



FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER



2022 Farley Center Fall Festival

Another fun fall festival and we set a festival record with six tours by Farley Center Beekeeper Patrick Norby, Director Shedd Farley, Natural Path Sanctuary Assistant Dustin Duve, Farm Manager Seth Riley and Farmer Ian Aley.

It was a record apple growing season, so lots of fresh apple cider was pressed and cold cider for everyone! El Sabor de Puebla/Reyna Gonzalez and Madame Chu/Josey Chu Johnson supplied festival goers with yummy food. Madame Chu made her special jar of jalapenos with Farley Center honey which is only available at our fall festivals. El Sabor pre-sold 432 tamales (36 dozen) with many more sold at the festival! Farley Center Farmers sold organic vegetables picked from the fields that morning! Beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten sold Farley Center honey and even had a frame of bees at their table.

Musical entertainment was provided by Dr. Eric Heiligenstein and his one man band, Too Sick Charlie, and by Eric De Los Santos, playing the Marimba.

A few of our community partners tabled at the event:

- Urban Triage
- Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP)
- Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice (WNPJ)
- Beni Daiko (Madison's Japanese Taiko Group)
- Wisconsin Food Forests
- Verona Downtown Farmers Market, which included special local celebrity Garrett the Carrot taking his photo with festival goers.

Mark your calendars as the festival is always the first Sunday in October!

[See video on this year's Fall Festival](#)

Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Farley Center and the Natural Path Sanctuary acknowledge that the land we currently occupy represents the ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk Nation. From time immemorial, the Nation has called the land we know today as Wisconsin home, even following the 1832 removal treaty that forced them to cede most of their traditional territory to find residence elsewhere; over the years, many have returned to Wisconsin. While the Ho-Chunk are the only 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 past injustice, we celebrate the vibrancy and strength of the Nation, our common land stewardship goals, the importance of a sense of place, and our shared commitment to the earth and its resources.

Land Dedication Celebration

On Sept. 12, 2021 we formally dedicated the purchase of adjacent farmland and celebrated our 10th Anniversary. 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 statement written by NPS Board Member Leslie Eisenberg. The dedication plaque will soon be permanently displayed in the Bur Oak Welcoming Area (BOWA).

[Learn more about land dedication ceremony](#)



Urban Harvest Festival

2022 marks Urban Triage's first successful harvest at the Center and they celebrated with their first annual Harvest Festival which included drummers in the farm fields, live music, food, acrobats and so much more! This is part of their Supporting Healthy Black Agriculture program (SHBA). Farley Center partnered with Urban Triage and provided the farm land.



Learning About Cover Crops

In August, many farmers and educators came to the Farley Center to learn about cover crops and tour the farm.

Cover crops are hugely important to our farm. They protect against soil erosion, add nitrogen and organic matter to our soil, are pollinator friendly and beautiful too!

Photo by Meagan Baldwin

[Learn more about Farley Center farms](#)

Celebrating a Full and Fun Year



The Farley Center Farmers/Staff had a harvest potluck with farmers making many delicious dishes like beet salad, green salad, daikon salad, pizza with herbs and tomato sauce and other delicious foods- all using the organic vegetables grown at the Farley Center. The Farmers' potlucks are always the best potlucks!

Thank You to Sculpture Volunteers



A special thank you to Sculpture Coordinator Jeanne Meier and to all the volunteers who have worked so hard maintaining their adopted sculpture. The Farley Center would not have been able to do the Gene Farley Sculpture Exhibit without them. This exhibit will be a permanent art exhibit with maps in the kiosk for a self-guided tour.

[See all of Gene Farley's sculptures](#)

Lanterns For Peace, 2022



The Farley Center again was one of the many sponsors and joined Physicians for Social Responsibility to create Lanterns for Peace at Tenney Park in Madison. This was the 77th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings and we join others to call on leaders to ensure these weapons are never used again.

Thank You to Many Farms



On September 13th, Farley Center Representatives Gil Halsted/Chair and his wife Stefania, Shedd Farley/Director, Caroline Tu Farley/Program Director, Omie Baldwin/Former Board Chair and Pat Leahy were welcomed by the Many Farms Chapter and community. In the mid-1950s Linda and Gene Farley were among the first doctors involved in the Cornell-Many Farms Navajo Health Project on the Many Farms Reservation in Northeastern Arizona. Many Farm Chapter Officials, Administration Staff, Elected Officials and Community attended a presentation given by Director Shedd Farley. We are so happy that some found themselves, family members, and friends in the Farley photos. This is a part of the Farley story but even more important, it is a part of the Many Farms story/history. A big thank you to Dr. Johnson Bia for arranging the meeting. We hope to continue our friendship.

[See more photos on Facebook.](#)

Creative Dying Game



People gathered for an evening of play and conversation at the Farley Center. Thank you to Megan and Ryan Miller for leading us in the Creative Dying game.

The [Creative Dying Card Game](#) is a conversation card game with the intention of offering a low-stakes, accessible way to have meaningful conversations about life and death. The game includes 176 question prompts to help inspire self-reflection and conversation.

Malcolm Shabazz City High School



In September, students in Animating Social Change from Malcolm Shabazz City High School volunteered at the Farley Center and explored the topic of Food Justice within our local community.

Thank You Amy Barrilleaux



The Farley Center Board, Staff and Farmers thank Amy Barrilleaux for serving on the Farley Center Board of Directors for the past three years. Amy's enthusiasm, ideas, board committee work and participation in events is greatly appreciated. She will be missed!

[Learn more about the Farley Center Board](#)

The Bees Have Been Buzzing



We resumed the Beekeeper incubator program in 2022 and it immediately filled up. This program promotes small-scale, sustainable beekeeping in Wisconsin. Each participant keeps bees, experiencing a season from start to honey harvest. The Farley Center thanks Beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten for their service and commitment as volunteers for running our program.

[Learn more about the Bee Program](#)

Creating Birthday Bags

Thank you to volunteers Linda Josheff, Sue



Schuetz and Katrina Krueger for helping put together 50 birthday bags for Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN). We enjoyed meeting Catherine Cramm/BPNN who came out with her husband to pick up all the bags.



Our Final Summer Concerts

We listened to several concerts throughout the summer. *Common Chord* and *Cris & Ann Plata* brought the final two concerts with their fun and unique musical styles to the Center as many of us enjoyed an evening on the grass listening. In addition we had farm tours and some of our farmers sold produce. Thank you Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP) for co-sponsoring the summer concert series.



Thank You Neal Patten!

It is a loss to Verona that Neal is no longer with the Verona Press. He was a true community supporter and reporter. The Farley Center appreciates the many events that Neal covered and attended over the years at the Center. He will be missed, and we wish him the best in his new endeavors.

[Read some of his stories on the Farley Center on our media page.](#)



We Are Thankful for Our Many Volunteers Throughout the Year

Thank you to the Telephone and Data Systems (TDS) employees for volunteering at the Farley Center in September with Farley Center Farm Manager Seth Riley and Natural Path Sanctuary Assistant Dustin Duve.

Photo by Shedd Farley

[Learn more about volunteering](#)



Thank You Farley Center Tree Carving Artists

Thank you Dave Carlson for leading the tree-carving project. The tree trunk outside in front of the Center building has undergone transformation in the last few years. Several other wood carvers have joined in...all as volunteers. Come to the Farley Center to see this beautiful work!



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

Many of these require pre-registration. See links below.

- [Oct 23 @ 3:30-7:30pm Peace Horizons at Primrose Retreat](#)
- [Nov 3 @ 10am-12 noon NPS Walking Tour](#)
- [Dec 4 @ 1-4pm Holiday Gathering](#)

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