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WHAT'S NEW at SMITH FARM

2025 Annual Report and Update

Smith Farm's Mission

Smith Farm at Borderland continues our mission *to enrich lives through education, arts, culture, spirituality, and wellness* in 2025. This year was one of progress and community engagement—marked by continued renovation of the Asahel Smith Farmhouse by Southeastern Regional High School, health and wellness programs throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall, and new partnerships through our 4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Event.

2025 Smith Farm Highlights

• ***Asahel Smith Farmhouse Renovation Continues*** - This year marked significant strides in the renovation of the historic Asahel Smith Farmhouse, particularly with rough electric and plumbing being installed inside the farmhouse.

• ***Community Health, Wellness, and Engagement Programs*** - We are grateful to the health and wellness practitioners as well as the community organizations who continue to use our exterior space for their programs, including monthly tai chi and amateur ham radio programs, as well as annual visits from groups like the Oliver Ames seniors on their Day of Kind'Ness, and community garden space such as the Christine M. Loeber Butterfly Garden.

• ***Veterans Appreciation Day Event and Partnerships*** – This year, we proudly hosted our 4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day, a meaningful gathering that united local veterans with organizations, practitioners, and programs dedicated to their well-being. Through an afternoon of fellowship and celebration, we reaffirmed our commitment to fostering healing, connection, and community for those who have served.

Asahel Smith Farmhouse Renovation

This year marked significant strides in the renovation of the historic Asahel Smith Farmhouse. Thanks to a generous partnership with Southeastern Regional's faculty and students, as well as the in-kind support of so many, SRVT continued their hands-on restoration work throughout 2025. In particular, Granite City Electric Supply donated all electrical materials for the renovation. This collaboration has been instrumental in transforming the farmhouse into a future hub for health and wellness programming, especially for veterans.

2025 Construction Milestones at Smith Farm (Clockwise L-R): Watercourse Solutions digging a trench for electric tie-in, SRVT students prepping electrical pole for connection to the farmhouse, interior electrical panel, dumpster rental courtesy of Narsasian Landscaping, rough plumbing being installed in upstairs bathroom, donation of rough electric supplies by **Granite City Electric Supply**.

Community Partnerships and Programs

• Oliver Ames High School seniors returned on May 1 for a "Day of KindNess," completing service projects in honor of Devin Ness. Their energy and compassion brought new life to the farm and honored Devin's legacy of helping others. We were fortunate also to have Trista Maccini of the VA Boston Healthcare System's Brockton Campus drop by to talk to the students about the VA's mission to support veterans' mental health.

• Early May also brought a visit from participants in the initial "Pedal Through Time: Exploring History and Nature at Borderland State Park" event to kick off Bike Month as several cyclists stopped by Smith Farm on their ride. Board member and Vice President Marie Kelly greeted the cyclists and spoke about the history and mission of Smith Farm.

• In May and then again in October, Smith Farm welcomed Stonehill's OCIA Program for a day of reflection and discussion for members of the Stonehill College community who were completing their journey in the Catholic faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. With a mission grounded in spirituality, Smith Farm is a welcoming location for all faith backgrounds to host programs, retreats, and reflections in our beautiful location.

• Monthly Tai Chi classes, led by Turo Vince Jornales of Easton Martial Arts, offered free wellness opportunities for all, with special encouragement for Easton-area veterans to participate. These sessions promoted health and wellness through motion and fostered a peaceful, inclusive environment.

• Pilgrim Amateur Wireless Association, based in Eastern Massachusetts, is an active and engaged amateur ham radio club that visits Smith farm monthly as part of the international Parks on the Air (POTA) program. POTA encourages operators to set up portable stations in national, state, and local parks. It blends outdoor adventure with radio communication and emergency preparedness. PAWA and Smith Farm's partnership in supporting monthly POTA programs promotes emergency communication skills, encourages environmental stewardship, and builds global connections among ham operators.

2025 Programs (Clockwise L-R): Day of Kind'Ness, Stonehill OCIA Retreat, Parks on the Air Ham Radio, Tai Chi with Easton Martial Arts, Easton's Bicycle Through Time Event.

• Our community gardens remain a cherished space of peace and respite for all park-goers. The Christine M. Loeber Butterfly Garden, the Devin Ness Memorial Garden, and the Corey Sullivan Memorial Bench are among the most popular spots, offering visitors a place to pause for a snack,

rest, and quiet reflection before continuing their journey through Borderland. We are especially grateful to the Loeber Family and the Christine M. Loeber Foundation for their continued support in preserving and maintaining Christine's garden, as well as their tremendous financial commitments each year to our farmhouse restoration.

4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Event

On September 27, Smith Farm proudly hosted our 4th Annual Veterans Appreciation Event—a heartfelt celebration of service and resilience that reaffirmed our commitment to veterans' healing and community. We extend our gratitude to the community members and business partners who sponsored this year's event, with all proceeds supporting renovations to open the Asahel Smith Farmhouse as a hub for community programs focused on veterans' health and wellness.

Our 2025 Veteran's Appreciation Day sponsors included:

- *Premier*: North Easton Savings Bank, Don Loeber/Christine's Giving Fund, Christine M. Loeber Foundation
- *Gold*: Sharon Credit Union, Wampatuck Country Club Veterans
- *Silver*: Morse Insurance, Balanced Joy, RDM Plumbing and Heating, The Kelly Family, Rich Eastman
- *Bronze*: Ken Licciardo/Advisors Living Real Estate, The Declutterista, David and RosalindBrown, Susan Kehoe, The Frost Family, Burn Boot Camp Sharon, The Cuesta Family
- *Company Partners*: Granite City Electric, Watercourse Solutions, Narsasian Landscaping, F.W. Webb

We are also deeply grateful to the following veteran service organizations and practitioners that came to the event to share more about the programs and resources they offer veterans in our shared community:

- Veteran Hiring Solutions, Sharon VFW Post 7238, Sharon Historical Society, Shilo Spreads Smiles, Easton VFW Post 2547 & American Legion Post 7, Friends of Jennings Hill, VA Boston Medical Center Brockton, and Heart and Soul Holistic Healing Center.

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Financial Summary

Philanthropy is more than financial support — it is what sustains and grows our mission each and every day at Smith Farm. Every gift, whether large or small, represents your trust in the work we do and a shared commitment to making a difference in our community.

In 2025, Smith Farm received $41,347 in cash donations and an additional $9,760.45 in in-kind donations of supplies and materials.

As an all-volunteer board, each and every dollar donated to Smith Farm goes directly to our programs and renovation efforts — providing the operating support we need to maintain our existing facility and the financial resources to support the renovation of our farmhouse.

Thank you for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for helping us build a center for health and wellness that will serve our local community — especially our veterans. We look forward to finding new ways to partner with you as our renovation continues and we look forward to 2026 programs and events!

Sincerely,

The Smith Farm Board of Advisors

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