



FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



"Early Supporters" Page on the Farley Center Website

Many have supported the Farley Center and the Natural Path Sanctuary in the early days, helping us get established. We thank these early supporters for their hard work and contributions. [Check out their stories.](#)



Solar is Supplying Electricity for the Farley Center

The NPS Board now charges a carbon offset fee for burying cremains because of carbon emissions created during the cremation process. The carbon offset fee goes to a separate tracked fund to be invested in renewable energy technologies and carbon sequestration programs. This helps meet our mission goals to help protect the environment. Here is a photo of our solar panel that was installed in September.



Welcome Catherine Stephens to the Natural Path Sanctuary Board of Directors

Catherine Stephens is a musician and provides support for teaching and learning, and instructional design. She has worked with the Goodman Community Center, UW-Madison in the School of Education, and Edgewood College. Catherine is a long time supporter of the Farley Center, and she helps bridge connections with the Madison area community. [Learn More about the NPS Board](#)



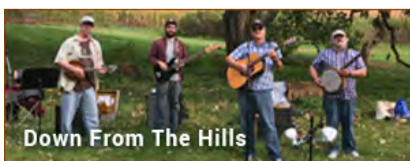
Spartan Youth Service (SYS) Volunteers of James Madison Memorial High School

The Farley Center has worked every year with the SYS volunteers. Due to COVID, there is no in-person volunteering right now. Student Volunteer Coordinators Emily Cai and Varnun Nathan met with us to discuss virtual projects for the students to do. It was decided the student volunteers would come up with several video projects related to the Farley Center Mission. [Learn More about volunteering at the Farley Center.](#)



Wisconsin Food Forest Bench dedicated to Gene and Linda Farley

Thank you to Wisconsin Food Forest, Envision Positive and Madison Traffic Garden for donating this bench and to Jim Fortner who built it. We also thank Food Forest's Erin McWalter for selecting the Farley Center for the demo site, Food Forest's Emily Steinwehe and Madelon Wise, Farley Center Farm Manager Seth Riley and Farmer Ian Aley for planting the food forest. Come visit and sit on the bench and take a look at the food forest area. [Learn More about the Farley Center Food Forest.](#)



Concerts at the Bur Oak Welcoming Area (B.O.W.A.)

Due to COVID, we had to get creative about how to do gatherings, keeping them small and socially distanced according to Dane County restrictions for outdoor events. **Down from the Hills** bluegrass band and **Harmonious Wail** both sold out. We already have musicians contacting us about next summer! So anticipate more concerts under B.O.W.A.!



Thank you to the Verona Chamber of Commerce for loaning us the foam distancing circles





Farley Center Honey Now Available at Steep and Brew West

Stop by Steep & Brew West for some great tea along with a bottle of FarleyCenter honey! Stop by 6656 Odana Road in Madison and say hello to Saad and Ellen Khalifa for their support by selling our honey as well as donating coffee at many of our events!



For the past four years, Farley Center Volunteer Beekeepers Parick Norby and Matt Kersten run our beekeeper incubator program which is designed to promote small-scale, sustainable beekeeping by providing an environment and guidance to learn beekeeping. [Learn more about the Farley Center beekeeping program.](#)



Cider Press Day

Our biggest event of the year has always been our Fall Festival - Cider Press day in early October. This is the first year we did not have a community fall festival due to COVID. However, we still had to harvest the apples so we had a cider press day limited to just Staff, Board Members and Farmers following Dane County restrictions for outdoor events. Hopefully, next year, we can look forward to another fall community festival with folks picking, cutting and pressing apples, musicians, food vendors, making fall mandalas and fun. [Check out a video from our 2017 Fall Festival created by Megan Aley.](#)



Photo by Farley Center Farmer Chandy Karnum



NPS Walking Tours

We have had numerous NPS walking tours this summer. Because of COVID we have had to limit the size but we were able to still explore the NPS with Director Shedd Farley. Most of the tours were filled to capacity. Our early morning walking tours have been especially popular. There are no more scheduled presentations after the Nov. 12 (Full) tour but you can set up a private tour with Director Shedd Farley. Please contact him at director@farleycenter.org or call the office at 608-845-8724.

Photo by Angela Richardson



A Giant Puffball Mushroom Found in the Natural Path Sanctuary!

This year has been a good year for mushrooms. A variety have been found in the NPS but this one is just Wow! We know this Puffball is edible and the largest mushroom found in the Sanctuary...so far.



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 of and participation in the Farley Center. [Learn more about the Farley Center.](#)

Upcoming Events

- Nov 12: [FULL - Natural Path Sanctuary Tour/Presentation 2:00-4:00pm](#)
- Dec 17: [A Natural End on a Natural Path ZOOM Presentation - 7:00-9:00pm](#)

NOTE: No more NPS groups presentations are scheduled for the rest of the year. We are still doing individual private tours with Director Shedd Farley. Contact him if you would like a private tour at director@farleycenter.org or call the office at 608-845-8724.

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