



## SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER



### Sign of the Times

Covid-19 has altered the Farley Center schedule as we encourage everyone to stay healthy. We will continue to cancel programming until it's safe to meet together again. For now, we are still planning our summer gatherings. If we have to alter those plans, we will keep you informed. In the meantime, we are asking people to not use the Farley Center building. But, please feel free to take a walk through our woods and enjoy Spring.

[Keep up to date through our website.](#)

*"It may be that when we no longer know which way to go that we have come to our real journey."*

*Wendell Berry*



### Supporting Farmers Who Feed Our Community

Juan Gonzalez Torres and his brother Jaime provide food through their CSA and are a part of FairShare CSA Coalition. Juan was a founding member of the Spring Rose Growers Cooperative and one of the first farmers at the Farley Center Farm Incubator. He named his business Los Abuelos Farley Farm in honor of Gene and Linda Farley who supported him as a beginning farmer.

[See Video.](#)



### Green Burial Council Certification

The GBC recently certified the Natural Path Sanctuary as a natural cemetery. GBC strives to effect real change by providing a realistic, verifiable standards-based rating system so the public has a reliable measure when making environmentally sensitive and responsible funeral choices. We are proud to have their certification.

[Learn more about the Green Burial Council.](#)



### Wisconsin Environmental Health Network

Farley Center Board Member Dr. Bruce Barrett, as well as former Natural Path Sanctuary Board member Dr. Michele Brogunier and Farley Center Chair Gil Halsted represented the Farley Center and Natural Path Sanctuary at the Wisconsin Environmental Health Network (WEHN) conference this past March. The Farley Center was one of many sponsors for the event.

[Learn more about the Wisconsin Environmental Health Network \(WEHN\).](#)



### Farley Center Will Soon be a Wisconsin Food Forest Demo Site

We are excited that Wisconsin Food Forests will be planting a food forest demo site at the Farley Center. Emily Steinwehe as well as Erin McWalter of the Wisconsin Food Forests will be working with the Farley Center. This project will help us promote and model sustainability. (In photo: **Emily Steinwehe** and Farley Center Farm Manager **Seth Riley**.)

[Learn more about the Wisconsin Food Forests.](#)



### The River Pantry Tour

In March, several of us got a tour and lunch at The River Food Pantry. The River serves over 1,000 households every week in pursuit of its vision of a fully nourished community.

[Learn more about The River Food Pantry.](#)

In Photo (Left to Right) Former NPS Board Member **Michele Brogunier**, Farley Center Vice Chair **Jeannie Meier**, Farley Center Board Member **Amy Barrilleaux**, Farley Center Program Director, **Caroline Tu Farley** and The River Pantry President and CEO **Charles McLimans**





### The Natural Path Sanctuary Thanks Dr. Michele Brogunier

Dr. Michele Brogunier has served on the NPS Board since 2015. Her contributions over the years are greatly appreciated.

[Learn more about Dr. Michele Brogunier.](#)



### Farley Center is Now a Member of the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce

Mona Cassis, Le Jordan and Molly Solie of the Verona Area Chamber of Commerce met with Director Shedd Farley, Program Director Caroline Tu Farley and Farm Manager Seth Riley to talk about various ways we can work together.

[Verona Area Chamber of Commerce](#)



### The Natural Path Sanctuary Thanks Amy Hartsough

The NPS Board thanks Amy Hartsough for her service as a Board Member since 2016. We appreciate her contributions to the Center. Amy says she will continue to spread the word about the beautiful place and people of the Farley Center/Natural Path Sanctuary!

[Learn more about Amy Hartsough](#)



### Summer Concert Series

Join us at the Farley Center to listen to great tunes. Food will be sold by FEED Kitchen food trucks. Bring your own blankets and chairs and meet at the Burr Oak Welcoming area. All concerts held from 5-7pm

[June 13: Joe Mirena](#)

[July 18: Skip Jones](#)

[Aug. 29: Hicksville Debonaires](#)

The Madison Reading Project's Big Red Reading Bus will be there for children to browse books. Please bring a children's book to donate.



### Farley Center Farmers' Food Fest 2020 Saturday, July 18, 5-9pm

Our 4th annual farm fundraising event! Farley Center Farmers and partners will have many types of food and products for sale. It will be in conjunction with our second Summer Concert featuring Skip Jones. Plus tours, farmer's market, and bonfire!

[More about Farley Center Farmers' Food Fest](#)



### Marie Justice Named Board Secretary

Congratulations to Marie Justice who is now the Farley Center Board Secretary! Marie has been a Board member since 2017. We thank you Marie for taking on the new role.

[More about Marie Justice](#)



### International Women's Day Community Celebration

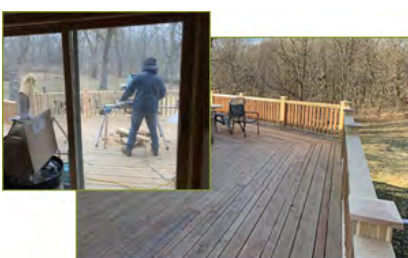
Several of us from the Farley Center enjoyed the 7th Annual International Women's Day Community Celebration with the Senegambia Women's Association and the African Community in Madison. This evening was filled with inspirational speakers, great ethnic food, performers, music and dancing. Rep. Sheila Stubbs was the keynote speaker this year. Farley Center was one of the sponsors and has been participating in this event for the past five years.



### Farley Center Farmer is Part of a New Generation of Farming

Madison Magazine's March issue featured Sam Kirschbaum as part of a new generation of farmers who are doing things differently. These farmers are experimenting and using their diverse perspectives to make farming better — all while demonstrating their commitment to creating positive ecological and social impacts through their operations.

[Read the full article](#)



### Building Updates to the Center

The Farley Center has been busy this winter with construction of a new deck, windows and fresh paint! We are excited to show you the improvements once things have stabilized with the Covid-19 situation and we can safely invite you to visit. More progress to come as we continue repairing and updating the Center.



### Your Partnership is Key to Meeting our Mission of Peace, Justice and Sustainability.

The Farley Center is funded in part through the generosity of donations from those who share our vision and also through Natural Path Sanctuary green burial sales. We invite your support and participation. [Learn more about the Farley Center.](#)

## 2020 Upcoming Events

- **April 22:** [CANCELLED – NPS – Green Burial Presentation – Milwaukee](#)
- **May 21:** [CANCELLED - Green Burial Presentation – Verona Library](#)
- **June 13:** [Summer Concert Series #1 – Joe Mirena – Farley Center](#)
- **June 24:** [NPS Presentation – Waunakee Public Library](#)
- **July 9:** [NPS Green Burial Presentation/Tour – Farley Center](#)
- **July 18:** [FARMERS FOOD FEST & Summer Concert Series #2 – Skip Jones – Farley Center](#)
- **July 28:** [NPS Green Burial Presentation at Monona Library](#)
- **Aug. 20:** [NPS Walking Tour – Farley Center](#)
- **Aug. 29:** [Summer Concert Series #3 – Hicksville Debonaires – Farley Center](#)

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