

Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture is a cultural and culinary centerpiece of the Hudson Valley. This pastoral setting, originally a dairy farm in the 1930's, was bought by John D. Rockefeller and redesigned as a group of Normandy style stone farm buildings. Later, David Rockefeller and his daughter renovated the buildings and created a non-profit in honor of Peggy, David's wife, to be an organization that would connect visitors to the sources of their food.

The 80-acre property features rolling hills, dotted with grazing sheep in fields bordered with crisscrossed stone walls. This scene is reminiscent of a 19th century landscape painting. Walking into the main courtyard will transport you to the French countryside. The centerpiece of this cluster of rustic buildings is home to one of America's highest rated Michelin starred restaurants, Blue Hill at Stone Barns. The chef, Dan Barber, was tasked by David Rockefeller to create a menu of items utilizing everything possible from the farm and when not available, to source those ingredients from local farms and fisherman. Creating a true farm to table experience.

On this tour guests will be treated to an extraordinary program tailored especially for our artists. We will meet with the Education Department and the Art and Ecology Lab with an explanation of their field flowers, kitchen garden, ceramics, botanical dying, leather and fiber arts, as well as a farm & dooryard garden walk. Time permitting, attendees who wish to return to either of these spaces after the tour to sketch are permitted to do so. Alternatively, guests may walk the fields and grounds and take photos of this remarkable estate.