, opening in the West Barn this May.



Download the free Bloomberg Connects app to access our digital guide.





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left: Summer Picnic Series; above: an afternoon in the Commons

## plan your visit

Enjoy all that spring and summer have to offer! Stop into the Community Garden to see what's in bloom, stroll down a nature trail to spot birds and butterflies, enjoy a cup of iced tea in the Commons, and more.

### Explore the River

The River building embodies the Foundation's mission to create more grace and peace in our local and global communities through open architecture designed to remove barriers between people and nature.

### Artworks and Exhibits

There are four permanent artworks on view that continually inform our work of place-making. In addition, there are two interactive exhibits including our new *With Every Fiber* exhibit, designed by Studio Cooke John, with Pentagram. Learn more on page 13.

### 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.

### 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. More information is available upon your arrival at the Welcome Desk.

## group tours and visits

### School Field Trips and Summer Groups

Invite your K-12 students to Grace Farms for the day to learn about nature, architecture, and sustainability!

Our daylong School Field Trips 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](https://gracefarms.org/school-programs).

### Group Visits

90-minute private tours are available by request for groups of 8 or more.

Private tours take place Tuesday through Friday at 10:30 am or 12:45 pm.

Learn more at [gracefarms.org/visit](https://gracefarms.org/visit).



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left: Thomas Demand, *Farm 56*, 2015 and *Farm 88*, 2015 in the Library;  
above: an architecture tour

## grace farms tours

### Grace Farms Tour

Thursdays and Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

This comprehensive 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 prestigious 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

### Permanent Artworks Tour

Saturdays, May 11 and July 13 | 2:30 - 4 pm

Consider the permanent artworks at Grace Farms on this walking tour offering curatorial insights into a diversity of expressions contributed by artists **Beatriz Milhazes**, **Teresita Fernández**, **Thomas Demand**, and **Olafur Eliasson** – all collaboratively conceived as responses to the SANAA-designed architectural program and vision for this unique place.

\$25 | member: \$20

### River Building Tour | Behind the Scenes

Saturday, June 8 | 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. Highlighting intentional design choices that align with the Foundation's values, this tour provides insights into the many conversations and considerations from the building's conceptualization and construction.

*Approved for AIA CES 1.5 LU*

\$25 | member: \$20

### Grace Farms Family Tour

Sundays | 3 - 4 pm

May 19, June 16, July 21, and August 18

This interactive tour invites families to explore the River building as it twists and turns through Grace Farms' natural landscape. Build models, play with some of the materials used to create our homes and community spaces, and discover how a building's design can reduce its impact on the environment.

free



# With Every Fiber



## exhibit opening

### *With Every Fiber*

Saturday, May 4 | West Barn

Design for Freedom is Grace Farms Foundation's ongoing work to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain. This permanent 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 + 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

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### Pop-Up Talks | *With Every Fiber*

Saturday, May 4 | 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 2 pm

Attend pop-up talks hosted by Grace Farms Chief Strategy Officer and Founding Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher to commemorate the opening of our newest exhibit. Learn more about how *With Every Fiber* embraces our values and commitments to raising awareness of forced labor in the building materials supply chain.





## may highlight

### Voices of Culture

### featuring Rishab Rikhiram Sharma

Saturday, May 18 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Friends of Grace Farms Reception | 6 - 7:30 pm

Sitarist, music producer, and composer Rishab Rikhiram Sharma captivates audiences around the world with his showstopping improvisations and Bollywood-inspired beats. His ability to fuse melodies traditional to the sitar with sounds of soulful jazz and blues is a testament of his musical prowess. Sharma has performed at the White House – the first sitarist invited to play solo – during a Diwali event hosted by the Biden administration. He is also an advocate for mental wellness through music therapy.

Voices of Culture is an unforgettable concert and conversation series exploring beauty in different musical traditions, where world-renowned artists perform and discuss their work with Grace Farms Music Director Marcus G. Miller.

\$40 | member: \$32

The next Voices of Culture concert will take place on Saturday, September 28.





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left: Poet and author Christian Wiman reads *and souls are candles* at Grace Farms opening; above: the Commons

## may

### Birdwatching Walks

Saturdays in May | 11 am - 12 pm

Birdwatchers of all experience levels are guided through our scenic nature trails to spot migratory birds returning north after the winter.

\$10 | member: free

### Reading and Conversation

#### *Zero at the Bone* with Christian Wiman

Wednesday, May 8 | 7 - 8 pm

Join us for a reading and conversation with author, poet, and Yale Divinity School professor **Christian Wiman** about his new book, *Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair*. This evening is moderated by Founding Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, **Miroslav Volf**.

Wiman's newest book makes the case against despair through fifty hopeful entries spanning poetry, theology, personal essays, and literary criticism.

A long-time collaborator of Grace Farms, Christian edited our 2015 anthology, *and souls are candles*, which commemorated our opening.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Gardening Workshop | Companion Planting

Saturday, May 18 | 11 am - 12 pm

Tour our Community Garden while exploring how to use companion plants in your own vegetable garden to increase pollination and suppress diseases and pests with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott**.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Dinner with a Purpose featuring Lauren Bush Lauren

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:30 - 9 pm

Join us for a picturesque spring evening with FEED Founder & Chief Brand Officer **Lauren Bush Lauren**.

Begin the evening with refreshing cocktails and a conversation about female leadership, social entrepreneurship, and innovative ways to address food insecurity between Lauren and Grace Farms Senior Program Officer **Karen Kariuki**.

Afterwards, enjoy a delicious dinner featuring a local and sustainable menu in the Commons, surrounded by the scenic backdrop of Grace Farms' 80 acres.

Limited seats are available; early registration is recommended.

This evening is hosted in collaboration with FEED Foundation. Proceeds from the dinner support the work of Grace Farms Foundation.

\$150 | member: \$120

### Nature's Classroom | The Living World of Soil

Saturday, May 25 | 11 am - 12 pm

Did you know there are more living things in one tablespoon of soil than there are people on the earth? Discover the living, moving, changing world of soil – fundamental to the ecology of all species – with our Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**.

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



Photo courtesy of Christopher Marquis

## june highlight

### Book Launch and Conversation

### *The Profiteers* and Better Business Pioneers

Thursday, June 6 | 7 - 9 pm

Join the conscious consumer movement at the launch of *The Profiteers: How Business Privatizes Profit and Socializes Cost* by Christopher Marquis, the Sinyi Professor at the University of Cambridge Judge Business School, award-winning author, and expert on better business and the B Corp movement.

Marquis will keynote insightful findings from his most recent book after a special introduction by Jorge Fontanez, CEO of B Lab US/Canada. This engaging evening will also include a dynamic discussion between impactful leaders Joe Kenner, CEO of Greyston Bakery, Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder of Grace Farms, and Aidaly Sosa Walker, Head of Marketing USA at Tony's Chocolonely.

A book signing, complete with brownies and chocolates, will follow.

Hosted in partnership with B Local CT.

\$15 | member: \$12



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left: a bee in the Community Garden; above: Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly educates about the nature preserve

## june

### Textile Workshops | Returning Summer 2024

This summer, join us for all-new editions of our textile workshops! In 2023, we invited you to harvest goldenrod, extend the life of textiles through mending, and explore the native plants that can be transformed into fabric.

Our refreshed textile workshops expand on our new exhibit, *With Every Fiber*, creating opportunities to interact with sustainable materials, all while establishing a new lens to view the material world around us.

Visit [gracefarms.org/events](https://gracefarms.org/events) to learn more about this series.

### Animal Encounters with the New Canaan Nature Center

Saturday, June 8 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

This drop-in program brings the whole family face-to-face with a range of friendly animals.

The New Canaan Nature Center is a nonprofit environmental education organization dedicated to inspiring people of all ages to respect, protect, and enjoy the world of nature.

free

### Summer Picnic

Friday, June 14 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for the first picnic of the summer! Gather the family for a fun-packed Friday night picnic featuring a delicious meal prepared by our culinary team, with lawn games, summer-themed crafts, and extended hours in the Community Garden.

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

### Gardening Workshop | Beekeeping 101

Saturday, June 15 | 11 am - 12 pm

Explore the world of beekeeping with Master Gardener Lauren Elliott, who discusses everything you need to know about starting a beehive in your backyard. Enjoy a refreshing mocktail crafted with local honey by Founding Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Nature's Classroom | Nature's Nursery

Saturday, June 22 | 11 am - 12pm

Learn all about natural plant propagation and how plants flourish in nature with our Director of Horticulture, Kimberly Kelly, who will discuss why letting nature do its work is sustainable and extremely beneficial to the environment.

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



Photo courtesy of Rick Snell

## july highlight

### Summer Concert | Rick Snell

Saturday, July 20 | 4:30 - 6 pm

Join us for a lively summer afternoon with bluegrass singer-songwriter Rick Snell!

Steeped in quintessentially American genres, Snell's music encompasses influence from blues, folk, jazz, and country. His playing, nostalgic and energetic, is sure to get the entire family up and dancing in the Sanctuary aisles.

Snell founded and hosts Mona's Bluegrass Session, where audiences can gather to hear the best bluegrass music in New York City. In 2022, he played the mandolin/guitar chair in the National Broadway tour of *Oklahoma!*, and he currently subs the guitar/mandolin chair at *Fiddler On the Roof* at New World Stages. He has toured nationally in support of Regina Spektor with Only Son.

This seasonal music series is curated by our Music Director, Marcus G. Miller.

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







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left: Summer Picnic Series; above: Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly around the preserve

## july

### Summer Picnic

Friday, July 12 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Savor these long days and warm evenings at our monthly Friday night picnic! Families are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner made by our culinary team, play lawn games, take part in summer-themed crafts designed by our educators, and see what's growing in the Community Garden.

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

### Animal Encounters with the New Canaan Nature Center

Saturday, July 13 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Stroll through the plaza to come face-to-face with a rotating group of friendly animals ready to greet visitors of any age. In case of rain, this program will take place inside the West Barn.

A nonprofit environmental education organization, the New Canaan Nature Center dedicates its work to inspiring people of all ages to respect, protect, and enjoy the natural world.

free

### Gardening Workshop | Home Herb Garden

Saturday, July 20 | 11 am - 12 pm

You can grow herbs anywhere! Gardeners of all experience levels are invited to step into the Community Garden with Master Gardener **Lauren Elliott** to explore the ease of planting and growing fresh herbs in gardens, on patios, or on windowsills.

During this hands-on class, discuss how to dry herbs – like lavender or chamomile – or how to prepare them to accompany any delicious meal.

Herb plants will be provided for participants to take home.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Nature's Classroom | Fireflies and Dragonflies

Saturday, July 27 | 11 am - 12 pm

On this nature walk guided by our Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**, discover the habitat and amazing life cycles of dragonflies and fireflies and examine how the presence of both insects is a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

This walk is recommended for children ages 12 and up. Please wear footwear that is appropriate for unpaved nature trails.

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



## august highlight

### Beauty & Logic | Cymatics

Saturday, August 24 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Explore cymatics, the investigation of how sound makes materials vibrate and the patterns that emerge from this vibration.

*Beauty and Logic* is a unique math-meets-music experience exploring the sounds we love and the equations that make them possible.

These educational concerts, fusing bold musical performances with brief dives into the math behind the sounds and vibrations, are hosted by Grace Farms Music Director, saxophonist, and trained mathematician, Marcus G. Miller, who performs with this band, IMW.

\$20 | member: \$16



left: Beauty & Logic | Cycles in Music and Math, April 2023





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left: Summer Picnic Series; above: the Community Garden

## august

### Summer Picnic

Friday, August 9 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Come together with family, neighbors, and friends to celebrate the end of an incredible season! During our last summer picnic, enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our culinary team, play lawn games, create summer-themed crafts, and step into the Community Garden during the extended hours.

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

### Animal Encounters with the New Canaan Nature Center

Saturday, August 10 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

This drop-in program encourages the whole family to enjoy the outdoors and interact with a range of friendly animals from the New Canaan Nature Center. In case of rain, this program will take place inside the West Barn.

free

### Gardening Workshop | Garden Harvest for Donation

Saturday, August 17 | 11 am - 12 pm

Step into the Community Garden to pick summer vegetables, fruits, and herbs for donation to our local food relief partner, **Person to Person**. This harvesting experience brings you up-close to native flowering plants that provide food for our foraging bees and includes a honey tasting and cup of iced tea.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Nature's Classroom | Butterflies & Moths

Saturday, August 24 | 11 am - 12 pm

Learn about the butterflies and moths you'll find in Connecticut from our Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**. Explore how and where they spend their lives, and all the ways you can create more habitats for these incredible pollinators in your own yard or community.

Kelly has over 25 years of experience facilitating and educating about nature conservation and sustainable land use practices. She is the President of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Butterfly Exhibitors and Suppliers.

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

### Summer Vacation Passport

Tuesday, August 20 - Friday, August 23  
daily | 10 am - 12 pm

Families, pick up a passport at the Welcome Desk and embark on a fun-filled day trip along the River building! This summer break week invites children of all ages to collect special stamps at activities led by our educators, including our Horticulture Director **Kimberly Kelly**. Building on the incredibly popular Winter Passport week this past February, each morning features a rotating offering of family-friendly activities:

- Build a summer fort in the Imagination Playground
- Create seasonal art
- Explore the nature preserve to spot colorful birds, busy butterflies, and the flourishing plants in bloom

free

## tea & coffee at grace farms

Bringing people together over a delicious meal and cup of coffee or tea has been central to Grace Farms from the beginning.

Every sip is an opportunity to share our vision for a world free of forced labor and to demonstrate and educate about ethical and sustainable supply chains through Grace Farms Foods, a public benefit LLC and Certified B Corp.

Grace Farms offers a full collection of premium organic coffees and teas for sale on-site, online, and at Whole Foods Market that give back 100% of profits to support the Design For Freedom movement.

### Grace Farms at Work

Demonstrate your organization's ESG and charitable commitments by partnering with Grace Farms.

Our signature coffees and teas are available to share in your office through Grace Farms Foods' corporate and nonprofit partnership program.



Shop Grace Farms coffees and teas and learn about the corporate and not-for-profit partner program





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left: Grace Farms Foods Wellness Teas; above: the Pavilion

## Wellness & Tea

Center and connect with your community through curated wellness classes inspired by and paired with Grace Farms' signature teas. Accessible to all experience levels.

\$20 per class | member: \$16

### Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice

Monthly on Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm  
May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3

Experience movement and music in the light-filled Court with renowned yoga, dance, and meditation instructor, Pilin Anice. A faculty member at Kripalu and Ailey Extension, Pilin's practice takes participants through a breath-centered yoga practice.

### Move with Grace Farms x lululemon

Monthly on Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm  
May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17

Embark on a wellness adventure with our unique series developed in collaboration with local lululemon ambassadors. Explore a range of practices including barre, yoga, and more for a well-rounded approach to fitness and well-being.

## 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 and Educator Frank Kwei.

\$15 per class | member: \$12

### White and Green Teas from China and Japan

Wednesday, May 29 | 1 - 2:30 pm

### Chinese Oolong and Pu-erh Teas

Wednesday, July 31 | 1 - 2:30 pm

### Afternoon Tea

Monthly on Fridays | 3 - 4:30 pm  
May 17, June 21, July 19, and August 16

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 our Founding Pastry Chef and Educator, Leah Jones.

\$30 | member: \$24



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## pastries & perspectives

### Chef's Palate

Join **Leah Jones**, Grace Farms founding pastry chef and educator, for educational conversations designed to inspire new perspectives on everyday ingredients, groceries, and meals.

Jones has more than 15 years of food service and culinary experience and is behind the incredible array of freshly baked goods, from savory scones to sweet croissants, available on your daily visit. She has been with us since our opening in 2015.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Global Groceries

Sundays, May 12 & July 14 | 3 - 4 pm

Explore the origins of popular ingredients during this deep dive into the relationship between groceries and geography. Learn about the journey your food takes before it arrives on your plate, and why shopping seasonally can help create delicious dishes, and more.

### Crafting Tea-Based Mocktails

Sundays, June 9 & August 11 | 3 - 4 pm

Learn how to mix your own summery tea-based drinks! 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.



# London Philharmonic Orchestra



## architecture moves us

### 9th Annual Benefit

featuring the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Save the date | Monday, October 21

Celebrate Grace Farms' ninth anniversary with an awe-inspiring evening performance by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Surrounded by picturesque autumnal foliage in the glass-enclosed Sanctuary, a chamber ensemble of musicians from the Orchestra, conducted by LPO 2023/24 Fellow Conductor Luis Castillo-Briceño, will present a moving program that incorporates our theme *Architecture Moves Us* and illuminates the purpose of our Foundation.

Following the performance, join us for a cocktail reception as we toast to nine incredible years of culture, collaboration, and new outcomes at Grace Farms.

Grace Farms Foundation's annual benefit contributes to the ongoing preservation and sustainability of Grace Farms.

For more information, please visit [gracefarms.org](https://gracefarms.org).

*The LPO Conducting Fellowship is generously supported by Patricia Haitink with additional support from Gini and Richard Gabbertas.*





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## ongoing children & family programs

### Imagination Playground

daily

Build skills, solve problems, and make friends using an innovative system of large-scale, lightweight blocks designed by architect David Rockwell to encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play.  
free

### Bunny Book Group

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

Listen to stories, move around, and take part in arts and crafts in this half-hour designed to engage our youngest visitors with the architecture, landscape, and community of Grace Farms.  
free

### Open Arts Studio

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

Think, play, create, and experiment with sensory-rich materials and different modes of artmaking! This season, the studio takes inspiration from the innovative materials and processes developed by our partners at the Yale Center for Ecosystems + Architecture (CEA), whose work is featured in our new *With Every Fiber* exhibit.

*With Every Fiber* features an installation by Yale CEA made from sustainable materials and developed by farmers from Japan to Mexico. This installation is the inspiration for these exciting and new hands-on family activities including bark cloth, wool felt, cane webbing, and more!

\$5 | member: free





## grace farms foundation

We bring together people across sectors to explore nature, arts, justice, community, and faith at the SANAA-designed River building and barns, 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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left: The River building in the summer; above: Summer Picnic Series extended hours in the Community Garden

## 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 within 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.

### 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 to engage with the world's ancient and modern philosophies, beliefs, and faiths.



## Design for Freedom Summit March 2023



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## The Brij, a Design for Freedom Pilot Project New Delhi, India



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## Ethical Supply Chain Workshop November 2023



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# design for FREEDOM

Led by Grace Farms, Design for Freedom is the global movement to create a radical paradigm shift and remove forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

Launched in 2020, the movement has convened an expanding group of innovative leaders who have committed their expertise and means to build a more equitable future by reimagining architecture as a powerful driver of humanitarian outcomes.

Within a short time, Design for Freedom and its Working Group has raised global awareness and created institutional responses through international Pilot Projects including *Black Chapel* by Theaster Gates (21st Serpentine Pavilion, U.K.), Nina Cooke John's Harriet Tubman Monument (Newark, NJ), and The Brij (Delhi, India), as well as high-level events such as the annual Design for Freedom Summit, our new exhibit *With Every Fiber*, and media.



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left: *Peace Forest*, West Barn; above: Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015

## 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**.

### *With Every Fiber*

West Barn

Design for Freedom is Grace Farms Foundation's ongoing work to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain. This permanent 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 + 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?** Please see page 13 for more information.

## permanent artworks

### **Beatriz Milhazes**, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016

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

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### **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





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## 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.



National Poet Laureate Joy Harjo speaks at our 8th Annual Benefit, October 2023

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### Upcoming Member Events

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#### Friends of Grace Farms Reception

Saturday, May 18 | 6 - 7:30 pm  
By invitation only

#### Visit Storm King Art Center

Visit [gracefarms.org/events](https://gracefarms.org/events) for more information

#### Annual Member Day

Saturday, September 14 | 9 am - 5 pm

# membership levels

## primary benefits

Digital Membership Card

Expedited access to Grace Farms for Member (and children under 18)

Complimentary and early access to select programs

Invitations to Member-only events, including our annual Member Day

20% discount on paid programs

10% discount on retail and dining

## individual

\$75 (\$75 tax deductible)

Primary Benefits

+ Individual Gift from Grace Farms Foods

## family

\$125 (\$100 tax deductible)

Primary Benefits

+ 1 additional digital Membership Card

+ 1 Guest Pass per visit\*

+ Family Gift from Grace Farms Foods

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## friend

\$1,000 (\$745 tax deductible)

Primary Benefits

+ 1 additional digital Membership Card

+ 4 Guest Passes per visit\*

+ Friend Gift from Grace Farms Foods

+ Invitations to Friends of Grace Farms programming

+ Curated art print or publication from the Grace Farms Library

+ Recognition in annual donor listing

## patron

\$5,000 (\$4,285 tax deductible)

Primary Benefits

+ 1 additional digital Membership Card

+ 4 Guest Passes per visit\*

+ Patron Gift from Grace Farms Foods

+ Invitations to Friends of Grace Farms programming

+ Curated art print or publication from the Grace Farms Library

+ Special edition art object

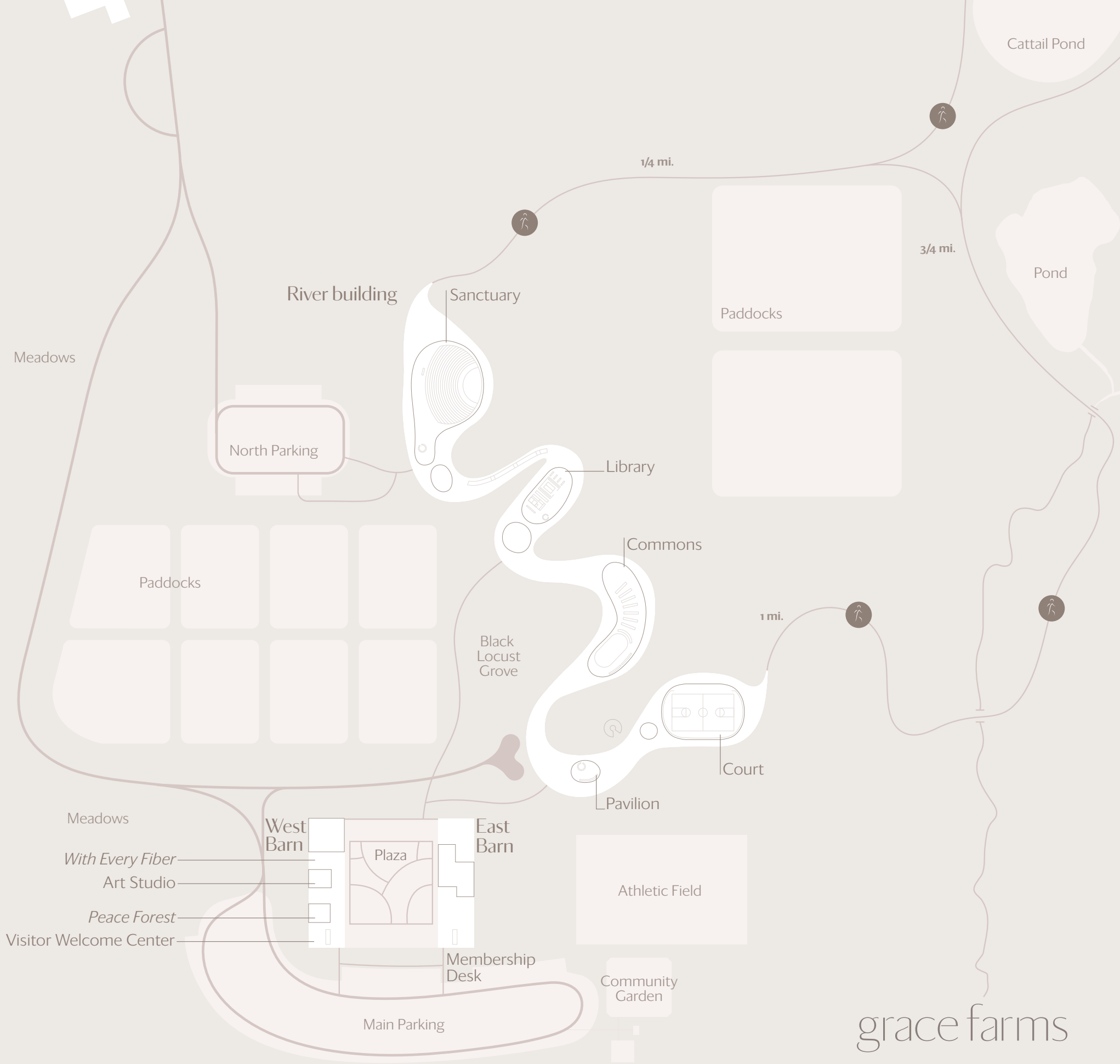
+ Recognition in annual donor listing

+ 2 Individual+ tickets to Grace Farms' Annual Benefit

+ 1 Private Tour for 8 guests, upon request\*\*

\*Children under 18 are included in 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.\*\*Private tour subject to availability.





grace farms

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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.

