



summer 2026  
at grace farms

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# imagine, gather & grow

This summer, Grace Farms invites you to experience art in joyful conversation with nature.

Leading experts and artists including Grace Farms' Artist-in-Residence, award-winning photographer James Florio, Rev. Dr. Drew Collins, Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer at the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, and our Director of Horticulture Kimberly Kelly, bring unique perspectives to discovering and experiencing the world.

Curated to celebrate the summer landscape as an endless source of inspiration, programs for all ages encourage learning, exploration, creativity, and time spent together. Whether you visit for an afternoon or return again and again, each summer day at Grace Farms brings the opportunity and space to imagine, gather, and grow together.

June - August 2026  
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# june

## Programs

6/3 - 7/1 **Life Worth Living  
5-Week Course**  
Wednesdays | 2 - 4 pm

6/6 **Yoga and Movement**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

**Summer Kickoff  
Concert featuring  
Marcus Garrick Miller**  
5 - 6:30 pm

6/7 **Mocktails and  
Watercolors**  
2 - 4 pm

6/13 **Jumpin' Jams  
at Grace Farms**  
10:30 - 11:15 am

**Summer Stroll**  
11 am - 12 pm

6/17 **Journey into the  
World of Tea**  
3 - 4:30 pm

6/20 **Move with  
Grace Farms  
x lululemon**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

6/26 **Afternoon Tea**  
3 - 4:30 pm

## Highlights

6/20 **Learning with Nature  
Tomato Loves Basil**  
10:30 am - 12 pm



Discover the delicious world of tomatoes, from heirlooms to hybrids, and learn which varieties will thrive best in your garden with Grace Farms Horticulture Specialist **Michael Poulin**.

6/27 **Photography Intensive  
with James Florio**  
10 am - 2 pm



Award-winning photographer **James Florio** hosts a workshop examining land, light, and architecture.

# july

## Programs

7/11 **Yoga & Movement**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

**Jumpin' Jams at  
Grace Farms**  
10:30 - 11:15 am

7/15 **Journey Into  
the World of Tea**  
3 - 4:30 pm

7/18 **Learning with Nature  
Edimental Fruit Trees**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

7/24 **Afternoon Tea**  
3 - 4:30 pm

7/25 **Move with Grace  
Farms x lululemon**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

**Summer Stroll**  
11 am - 12 pm

## Highlight

7/2 **Taste of Summer  
Mocktails**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm



In this special Summer-themed class, follow **Chef Leah's** recipes to mix vibrant and refreshing beverages inspired by Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

## Ongoing Weekly Programs for Children & Families

**Open Arts Studio:** Thursdays 3 - 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm

**Studio Beginnings:** Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm

**Materials Studio:** Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm

**Builder Beginnings:** Fridays 2 - 4 pm

**Nature Studio:** Tuesdays in July and August 10 am - 12 pm

# august

## Programs

8/1 **Yoga & Movement**  
10:30 am - 12 pm

8/2 **Chef's Palate  
American Plate**  
3 - 4 pm

8/8 **Jumpin' Jams  
at Grace Farms**  
10:30 - 11:15 am

**Summer Stroll**  
11 am - 12 pm

8/20 **Magnifying Small  
Wonders**  
10 am - 2 pm

8/21 **Afternoon Tea**  
3 - 4:30 pm

8/22 **Learning with Nature  
Monarch Migration**  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Highlights

8/6 **Dinner from  
the Garden**  
6 - 8 pm



Savor summer's freshest flavors during this one-of-a-kind celebration of the season.

8/18 - 8/21 **Summer  
Discovery  
Week**



Families, enjoy a fun-filled week of hands-on activities inspired by the wondrous natural world.

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Alicja Kwade, *ParaPosition*, 2025.  
Acquired by Grace Farms, 2025; curated by Chelsea Thatcher.



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**Creative expression helps build confidence, curiosity, and new ways of seeing the world.**

From hands-on artmaking to collaborative learning, join us for creative experiences guided by trusted artists and educators who foster a space for building skills, developing ideas, and encouraging wonder.

## Create, Listen & Learn

### **Summer Kickoff Concert Featuring Marcus Garrick Miller**

Kick off summer with an unforgettable evening of live music featuring **Marcus Garrick Miller**, a fan-favorite and longtime Grace Farms collaborator, and his band, **IWM**. A celebrated composer, saxophonist, and curator, Miller has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Obama White House, Madison Square Garden, and alongside artists like Jon Batiste – bringing rich musical depth and a wide creative lens to every performance.

**Saturday, June 6**

### **Photography Intensive with James Florio**

How does photography dissolve the boundaries between building and landscape? Join Grace Farms Artist-in-Residence and renowned photographer **James Florio** for an immersive four-hour photography intensive that deepens your ability to see – and capture – the relationship between land, light, and architecture.

This extended session includes lunch in the glass-enclosed Commons, offering time to reflect, connect, and continue learning in community. At the conclusion of the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to print and review their photography with Florio.

**Saturday, June 27**

# Ongoing Children's Programs

## Jumpin' Jams at Grace Farms

Experience the joy of sound with this beloved live music and movement program for young children. Led by professional musician **Jason Pharr**, whose unique and memorable songs nurture early language development and spark curiosity about the world, this upbeat session gets little ones singing, dancing, and exploring rhythm in a fun and supportive environment.

**Saturdays, June 13, July 11 & August 8**

## Builder Beginnings

Children and families, ignite your imagination this summer as you roll up your sleeves and explore the question, "What do you want to see in the world?" Surrounded by the new *Dancing Trees* in the Plaza, work together to build a structure by shaping, cutting, and connecting recycled cardboard and natural materials gathered from Grace Farms.

**Fridays in June & August**



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## Open Arts Studio

Let your imagination take the lead in this hands-on design adventure! Inspired by *Dancing Trees*, our new seating in the plaza, and our theme *We all build*, children will explore how ideas become real by creating one-of-a-kind designs.

**Thursdays & Saturdays**

## Studio Beginnings

Our youngest artists, designers, and builders are invited to step into the arts studio to have fun making art inspired by the River building and surrounding landscape! Think, play, create, and experiment with texture, form, line, color, and space.

**Thursdays**

## Materials Studio for Children

Families are invited to find inspiration in materials in the exhibit *With Every Fiber: Pigment, Stone, Glass*, then build, deconstruct, reimagine, and discover the life cycle of everyday materials in our built environment.

**Wednesdays**



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## Sharing meals can improve your well-being.

Whether over a pot of tea, food fresh from the garden, or invigorating mocktails, these culinary-inspired experiences bring people together to celebrate seasonal ingredients and thoughtful sourcing.

## Shared Tables & Inspired Stories

### Dinner from the Garden

Join us for a lively dinner celebrating summer's freshest flavors. Sip vibrant mocktails and taste seasonal bites in the Plaza, while enjoying our new *Dancing Trees* seating designed by **Kazuyo Sejima & Associates**. Then, step into the glass-enclosed Commons to savor a delicious dinner prepared with fruits and vegetables harvested from the Grace Farms Garden, paired with thoughtfully selected wine.

Thursday, August 6

### Mocktails & Watercolors

Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon outdoors painting watercolor landscapes and sipping handcrafted mocktails. Find inspiration in the summer light that shifts across the landscape and unwind during this artmaking experience.

Sunday, June 7

### Fourth of July Mocktails

Kick off the holiday weekend with a creative evening crafting summer mocktails. Mix vibrant and refreshing beverages inspired by Grace Farms Tea & Coffee, and bring home the evening's recipes for your next summer celebration.

Thursday, July 2

### The American Plate

Discover the defining flavors, engaging stories, and diverse cultural influences that have shaped North America's culinary heritage in this workshop led by Pastry Chef and Educator **Leah Jones**.

Sunday, August 2



## Grace Farms Tea & Coffee

Bringing people together for memorable moments over a delicious cup of tea or coffee has always been at the heart of Grace Farms. Every sip of our sustainably and ethically sourced tea and coffee allows us to share our vision for a world free of forced labor and demonstrate the importance of ethical and sustainable supply chains.

### Wellness & Tea

Restore and ignite through movement with our expert-led wellness classes, each paired with invigorating blends from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee.

June 6, July 11 & Aug 1      **Yoga & Movement with Pilin Anice**  
June 20, July 25 & Aug 15      **Move with Grace Farms x lululemon**

### Afternoon Tea

Gather with friends in the glass-enclosed Pavilion for an inviting afternoon tea experience featuring a refreshing pot of Grace Farms Tea and an eye-catching assortment of seasonal bites.

Fridays, June 26, July 24 & Aug 21

### Journey Into the World of Tea

Step into the tranquil Pavilion to explore tea traditions through guided tastings, demonstrations, and engaging conversation. This series is led by Tea Expert and Educator **Frank Kwei**, who brings decades of knowledge to each session.

June 17      **Eastern & Western Tea Culture & Practices**  
July 15      **Tea 101 & Tea Diplomacy**  
Aug 12      **White and Green Teas**

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**Gardens are living classrooms, offering daily lessons in ecology, seasonality, and care for the land.**

Explore our bountiful garden, rolling meadows, woodlands, and verdant Plaza that inspire learning from the natural world. Hands-on workshops, guided walks, and educational studios invite exploration of vibrant plant and animal life, nurturing a growing understanding of how to be better stewards of the ecosystems around us.

## Discover Awe in the Outdoors

### Learning with Nature

Roll up your sleeves for hands-on workshops that bring you up-close with the natural world. Through expert instruction and close guidance from our Horticulture Team, embark on interactive experiences in the Garden, Plaza, and landscape to deepen your connection with the local ecosystems while helping diverse habitats thrive.

**June 20**      **Tomato Loves Basil**

Discover the delicious world of tomatoes and learn which varieties will grow best in your own garden. We'll provide expert growing tips, as well as a small seasonal bite and a plant to take home.

**July 18**      **Edimental Fruit Trees**

Learn how to transform your backyard into an edible landscape with fruit trees that thrive locally. Enjoy a fruit dessert and bring home a special Cultivators and Varieties Guide developed by our Horticulture Team.

**August 22**      **Monarch Migration**

Step outside to record, safely tag, and release monarch butterflies throughout Grace Farms' 80 acres of landscape. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing cup of butterfly pea flower tea and a tasty culinary treat.

### Summer Stroll

Experience Grace Farms in full bloom during a guided walk through the landscape. Along the way, explore the purpose and connection between surrounding ecosystems and consider our role in sustaining and enriching them.

**Saturdays, June 13, July 25 & August 8**

### Nature Studio for Children

Discover the tiny wonders of nature! Use a digital scope and projector to see intricate colors, patterns, and movements of plant and animal life. With guidance from our Education Team, look at caterpillars, ladybugs, wildflowers, and other small wonders that support the Grace Farms ecosystem.

**Tuesdays in July & August**



### Summer Discovery Week

Families are invited to explore the River building and its surrounding habitats during this summer break program. Engage in a variety of activities inspired by the history of the landscape and our thriving, biodiverse habitats.

**Tuesday, August 18 through Friday, August 21**

### Magnifying Small Wonders

Discover the hidden world of the extraordinary insects that call Grace Farms home. Alongside a Grace Farms educator, use powerful magnifying tools, field equipment, and high-resolution micrography to get a rare look at the natural world around us.

**Thursday, August 20**





## Life Worth Living

Grace Farms strives to be a hopeful and reflective space, open and welcoming to all. Throughout the years, the Yale Center for Faith & Culture has been a treasured partner. Since opening, we've welcomed renowned theologians to explore questions of our shared humanity, including **Dr. Miroslav Volf**, one of the most significant religious thinkers of our time, who joined us in February for a Grace Farms Lecture with Concert.

### Life Worth Living 5-Week Course

Join **Rev. Dr. Drew Collins**, Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer at the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, for a five-week course drawing from a range of philosophical and religious traditions to inspire thoughtful conversation on questions of meaning and purpose in our lives.

Each week, read a set of religious and philosophical texts that offer distinct perspectives on what it means to live well. During class, enjoy a cup of Grace Farms coffee or tea and discuss the assigned readings – putting Confucius in conversation with Oscar Wilde or Friedrich Nietzsche in dialogue with the Buddha – to better understand the stakes, insights, and trade-offs within each tradition's approach.

**Wednesdays, June 3 - July 1**

(left) Teresita Fernández, *Double Glass River*, 2015.  
Commissioned by Grace Farms, 2015; curated by Yuko Hasegawa.



## fall preview at grace farms

This autumn, Grace Farms ushers in a new season of programs inspired by the theme, *We all build*. Join us for unforgettable experiences that bring together prolific artists, world-class musicians, and innovative leaders aligned with our humanitarian mission to foster more grace and peace in the world.

### Season Opener with **Teresita Fernández**

Acclaimed artist **Teresita Fernández**, whose work *Double Glass River* invites reflection in the Commons, joins us for a conversation on landscape, perception, and the power of art to shape how we see the world.

**Sunday, September 13**

### Leading with Purpose | **Sarah Harden**

**Sarah Harden**, former CEO of Hello Sunshine, joins us for a conversation on how powerful stories can shape culture and inspire change.

**Saturday, September 19**

### **Leslie Odom, Jr.**

Tony and GRAMMY® Award-winning performer **Leslie Odom, Jr.**, celebrated for his role in *Hamilton*, brings an unforgettable music and storytelling experience to Grace Farms.

**Saturday, September 26**

# visit us

Grace Farms is a cultural and humanitarian center in New Canaan, Connecticut, that brings people together 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.



Download our digital guide on the **Bloomberg Connects** app to use an interactive map.

## About Grace Farms

### Tickets

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

### Tours of Grace Farms

Architectural tours of Grace Farms are offered weekly on Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:30 am. Private tours for groups of 8 or more are available by request.  
Learn more at [gracefarms.org/visit](https://gracefarms.org/visit).

### School Field Trips

Grace Farms offers year-round K-12 programs aligning with Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core, and Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Frameworks. Learn more at [gracefarms.org/school-field-trips](https://gracefarms.org/school-field-trips).

### Become a Member

Grace Farms members enjoy discounts on retail, dining, paid programs, and more.  
Learn more at [gracefarms.org/membership](https://gracefarms.org/membership).

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## Visit us in New York City

Enjoy your favorite blends from **Grace Farms Tea & Coffee** at the base of 270 Park Avenue, JPMorganChase's global headquarters. This café advances our shared commitment with JPMorganChase to create positive, humanitarian impact around the world.

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

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

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Kazuyo Sejima & Associates, *Dancing Trees*, 2015.

