



**ambler  
FARM**

WHERE GOOD THINGS GROW  
**MEMBERSHIP | FALL 2024**

# join us...



## our mission...

Ambler Farm cultivates an appreciation and respect for our land, our heritage, our animals, and each other through immersive programs, community events, and sustainable farming.

## and vision...

Ambler Farm envisions a community where we live harmoniously with our environment, build character and connection, and provide a place for happy and healthy gatherings.



# cultivating a sustainable future

## Did You Know Ambler Farm...

Is operated by Friends of Ambler Farm, a 501(c)3 **nonprofit**, and owned by the Town of Wilton

Is **open to the public** 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk

Welcomes **25,000+ visitors** annually

100% of proceeds from programs, events, and donations support the Farm

Offers educational **programs for all ages**

Cultivates sustainable and **organic gardens**

Hosts seasonal transplant sales, and sells produce at our **weekly farmstand** and the Wilton Farmers' Market

Draws hundreds of visitors to our blooming **sunflower field**

Organizes special events to fund operations

Hosts over **1,100 summer campers** each year

Cares for sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys

Is managed by an Executive Director with **full-time** and **part-time staff**

**Donated 15,400 lbs of produce** to local food pantries and shelters

**Donated 200+ Christmas trees** to Wilton Social Services

**Provided \$40,000+** in Nutrition Checks to families in need

Relies on over 200 volunteers



To learn more about our future vision for the Raymond Ambler House scan the QR code.

## Dear Friends...

As we look back on an incredible year at Ambler Farm, we are grateful to our members, donors, sponsors, and the Town of Wilton. Your support is what enables us to continue to offer extraordinary and impactful programming, fun events and sustainable agriculture. Since 2005, the Friends of Ambler Farm have lovingly developed and cultivated what we offer the community today. Without your contributions, we wouldn't be able to maintain our farm, offer opportunities to engage with our beloved animals, provide educational programs that inspire our local youth, or continue offering fresh produce at our farmstand and farmer's market.

This year has been marked by tremendous milestones, thanks in large part to the generous support of ASML. Their grant has allowed us to rebuild several educational gardens and animal habitats, recreating vibrant, hands-on learning spaces for all. Most impactful is that these projects are central to our Apprentice and Builders programs. During these six-month programs, apprentices in grades 5-12 plant, maintain, and harvest our educational gardens, care for animals, and assist with various farm activities. Builders also gain new skills by reconstructing these gardens and animal pens. These programs help students connect with one another and reinforce our mission at the Farm.

Looking ahead, we are eager to enhance our offerings, as we anticipate the completion of the Raymond Ambler House for community use. To realize this vision, we will look to the Town of Wilton to fulfill its financial obligation as Ambler Farm's owner. These efforts will ensure that Ambler Farm remains a cornerstone of Wilton's heritage, while continuing to provide meaningful connections for the community to the land, our animals, and with each other.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers, whose time, energy, and passion make everything we do possible. Whether tending to the gardens, caring for the animals, or assisting at events, our volunteers are essential to everything we do. If you're interested in joining this amazing group, we welcome new volunteers to help us in making a difference at Ambler Farm. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect with others while contributing to the Farm as well.

Your continued support is vital to our mission. If you're not already a member, please consider joining us. Together, we can ensure that Ambler Farm remains a place where good things grow. We look forward to seeing you at the farm soon!

Warm regards,



Ashley Kineon | *Executive Director*

**Sarah B. ...**

“ Ambler Farm has been such an important part of our family since our children were small. What a treat it is to watch your child grow from a tiny pre-school camper to becoming an apprentice, builder, camp counselor and go on to mentor others. The farm is such a special place. The skills and life lessons learned are invaluable and the friendships made last a lifetime. ”

# In the past year, Friends of Ambler Farm has...

2024 Restoration efforts on **town owned buildings** were funded through a Connecticut state grant received by the Friends of Ambler Farm:

- Repainted both the white carriage barn and red barn
- Replaced the roof and gutters on the white carriage barn and new roof on the red barn

Thanks to ASML's generous grant, ASML volunteers, and our youth Apprentices, we have...

Rebuilt three significant gardens in the Program Area including a preschool garden, raspberry garden and herb garden. The new preschool garden enabled us to nearly double our preschool summer camp capacity in one year.



Welcomed 2 baby goats, 1 mother Flemish giant rabbit and 8 baby bunnies, 40 baby chicks!



Rebuilt a new duck and goose pen, and constructed a new duck pond to further enhance the programming elements.



We have enjoyed 9 weeks of summer camp with **1,199 happy campers**, plus **44 field trips**, **120+ apprentices**, and over **11,900 educational program participants** who enjoyed the improvements in the program area.



Provided dozens of scholarships for field trips and summer campers.

Additional grants included...

- We procured and installed a **new evaporator** funded by a generous grant that supported our 6 weeks of maple sugaring reaching over 1,000 program participants.
- We **secured a generous grant by Tauck** to help support the work on a new outdoor gathering area for the Raymond Ambler House, which will be done **once the Town secures the necessary funding needed to complete** the remainder of the house.
- We raised **private donations** which funded the first phase of the educational garden renewal project.



AMBLER FARM 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

# Thank you to our members...

SEPT 2023 – AUG 2024

## **PATRON**

ASML  
Tauck  
Joyce + James Andersen  
Toni Boucher  
Woodson + Christina Duncan  
Lea Charitable Trust  
Robert Russell Family Fund  
The Henry Foundation

## **FARMER**

Samantha Clarke  
GOOD Morning Wilton  
Newman's Own Foundation  
Carol Russell  
Christopher + Melinda Smith  
Catherine + Chris Stroup  
The Maurice Goodman  
Foundation, Inc  
The Shoff Foundation, Inc.  
The Village Market

## **STEWARD**

Jane + Moses Alexander  
Thomas + Kathy Anderson  
James + Holly Barker  
Timothy + Catherine Birch  
Mark Broach  
William + Anne Marie Case  
Danielle Denega + Brian Kannry  
Fit Body Boot Camp  
Nancy + Paul Greeley  
Mary + Stephen Jones  
Kelly Household  
Charles + Jennifer Lawson  
Outdoor Sports Center  
Betsy + Bill Raftery  
Sanders Household  
Cara + Scott Schwartz  
Patti Temple  
Wilton Garden Club

## **GROWER**

Kerry Blankenship  
Donald Buxton  
Adrienne + Anthony Calderone  
Laura + Timothy Callahan  
Chris + Marla Coffey  
Deborah + Edward Crawford  
Jennifer + Geody Davatzes  
Nancy + Karl Dolnier  
Sharon + William Gallagher  
James Kelsey  
Craig + Suzanne Knutson  
Susan Mangino  
Nuvance Health  
Orem's Diner  
Dawn + Jeff Padovan  
Amy + Jeffrey Palma  
Kristin + Jason Partenza  
Dave + Courtney Petroski  
Tara + Adam Raniolo  
Schaap Household  
Seven Acres Montessori School  
Splash Car Wash Inc  
Stew Leonard's  
Michael + Tracy Sutka  
The Turnover Shop of Wilton  
The Wilton Congregational Church

Whispering Bells Foundation  
Wilton Go Green  
Wilton Soccer Association

## **CULTIVATOR**

Ancona's Wine & Liquors  
Jeffrey + Andrea Bates  
Mariann + Jonathan Bigelow  
Russell Blair + Ambler Canteen  
Gil + Patricia Bray  
Julie + Bob Carney  
Jennifer Evanko  
Diane + Stephen Fogerty  
Michaele Giannoutsos  
Corrinn Gutierrez  
Howard Haggerty  
Thomas + Sally Healy  
Maria + Eugene Hynes  
Jessica + Paul Joy  
Ashley + James Kineon  
Tricia + David King  
Kongettira Household  
Jill Lillis  
Ceci Maher  
Sean + Kate Mcinerney  
Lynne + Timothy Murphy  
Thomas Nero  
Pam + Yoshi Nobumoto  
Ring's End  
Allison + Rob Sanders  
Theresa + Richard Sanford  
Stacy Sapper + Mark Wiltamuth  
Leeann + Tom Schneider  
Marilyn/Lynn Schuster  
Lindsay + Michael Sheehy  
John + Jessica Skipper  
Elizabeth Smolenack  
Paul + Jennifer Straton  
Barbara + Lansing Valk  
Amanda + Dirk Van Heyst  
Maria + Thomas Wilcox  
Natica Wilson  
Wilton Hardware

## **SUSTAINER**

A Royal Flush  
Rachel + Russ Albanese  
Sabeth Albert  
Brian Balmer  
Kim + Adrian Biltoft  
Gladys + Henry Blundin  
Bocchino Household  
Andrew Boland  
Alexandra Bonach  
William Brancaccio  
Leah Brandfon  
William + Kathleen Brennan  
Brickley Family  
Neal Brodsky  
Jb + Beverly Brokaw  
Sarah Buckingham  
Kimberly + Patrick Burke  
Claire Camelio  
Caraluzzi's  
Tara Carbonaro  
Timothy + Emma Carole Paradis  
Chan Household  
Lisa Chase  
David + Robin Clune  
Colonial Program  
Laura + Kevin Connell  
Michael Conway  
Susan + Brandon Cooper  
Danielle Correale Andrews  
Christine Covino  
Moira + Kevin Craw  
Michelle Crecca  
Susan + Ivan Crowther

Beth + James Culnane  
Pamela Davis  
Shereece Davison  
Daniel Declue  
Therese + John Diconzo  
Jennifer Do  
Marie Donahue  
Lynn + Andrew Driver  
Lisa Dunn  
Laurie + Jim Durkin  
Rachel Echeverz  
Vanessa + Eugene Elias  
Joe + Ann Fiteni  
Melissa Fox  
Michael Franco  
Allison Frisbee  
Tina + Steven Georgeou  
Alejandra Gere  
Charlene German  
Lisa + Tim Gibboney  
Elisa Gomez  
Suzanne Gotsch  
Pat + Alan Gould  
Cheryl + Robert Graef  
Mary Gail + Jerome Gristina  
Lila + Buck Griswold  
Catherine + John Hartigan  
Lourdes Hassan  
Kim + Michael Healy  
Nancy + Gary Helmig  
Heather + Mikael Herve  
Kristina Howard  
Leeann + Tom Schneider  
Kara + Brian Jacobi  
Negin Janati  
Tracie + Thomas Jaser  
Nalini Jones  
Richard + Annette Kaye  
Joanne King  
Janice Kirschner  
Brooks Klimley  
Jennifer Knapp  
Robert + Henrietta Lachman  
Janet + Robert Lane  
Pam + Steven Lanza  
Susan + Clay Larsen  
Christopher + Robin Law  
Marianne + Christopher Lawther  
April Lee  
Kathy + Gary Leeds  
Melissa + Michael Leonard  
Joanna + Timothy Lepore  
Robert + Elizabeth Lerch  
Jennifer + Jim Lewis  
Lindsey + Noam Liss  
Anne Lowinger  
Salys + Geir Magnusson  
Rachel Manners  
Matthew + Lisa Mannix  
Melissa Mansur  
Anna Marley  
Amanda Matsuzaka  
Timothy Mclaughlin  
Amanda + Ben Mitchell  
Stephanie + Gary Moore  
Marisa Murphy  
Laurie + Dominick Musilli  
Nordstrom Household  
Emily Noriega  
Nicole + Robert Northway  
Julie Nunnari  
Omland Household  
Geoffrey Orth  
Bryan Pace  
Frances Palmer  
Casey Parrish  
Tracy Pennoyer  
Lynne Persan

Natalie + Ryan Ponte  
Kelly Porter  
Brandie Redd  
Redding Veterinary Hospital  
Margaret Reed  
Libby Rende  
John Richter  
Riverbrook Regional YMCA  
Beverly + Greg Rodiger  
Barry Rosenberg  
Rosengarten Household  
Patrick + Mary Russo  
John Ryan  
Melanie Sarver  
Todd + Lorien Saumier  
Hilda Scarborough  
Linda + Alfred Schmidt  
Leslie + Eric Seidman  
Shames Family Foundation  
Elaine + Day Shields  
Nicole Skoda  
Dolores + Roger Smith  
Alison Smith  
Jessica Snavely  
Jeff + Kristy Snyder  
Courtney Souza  
Jonathan Stark  
Sugarman Household  
Alison Sullivan  
Swanson Household  
Shannon Taliercio  
Patty Terranova  
Deepti Tiwari  
Darina Todorova  
Elizabeth + Steven Torkelsen  
George Torpe  
Sue + Roby Totten  
Olga + Lucas Traub  
Robert + Joan Wallace  
Cindy + David Waters  
Louisa Watson  
Lynda Webb  
Morgan + Charles Wetmore  
Allison Wiley  
Kara + Richard Williams  
Kathleen + John Wilson  
Tiger Wiseman  
Marielle Wohlberg  
Peter Wu-Buchenholz  
Daniel Yeager  
Yee Household

**...AND TO ALL OF OUR FAMILY  
AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS  
THAT SUPPORT US ANNUALLY**

Visit [amblerfarm.org/ambler-farm-2024-member-list/](https://amblerfarm.org/ambler-farm-2024-member-list/) for our full list of Ambler Farm members.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these lists. If your name has been misspelled, omitted or improperly listed, please accept our apologies and contact [info@amblerfarm.org](mailto:info@amblerfarm.org)

**We need your help.  
Join us in supporting  
Ambler Farm.**





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**AMBLER FARM IS YOUR FARM**

We're open to the public from dawn until dusk 365 days a year. Visit us at 257 Hurlbutt Street in Wilton, Connecticut.

**September 2024**

**Board Members**

Patti Temple, *President*  
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*Educator*

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**winter**



**spring**



**summer**



**fall**

Greens Sale  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service  
Tap-a-Tree Maple Sugaring Program:  
~ Tap-a-Tree  
~ Middle and High School Sugaring  
~ School Field Trips  
Winter Sprout + Me  
Winter Junior Apprentice  
Valentine's Tea  
Home Garden Workshop  
Ladies Night Out: Pysanky Egg Decorating

Apprentice Program  
Beekeeping  
Buddy Program  
Builder's Program  
Spring Sprout + Me  
Spring Junior Apprentice Program  
Spring Field Trips  
Transplant Sale  
Fun Run  
Farm Stand + Farmers' Market  
Taste on the Farm  
Summer Camp  
Red Barn Live

Summer Camp  
Apprentice Program  
Buddy Program  
Builders Program  
Farm Stand + Farmers' Market  
Red Barn Live  
Garden Tour + Tomato Tasting

Apprentice Program  
Buddy Program  
Builder's Program  
Fall Sprout + Me  
Fall Junior Apprentice Program  
Fall Field Trips  
Trebuchet Team  
Ambler Farm Day  
Fright Night  
The Great Pumpkin Drop  
Thanksgiving Trebuchet Launch

For a complete listing of events, visit [amblerfarm.org](http://amblerfarm.org)