



LINDA AND GENE FARLEY CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

## FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



### 2023 Farley Center Fall Festival

Another fall festival with lots of fresh pressed apple cider for everyone! There were also two tours each of the farm, bees and Natural Path Sanctuary. Yummy food was offered by El Sabor de Puebla, Madame Chu, Gani Moon and Sunshine Salad Farm. There was also fresh produce for sale by the Farley Center Farmers and festival goers brought a lot of homemade treats to share. Thanks to the Verona Chamber of Commerce and Garrett the Carrot/Mona Cassis for providing children's activities at the festival.



We appreciate the UW Green House Learning Community, Spartan Youth Service (SYS) Volunteers and the UW Women in Science and Engineering for volunteering to help with parking and picking and slicing apples.

Musical entertainment was provided by Down from the Hills, Saideira Pagode, and Raging Grannies of Madison.



A few of our community partners tabled at the event:

- Access to Independence
- Art House 360
- First Student
- Just Dane
- Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development
- Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP)
- Sustain Dane
- Urban Triage
- Verona Chamber of Commerce
- Wisconsin Food Forests



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



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



### An Evening of Stargazing With Sweets!

The Farley Center and Visit Verona invite everyone to join us at the Farley Center Saturday, Nov. 11 from 4:30-6:30pm. Cake Push Pops from Craig's Cakes! Live Sky Stargazing Program by MMSD Planetarium Director Ben Senson. Bring your blanket or chair. This EVENT IS WEATHER DEPENDENT. In the event of a cancellation, the event will not be rescheduled. This event is co-sponsored with Visit Verona

[Register Here](#)



### Order Farley Honey for the Holidays

Farley Center Honey Delivery, Dec. 16 by Beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten. Or don't wait. Stop by Steep and Brew West on Odana Road, Madison. They have sold our honey for several years. Our honey is also available at our events and the Farley Center Closet store.

Order for the holidays by contacting [beekeepers@farleycenter.org](mailto:beekeepers@farleycenter.org)



### Holiday Gathering 2023!

Join us Dec. 3, 1:00-2:30 p.m. for light refreshments and holiday cheer! Open mic – Feel free to sing a song, play an instrument, recite a poem, etc...and for those who would like to participate, bring a gift for the White Elephant gift exchange from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

### 2023 Earth Connections Land Art Installations

We had another great exhibit this year with 27 artists creating 19 biodegradable art installations. We have had a record number of people coming since early September to view the art. The exhibit is open for self guided tours until Oct 31. The Farley Center would like to thank all the artists who participated this year. A special thank you to Bobbette Rose who is the Farley Center Art Coordinator and has helped organize land art exhibits/projects for the Farley Center.



- Justin Bitner • David Carlson • Mona Cassis
- Gene Delcourt • Betsy Delzer • Char De Vos
- Kate Heiber-Cobb • Steve Heuer
- Amelia Higgins (Youth Participant)
- Chris Hindle • Ruthanna Hutton-Okpalaeke
- Angela Johnson • Ellen Khalifa
- Katrina Krueger • Efrat Livny • Erin McWalter
- Billy Morgan • Karen Reppen
- Cynthia Reynolds • Bobbette Rose
- Phil Saunders • Sue Schuetz • Barry Sherbeck • John Steines • Cooper Talbot
- Kelsey Voy • Urban Indigenous Art & Sciences Youth Group

[See video of the Artist Reception/Art Market](#)



### DABL Art Market

Dane Arts Buy Local (DABL) joined the Farley Artists for a reception and Art Market on Sept. 9. It was a fun art fair day with over 1000 people coming out to enjoy the Fall day, the art in the woods, the stilt walker, great food and plenty of art and artists. The Farley Center enjoyed working with [Dane Arts](#) Mark Fraire, Augusta Bruella and Jacob Mills and Allison Plumer at [Visit Verona](#).



### Welcome Nathan Frank Waller

Nate is the newest addition to the Farley/NPS staff! He was introduced to the Center when he came to volunteer as one of the UW Badger Spring Volunteers! He is now working part time for the Natural Path Sanctuary as a Cemetery Assistant.

[Learn more about Nate and all our staff](#)



### Both Natural Path Sanctuary (NPS) Workshops Were a Success

This summer we had two NPS workshops. The first focused on "A Day with the NPS Staff" - [see video](#) . The second workshop was led by Angie Buchanan, a Certified Death Midwife. The workshop incorporated a talk on grief and home funerals. She demonstrated different ways to shroud a body and had the attendees contribute to an art project on a cardboard casket.

[Learn more about green burials.](#)



### Los Abuelos Farley Farm/CSA Celebrated During Latino & Hispanic Heritage Month

Juan Gonzalez Torres is one of the farmers in the collaborative farm program at the Farley Center. He brings many years of experience as a farmer and brings the farmers' perspective and interest to the operations of the Farley Center's agricultural programs. Juan holds in the forefront the importance of caring for the land that sustains us.

Juan founded the Los Jalapenos CSA in 2011. He has been growing vegetables in Wisconsin for over ten years, but he learned the art of farming as a boy in Puebla, Mexico. There, his family has grown and sold vegetables for more than 35 years. He still enjoys growing Mexican specialty crops like jalapeños, Mexican squash, squash blossoms, pápalo, and tomatillos to share with CSA members along with your favorite well-known vegetables.

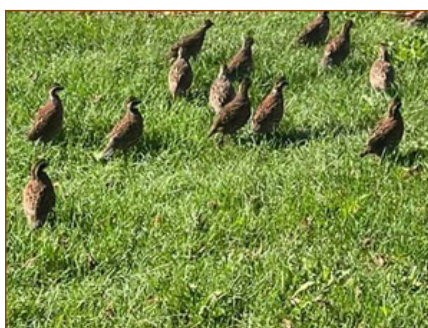
[Learn more about Los Abuelos Farley Farm](#)



### Thank You to Our TDS Volunteers

The Farley Center highlights the employees of Telephone Data Systems (TDS) who often come to volunteer at the Center. Thank you TDS volunteers!

[Learn more about volunteering](#)



### The Quails Have Been Released

The Bobwhite Quails arrived at the Farley Center in late July and had been living in a quail hutch for six weeks. They were released in September and they visited us at the fall festival on Oct 1. This is the second year of the Bobwhite Quail program in Wisconsin. We hope to do our small part in helping to revitalize the quail population in Wisconsin.



### The UW Office of Sustainability

The students/administrators from the UW Office of Sustainability had a tour of the Center and then worked on the farm/cemetery this July. Thank you to UW's Ian Aley (also a Farley Center Farmer), Tim Lindstrom and Audrey Stanton for setting this up each year, bringing new students out to discover the Center and work on the land.



### Farley Center "Adopt a Sculpture" Program

All of the Gene Farley Sculptures have now been adopted! "Feed Me" and "The Watcher" have now been adopted by Sculpture Volunteer Nancy Hagan, Ashley Webster adopted "La Puerta" and "Forest Canopy" and Jacob Webster adopted "Iron Butterfly." In order to get more community involvement and to spread the workload around a bit, we created a volunteer program called "Adopt a Sculpture" where individuals or partners selected a Gene Farley sculpture to care for. That means they agreed to maintain the sculpture, which includes weeding, mulching and keeping the sculpture free of debris. A big thank you to Farley Center Board Member Jeanne Meier for coordinating the Sculpture Volunteers.



[Check out Gene Farley's sculptures](#)



### Welcome Farmer Katie Darnell

Farmer Katie started her first year at the Farley Center where she operates her business Sunshine Salad Farm, a food vending service, where she provides freshly prepared salads, wraps and grain bowls that feature produce that she grows on the farm. In addition to selling prepared foods at events, she also sells produce directly at the Verona Downtown Farmers Market.

[Learn more about farming at the Farley Center](#)



### The Ants & the Grassopper

The Farley Center, SouthWest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP), and 350 Wisconsin hosted a free screening of *The Ants & The Grasshopper*. This documentary tells the story of Anita Chitaya. She helped bring food from dead soil, made men fight for gender equality, and ended child hunger in her village. The film shows her facing her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is real. A very inspirational film.



### 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.

- [Nov 7 @ 10am-12 noon NPS Walking Tour](#)
- [Nov. 11 @ 4:30 - 6:30 pm – An Evening of Stargazing with Sweets \(Register at \[VisitVeronaWI.com/Events\]\(http://VisitVeronaWI.com/Events\)\)](#)
- [Dec 3 @ 1-4pm Holiday Gathering](#)

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