



grace farms

2026/2027 season

Welcome to Grace Farms' 2026/2027 Season,
shaped by the theme *We all build*.

As we continue into a second year exploring this theme, we are reminded that building is both an act of creation and care. It is reflected in the spaces we shape, the communities we nurture, and the choices we make each day. At Grace Farms, we believe we all have a role in building a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.

This season invites you into that shared work through experiences that unfold with the rhythms of the changing landscape. From concerts in the Sanctuary to dialogues on architecture, tea diplomacy, and humanitarian action, each visit offers space to pause, reflect, and imagine what we can build together.

We hope you return throughout the year to discover new perspectives, make meaningful connections, and find both introspection and joy.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Sharon Prince
CEO & Chair,
Grace Farms Foundation



Chelsea Thatcher
Founding Creative Director
& Vice Chair,
Grace Farms Foundation



we all build

The 2026/2027 season deepens our ongoing exploration of the programmatic theme, *We all build*, through a new slate of one-of-a-kind experiences rooted in our mission to foster more grace and peace locally and globally. Join us for unforgettable musical performances, stirring dialogue from today's leading thinkers, and community moments – each held in an immersive setting where boundaries between people, architecture, and landscape dissolve.

Visit Grace Farms

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.

Admission is free with advance registration.

Savor Tea & Coffee

Grace Farms Tea & Coffee is a Certified B Corp and public benefit company that transforms everyday rituals into meaningful moments. Enjoy ethically sourced teas and coffees in the Tea Pavilion, at our new cafe in New York City at the corner of 48th & Madison Avenue, or at home.

Building Impact

Grace Farms was designed to break down barriers and inspire a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. Through the Design for Freedom movement, Grace Farms brings cross-sector leaders together to eliminate forced labor in the building materials supply chain, create true market transformation, and build a more equitable future.



a unique setting
where music
intertwines with
nature

headlining concert

Tony® and GRAMMY® Award-winning artist Leslie Odom, Jr. brings his extraordinary voice and magnetic stage presence to an evening of soulful, sophisticated music.

Featuring selections from the American Songbook, reimagined pop favorites, musical theater classics, and songs from *Hamilton*, this unforgettable concert showcases the artistry, warmth, and stunning vocals that have made Odom one of today's most celebrated performers.



Leslie Odom, Jr.

Saturday, September 26, 2026
5 - 6:15 pm

Storytime featuring *I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know*

Friday, September 25, 2026
10 - 11 am & 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Gather for a reading of the children's book co-authored by Nicolette Robinson and Leslie Odom, Jr., followed by an art activity led by illustrator Joy Hwang Ruiz.



music at grace farms

Experience music at sunset in the Sanctuary, a glass-enclosed amphitheater designed by the internationally acclaimed architectural firm SANAA, offering exceptional acoustics and sweeping views of 80 acres of preserved landscape.



(top) Nemanja Radulović
(right) Aoife O'Donovan



Nemanja Radulović & Double Sens

Sunday, November 15, 2026
3 - 4:45 pm

Broadway Inspirational Voices

Sunday, December 13, 2026
3 - 4 pm

Derek Gripper & Alam Khan

Sunday, February 28, 2027
4 - 5:15 pm

Aoife O'Donovan with Eric & Colin Jacobsen

Sunday, April 11, 2027
4 - 5:30 pm

Elizabeth Joy Roe, *piano*, & Arlen Hlusko, *cello*

Saturday, May 8, 2027
6 - 7:30 pm

with paintings by Mercedes Matter (1913-2001)





a stirring
afternoon of
music and
dialogue

lectures with concert

This distinctive series brings together visionary thinkers and celebrated musicians for afternoons of reflection, insight, and artistic exchange. Set within the light-filled Sanctuary, thought-provoking talks are paired with chamber music performances that respond to each speaker's work, exploring the connections between scholarship, creativity, and our shared humanity. Optional afternoon workshops offer an opportunity to engage more deeply with the ideas explored in the lectures.



(left to right)
Dr. Hannah Rose Thomas,
Dr. Sian Leah Beilock,
Dr. Danielle Allen



Dr. Danielle Allen

Saturday, January 23, 2027

3 - 5 pm

with a musical performance curated by
Grace Farms Artist-in-Residence Arlen Hlusko

Dr. Hannah Rose Thomas

Sunday, March 14, 2027

3 - 5 pm

with a performance featuring a chamber
ensemble of the London Philharmonic Orchestra

Dr. Sian Leah Beilock

Saturday, April 24, 2027

3 - 5 pm

with a musical performance curated by
Grace Farms Artist-in-Residence Arlen Hlusko



bringing people
together over
shared meals
and a cup
of tea

gathering around tea

Rooted in tea traditions across cultures and throughout history, tea experiences at Grace Farms invite conversation, foster understanding, and cultivate connection, demonstrating how shared moments can deepen relationships and strengthen community. These values also guide Grace Farms Tea & Coffee, where ethically sourced teas and coffees reflect our belief that everyday choices can contribute to a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world.



Tea Diplomacy
in partnership with the International House of Japan
Saturday, October 17, 2026
2 - 3 pm

Explore how tea can be a catalyst for humanitarian impact with one of the world's leading experts in tea diplomacy, Kent E. Calder, and James Kondo, Chairman of the International House of Japan. Through conversation and shared tea, discover how a humble cup of tea can build community across cultures.

Afternoon Tea
Monthly on Fridays
3 - 4:30 pm

Gather with friends in the glass-enclosed Tea Pavilion for an inviting afternoon spent sipping your favorite pot of Grace Farms Tea accompanied by eye-catching seasonal bites.

Journey Into the World of Tea
Monthly on Wednesdays
3 - 4:30 pm

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.





space
communicates
and can inspire
people to
collaborate
for good



art & architecture

Creative expression has the power to shape how we understand place, purpose, and our shared humanity. Through conversations, tours, and experiences, Grace Farms introduces visitors to site-responsive artworks, innovative design, and the ideas that connect creativity, nature, community, and the built environment.

Season Opener with Teresita Fernández

Sunday, September 13, 2026

2 - 3:15 pm

Artist Teresita Fernández joins Grace Farms Founding Creative Director and Vice Chair Chelsea Thatcher to discuss her studio practice, research, materials, and site-specific work, *Double Glass River*. The conversation will be complemented by a performance from violist Jordan Bak.

Founders Architecture Talk | Creative Visions Inspired by the Landscape

Saturday, October 24, 2026

2 - 3 pm

This 'Archtober', four founders – Francine Houben (Mecanoo), Dorte Mandrup (Dorte Mandrup Arkitekter), Sharon Prince (Grace Farms, Grace Farms Tea & Coffee), and Julia Gamolina (*Madame Architect*) – inspire greater connection to people and planet through architecture.

Art and Architecture Tour

Saturday, October 24, 2026

10:30 - 11:30 am

Join Chelsea Thatcher, Founding Creative Director and Vice Chair, for a cup of tea and a closer look at the curated artworks and architecture of Grace Farms.

Art & Architecture Film Saturdays

Saturdays, January 9, February 13, & March 6, 2027

1 - 3 pm

Visit us throughout the winter season for films that celebrate architecture, nature, and their impact on people and communities.



leadership & impact

Complex challenges require bold ideas, meaningful collaboration, and leaders willing to reimagine what is possible. Through dynamic discussion and cross-sector convenings, we explore how purpose-driven leadership can advance human dignity, inspire systems change, and help build a more just, sustainable, and peaceful future.



(top) Sarah Harden
(right) Shilpa Shah



Leading with Purpose | Sarah Harden

Saturday, September 19, 2026
5 - 6 pm

Former CEO of Hello Sunshine, Sarah Harden, shares lessons in leadership, innovation, and creating more equitable industries.

6th Annual Design for Freedom Summit

Wednesday, March 31, 2027
8:30 am - 6:30 pm

The Summit convenes cross-sector leaders working to eliminate forced labor from our building supply chains. Agenda highlights include: Responsible Mining; Strengthening Industry Collaboration; Technology, Data, and Supply Chain Transparency; Material Innovation; and Ethics & Circularity.

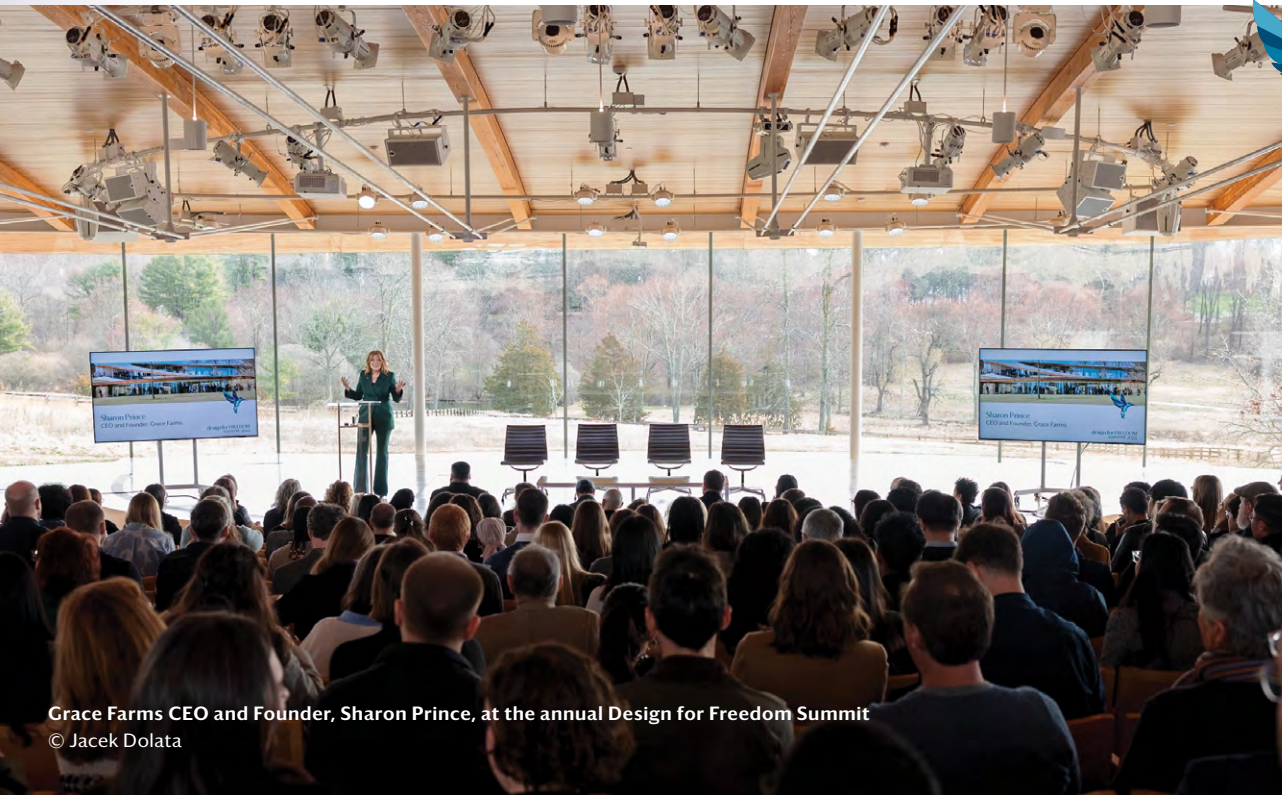
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Leading with Purpose | A Lunch with Faherty & Cuyana

Thursday, May 6, 2027
11:30 am - 1 pm

Join Shilpa Shah, Co-Founder of Cuyana, and Mike Faherty, Co-Founder of Faherty, for a lunch conversation exploring what it means to lead with purpose in today's fashion industry.



Grace Farms CEO and Founder, Sharon Prince, at the annual Design for Freedom Summit
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winter warmth

Experience the beauty of winter through programs designed to inspire wonder, creativity, and connection. From joyful holiday traditions and meaningful moments of gathering to immersive winter experiences shaped by music, art, and nature, each visit offers a new way to embrace the season.



(left) Darren Kiely
(right) Pilin Anice



Holiday Joy

November 27 - December 31, 2026

Make the most of the holiday season with joyful experiences for all ages.

Featured Events

- Stories of the Season
- Holiday Market
- Cookie Decorating
- Candlelight Yoga with Pilin Anice
- Sustainable Holiday Décor
- Broadway Inspirational Voices Concert

Grace Farms Winter Festival

Saturday, January 30, 2027 | 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, January 31, 2027 | 12 - 5 pm

Immerse in the refreshing and cozy qualities of wintertime through a weekend of curated indoor and outdoor experiences, headlined by musician Darren Kiely.

Festival Experiences

- Darren Kiely concerts
- Materials workshop with Nina Cooke John
- Mocktail classes
- Guided nature walks
- Snowshoeing
- Indoor games
- Documentary films



more programs & events

Nature Workshops

Backyard Blooms
September 12, 2026

Garlic Workshop
November 7, 2026

Sustainable Holiday Décor
December 12, 2026

Seed Starting
February 6, 2027

Fantastic Fruits
March 20, 2027

Spring Ephemerals
April 17, 2027

Tours & Nature Walks

Grace Farms Tour
Weekly on Saturdays

Birdwatching
September 12 & 19, 2026
May 8, 15 & 22, 2027

Autumn Stroll
October 10 & November 14, 2026

Winter Stroll
January 30 & 31, 2027

Spring Stroll
March 13 & April 10, 2027

Wellness Programs

Yoga & Movement with Pilin Anice
Monthly on Saturdays

Candlelight Yoga
December 9, 2026

Culinary Programs

Mocktails
November 5, 2026
January 7 & May 6, 2027

Chef's Palate | Indigenous Influence
October 4, 2026

Chef's Palate | Local Ingredients, Global Perspective
February 7 & April 4, 2027

Family & Children Programs

Materials Studio
Weekly on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Studio Beginnings
Weekly on Thursdays

Bunny Book Group
Weekly on Fridays

Open Arts Studio
Weekly on Saturdays

Holiday Cookie Decorating
December 6, 2026

Winter Discovery Week
February 16 - 19, 2027





discover grace farms

Grace Farms is a cultural and humanitarian center that brings people together to explore nature, arts, justice, community, and faith. Open to the public and situated within 80 acres of natural landscape, the SANAA-designed River building and Barns provide a place for gathering, learning, and reflection.

Through innovative programming and mission-based initiatives, Grace Farms advances a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. This work includes leading the Design for Freedom movement to eliminate forced labor from the building materials supply chain and Grace Farms Tea & Coffee, a Certified B Corp that models ethical sourcing while supporting this mission.

“We refuse to stay at a standstill. We’re creating a radical paradigm shift to remove forced and child labor from the building materials supply chain and ignite institutional responses.” – Sharon Prince, CEO and Founder, Grace Farms

The annual Design for Freedom Summit convenes leaders across industries to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and advance collective action toward a more humane built environment.

design for freedom

Launched by Grace Farms in 2020, Design for Freedom is a global movement to eliminate forced and child labor from the building materials supply chain. Through international convenings, actionable resources, and pilot projects, it brings together leaders across architecture, construction, manufacturing, technology, academia, finance, and government to advance transparency, accountability, ethical sourcing, and a more humane built environment.

Learn more at designforfreedom.org.

grace farms tea & coffee

Grace Farms Tea & Coffee transforms everyday rituals into opportunities for impact through ethically sourced, thoughtfully crafted teas and coffees. As a Certified B Corp and public benefit company, it is the only U.S. tea brand sourcing both Fairtrade™ and organic ingredients, and its coffee is sourced exclusively from women-led cooperatives. Most importantly, 100% of profits support the Design for Freedom movement and Grace Farms' global work to end forced and child labor.

Enjoy ethically sourced teas and coffees at Grace Farms, at home, or at our new cafe in New York City at the corner of 48th Street and Madison Avenue. The Grace Farms Cafe is open seasonally, Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 4 pm.

Learn more at sharegracefarms.com.



Every cup supports the Design for Freedom movement and helps advance a future free from forced and child labor.

—Adam Thatcher, Grace Farms Tea & Coffee
Co-Founder and CEO

Plan Your Visit

Admission

Admission is free.

Please register in advance at gracefarms.org/visit

Hours

Tuesday - Saturday | 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday | 12 - 5 pm

Monday | Closed

Address

365 Lukes Wood Road, New Canaan, CT 06840

Dining

Light fare, snacks, and beverages are available daily for purchase in the Commons. Tea is available in the Tea Pavilion on weekdays from 11 am - 2 pm and weekends from 12 - 5 pm. Hours are subject to change.

Exhibits

With Every Fiber: Pigment, Stone, Glass

With Every Fiber explores innovative approaches to ethical sourcing through newly commissioned works focused on three at-risk materials: stone, pigment, and glass. Featuring artists and designers Hannah Rose Thomas, PhD, John Sabraw, Nina Cooke John, and Steve Webb, the exhibition demonstrates how fair labor practices can help shape a more humane built environment. Learn more at gracefarms.org/exhibits.

Visitors will also hear *Woven in Tears*, a composition by Evan Williams recorded by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and created specifically for the exhibition. Listen and download at gracefarms.org/evan-williams-woven-in-tears.

Artwork

Art at Grace Farms is integral to the vision of creating a place where architecture, nature, and community converge. Our permanent collection includes *Dancing Trees*, 2025 by Kazuyo Sejima & Associates; *ParaPosition*, 2025 by Alicja Kwade; *Haida Gwaii*, 2025 by James Florio; *Moon Love Dreaming*, 2016 by Beatriz Milhazes; *Double Glass River*, 2015 by Teresita Fernández; *Farm 56* and *Farm 88*, 2015 by Thomas Demand. Learn more at gracefarms.org/artworks.

Pop-Up Talks & Engagements

Designed for all ages, daily talks explore topics including sustainable design, the natural environment, and ethical supply chains.

School Field Trips & Group Visits

Grace Farms welcomes organized groups and K-12 students year-round for tours, events, and hands-on experiences that bring learning to life while fostering curiosity, connection, and discovery across our 80-acre site. Learn more at gracefarms.org/school-field-trips.

Become a Member

Members enjoy year-round access to inspiring programs and special benefits, while supporting Grace Farms, Design for Freedom, and our mission to create a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. Benefits include:

- Early access to program registration

- Preferred pricing with 20% savings on most paid programs

- Access to complimentary programs and experiences

- Discounts on dining and retail

- A welcome gift from Grace Farms Tea & Coffee

Support

100% of charitable donations directly support the Grace Farms Fund unless directed otherwise. Visit gracefarms.org to support our initiatives and publicly available space for all.

To make a donation, scan the QR code.



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

For more information, visit: gracefarms.org

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