



photo by Marie Kelly

WHAT'S NEW at SMITH FARM

2021 Annual Report and Update

Smith Farm at Borderland State Park remains grateful to our donors and community partners who support us year-round. Our generous community of benefactors make it possible for us to cover our annual operating expenses while also restoring the Asahel Smith Farmhouse. Thank you for helping us make available the unique setting of Smith Farm to our local community, especially the veterans who benefit from the programs offered on our property.



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Please enjoy learning about our recent activities and milestones...

Fundraising Update

• During Summer 2021, Smith Farm held a **Septic Challenge** to raise funds for the installation of a new septic system. The Septic Challenge was a success – raising more than \$17,000 to match the generous challenge grant of \$15,000 by board members Chris and Marie Kelly. With a \$5,000 donation by North Easton Savings Bank to exceed our goal, Smith Farm is grateful to our generous friends and supporters in this campaign including The Christine Loeber Foundation, the Inner Spark Foundation, Robert & Maura Turner, Fran & Marjorie Kelly, Moreau Hall Elementary School, Dan &



Chrissy DeLoughery, Devin Ingersoll, Dan & Kimberly Wheeler, Robert & Aileen Newton, and Richmond Castano for supporting this very important milestone in the renovation of Smith Farm.

• On a beautiful day last September, the **2021 Smith Farm Golf Tournament** was held in memory of Corey Sullivan, U.S. Army and raised an additional \$5,000 to put toward our next phase of renovations. Golfers, sponsors, and donors alike game together to make this golf outing and raffle a success.

Renovation Update – Asahel Smith Farmhouse

Smith Farm continues to work toward a full and complete restoration of the Asahel Smith Farmhouse to use this historic building on our two-acre grounds for Veteran wellness and community programs.

With exterior renovations nearly completed in 2020, we finished a few final exterior projects in 2021 including the gutters and copper downspouts. The remainder of 2021 was focused on fundraising for the next phase of work — septic, utilities, and interior of the Asahel Smith Farmhouse — in our final push to reopen this historic building as a hub for community health and wellness programs.



Septic work will begin in mid-December with **Watercourse Solutions/Lucas Murphy** taking on this unique challenge and providing us with a generous discount to complete the work within our funding constraints. Thank you, Lucas Murphy! We look forward to sharing updates and progress as Lucas gets started out at Smith Farm. Please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for photos and updates on progress.

We are also working closely with Kevin Allen, Historic Curatorship Program Manager for DCR, to complete water and well work necessary to provide potable drinking water to the Farm. The septic and water installations are critical steps in allowing us to move forward with the Phase III interior work. Soon we will approach Southeastern Regional Vo-Tech and other regional vocational schools to see if any of them are interested in partnering with us on interior work.

Health and Wellness Programs

Smith Farm at Borderland and the Smith Farm Board of Advisors partner with practitioners in the Easton community to deepen our connections and partnerships as we move ahead with programs, events, partnerships, and Asahel Smith Farmhouse renovation efforts.

Ongoing health and wellness partnerships include:

- Serving as an outdoor venue for **Mind Body Barre** (Easton, MA) who hosts yoga and barre classes at Smith Farm. Smith Farm has provided a peaceful outdoor alternative for MBB to host their classes –particularly for those participants who preferred an outdoor class option during the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Turo Vince of Easton Martial Arts** continues to conduct free monthly Tai Chi classes at Smith Farm during the warmer weather months for local residents. Popularity for Vince’s classes has continued to increase with each year – with class sizes topping out at 30+ students each week. Joining our 2021 Tai Chi classes was a gentleman who runs a Vietnam Veteran support group out of West Bridgewater. He brought his colleagues with him to take advantage of the free classes that we offer every second Saturday of the month.



Community Outreach and Events



In August 2021, Smith Farm was thrilled to host a group of ham radio operators from the **Amateur Radio Relay League** for the Parks on the Air program that promotes emergency preparedness and communications from parks throughout the world.

On September 23, a few dozen friends and family members gathered at Smith Farm to dedicate the **Christine M. Loeber Butterfly Garden**. The Christine M. Loeber Foundation was formed in 2018 in honor of Christine

Loeber, who died in March 2018, to further her legacy of helping others, with a specific focus on helping veterans and homeless individuals. The Foundation has generously supported Smith Farm in their efforts to preserve the historic farmhouse on the site and open it as a health and wellness center for organizations serving veterans. Here in Borderland State Park, where Christine loved to walk her dogs, her butterfly garden offers a place of serenity for passersby and Easton residents and will also be enjoyed by veterans who participate in programs at Smith Farm.



Please Consider a Gift to Support Smith Farm

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving, and a terrific opportunity for you to make a difference in your community. This year, please join Smith Farm on **Tuesday, November 30** as we make a commitment with people around the world to raise money for our favorite causes. We ask that you consider a Giving Tuesday gift to support Smith Farm. Smith Farm Board will be creating Facebook Giving campaigns on Giving Tuesday as part of their commitment to match up to \$8 million in qualifying donations. We ask that you make a gift early to one of the campaigns being led by Rich Eastman, Marie and Chris Kelly, and Jack Campbell.

Or, consider setting up your own giving campaign for Smith Farm so that donations can be matched dollar for dollar by Meta. Go to www.facebook.com/help/332488213787105/?helpref=uf_share for more information or follow these instructions to attach Smith Farm as your charity of choice for Giving Tuesday donations:

- On Nov. 30, go to your Facebook page and select the menu button next to your name on your Facebook page.



- Scroll down to the Community Resources section and select Fundraisers.

Community Resources



Climate Science Center

Learn about climate change and its effects.



COVID-19 Information Center

See the latest prevention tips, community resources and updates from health organizations.



Community Help

Get involved in your community by creating a drive, requesting or offering help or volunteering.



Fundraisers

Donate and raise money for nonprofits and personal causes.

- Select the “Select nonprofit” Tab and enter “Smith Farm at Borderland, Inc.”
- Select Smith Farm at Borderland, Inc. from the menu when it appears.
- At left, enter the goal you’d like to achieve (usually \$500 to \$1,000) and enter an end date of Dec. 31, 2021. If you’d like to change the graphic in your fundraiser, you may use any picture from our Facebook site. Then just select “Create” and you’re all set!

All year-round, gifts to Smith Farm at Borderland help restore the Asahel Smith Farmhouse and can be made online through our

website at www.smithfarmheals.org, or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SmithFarmAtBorderland. Checks made out to Smith Farm at Borderland, Inc. can be mailed to P.O. Box 581, North Easton, MA 02356.



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