



DUDLEY FARM

*2351 Durham Road
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Letter From the Board President

“I am heartened and humbled that so many of you —nearly 6000—visited the Dudley Farm in 2025. Whether you regularly worked your community garden plot, came to see the screech and barn owls, clapped along to bluegrass, or took a tour of the farmhouse kitchen, we are grateful for your engagement. This year we hosted over 300 students who met our sheep and held stone artifacts made by Native Americans thousands of years ago. As we revised our Strategic Plan, we focused our vision statement on the communities we strive to nurture: those interested in social and environmental history, those who appreciate craft practices, and those who are curious about small farms’ role in our food system. Please take this as a personal invitation to join our vibrant community and visit the farm in 2026.”

*Maria Trumpler
President, Dudley Farm Board of Directors*



The Farmhouse Museum & Quinnipiac Dawnland Museum

The Historic Farmhouse Museum and the Quinnipiac Dawnland Museum at Dudley Farm continue to be vibrant centers of learning that provide a connection to the past. This year, the historic Farmhouse welcomed approximately 500 visitors, while the Dawnland Museum engaged nearly 900 visitors.

Both museums continue to grow as rising public interest in local history and Indigenous culture draws more visitors each year. That enthusiasm, paired with the generosity of dedicated donors, provides the vital funding needed to expand exhibits, preserve collections, and deepen educational programming.

Museum tours would not have been possible without our amazing docents. Sharon Bloom, Karen Bonitz, Moira Healey, Aubrey Honer, Monique Nemarich, Gigi Onofrio, Beth Payne, Jim Powers, Lara Slavtcheff, Maria Trumpler, and Kate Zapedka.



Thank you to all our volunteers for sharing your time, expertise, and enthusiasm with our visitors. Your dedication brings our exhibits to life and helps create meaningful experiences for everyone who walks through our doors. We are deeply grateful for you.

- *Kaitlyn Goodwin, Museum Director*

School & Community Outreach

Dudley Farm's field trips are a meaningful highlight for local schools throughout the area: offering hands-on learning that brings history, agriculture, and community to life. Students step into the past as they explore the 19th-century farmhouse, meet farm animals, and engage in activities that deepen their understanding of New England farm life. Each visit supports curriculum goals while inspiring curiosity, connection to nature, and appreciation for local heritage. Dudley Farm welcomed over three hundred students in 2025!

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, Dudley Farm offers engaging and memorable experiences to so many. We thank the community gardeners, Maker's Monday craft group and the Madison Tuesday Painters for their valuable impact on Dudley Farm this past year. Our gardeners add to the beauty of our grounds and help preserve our agricultural heritage. Artisan groups bring creativity, share skills and build a warm sense of community to the yellow Munger Barn each week.



Our collaborations with the Land Trust, Guilford Parks & Recreation, and the Newcomers Club strengthen volunteer engagement, expand educational opportunities, and deepen our connection to the wider Guilford community. Together, these groups enrich the Farm's mission and ensure it remains a welcoming, thriving space for all.

- Kaitlyn Goodwin, Museum Director

Experiencing Historical Crafts

Before 1900, people in the United States made almost all of their own food, clothing, and tools. That we now buy almost all of those things has been a profound change in our economy as well as in our daily lives. The Dudley Farm can bring us back to those experiences with interactive historic craft demonstrations. During summer farmer's markets and at Harvest Day, visitors are able to try their hand at lace making, hand sewing quilts, making wooden handles, weaving baskets, spinning wool, and blacksmithing.

Visitors can experience for themselves how these skills allowed people to make the clothing they wanted that fit their specific bodies. They experienced the deep satisfaction of working with their hands in a useful way. These practices also saved money and recycled materials. They were usually done in community, and we have recreated that with our weekly Makers Monday group which meets to work on sewing, basketmaking, spinning, and knitting in a warm social setting.



Our community gardeners grow heritage vegetables and dahlias using traditional methods, sharing successes and failures with their fellow gardeners. We're grateful to all of the historic craftspeople who offer these demos and to those of you who linger and participate, curious to give it a try."

- Maria Trumpler, Board President

Workshops & Life-long Learning

Thanks to generous community members like you, the Dudley Foundation hosted nearly 20 workshops and special events for the public in 2025, fulfilling our mission as a late 19th century historical, educational and recreational resource to serve the general public.

Late winter/early spring brought maple sugaring demonstrations; wildflower, foraging, and fermenting walks and talks; and conversations with historical objects from our collections. The summer season drew audiences for professional storytelling, healing drum circles, concerts on our lawn, and workshops on traditional herbs, expressive writing, historic American breads, and flintknapping.

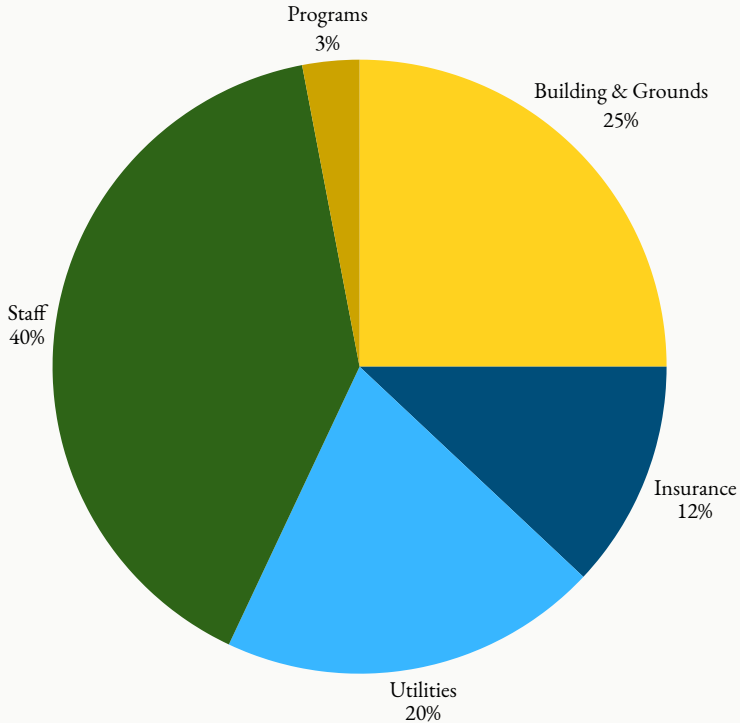


As autumn advanced, the farm hosted our annual Harvest Day with multiple historic crafts being demonstrated to the delight of all ages. A bluegrass concert, raptor demonstration, cemetery tour, and holiday market and museum open house rounded out this truly event-full year.

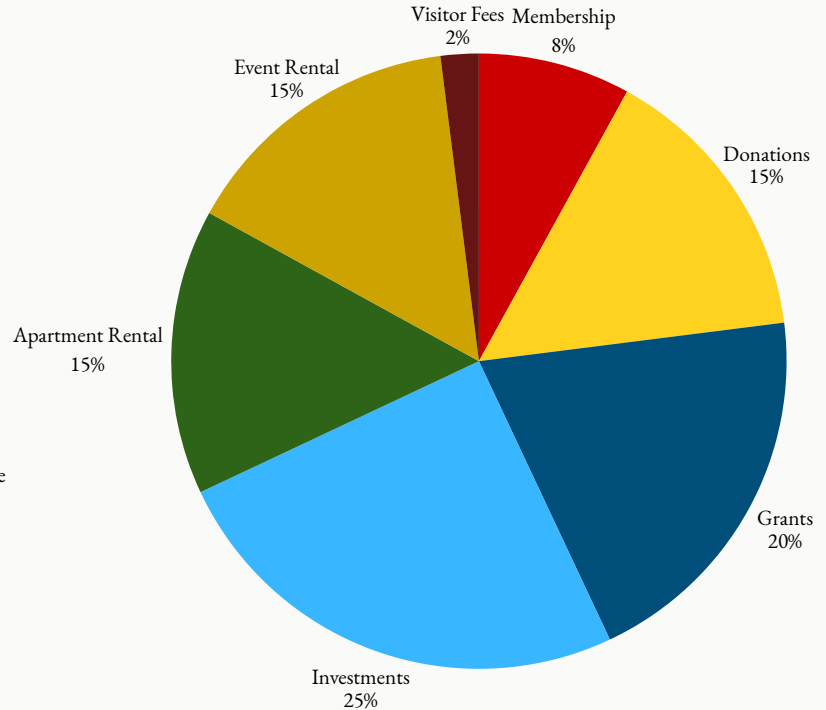
- Mary Norris, Board of Directors

Dudley Farm Financial Report: 2024 - 2025

2024-2025 Expenses:



2024-2025 Income:



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