



WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



NPS Green Burial Rules and Regulations Feb. 20, 2024, 10am-12pm

Natural Path Sanctuary promotes a legacy of care and respect for the earth through natural burial. Our rules are based on our desire to preserve the natural beauty of the land so that those buried here will be a part of the natural path of life and death, buried amongst the trees and plants. [Learn More](#)



End of Life Planning for Special Needs Families March 19, 2024, 10:30am-12pm

Join us for a presentation with Janis Strutt who will offer guidance in regards to special-needs trusts, guardianship, funeral expenses, bank accounts, life insurance, housing, care and everything in between. It will be followed by a Q & A with the NPS Cemeterians. A tour of the NPS is optional (dependent on weather). [Learn More](#)



UW Ethical and Responsible Business Network (ERBN)

This semester, the Farley Center worked with students from the ERBN. They came up with a consulting report on Building a Makerspace and a Gene and Linda Farley Awards Luncheon. Thank you to UW students Mantas Kudzin, Abby Gessler, Maya Annoye, Thomas Hadcock, Lindsey Bader, Grace Porter, Sophie Grotkin, Yashneil Randawa and Qing Wang of the ERBN. [Learn More About ERBN](#)



Sign Up for Los Jalapeños CSA is now open.

Farley Farmer Juan Gonzalez's Los Jalapeños CSA will provide 20 weeks of seasonal vegetables starting in June, including items like spinach, cilantro, pepicha, radishes, lettuce, green beans, scallions, papalo, carrots, cucumbers, garlic, beets, sugar snap peas, swiss chard, onions, potatoes, squash, broccoli, and tomatoes. [Sign up online](#)



Omie Baldwin and Cathy Middlecamp speak on the Dine' and Uranium April 13, 2024 1:00-2:30pm

The presenters, Omie Baldwin and Cathy Middlecamp, will tell not one but two stories, as the title suggests. But these quickly converge, because uranium ore was found on the land of the Dine' in the Four Corners Area of the United States. Omie Baldwin will speak about the Navajo People's cultural history, where and how they lived, past and present, how they needed work, and the mining facilities nearby in which they found work. Cathy Middlecamp will talk about three reasons why we took uranium out of the ground, what happened when we did, and some more general stuff about radioactivity and "radiation."

Who are these people and what are the stories of their land? What is uranium and what are the stories of uranium miners in the past? What new chapters in the story are being written today? We promise more questions than answers together with a lively romp through stories of our (slightly) radioactive planet. [Learn More](#)



"The Great Manitou Watching" by Gene Delcourt

We are happy to announce that this carving will now call the Farley Center home. Thank you to Farley Center/NPS Supporter Meg Skinner who split the cost of the artwork to make this happen! Thank you to Gene for his beautiful sculpture!

Busy Buzzing Bee Barn for the Farley Center Beekeepers

Two big thumbs up for our Farley Center Beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten! 2024 will be the seventh year of the beekeeper incubator program! (There was no beekeeper incubator in 2021.)

We are excited about the new bee hut that



is in the works! [We will keep you updated on the progress of the hut as well as any other bee news buzzing around.](#)

The Farley Center appreciates Patrick and Matt. They are both volunteers running our bee program. Their full time jobs are at EPIC.

[Read all about the bee program](#)



Our Changing Climate

April 28, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm

Bob Lindmeier, Chief Meteorologist for WKOW Channel 27 will speak at the Farley Center on our changing local climate, what to expect in the future, and a clear plan of action to minimize the risk to our economy and way of life. [Learn More](#)



Purchasing a Natural Burial Ground Right

We offer tours of the burial grounds and welcome inquiry about natural burials. Call to schedule an appointment (608) 845-8724 or e-mail nps@farleycenter.org and a staff member will sit down with you to discuss topics related to a natural burial. Make note that rates have recently changed. [Learn more.](#)



Congratulations to Jeanne Meier

Jeanne was voted in as the Natural Path Sanctuary (NPS) Board Chair at the Oct. 2023 board meeting. Since retiring, Jeanne has served several years on the Boards for the Food, Faith and Farming Network and the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability (2017-2023). She has now resigned from those boards and we look forward to her leadership of the NPS Board. [Learn more about the NPS Board.](#)



Thank you Catherine Stevens

Catherine is a current member of the NPS Board and stepped up in a major way as the Interim Chair from July to October 2023. We appreciate her hard work and great ideas! [Learn more about the NPS Board.](#)



Welcome to Julie Swanson

Julie is the newest Board member for the Natural Path Sanctuary. She is an end of life doula, Deep Story coach and circle host. Julie companions people through transitions, hosts circles and co-creates learning journeys. Her experience and knowledge will be an asset to the board. [Learn more about the NPS Board.](#)



Bird Walk with Badgerland Bird Alliance (formerly Madison Audubon) and Kaitlin Svabek

March 24, 2024, 9:30-11am

Natural Path Sanctuary welcomes birders on an early spring morning, looking and listening for birdlife. NPS staff will share more about the history and management of this meditative place. Limited to 20 attendees. [Learn More](#)



NPS Winter Burial Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Winter Burial Workshop and burial in the cold Wisconsin weather (high of 2 and low of -6). Workshop attendees were invited by the Wilson family to attend the burial of a family member, which started shortly after the workshop ended. It was the same grave used for the workshop and burial. We thank the Wilson family for their generosity in allowing this teaching moment. [Learn more about green burials at the Natural Path Sanctuary.](#)



Game Day with Fun and Food

It was an afternoon of fun as well as a variety of delicious charcuterie boards, full of locally sourced food. We believe in spreading awareness about Peace, Justice & Sustainability and this trivia game day was a fun way to educate ourselves on a winter day. Long time Volunteer Katrina Krueger did a terrific job of organizing the Game Day Trivia game. Thank you Katrina (and Billy Morgan)!



Wisconsin Environmental Health Network's Health and Environment Health Series

Farley Center was one of the many sponsors for this 2024 health conference focusing on the intricate relationship between our health and the environment. Farley Center Board Chair, Gil Halsted, tabled the event and Farley Center Board member Dr. Bruce Barrett is in attendance as well.



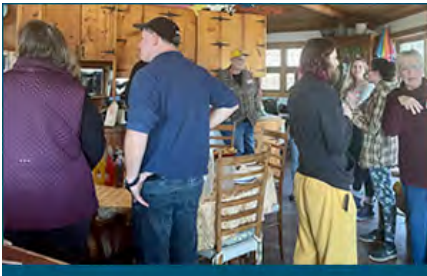
Star Gazing on a Mid-November Evening

It was a cold and cloudy afternoon on our scheduled late afternoon to view the stars with Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) Planetarium Director, Ben Senson. Even though no stars were visible, more than 150 people turned out to the Farley Center for the presentation! Ben, along with UW Astronomy students Adam and Amanda, provided a fascinating and informative outdoor slide show that left everyone satisfied. Everyone enjoyed delicious cake pops from Craig's Cakes in Verona. Thank you to volunteers Katrina Krueger, Billy Morgan, Sue Schuetz, Linda Josheff and Board Member Jeanne Meier for helping. This event was co-sponsored with Verona Tourism.



Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Charcuterie boards from Madison Cheese Boards, chocolate dipped strawberries from Artisan Fruits, a carved Farley Center watermelon, open mic, White Elephant gifts and lots of HOLIDAY CHEER! Thank you to everyone who came to the Farley Center Holiday party. It was a fun celebration!



Farley Center Neighbors Open House It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood!

Thank you to the many neighbors that responded to our invitation. We met both new and old neighbors and engaged in many conversations. A big thank you to all who came today and to Natural Path Sanctuary (NPS) Board members Sheri Zahler and Diane Smith who organized this event. NPS Chair Jeanne Meier, Farley Center Chair Gil Halsted, NPS/FC Board Member Karen Reppen and Shedd and Caroline Farley were there to greet our neighbors.



Your Partnership is Key to Meeting our Mission

The Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability is dedicated to socially progressive change, community partnership, sustainability and ecological justice. 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.](#)

2024 Upcoming Events

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

- Feb 20 @ 10am-noon – [NPS Rules and Regulations Presentation](#)
- Mar 19 @ 10:30am-noon – [NPS Presentation with Janis Strutt - End of Life Planning for Special Needs Families](#)
- Mar 24 @ 9:30-11am – [Bird Walk with Badgerland Bird Alliance \(Formerly Madison Audubon\) /Kaitlin Svabek](#)
- April 13 @ 1-2:30pm – [Farley Center – The Dine' and Uranium](#)
- April 28 @ 1-2:30pm – [Our Changing Climate with WKOW 27 Chief Meteorologist Bob Lindmeier](#)
- Jun 15 @ 10-11:30am – [Forest Bathing Walk with Becky Baumbach](#)
- Sept 14 @ 9-11am – [Farley Center Bird Walk with BIPOC Birding Club of Wisconsin](#)
- Oct 6 @ 10:30am-2:30pm – [Farley Center Fall Festival 2024](#)
- Oct 6 @ 10:30am-12:30pm – [Yid Vicious at Farley Center Fall Festival](#)
- Oct 6 @ 12:30am-2:30pm – [Noah James Hittner at Farley Center Fall Festival](#)

Cemetery Walking Tours with NPS Cemeterian Dustin Duve
Tuesdays at 10am-noon on the following 2024 dates:

- [April 16](#)
- [May 21](#)
- [June 18](#)
- [July 16](#)
- [August 20](#)
- [September 17](#)
- [October 15](#)
- [November 5](#)

Reserve a tour spot at nps@farleycenter.org or 608-845-8724

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