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to the public, Tuesday - Saturday  
10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 12 - 5 pm.

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# fall & winter programming

september - december 2024

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## London Philharmonic Orchestra 9th Anniversary Benefit



Monday, October 21

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## Suzie Collier The Power of Music



Thursday, September 26

Photo courtesy of Suzie Collier

## Sheléa Voices of Culture Concert



Saturday, September 28

Photo courtesy of Sheléa

## Frank Kwei Journey into the World of Tea



Wednesdays, September 25 and November 20

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## 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 fall and winter months, daily visitors can enjoy 360-degree views of changing foliage, take crisp walks through nature trails, and experience a moment of peace over a cup of warm tea.

This fall, we invite visitors of all ages to engage with our theme, Architecture Moves Us, and attend 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 global Design for Freedom movement, and supported by Certified B Corp, Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

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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# Architecture Moves Us

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## 9th Annual Benefit

featuring the **London Philharmonic Orchestra**

Monday, October 21 | 6 - 9 pm

Doors open at 5 pm

Celebrate Grace Farms' ninth anniversary with an awe-inspiring evening performance by the **London Philharmonic Orchestra**. Surrounded by picturesque fall foliage in the glass-enclosed Sanctuary, a 31-musician chamber ensemble 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. Learn more on page 21.

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

For tickets and more information, scan the QR code below.



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



## 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 a 20% discount on paid programs, retail, and dining, invitations to members-only events, and so much more. Learn more about our membership program on page 53 or visit [gracefarms.org/membership](https://gracefarms.org/membership).



Download our digital guide on the free **Bloomberg Connects** app to explore an interactive map and learn about our art installations, exhibits, and more.





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left: the Commons; above: a tour group with a member of our Education Team

## plan your visit

### Explore Grace Farms

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, while the surrounding landscapes are a living and breathing symbol of our ongoing commitment to regenerative land restoration.

### 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. Learn more on page 49.

### 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 & coffee at Grace Farms on page 37.

Hours are subject to change based on special events.

### 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.

## school field trips & programs

### School Field Trips

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

Ranging from 60 - 90 minutes, School Field Trip programs are led by Grace Farms Educators and align with the Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks, and Social and Emotional Learning practices.

### Experiences

Recommended for grades K - 7

Experiences take an inquiry-based approach to learning through collaborative problem solving and hands-on activities.

### Tours

Recommended for grades 8 - 12

Focused tours of the River building provide students with a moment of inquiry, a Q&A session, and the chance to solve problems and reflect.

Learn more and apply at [gracefarms.org/school-programs](https://gracefarms.org/school-programs).

### Beauty & Logic for High School Students

On **December 10**, students can experience how sounds are created by and exist within the physical world during a special adaptation of *Beauty & Logic*, a unique music-meets-math experience led by Grace Farms Music Director, saxophonist, and mathematician **Marcus G. Miller**. To learn more, please email Anna Greco at [amgreco@gracefarms.org](mailto:amgreco@gracefarms.org).



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left: Grace Farms Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki; above: tables and chairs in the Commons

## grace farms tours

### Grace Farms Tour

Thursdays and Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

This comprehensive tour invites a closer look at the architecture of the River building and Barns. Take in 360-degree views of the nature preserve while exploring the building's sustainable design, curated interiors, and materials choices. During the tour, sample a cup of tea from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee, a Certified B Corp that demonstrates and educates about ethical and sustainable supply chains.

The double LEED-certified River building, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning firm, **SANAA**, was awarded the prestigious 2014/2015 Mies Crown Hall Americas Prize (MCHAP), in addition to the AIA National 2017 Architecture Honor Award and AIA Connecticut 2016 Design Honor Award. Visit [gracefarms.org](http://gracefarms.org) for additional tour times.

*Approved for AIA CES 1.5 LU*

\$25 | member: free

### Archober Tours

#### SANAA, Materials, and Landscape

Saturdays, October 12 and 26 | 2:30 - 4 pm

Our Architecture Advisor **Toshihiro Oki** leads a walking tour of Grace Farms' SANAA-designed River building and Barns. Learn about the ideas and projects that informed SANAA's approach to Grace Farms and how new design technologies were developed to keep as much connection to the landscape as possible while maintaining an interior environment that could be sustained through the four seasons.

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\$30 | member: \$24

### Grace Farms Family Tour

Saturdays and Sundays | 3 - 4 pm

September 14, October 27, November 17, and December 15

This interactive tour invites families to explore the River building as it twists and turns through Grace Farms' natural landscape. Build models, play with materials used to create our homes and community spaces, and discover how a building's design can reduce its impact on the environment. For ages 5 and up.

\$5 | member: free

### Behind the Scenes Tour

#### Timber

Saturday, December 14 | 2:30 - 4 pm

The warm natural quality of the wood throughout the River building is an integral part of the building's design. Follow Architecture Advisor **Toshihiro Oki** for a closer look at how wood was utilized as one of the main building elements, how existing trees felled onsite during construction were repurposed into wood tables, chairs, and other furniture, and more.

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\$25 | member: \$20

### Private Architecture Tours

Tuesday - Friday | 10:30 am and 12:45 pm

Private tours of Grace Farms are available by request for groups of 8 or more. Learn more and submit a request at [gracefarms.org/visit](http://gracefarms.org/visit).





Photo courtesy of Suzie Collier



Photo courtesy of Sheléa



Photo courtesy Kino Lorber

## september highlight

### Creatives in the Field

Step into the glass-enclosed Sanctuary, in full view of the rolling meadows and fall landscapes, for a compilation of programs featuring creatives at the top of their craft.

Discover the art of listening to music in a way that amplifies joy with violinist and composer **Suzie Collier**. Apply your newfound insights during a powerhouse performance from **Sheléa**, a standout vocalist deemed “one of the greatest artists of her generation” by Quincy Jones.

Stay immersed in the arts with a screening of *Mau*, hosted in collaboration with **Architecture & Design Film Festival**. A celebration of the life and works of visionary designer **Bruce Mau**, this optimistic documentary asks us to consider how we can harness the power of design to create a better world.

#### Conversation & Performance

#### **The Power of Music with Suzie Collier**

Thursday, September 26 | 7 - 8:30 pm

#### Voices of Culture Concert

#### **Vocalist Sheléa**

Saturday, September 28 | 7:30 - 9 pm

#### Grace Farms and Architecture & Design Film Festival present

#### ***Mau* | a documentary**

Saturday, October 5 | 6:30 - 8 pm





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Photo courtesy of Pentagram



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left: Nina Cooke John, Architect, and Eddie Opara, Designer and Partner at Pentagram; above: apple trees in the Plaza

## september

### Chef's Palate

#### The Science Behind Fall Flavors

Sunday, September 8 | 3 - 4 pm

Refine your palate in time for fall cooking and baking! Explore the distinct profiles of fall flavors with Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**. Taste samples of the produce grown in our Community Garden, including apples from our Plaza, and bring an apple butter recipe home.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Virtual Conversation

#### Designing an Exhibit with Nina Cooke John and Eddie Opara

Wednesday, September 11 | 10 - 11:30 am

University students are invited to join the designers behind the *With Every Fiber* exhibit, Architect and educator **Nina Cooke John** of Studio Cooke John, who was recently awarded the 2024 New Perspectives Award by AIA New York | Center for Architecture, and award-winning designer, educator, and Partner at Pentagram, **Eddie Opara**, for an exploration of the design processes employed during the creation of this innovative and first-of-its kind Design for Freedom experience.

John and Opara's discussion also considers what it means to create an exhibit through the lens of the Design for Freedom movement to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

This virtual conversation will be followed by a Q&A.

free

### Gardening Workshop

#### Floral Bouquets

Saturday, September 21 | 11 am - 12 pm

Create your own seasonal bouquet from locally grown flowers, herbs, and foliage with our Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**. Inspired by the slow flower movement, this hands-on workshop promotes seasonal and sustainable cut flowers and emphasizes the importance of knowing the origin of your florals.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Conversation and Performance

#### The Power of Music with Suzie Collier

Thursday, September 26 | 7 - 8:30 pm

Ignite a more powerful relationship with music. Conductor, violinist, and educator **Suzie Collier** and our Music Director, **Marcus G. Miller**, will share the secrets and techniques to inspiring musical imagination in children and reigniting musical passion in adults. Collier and Miller will perform a duet on violin and saxophone respectively, and invite the audience to join in on the music-making!

Collier is known across the globe for sharing her expertise and nuanced musical philosophy with thousands of people. She created and hosts the "Suzie Explores" podcast, which invites internationally acclaimed musicians including Yo-Yo Ma and Steve Vai to discuss music and life.

This program is recommended for ages 12 and up.

\$15 | member: \$12



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left: Garden-to-Table Dinner; above: the landscape

## september

### Fall Garden to Table Dinner

Friday, September 27 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Experience a delicious meal prepared by our culinary team highlighting fresh produce harvested from our garden. Members of our culinary, horticulture, and garden teams, including Director of Horticulture **Kimberly Kelly** and Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**, will discuss shelf lives of seasonal produce and explore creative ways to make the most out of freshly harvested fall vegetables. Recommended for adults.

member: \$30 | member: \$24

### Fall Birdwatching Walks

Saturdays, 11 am - 12 pm

September 28 and October 5

It's peak seasonal migration for birds passing through Grace Farms! Walk through the landscape with Master Birder **Frank Mantlik** in search of birds preparing to embark on their journey south and try to identify some of the over 115 species that have been spotted at Grace Farms.

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

### Nature's Classroom

#### Create a Flowering Lawn

Saturday, September 28 | 1 - 2 pm

Learn how to create a bee-friendly flowering lawn by adding beneficial plants to landscapes of any size during an afternoon with Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**.

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

### Voices of Culture Concert

#### featuring Sheléa

Saturday, September 28 | 7:30 - 9 pm

Step into the Sanctuary for a masterful performance from singer and songwriter **Sheléa**!

Hailed as one of the greatest artists of her generation by **Quincy Jones**, **Sheléa** is a powerhouse and versatile vocalist known for her sought-after performances at high-profile tributes, celebrations, and various events.

Her notable list of performances include singing with **Anthony Hamilton** before President **Barack** and First Lady **Michelle Obama** as a part of "Smithsonian Salutes Ray Charles," and performing a tribute to **Whitney Houston** at the Grammy Museum with producer **Narada Michael Walden**.

Also an actress, **Sheléa** portrays gospel singer **Dorinda Clark Cole** in the biopic, *The Clark Sisters: First Ladies of Gospel*.

Voices of Culture is a 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 Music Director **Marcus G. Miller**.

\$40 | member: \$32



# London Philharmonic Orchestra

october highlight

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9th Annual Benefit

featuring the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Monday, October 21

On October 21, Grace Farms Foundation celebrates its 9th anniversary with a stirring performance from a 31-musician chamber ensemble from the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by LPO 2023/24 Fellow Conductor Luis Castillo-Briceño.

Since its founding in 1932, the London Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) has been celebrated as one of the world's great and innovative orchestras. Its numerous recordings span television, radio, video games, and films including *Lawrence of Arabia* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Non-classical recordings include the 205 national anthems that played at medal ceremonies during the London 2012 Summer Olympics.

LPO's highly anticipated performance marks its third collaboration with Grace Farms. A recording of an LPO quartet is featured prominently in *With Every Fiber*, currently on view in the West Barn. The music was initially performed in London on June 12, 2022, UN World Day Against Child Labor, inside the 2022 Serpentine Pavilion – *Black Chapel* by Theaster Gates, a Design for Freedom Pilot Project.



"London's most adventurous and  
dynamic mainstream orchestra"

– *The Times (U.K.)*

Scan to get tickets





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left: *With Every Fiber*, West Barn; above: the meadows

## october

### Grace Farms and Architecture & Design Film Festival present *Mau* | a documentary

Saturday, October 5 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Watch *Mau* (2021), a captivating documentary about the life and transformative works of design visionary Bruce Mau, who asks, “How do we use the power and creative energy we have to make the world a better place for more people?”

This documentary explores Mau’s one-of-a-kind career, touching on his time advising Coca Cola and Disney, the ¡GuateAmala! (Love Guate) Movement, and his belief that design can lead to positive change in the world.

77 minutes. Directed by Benjamin Bergmann and Jono Bergmann.

\$10 | member: \$8

### Sunset Viewing *With Every Fiber*

Thursday, October 10 | 7 - 8 pm

Experience Grace Farms after hours during this intimate look at the *With Every Fiber* exhibit. Sip tea, mingle with friends, and learn the intention behind the exhibit and the innovative biomaterials installation by the Yale Center for Ecosystems + Architecture (Yale CEA).

The installation from Yale CEA emphasizes the relationship between culture and sustainability by featuring several indigenous materials that are a part of UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage lists. A temporary presence in *With Every Fiber*, the installation will travel to Brazil in 2025 for COP 30.

\$15 | member: free

### Gardening Workshop *Extending Your Harvest*

Saturday, October 12 | 11 am - 12 pm

Join us in the Community Garden to learn how to extend the growing season with winter hoops, row covers, fall plantings, and so much more. You’ll leave with red crimson clover seeds to plant in your garden, which will provide a nourishing spring nitrogen boost and feed pollinators.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Nature’s Classroom *Native Plants for Every Season*

Saturday, October 26 | 1 - 2 pm

Walk the fall landscape with Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly, who will discuss what you’ll need to foster germination and demonstrate how to collect native seeds and store them properly.

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

### Fall Foliage Walks

Saturdays, 11 am - 12 pm

October 26 and November 2

Embark on a guided walk through the changing leaves while learning about the importance of forest restoration and how trees mitigate climate change through oxygen release and local biodiversity.

\$10 | member: free





## november highlight

Beauty & Logic

### *La Grande Ligne*

Saturday, November 9 | 7:30 - 9 pm

How can math help hold a piece of music together?

Explore what legendary French composer and teacher Nadia Boulanger described as *la grande ligne*, or “the long line,” with Music Director, saxophonist, and mathematician Marcus G. Miller. Enjoy a performance by Miller and his band, IWM, while encountering the mathematical structures that make compositions meaningful.

\$20 | member: \$16





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left: Astronomy at Grace Farms; above: the fall landscape

## november

### Chef's Palate Global Groceries

Sunday, November 10 | 3 - 4 pm

Explore the origins of popular ingredients during this deep dive into the relationship between groceries and geography led by Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**. Learn about the journey your food takes before it arrives on your plate, why shopping seasonally can be key to creating delicious dishes, and more.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Astronomy Autumn Night Sky Exploration

Thursday, November 14 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Behold the autumn night sky during this outdoor viewing guided by an educator from Mystic Seaport Museum's **Treworgy Planetarium**, who will utilize a tracking telescope and other observational tools. In case of inclement weather, the night sky viewing will take place indoors using the innovative Stellarium Astronomy Software.

Recommended for ages 12 and up.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Gardening Workshop Growing Garlic

Saturday, November 16 | 11 am - 12 pm

Fall is the best time to plant garlic. Learn how to prepare, plant, and care for this common aromatic, and take home a head of garlic to plant in your own yard.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Autumn Harvest Family Picnic

Friday, November 22 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Families, join us for an indoor fall picnic! Enjoy a savory menu showcasing seasonal produce harvested from the garden and have some fun with family-friendly activities and educational crafts.

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

### Nature's Classroom Nature's Palette

Saturday, November 23 | 1 - 2 pm

Stroll the nature preserve with Director of Horticulture **Kimberly Kelly** to take in the magnificent fall foliage while learning the science behind why trees and plants have such a diverse and eye-catching color palette in the fall.

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





## december highlight

### Season of Light

Friday, November 29 - Saturday, December 28

Make the most out of the holidays and visit us during our annual Season of Light! Daily engagements and programs during this joyful period offer opportunities for cheer, generosity, and a peaceful respite for visitors of all ages.

#### Giving Tree

Share in the joy of giving this holiday season with Grace Farms' Giving Tree! From November to early December, stop by select volumes of the River building to pick an ornamental donation card from the Grace Farms Giving Tree, or participate virtually. Donations made through the Giving Tree support local families alongside our community partner, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI).

#### Give the Gift of Grace Farms

Check off your list this season with a selection of gifts that give back at Grace Farms including holiday bundles, gift memberships and more.



Participate in our Giving Tree, supporting local families in partnership with CIRI





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left: Singer-songwriter Phoebe Katis performing during 2023 Songs of the Season; above: Cookie decorating

## december

### Songs of the Season

November 29, 30 and December 27, 28 | 3 - 4 pm

Our popular yearly music series returns to the Sanctuary! Experience moments of peace and tranquility through season-inspired musical selections performed by various artists. This series is curated by Music Director Marcus G. Miller.

free

### Candlelight Yoga with Pilin Anice

Wednesday, December 4 | 3:30 - 5 pm

Set intentions for the new year during a tranquil, candlelit movement class guided by renowned yoga instructor, Pilin Anice. Afterwards, refresh yourself with a cup of tea from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee picked to complement the restorative movement.

\$20 | member: \$16

### Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 7 | 1 - 2 pm & 3 - 4 pm

Sip warm tea and decorate cookies with the entire family during this fun-filled hour! Cookies will be provided by our Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones.

Due to last year's popularity, we're offering two decorating sessions!

\$8 | member: free

### Gifting for Good

Friday, December 13 | 4 - 5 pm and 6 - 7 pm

In the spirit of giving, gather with friends, family, and fellow community members to assemble care packages and write cards in support of Filling in the Blanks. This joyous night offers festive music, refreshments, and engaging winter crafts for all ages to enjoy.

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

### Gardening Workshop

### Decorating with Air Plants

Saturday, December 14 | 11 am - 12 pm

Make a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration from living plants and other natural materials with Grace Farms garden team. With a focus on more sustainable holiday décor, you'll learn about epiphytes, the fascinating low-maintenance plants that acquire nutrients and moisture from the air and water around them.

\$15 | member: \$12

### Open Arts Studio

### Wintry Landscapes

Thursday, December 26 and Friday, December 27 | 10 am - 12 pm

Play with the reflection of light through glass and trace the shadow lines to create a drawing or painting inspired by the winter landscape. For ages 4 - 11 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free





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left: Imagination Playground in the Court; above: Open Arts Studio

## 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 that encourage learning through curiosity-driven play. For up to age 8 with adult caregivers.

free

### Bunny Book Group

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

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

free

### Materials Studio

Tuesdays | 10 am - 12 pm

Wednesdays & Fridays | 3 - 5 pm

Explore *With Every Fiber* then join our educators for a special art project inspired by this exhibit prompting families to play, reimagine, and discover the life cycle of everyday materials in our built environment including textiles, timber, metals, and concrete. Learn about the unique properties of the different materials, and use your imagination to create new applications for them.

free

### Studio Beginnings

Thursdays | 10 - 12 pm

Our youngest artists are invited to make art inspired by the River building and surrounding landscape. For ages 1 - 5 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free

### Open Arts Studio

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

Drop in for a facilitated series designed by artists and educators that invites families to play, create, and experiment with sensory-rich materials. For ages 4 - 11 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free

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\$5 | member: free



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Tokyo Ride (2020)

# looking ahead to 2025

## Meet our Artist in Residence Architectural Photographer James Florio

Architectural photographer **James Florio** works slowly and with intention. During his 18-month residency at Grace Farms, Florio utilizes large format film to investigate and capture the depth of changes that climate, time, and nature have on the architecture and landscape. His residency will culminate with a contribution to our permanent artworks and an exhibition of his images.

### James Florio | Process and Proofs

January 30, 2025

Join James Florio this January for an exploration of his process and a discussion about his residency at Grace Farms.

## Grace Farms and Architecture & Design Film Festival (ADFF)

In 2024, Grace Farms launched a collaboration with ADFF to present films exploring the unique perspectives and process behind architecture and design. In March, we screened of *Modernism Inc.: The Eliot Noyes Design Story* (2023), and in October, we'll screen *Mau* (2021), a documentary about design visionary Bruce Mau.

### Humanity in Architecture Film Festival

Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25

Join Grace Farms and ADFF for a two-day film festival with feature length films, including a screening of *Tokyo Ride* (2020), directed by Ila Bêka & Louise Lemoine, starring Ryue Nishizawa and Kazuyo Sejima of SANAA, the architects that designed Grace Farms.



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## 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 Tea & Coffee, a Certified B Corp.

Grace Farms offers a full collection of premium organic coffees and teas for sale on-site, online, and at select Whole Foods Markets 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 Tea & Coffee through our corporate and nonprofit partnership program.

Offer Grace Farms' signature coffees and teas in your workspace and join organizations including Bloomberg, JPMorgan, Humanscale, Pentagram, Auberge Resorts, and World Economic Forum in spreading awareness about ethical supply chains.



Shop Grace Farms coffees and teas and learn about the corporate and nonprofit partner program



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left: Yoga and meditation instructor **Pilin Anice** leads her monthly Yoga and Movement class in the Court; above: tea in the Pavilion

## Wellness & Tea

Bi-monthly on Saturdays | 10:30 am - 12 pm

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

September 7, October 5, November 2, December 4

Experience movement and music in the light-filled Court with renowned mindfulness and wellness expert, **Pilin Anice**. This invigorating class takes participants through a breath-centered yoga practice while incorporating acoustic sounds.

### Move with Grace Farms x lululemon

September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

Restore and ignite the energy needed to live a more balanced life during monthly movement classes developed in collaboration with local **lululemon** ambassadors. To enhance your wellness experience, each workout class pairs a cup of tea from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee chosen to complement the movement, which can include yoga, barre, and running, among others.

## Journey Into the World of Tea

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

\$15 per class | member: \$12

### The Soothing World of Tisanes

Wednesday, September 25 | 1 - 2:30 pm

### Eastern and Western Tea Culture & Practices

Wednesday, November 20 | 1 - 2:30 pm

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### Afternoon Tea

Monthly on Fridays | 3 - 4:30 pm

September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20

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 Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**.

\$30 | member: \$24





## 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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## 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.

left: Grace Farms Horticulture Director Kimberly Kelly; above: Sharon Prince, Sian Leah Beilock, Barnard College, Helene D. Gayle, Spelman College, Laura Sparks, The Cooper Union, and Frances Bronet, Pratt Institute

### 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.



**Karsh Institute of Democracy**  
**University of Virginia**  
Charlottesville, VA



Image courtesy of University of Virginia

**Hunger Busters**  
Dallas, TX



Image courtesy of HKS

**Humanscale Showroom**  
Chicago, IL



Image courtesy of Humanscale

## design for FREEDOM

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

The movement brings together 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.

### Pilot Projects

Design for Freedom Pilot Projects are collaborations that initialize material transparency and prioritize ethical procurement. These projects raise awareness of forced labor in the building materials supply chain and demonstrate Design for Freedom principles in action.

Projects announced at the 3rd Annual Design for Freedom Summit:

**Karsh Institute of Democracy University of Virginia**  
Project Team: University of Virginia, Höweler + Yoon, Hanbury Architects, Hourigan Construction

**Hunger Busters**  
Project Team: HKS, Hunger Busters, DBR Engineering, Young Caruso Food Service and Consultants

**Carnegie Global Ethics Hub**  
Project Team: MBB Architects, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

**Humanscale Showroom**  
Project Team: Humanscale, The Sheward Partnership, Reddymade

**Bigfork Library**  
Project Team: Cushing Terrell, ImagineIF Library Foundation

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





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left: Sharon Prince with Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa of SANAA;  
above: Ethical Decarbonization panel at the 2024 Design for Freedom Summit

## upcoming programs & events

### Sharon Prince in conversation with SANAA

Hosted by AIA of Japan

September 19, 2024

This September, our CEO and Founder, Sharon Prince, will join the world-renowned architects of Grace Farms, SANAA, in Japan for a conversation about Design for Freedom. Discover the inspiration behind the global movement and how the open and welcoming architecture of SANAA's River building serves as a meaningful platform, bringing people and ideas together to advance Design for Freedom.

### 2025 Design for Freedom Summit

March 27, 2025

Join us for our fourth annual Summit, bringing together hundreds of leading experts across sectors, as well as highly-engaged university students, united in the collaborative, global movement to raise awareness of forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

Over 550 attendees joined us for the 2024 annual Design for Freedom Summit. Humanitarian photographer and founder of Human Thread Foundation Lisa Kristine, and author, founder of Empowerment Collective and modern slavery survivor, Nasreen Sheikh each shared their perspectives from the forefront of the movement to eradicate modern slavery.

### Design for Freedom Competition

Ethical and Equitable Materiality to End Forced Labor  
in partnership with the ACSA

Design for Freedom Webinar | Thursday, September 26, 2024

Registration Deadline | Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Submission Deadline | Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Winners Announced | Summer 2025

Grace Farms is partnering with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) to host a student design competition for the 2024-2025 academic year. Architecture students can compete in two separate categories: a design project and a materials research project.

The competition aims to challenge individual or teams of students to explore how architectural materials research and design can eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain - and to explore and propose how architects can work to eradicate forced and child labor from the built environment.



Learn more and register for the student  
design competition



“Everyone deserves good design – design that is beautiful and just. It is essential to delivering human rights, services, and spaces that will build a better world.”

MASS Design Group, designer of Grace Farms  
'Common Good Through Crisis' Exhibition



## artwork & exhibits

### *With Every Fiber*

West Barn

Where do our building materials come from and are they made with fair labor?

*With Every Fiber* inspires consideration for the materials that make up the built world. It brings visitors up close to timber, metals, textiles, concrete, and an immersive biomaterials installation by Yale Center for Ecosystems + Architecture (Yale CEA).

During the final months of 2024, we invite you to step into *With Every Fiber* to see the panels of timber, reflect upon the origins of steel, learn about the Nettle from Nepal and Ramie from Japan as part of the Yale CEA installation, and more, while taking into account the hands that made these materials possible.

*With Every Fiber* is curated by Grace Farms Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher and designed by Studio Cooke John Architecture + Design, with graphics from Pentagram.

In its next iteration coming in 2025, *With Every Fiber* will feature new materials for consideration.

### Related Events

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### Materials Studio

Tuesdays | 10 am - 12 pm

Wednesdays & Fridays | 3 - 5 pm

Families are invited to learn about the unique properties of the different materials in *With Every Fiber* and through art making, imagine new applications for them.



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left: *Peace Forest* exhibit, 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.

Recently, *Peace Forest* was refreshed with contributions including art from Hillary Waters Fayle, who created a special project with flora collected from the Grace Farms landscape that was unveiled at our annual benefit in 2022.

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 a 20% discount on paid programs, retail, and dining, invitations to members-only gatherings, complimentary events, and a welcome gift from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

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.

### September is Member Month

Enjoy 10% off Family and Individual memberships, and 20% off onsite retail including Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

### Annual Member Day

Saturday, September 14 | 9 am - 5 pm

Celebrate our growing and thriving membership community during a day full of nature-inspired fun for all ages. Enjoy a Member breakfast with pastries and crafts, plant seedlings to attract butterflies with Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly, attend an interactive Family Tour, learn about the magic of seeds with Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones, and so much more.

### Guided Tour of Wave Hill

Friday, September 20 | 2 - 3 pm

Attend a complimentary visit and tour at Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center in the Bronx home to 28 acres of gardens, woodlands, and sweeping views of the Hudson River.

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





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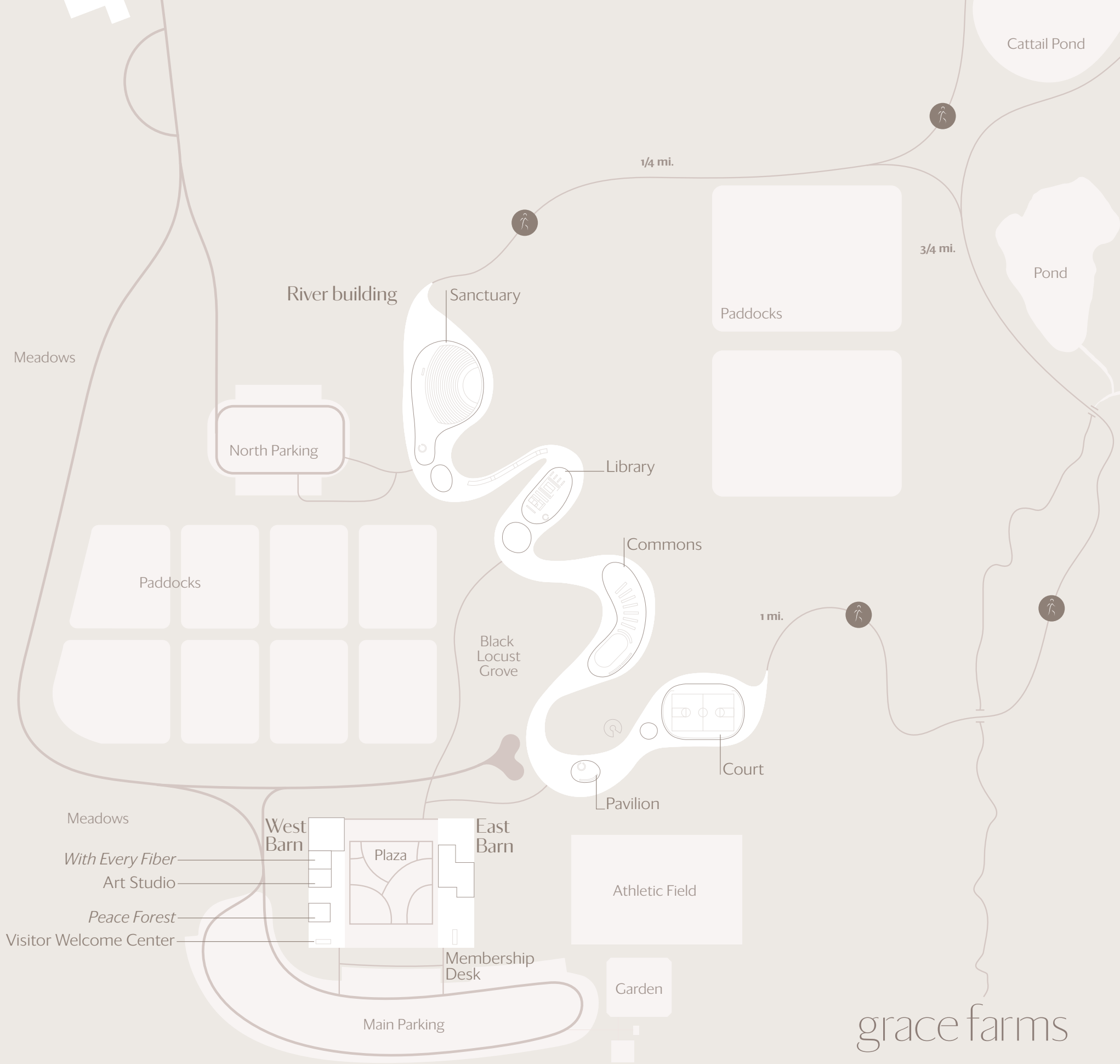
above: Dinner with a Purpose hosted in collaboration with FEED Foundation, featuring Lauren Bush Lauren held on May 22

benefits of membership	individual \$75	family \$125	friend \$1,000	patron \$5,000
20% discount on paid programs, retail, and dining	●	●	●	●
Invitations to Member-only events	●	●	●	●
Complimentary access to select programs	●	●	●	●
Gift from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee	individual gift	family gift	friend gift	patron gift
Digital Membership Card(s)*	1	2	2	2
Invitations to Friends of Grace Farms programming			●	●
Curated art print or publication from the Grace Farms Library			●	●
Recognition in our annual donor listing			●	●
Special edition art object				●
2 Individual+ tickets to Grace Farms Annual Benefit				●
1 Private Tour for 8 guests, upon request**				●

To purchase a membership by check or transfer, please contact [membership@gracefarms.org](mailto:membership@gracefarms.org).

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





grace farms

## support

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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.

