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## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT RITA URBANSKI



If you are like me, I have been keeping my eyes peeled to the window, looking for any signs that spring may be on the way. As soon as I spot the first leaf of a snowdrop, the perking up of my hellebores plant, the faint color change of the branches of the forsythia bushes, the budding of the witch hazel, and the return of the birds, particularly the robins who love to eat the tiny crabapples still clinging to my prairie fire tree, I know it is time for me to don my mud boots and go outside for a closer inspection of my yard. This springtime trip is necessary to validate the passing of another winter and fill me with the hope of things to come.

It is hard to believe that my first year as your president is quickly

passing and the next national meeting is on the horizon. My board and I have been diligently working to improve communication, to effectively use the funds available for our many endeavors, to look at our future, and to urge as many members as possible to play a part in this future no matter how big or small.

First, I would like to suggest to each and every branch president that you try to get at least one representative of your club to the national meeting. I often hear from presidents that their members don't know what national does. I invite all of you to come and see for yourself. If you are a first time attendee and would like us to pay your registration fee, there is a fund made available by donations of members for this purpose. Ask the National Meeting Registrar Joette Kunse about the Angel Fund when you sign up. Her contact information is on the registration form.

We will be voting on a bylaw change at the meeting. The requirement for the vice president to have served on the national board for two years is going to be changed to include two years on the Division level or as a branch president. It is harder to get people willing to lead and the requirement was too limiting. There we will be providing an update on the current status of the scholarships and fellowships. I am often asked what donations national accepts. Help us continue to educate young people in horticulture either by a donation from your branch or a personal donation.

Civic service is an endeavor that many of the branches participate in. Whether you are planting boxes on main street, courtyards at schools, or city parks, beautifying our surrounding world is something we can all add to. The Hazel Herring Fund was established in the name of a lovely woman who was an active member of WNF&GA for many years. You can submit an application for these funds to help finance your project. See the web site.

On the International level, the Frysinger Project became a reality last year, transferring money from what use to be the Frysinger Exchange to supporting a project of the ACWW. We will again this year find a project to support. Whether or not this project continues will depend on your interest and support. As long as we have funds, we will help women of the world lead a better life. In conjunction with this organization, some of our branches collect Pennies For Friendship. This money helps with the administration and monitoring of these projects. Over \$2000 was sent to them this year.

I want to thank all of you for your hard work and service to our organization. Many hands make the job easier and if you would like to get more involved I will gladly discuss possibilities with you. Let's talk at the National Meeting in Cincinnati. See you there!

*Rita*

## *Nora Tebben Tribute 2017*

We are pleased and honored to pay tribute to Nora Tebben with distinction of “National Floral Arts Judge Emeritus” Nora is a distinguished member of the Bloomfield Hills and Lapeer Wildflowers Branches of Michigan Division, Woman’s National Farm & Garden Association.

Nora is the longest standing member of the Michigan Division. She has been a member of the Bloomfield Hills Branch since the late 1940’s. The family moved from suburban Detroit in 1954 to rural farm life in Dryden, Michigan. In 1979, The Huntsman Club was



developed and is recognized today as one of the outstanding hunt clubs in the Country. In 2004, Nora, along with a group of friends, was motivated to organize another branch of the Michigan Division naming it Lapeer Wildflowers.

Over the years, Nora has been passionate in promoting a floral arts program, incorporating a school for judges along with flower shows on local, state and national levels. Her knowledge and skill have left an imprint on many members who have participated in workshops and in demonstrations of the art of floral design.

It is Nora’s desire that members become inspired to continue branch, division and national floral workshops and flower shows. Nora has encouraged members to consider eligibility for participation in a floral arts judging program. She has inspired many members to develop their “green thumbs” and creativity. She also encourages “tricks of the trade” to be shared in many workshops!

THANK YOU, NORA, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO

***WOMAN’S NATIONAL FARM & GARDEN ASSOCIATION***

AND TO THE PROMOTION OF THE FLORAL ARTS PROGRAM.

### Roundup and Glyphosate

The main active ingredient in Monsanto's weed killer, Roundup, is glyphosate. It is the most produced and most widely used herbicide in the world. Glyphosate works by preventing plants from making the proteins they need to survive. But how safe is glyphosate?

Monsanto introduced glyphosate in 1974 as the main ingredient in its weed killer, Roundup. The company's last patent for glyphosate expired in 2000 but Monsanto still makes billions on its sale. In 2015, the company made nearly \$1.9 billion in gross profits from herbicide products, mostly Roundup.

Farmers use glyphosate because many of their crops have been genetically modified to resist the chemical. These *Roundup Ready* crops tolerate glyphosate, allowing it to be sprayed across entire fields of corn, soybeans, canola, alfalfa or cotton, to kill weeds while allowing the crops to survive. The first Roundup Ready crops were introduced by Monsanto in 1996.

In 1985, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) committee determined that Roundup might cause cancer. Six years later, in

1991, the EPA reversed that finding. Most recently, in March 2015, the World Health Organization through their International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) declared that glyphosate "probably" causes cancer in humans. The IARC looks at a very narrow question: whether a substance or behavior might cause cancer under some circumstances, even if those circumstances are unlikely to occur. It does not weigh the benefit versus the risks of a chemical, leaving that up to national regulators. The IARC's current position and the reversal by the EPA decades ago indicate how difficult and political such findings can be.

Monsanto insists the product is safe when used as directed. The EPA has been reviewing the scientific data and in September 2016 published a paper which found that the strongest support is for "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans" at doses relevant to human health risk assessment.

The EPA scheduled Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) meetings, to examine the human impact of Roundup, for October 2016 but the meetings were postponed after intense lobbying by the agricultural industry. CropLife America, which represents pesticide manufacturers, formulators and distributors, questioned the necessity of the meetings and insisted that if held, the meetings should exclude several leading

international experts including "any person who has publicly expressed an opinion regarding the carcinogenicity of glyphosate."

In this controversy, the industry has as much at stake as does the public. Glyphosate has spawned 20 years of genetically modified crops and future sales of both the chemical and the Roundup resistant crop seeds are at risk due to mounting concerns that glyphosate may cause cancer and other diseases.

To further complicate things, a recent study focused on the impact of "inert ingredients" included in Roundup formulations. Inert ingredients are not named on the herbicide labels, are tricky to identify and are not regulated. Manufacturers are required to disclose "active" ingredients but can hide the identity of inert ingredients. This initial study found that the inert chemicals were between 1,200 and 2,000 times more toxic to cells than glyphosate, officially the active ingredient in Roundup.

Although scientific data related to the safety of Roundup may be subject to conflicting interpretations, a reasonable person might ask,

"Should we  
not invoke the Precautionary  
Principle?"

Precautionary Principle

*When the health of humans and the environment is at stake, it may not be necessary to wait for scientific certainty to take protective action.*

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A praying mantis on an aster

## Natural Alternatives to Roundup

In view of the current controversy over the toxicity of both active and inactive ingredients in Roundup, the home gardener may want to explore some natural alternatives to weed killing. Acetic acid, fatty acids and essential oils can act as herbicides to “burn down” the weeds. These homemade remedies do not have surfactants, like the polyethoxylated tallowamine (POEA) in Roundup, to carry the vinegar to the roots. As a result, the weeds may grow back in a few weeks and it may be necessary to retreat.

- Acetic acid, or vinegar, causes chemical burns which damages the foliage until the leaves are gone. However, the vinegar attacks only the leaves.
- Fatty acids, often in the form of soaps, will work in a similar manner to vinegar. Soon after the first application, the soap becomes inactive and reapplication may be necessary.
- Essential oils have not proven to be highly effective killing weeds because they become inactive before they have fully interacted with the plants.

Be aware that any overspray will kill all plants, so shield wanted plants from the natural herbicide mixture. The recipes and products presented below must be sprayed on actively growing weeds; they are not pre-emergents. Spray on a sunny, hot, dry day for best results.

Here is a commonly suggested herbicide recipe:

spray bottle

½ cup salt

one gallon vinegar- look for vinegar with more than 5% acidity as higher acidity yields better results

¼ cup dishwashing liquid

Mix the ingredients and fill the spray bottle. The recipe can be doubled or tripled.

Commercial products available at quality nurseries or through mail order include:

Herbicidal soaps- look for “potassium salts of fatty acids” on the label

Garden’s Alive- *Weed Aside*

Concern’s- *Fast Acting Weed Killer*

Vinegar- stronger than the standard 5% solution

St. Gabriel Lab- *Burn Out Weed Killer*

Summer Set’s- *All Down Organic Herbicide*

Avenger Organics’- *Weed Killer*

Other weed killing methods:

Weed Flamers

kills annual weeds immediately

may require a second treatment for perennial weeds

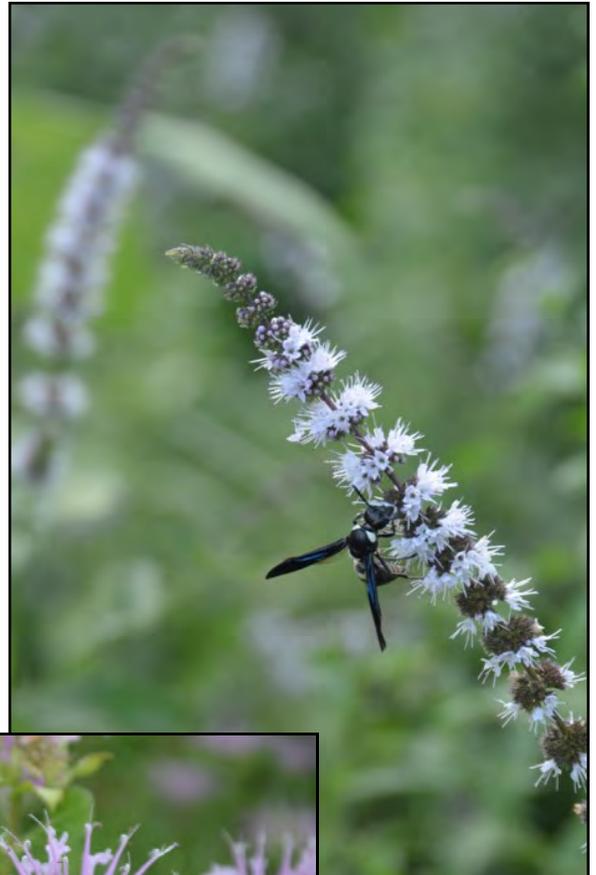
Note: Be careful not to burn yourself or set dry brush or mulch on fire. Always wear protective footwear and have a primed garden hose ready in case of emergency. Never burn poison ivy, oak, sumac or similar plants.

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A honeybee on a snowdrop



A wasp on mint flowers



A bee on monarda

### Use of Pesticides and Herbicides in the Garden

*A* very popular topic among conservationists and gardeners across our country is the protection of pollinators. Also there is the ever present concern over the decline of the Monarch butterfly. Besides loss of habitat affecting the butterflies, the use of certain pesticides and herbicides is also affecting invertebrates. Add to this climate change and invasive species, our pollinators have a great deal of adversaries. How can we, as home gardeners, help?

First of all, practice Integrated Pest Management or IPM. This means to use thoughtful consideration in ceding the best practice of dealing with pests. A wide scale spray of a dangerous chemical is harmful to beneficial insects as well as the pests you are trying to control. Consider non-chemical methods of pest

control, such as hand picking off critters, or growing plants that are less susceptible to pests and disease. Tea Roses, for example, tend to need more treatment for a host of problems, while the newer, hardier rose introductions might be a better choice.

One group of pesticides, the neonicotinoids, (also called neonics), stand out as a major contributing factor to the catastrophic loss of bees. These pesticides are systemic and are absorbed and taken up by the plant, ending up in all plant tissues, include the nectar and pollen that is collected by pollinators. Seeds, fruits and leaves that may be eaten by animals and birds are also affected. The products are also applied as soil trenches where they may persist for many years, killing earthworms and other important beneficial organisms in the soil.

Neonics are the world's most commonly used insecticides.

They are heavily used in US agriculture, with the

majority of seed used by US farmers coated with neonics. The chemical is also applied directly to crops as foliar sprays. Urban use is even greater with neonics commonly found in products used to treat grass, trees, shrubs and flowers. Since the nurseries that grow our bedding plants use these chemicals too, we transport them into our soil when we use purchased plants.

Herbicides, pesticides for weeds, often contain a chemical called glyphosate. This is the main ingredient in Round-Up, a commonly used herbicide. In recent years, Round-Up has come under a great deal of criticism. After reading information from the EPA and universities such as Cornell University, there is mixed evidence of harm to pollinators, animals, birds, fish or humans. However, there are other means of weed control.

The use of mulch, hand pulling, corn gluten, and other organic products would be a better choice. Of course, your choice of means to

eradicate weeds comes down to how large a weed problem you are dealing with in your Garden.

If using a product with glyphosate, made sure to apply it according to all product directions. GMO crops have been genetically altered to be tolerant of glyphosate. Thus, fields may be sprayed with weed killer without harm to the crop. This is one of the major problems with the decline of monarchs, as the weed killers eliminate common milkweeds that would normally appear in and around farm fields and hedgerows.

Hopefully, with more knowledge, you will be more thoughtful in your choices when dealing with plant pests and diseases. The less chemicals used the better for all of us, human and insect.

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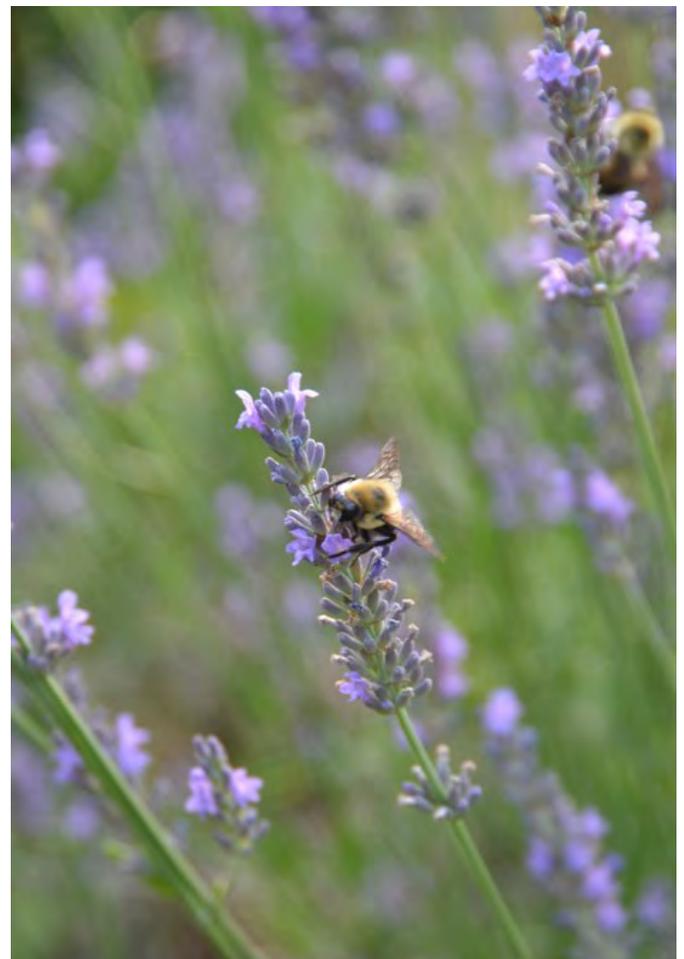
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Neonicotinoids are

Neonicotinoids are the most widely used insecticides in the world. But they've been linked to the decline of honeybees, which pollinate many food crops. And scientists now say neonicotinoids also harm many terrestrial, aquatic, and marine invertebrates. These pervasive insecticides damage sea urchin DNA, suppress the immune systems of crabs, and affect the tunneling and reproductive behavior of earthworms. They kill off insects that many birds, amphibians, and reptiles rely on for food. "We are witnessing a threat to the productivity of our natural and farmed environment equivalent to that posed by organophosphates or DDT," says Dr. Jean Marc Bonmatin, the lead author of an October 2014 report by the international Task Force on Systemic Pesticides. DDT was banned in 1972 due to both environmental and human health concerns.

Read more on the Earth Focus blog: "[Poison Is Big Business](#)" by Miles Benson  
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A wasp on mint flowers

## MEETING DETAILS

### Cincinnati, Ohio and Homewood & Hampton Hotels Welcome WNF&GA Members

Cincinnati has a long and interesting history as well as charming and diverse attractions. The WNF&GA's 103rd annual meeting will showcase some of the Queen City's finest features. Please join your fellow Farm & Garden members from May 17 – 21, 2017. Drive, fly or take the bus (from southeast Michigan/northern Ohio) and stay at the 1926 Art Deco / Art Modern Cincinnati Enquirer newspaper building. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 and repurposed as two beautiful Hilton brand hotels – Homewood Suites (with 100 rooms) and Hampton Inn & Suites (with 144 rooms) – in 2015. Hotel management has offered to take a limited number of WNF&GA attendees on a hotel tour. Details will follow.

Obtain the WNF&GA's special rates by reserving your hotel room no later than April 21, 2017, 11:59 pm. Hampton rates range from \$175 to \$195 per night (three room style choices). The Homewood rate is \$199 per night (one room style only). Sales tax and service charges will be added. Breakfast buffets are included in the room cost.

Register for the meeting through April 17, 2017. See the registration form on page 13 for details.

Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites  
617 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202  
513-354-2440 513-354-2430

### **2017 Woman's National Farm and Garden Association Annual Meeting Not quite so far but a lot to see in Cincinnati, Ohio !**

**Depart May 17 Return May 21, 2017**

This year our WNF&GA National Meeting will take us to Cincinnati, Ohio. We will stay at a historic hotel the combined Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn on Vine Street.

Cincinnati is known for their Park Systems. Plans are being made to visit many of them and may include a couple private gardens and a cemetery!

Our bus ride will only be approximately 5 hours. We will start in Troy with pick-up points planned as needed. The bus is FUN, please plan to join us. If you drive, the hotel will be charging \$25 a night to park your car.

Please put the dates on your calendar and come join the fun we always have at the Annual Meeting!

The cost will be \$140. The deposit will be \$70. Please get your deposit in to reserve your seat on the bus. The final payment of \$70 will be due on April 1, 2017.

**NO REFUNDS PLEASE**

#### **Cincinnati Ohio Bus Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Make a deposit of \$70 payable to: National Meeting Fund with "bus deposit" on the memo line.

Send check and a copy of this form to: Helen Jositas, 2834 Shannon Drive, Oakland, MI 48363 248-766-2300  
or email rjositas@aol.com

**WNF&GA National Meeting – Registration Form  
Cincinnati, Ohio – May 17-21, 2017**

Complete a separate registration form for each member & guest. **NOTE:** Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.  
Homewood Suites & Hampton Inn & Suites, 617 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> national meeting? Yes No I'm a (check one) Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Arriving by (check one): Air \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date & time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rooming with \_\_\_\_\_ OR Need a roommate? Yes No  
 Check one: No dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ List all dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE**

The hotel breakfast buffet is included in the room charge.  
All other activities are included in the registration fee unless otherwise indicated.

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum  
Krohn Conservatory & box lunch; *Majestic Monarch* exhibit  
Historic riverboat sightseeing cruise  
Flower Arranging Workshop (see OPTIONAL below)  
Dinner on your own – **NOT INCLUDED**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

Annual meeting session II – Homewood & Hampton Hotels  
Findlay (farmers) Market & Over the Rhine shopping area  
Lunch on your own – **NOT INCLUDED**  
Smale Riverfront Park & Carol Ann's Carousel  
Dinner & Silent Auction  
"A 1933 Rainforest Under Glass; Honoring the History but Keeping it Current" – Andrea Schepmann

<b>National Meeting Registration Fee</b>	=	<b>\$ <u>240.00</u></b>
OPTIONAL Flower Arranging Workshop (\$5 - first 12 who sign up)	=	_____
OPTIONAL Donation to the National Arboretum Internship Fund (any amount)	=	_____
Add required \$25 late fee <b>AFTER</b> April 17, 2017.	=	_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	=	<b>\$ _____</b>

Make check payable to **WNF&GA National Meeting Fund**

**Driving in Cincinnati? You may incur parking fees.**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

Hotel and meeting check-in  
Light supper  
**SHREK** evening performance at the Aronoff Center

**Friday, May 19, 2017**

Annual meeting session I – Civic Garden Center  
Presentation by CGC horticulturist Bennett O. Dowling  
Box lunch & Hauck Park self-tour  
Tour of private Cincinnati gardens  
Dinner at Newport Landing, KY  
"Building a Garden" – Linda Kreidler

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

Bus departs from hotel at 8:30 am  
Bus and car passengers visit A.J. Rahn Greenhouse  
(opening one hour early at 9:00 am for WNF&GA)

**NEW IN 2017:** Charge your registration fee to any major credit card. Additional fee will be required. For charge details, and to mail the completed registration form contact and check to national meeting registrar, Joette Kunse, 9740 Reese Rd. Clarkston, MI 48348, jkhorses@comcast.net OR 248-620-2984. Include "Cincinnati" in the subject line.  
Meeting questions?  
Contact Mary Schwark:  
248-593-6182 OR schwark@aol.com  
  
NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.  
Late fees apply AFTER April 17, 2017.

**Interested in a Reds game or stadium tour? Let us know.**

**Not taking the bus? If space remains, a \$15 fee paid at Cincinnati meeting check-in saves you a bus seat from May 18 thru 20. First come; first served.**

# MEETING DETAILS

## Wednesday evening, May 17

**The Aronoff Center for the Arts – Jarson-Kaplan Theater.** Approximately one block from our hotel, the center features several theatres and the Weston Art Gallery. It was designed by architect Cesar Pelli and was built in 1995. We will attend a performance of Cincinnati Music Theatre's Shrek The Musical. A light supper at the hotel is included and will be available from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. WEBSITES: [www.cincinnati-musictheatre.org](http://www.cincinnati-musictheatre.org) AND [www.cincinnatiarts.org/aronoff](http://www.cincinnatiarts.org/aronoff) (Scroll to SEE ALL EVENTS)

## Thursday morning, May 18

**Historic Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum,** a National Historic Landmark. Beautiful Spring Grove is America's second largest cemetery and arboretum. It consists of 733 acres with over 44 miles of paved roadways. Bus tour with a docent onboard plus additional time to explore on foot. WEBSITE: [www.springgrove.org](http://www.springgrove.org) (Select: Our Grounds...Spring Grove Cemetery...About)

## Midday, Thursday, May 18

**Krohn Conservatory & their special 2017 butterfly exhibit:** The Majestic Monarch. Within Eden Park, the Art Deco conservatory was built in 1933 & contains 3,500 plant species from around the world, a rainforest waterfall, exotic plants in the Palm, Tropical, Desert & Orchid Houses. Wheelchair accessible. Box lunch included. WEBSITE: [www.cincinnati-parks.com/Krohn-Conservatory](http://www.cincinnati-parks.com/Krohn-Conservatory)

## Thursday afternoon, May 18

**Historic Cincinnati Sightseeing Cruise – B & B Riverboats,** Newport Landing, KY  
1 ½ hour sightseeing tour on the Ohio River with historic commentary. Cash bar and snacks. WEBSITE: [www.bbriverboats.com](http://www.bbriverboats.com)

## Thursday afternoon/evening, May 18

**Flower Arranging Workshop.** Coordinated by Sue Vette - See registration form for details.

**Thursday evening, May 18 - Dinner on your own.**

## Friday morning, May 19

**Civic Garden Center – Annual Meeting Session I .** The CGC's mission is to build community through gardening, education and environmental stewardship. The CGC is part of the Cincinnati Park Board's Hauck Botanic Garden, and is located on Cornelius J. Hauck's former estate. In its early days, the estate was surrounded by coal-burning factories, thus its "Sooty Acres" nickname. Presentation on "Sooty Acres" by CGC horticulturist Bennett O. Dowling. Box lunch included. WEBSITES: [www.civicgardencenter.org](http://www.civicgardencenter.org) AND [www.civicgardencenter.org/gardens/hauck-botanic-gardens/](http://www.civicgardencenter.org/gardens/hauck-botanic-gardens/)

## Friday afternoon, May 19

### Private Garden Tour

## Friday evening, May 19

**Dinner & Speaker - Newport Landing, KY.** Linda Kreidler, designer of the private gardens visited in the afternoon – Presentation: Building a Garden

## Saturday morning, May 20

### Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites – Annual Meeting Session II

## Saturday all day, May 20

### Cincinnati Bell Connector

Not your parents' streetcar! Five sleek Connectors, owned by the City of Cincinnati, follow a 3.6-mile north/south loop at regular intervals, with 18 station stops between the Cincinnati riverfront and Findlay Market. Each car is 77.5' long x 8.7' wide and each carries 154 passengers: 38 seated and 116 standing. In August 2016, Cincinnati Bell began a \$3.4 million 10-year named sponsorship of the streetcar. Two stops (both northbound & southbound) at the Aronoff Center are near our hotels. All attendees will receive May 20 one-day Connector passes. The passes will provide independent travel opportunities on that date. WEBSITE: [cincinnati-bellconnector.com](http://cincinnati-bellconnector.com)

**Lunch on your own.** WEBSITE: [www.findlaymarket.org](http://www.findlaymarket.org) NOTE: Travel on your own, by WNF&GA bus or by Connector pass.

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### **Saturday afternoon, May 20**

Explore the area surrounding the **Findlay Market**. It was first settled by Germans and later by immigrants from Ireland and England. Consisting of 360 acres, the historic neighborhood of compact streets features 19th century architecture. OTR is rebounding as a shopping district. The Music Hall is home to the Cincinnati Symphony, Cincinnati Pops & Cincinnati Opera.

NOTE: Travel on your own, by WNF&GA bus or by Connector pass.

WEBSITES: [otrchamber.com/pages/NeighborhoodHistory](http://otrchamber.com/pages/NeighborhoodHistory) AND [otrchamber.com/pages/Tours](http://otrchamber.com/pages/Tours)

### **Saturday afternoon, May 20**

#### **Smale Riverfront Park**

The new park was planned, developed and built under the leadership of the Cincinnati Park Board. Initial funding was provided by John G. Smale (1927-2011) in honor of his late wife. The park extends from Great American Ball- park (Cincinnati Reds) on the east, to Paul Brown Stadium (Cincinnati Bengals) on the west, passing under the John R. Roebling Suspension Bridge (see below).

NOTE: Travel on your own, by WNF&GA bus or by Connector pass.

WEBSITE: [mysmaleriverfrontpark.org](http://mysmaleriverfrontpark.org) (includes interesting 9-minute Smale Riverfront Park Travelogue video)

### **Saturday afternoon, May 20**

**John R. Roebling Suspension Bridge**, a National Historic Landmark. From Smale Riverfront Park, look up and across the Ohio River. Construction of the bridge, designed by John R. Roebling, began in 1856. At its opening on January 1, 1867, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world until its length was surpassed by the Roebling-designed Brooklyn Bridge, which opened in 1883. WEBSITE: [cincinnatiusa.com/things-to-do/attractions/roebbling-suspension-bridge](http://cincinnatiusa.com/things-to-do/attractions/roebbling-suspension-bridge)

### **Saturday afternoon, May 20**

**Carol Ann's Carousel** at Smale Riverfront Park. Opened in 2015 and built by Carousel Works of Mansfield, OH, the 46' diameter carousel and the 70' x 90' glass building which houses it, were funded by \$5 million from the Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation. Carousel tickets are included. NOTE: Return to hotels on your own, by WNF&GA bus or by Connector pass. WEBSITE: [mysmaleriverfrontpark.org/carousel.htm](http://mysmaleriverfrontpark.org/carousel.htm) (includes an interesting 3-minute video of the carousel's construction plus photos and names of all 44 carved characters)

### **Saturday evening, May 20**

#### **Dinner, Silent Auction & Speaker** – Homewood Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites

Andrea Schepmann, General Manager, Krohn Conservatory – Presentation: A 1933 Rainforest Under Glass; Honoring the History but Keeping it Current.

#### **Graeter's Ice Cream.** Visit on your own on date and time of your choice

The ice cream company is operated by the Graeter family's 4th generation. For over a century, the company has hand-crafted 2 ½ - gallon batches of ice cream – including many unique flavors – via the French Pot Process. Their closest retail outlet is at Fountain Square (see below), only a few blocks south of our hotels. All meeting attendees will receive Graeter's gift cards to use at their discretion while in Cincinnati. WEBSITE: [www.graeters.com](http://www.graeters.com)

#### **Fountain Square.** Visit on your own on date and time of your choice

The venue, close to our hotels, has long been the symbolic center of Cincinnati. The square was redesigned in 1970 and renovated in 2005. Public restrooms are open daily from 6:00 am – 11:00 pm and they're said to be cleaned and restocked every 30 minutes. The Tyler Davidson Fountain was dedicated in 1871 and restored in 2000. Each year it operates from the Saturday before Major League Baseball's opening day until late November/early December.

WEBSITE: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fountain\\_Square,\\_Cincinnati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fountain_Square,_Cincinnati) (for an interesting history of the square)

### **Sunday, May 21, 9:00 – 10:00 am**

#### **A.J. Rahn Greenhouses**

In 2016, Cincinnati's City Beat magazine voted A.J. Rahn the best nursery and plant store in town. The Rahn family business has operated for 126 years - for the last 102 years, in the same location! The Rahns describe it as "more than 100,000 square feet of growing space in our traditional, historic glass greenhouses." Susan Rahn, one of the two co-owners and chief executive officers, is part of the 5th generation to run their grower-retailer business. They focus on color, annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetable plants. Susan has kindly offered to open one hour early on Sunday, May 21, for meeting attendees heading out of town, either on the WNF&GA bus or in their own vehicles.

WEBSITE: [ajrahn.com](http://ajrahn.com)

*For those who like to be prepared. There's much to learn on the venues' websites!*

# MEETING DETAILS

## GUEST SPEAKERS



Civic Garden Center Horticulturist **Bennett Dowling** Talks “Sooty Acres”.

Bennett Dowling will be our speaker on Friday morning, May 19, following Session I of our Annual Meeting. His topic, “Sooty Acres,” will focus on Civic Garden Center and its location within Hauck Park. Together they occupy land donated to the city by Cornelius Hauck. Bennett will explain the “Sooty Acres” nickname.

The following information comes from the Civic Garden Center’s website:

“Bennett O. Dowling oversees maintenance and development of Hauck Botanic Garden and the Civic Garden Center grounds, including the Green Learning Station. He coordinates the Horticultural Helpline in conjunction with the Volunteer Coordinator. He works with the Horticulture Committee and acts as the horticultural resource for the organization. Bennett works on the grounds with volunteer groups and individuals who are meeting community service requirements.

“Bennett has dual bachelor’s degrees in urban & regional planning and in geography from Miami University (of Ohio), with a minor in landscape architecture. Previously he worked at Denny McKeown’s Bloomin’ Garden Center and, in 2006, was an intern in the horticulture department at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. He can be reached via email at: [bdowling@civicgardencenter.org](mailto:bdowling@civicgardencenter.org).

### Landscape Designer Linda Kreidler Will Present “Building a Garden”

Linda Kreidler will be our after-dinner speaker on Friday evening, May 19, at Newport Landing, Kentucky. To know Linda’s email address – which begins with “ilovegreen” – is to understand her evolution from graphic designer to landscape designer. A quest for education led Linda to the Art Academy of Cincinnati. There, four full-tuition scholarships allowed her to pursue majors in photography and graphic design. After 17 years as a successful art director and designer – receiving many awards and commissioned exhibits along the way – Linda transitioned from one version of self-employment, Kreidler Graphic Design, to another.

For well over two decades, the world of commercial and residential landscape design has benefitted from Linda’s creativity, training and discerning eye. Professionally she is known as Kreidler Design ([www.kreidlerdesign.com](http://www.kreidlerdesign.com)) and Kreidler Design/Pairi-Daeza.

In Linda’s own words: “I loved to garden throughout my childhood. I worked on every Girl Scout badge which involved horticulture and I studied college-level botany during my senior year of high school.

“In the garden design business, I have managed installation for commercial and residential projects; have become capable in administration, budgeting, managing volunteers and paid workers; have used hardscape, irrigation, lighting, drainage and plant material in earth-friendly ways; have handled ‘baby’ budgets and ones over \$100,000. All have been fun, exciting and ultimately learning, creative experiences.

“In 2010, I began ‘Farm Your Yard,’ helping people grow their own food in their own yards, concentrating on all edible landscapes and always stressing organic sustainable gardening techniques. In the summer of 2011, I began producing a radio program – Digging In, Getting Dirty in the Garden – for an all-volunteer local radio station. I produced 54 weekly segments. One of the most enjoyable aspects of those programs was interviewing all the wonderful people who gave their time to be guests on the show.”



## MEETING DETAILS



### A 1933 Rainforest Under Glass; Honoring the History but Keeping It Current.

One of the centerpieces of WNF&GA's national meeting in Cincinnati will be our Thursday visit to the Krohn Conservatory and The Majestic Monarch, their 2017 special butterfly exhibit. Krohn director Andrea Schepmann says, "Developing, designing and presenting the butterfly show each year is one of the highlights of my work. I enjoy the opportunity to meet people from around the world and the connections I have made through managing the purchase of butterflies and learning how the USDA permitting process works." She acquires the conservatory's pupae from domestic and international suppliers, and each year she facilitates their handling to achieve the successful rearing of 10,000 adults.

Andrea's many additional responsibilities include blockbuster show development and representation to the media, plus management of the following: personnel, exhibits, volunteers, events, budget and sponsorships. She represents Cincinnati Parks and Krohn

Conservatory to daily visitors through programming and marketing.

Built in Eden Park in 1933, Krohn Conservatory features walls of aluminum and glass, and its Art Deco influence is evident. Featured are a rainforest waterfall and special houses for palm trees, tropical plants, desert plants and orchids. Who better to share the conservatory's long history, along with her own broad experience, than someone who has worked for Cincinnati Parks for 32 years, first as a horticulturist, and then, since 1997, as Krohn's director? Andrea Schepmann studied at Cincinnati State College, The Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati and North Carolina State University. Personally, Andrea is very interested in the cultural connections of how people use their plant resources for food, for health and for living in general. She loves orchids. She will be our after-dinner speaker on Saturday evening, May 20!

## WNF&GA National Annual Meeting Call to Meeting Notice

Please allow this announcement to serve as notice to all registered members of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association that the 2017 National Annual Meeting will be held from May 17 – 21, 2017 in Cincinnati Ohio.

The business sessions of the meeting are scheduled for the mornings of Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, for the purpose of any and all business matters of the organization brought before the Executive Board and general membership attending.

A full business meeting agenda will be available on the WNF&GA website at [www.wnfga.org](http://www.wnfga.org) after April 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

Rita Urbanski

WNF&GA NATIONAL PRESIDENT

## WNF&GA ANGEL FUND

### Angel Fund

Never been to a National Meeting before? Want to see what we are all about? Now is the time to join us in Cincinnati. As an added incentive to first time attendees, WNFGA will cover your registration fees through the angel fund. The fund was established many years ago and continues through donations by members. Contact the meeting registrar to get the details if you are thinking of attending. (See registration form.) Hope to see you in the Queen City!

**Pre-Cincinnati Exercise:** Bend your right elbow so that all five fingers of your right hand are together and pointing straight up. Keeping your elbow and forearm as still as possible, rotate your wrist and hand from side to side several times. Repeat with your left hand. There! Now you're trained like a royal and ready to greet Cincinnati, aka "The Queen City."

## MEETING DETAILS

### SILENT AUCTION Silent Auction in the Queen City

Bev Gustwiller and other members of the Ohio Dooryard Branch have kindly agreed to host the 2017 National Meeting Silent Auction fundraiser in Cincinnati on Saturday evening, May 20. Do you have a few lonely royal jewels, crowns, tiaras or other queenly possessions in your vault? Would you like to donate them to the Silent Auction for WNF&GA? Of course, not everything has to come from “upstairs.”

Nice “downstairs” items are equally welcome! Be sure to take your upstairs / downstairs contributions to Cincinnati and pass them along to Bev and her committee members as soon as possible after your arrival. They will need time to process all treasures for the auction. And please do not hesitate to offer your preparation assistance during your stay at the hotel. A few extra sets of hands may be just what the queen will need to request! The Silent Auction will be ongoing before, during, and after Saturday night’s dinner and speaker. The queen and her ladies-in-waiting will be in their “counting house, counting out the money” (and accepting your checks) at the end of the evening. Questions? Contact Bev Gustwiller:  
[bev@gustwillers.com](mailto:bev@gustwillers.com)

### *Floral Arts*

**KUDOS** to the dedicated women of the Tri County Branch, New York Division for their yearly Standard Flower Show.

If Branches devoted a meeting to a “stress free” flower show, as does Sandy Hill, NY, by merely displaying the basic designs plus horticulture specimens this would create a comfort zone. Following a few principles of design, your apprehensions would subside allowing advancement to the next level.

At Nashville I proposed a committee be formed to rewrite the Standing Rules under Floral Arts, as it stands it requires a Judge to oversee the position. No one responded to my article in search of members who might attend Judges school. A new format needs to be devised and Davene Brown's has merit. The committee needs positive and enthusiastic ideas in order to progress. We want your input, don't leave it up to the next person.

We are looking at possibilities to stimulate floral education. Potentials could be National, Division and Branch programs or separate Branch group, as Rochester, MI has composed of those who have the mutual desire to arrange. Strive to renew your Branch's interest its an opportunity to showcase individual artistry and horticulture knowledge.

**JOIN US**, let spring's simple sweetness inspire you to transform the National Council Meeting's dinner table into a floral tapestry. The floral arts workshop will take place late afternoon following Thursday's outings, more details forthcoming. Containers, fresh material and mechanics will be supplied just bring *your own sharp knife and tools*. This class is prepaid, only those who are registered will be able to attend. Please refer to the registration form. Space is limited to 12 attendees.

Sue Vette. [Susanvette@att.net](mailto:Susanvette@att.net)

## Proposed Change to Woman's National Farm & Garden Bylaws

Every term it becomes harder to find members willing to serve on the national board. We saw this issue come up at the national meeting last June in Nashville. The circumstances put us in a position that saw a one time only suspension of a bylaw stating the qualifications of president, president elect, and vice president. It was the position of vice president that was in question. We do not propose any changes to qualifications of president and president elect. The membership at the June meeting and the board feel that the vice president would be qualified to serve on the national board if they have two years prior experience at the division level or as a branch president as well as experience at the national level. So the proposed change is as follows:

### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, Section 2: Qualifications

#### **Current reading:**

- A. A candidate for elected office shall have been a member in good standing for two years.
- B. A candidate for the office of President, President-elect or Vice-President shall have served on the National Executive Committee, or as a Director, or as a Chair of a National Committee for at least 2 years

#### **Proposed change:**

- A. A candidate for elected office shall have been a member in good standing for two years.
- B. A candidate for the office of President or President-elect shall have served on the National Executive Committee, or as a Director, or as a Chair of a National Committee for at least 2 years.
- C. A candidate for the office of Vice-President shall have served on the National Executive Committee, or as a Director, or as a Chair of a National Committee, or on a Division Executive Committee, or as a Branch President for at least 2 years.

These proposed changes are published in the current copy of the Farm & Garden magazine for every member to review. The changes will be voted at the next National Meeting in June, 2017, to take effect immediately upon approval. All changes to the current bylaws and standing rules will be published in the Fall issue of Farm & Garden magazine for members' quick reference.

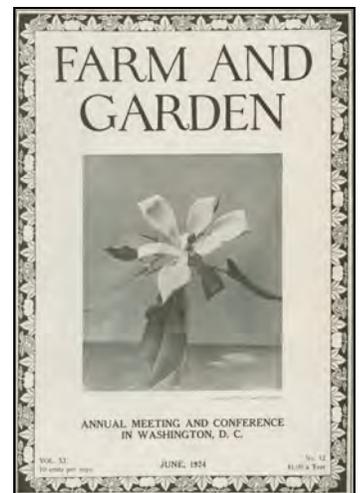
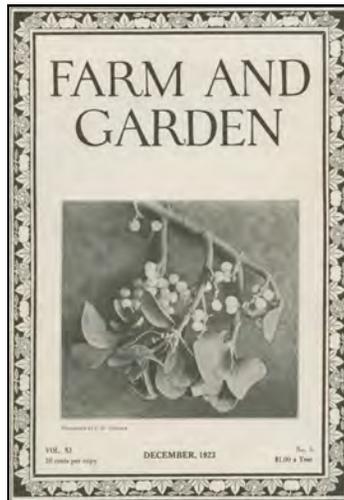
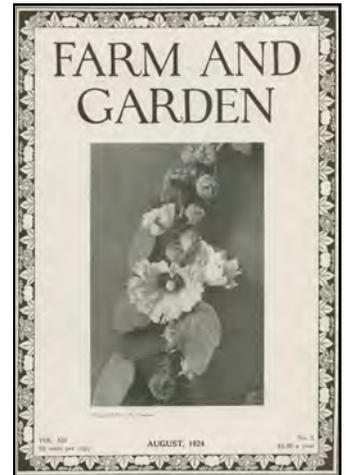
# FARM & GARDEN EDUCATION



We are looking for a copy of National Farm & Garden Magazine July 1961 featuring Jackie Kennedy on the cover. If you find a copy of this edition please contact the editor,  
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Here is a list of other editions that we are missing for our archives:

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- 1982 Winter
- 2000 Fall
- 2004 Fall
- 2006 Fall
- 2010 Spring



## FARM & GARDEN EDUCATION

### Welcome To The United States National Arboretum

The Renaud/ Peterson  
Internship Grant

Dear WNF&GA Members,

As I write this, it's a cold, blustery evening in January here in northwest Ohio. The wood burning stove is packed and the room is so cozy.

As Jack Frost works his magic on the panes of glass, my mind wanders back to the close of the 100 anniversary, when we stood in the Dogwood Collection at the National Arboretum in Washington DC and planted the 100,000th Ceremonial Tree.

The "Weather Committee" ordered a magnificent day for our event! Thank you.

Last fall, another tree was planted in the Dogwood Collection, in honor of Mrs. Molly Hammerle, Michigan Division, in appreciation for serving as our National President from 2014 to 2016 (and all the years prior service).

What a wonderful place WNF&GA has sponsored for over 54 years! Still going strong, we look forward to sponsoring another fine Renaud-Peterson Internship for 2017. The selection process is in the works!

Funding for the President's tree, the Renaud-Peterson Internship, and garden memorials are made possible through donations from Farm & Garden members, their families and friends' generosity.

You can be a supporter of these time honored traditions of our organization.

To donate, make checks out to WNF&GA with Arboretum Internship in memo line and mail to: E&C Treasurer, Kathleen Welsh Beveridge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Siefker

E&C Treasurer

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## FARM & GARDEN DIVISION & BRANCH UPDATES

### Country Garden Club of Northville Michigan

#### 25th Annual Garden Walk: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Once again our annual garden walk will be held from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on the Wednesday following the 4th of July. It will feature six new private gardens in and around the quaint Victorian town and township of Northville, Michigan . Our centerpiece will again be the 19th century Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St., just a block north of downtown Northville. This village is composed of a general store, a blacksmith shop, church, school, inn, gazebo, and three representative homes and gardens from the era, making this unique setting a must see.

Also featured along our shady village street will be a garden oriented vendor market, a member plant sale, complimentary home-made refreshments and lively music on the green. All of this is included in your ticket price. Tickets are \$12, if purchased in advance, either direct after June 12th from:

Gardenviews Garden Gallery,  
127 E. Main Street,  
248-380-8881  
or through our  
website: [www.cgcnv.org](http://www.cgcnv.org).

Note: Tickets ordered from our website will be held for your convenience at the ticket tent inside Mill Race Village. Purchased on the day of the walk, tickets will be \$15.

Please note that walkers and wheelchairs are not allowed due to safety and terrain restrictions.

Visitors may wish to take a break and have lunch in one of many quaint restaurants, sandwich, ice cream and coffee shops conveniently located within walking distance from Mill Race Village in downtown Northville. Parking is also available in the public park next to Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from this major fundraising event go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to provide scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college science careers. So, save the date, get out your garden hat and plan to spend an enjoyable summer afternoon with us on Wednesday, July 12th.

Marcia Mandell, President  
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### Corrections email

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We would love to hear from  
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Please share activities, ideas,  
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**Join Today!**



### One Hundred Years of Growing and Giving: Woman's National Farm and Garden Association 1914-2014

Our Centennial book is a soft cover edition that encompasses the history of our organization with greater emphasis on the post-Chronicle years 1984-2014. The 100<sup>th</sup> celebration is included in the publication. The book is filled with pictures and features the founding history, the presidents, interest areas, leaders, and special projects.

Overall, the book is divided into decades in order to provide a greater understanding of the events that influenced each era, with special emphasis on interest areas and projects that developed along those themes.

Cost is \$20

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