



November 2020

Dear Friend,

This October, *The Friends of the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead* celebrated its 10th Anniversary as the Farmstead Arts Center. It has been a decade of growth as an art center and a labor of love to preserve a piece of important local history. However, this was not the anniversary celebration we envisioned.

The Pandemic has had an immense impact on our world and on Farmstead Arts. We had to cancel our entire theater season, in-person events and our popular Sunday Concert and Lecture Series. Regretfully, to keep the public safe, we also had to cancel our planned 10th Anniversary Farm-to-Table dinner and concert.

While our buildings have been closed to the public, our talented teachers have continued to offer art classes online. We have hosted online art exhibits, and currently have a ceramics art show up on our website for viewing and sale. Responding to the crisis, the Trustees launched an outdoor, community food drive, *Friends Helping Friends*, to help those who have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

We need your help. Being closed has caused our revenues to significantly drop. Please support our annual appeal by making a contribution and/or renewing your membership. Funds raised will go directly towards operations and will help us re-open Farmstead Arts Center.

In 2021, we will continue working on preservation of the Farmstead and offer practical arts and history, in whatever form that takes. We are optimistically continuing to work on holding the postponed Farm-to-Table Anniversary Celebration and hope to welcome you back to improved access and use of our English Barn, with better parking, sidewalks and a terrace for outdoor activities, all paid for by grant funds.

On behalf of our Board, we are deeply grateful for the support we have received already. Your generous contribution will enable us to continue to serve you and everyone in our community in the years to come.

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- from "**Donor Advised Funds,**" please use our legal name: Friends of the Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead, Inc. and our Tax Exempt # 20-1236442
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