



## Weir Farm Art Alliance Remembers Charles Burlingham, Jr.

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**Charles Burlingham, Jr.**  
1930-2022



**Wilton, CT** – Weir Farm Art Alliance is sad to report that Charles Burlingham, Jr. passed away April 6, 2022. He was the Chair of Weir Farm Art Alliance and Julian Alden Weir's grandson. He was 92 years old.

Charlie Burlingham grew up in New York City, Old Black Point in Niantic, and at Weir Farm. During his youth at the farm, Charlie and his family would grow and preserve vegetables and berries in their WWII victory garden and on weekends they would listen to the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball games. In the winter months they would tap maple trees, and enjoyed radio programs, newspaper comics, and entertaining visiting neighbors by the roaring fire.

His mother, Cora Weir Burlingham, and her husband owned the second house at Weir Farm after Weir's wife, Ella Baker Weir died in 1930. That house is called the Burlingham House and now serves as the Visitor Center of Weir Farm National Historical Park. Charlie's parents renovated and expanded their house during the 1930s and 1940s and it was Cora Burlingham who was a catalyst behind the preservation of Weir Farm. She helped stop development around the pond in the 1960s and her donation of 37 acres to the Nature Conservancy in 1969 initiated the Weir Preserve.

Charlie led the Weir Farm Art Center, now the Weir Farm Art Alliance (WFAA) during the past many decades, during which time Weir Farm became established as the only National Park site dedicated to American painting. During his tenure as the leader of the WFAA, over 100 principal works of art were acquired and donated to the Weir Farm National Historical Park. During this time, WFAA managed the Weir Farm Artist-In-Residence Program and was instrumental in the Artist-In-Residence Studio built in 2010. Charlie was a storyteller, and loved to remember his time at Weir Farm, with all his flavor and enthusiasm: "When I travel up Nod Hill Road and see through the trees the red flash of the houses at Weir Farm beyond those familiar fields...." We will miss Charlie's stories and contributions but know that his legacy will continue to live on through the work of the Weir Farm Art Alliance.

### About Weir Farm Art Alliance

Weir Farm Art Alliance (WFAA) preserves, sustains, and promotes the legacy of American Impressionist painter Julian Alden Weir. The WFAA honors Weir and the continued generations of artists inspired by Weir Farm, most notably sculptor Mahonri Young and landscape painters Sperry and Doris Andrews. WFAA is a private, non-profit organization that is the philanthropic

partner of the Weir Farm National Historical Park.

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