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A WORD FROM WNF&GA PRESIDENT MARY BERTOLINI



It is a great honor to represent you as National President of this prestigious organization. I have great shoes to fill in the next few years. Many incredible women have gone before me, leading the membership by incorporating the aims and goals of Farm & Garden into our daily lives.

Everyone knows the need for clean water, air and soil. We shop at our local farm markets for the freshest and most healthy produce available. Farm & Garden's support of higher education grows each year. We touch many young lives through our planting programs at the elementary schools in our neighborhoods. Many great achievements have been accomplished by our members working as a team.

Our recent focus on honey bees has made everyone aware of the plight of the farmers and the effects of pollution, global industries, and the ever increasing demand for the mass production of supplies. It is the local connection that helps us maintain healthy and fresh options in our food supply, our jobs, our homes and our families.

We have come full circle after years of looking at the world as one backyard. Many communities are now reigning in their focus to farm markets, local fairs and celebrations. Most areas of our country have organic farms producing healthy foods for our families. We all enjoy our flower gardens. We work in our cities to beautify the public spaces

with our monetary contributions, time and efforts. We have traveled the world and met new friends, only to find their thoughts mirror our own.

Farm & Garden has always been on the forefront of innovation. Our founders were off-shoots of the suffragette movement. They fought for women's rights in the political world, in the workplace and in their communities. Their words still ring true today: "Farm faithfully, garden gratefully."

We are approaching our centennial celebration. Eighty years ago, our logo was awarded to Farm Markets, much like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval of today. Patrons were assured of quality goods for a fair price at stands displaying our sign. Once again, we embrace the farm markets. We have traveled far to arrive at our roots.

It is time to **Build our Future: A Better Farm & Garden**. That will be the theme of my term of office. Every member is aware of the problems facing our group: diminished membership numbers, disconnect between Branches and Divisions, Divisions and National. When individual branches repeatedly question

the need for allegiance to a National organization, it is time for a much needed review of the relationship.

We are going through difficult times. With increasing frequency, we hear Farm & Garden has not kept pace with the 21st century. If we are to survive, we must change to meet new and challenging needs. Our task is daunting, but we are strong, intelligent women who do not shrink from controversial issues.

This is a member-driven organization. As

such, each of you has a say about it. The very name, Woman's National Farm & Garden, meaning "Of One Woman," reflects the individuality and necessity of each member. Let us know your thoughts by responding to the survey we have created. (See survey announcement on page 20.)

We need to become a communicating gathering of members. Ideas will be collected and used by the Council to chart our course ahead. We welcome suggestions, for one idea will spark the next. Answer the survey questions truthfully from your heart. There are no names and no personal information to be collected. Like the National Census, all information is confidential.

We believe this wonderful support group, founded on education and horticulture, can stand the test of time. Perhaps we need to regroup, rest, and emerge into a beautiful Farm & Garden, meeting the needs of more members. Everyone reading this magazine issue has a love of this organization. Together, we can accomplish great things. Let us join hands, and begin our journey into the next 100 years.



At the 2010 Annual Meeting, leadership transitioned from President Faith Tiberio (left, in bee wings) to President Mary Bertolini (the tomato on the right).

IN FOCUS: Civic Improvement

Hazel J. Herring Civic Improvement Grants 2010

At the National Meeting in June, four branches received special recognition and monetary awards for initiatives to enhance their communities' public spaces. Each year, the Hazel J. Herring Grant is given to a Branch or Division project of improvement through civic action or beautification, including community gardens, landscaping of historic landmarks or community properties, establishment of playgrounds, picnic areas, and similar endeavors to benefit and improve public areas.

"Nature's Housekeepers Pavilion at the Waterfalls", by Nature's Housekeepers Branch, Findlay, Ohio

Nature's Housekeepers Garden Club of the Ohio Division initiated the Riverside Park Project, through funds saved from past fund-raising auctions and cookbook sales in which all members participated. Nature's Housekeepers donated \$6,000 to Hancock Park Service for new landscaping, large planters, banners with historic pictures and banner brackets, and improvements in the Waterfalls Pavilion and bike path at Riverside Park. Four members assisted the Park Service in planning the project. The pavilion improvements included a new barbecue grill with paving underneath, new picnic tables, and painting. The pavilion was renamed "Nature's Housekeepers Pavilion at the Waterfalls." **AWARD: \$500.00**

Pears Jubilee Garden at the Independence Township Library by Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Clarkston, Michigan

Continuing Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's 25 year plus tradition of designing, planting and maintaining the various gardens enhancing Independence Township Library, the branch took on its largest and most ambitious addition to the library landscape. Branch members recently planted 18 Chanticleer Pear Trees to enlarge the library's central garden. These Chanticleer Pears have a

stable, upright structure and will bloom white each spring to complement the soft green and white Diamond Jubilee Garden that they encircle. They will add substantially to the branch's goal of increasing public garden areas. The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club will continue to maintain these trees in future years. Total cost of the project was \$2160 for 18 Chanticleer Pear Trees at \$120/tree (in the ground); \$200 for irrigation repairs; \$140 for soil amendments, for a total cost of \$2500.

AWARD \$500.00

Purple Loosestrife Extermination by Mayflower Farm and Garden, Medfield, Massachusetts

Mayflower Farm and Garden Branch began a project in Medfield, MA in 2007 to exterminate the purple loosestrife from the Charles River. Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria* L) is an invasive plant that must be annihilated. The goal of the project is to exterminate all loosestrife from a designated area within the next couple of years. Purple loosestrife is an invasive plant that came from Europe and Asia. The plant proliferates rapidly and greatly reduces native plant coverage. The Charles River and Medfield and its surrounding towns are full of loosestrife and several communities are embarking on a course of action to address the problem. A beetle called *Galerucela* that can be

purchased and released in a designated area will feed wildly on its nutrition of choice – purple loosestrife – and can annihilate an entire area in weeks. When the population is gone, the beetles disappear as well. The branch purchases beetle-infected purple loosestrife plants from Cornell University, then places the plants in strategic areas where purple loosestrife is rampant. The Mayflower Branch, working with the support the Army Corps of Engineers, will purchase and strategically place eight plants every year for the next three years – a necessary step for maximum impact. **AWARD: \$400.00**

Community Center Walkway by Warren Garden Club, Warren, Michigan

The Warren Community Center courtyard was designed by a forester with lot of trees, shrubs, and grasses, a fountain with surrounding garden, floodlights and a sprinkling system. It fell into disrepair until, in spring 2009, it became the combined project of the Warren Garden Club and a group of Master Gardener volunteers. The current phase of the project includes the creation of additional walkways so that visitors can enjoy new flower beds. The pathways are being constructed with garden timbers stabilized by rebar to outline wood chip paths. A seating area is being added for garden visitors. This project will promote increased use and enjoyment of the garden courtyard of the Warren Community Center. **AWARD; \$300.00**



The Courtyard of the Warren Community Center where Warren Branch members are improving visitor access to the gardens with help from a Hazel Herring Grant.

IN FOCUS: Horticultural Therapy Happenings

**By Marla Diamond, Coordinator,
Horticultural Therapy Focus**

Many Farm & Garden Branches participate in Horticultural Therapy programs. If your Branch does not, you are missing one of the greatest joys in helping young and older members of our society with special needs.

The goals of this focus are:

- To help, heal and rehabilitate people with special needs, and to improve their physical and mental well-being through the use of plants and horticultural related activities; and
- To further the interests of our members in this important endeavor, and help them accomplish their goals.

As I meet and work with the different groups in schools, group homes, nursing homes, etc., I find each person helping will say "I get more out of working and helping the handicapped and special needs people, than they do."

Here is information submitted by Sharleen Datini, Horticultural Therapy Chairman for the Trenton Branch, on a program conducted by her branch:

Trenton Branch members conduct horticultural therapy activities in three locations, including Madison School (ages 9 to 12); Jo Brighton Work Skills Center (a location for alternative vocational services for special education students ages 15 through 26); and Wyandotte Co-op Apartments, an extension of the Jo Brighton Center. We make crafts

suitable for the different age groups from the young students through young adults in their early twenties.

Our projects have included planting grass seeds in the tops of cutout potatoes for a Chia plant; making terrariums, and creating various holiday projects. During the spring months, we plant flowers in pots and host a picnic for the Madison School class at the end of the season.

Our goal is to enrich the creativity of vocationally challenged children and young adults, to help them connect with their environment, and to create an awareness and knowledge of their surroundings by bringing to the classes natural materials such as seeds, wood, flowers, shells, etc., which are used in various projects. We strive to bring new ideas to the classroom as well as knowledge and an awareness of their surroundings.

Each project is a hands-on experience in the creation of each venture. We also provide assistance when needed to children who are more challenged.

Special Request: Many WNF&GA branches have monthly programs. I would like a copy of current activities and photos to publish in Farm & Garden Magazine and to share with all members. Please let me know of all branches with Horticultural Therapy programs.

Send program information and photos to Marla Diamond, Horticultural Therapy Focus Coordinator at 22878 E. River Road Grosse Ile, MI 48138; 734-676-6993; or marlajdiamond@comcast.net.



Members of the Trenton Branch, Michigan Division work on a Christmas project with high-school age students at the Jo Brighton Work Skills Center.

IN FOCUS: Tribute Awards for Outstanding Service

The following presentations of the Tribute Award for Outstanding Service were made by Claudia Scioly and Julie Siefker, respectively, during the 2010 Annual Meeting.

“Ah, Women!

This is our rallying call tonight,
'Extraordinary women.'

These are the most extraordinary women in the world, when they dance, they dance with you, when they sing, it is the motherhood of half the world, when they go walking, they have an affair with sunlight, these women are poetry. Their delight in the day begins the minute they see the sun, because the sun is a beautiful thing to sit under. To love the air is to want to fill it with these women, the most extraordinary women in the world.

Adapted from Pier Giorgio di Cicco, Toronto Poet Laureate, “The Most Extraordinary Women.”

The woman I am going to honor is always standing in the sun. She can relate to everyone, talks to anyone, and enjoys everyone. She has a zest for life that cannot be matched with anyone I know.

She has tremendous strength of character and will go to great lengths to defend her position. You can rely on her for an honest answer, although you may not always like it.

She is not afraid to tell you her age. She believes in family and tradition. She is passionate about scholarship, learning, and young people. She is a student of history, horticulture, and art. She is curious and always engaged in whatever topic you bring up, and she usually knows more than you do.

She is generous to a fault. She has a



remarkable past with Farm & Garden. She cares deeply about the organization, and about its beginnings; but more importantly she works endlessly to ensure its legacy.

She was President of the New England Division in 1999 when she became involved at the National level and joined the board. Since then she has become an Institution. She can turn a phrase and turn a head. She is poetry.

She is Faith Tiberio.”

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“As President of the Ohio Division, it gives me great pleasure to introduce this recipient of the Tribute Award.

She was born and reared in Texas & the mother of two. After moving to Findlay Ohio in 1967, she joined the Buckeye Branch and became its president in 1973. In addition, she organized and served as the first President of the Tussie Mussie Herb Branch.

She is very active on the National level and has held numerous positions, serving as National President

from 1982-1984.

This wonderful lady is also a life member of ACWW and has been very involved with the CWC. She was instrumental in gaining support for “The Chronicle: History of the Woman’s National Farm & Garden Association” as well as financial backing for the book.

During her National Presidency, a Civic Improvement Award was established in her name by her husband. Recently, this dedicated woman has been key in obtaining the funding needed to restore the Ambler Greenhouse and returning Farm & Garden to its roots in Ambler where it all began.

It is with deep honor that I present the Tribute Award for Outstanding Service to Hazel Herring.



Hazel Herring (left) and Faith Tiberio received the Tribute Award for Outstanding Service at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Buffalo/Niagara.

Children — The Future of Farm & Garden

The Four Big G's For Me

By Jan Niebauer, Milford Garden Club, Michigan Division

In my next life I have decided to surround myself with the four great "Gs". God, Goldens, Grandchildren and Gardening. They all bring me great joy, contentment, peace and laughter!

God, walks in the garden with me and slows my mind to make me realize the amazing peace that my garden, weeds and all, bring to me.

My Golden Retriever, Molly, makes me laugh when I am feeling like I will never get through the weeds.. and she comes to keep me company and lies down on the only delphinium left blooming.

Ahhhhh...and now my Grandchildren. We have picked raspberries in our pajamas in the morning for breakfast. We have walked in the garden and they have squealed with amazement that the yellow flower from last week is now a small pumpkin. They love the morning glories growing up the fence, not for the flower so much, but for the heart shaped leaf that they identified early in the spring while I was weeding, and now see what it became. We have walked in the herb garden and picked leaves to rub between our finger and thumb, and then sniff. We have loved the chocolate mint so much we had to add it to our hot chocolate immediately..

We sit by the pond and watch the gold fish and talk about how big "Old Spot" is (our only Koi among the goldfish) and how they remember how little he was when we first got him. We talk about the polliwogs and frogs, the pond lilies and the cattails and how everything in

the pond needs each other to survive and be happy, just as we do. We have our roses, perennials, sun garden, shade garden, vegetable and herb gardens but the children seem to like the concept of my "second chance" garden the best..This is the place I put plants to give them a "second" chance..if they don't grow here..they won't grow anywhere.(.but they always do.) I think the kids love the idea that everyone and everything deserves a "Second Chance."

If you have not walked in a garden with a child, or picked peaches with a granddaughter, (as I was lucky enough to do yesterday), and made a pie right then. Or if you have not seen the wonder as you open a snapdragon for them and had it "Talk" and then years later, as teenagers, watch them absent mindedly pick a snapdragon and make it "talk" and realized the impression very small things mean to a child, you have missed the best heart hugs life

can give you.. I have made hollyhock dolls with tooth picks with my granddaughters, as my Gramma did with me. We have put Queen Ann's Lace in food colored water to be amazed in the morning at our beautiful colored bouquet!

I now understand that it is the small moments in life that are the important ones. We take pictures at all the births, marriages, graduations and re-live them every time we look at them. Ahhhh.. but mental pictures, that snapshot you take as you lean close with a child to look at a butterfly or the shape of a sunflower or a child falling asleep on your lap as you slowly swing in the garden. This is your heritage, it is who you are, that you have the ability to give to your grandchildren to keep forever.. And just as my Gramma did with me, you know someday they will be doing the same with their grandchildren.

Yep! THE FOUR BIG G'S FOR ME!



Children planting seeds at a local community farm in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Children—The Future of Farm & Garden

Ohio Division Hosts First Annual “Take a Girl to Garden” Day By Julie Siefker, President, Ohio Division

On Friday, May 7th 2010, more than 50 members and guests of the Ohio Division gathered at Litzenberg Memorial Farm & Woods outside of Findlay, Ohio to take part in “Take A Girl To Garden” Day (TAGG).

This new program offered members and guests a chance to invite a young lady as a partner to experience hands-on gardening. Many community members were involved, and with the participation of all the Ohio Division Branches, a fun packed evening was experienced by all.

As a way to address membership recruitment & retention, the concept & planning for TAGG began in the Spring of 2009 to introduce young ladies to learn about basic gardening with an adult female partner. Members and guests were excited at the opportunity to invite a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or young lady friend to spend time together in an outdoor learning experience. The biggest dilemma seemed to be in defining “young lady friend!” As a result, tickets were sold at \$5 each and admitted two attendees.

Sessions included Beginning Gardening (each girl got to take home their own vegetable plant to care for) with Marcella Ciccotelli of Colorscapes Gardens, Herb Gardening with Ann Boyd from My Own Backyard Herb Farm, and a Wildflower Walk/Plant ID with Hancock County Park naturalist Sarah Bett.

Floral Designers Branch gave a wonderful hands-on Floral Arts activity

that allowed each young lady to design and create a fresh flower topiary. Down To Earth Branch coordinated the Raised Bed Gardening with the assistance of the Hancock County Master Gardeners.

In addition to learning all about beginning gardening, more than 9 local vendors held a mini Farmers Market on site to introduce people to the wonders of area farmers markets. Some of the products offered for sale along with fresh produce and flowers were home made soaps, honey, shitake mushrooms, baked and canned goods, organic meats, and much more.

Although the event was scheduled from 5pm-9pm, the activities were cut short around 7:30 pm due to one of Ohio’s infamous weather systems that brought a lot of excite-

ment with high winds and tornados! Despite the impending weather, everyone enjoyed themselves as they munched on cookies and lemonade (provided by the remaining Branches) through out the time we had while the weather cooperated.

Plans are in progress for next year’s TAGG event which is scheduled for Friday, May 6th 2011 at Litzenberg, which is a part of the Hancock County Parks Department.

All WNF&GA members, adult guests, & young lady guests are invited to attend. For more information, contact Julia Siefker, Ohio Division President at 419-538-6739 or jverhoff@bright.net.



A photo of the Litzenberg Memorial Farm & Woods outside Findlay, Ohio where “Take a Girl to Garden” Day takes place.

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The Kidz Korner

By Audrey E. Ehrler, Tri-County Branch, New York Division

Each year, the Tri-County Branch of the NY Division holds a Flower Show in the month of August. It is held in Hartford, NY in conjunction with the events of "Hartford County Days." This is a town-wide celebration, which has been held for many, many years. Families look forward to this wonderful fun filled day each year.

In 2003, while planning our Flower Show, the committee decided to expand our mission by beefing up the Conservation/Education Display at the Show. We noted that many children came to our show with their parents and grandparents. We thought, "Why not appeal to both the adults and the children who chose to come through our doors?"

So, in 2003, the KIDZ KORNER was born. It is a special place where children can learn about plants and nature and taking care of our environment. Activities are planned to coordinate with the theme of the show. The children have enjoyed the making colorful crafts to take home.

Each child is also given an age appropriate book or activity to take home free of charge.

The word has spread and each year we see repeat customers and some new faces at our Education Display. The adults are delighted with this concept. They are able to enjoy the floral designs on display while the children are happily occupied in the KIDZ KORNER!



Claudia Elkins, Chairperson of Kidz Korner and Secretary of the Tri-County Branch, New York Division.

Ideas for Engaging Young Families and Children with Farm & Garden

By Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Co-President, Ambler Keystone Branch, Pennsylvania Division

Here are a few ideas for engaging young families and children in the activities of Farm & Garden branches:

Creating and planting hypertufa troughs. Children make the troughs in the late spring/early summer. Club members "cure" them over the summer. Kids come back in the early autumn and plant the troughs. (Club members donate plants for the kids to use.)

Gourd birdhouses. Children plant the gourd seeds (members do as well, just in case the kids gourds don't grow or get nibbled by voles, mice)- harvest the mature gourds- member's husbands can drill the bird entrance hole for the kids- decorate and hang!

Leaf rubbings.

Make your own potpourri. Members save/dry flower petals, pods and leaves from plants such as roses, lavender, violets, peonies, marigolds, statice and strawflowers, mint rosemary, and various junipers (also orange peels). Kids assemble into little sachets, bowls, etc.

Build a bean tower. Using three five-foot-long poles/sticks and twine, make a bean tower. Kids plant pole beans to grow on the tower.

Garden scavenger hunt.

Make a scarecrow. Old pants, shirt, hat, rope for belt, hay or other grass-like stuffing, pole to mount scarecrow, old scrap of fabric to make a face.

It works best if club members can offer many of the "garden" supplies (plant material, seeds, etc.) and tricky labor like drilling holes in gourds, mounting scarecrows, and other more difficult tasks.

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Millie Rose Honored with Council Member Emerita at 2010 Annual Meeting

Millie Rose received the honor of Council Member Emerita at the 2010 National Meeting. She served on National Council since 1985.

Millie was President of Four Seasons Branch, Ohio Division. When Floral Designers Branch was formed in 1988, she was Vice President from 1988-1989, President from 1989-1990, and has remained an active member since then.

Millie has served as Ohio Division Flower Show Committee Chairman since 1987 and conducted many

National Flower Show Workshops. When Barbara Hochstettler was elected National President, Millie completed Barbara's term as Ohio Division President from 2004-2005.

Millie is known for her creative designs and, until recently, owned and operated a local flower shop.

Congratulations Millie Rose!

Photo—right: Millie Rose (center) received the honor of Council Member Emerita at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Buffalo/Niagara.



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Nora Tebben with podium flower arrangement she designed for 2010 Annual Meeting.



Betty Monahan "thinking green" at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the passing of the following members in 2010:

Betty Monahan
Jessie Wink

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Mrs. James Diamond 2006-08
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Fall Council Meeting Registration Form

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Polaris, 8535 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH 43240 Phone 614-846-8884

October 1-3, 2010

Non Refundable Registration Fee

Name _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E Mail _____

Division _____ Branch _____ Office Held _____

Arriving by: Plane _____ Bus _____ Car _____ Expected time of arrival _____ Airport Shuttle? _____

Rooming with _____ Need a Room Mate? _____

(We can arrange for a room mate if necessary)

Friday, October 1

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Arrival and Check-in

Dinner on your own

7:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 2

7-8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00—12 noon Fall Council Meeting Session 1

12:00 noon Buffet lunch

1:00—3:00 PM Fall Council Meeting Session 2

3:00—3:30 PM Break

3:30—5:30 PM Fall Council Meeting Session 3

5:45 PM Board Bus to Dinner and Tour of Short North Gallery Hop

11:00 PM Bus returns to hotel

Sunday, October 3

7:00—9:00 AM Breakfast at hotel

9:00—11:00 AM Fall Council Meeting Session 4

11:00—12:00 noon Check out

Total Registration Fee: \$ 70.00

Angel Fund: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: WNF&GA National Meeting Fund

Send completed Registration form and check to: Julie Siefker, 9355 Rd 11, Ottawa, OH 45875

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No refunds. Prices for registration are all-inclusive.

Call hotel directly to make room reservations at 614-846-8884.

Room blocks held until September 17, 2010.

Use promotion code **WNFGA** for our special rate of \$109/night (full breakfast included). The group # is: 302479.

Nudge Me

*What can I do, dear Lord, today
to ease another's troubled way?*

*I hope you'll let me know.
The problem is I may not see
Just what to do or where to be
I pray 'twill not be so.*

*What's worse...I pray I shall not shun
A good that plainly should be done.*

*Because I fail to care.
Or that I turn my eyes aside
And act because of foolish pride
As though it were not there.*

*It isn't easy to behave
With virtues lofty, sweet and brave.
In fact, few mortals do.
Yet most of us aren't bad at heart--
Just need a push, a little start,
A nudging Lord, from You.*

A great thought from a Saginaw native, Margaret Rorke.

Margaret was an extraordinary woman, especially for her time. In 1946 she married Willaim A. Rorke and had two children. She managed to earn a B.A. and J.D. degree from the University of Michigan.

Her poems appeared in the Saginaw News on the editorial page for 22 years. She published three books of poems-an Old Cracked Cup, My Ego Trip and Christmas Could-Be tales and other Verses.

She was inducted into the Saginaw county "Hall of Fame" in 2007. She belonged to many clubs here, including our local branch of the WNF&GA. It could be said she lived up to her "lofty virtues, sweet and brave."

Her poem "Nudge Me" appears in our Branch book almost every year. Whenever I come across it, I am always inspired to try and nudge myself a little more.

Vicki Engel, Publicity, Saginaw Branch

Remembering Betty Monahan

By Audrey E. Ehrler, NY Division

Betty Monahan, who passed away last Spring, was a born leader and community servant. The New York Division was most fortunate to have Betty as a loyal member for many years. She served as Division President for eight years.

Betty served on many committees for our National Organization, the New York Division, and the Tri-County Branch. Her boundless energy, creative mind, and sense of loyalty helped us to learn and grow.

Her good common sense, her love of history and her vision for the future were evident in all she set out to accomplish. As we all know, she could have never achieved all the ideas that her mind conjured up. But, her leadership qualities and her ability to delegate responsibility to others was a unique talent.

Betty had a knack for looking over a situation and tackling it head on. If she could not do it herself, she found just the right person for the task. She was not a trained teacher, but was a true educator.

I think we shall all remember her for many reasons. Her outstanding work in the field of Environmental Concerns will long be remembered and cherished. For you see, Betty knew how to look back and study the lessons that history has taught us. She knew how to apply those lessons to present day problems. She knew how to motivate others to come up with solutions and make this world a better place.

We shall miss her leadership and her presence. The best way to honor Betty and remember her is to carry on her work and to make this world a better place in which to live.

Remembering Jessie Wink

**By Dorothy Zippel, President,
Pennsylvania Division**

When Jessie Wink passed away in April from a massive stroke, we lost a dear and loving friend and WNF&GA lost a loyal and staunch supporter. Jessie was involved on all levels of the organization. She was a member of two branches – Berkeley Hills Branch and Lavender & Lace Herb Branch.

In the many years she belonged to these branches, she served in many capacities. On the Division level, she served as President several times as well as a member of various committees. She was always willing to give support wherever needed. Jessie was also involved on the National level as Recording Secretary, chairman of the Plate Fund, Arts &

Crafts, and a member of other committees. Jessie served on the Council for several years. She always looked forward to attending the Annual Meeting and visiting with friends from other Divisions. She received the Recognition Award.

Jessie lived life to the fullest. She was a deacon at her church and actively involved with that position. She loved to travel and made many overseas trips with her daughter and family. She sometimes traveled with her son to Las Vegas where she had been two weeks prior to her passing. She was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh sports teams and always enjoyed attending a baseball game.

She was a friend to many and will be missed by all.

Fall Council Meeting Details

Council to Meet in Columbus, Ohio — October 1-3, 2010

Join us in the Heart of Ohio as we make our way to the capitol of the Buckeye State for the Fall Council Meeting scheduled for October 1-3, 2010.

The Hilton Garden Inn at Columbus/Polaris is a premier hotel dedicated to service and will be an exciting place to stay as we get down to business. Accommodations include a hot breakfast, state of the art meeting facilities, indoor swimming pool & whirlpool, comfy rooms with microwave, fridge, and other amenities. (Not to mention the world class shopping that is just a complimentary shuttle away from the hotel!).

When you arrive Friday afternoon you will be greeted by the Hospitality Committee from the Ohio Division. Dinner will be on our own at one of the many upscale restaurants located near the hotel. Saturday will be a full day dedicated to the business at hand.

Saturday evening's festivities will include traveling by deluxe motor coach to the Short North District in downtown Columbus for dinner and an exciting adventure called the "Gallery Hop" touring local art stores, antique shops, boutiques, & musical entertainment.

A registration fee of \$70 covers all meeting costs, Saturday lunch, transportation, an elegant dinner Saturday near Short North, and the Gallery Hop. Fill out the registration form on page 15 and send it in ASAP. Then call for your hotel reservations. (A block of rooms will be held until September 17. See additional hotel information at right.

Agenda Fall Council Meeting October 2, 2010 Columbus, Ohio

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA
3. Welcome
4. Roll Call
5. Quorum
6. Officers Reports
7. Division Chairmen/Individual Branch Reports
8. Focus Chairmen Reports
9. Unfinished Business:
 - Fryinger Exchange
 - A & O Budget Approval
10. New Business:
 - CWC membership
11. Open Comments
12. Adjourn

Hilton Garden Inn — Columbus/Polaris

The Hilton Garden Inn at Columbus/Polaris is noted as one of the premier hotels in the area and is dedicated to customer service. The hotel itself is within walking distance to the Polaris Mall, renowned for excellence in shopping. Polaris itself is located amid 3.5 miles of additional great shopping & fabulous restaurants.

Hotel amenities include a beautiful lobby with seating areas and fireplace, on site restaurant & lounge, indoor swimming pool/whirlpool, and 24-hour work-out facility. A full cook-to-order breakfast is included in the room rate.

A block of rooms has been reserved until September 17 for WNF&GA members at \$109 a night for up to 4 people (full breakfast included). Rooms include microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot, iron/ironing board & hair dryer.

Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly at 614-846-8884. Use promotion code WNFGA for our special rate. The group # is: 302479. Or go to: www.columbuspolaris.hgi.com.

Select the dates you will be staying and, in the corporate field, type in WNFGA (it is not case sensitive).

Getting There — Columbus, Ohio

Port Columbus International Airport is located just 10 minutes east of downtown (16 miles —a 20 minute drive—from our hotel). State-of-the-art facilities feature the latest in airport safety and security, passenger comfort and convenience, plus high value air service by all the major air carriers, including Air Canada Jazz, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, Midwest/Connect, Northwest, Southwest, United, US Airways and USA3000. Taxi service is provided by many vendors. The average fare from Port Columbus International Airport to downtown is \$18-\$20. Airport shuttles also are available.

Columbus is easy to get around. The main east-west highway is I-70. There are two primary north-south freeways, I-71 and St. Rte. 315. The outerbelt, I-270, circles the city. I-670 connects the airport to downtown and continues to the west side.

Traveling I-270 or I-70, proceed to I-71 North to Exit 121 which is Polaris Parkway. Turn West onto Polaris Parkway and proceed to first traffic light, Lyra Drive. Turn South on Lyra Drive and the hotel is on the right.

Flower Shows Engage Members, Delight Communities

WNF&GA Flower Show

Procedures

By Nora Tebben, National Judges Council Chairman

[Taken from the WNF&GA Judges Manual for Flower Shows, pages 10, 11, 13, and 14. Further information may be obtained by contacting Nora Tebben (noratebben@hotmail.com) or phone 810-796-2910.]

Planning the Show:

Careful planning well in advance of the show date is essential if it is to be well organized, effective and successful. Certain steps apply to all shows regardless of size or occasion.

We start with a Mini Show of 3 classes of 4 entries each, including one class of 4 table settings – a total of 12 entries.

Steps to Take:

1. Decide to have a flower show.
2. Determine type of show – Mini, Standard, Expanded, or Table Setting Show.
3. Then, decide when it will be held – in Spring, Summer, Fall, or Winter. Thought should be given to available fresh plant materials in members' gardens, for both Horticulture Specimen and for use in Artistic Designs.
4. If choice is Mini or Expanded Show, decide if it will be Private or Public.
5. Select the General Chairman. She should be allowed to choose her own Committees, which will be called The Flower Show Committee, of which she will be the Chairman.
6. After possible dates are decided upon, General Chairman should contact Division President regarding other organizational dates, so that two important events will not fall on the same date.

Tri-County Flower Show Success

By Davene Brown, Tri-County Branch, NY Division

The Tri-County Branch of the New York Division has an annual flower show on the second Saturday of August. It is held in the Masonic Hall in Hartford, NY. We set up on Thursday morning, designs and horticulture specimens are brought in and set up on Friday, and the judges come in the afternoon. We open up to the public on Saturday.

In addition to the design, horticulture and education displays, we have sale tables for food, plants and white elephant. This is our largest fund raiser to support our scholarships.

This year we chose the theme "Dance, Dance, Dance" which really inspired designers. Creativity and dynamic colors filled the room. It was a lovely day. About 100 folks came to see our show.

Right: Belly Dance: a design on a podium by Mary Kellogg of the Tri-County Branch.



Organizing the Show

The Flower Show Committee should:

1. Select the theme—the idea behind the show—the title of which explains it. It should be one that can be successfully and easily carried out in the staging, the classes, and the exhibits. Good theme continuity is accomplished by relating class titles and staging. The Schedule Chairman presents a selection of Titles from which to choose.
2. Choose place for show. This will depend on the type of show being staged and whether it is to be public or private. Factors to be considered are: size of facility, accessibility as to hours open, and parking facilities with consideration to handicapped visitors and fire regulations.

3. Choose the date of the show (see 6 above).

Mini-Merit Shows

Mini-Merit Shows are allowed for the purpose of stimulating interest in Flower Shows, and to offer the membership opportunity to grow in confidence and experience.

They must meet the basic requirements of the Standard Merit Show with the following exceptions: They may be judged by a single team of Certified or approved WNF&GA Judges; and they may have as few as three Classes of four entries each in Horticulture and Artistic Design. One of the Classes must be a Table Setting.

All WNF&GA Merit Shows are eligible for National Awards if they meet the basic requirements outlined in the Manual.

FARM & GARDEN NEWS

Michigan Division Update By Carroll Thomson, Michigan Division President

The ladies of the Michigan are busy ladies, indeed. The main focus for the summer in many branches is Garden Walks. Branches include luncheons, photography contests, artists in residence, even a hot dog stand to encourage guests to sign up for a walk in a lovely, unique garden. Many branches sponsor members to attend Garden Walks in territories other than their own. All are attended by those members who love gardens and are anxious to see other gardening ideas.

Ann Arbor particularly reaches out to the public, with advertising and getting sponsors to help support the endeavor. This year was more spectacular than ever. Over one thousand visitors browsed one garden in particular. That garden will be featured for a fall garden walk.

Members of the Troy Garden Club featured the Gems of Cranbrook at their April meeting. The program offered an overview of the Cranbrook institutions and community with an in-depth look at the exquisite Cranbrook gardens.

At the National Meeting, several Michigan branches received special awards: Education focus: Trenton; International Cooperation – Warren and Trenton; Promotion and Growth – Warren and Trenton; Gardening – Warren; Floral Arts – Trenton and Tri-County of New York; National Orchid Award – Trenton; Horticultural Therapy – Trenton and Rochester; and Civic Service – Warren and Trenton.

We are looking forward to our International Tea, to be held at Seven Ponds Nature Center on September 29, 2010.



Recipients of National Awards include (left to right) Tri-County Branch, NY Division (Lorraine Bardin), Trenton Branch, Michigan Division (Marla Diamond), Rochester Branch, Michigan Division (Marvel Proton), and Warren Branch, Michigan Division (Pat Brown).

A GRAND OLE TIME!

2011 WNF&GA Annual Meeting June 1-5, 2011

Join us as we combine urban sophistication with small town warmth for a "Grand Ole Time" in Grand Rapids Michigan for our Annual Meeting!

Mark your calendars for June 1-5, 2011. We will stay at the Amway Grand Plaza, named the 12th best hotel in all North America by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine. The city of Grand Rapids is a virtual treat for the eyes with the breadth and variety of the sculpture, art, and architecture the downtown has to offer. Art museums, the Riverwalk, world class golfing, and an outing to the Children's Garden at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park are some of the wonderful opportunities to be taken advantage of during our stay.

Itineraries, registration information, hotel registration, and fees will be published in the Spring issue of Farm & Garden Magazine. Also, be sure to check the www.wnfga.org website for this information. Anyone who desires to assist in planning this wonderful event can contact Julia Siefker, National President-Elect/Event Planner, at 419-538-6739 or jverhoff@bright.net to join the Planning Committee.

New York Division Update

By Janine Thomas,
NY Division President

The New York Division is active and on task for the fall. Tri-County Branch just held a very successful flower show and I was pleased to see Cambridge Branch officers there eager to plan their own show later this year. These shows are a lot of work but are well worth the effort. Our members are great team players: always ready to step up to the plate when called on to pinch hit!

I am eager to visit the branches this fall. I began my membership in the Sandy Hill branch many years ago. They meet in the evenings allowing membership for those that work during the day.

In the past few years the Tri-County Branch has been involved in various programs involving children and gardening. One wonderful project was the awarding of a gardening grant to the agricultural teacher at the Salem Central School in Salem, New York. Amy Maxwell Swezey and her landscape class drafted a new design for the school courtyard. It is a beautiful living statement of what a teacher and her students can do for their community.

In the community of Salem, NY there has been a wonderful revival of gardening at the Old Courthouse, now an art and community center. Children are taught to compost, plant, tend and harvest their vegetables. Whether it is planting pumpkins with your children or grandchildren, volunteering in a local program at a school, or sharing a flower with a child, the legacy of gardening will continue to the next generations. It has been rewarding, as a member of our organization, to foster a love of the earth and its bounty.

If I could be so bold as to ask all members to champion a cause this year I would like it to be the increase in membership. If each one of us could introduce one new member it would make a dramatic impact. Our organization has so much value, history, and activity.

Survey Needs Your Participation

All members are asked to participate in a brief survey currently being conducted by Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. The survey is only 10 questions and will take less than 5 minutes to complete.

To participate, go to:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/5KZP5PG.

Your responses will guide future decision making by the officers of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. The survey will be available until September 27. Please participate today!

Ambler Project Completed

At the 2010 Annual Meeting, Ambler Greenhouse Project Coordinator Hazel Herring announced that the fundraising goal of \$150,000 has been met.

Money contributed by individuals, branches, and divisions will now be used to renovate the "head-house" of the former greenhouse of the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women—the site of the establishment of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association in 1914.

The head-house will become a Visitor's Center for the Ambler Arboretum and a place to display and view WNF&GA memorabilia. Members will have an opportunity to view the finished space at the WNF&GA 100th anniversary celebration at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Final Call—Heirloom Project Stories Due by 12/2010

Submissions for "The Heirloom Project—Handing Down the Stories, Recipes, and Wisdom of Farm & Garden," WNF&GA's book of memories, are due by December 2010.

We are compiling our stories, our recipes, and our wisdom to share with each other and all who come after us. These items have special value because they remind us of our history, of the arts of

canning, sewing, gardening, and farming, and of our shared humanity.

Thirteen stories have already been received and were shared with the membership at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Members with an interest in history and writing are invited to work on the project. Please contact Kathy Beveridge (Kathleen.beveridge@comcast.net or 215-441-4827) to volunteer.

Additional stories, recipes, and images are being collected to add to the Heirloom Project. Please send all material to: Kathy Beveridge
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Bucks County Branch Formed By Kathy Beveridge, Secretary, Bucks County Branch, PA Division

A charter establishing the new Bucks County Branch of WNF&GA was signed at the 2010 Annual Meeting. The new branch is part of the Pennsylvania Division and is located in Southeastern Pennsylvania, near the Ambler Keystone Branch. Sixteen members have joined the branch since an initial interest meeting was held in March. At least 20 others have expressed interest in joining. The branch will focus on environmental concerns, gardening, and history.



President Faith Tiberio and Bucks County Branch Recording Secretary Kathy Beveridge pose with the branch's newly signed charter.

FARM & GARDEN NEWS

New Jersey Beacon Hill Branch Horticulture Project

By Janet Vella, Beacon Hill Branch

On May 21, 2010, members of the Beacon Hill Branch of New Jersey went to "Chad's House," a home for five disabled young men, to help them plant colorful summer flowers. The young men enjoyed establishing a beautiful garden immensely! The volunteers loved participating in this horticultural project very much!

Volunteers included Donna Palmer, Ikey Kovacs, Joan Stecher, Janet Vella, Claire Dale, and Karen Barth.



Chad Barth, Eric Graff, and Ryan Rella participate in Beacon Hill horticulture project at Chad's House.

National Awards Presented at 2010 Annual Meeting

By Jean DeDecker, National Awards Chairman

The following branches received awards at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Buffalo:

Trenton, MI—Awards in Civic Service, Education, Floral Arts, Gardening, Horticultural Therapy, International Cooperation and Promotion and Growth. Six firsts, one second.

Warren, MI—Awards in Civic Service, Gardening, International Cooperation, and Promotion and Growth. Four firsts.

Rochester, MI—Award in Horticultural Therapy. One first.

Nature's Housekeepers, OH—Award in Civic Service. One first.

Tri-County, NY—Award in Floral Arts. One first.

The **National Orchid Award** was presented to Trenton Branch, Michigan Division for firsts in six and second in one focus categories.

A special **National Judges Council Award** was presented to Tri-County Branch, NY for "the most outstanding flower show we've had in years." Quote from chair Barbara Hochstettler.

Recognition certificates were awarded to Lorraine Bardin, Peggy Campbell, Millie Rose, and Dana Augusta Smith.

Monarch Magic

By Rebecca Bertolini Van Camp

My tale of the Monarch butterfly began three years ago, when my children, Thomas and Andrew, were 3 and 1. The local nature store, J.J. Cardinals, was selling monarch caterpillars. The caterpillars were no more than ¼" long, and a bargain at \$2 each. Of course, that \$2 soon became \$30, by the time we bought the butterfly tents, and the book about the lifecycle of a monarch butterfly. Little did I know, this would probably be one of the best \$30 I ever spent.

That summer, the boys and I carefully fed our caterpillars, cleaned up after them, and watched them grow. Monarch caterpillars only eat the leaves of the milkweed plant, so we learned where to find plants near our house. When it came time to take a vacation, the caterpillars and their tents went with us. As luck would have it, the caterpillars formed their chrysalises within hours of arrival at our destination. Now there was nothing left to do but wait!

The boys were both in awe about two weeks later as we

noticed one of the chrysalises had turned black, and the wing pattern of the Monarch was very prominent. Soon our first butterfly was 'born.' The excitement in the boys' eyes was priceless. As we went to release the butterfly, Thomas and Andrew were each able to 'hold' the butterfly before it flew away. They bid farewell to their new friend, with the promise that they would see her again soon.

Three years later, the boys look forward to raising Monarchs every summer. Thomas and Andrew each ask repeatedly "Mama, when are we going to get the caterpillars?", until we finally get the e-mail from J.J. Cardinals telling us the caterpillars are available for purchase. Both boys can recognize milkweed plants as we drive down the road, and readily point them out to me. They truly believe that each time they see a Monarch fly by, it is one of theirs that we have carefully raised. Their innocence is priceless, and so are the monarch butterfly caterpillars we will continue to buy for many summers to come.



Farm & Garden members touring the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Garden.

FARM & GARDEN NEWS

Letter from National Arboretum Intern Kyle Crawford

Dear Mrs. Ehrler and the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association,

I would like to start off thanking you for funding my summer internship in the Dogwood Collection at the U.S. National Arboretum. Upon starting my position I could tell that there was a lot to be done, but I was ready to start working. The work has been hard, but it has been a very educational and rewarding experience.

First thing to accomplish was removing the weeds that were invading the planting beds. Although not the most enjoyable of tasks, weeding provided a very drastic change to the look of the garden. With the addition of mulch to the freshly weeded beds, the Dogwood Collection looked much improved and provided me with a sense of accomplishment.

At the top of the garden a hedge of yew and abelia had been damaged by the winter storm and was in need of some attention. I removed dead branches and pruned the yew to a more manageable size. Parts of the hedge were also tied up to reposition smashed down areas of the hedge. Now the hedge is once again in good condition and should fill in nicely.

Another focus area in the garden was the Anacostia River overlook. Some trees blocked the view to the Anacostia, and many small trees were overgrown with various weeds and vines. With some help and a lot of pruning and weeding, the Anacostia is now in clear view and the hillside below the overlook provides an area for new additions to the Dogwood Collection.

Pruning was also a big project throughout the collection. Many trees produced sucker branches, which can ruin the form of a tree, and others trees had dead growth that needed to be removed. I worked my way through the collection removing as many of these



2010 U.S. National Arboretum Interns including Dogwood Collection Intern Kyle Crawford (front).

unnecessary branches as I could, greatly improving the form and overall look of many trees.

The Dogwood collection contains many trees dedicated to the past Presidents of WNF&GA. It was my responsibility to confirm the presence, location, and condition of each dedicated tree in the garden. After surveying all the trees, I updated the maps and inventory list that keep track of the President's Trees.

This has been a very enjoyable experience and has helped strengthen my interest in horticulture while showing me requirements and benefits of working in a public garden. I want to thank you again for providing me with the funding to

work at the Arboretum. Without your help this position would not be available, and I would have missed out on a great experience.

Sincerely,

Kyle Crawford, Intern
WNF&GA Dogwood Collection
U.S. National Arboretum



Outgoing President Faith Tiberio (second from left) celebrates her tenure with daughter Faith Dougherty (left) and sisters Kay Burtin and Camellia Kurt-Ciocca.

Distinguished WNF&GA Members Receive Recognition Awards

Lorraine Bardin

Lorraine Bardin has held many positions in WNF&GA, and is currently the longest standing member of the New York Division.

Lorraine was invited into the Tri-County Branch back in the 1950's. At that time she and her husband were raising six sons at their lovely farmstead in Hebron, NY. A friend had convinced her that it would be to her benefit to join WNF&GA. Lorraine did join, made many friendships and learned the ways of her farming community, but she also contributed much to the Tri-County Branch and the New York Division.

Lorraine served as a Branch President and New York Division President. She became a Flower Show Judge and has been on our Flower Show Committee and Horticultural Therapy Committee for many years.

She served on the National level as a Council Member and as Flower Show Judge Coordinator. Presently she is the Corresponding Secretary and Floral Focus Coordinator of the New York Division, leads the Nominating Committees for Branch and Division, and holds the office of National Judges Secretary.

Lorraine has welcomed many foreign and national guests into her home. Her lovely gardens are a delight to view with her berry patch producing the best pies and jams in the region.

Lorraine has judged many a contest at the Washington County Fair where the local people treasure her expertise. Her influence in the community has been a source of pride to her family, Branch and the New York Division.

Right: Recognition Award recipients (from left to right) Lorraine Bardin, Peggy Campbell, and Dana Augusta Smith.

Peggy Campbell

Peggy Campbell is a very devoted, hard-working member who has been involved with WNF&GA since the early 1960's. She joined the Dearborn, Michigan Branch and went on to serve as Branch President before becoming involved at the national level.

Peggy and her sisters joined their parents' manufacturing company. Peggy became President while working with the finances and reorganization of the business, while each of her sisters took different jobs within the company. They successfully ran the family business for many years before selling and retiring.

Peggy's involvement in WNF&GA continued throughout the years as Finance

Chairman. With her guidance on investments, WNF&GA has been able to maintain its financial commitments.

In 2000, Peggy was recognized as "Member of the Year" by then President Jean Ehlinger, where she was honored for her work helping to restructure and streamline the organization and, especially, the financial end of WNF&GA.

Peggy remained Chairman of Finance throughout the years, to the betterment of Farm & Garden. She announced her retirement from this Chairmanship effective June 5, 2010, having served fourteen National WNF&GA Presidents. We look forward to her continued membership.

Dana Augusta Smith

Dana Augusta Smith joined WNF&GA in 1967 and was installed as President of the New York Division in 1990. She is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia University and was a teacher of handicapped students in NYC. She was a model for Elizabeth Arden and a buyer at the Tailored Woman on Fifth Avenue

Dana's friend Jean Getty wrote: "Dana was most enthusiastic about herb branches. She organized several in New York and Connecticut. She loved herb cookery. Many luncheons were given to raise money for scholarships, featuring

Baked Alaska ice cream cakes with flame. Everyone enjoyed these occasions."

Dana raised much money for WNF&GA scholarships through luncheons in her home in Darien, CT. She loved to host herbal cooking sessions followed with information and opportunities to join WNF&GA. In addition to starting the Brooklyn Herb Branch, she served as National Herb Branch Organizer.

Dana has been active on Council. She is a faithful member of Farm & Garden.



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Your responses will guide future decision making by the officers of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. The survey will be available until September 27. Please participate today!

Left: Quick Step: A Table for Two by Pat Vautrinot received an Outstanding Award at the Tri-County Branch Flower Show in August 2010. See page 18 for more about the show.