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Wilton, CT – Weir Farm Art Alliance, formerly Weir Farm Art Center, recently adopted its new name in support of its updated mission and broadened impact.

Weir Farm Art Alliance (WFAA) preserves, sustains, and promotes the legacy of American Impressionist painter Julian Alden Weir. WFAA honors Weir and the continued generations of artists inspired by Weir Farm, most notably Mahonri Young and Sperry and Doris Andrews. Through its partnership with Weir Farm National Historic Site, WFAA provides philanthropy and active support for Weir Farm's artistic traditions, historic and cultural landscape, and a nationally recognized artist-in-residence program, for the enjoyment of all.

Beginning in 1988, Weir Farm Heritage Trust, a previous iteration of WFAA, acquired several parcels of land around Weir Farm. The Trust was instrumental in the establishment of Weir Farm National Historic Site (NHS) in 1990 and is referenced in the Weir Farm enabling legislation. Weir Farm NHS, straddling the Ridgefield/Wilton town line, was Connecticut's first National Park and is one of only two National Parks dedicated to art. Most recently, *America the Beautiful Quarters* debuted a Connecticut coin, picturing Weir Farm and artist Julian Alden Weir on the reverse.

Currently, Weir Farm Art Alliance supports Weir Farm National Historic Site by managing the Weir Preserve and the Weir Farm Artist-in-Residence Program, which hosts 10 artists each year that arrive from nearby cities and across the globe. Weir Farm Art Alliance also acquires, and donates to the park, artwork created at the Farm and provides additional support for the Farm's various events and activities throughout the year, as well as promoting and maintaining its presence through printed and online formats.

Weir Farm Art Alliance is committed to its continued vision to preserve the past and prepare for the future. Over the next several months, you'll see and hear more about Weir Farm Art Alliance and its support for the art, nature, and history of Weir Farm. Provided to give context on why this background is relevant

About Weir Farm Art Alliance

Weir Farm Art Alliance is a private non-profit organization that works in partnership with the National Park Service to manage Weir Farm National Historic Site's Artist-in-Residence program. Additionally, Weir Farm Art Alliance helps reunite original works of art with the park and owns the adjoining Weir Preserve. Learn more at www.weirfarmartalliance.org You can also visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/weirfarmartalliance> and on Instagram

[@WeirFarmArtAlliance](#).

About Weir Farm National Historic Site

Visit the home and studio of America's most beloved Impressionist, J. Alden Weir, and walk in the footsteps of a world-class artist. Set against a rural Connecticut landscape that has been painted by thousands of artists from 1882 to the present, Weir Farm is a national legacy of American Impressionism, creativity, and historic preservation. Explore this National Park for Art and experience what Weir described as "The Great Good Place." Learn more at www.nps.gov/wefa and visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WeirFarmNHS, YouTube www.youtube.com/WeirFarmNHS, and Instagram [@WeirFarmNHS](https://www.instagram.com/WeirFarmNHS).

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