



LINDA AND GENE FARLEY CENTER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE & SUSTAINABILITY

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



**Sunflower Paint
Event with Muralist
Rodrigo Carapia**
Sunday, December 7
1:00-3:00pm

Cost: \$35
Please **RSVP by
December 5th to
programs@farleycenter.
org** to reserve your spot.
Space is limited so sign
up early.

Looking for something fun to
do with friends? Join us for
our sunflower paint event
with Muralist Rodrigo
Carapia (the muralist who
painted the Farley Center
bee barn)! The event will be
held at the Farley Center:
2299 Spring Rose Road,
Verona.

Our instructor, Rodrigo
Carapia, will provide all the
tools and supplies you'll
need, including the canvas.
Please pay \$35 cash or
check to Rodrigo Carapia the
day of the event.

Feel free to bring snacks to
share!



Caroline on the Farley Center deck

A Message from Caroline Tu Farley

After 11 meaningful and busy years with the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability/Natural Path Sanctuary, I will be retiring on December 31, 2025.

It has been one of the great honors to serve this community and to help carry forward the Farley Center's mission of peace, justice, and sustainability. Over the past decade, I have had the privilege of working alongside an extraordinary network of staff, farmers, board members, volunteers, artists, musicians and community partners who care deeply about this land and all that it represents.

Throughout the years, I have been continually inspired by the generosity and commitment of those who give their time and talents to make the Farley Center such a vibrant and welcoming place. From coordinating programs and events to sharing stories and building connections, I have truly loved helping others discover the spirit of this remarkable community.

I am deeply grateful for the support, friendships, and encouragement that have filled these years. As I step into retirement, I look forward to watching the Farley Center continue to grow, thrive, and inspire future generations.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Caroline Tu Farley



Thank you, NPS Board Member Sheri Zahler!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Sheri Zahler for her years of service and support as a Natural Path Sanctuary Board Member.

Sheri has served on the NPS Board since 2017 and has supported us in countless ways — from nominating the Center for a Capital Bank workplace donation (2020), to helping organize the Springdale Neighborhood Open House and faithfully sharing our Facebook posts.

Her enthusiasm, generosity, and steady support have helped us reach and engage our community in meaningful ways.

Thank you, Sheri, for all you've done and for being such an important part of the Farley Center and Natural Path Sanctuary.



2025

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FARLEY CENTER
Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14, 2025
11:00AM - 2:00PM

Light Refreshments
Music by John Duggleby
12:00 Singalong
1:00 White Elephant gift exchange

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2299 Spring Rose Rd
Verona, WI 53593

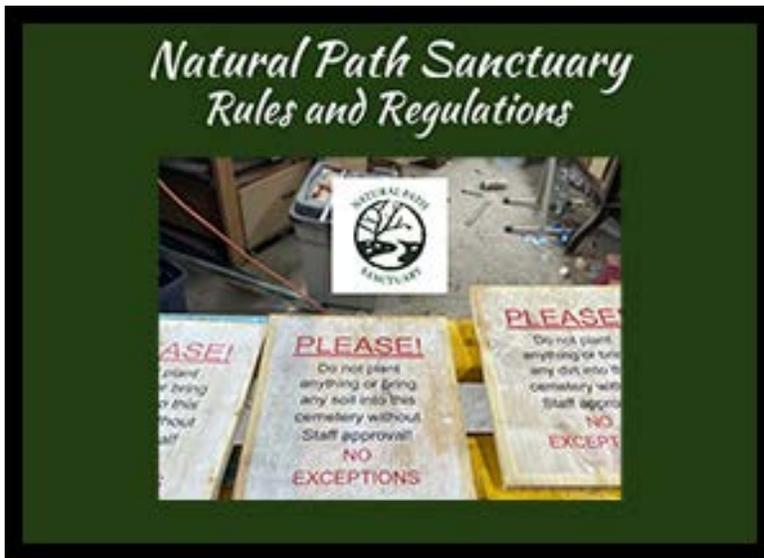
2025 Holiday Party
Sunday,
December 14
11:00am-
2:00pm

Come join us at the Farley Center Holiday Party!

11:00-12:00 Light refreshments and holiday cheer! Quiche and pastries catered by FEED Bakery

Music by John Duggleby
12:00-1:00 Holiday Sing-along with Musician John Duggleby

1:00-2:00 White Elephant gift exchange and some laughs!



NPS Rules and Regulations Presentation

Tuesday Dec. 9
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 amongst the trees and plants. [Learn More.](#)



Braving the cold to prepare the soil

News from the NPS Engagement Committee

In spite of cold temperatures and a layer of snow, NEC member Brenda Emerson and a small group of intrepid volunteers prepared and seeded the new Natural Path Sanctuary (NPS) Native Garden at the “Groundbreaking and Seeding Celebration” on November 9th. One of the goals of NEC is to help members feel welcome and involved in the Sanctuary space and this Native Garden will allow cemetery members to connect with the earth and the changing seasons of life. It will be an education and engagement resource, providing a sustainable source for plantings, flowers, and seeds while demonstrating the value of plants native to this environment. We look forward to seeing the new growth in spring! Also, since the NEC aims to provide supportive activities for NPS members as they navigate the complexities of life, death and grieving, we are developing opportunities for members to celebrate the life of a loved one, or just to



Native seeds to be planted



Garden area covered in straw to protect the newly planted seeds

celebrate life, through land stewardship. Additional information will be available over the winter. We encourage NPS community members to contact the NEC with questions or feedback by emailing us at: nps@farleycenter.org . NEC: Jayne Squirrel (Chair), Brenda Emerson, Jeanne Meier, Karen Reppen



Networking Night



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ERBN at Farley Center Fall Fest

Photo Credit to ERBN and SEBA

Sustainability Networking Night at UW Madison

On November 18th, the Farley Center was honored to take part in the annual Sustainability Networking Night, hosted by the Ethical and Responsible Business Network (ERBN) and Social and Environmental Business Advocates (SEBA) at UW–Madison.

We have enjoyed many years of collaboration with Mantas Kudzin and the teams of UW ERBN students, partnering on meaningful projects grounded in ethics, sustainability, and community impact. We've also loved welcoming ERBN students to Farley Center events over the years—they bring enthusiasm, ideas, and a genuine passion for shaping a better future.

This event brought together students exploring impact-driven career pathways in nonprofit and NGO management, sustainability, environmental science, social responsibility, consulting, accounting, marketing, business analytics, and more.

Farley Center Director Shedd Farley joined the Nov. 18 speaker panel, sharing insights from our work in peace, justice, and sustainability and encouraging students to carry their values into their future careers. Thank you to ERBN, SEBA, Mantas Kudzin, and all the UW–Madison students who continue to inspire us with their commitment to ethical and responsible leadership.

We are grateful for this ongoing partnership and excited to support the next generation of changemakers!

[Learn more about ERBN](#)



Video credit to Jay Gilbert, Mark Boyce/Source TEN, and Urban Triage

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Key to Meeting
our Mission of
Peace, Justice
and
Sustainability**

[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.](#)

Upcoming 2025 Events

- Sun., Dec. 7 - [Sunflower Paint Event with Rodrigo Carapia](#)
- Sat., Dec. 13 - [Farley Center Honey Delivery](#)
- Sun., Dec. 14 - [Holiday Party at the Farley Center](#)
- Tues., Dec. 9 - [NPS Rules and Regulations Presentation](#)

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