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**On the Cover:** An orchid—lovingly grown by Jean Ehlinger, former WNF&GA President and national recognition recipient, in her home in Florida. See related story on page 21.

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# FAITH IN FARM & GARDEN: A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



## By Faith Tiberio, President

Mark Twain once said, "What a good thing Adam had...when he said a good thing, he knew nobody said it before." I fear that what I write to you in this message may be thoughts that you already have considered and come to a conclusion concerning the topics.

When we meet next June we will have to decide what to do about our membership and its obligations with CWC and the ACWW as well as related international connections. As your head officer it is my duty not to take sides and to make sure that every member is fully versed in the pros and cons. And I do not wish to encumber your President Elect, Mary Bertolini, with a situation which might cause her difficulty and prevent her from carrying out her own programs.

Speaking of the June meeting Mary Bertolini has secured the bus at a very good rate and the hotel at a very good rate, making our get-together an inexpensive and fun way to renew friendships and to

make new ones as well as learn a thing or two.

Don't forget your stories. I'm looking forward to our book. Send them to me.

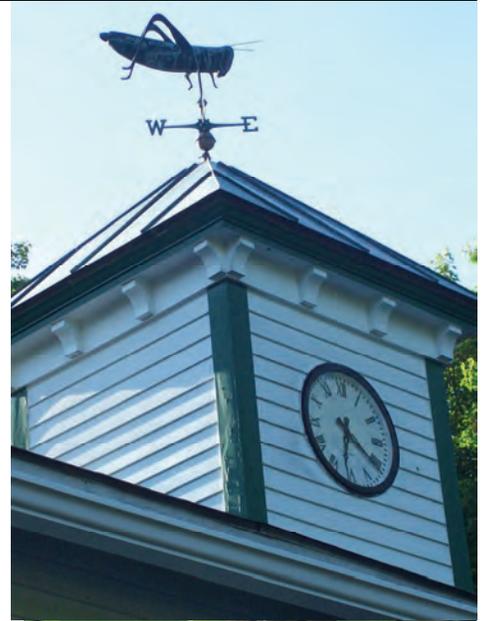
The death of Norman Borlaug saddens us all. Born on a farm in Iowa, he is credited as "The father of the Green Revolution" and "As saving more lives than any man in human history," according to Josette Sheeran, executive director of the United Nations Food Program.

Dr. Borlaug, of Texas A & M University received the Nobel Peace Prize for developing a wheat strain that made giant seed heads on stubby compact plants. A trained scientist in plant diseases, he never forgot his boyhood on the farm. He said, "When wheat is ripening...the winds blow across the field and you hear the beards of wheat rubbing together...sounding like pine needles in a forest...a sweet whispering music that once you hear, you never forget." How simple. How lovely.

Very soon I will be going to speak with the New York Division and to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Tri-County Branch. While there I will look at the home of Mrs. Francis King, which is currently for sale. I'll try to get some photos for you. A thank you to Julie Siefker who has looked into the Lou Hoover- Girl Scout Scholarship and will report in June.

And as always, a thank you to Kathy Beveridge, our Editor.

## *Faith*



Sites from the garden of President Faith Tiberio during the Boston meeting. Top: Grasshopper weathervane. Middle: Tulip Poplar in bloom. Bottom: fountain.

## IN FOCUS: Environmental Concerns

**By Betty Monahan, Focus Coordinator**

These comments are going to be a lot of random thoughts.

Where do Environmental Concerns and Gardening intersect? The goal of environmental concerns is, "To help us leave our earth a better place because of our having been here." To me, that means that we have nourished the soil, the water, the air; done no further damage to them, in fact, have improved them. We have listened to the lessons Nature is ready to teach us and have followed those teachings. Isn't that what good gardeners do? Composting/green manure aren't new ideas. Isn't that what nature had been doing for centuries in forests and open fields to make top soil and fertilize it before man came along and interrupted the cycle with man-made "improvements?"

I have found some marvelous new books.

**Gardening with Children**, one of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden series (718-623-7286 or shop online at [shop.bbg.org](http://shop.bbg.org)), is probably appropriate for K-Gr. 5. It talks about how a garden is a community and everything is inter-related; how to make a viewing container so you can see what's going on below the surface; how to make a rooftop garden; and sections called, "Water, Water, Everywhere-Or Is There?", "Design of a Food Factory," "Plants Make Food-Plants Are Food," "Taking Our Children Outside," and "Tips for Adult Caregivers." This would be a marvelous gift for some of those special people in our lives, or for your local or school library.

**Critter Control & Pest Prevention** by Jerry Baker (Jerry Baker, P. O. Box 805, New Hudson, MI 48165 or [jerry-baker.com](http://jerry-baker.com)) offers identification of critters, crawlers and garden thugs with remedies from the kitchen and bathroom instead of insecticides and pesticides that damage the soil and good bacteria. There are, also, sprays and tips

to make your plants and soil more vigorous.

**The Green Gardener's Guide** by Joe Lampl offers "simple, significant actions to protect and preserve our planet." ([coolspringspress.net](http://coolspringspress.net)) This book isn't only for gardeners; it's for knowledge about sources of many of the impacts on our environment. It should be a compulsory read for planners and landscape architects.

Any of these books make wonderful gifts. I have just ordered several for my great-grandkids all the way up to a 60 year old friend.

Another great source of gifts is **Gardeners Supply Company**, 128 Intervale Road, Burlington, VT 05401 (1-800-427-3363 or [gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)). I use their Tubtrugs (one type is from recycled materials), and their reusable shopping bags that roll up and fit in your purse, both as gifts and as container for gifts—no wrapping paper. This is my way to get family, friends and even strangers to think environmentally and recycle. I brought some of these catalogs to the Environmental Workshop in Boston and they went like hotcakes.

What a great job the Mayflower Branch and Mary Bertolini did in putting the Boston meeting together! There was so much in that meeting related to the environment, beginning with the reusable shopping bag designed by the Mayflower Branch that also advertised their branch and held our goodies, many of which were environmentally slanted. I bought several additional bags as gifts to encourage people not to use plastic bags.

Then, there was our environmental workshop where we exchanged a lot of great ideas. My thanks to Sylvia Anderson for kicking it off with a bang with her instructions on good practices to make our soil living, breathing, life-giving—home to healthy bacteria and earthworms. If we want to have healthy plants and food, they need to

be grown in healthy soil. Remember, our bodies depend on good food for good health—our food is only as rich in nutrients as the soil in which it is grown.

**The Green Gardener's Guide** has a wonderful chapter on how the complete purpose of an earthworm's life is to improve the quality of our soil in so many ways. I did not have an opportunity to go to the bee workshop, but there was a lot of buzzing about it in the hallway. Then, there was the Yankee clam bake at Faith and Joe Tiberio's where we had an opportunity to explore—and take pictures of—their acres of beautiful gardens. Sylvia Anderson pointed out to several of us a tulip tree—which I had never seen before—in bloom. To top it off, Joe had brought home from their company one of their Big Belly Solar Compactors so we could see how an eco friendly trash collector for city streets and parks operates. What an incredible amount of work and planning the Tiberio's, their family and staff did to create a fantastic evening for all of us. **To all of you, thank you!**

The next day, it was on to "Garden in the Woods", a botanical garden home to more than 1500 native plants of North America. Those of us who drove were glad, because we could bring home plants. On my grounds, you will find goldenrod, milkweed, chicory, Queen Anne's lace, buttercups, and native asters, because a local ecologist told us that birds and beneficial insects prefer native plants.

It was disappointing that no branches applied for an Environmental award this year. If you don't want to go through the work of applying for an award, will you please let me know what you are doing in the environmental field and send me clippings about environmental issues in your area, so we can share them with other branches through the magazine? (Betty C. Monahan, 120 Sunnyside Road, Queensbury, NY 12804 or [bjcmonah@localnet.com](mailto:bjcmonah@localnet.com)).

# National Recognitions

## By Marla Diamond, Recognitions Chairman

Beginning in 1954, Woman's National Farm & Garden Association decided to honor members whose service to the organization has been outstanding at the Branch, Division and National levels. Recognition may also be given to nationally known persons other than Farm & Garden members whose fields of endeavor correspond to our aims and purposes.

I am happy, as Recognitions Chairman, to acknowledge from among so very many of our deserving members, our Recognition Award recipients who have been nominated by their Divisions or National Branches. These members are being recognized for their contribution to our Association.

Our first Recognition Award is being presented to a member who has served our organization in the Sandy Hill Branch, New York Division, since

its inception in 1986. She was one of the founding members of the Branch and is Secretary of the Branch. Dedication to the Branch has led her to serving at their Founders Day gatherings, Division meetings, and their very creative and beautiful Flower Shows. At the Division level she is the New York Division Recording Secretary and Memorial Chairman.

Nationally, she worked with sister Judith to plan the National Annual Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY in 2002 and the Albany Annual WNF&GA Meeting in 1996. Her work has included representing New York Division at National meetings.

She was a National Council member. She is a retired school teacher in her home town of Hudson Falls, NY. Marjorie and Judith have hosted several Branch and Division Teas in their home. Their garden has been featured on four area Garden Tours.

### **Our Recognitions recipient is Marjorie Bronk.**

Our next very involved honoree has worked very diligently to help the New York Division move forward and was also a founding member of the Sandy Hill Branch, New York. The Branch was founded in 1986, and she has been President of the Branch for 23 years.

The Sandy Hill Branch is noted in Washington County, New York for its beautification projects in Hudson Falls planting trees and filling planters. She has chaired 20 creative flower shows during the village's Sandy Hills Days.

She is a past New York Division President, now serving as the New York Division Treasurer, having held this office since 1996. She was chairman for the National Meeting in Saratoga Springs in 2002 and also helped plan the National Meeting in Albany, New York.

She is a trained Flower Show Judge and has represented us in the region going out to judge shows for other organizations. She is a retired school teacher in her hometown of Hudson Falls where she was inducted into the school district "Hall of Fame," an honor given to graduates of Hudson Falls for contributions they have made to society in their adult lives. She has taught needlework classes and has exhibited in area needlework shows twice a year since 1976.

On the National level she has served as a Council Member, has been Recognitions Chair, represented the New York Division at National Meetings and was Awards Chairman for both Yearbooks and Newsletters.

Her garden and has been part of various Garden Tours and for Division Founders Day Teas. She has served on the Board of the Old Fort



Marjorie and Judy Bronk received the National Recognition Award in absentia for their leadership of the Sandy Hill Branch, New York Division.

## National Recognitions

Museum at Fort Edward, New York and been treasurer there for at least 20 years.

### **Our Recognition recipient is Judith Bronk.**

New York Division President Audrey Ehrler has said, "In the ten years I have known the sisters I have come to learn that they are outstanding solid citizens. I have learned much from both of them about responsibility and respectability. Here in Upstate New York, we are fortunate to have this "SISTER TEAM!"

Our next Recognition honoree has been a long standing member of the Port Huron, Michigan Branch and became President in 1970-72. Division projects included, establishing the ECHO Program (Every Child's Home Outdoors), expanding International Cooperation and IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) programs throughout the Division.

Nationally she has been very involved in the shaping of our "Focus on the Future," especially with the meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This carried on when she held the offices of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of National and then became President of WNF&GA 1998-2000.

She has served as Chairman of the Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant and National International Chairman for years.

She also was our representative to CWC (Country Women's Council) and ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), serving as Chairman of CWC 2004-05 and was elected Deputy World President of

ACWW at the Kansas City Conference in 1989.

Other Committees include Co-Chairman of the Gala Dinner for the Kansas City Conference. WNF&GA and AFBW (American Farm Bureau Women) were asked to host this event. Our "share" was \$15,000. The task was completed over 3 years, selling "Wallflowers" the little vases that attached to a window or mirror. Through the combined effort of members, branches, and divisions we sold 300 Dozen! It was truly a combined effort!

She was a very busy member of Associated Country Women of the World serving as Treasurer of CWC 1980-83, Area President 1983-86 and Deputy World President of ACWW 1989-1992. With her work

through a Travel Agency she has planned and made travel arrangements for many WNF&GA members to travel to many ACWW meetings around the world. She was Chairman of Country Women's Council 2004-05, and has attended 13 ACWW World Triennial Conferences.

### **Our Recognition recipient is Jean Ehlinger.**



Marla Diamond presents the National Recognition Award to Jean Ehlinger at the 2009 National Meeting in Boston.

# WOMEN FEED THE WORLD

By Dolores Welsh  
Ambler Keystone Branch

What does it mean to be part of an organization that links women around the world – helping women help each other to feed their families and communities? I recently had a couple of experiences that led me to appreciate the connection of all WNF&GA members to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

I experienced the vast reach of the ACWW and, by association, the WNF&GA, when a distant cousin from Australia, whom I'd never met before, visited me in Pittsburgh. As we talked, exchanging stories and images of our lives and homes, including many reflections on our gardens, I learned that my cousin Ernie's wife, Diane, was aware of the ACWW.

Diane's mother is the president of the Melbourne branch of "Country Women." Suddenly, the world was a whole lot smaller as I mentally traced the links from my Ambler Keystone branch of Farm & Garden to the national WNF&GA, to the U.S. Council of ACWW (one of nine councils worldwide), to the international headquarters of ACWW, and out through the Australian Council to Diane's mother's branch. What an exciting connection! We were instantly linked in gardening and in supporting women and families in ways that truly matter.

In another revelation earlier this summer, I was astonished to find myself at the 2009 meeting of WNF&GA in Boston seated next to Loretta Minervini who, with her husband, built a hot house in Nepal and provided seeds so that the local growing season for vegetables could be extended. The growing season along the Himalayas is naturally very short due to cold. Imagine the daily nutritional contributions of that hot house to the lives of the local people of Nepal, year after year. Amazing!

It is important to recognize that rural women are the principal labor force in food production in many countries.

"Women Feed the World" (WFTW), an independent ACWW fund launched in 1989, is aimed at supporting their role. It was linked to the ACWW's first action program, "Water For All" which met requests from women's groups to provide water for irrigation to support diverse food growing projects. WFTW funds diverse projects that are successful because they respond to needs of rural women rather than imposing solutions. The majority of these projects have developed into profitable commercial enterprises. To ensure long term sustainability, a credit and savings facility is integrated into each scheme. To ensure functional literacy, a critical component of success, women receive essential training in marketing, basic bookkeeping, and co-ops.

WFTW provides many types of help, from grants to buy seeds and tools for new gardening co-ops to training in simple farm techniques. Common projects include dairy production, bee-keeping, grinding mills, market gardens, and traditional food crop production. Successful co-ops are linked to large agriculture and horticulture outlets ensuring maximum return on the food sold. Loans have been given to members to start new enterprises.

In Cameroon's Southwest Province, eight women, ten girls and four boys were taught textile printing and dyeing. The project increased the level of education and provided income for the



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ACWW is working through its member societies to provide support for women food producers.

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families. In Western Uganda, oxen were provided to take away some of the strain borne by women, transforming the women's working lives. Not only do these projects help individual women, they support whole communities. Studies show that women are more likely than men to invest in community improvements, particularly education of their children and community schools. Clearly, women are making a difference every day in the lives of their families and communities and others around the world. On international women's day, President Obama stated, "women are vital to the solution of these problems, and we will not sow the seeds for a brighter future, or reap the benefits of the change we need, without the full and active participation of women around the world." (Country Woman, July-September, 2009) The ACWW is a critical tool to engage women in sowing seeds for a brighter future.

# WOMEN FEED THE WORLD

## Pennies for Friendship

How can we help the ACWW help women feed the world? First, we can carry out important resolutions that are approved at the ACWW Triennial Meetings. When we do so, we join with women around the world in addressing the world's most pressing challenges, beginning in our own backyards.

Second, we can make regular donations to Pennies for Friendship. At branch, division, and national meetings, we often take up collections for Pennies for Friendship – a primary vehicle through which WNF&GA supports ACWW efforts to help women around the world. Our pennies go a long way in other parts of the globe. And our dollars go even further!

I can't think of another organization that I give to that so directly affects a person's ability to live a better life by their own hands. Most of the time it seems we are just giving to get someone through a tight spot rather than enabling them to go on in a much better place. Also much of the time my gift is part of a much larger gift and is a part of a large effort that allows something large to happen. With pennies for friendship, the gifts are smaller but the effect is so direct one can measure the improvement in one person's life. "There is close direct contact between the supporter and the receiver." (*Country Woman*, July-September, 2009)

## Get Ready for Hot Springs, Arkansas

The 26<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of the ACWW is set for April 21-28, 2010. If you would like to participate, the \$725 registration is due no later than Nov 18, 2009. Reservations for the Embassy Suites, Arlington Hotel, or Austin Hotel range from \$115 through \$152 per night. To register, go to the ACWW website: <http://www.acww.org.uk/>. Click on "Conferences" and then "Triennial Conference Registration."

## Resolve to Change Environmental Behaviors Worldwide with ACWW

**By Sylvia Anderson  
CWC Representative for Faith Tiberio,  
President WNF&GA**

At the 2007 ACWW Triennial Conference in Turku, Finland, one of the Resolutions passed had to do with environmental change. Resolutions that are approved become mandates to all ACWW societies to work on implementation. Hence a program presented at the Country Women's Council meeting in Hot Springs Arkansas challenged all members to come up with ideas for their societies to develop a project to work towards the implementation of the resolution.

Following a brief introduction about the resolution along with the rationale that was presented, the audience was divided into 10 groups. A leader was chosen in each group to select an object from a grab-bag. The challenge was to let the object suggest possible projects that might be done by the societies to change behavior and teach others.

Among the items included were a maple syrup tap, piece of aloe, shredded paper, a swiffer pad, fertilizer with herbicide, spider plant, car key, baking soda label, garlic clove, plastic bag, dried dill seed, and a solar crystal. Results showed that everyone came up with uses for the specific items rather than projects that might be done. However, there was lively discussion and many ideas that were environmentally

friendly. Members showed they are aware of alternatives to such things as cleaning supplies; using natural products; finding ways to cut down on driving; and saving energy – all of which could potentially become education projects.

If your group or society is looking for a project, begin by doing some brainstorming about topics that would educate each member, challenge them to develop a program that might reach out into the community, help them to change their own behavior in ways that promote healthier living, are kinder to the planet and fun to do.



Jane Shattuck of the Mayflower Branch displays pins from ACWW meetings in Finland, Canada, South Africa, and Western Australia.

# MEETING THE WORLD IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

**By Kay Engelhart,  
International Focus Coordinator**

Yes, the 26<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) is being held in Hot Springs Arkansas April 21 – 28, 2010 – Our backyard!

Many members are asking questions about ACWW and the role of WNF&GA in this international organization.

**What is ACWW?**

**What is WNF&GA's relationship with ACWW?**

**What is the Triennial Conference?**

**Why attend?**

**Who should attend?**

**What's it take to attend?**

**What is a voting delegate?**

**How can I be part of the decision making process?**

**Who is going to be there?**

**How many countries are usually represented?**

**Will I have a chance to meet many new people?**

**What else takes place beside meetings?**

Well, lets' start at the top: ACWW – Associated Country Women of the World — is a charitable organization, based in London, England whose objective is to improve the quality of life for all people through 1) the relief of poverty, 2) the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of health; and 3) the advancement of education.

The relationship between WNF&GA and ACWW began in 1933 with the formation of ACWW and our interest and support of the programs and efforts of the objectives stated above.

The Triennial Conference is the highest legislative and deliberative body of ACWW. The Triennial Conference establishes the policy of ACWW and decides all matters concerning the Constitution.

Delegates from WNF&GA will cast ballots to decide the direction of ACWW for the coming triennium. They also vote directly WNF&GA's choice of USA Area President for the next triennium.

Everyone is invited to attend the Triennial Conference. In order to be a voting delegate you must be first a member in good standing of your Branch and the Division; and you must be an individual member of ACWW. You also must alert



your Division representative that you are interested in filling a delegate slot by early August of the year prior to the Conference.

Well, that's hard to pinpoint at this early date, but let me assure you that you'll meet the World President and Officers (Malaysia, Scotland, England and Africa) and the nine Area Presidents from around the globe (from Canada,; Caribbean, Central and South America; Central and South Asia; East, West and Central Africa; Europe; South-East Asia and Far East; Southern Africa; The South Pacific; and of course the United States. And of course their delegates, supporters and visitors.

ACWW is present in over 70 countries worldwide and at the 25<sup>th</sup> Triennial conference in Finland in 2007, 40 countries were represented! That's amazing! So, you'll have an excellent opportunity to meet and make new friends. How many and who? It's entirely up to you.

Besides plenary sessions (meetings) that are required for delegates and recommended to all others (as observers), there are typically workshops, wonderful speakers, day trips, interesting reports of others' work worldwide, new friends, old friends and for some a life experience. If you're interested in international work – our work as well as that we support in ACWW, you'll not want to miss this opportunity to "Meet The World In Our Own Backyard!"

Contact Kay Engelhart for ACWW membership forms, Conference registration information and to request delegate status. 1-989-790-1546 or Sylvia Anderson at 1-603-887-4911. For further conference information, check the conference website: [www.acwwusa2010.com](http://www.acwwusa2010.com).



Delegates at the 2007 ACWW Triennial Conference in Turku, Finland.

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# NATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**SAVE THE DATE:  
June 2 to 6, 2010**

## **Buffalo/ Niagara Falls**

### **TAKE THE BUS:**

**June 2** Depart Metro Detroit

**June 3-5** Meeting/Tour of  
Greater Buffalo/Niagara Falls

**June 6** Return Metro Detroit

Plan to join us for fun and friendship at our next Annual Meeting, June 2-6, at the Holiday Inn at Grand Island, NY—a lovely hotel overlooking the Niagara River, near the falls. This Grand Dame has served many conventions and newly renovated rooms await us. A sumptuous hot buffet breakfast is included with each affordable guest room.

Wednesday evening, a bus will take those who feel lucky to the Seneca Niagara Casino. Thursday will be devoted to touring and socializing. We have a guest speaker for Thursday evening, Amanda Edmonds, who is the founder of “Growing Hope”, a not-for-profit organization that teaches disadvantaged youth and families to grow healthy food.

Friday will begin our meeting sessions, with surprises in store for the afternoon. That evening we will treat ourselves to a wonderful dinner in the Greater Niagara Region (stay tuned for details).

Saturday afternoon we will take an EcoTour of the Niagara River with Captain Rick on the Grand Lady. Our dinner that evening will include a silent auction, awards, and installation of officers.

We will look for you in Grand Island, NY for Fun, Friendship, and Farm & Garden. Details on the hotel and more information regarding our meeting schedule and registration form will be posted on the Website later this year.

#### **Over the Falls in a Bus?**

Our past two trips with Bianco Tours have been so successful that we decided to try it again!

Our deluxe motor coach will start the journey in the northern suburbs of the Metro Detroit area. One stop will be made in western Wayne County before our final pick up point near Toledo for the Ohio Division members.

This trip will be shorter: less than seven hours, including rest stops and lunch. Bus Captains, Linda Coughlin and JoAnn

Harreld have volunteered to lead the troops on their way.

The cost per person is \$150.00, round trip, including all tips. Snacks and lunch are on your own, as in years past.

Plan to jump aboard the bus to the Greater Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY area. Games, treats, movies, jokes, and LOTS of laughs await those who choose to let someone else drive.

Anyone, member or guest, is welcome to Ride in Style. Deposit can be sent any time, total payment is due by April 25. Seats sell out early, so don't delay! No refunds, please.



### **Shuffle Off to Buffalo!**

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# WNF&GA NATIONAL MEETING 2009 BOSTON, MA—IN PICTURES



Our 2009 annual meeting, held in Natick, MA, was a huge success. We toured the greater Boston area on DUCK, lunched at the Harvard Faculty Club and got to know all about Farm & Garden on Thursday. Early Friday morning, members met at the first session of our Annual Meeting. The afternoon offered Journalistic Guidance with President Tiberio, Recycling and Earth-friendly choices with Betty Monahan and the Secrets of Bees were revealed by J.T. Mann and his son, Tyler. That evening we were treated to a Magical Clam Bake at the Tiberio residence. After an early breakfast, we met again to finish the business of the organization. Our visit to Garden in the Woods was sunny and bright. Members visited with each other, caught up on families and friends, exchanged ideas and attempted to solve Branch challenges. Saturday evening was filled with furious bidding wars at the Silent Auction, Farm & Garden Trivia game, and final awards. Good byes exchanged, we tumbled into our beds for a dawn departure on Sunday morning.





# MAKING AND USING COMPOST TEA

**Carole Cotter Bodner**

**Master Composter, Advanced Master Gardener, Troy (MI) Garden Club**

I have been making and using compost tea for less than one year. I had better plants and tomatoes this year than last, and next year I will spray the leaves and drench roots every two or three weeks with compost tea from spring through the summer.

The equipment, ingredients, and environment for compost tea are:

- \* 5-gallon bucket
- \* Aquarium aerator/bubbler (\$5-to-\$15)
- \* 2 shovels-full of compost
- \* 4-to-5 gallons unchlorinated water\*
- \* 2 tablespoons unsulphured molasses
- \* Daytime temperatures no less than 50 degrees

Shovel about a gallon of finished compost into a 5-gallon bucket, then fill the bucket to about 6 inches from the top with water (from the rain barrel). After stirring in 2 tablespoons of molasses, drop in the hose of the working aerator. (using a diffuser at the end of the hose will provide bubbles that are constant and small). Let this "brew" steep for 2 or 3 days.

Remove the aerator hose. Put a screen and cheesecloth across the top of a fresh bucket, and ladle or pour the compost tea through this cloth to strain out all the particles so that the liquid is "sprayable". Use the tea immediately while the microbes are still active. Scratch the compost into soil around a plant you most care for.

Spray tea on leaves and stems on a cloudy day, or drench the plant roots every 2 or 3 weeks.

\* If using chlorinated tap water, allow the bubbler to aerate 4 gallons of water for at least an hour before using with compost, as the chlorine will kill the microbes this procedure is designed to propagate.

## Making Compost in the House

I make compost in a 30-gallon plastic

tote in my basement during our long winter. By spring I have ready-to-use compost. The basic recipe is "brown" + "green" + microbes + water + air.

Equipment and ingredients are:

- \* Large plastic tote with lid
- \* Mixture of half chopped leaves (the "brown") and half used coffee grounds (the "green"-Starbucks is a good source)
- \* A scoop of outdoor, microbe-laden earth, or compost
- \* Water (if using tap water, let water "air" for a day to release chlorine)
- \* Shovel/hoe/implement to stir mixture
- \* Screen over a bucket to sift the completed compost

After mixing the leaves and coffee grounds with some earth, wet the mixture so that it feels like a wet sponge—not sloppy, but all wet. (If the coffee grounds are wet at the start, they tend to stay wet.) Leave the lid ajar (to prevent stuff from falling into the tote), and stir the mixture at least once a week. Check to see that everything is wet; add water if ever the mix seems dry.

Do not add anything but water. Do not add vegetable and fruit peelings or other garbage, as there will suddenly be fruit flies, and the smell of garbage that was not there before.

Stirring every day can result in compost in as little as a month, but by spring, compost will be ready to sift (use a screen) and use with outdoor plants and house plants.



An image of the straining process that is part of making compost tea.

## 10 COMPOSTING MYTHS

**By Rebecca Bakker, Ambler Keystone**

- 1. It will smell:** No, not if done correctly. You need only layer 4 ingredients: "Browns" (dry leaves, twigs); "Greens" (grass clippings, pruned plant remnants, fresh food waste); "Air"- lack of air in globs of wet grass will smell; and "Water" – too much can lead to rot.
- 2. Raw materials must be added in exact proportions:** This is not rocket science. Mother Nature's been doing this for millions of years.
- 3. I need to add special activators:** There are products available if you are in a hurry, but they are not necessary. Soil contains all the bacteria and fungi necessary to begin the process.
- 4. It's a lot of work:** Only if you want it to be. It can be easy as a left alone pile in an out of the way sunny spot, or even not so sunny. Just takes a bit longer.
- 5. It's expensive:** Repeat- it can be a left alone pile (no container necessary).
- 6. I have to turn it:** Ditto the above.
- 7. It attracts insects and rodents:** Inappropriate kitchen waste will attract pests. Otherwise, only the bacteria and microorganisms that break down cellulose will be attracted.
- 8. MiracleGro® works just as well for my plants:** Chemical fertilizers affect plants only short term. Compost enriches soil by encouraging production of beneficial micro-organisms that in turn help create humus which increases nutrient content long term, and helps soil retain moisture. Composting absorbs odors and volatile organic compounds (VOC) and binds heavy metals, keeping them out of waterways and plants.
- 9. This happens in the landfill, anyway:** Rarely are the right materials in combination in the landfill. Diverting organic materials away from landfills prevents buildup of leachates.
- 10. Manure is cow feces so why not add feces from my pets?** Manure from cattle also contains other natural agricultural ingredients, such as bedding and spilled seed. Its use is a traditional farming practice. Pet feces are quite different and likely contain harmful bacteria potentially damaging to growth processes and children.

## TREE OPUS

“Cinque...dieci...venti... trenta...trentasei...quarantatre” (“The Marriage of Figaro,” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1785)

Figaro, measuring-stick in hand, is measuring the space in his new home. In contrast to Mozart’s opera, I am measuring trees in the Founder’s garden at Temple University’s main campus for an independent arboriculture project. By happenstance, a class of modern dance students is moving within the circular garden space, turning in slow, improvisational movements. Mozart’s music echoes in my mind as I identify, and measure and assess the trees, while the bust of Russell Conwell, Temple’s founder looks solemnly on.

The dancers are lifting, carrying, flourishing and tossing long poles that still retain the natural curves of the branches they once were. The poles seem to be as much part of this tableau as the elegant but dormant trees. As the dancers explore the energy of this space, some lift and transfer, pole to pole, a purple scarf undulating gently in the breeze.

This is a sunken garden, completely surrounded by silver birches, whose delicate, graceful, pendulous branches enclose and shelter the space and those moving within. Time slows with the motions of the dancers and now my rhythms seem to coincide with theirs. My yellow tape measure lifts high and swings in a gentle arc around the trunk of a tree, the numbers glinting in the dappled sunlight. I hug the tree momentarily to note the measurement and jot it down.

On to the next tree. I dance and weave my way slowly around the perimeter of the courtyard keeping time with the performance in the center. The breeze lifts the fine weeping branches of the birches, their suspended catkins already swelling with the warmer temperatures. Everything around me is on edge, waiting, ready to burst into flower and leaf. Here is the resurgence of spring, the reaffirmation of life in real time.

— Rebecca Bakker, Ambler Keystone Branch



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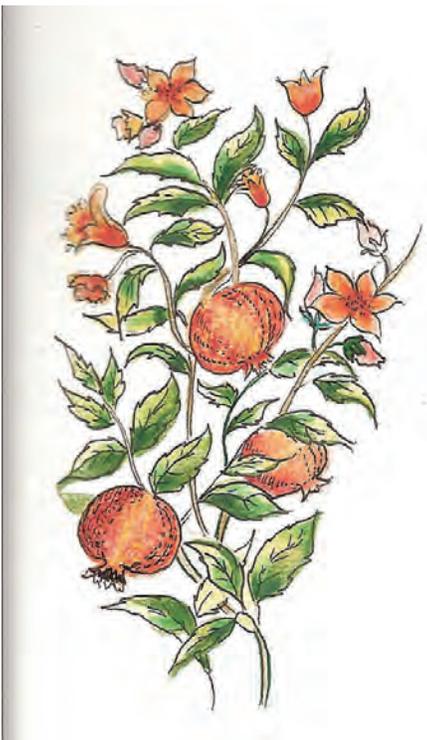
### Pomegranate Casserole with Chicken or Duck (Khoresh Fesenjoon)

Chicken, onions, finely chopped walnuts, and pomegranate juice, are simmered to perfection. The sauce should be as thick as good chili. Serve with saffron steamed basmati rice. If you prefer, use angelica powder for cardamom; instead of pomegranate juice, you can substitute 1/2 cup pomegranate paste diluted in 2 cups water.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boned chicken breast cut into manageable pieces
- 1 large white onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound walnuts, toasted and finely ground
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups pomegranate juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom (optional)
- 2 tablespoons sugar or molasses (optional to taste)

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Place chicken and onions in skillet, and cook 20 minutes, until nice brown color, stirring occasionally. Mix in pureed walnuts, salt, pomegranate juice, and cardamom. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. (If the sauce becomes too thick, stir in 1/4 cup warm water and a little more pomegranate juice if needed.) Mix in sugar, adjust seasoning, and simmer 30 minutes more.

- Caroline Ludovici Jones, Ambler Keystone Branch



# FARM & GARDEN NEWS

## News From New York Division By Audrey E. Ehrler, President

The year 2009 has been one of joyous celebrations, expanded commitments, and generous community service for the members of the New York Division of WNF&GA.

The Cambridge Branch hosted a lovely 50th Anniversary Tea on June 18th. Bea Peterson spoke on the history of the Branch and all of its accomplishments over the span of 50 years. Cambridge members elected to honor all past and present members by planting two flowering trees this past spring. One tree is planted in the Town of Hoosick Falls near a senior housing building and the other tree is planted between a school and senior housing complex in the center of Cambridge. Plaques have been placed at both sites.

The Herb Group, a sub-group of the Cambridge Branch, have been "busy as bees" preparing to set up a booth at the

Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, NY. This year's theme is "Birds--Bees--Butterflies!!!" The booth will be placed in the popular County Bounty Building, which is set aside for educational and instructional purposes. The Fair is held in mid-August each year.

The Sandy Hill Branch has arranged for a flowering tree to be planted at the Hudson Falls Free Public Library in Hudson Falls, NY this autumn. The Library is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary in 2010. Sandy Hill Branch members continue to hold educational meetings in the evening. The public is invited to attend most meetings. The residents of the Town of Hudson Falls continue to enjoy the lovely flower boxes provided by Sandy Hill Branch members.

The members of the Tri-County Branch are excitedly preparing for their 80th Birthday Bash!!!! This event will be held in conjunction with our annual Founder's Day Meeting on September 23rd. Many surprises are being planned for all Division members and

friends of the Branch. The Branch has voted to increase its scholarship funding this year. We recognize the need for economic assistance for college bound students during this economic downturn.

In May 2009, the Tri-County Branch awarded a grant of \$600.00 to Mrs. Amy Maxwell, a teacher at the Salem Central School in Salem, NY. Amy Maxwell teaches Landscape Architecture classes at the High School. She and her students have created a lovely garden haven in the courtyard of the school. They have plans to expand this project.

The Tri-County Branch has also donated funds to a new Hospice House in Granville, NY. These funds will provide a lovely garden adjacent to the Haynes House of Hope. Hopefully, this project will provide a place on the grounds where residents and visitors can enjoy the beauty of nature in a peaceful setting.

So, 2009 has been and will be a memorable year for all the members of the New York Division and the communities they serve.

## Horticultural Therapy Honors for Saginaw, MI Branch

By Vicki Engel

The Saginaw Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden is proud of our Horticultural Therapy group once again. They received an Honorable Mention for All Area Arts Award in the Saginaw area.

The Horticultural Therapy group is a very popular group. They bring art projects to the handicapped, the elderly and the local juvenile detention facility. The process involves making 1,125 projects each year! Because of their continued dedication, they have provided many people of varying backgrounds and abilities with friendship and the joy of making things themselves.



Alice Day, Marilyn Karpicke, and Janet Coppolino of the Saginaw Branch

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## National Awards: Calendar Year 2008 (Presented at 2009 Annual Meeting - June 12, 2009)

### Civic Service:

Springfield, Michigan (Group A – First)  
Warren, Michigan (Group C – First)  
Saginaw, Michigan (Group E – First)

### Education/Scholarship: (none)

### Environmental Concerns: (none)

### Floral Arts:

Tri County, New York (Group C – First)

### Gardening:

Cambridge Area, NY (Group B – First)  
Trenton, Michigan (Group C – First)  
Warren, Michigan (Group C – First)  
Saginaw, Michigan (Group E – First)

### Horticultural Therapy:

Rochester, Michigan (Group E – First)  
Saginaw, Michigan (Group E – First)

### International:

Warren, Michigan (Group C – First)

### Promotion and Growth:

Warren, Michigan (Group C – First)

## National Orchid Award (Presented June 12, 2009)

Warren, Michigan – First in four focus categories.

## Retired...But Still Going and Still Growing

Although she now lives in Venice, Florida, Jean Ehlinger is still an avid member of WNF&GA. She moved to Tryon, North Carolina when her husband retired. While living there she organized the 1995 National Meeting at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. One of our speakers was Dr. Creech, former director of the National Arboretum in Washington DC. Dr. Creech will be remembered for his work in bringing the beautiful Bradford Pear trees to the commercial market.

After five years in North Carolina, the Ehlingers relocated to Sarasota, Florida. Always a gardener as well as a flower arranger, this move brought a definite

change in Jean's gardening habits. After several years of raising Oriental Tree Peonies, the climate change required a plant change too.

Orchids took her fancy, and she now shares blooms and plants with her many friends. A photo of Jean's orchids graces the cover of this magazine.

Jean now lives at Aston Gardens, a senior independent living community in Venice, Florida.

## National Arboretum Summer Intern Says Thank You

Dear WNF&GA Members,

The staff at the US National Arboretum has sent a glowing report about our 2009 Summer Intern, David Wooden. He is an outstanding young man who is studying Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. David's letter of thanks to you and his report about his experience this summer appears below.

Once again, I thank you for your generosity and support of our lovely Louisa King Memorial Dogwood Collection. If you wish to make a donation to the Renaud/Peterson Fund, please send it to E and C Treasurer, Margaret Latham at PO Box 325; Rawson, Ohio--45881. Thank You.

Audrey E. Ehrler, WNF&GA Liaison to the US National Arboretum

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July 29, 2009

Dear Ms. Ehrler and WNF&GA,

My name is David Wooden and I am the summer intern for the Dogwood Collection this year at the U.S. National Arboretum. I am working toward a Master of Landscape Architecture degree at the University of Virginia. Although I am a long-time DC resident and frequent visitor to the Arboretum, I am continually discovering new facets to its landscape each day I am here.

While working in the Dogwood Collection I have come to appreciate that our well known and loved native flowering dogwood, *Cornus florida*, is just one of many dogwood species that beautifully grace our landscapes. This internship has given me the opportunity to become familiar with over a dozen unique species in the dogwood family along with their individual characteristics and care regimes which will prove invaluable in my career as a landscape architect.

Over the course of the summer I have performed many tasks in support of the collection including:

Removing invasive plants like English ivy, ground ivy, porcelain berry and oriental bittersweet; Mapping the irrigation system to ensure complete coverage; General pruning and maintenance; Designing a proposed planting plan for the area around the shelter overlook; Researching the history of the collection; and Beginning to restore the native azalea species trail.

Thank you for your generous support of the Dogwood Collection internship. My experience this summer has given me a greater appreciation of the important role public gardens like the U.S. National Arboretum play in our communities.

Kind regards,  
David Wooden

## Your Memories in Print: Stories for the Farm & Garden Book Are Due By December 1, 2009

Preserve the lost arts of the farm and your family memories by sending your stories of canning, growing, quilting, and baking from scratch to WNF&GA President Faith Tiberio for the Farm & Garden book. Stories are due by December 1, 2009.

Send your 1-3 page stories to:

Mrs. Faith Tiberio  
36 Ash Lane  
Sherborn, MA 01770

## Help Wanted!

Members are the backbone of our organization and we are so very lucky to have many talented individuals among our ranks. We need your talents and help to make Farm & Garden "tick". The following positions are/will be available. Can you fill these shoes?

**Treasurer:** Must be familiar with ledger systems, understand finance, balance a check book, and understand the necessity of two treasuries of Farm & Garden. A working knowledge of the organization is required. Mandatory attendance at national meetings, 6 year term.

**Website Mistress:** Thorough knowledge of website set up. Must have ability to post changes in a timely fashion, willing to edit and write if necessary, must have a very good knowledge of the organization and the people who fill offices/chairmanships. Mandatory attendance at national meetings.

**Recording Secretary:** Takes minutes at all Farm & Garden meetings, transcribes them and distributes copies of minutes according to the directory. Good access and knowledge of word processing and E mail required. Mandatory attendance at National Meetings. 2 Year term.

## Michigan Division "Gets Greener Every Year"

By Claudia Scioli

Michigan Division's new President, Carroll Thomson, kicked off her term with a dedicated focus: "Getting Greener Every Year." She has asked Branches to share ideas and projects that promote this friendly approach to living sensibly and responsibly, and for a commitment from them to further educate the membership about ways to celebrate living greener every day!

The Rochester Branch has invested time and effort on the beautiful Children's Garden at Van Hoosen Farm, across

from the 1927 Dairy Barn. You can ring the school bell, swing on the garden gate and smell the sweet aromas of the scent garden. And along the way you can pick a ripe tomato and pepper! The vegetable garden is interplanted with annuals and other flowers, the beans are growing up in beautiful sculptural formations. Education, in one of its best approaches, teaches hands-on, about growing and eating green.

The Lapeer Wildflowers are all about education and green too. They participated in a community event with a booth to focus on environmental issues. This provided them with the perfect forum to highlight the importance of bees in our lives, and to meet the challenge of our Faith Tiberio. They distributed packets of wildflower seeds, which attract bees to the garden, along with related literature. The Troy Branch are also rising to the challenge; they sponsored a "Wild Bees" program including numerous informational displays and a speaker, Dr. Julianna Tuell, who created a wonderful buzzzzz of enthusiasm among the members.

The Bloomfield Hills Branch is working on "Daffodils for Detroit" on Belle Isle, a public park which glowed at the end of April with thousands of daffodils planted by the Branch in cooperation with the Belle Isle Women's Committee. They are also sponsoring Lynden B. Miller, a public garden crusader, as part of a fund raiser on October 13, in Detroit. Miller believes "restored public parks change human behavior." Think of how you are inspired by an opportunity to walk or sit in a beautiful public space and consider that further by putting the park in an inner city, it can be life altering, literally.

A group of Ann Arbor members were at Starr Commonwealth Home for Children last spring, where we sponsor the Boy's Organic Vegetable Garden each summer. One of the boys who had spent junior and senior high at Starr, was telling us about his aspirations after graduation. He wanted to become a

chef and hoped to go to Culinary School where he could focus on using only organic and locally grown produce. Before being involved with the Vegetable Garden project, he had never tasted fresh spinach or broccoli rabe, a warm tomato sitting in the sun, or fresh raspberries hand-picked. He said, "This garden has changed my life." Life altering!

We are getting greener every day and it tastes pretty good too!

## Bee Award-Winning "Onion Appetizer"

### Combine:

- ¼ cup of honey
- ½ cup of ketchup
- ¼ cup of melted butter

### Coat:

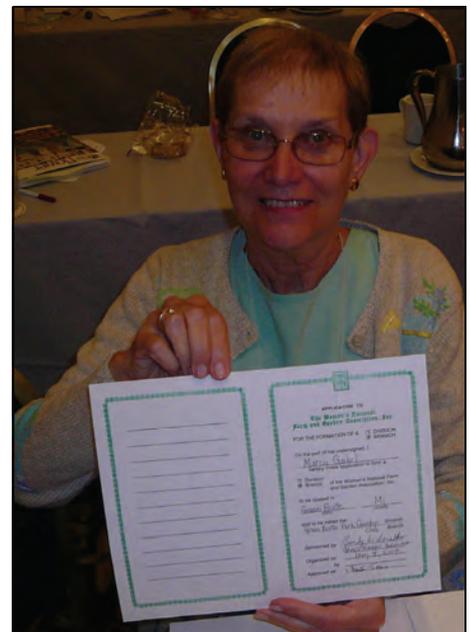
- 12 oz jar of onions (approx. 40 pieces, rinsed and drained)

Bake @ 350 degrees for a half hour.

Serve warm with frilled tooth picks.

Enjoy!

Sue Vette, Troy Michigan Branch



WNF&GA celebrated the formation of a new branch, Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club in the Michigan Division, under the leadership of President Marcia Geibel. Carroll Thompson, Michigan Division President, displays the new charter.

# FARM & GARDEN NEWS

## Ohio Division Report

By Julie Siefker

The Ohio Division met in August at the Litzenberg Memorial Woods, established by the Hancock County Park District in 1985. On the site is a beautiful barn that has been restored to its original grandeur and is a lovely, peaceful retreat in the country to hold a meeting.

This was the first meeting that Ohio Division President Julia Siefker presided over since her induction and was well attended with all officers present and five out of the six branch presidents attending. Several committee chairs were present as well. Many items were discussed, including the budget, an updated Division Directory, donations to Ambler Greenhouse Project, and potential Committee chairpersons. An overview of the ACWW Triennial in Hot Springs Arkansas in April 2010 was given by Margaret Latham, International Committee chair.

The Annual Greens Market and Holiday Gathering, to be held December 3, 2009 was discussed and a committee formed under the direction and supervision of past Ohio Division President, Nancy Naugle.

Siefker requested that branches extend an invitation to her to attend a meeting

of each branch this fall to meet the membership and share her visions for the future of the Ohio Division. To date, she has attended two branch meetings where information was given about WNF&GA and it's history, the WNF&GA website, and details of the upcoming Greens sales and Holiday Gathering. In addition, Siefker announced that the Division will be planning a new event for April, 2010 called "Take a Girl to Garden Day." This program will be a one day event where members are encouraged to invite young girls they know, such as daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and friends to come for a day to participate in hands-on garden activities to cultivate a love for all things gardening. Classes in beekeeping, seed starting, composting, starting/maintaining a garden, herbs, perennials, and rain barrels will be some of the offerings. A bulb or geranium sale will be included as a fundraiser.

The Ohio Division is eagerly anticipating the WNF&GA Annual meeting in Buffalo, New York in June 2010. Working with the



We honor these Council Emeritae for their dedication to WNF&GA for twenty years or more. Clockwise from top left: Nora Tebben, Rosemary Lammers, Millie Machuga, and Gerry McCrumb.

Michigan Division, the Ohio Division Executive Board will be promoting the bus trip through Bianco tours that will enable more members to attend.

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