



winter & spring  
at grace farms

january - april 2025



## welcome to grace farms

To achieve unprecedented outcomes, we bring together extraordinary leaders and organizations to create unique programs that align with our work in nature, the arts, justice, community, and faith. This includes Design for Freedom, our global movement to remove forced labor from the built environment. We invite people of all ages and backgrounds to experience how we can advance good in the world, from learning about how we can all be stewards of the environment to how the arts and music can expand our perspectives.

At the center of all our work and programs is architecture – the River building and Barns, surrounded by 80 acres of 10 biodiverse habitats, that provide a contemplative space for all. Our theme of the year, Architecture Moves Us, invites us to be in community with one another and reminds us of the incredible things we can achieve together.

The possibilities remain as vast as our landscape. We invite you all along for the journey.



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*Sharon Prince*

Sharon Prince  
CEO and Founder



Zita Cobb  
Humanity in Architecture  
Film Festival

Friday, January 24 & Saturday, January 25

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Andromeda Turre  
Music at Grace Farms

Saturday, February 22

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Kerri Walsh Jennings  
Beyond the Game

Saturday, March 8

Courtesy  
Kerri Walsh Jennings



Grace Forrest  
4th Annual Design for  
Freedom Summit

Thursday, March 27

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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

365 Lukes Wood Road  
New Canaan, CT 06840

### 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 53 or visit [gracefarms.org/membership](https://gracefarms.org/membership).



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



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left: snowshoeing at Grace Farms; above: Open Arts Studio for ages 4-11 with adult caregivers

## plan your daily visit

### Explore Grace Farms

The River building's open architecture, designed to remove barriers between people and nature, embodies the Foundation's mission to create more grace and peace in our local and global communities. The surrounding native 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, as well as two interactive exhibits, *Peace Forest* and *With Every Fiber*. 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 on weekdays from 11 am - 2 pm, and weekends from 12 - 5 pm. Learn more about tea at Grace Farms on page 33.

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. They may include:

Room with an Equal View

Sustainable by Design | Geothermal Wells

Permanent Works | Thomas Demand's *Farm 56*

Permanent Works | Olafur Eliasson's *Mats for Interdimensional Prayer*  
Architectural Elements | Glass

More information is available at the Welcome Desk.



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left: Design for Freedom Summit in March 2023; above: drop-in program hosted by the Grace Farms Education Team

## grace farms tours

### Grace Farms Tour

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 surrounding landscapes 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 River building, designed by Pritzker Prize-winning firm, SANAA, holds LEED Gold certification for Building Design and Construction. A demonstration of our continuing efforts to be as sustainable as possible, in 2024, we were awarded Gold certification for Building Operations and Maintenance, building on our LEED Silver certification in 2019.

The River building 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.

*Approved for AIA CES 1.5 LU*

\$30 | member: free

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

## school field trips & programs

### School Field Trips

Grace Farms offers year-round K-12 programs that align with Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, and Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks. Guided by Grace Farms Educators, these on-site programs invite students to learn about nature, architecture, and sustainability in creative and engaging ways, and can be customized to a group's interests.

### Experiences

(recommended for grades K-7)

We offer nature, architecture, and SEL experiences, as well as an adapted pre-school and kindergarten experience. Through exploration, collaborative problem solving, and hands-on activities, our youngest students are invited to better understand the world around them.

### Tours

(recommended for grades 8-12)

Our guided River building tours focus on architecture, sustainable and ethical building materials, and the humanitarian work of Grace Farms Foundation. These tours provide students with deeper insights into the complexities of our natural and built environment, and create opportunities for discussion, reflection, and problem-solving.

Learn more at [gracefarms.org/school-field-trips](https://gracefarms.org/school-field-trips).

“The possibilities we can  
achieve here are as open  
as the landscape of  
Grace Farms.”

– Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder, Grace Farms





## music at grace farms

Music at Grace Farms invites our global community of visitors, musicians, and creators to share in a unique experience at the intersection of sound, artistry, nature, and intentionally designed spaces.

Curated by our Music Director, **Marcus G. Miller**, each seasonal performance demonstrates how music and space enhance one another. Whether listening to violins drifting over the meadows during our outdoor summer music series, dancing together to the rhythms of a world-class flamenco guitarist, or celebrating the holidays with a festive concert, Music at Grace Farms offers an exceptional live experience. Every event is crafted to foster connection, making music not just something to hear, but something to feel and share.

### 2025 Performances

Saturday, February 22 featuring Andromeda Turre

Saturday, May 3

Saturday, July 19

Saturday, September 13

Saturday, October 18

December Holiday Concert

left: Andromeda Turre performing at Songs of the Season in December 2023



# humanity in architecture film festival

january  
24-25

## january highlight

### Humanity in Architecture Film Festival

Hosted by Grace Farms and  
Architecture & Design Film Festival (ADFF)

Join us for a weekend of films exploring the built environment's power to enrich our human experience and remind us of our capacity to create positive change. Each film amplifies our belief that architecture can move us to address humanitarian issues.

#### Friday, January 24

*Strange and Familiar: Architecture on Fogo Island* (2015)

Following the screening, **Zita Cobb**, CEO & Founder of Shorefast and Innkeeper at Fogo Island Inn, joins Grace Farms CEO & Founder **Sharon Prince** for a conversation about the impact of architecture moderated by ADFF Director and Founder, **Kyle Bergman**.

#### Saturday, January 25

*Tokyo Ride* (2020)

*Beyond Zero* (2022)

*Biocentrics* (2024)

*Charlotte Perriand: Pioneer in the Art of Living* (2019)

*Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf* (2017)

*Frank Gehry: Building Justice* (2018)

*Moriyama-San* (2017)

*Perception* (2019)

*Sitting Still*, a Documentary on Laurie Olin and his Vision (2024)

*Unfinished Spaces* (2011)



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left: crafting mocktails with Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones; above: Grace Farms Artist-in-Residence and architectural photographer James Florio

## january

### Gardening Workshop Introduction to Seed Starting

Saturday, January 11 | 11 am - 12 pm

Gardeners, join our Director of Horticulture, **Kimberly Kelly**, to explore sustainable methods of starting plants from seeds. Learn the importance of saving, using, and exchanging your own seeds, as well as tips for optimal seed selection, equipment, timing, soil blocks, and more.

\$20 | member: \$16

### Winter Mocktails

Thursday, January 16 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Guided by Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**, create and sip your own delicious tea-based mocktail with good-for-you ingredients inspired by Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

\$22 | member: \$18

## Photographer James Florio Presentation and Conversation

Architectural photographer **James Florio** is our Artist-in-Residence, visiting Grace Farms throughout the seasons to build a body of work composed on large format film.

Large format film removes all barriers between viewer and image to capture the world as it truly is: simple yet complex, imperfect but beautiful. During his residency, Florio explores how the River building – a building with glass walls that remove barriers between people and nature – transforms with the landscape across the seasons.

### James Florio's Studio at Grace Farms

Thursday, January 30 and Friday, January 31

Visit the Library to view a selection of Florio's photographs of the River building, akin to visiting his studio in Montana. Enjoy a complimentary tea upon arrival.

free

### Seasonal Stories with James Florio

Thursday, January 30 | 7 - 8 pm

Immerse yourself into the studio life of James Florio, with a mid-residency presentation of photographs. Hear from Florio in conversation with Grace Farms Founding Creative Director, **Chelsea Thatcher**, sharing stories of the seasons at Grace Farms, and immersing into the rhythms of nature to document it with large format film.

\$12 | member: \$10



## february highlight

Conversation and Book Signing

### Platon and *The Defenders: Heroes of the Global Fight for Human Rights*

Friday, February 28 | 7 - 8 pm

Join world-renowned portrait photographer Platon for an exploration of his newest book, *The Defenders: Heroes of the Global Fight for Human Rights* (2024). Celebrating human rights activists on their pursuit of justice, *The Defenders* is a powerful collection of photo essays spanning 15 years of work in Burma, Egypt, Russia, the United States, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Platon is a Peabody-award winning photographer known for his instantly recognizable portraits of world leaders and celebrities. His work has been exhibited in galleries and museums around the world. In 2013, he founded The People's Portfolio, an organization telling the story of emerging human rights defenders and the people they serve. His short film, *My Body Is Not A Weapon*, features survivors of wartime sexual violence and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege, who spoke at Grace Farms in 2019. In 2023, Platon was the keynote speaker for the Design for Freedom Summit at Grace Farms.

\$12 | member: \$10

"[*The Defenders*] encourages the viewer to embrace the definition of power in all its forms, with a focus on amplifying the voices of those fighting for a more just world."

– Katherine Pomerantz, *TIME*



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above: the River building

## february

### Chef's Palate

#### The Science of Flavor

Sunday, February 2 | 3 - 4 pm

Families, learn how to taste and cook with flavor like a professional chef! Join Grace Farms Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones** for an interactive culinary class exploring how we experience the food we love through each of our five senses, and the science behind taste.

\$12 | member: \$10

### Gardening Workshop

#### Pruning 101

Saturday, February 8 | 11 am - 12 pm

Understanding when and how to prune is critical to the health of small trees and shrubs. Learn the basics of pruning, including proper tool use and care, from Director of Horticulture **Kimberly Kelly**, who will emphasize practices that champion sustainable, native-friendly, and eco-conscious values in gardening.

\$20 | member: \$16

### Winter Passport

Tuesday, February 18 - Friday, February 21 | 10 am - 2 pm

Pick up a passport at the Welcome Desk – or bring your passport from previous “vacations” at Grace Farms – and venture through the River building for wintertime activities. Collect stamps at each activity for a small treat afterwards!

free

### Winter Week Afternoon Activities

Tuesday, February 18 - Friday, February 21

Join us for creative and educational activities during Winter Week! Meet animals visiting from **Animal Embassy**, create architecture-inspired collages with Design for Freedom Senior Project Manager **Brigid Abraham**, craft fairy houses with Director of Horticulture **Kimberly Kelly**, and decorate cookies with Pastry Chef **Leah Jones**.

\$8 per activity | member: free

### Polar Bear Family Picnic

Friday, February 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Let's have breakfast for dinner! Families are invited to gather for a cozy meal in the Commons prepared by our culinary team. After enjoying your meal, take part in winter-inspired crafts and games.

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

### Music at Grace Farms

#### Andromeda Turre

Saturday, February 22 | 4:30 - 6 pm

**Andromeda Turre** is an award-winning jazz performer, composer, and educator committed to using her art for positive change. Turre returns to Grace Farms to headline her own concert after delivering memorable performances at our 2022 and 2023 *Songs of the Season* music series.

\$20 | member: \$16 | children: \$12



## march highlight

### 2025 Design for Freedom Summit

Thursday, March 27

Every building tells a story of humanity – either of dignity or exploitation. Join us for the 4th annual Design for Freedom Summit, bringing hundreds of leading experts across sectors, as well as highly-engaged university students, together to advance this collaborative, global movement to raise awareness of forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

#### Featuring:

Grace Forrest, founding director of Walk Free, the international human rights organization working to eradicate modern slavery

Hannah Rose Thomas, artist and activist

early bird price: \$250 (ends January 31, 2025)

\$350 | Grace Farms Member: \$280 | student: \$100

“Today, hundreds of leaders of the built environment are standing together to issue a clarion call to action. We are not just in agreement that forced labor in the building materials supply chain is unethical and immoral. We are also 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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left: Olympic Gold Medalist Kerri Walsh Jennings; above: Grace Farms Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly

## march

### International Women's Day The Future of Women in Sports

Saturday, March 8

The future of women's sports is bright because of iconic athletes who became household names, and the countless generations of elite young athletes they inspire. Join us on International Women's Day to hear from trailblazing leaders shaping the future of women's sports, including three-time Olympic Gold Medalist **Kerri Walsh Jennings**.

#### Clinics with Olympian Kerri Walsh Jennings

Middle School Clinic | 12 - 1:15 pm

High School Clinic | 1:45 - 3:15 pm

Walsh Jennings leads volleyball drills and skill practice for middle and high school girls, offering a chance to train with a champion and view an authentic Olympic medal.

\$150

#### Beyond the Game with Kerri Walsh Jennings and Danette Leighton

4 - 5 pm

Celebrate the immense progress of women's sports and join Walsh Jennings, Women's Sports Foundation CEO Danette Leighton, and Grace Farms Managing Director of Strategic Initiatives and Investor Engagement **Karen Kariuki** for an inspiring discussion about achievements, challenges, and future opportunities in women's athletics and leadership.

\$12 | member: \$10 | student: \$6

#### Gardening Workshop Soil & Compost

Saturday, March 15 | 11 am - 12 pm

Deepen your knowledge of soils and composts with Director of Horticulture **Kimberly Kelly**. Discover how to create and feed soil, a crucial element of a resilient ecosystem, and learn how to make and properly use compost.

\$20 | member: \$16

#### Spring Mocktails

Thursday, March 20 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mix your own tea-based mocktails with Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**. During this hands-on evening, broaden your culinary skillset by exploring restorative beverage blends rooted in herbals and teas.

\$22 | member: \$18



## april highlight

### Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26 | 10 am - 5 pm

#### Join us for Earth Day!

Explore the native landscapes surrounding the LEED Gold Certified River building! Grace Farms is a Certified Wildlife Habitat Garden (National Wildlife Federation), a Certified Monarch Waystation (Monarch Watch), and a New Canaan Pollinator Pathway Community Partner. Our Earth Day activities, inspired by art, architecture, and nature, include:

**Open Arts Studio | Weaving in the Black Locust Tree Grove**

**Search for Spring Birds** with an Expert

**Build a Perfect Birdhouse** and learn why birds build homes with Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly

**Sip a Delicious Tea Mocktail** inspired by bees and honeycomb with Tea Expert Frank Kwei and Pastry Chef Leah Jones

**Meet Incredible Wildlife** visiting from Animal Embassy

**Explore Animal Homes** with Grace Farms Educators

\$12 per car | member: free



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left: trees at Grace Farms; above: education pop-up with Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones

## april

### Spring Garden to Table Dinner

Friday, April 4 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Savor a delicious meal made with local ingredients alongside members of our culinary, horticulture, and garden teams who will discuss how to bring the Slow Food movement into your kitchen. This dinner experience focuses on ways to extend a harvest, reduce food waste, and encourage mindfulness around the kitchen table. Afterwards, take home recipes and tips for incorporating the Slow Food movement into everyday life.

\$30 | member: \$24

### Conversations in Architecture

#### Close-to-Nature Forestry with Jens Jacob and Hans Peter Dinesen

Saturday, April 5 | 3 - 4:30 pm

When wood is harvested using the close-to-nature forestry approach, an old-growth tree falls exactly where nature would intend it to fall, opening new space for sunlight and rainwater to enrich the next generation of tall trees.

Learn about close-to-nature forestry, a sustainable practice that champions intentionality and maintains a forest's complex and biodiverse ecosystem, with Grace Farms Architecture Advisor Toshihiro Oki, along with Jens Jacob and Hans Peter Dinesen of Dinesen. Dinesen, a wood flooring company based in Denmark, has sourced timber attained through close-to-nature forestry from family-owned woods for 300 years, spanning five generations.

\$12 | member: \$10

### Chef's Palate

#### Global Groceries

Sunday, April 6 | 3 - 4 pm

Families, follow your food! Join Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones to look at everyday ingredients through a global perspective and learn why shopping for groceries locally and cooking seasonal meals can bolster your community while having a greater global impact.

\$12 | member: \$10

### Gardening Workshop

#### How to Create a Rain Garden

Saturday, April 12 | 11 am - 12 pm

Rain gardens and bioswales are a wonderfully useful nature-based way to clean and filter water, prevent unwanted erosion, and provide an important habitat within your local ecosystem. Tour the bioswales at Grace Farms while learning how to create a rain garden or bioswale to make a positive impact on your environment.

\$20 | member: \$16



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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 and online that give back 100% of profits to support the Design for Freedom movement. An assortment of four Grace Farms Wellness Teas is now available in select Whole Foods Markets across Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

### 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' coffees and teas in your workspace and join organizations including Bloomberg, JPMorgan, Humanscale, Pentagon, Auberge Resorts, and The World Economic Forum in spreading awareness about ethical supply chains.



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



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left: Grace Farms Tea & Coffee; above: Yoga with Jane Krantz

## 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. To enhance your wellness experience, each workout class pairs a cup of tea from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee with a corresponding movement.

\$22 per class | member: \$18

### Yoga and Movement with Pilin Anice

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 live acoustics.

#### Revive

Saturday, January 4

#### Rise

Saturday, February 1

#### Breathe

Saturday, March 1

#### Rest

Saturday, April 5

## Move with Grace Farms x lululemon

Restore and ignite the energy needed to live a more balanced life during monthly movement classes developed in collaboration with local **lululemon** ambassadors.

### Strength for Runners with Brittany Battis

Saturday, January 18

### Yoga with Jane Krantz

Saturday, February 15

### Barre with Danielle Aviezer

Saturday, March 15

### Strength with Otto Lewis

Saturday, April 19



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above: Grace Farms Tea & Coffee

## Journey Into the World of Tea

Monthly on Wednesdays | 3 - 4:30 pm

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. Now offered monthly.

\$30 per program | member: \$24

### Introduction to Tea

Wednesday, January 29

### White and Green Teas of China and Japan

Wednesday, February 26

### Oolong and Pu-erhs of China and Taiwan

Wednesday, March 19

### Black Teas of China, India, and Sri Lanka

Wednesday, April 30

## Tea, Coffee & Conversation

Gather with friends in the glass-enclosed Pavilion for an afternoon of warm beverages and delightful bites. From our monthly *Afternoon Tea* sessions, inspired by the elegance of English tea service and featuring a fusion of English and Japanese flavors, to our new *Coffee Break*, where you can enjoy expertly brewed coffee alongside a variety of sweet treats, each event offers a charming escape into culinary indulgence. Hosted by Pastry Chef and Educator Leah Jones, these afternoons promise good conversation and great flavors.

\$38 per program | member: \$31

### Afternoon Tea

Monthly on Fridays | 3 - 4:30 pm

January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11

### Coffee Break

Thursday, April 17 | 3 - 4:30 pm



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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 designed to encourage fun and learning through curiosity-driven play.

For ages 8 and under 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 up to age 5 with adult caregivers.

free

### Grace Farms Family Tour

Sunday, February 16 | 3 - 4 pm

Families, take an interactive tour of the River building's architecture and pause for architecture-inspired activity stations.

\$5 | member: free

### Materials Studio

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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.

For ages 4-11 with adult caregivers.

free

### Studio Beginnings

Thursdays | 10 am - 12 pm

Inspired by the River building and the surrounding landscapes, these mornings in the art studio encourage our youngest builders, designers, and artists to think, play, create, and experiment with texture, form, line, color, and space.

For ages 1-5 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free

### Open Arts Studio

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

Drop in for a facilitated series designed by artists, curators, and educators that invites families to play, create, and experiment with sensory-rich materials and different modes of artmaking.

For ages 4-11 with adult caregivers.

\$5 | member: free



## grace farms foundation

Architecture's capacity to drive humanitarian outcomes is at the core of what we do at Grace Farms. The River building, with its fluid design and sweeping glass walls that dissolve barriers between people and nature, inspires a fresh and profound perspective on interconnectedness in the world.

Guided by Chief Strategy Officer and Founding Creative Director **Chelsea Thatcher**, our 2025 programs and initiatives honor architecture's potential to foster peace, build community, and support humanitarian goals.

Architecture also plays a critical role in our pursuit of justice. The River building is an expression of sustainability and the impact of building ethically – key aspects of our humanitarian work leading the global Design for Freedom movement, initiated by our CEO and Founder **Sharon Prince**, to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain.

Over the past decade, Grace Farms has addressed pressing humanitarian issues, collaborating with innovators, creatives, and visionaries who share our belief in architecture's potential to create a better world.

"We are still at the beginning of what will unfold over generations to come at Grace Farms."

– Chelsea Thatcher, pictured left



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left: outside the Sanctuary; above: saxophonist Irwin Hall performs

## 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 a 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.



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## 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.

### Design for Freedom Competition Ethical and Equitable Materiality to End Forced Labor in partnership with the ACSA

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 9

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, June 4

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.



Learn more and register for the student design competition



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left: Design for Freedom Working Group meeting; above: Hunger Busters, a Design for Freedom Pilot Project

## International Guidance and Toolkit

28 million people around the world are held in forced labor conditions. Many of them extract the materials that go into our homes, schools, office buildings, and landscapes.

Design for Freedom was launched to raise awareness of this egregious human rights violation and initialize institutional responses to eliminate forced labor from the building materials supply chain.

In 2022, the Design for Freedom Toolkit was published to provide tools and research that practitioners can use to integrate ethical sourcing strategies into their practices.

The new *Design for Freedom International Guidance & Toolkit* builds on this work. Through the *Guidance*, we can all design and build a more humane future together.

## 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.

Current Projects:

### 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 Consultant

### 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.





## artwork & exhibits

### *Peace Forest*

West Barn

What is Grace Farms and how does Grace Farms Foundation advance good in the world? Experience *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 Strategy Officer and Founding Creative Director **Chelsea Thatcher** and designed by **Peter Miller** (Palette Architecture) and **Shohei Yoshida** (shohei yoshida + associates / SYA), members of the architectural team of the award-winning SANAA-designed River building at Grace Farms, with the graphics designed by **Pentagram**.



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above: Beatriz Milhazes, *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016

## exhibits on view

### *With Every Fiber*

West Barn

*With Every Fiber* is a long-term exhibit aiming to inspire understanding and care about the materials that make up the built world around us.

This immersive and interactive exhibit is curated by Grace Farms Chief Strategy Officer and Founding Creative Director Chelsea Thatcher and designed by Studio Cooke John Architecture + Design, with the graphics designed by Pentagram. It is the result of collaboration and contributions from 20 preeminent designers, material suppliers, cultural institutions, and construction industry leaders committed to the Design for Freedom movement.

*With Every Fiber* features a recording by a quartet of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, poetry by U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo, text by artist Carrie Mae Weems, and photography by international humanitarian photographer Lisa Kristine.

## 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

## Related Events

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### Materials Studio

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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.



## membership

Grace Farms members can visit without advance registration and enjoy 20% off dining, retail, and thought-provoking programs, 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.

### Upcoming Member Events

#### Humanity in Architecture Film Festival Reception

Friday, January 24 | 5 - 6:15 pm

Members are invited to gather for a casual reception in the Library before the screening of *Strange and Familiar: Architecture on Fogo Island* (2015).

#### Kindness Weekend | Visit to Westchester Children's Museum

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 - 9 | 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Experience the Westchester Children's Museum during its Kindness Weekend, two days dedicated to spreading joy, positivity, and love. The museum, offering an interactive STEAM-based learning space, is located nearby in Rye, NY. For ages 13 and under.

#### Member Planting Day

Saturday, April 12 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Connect with the landscape and fellow members as you prep the Grace Farms Garden for a bountiful season ahead.

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

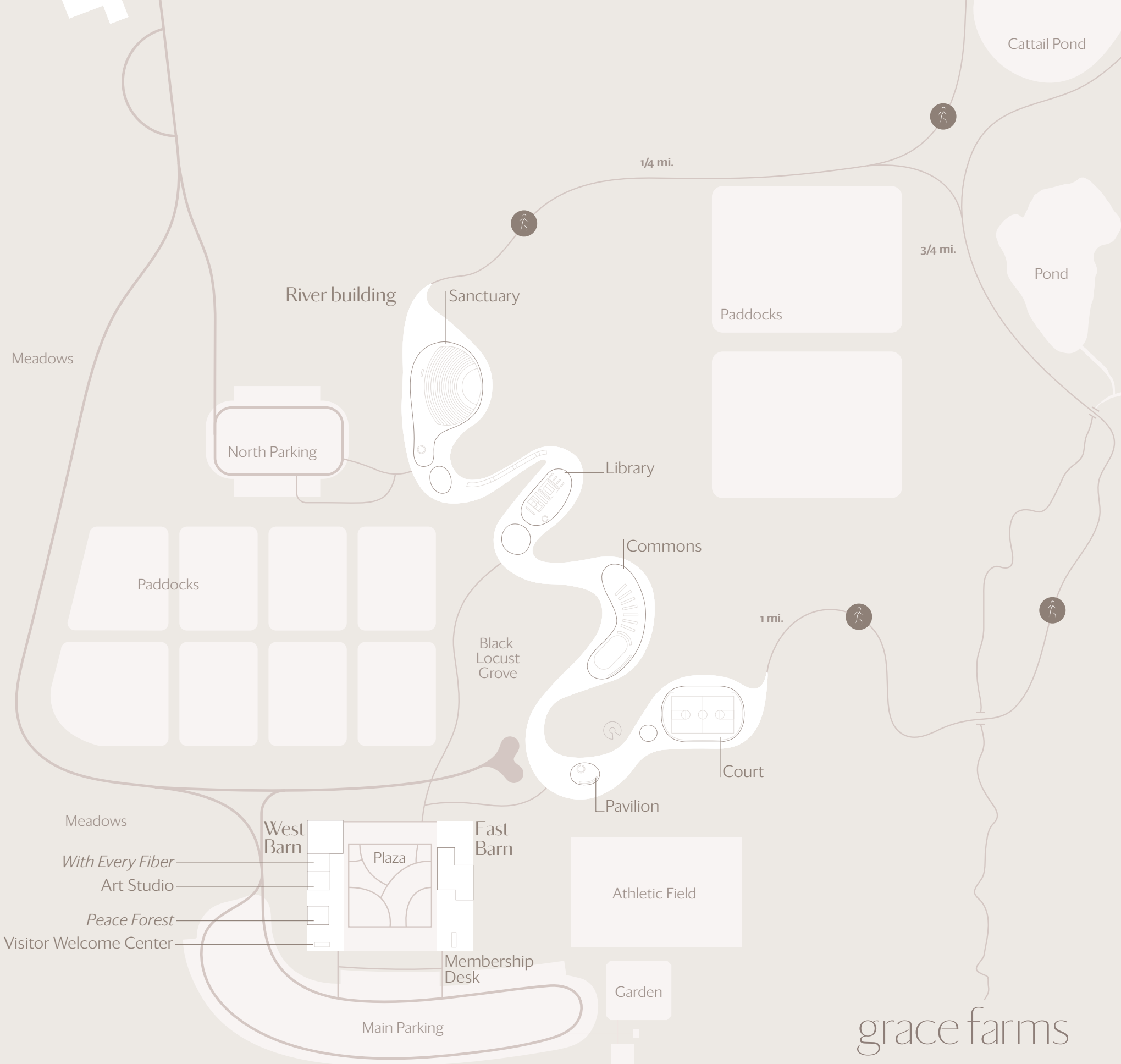


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benefits of membership	individual \$75	family \$125	friend \$1,000	patron \$5,000
20% discount on paid programs, retail, and dining	●	●	●	●
Invitations to Member-only events	●	●	●	●
Complimentary access to select programs, tours, and Open Arts Studio	●	●	●	●
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.



Cattail Pond

3/4 mi.

Pond

River building

Sanctuary

Paddocks

Meadows

North Parking

Library

Paddocks

Commons

1 mi.

Black Locust Grove

Court

Pavilion

Meadows

West Barn

East Barn

Plaza

Athletic Field

*With Every Fiber*

Art Studio

*Peace Forest*

Visitor Welcome Center

Membership Desk

Garden

Main Parking

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## support

100% of charitable donations directly fund the Grace Farms Fund unless directed otherwise. Visit [gracefarms.org](https://gracefarms.org) to support our initiatives and publicly available space for all.

To make a donation, scan the QR code below.



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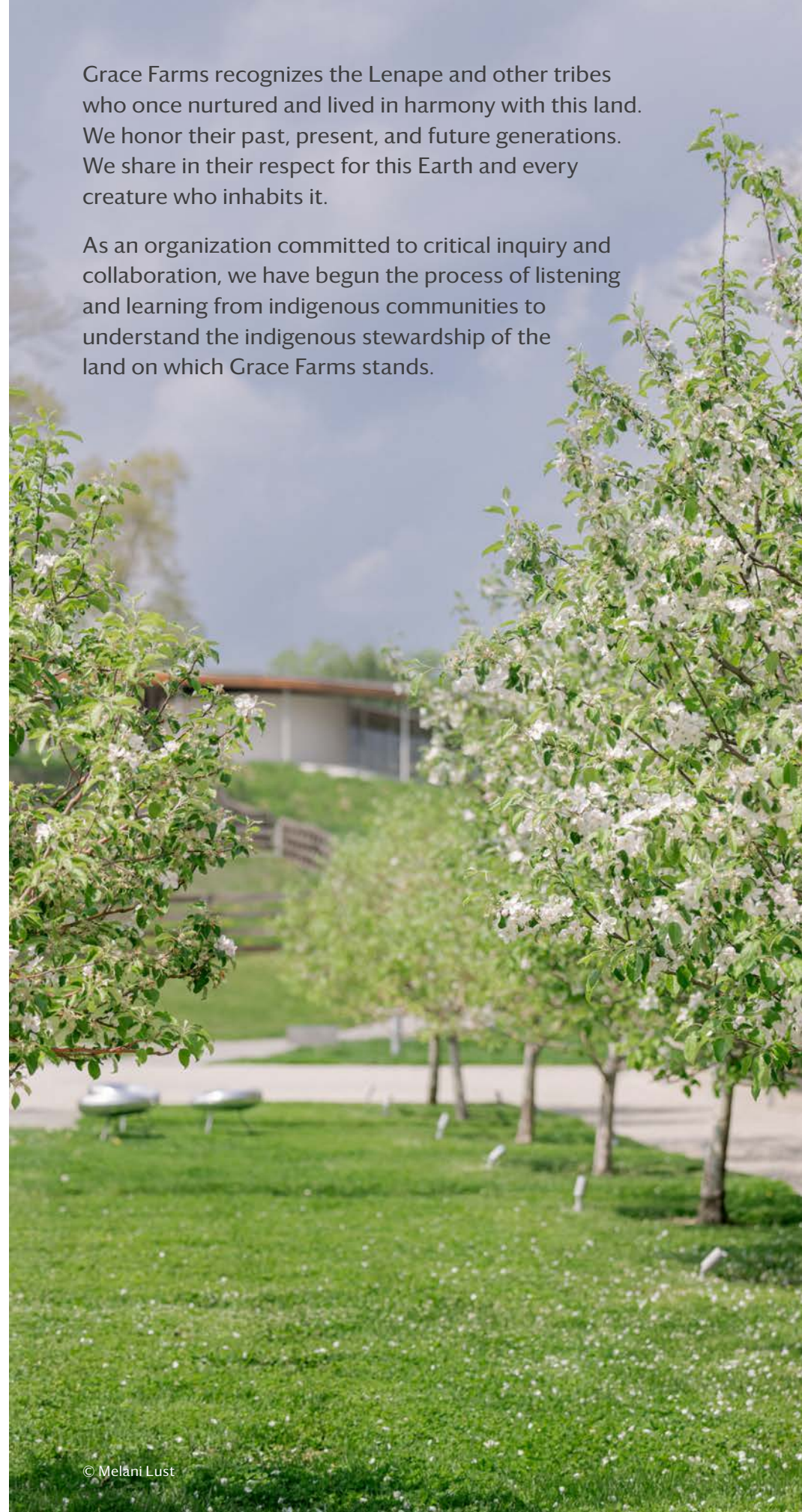


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Grace Farms recognizes the Lenape and other tribes who once nurtured and lived in harmony with this land. We honor their past, present, and future generations. We share in their respect for this Earth and every creature who inhabits it.

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.



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Grace Farms is free and open  
to the public, Tuesday - Saturday  
10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 12 - 5 pm.

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