Farley Center Fall Festival
Apples! Eggrolls! Tamales! Oh My!

By far the biggest year yet as friends, neighbors and family gathered together to enjoy delicious fresh organic apple cider, tamales, eggrolls, organic produce, donated baklava from Bunky’s Catering and hot coffee donated by Steep & Brew. West along with so much fun and friendship. There were a variety of tours, art in the woods, music by Maui (Madison Area Ukulele Initiative) and lots of good company. Farley Center Farmer Yee Ythao made over 850 eggrolls, raising $2355 for the Hmong Institute.

Watch a video of this year’s celebration

Environmental Land Art Exhibit at the Farley Center


Learn more about the artists and their installations

Rooted in the Land: Past, Present and Future, Natural Path Sanctuary 10th Anniversary and New Land Dedication Celebration

This year we have been celebrating Natural Path Sanctuary’s 10th anniversary as well as dedicating land recently purchased by the Farley Center for future use. On Sept. 12 we formally dedicated the new land purchase and buried the capsule to be opened up in ten years by Ho-Chunk Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush talked about the Nation’s connection to the land we are on, and acknowledged the land dedication with this statement, written by NPS Board Member Leslie Eisenberg:

The Ho-Chunk and the Natural Path Sanctuary acknowledge that the land we currently occupy represents the ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk Nation. For generations, the Nation has called the land we now know as Wisconsin home, even following the 1832 removal treaty that turned them out of most of their traditional territory to find new residences elsewhere; over the years, many have returned to Wisconsin. While the people of the Ho-Chunk Nation have a sovereign nation in Wisconsin that does not reside within reservation boundaries, they are active in acquiring land in and around their traditional communities and former settlement areas. In the face of prior injustice, we celebrate the vibrancy and strength of the Nation, our common land stewarding goals, the importance of a sense of place, and our shared commitment to the earth and its resources.

Learn More about the 10th Anniversary

Essay Contest Winners

As part of Natural Path Sanctuary’s 10th anniversary, 12 people submitted essays on What Does the Farley Center and/or NPS Mean to Me. First place winner, Ian Aley and 3rd place winner Megan Miller read their essays at the Land Dedication Celebration. Second place winner is to be announced. Thank you to Penn Engebose, NPS Board Chair for coordinating the contest and Gil Heldt, Farley Center Board Chair, Steve Ventura, NPS Board Chair Emeritus, and Grace Misuye Farley, Linda and Gene’s granddaughter, for being judges.

Read all the essays

photos by Barry Sherbeck
Upcoming Events

- Oct. 21 @ 1-3pm: NPS Walking Tour (FULL)
- Aug. 15 - Oct. 31: Farley Center Environmental Land Art Exhibition
- Oct. 24 @ 9:30am - 12pm: Join Sustain Dane Volunteer for Volunteer Day
- Oct. 28 @ 1-3pm: NPS Walking Tour
- Nov. 4 @ 1-3pm: NPS Walking Tour (FULL)
- Nov. 13 @ 11am-12:30pm: Book Discussion: “The Land Remembers” by Ben Logan

Buy a Bucky Book and Support the Farley Center!
You can save $100s using the book’s coupons which are transferable so you can share with friends and family. Visit Buckybook.com for more details or order at www.buckybook.com/farley-center so we receive the credit. Thank you for supporting the Farley Center!

Farley Center on Parade
For the first time, the Farley Center participated in the Verona Homecoming Days Parade this year. It was a fun day marshaling together as we carried Farley Center banners, advocating for peace, justice and sustainability.

Farley Center at Dane County Farmers’ Market
In September, the Farley Center tabbed at the Dane County Farmers Market for the first time! We tabbed as one of the member groups at the Wisconsin Network for Peace, Justice and Sustainability (WNPJ).

Farley Center Honey
Farley Center honey is not only available at our festivals, concerts and at the Center, but also at Steep N’ Brew West, 6650 Odana Road in Madison. Jars of honey are $10 and the new honey gift packs are $25. They also have great coffee, tea, baked goods and other gift items. Learn more about the Farley Center Beekeeper Program.

A Summer Full of Music
Host N’ Annie String Band was our final concert of the season on Oct. 10th. The Farley Center also hosted Skip Jones, Down From the Hills, Debbie & the Hamstring Harum and Harmonious Wail this summer. We already have more concerts confirmed for next summer as the Farley Center loves to support local musicians. We thank the Southwest Wisconsin Progressive (SWWAP) for co-sponsoring all the concerts.

Volunteers in Action at the Farley Center
Spartan Youth Service is the largest volunteer organization at James Madison Memorial High School (JMM) with the leadership solely run by high school scholars. They have been volunteering at the Farley Center frequently for years.

Look Who Showed up on the Front Page
National Path Sanctuary and green burials were featured on the front page of the Wisconsin State Journal on September 15, 2021. Read the full article.

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