



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



2024 Fall Festival

It was another fun-filled Farley Center Fall Festival with lots of fresh pressed apple cider for everyone! There were also tours of the farm, bees and Natural Path Sanctuary.

Lots of yummy food was offered by El Sabor de Puebla/Farmer Reyna Gonzalez, Gani Moon/Farmers Chandy and Jen Karnum, Sunshine Salad /Farmer Katie Darnell and the Navajo Fry Bread Team/Bertha Baker.



There was also fresh produce for sale by the Farley Center Farmers and festival goers brought a lot of homemade treats to share. Paper Pie Storymaker Noel Marie Miller brought us stories and a table full of children's books. Erin McWalter with the Wisconsin Food Forests also tabled and shared information to festival goers about food forests. Musical entertainment was provided by Yid Vicious and Noah James Hittner.



We appreciate the Spartan Youth Service (SYS) Volunteers, Vel Phillips School as well as the many friends, neighbors, board members who volunteered to help with parking and picking and slicing apples.

Mark your calendars for next year! The Fall Fest is always the first Sunday in October!



NPS Rules and Regulations Presentation

Dec. 10, 2024, 10am-Noon

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.](#)



Mock Burial Workshop

Oct. 26, 2024, 10:30am-12:30pm

Back by popular demand, the NPS will hold their third mock burial workshop. This is a great opportunity to learn what green burial entails by taking part in a simulated version of the process. [RSVP to programs@farleycenter.org](mailto:programs@farleycenter.org) if you would like to attend.



Holiday Gathering 2024

Join us Dec. 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m. for light refreshments and holiday cheer! You're invited to a fun open mic – 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.



Dr. Bruce Barrett

We thank Dr. Bruce Barrett for his dedication & participation these last 9 years as a Farley Center Board Member. Bruce Barrett MD PhD is a practicing family physician at UW Health Verona and tenured professor at the U.W. Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. He is an engaged activist with interests in human rights, equity, and environmental sustainability, working with the Farley Center and Wisconsin Physicians for Social Responsibility. He founded [Mindful Climate Action](#), which seeks health-enhancing solutions to the threats posed by global warming and climate change. Dr. Barrett will be missed but we wish him the best and hope to still see him at some of our events! [Learn more about the Farley Center Board.](#)



Farley Center Beekeepers

Congratulations to all the new beekeepers who are now our Farley Center alumni beekeepers!

Thank you to beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten, who are volunteers, for making our beekeeping program a successful one! [Learn more about Farley Center Bee Program](#)

Photo credit to Patrick Norby



Left to Right: Sarah Wisner, Stefanie Spilde, Katie Majerus, Dustin Kieler, Joseph Larkin, Krista Powers, Danna Diehl



A Creative Buzzzz...

The Farley Center thanks **Muralist Rodrigo Carapia** for the new bee barn artwork! We also thank Dane Arts Director Mark Fraire for referring Rodrigo to us. And thank you to Director Shedd Farley for building the bee barn, and to Beekeepers Patrick Norby and Matt Kersten on your great volunteer work on the Farley Center Beekeeper Incubator program! The debut of the new bee barn took place during the Farley Center Fall Festival bee tour by Patrick Norby with Rodrigo Carapia in attendance. [Check out a video documenting the evolution of the bee barn.](#)

Video Credit and Thanks to Gretta Wing Miller



UW Credit Union Volunteers

Thank you to the UW Credit Union Volunteers for working in the Natural Path Sanctuary with Cemeteryian Dustin Duve and the Farm with Farm Manager Seth Riley! We appreciate your help and an extra thank you to Julie Haviland with UW Credit Union for arranging volunteers to come out to the Center every year. *Photo Credit to UW Credit Union*



Go Farm Connect

Thirty farmers joined us for a field day at Farley Center to share a Jamaican meal from Artemis Provisions and Cheese before heading out to the fields to look at conservation practices with farm manager Seth Riley, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Urban Ag specialist Kaitlin Schott, and Los Abuelos farmer Juan Gonzalez Torres.

The event was put on by Go Farm Connect, which works in Wisconsin and Minnesota “to build relationships between non-traditional farmers and the agricultural-support agencies and experts that can help farms succeed.”

Photo Credit to Go Farm Connect



Musicians for Gun Sense

Thanks to all who came Sept. 29 for the *Musicians for Gun Sense* event hosted by and organized by Musician Twila Bergeron and sponsored by the Farley Center, [Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives \(SWWAP\)](#) and [Moms Demand Action - WI](#)

All the musicians volunteered today - [The Raging Grannies of Madison](#), [Hoot 'n Annie](#), [Forward! Marching Band](#), [Tom Kastle Actor/Musician](#) and [First Avenue Acoustic](#).

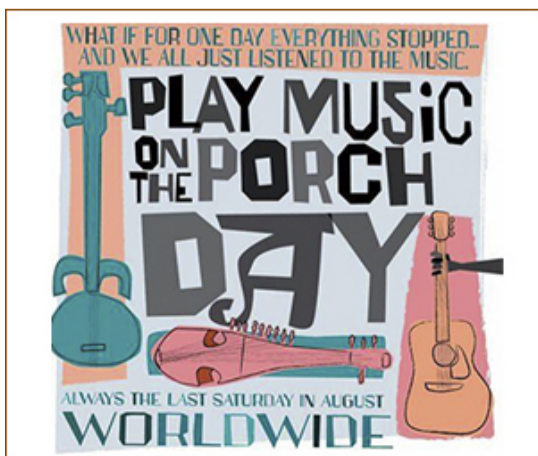
Thank you to sound engineer Steve Fischer/Stagecraft Productions who also volunteered his service.

Also representatives from Moms Demand Action, Students Demand Action, Be SMART, Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives, and Pastor Jeff Wild of Guns 2 Garden Tools were present to engage in discussion and disseminate information on peaceful solutions to violence, better gun legislation and secure storage.



Climate Emergency Picnic

We are grateful for the community support and delicious food at the Climate Emergency Day in Wisconsin Community Potluck at the Farley Center. Huge thanks to [Building Unity](#)/Tim Cordon, [350 Wisconsin](#)/Emily Parks and [Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives](#)/Tim White for sponsoring the event. And a shoutout to [El Sabor De Puebla](#)/Reyna Gonzales and Joe Mingle/[Healthy Food For All Dane County](#) for donating all the delicious food!



Music on the Porch

Verona, WI is on the map of celebrations going on all over the world for *Play Music on the Porch Day* (and telling stories and reciting poetry)! We thank the Midwest Mujeres Collective and the Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP) for co-sponsoring this event and the many local musicians, poets and storytellers who came out on this fun day!. Delicious food was available by El Sabor de Pueblo



Circle of Friends Concert

It was a lovely day for the Circle of Friends concert in August! The sunshine was perfect, the Navajo fry bread tacos were delicious and the music was absolutely fantastic! A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and our amazing musicians Frank Montano, Skip Jones, Jacob Grignon, Leslie Lemerond. We thank Sierra Club/Don Ferber and 350 Wisconsin/Phyllis Hasbrouck for tabling at the event.



Acknowledging the Land

We recently installed the Farley Center Land Dedication statement sign. Former Natural Path Sanctuary Board Member Leslie Eisenberg wrote the statement acknowledging that the land we currently occupy represents the ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk Nation. [Read the statement.](#)



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[Take a drone tour of the Center](#)

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

Drone video credit to Kyle Bergman

Upcoming 2024 Events

- Oct 26 @ 10:30-12:30am - [Natural Path Sanctuary – Mock Burial Workshop](#)
- Nov. 5 @ 10am-noon - [Cemetery Walking Tour with NPS Cemeterian Dustin Duve](#)
- Dec. 8 @ 1-4pm - [Farley Center Holiday Gathering 2024](#)
- Dec. 10 @ 10am-noon - [NPS Rules and Regulations Presentation](#)

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