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## WNF&GA's 100th Anniversary Celebration

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## Julia's Field Notes: A Word from WNF&GA President Julia Siefker

Greetings ! It is with great excitement that I write my first letter to the Membership as your National President! Way back when I stepped up and offered my services as Vice President, little did I realize what fun (and hard work!) I would have learning and preparing for such a huge role in an organization that is near and dear to me. Now, here I am, and eager to get started serving Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

The next two years are full of exciting events and opportunities for every member of Farm & Garden. The first event was this fall at Temple University Ambler campus as we were invited to be honored at Rhapsody in Bloom on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Temple Ambler is where the Woman's National Farm & Garden started.

The highly productive 2012 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh was a whirlwind of educational tours, networking, committee meetings, Executive Board Meeting, and the big annual meeting itself on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Much was accomplished as we reviewed the work that the Visionary Planning and Steering Committee spent two long years on developing. To that end, the membership voted to adopt revised mission, vision, and values statements and a new organizational structure for Farm & Garden. See page 10.

WNF&GA has played an integral part in horticulture & agriculture for almost 100 years, and as we near our Centennial, we will develop a more streamlined, efficient, member driven organization that will serve us well for the next 100 years.

You are encouraged to be a part of

this by stepping forward to help in whatever role you feel that you want to serve in to help WNF&GA grow! No role is too big or too small to be considered more important than another. Be sure to check the articles on two of the National Projects to see where you want to be involved.

In addition, the WNF&GA bylaws will need to be revised and updated so that they better reflect the goals of our restructuring. If you have experience in parliamentary procedure, writing bylaws, or interested in being involved, contact Past President, Mary Bertolini who will chair the special Bylaw Committee.

It is exciting to announce that the 2013 Annual Meeting will be held June 5-9<sup>th</sup> in and around New York City! Kathy Welsh Beveridge, President Elect of WNF&GA, is looking for members to assist her on the planning committee. Please feel free to contact her with your ideas.

The Woman's National Farm & Garden Centennial is fast approaching! The 2014 Annual Meeting will be a magnificent, once in a lifetime event for Farm & Garden Members. It will be held in Ambler, Pennsylvania. WNF&GA Vice President, Susan Yeager is the Chair for the Centennial Committee.

As I close, I am sitting on my porch in my favorite rocking chair, tapping away on my laptop. The 100+ heat of the past week has subsided to a balmy 85 degrees and I can open the windows again at night and listen to the frogs and cicadas as a cool breeze rustles through the bushes and trees.

My farm is considered a centennial farm, although no official documen-

tation has ever been issued. But it causes me to pause and reflect on the changes that have come about the past 100 years in farming: machines and equipment that run on fuel, instead of horses or mules. Corn that was supposed to be knee high by Fourth of July is now shoulder high. Electricity has replaced hand crank ice cream churns.

Yet, many things remain the same. The sweet corn tastes just as sweet and we can still choose to hand crank ice cream (or at the very least have the grandkids do it!). And maybe I don't use a horse, but I still have an old doctor's buggy that I could pull if I had a horse. The same is true for Farm & Garden.

*We must embrace change, but treasure what remains constant...the friendships, the learning experiences, and the power of one Woman....*

Yours in Farm & Gardening,

*Julia Siefker*



## INTEREST AREAS: GARDENING

### Native Plants for the American Cottage Garden

Louise Shoksnyder,  
Director, Gardening

Every now and then it is nice to have an expert confirm that what you have been doing is correct. Upon receiving a recent issue of *The American Gardener* \*, a publication of the American Horticultural Society, I read an article by Thomas Rainer, a landscape architect from Virginia. Mr. Rainer's piece, along with lovely photographs, showed the typical American Cottage Garden.

I found out that is the kind of garden I have been creating for years! I thought my garden looked that way because I buy plants and wander around the garden until I find a space where I can introduce something new! Who knew?

With English roots, the cottage garden style is not that popular in American gardeners. As a landscape architect, Mr. Rainer noted that our gardens are likely part of a lawn, foundation plantings type scheme. This planting style makes it difficult to create a more diverse, free-form style of garden, such as the cottage garden.

American gardeners face a great variability in climate and soil compared to the English. Plant choices have to change from area to area, depending on what is appropriate for that climate. But, Americans can create this look by using purely native plants, with a few non natives thrown in for good measure!

Not only would you be creating an interesting garden, but by adding diversity to your plantings, you are helping nature. Butterflies, hummingbirds and native pollinators will

thank you too.

A good cottage garden tries to emulate nature, including grasses, towering plants and spires, massed all together in a small space. The more plants you can cram into the garden the better. The plants used are not as important as sheer volume. You should not be able to see mulch in the beds. Plants will spill over the edges.

Actually, it is important to put plant supports around the plants in the early spring. That keeps each plant within its own space and not falling into others around it. Many of the plants used are self seeders, helping to create the casual look of the cottage garden.

As master of your garden, you can keep these volunteers in line by cutting back seed heads, pulling out the seedlings as they emerge or transplanting young plants to a better spot.

So, what plants to use? It's your choice, but make sure to stick in a few of these suggested native plants :

Coneflower *Rudbeckia*  
Joe Pye Weed *Eupatorium*  
Boltonia  
Culver's Root *Veronicastrum*  
Wild Indigo *Baptisia*  
Goatsbeard *Aruncus*  
Cow Parsnip *Heracleum*  
Black-eyed Susan  
Grasses



Also use these favorites:

Phlox  
Columbines  
Tickseed coreopsis  
Hardy geraniums  
Salvias

Don't forget to add small shrubs to the mix. Clethra, native roses, and Hydrangeas (*arborescens* or *quercifolia*) are some good choices. Even the dwarf varieties of some evergreens and shrubs add interest with colorful leaves, flowers and texture. Add vertical interest with vines, such as clematis.

Sources:

"Cottage Garden, American Style",  
Thomas Rainer,

The American Gardener, July/August

## INTEREST AREAS: ENVIRONMENT

### Natural Concerns- Plant Invaders

Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski  
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For thousands of years, plants and animals have evolved to live in specific ecosystems and habitats. The climate, geology, soils and water resources of these habitats vary resulting in a unique community of native or naturally occurring species. Generally, native species are considered to have been in North America prior to 1492 and European settlement.

#### What are non-native plants?

Non-native species have been introduced to an area by people from other continents, states, ecosystems or habitats. These plant introductions may be intentional or unintentional. Some non-native species have great economic value for agriculture and other industries. Sometimes these species can readily be controlled and pose little threat to our natural ecosystems. Other non-natives have become invasive and create a serious ecological threat especially to our remaining natural areas.

#### What makes a non-native plant invasive?

Invasive plants reproduce rapidly, spread over large areas and have few if any natural controls to keep them in check. Insects and wildlife do not consume these plants; local pathogens (diseases) do not affect these plants.

Invasive plants frequently share these attributes:

- spread aggressively by runners or rhizomes

- produce large numbers of seeds that survive difficult conditions over long periods of time and can still germinate
- disperse seeds away from the parent plant using wind, water, wildlife and people

#### Why are invasive plants a problem in natural areas?

Invasive plants take over and degrade naturally occurring ecosystems by:

- disrupting the natural food web
- out-competing native plants for limited natural resources (Native plants have natural controls including consumption by insects and wildlife and susceptibility to local pathogens.)
- displacing native plant communities, including rare native plants, by rapid and aggressive reproduction via roots and/or seeds
- reducing food and shelter for wildlife that did not co-evolve with non-native plants – much wildlife does not recognize and cannot use these plants
- creating a monoculture by muscling out other plants- a monoculture has little ecological value and greatly reduces natural biodiversity
- impacting recreational activities such as boating (clogging waterways), bird watching (fewer numbers and less specie variety), fishing (fewer numbers and less specie variety) and hiking (thick cover limiting access)

#### What are some common invasive plants that might be surprising?

Border privet *Ligustrum vulgare* frequently used a hedging but rapidly becoming invasive in woodlands; its seeds are spread by birds and it can germinate in relative shade.

Burning bush *Euonymus alatus* planted for its bright autumn foliage but aggressively expanding into woodland edges and displacing native plants.

Orange daylily *Hemerocallis fulva* planted for its colorful flowers but has escaped from landscape plantings to infest meadows, floodplains, moist woods and forest edges.



Check with your county extension service for a complete list of invasive species found in your region.

# INTEREST AREAS: AGRICULTURE

## 4-H

JoAnne Ambrose  
Ambler Keystone Branch

As I sit in the sun on a pleasant Sunday morning, I reflect on the county 4-H fair which ended yesterday. It is a success every year due to the simple idea of 4-H: to help young people and their families gain the skills they need to be proactive forces in their communities and develop ideas for a more innovative economy.

In the late 1800s, researchers at public universities found that adults were not receptive to learning the results of the newest agriculture research.

Adults were tired from long hours in the field, yet their children were open to and excited about learning.

Several researchers in the Midwest were interested in connecting public school education with country life and started rural, after-school programs called "The Tomato Club" and the "Corn Growing Club". The children were given seeds, an acre of land and instruction in the latest research. When the children's efforts yielded better crops, parents took notice.

A bond was forged between 4-H families and researchers at land-grant colleges. In 1914, congress formalized the bond through the formation of

### 4-H Facts

2012 is the 4-H 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

4-H is in 80 countries throughout the world

540,000 adults volunteer in 4-H programs

4-H proudly boasts of 6 million youth members and 60 million alumni

4-H is run by 3000 county extension offices in association with 109 land-grant universities (one in every state and territory)

Website: [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org)

the Cooperative Extension Agency, which is part of the USDA. County agents formed various boys' and girls' clubs focusing on agriculture, home economics and related subjects.

The symbol of 4-H, was developed in 1910. The four H's on each leaf are the four values that members work on throughout their projects.



Head - managing, thinking  
Heart - relating, caring  
Hands - giving, working  
Health - being, living

The 4-H Pledge is recited at the beginning of every club meeting to remind youth of the core principles of the 4-H movement.

*I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
and my health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.*

In the last 100 years, 4-H has grown into the nation's largest youth development organization with more than 6 million members from elementary school through high school in urban, suburban and rural communities. 4-H programs have expanded from agricultural roots of livestock, crops, and home economics to include diverse interests such as rocketry, robotics, alternative energy, public speaking, health, nutrition, and fitness clubs.

Youth have the opportunity to expand beyond their county clubs by attending leadership conferences at state and national levels, State Achievement Days, State Government Days, and exchange programs with members of 4-H counties in other states. During these activities, members perform community service projects, learn leadership and make friends

that will last a lifetime. 4-H members receive rewards for their efforts in the form of ribbons for fair projects as well as awards and scholarships for their commitment, service, and leadership to clubs and community. Many youth continue on this path of leadership into adulthood.

4-H programs are a success through the partnership of the county extension service, land grant colleges, USDA, adult volunteers, and sponsors. 4-H and its youth would benefit from the support of local WNF&GA chapters. Refer to the box "How Can WNF&GA support 4-H Programs?"

Support, at any level and in any form, helps 4-H members accomplish their goals and achieve their dreams.

### How Can WNF&GA Support 4-H Programs?

Provide opportunities at branch events for youth to raise the visibility of 4-H.

Share your talents and wisdom through joint activities with local 4-H groups.

Offer ways for youth to earn money to purchase livestock.

Share your land with youth who have an interest in raising livestock but don't live on farms.

Support your local 4-H club(s) through fundraising activities, attending county fairs, sharing your expertise as a judge at the county fair, purchasing market animals during fair auction.

Offer scholarships to conferences, leadership opportunities, and high school seniors heading into their next level of training.

Support 4-H capital campaigns; many facilities are offered free of charge, but need funding for upkeep and repairs.

# NATIONAL PROJECT - SLOW FOOD

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Projects

*Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski  
Director, Environment*

The Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will proudly celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. Attendees at the June 2012 national meeting voted overwhelmingly to support two national projects that provide a contemporary and relevant extension of the very foundation of our organization- farm and garden.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects are: Slow Food Movement and 100,000 Native Plants.

These projects have been carefully selected to represent the roots of WNF&GA as established by our founders in 1914 and the future of WNF&GA.

The Slow Food Movement Project provides an updated twist on our agricultural roots while the 100,000 Native Plants Project recognizes the environmental importance of native plants and sound gardening practices. Both of these projects support the mission of WNF&GA while addressing issues critical to today's organization.

The national projects will begin immediately and culminate at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary national meeting in June 2014.

### Slow Food Movement

"Slow Food USA is part of a global movement, which believes everyone has the right to "good," "clean," and "fair" food.

"Good food" is delicious food created with care from healthy plants and animals; it helps build commu-

nity and celebrate culture and regional diversity.

"Clean food" is nutritious food that is as good for the planet as it is for our bodies; it is grown and harvested with methods that have a positive impact on our local ecosystems and promote biodiversity.

"Fair food" is a universal right; it should be accessible to all, regardless of income, and produced by people who are treated with dignity and justly compensated for their labor.

With over 250,000 supporters, 25,000 members and 225 chapters nationwide, Slow Food USA advocates for food and farming policy that is "good for the public, good for the planet, and good for farmers and workers."

The Slow Food Movement operates in various ways within each community. In St. John's County, Florida, Slow Food supports community gardens, farmers markets, local restaurants and food-related outreach programs for lower income residents.

The WNF&GA can work in partnership with the Slow Food Movement in numerous ways:

Buy local foods that are raised sustainably.

Join a community garden and share local food and good company with neighbors.

Eat and support foods on the "Ark of Taste" which is a catalog of over 200 delicious foods in danger of extinction. Find out more at [www.slowfoodusa.org](http://www.slowfoodusa.org).

Create an awareness campaign around buying local foods in your area.

Advocate for more local foods in your area grocery stores.

The Slow Food Movement Project will be coordinated by Sylvia Wilson of the New York Division and Kay Burtin, Member-at-Large. Additional leadership and involvement are needed.

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Source: [slowfoodusa.org](http://slowfoodusa.org)



**Slow Food**<sup>®</sup>

Slow Food USA actively supports these activities:

- Raising public awareness, improving access and encouraging the enjoyment of foods that are local, seasonal and sustainably grown
- Caring for the land and protecting biodiversity for today's communities and future generations
- Performing educational outreach within their communities and working with children in schools and through public programs
- Identifying, promoting and protecting fruits, vegetables, grains, animal breeds, wild foods and cooking traditions at risk of disappearance
- Advocating for farmers and artisans who grow, produce, market, prepare and serve wholesome food
- Promoting the celebration of food as a cornerstone of pleasure, culture and community

# NATIONAL PROJECT - SLOW FOOD

## Get Involved with the Slow Food Movement

### Food Day is Around the Corner!

Food Day, a nationwide celebration and movement toward more healthy, affordable, and sustainable food, is around the corner. Food Day is October 24 every year, and is driven by a diverse coalition of national organizations and food movement leaders, including Slow Food USA, the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, Farmers Market Coalition, and many others.

In its second year, Food Day will be observed with more than 2,000 events all around the country, including festivals in Baltimore, New York City, and Savannah, and a conference on The Future of Food: 2050 at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. Thousands of schools in Boston, Detroit, Chicago, and other cities will celebrate Food Day with a special meal; the city of Madison, WI, will launch its new food policy council; and numerous Slow Food chapters around the country will participate.

So, what will happen on and around October 24? Rodale Institute is organizing a Harvest Festival featuring organic food, with proceeds going to the Heritage Breed Livestock program. The Denver Botanical Gardens will hold a day-long festival with cooking classes, film screenings, and an address by Mayor Michael Hancock. Slow Food Denver is one of the participating community partners. Perhaps the biggest Food Day event will be a massive festival in Savannah, GA, where 10,000 people are expected to enjoy food, music, and exhibitors.

The City of New York has launched the Big Apple Crunch contest, an attempt to set the world record for the "Most Participants in an Apple-Crunching Event" and raise awareness about local apple growers and eating healthy every day. In D.C., organizers have planned a conference, "Chefs as Catalysts for Change", to reflect on chefs' power to guide public palates and affect food trends.

Here is a preview of how Slow Food chapters are getting involved: Slow Food Treasure Coast in Florida is organizing a meeting with local candidates on their views on a variety of local food issues; Slow Food Philadelphia, inspired by Food Day and in collaboration Les Dames d'Escoffier, is hosting a Breadbasket event to highlight

the food-related groups in the region and serve the food from some of the best women chefs.

Slow Food Richmond, VA, has helped to organize and coordinate a Food Day subcommittee on hunger, and is involved in events at Virginia Commonwealth University, farmers markets, in public schools, and in workplaces. And Slow Food Kansas City is doing an "Apple Share" on Food Day, handing out free apples downtown donated by local producers.

What can Slow Food members do on Food Day? Consider hosting an event, whether it is a private dinner using the Food Day celebrity chefs' cookbook or a movie screening, and post it on the interactive map on FoodDay.org. Or check for the events that are scheduled near you.

For those who won't be able to make it to a Food Day event in person, the Eat Real Quiz provides an easy way to get involved. The quiz scores your diet's impact on health, environment, and farm animals. The results can be shared on Twitter and Facebook (#FoodDay2012).

There are problems in America's food supply that need fixing, and Food Day seeks to inspire people to work together to solve them. For some people, that might mean joining a local food policy council, while others might choose to make changes for themselves and their families at the dinner table.

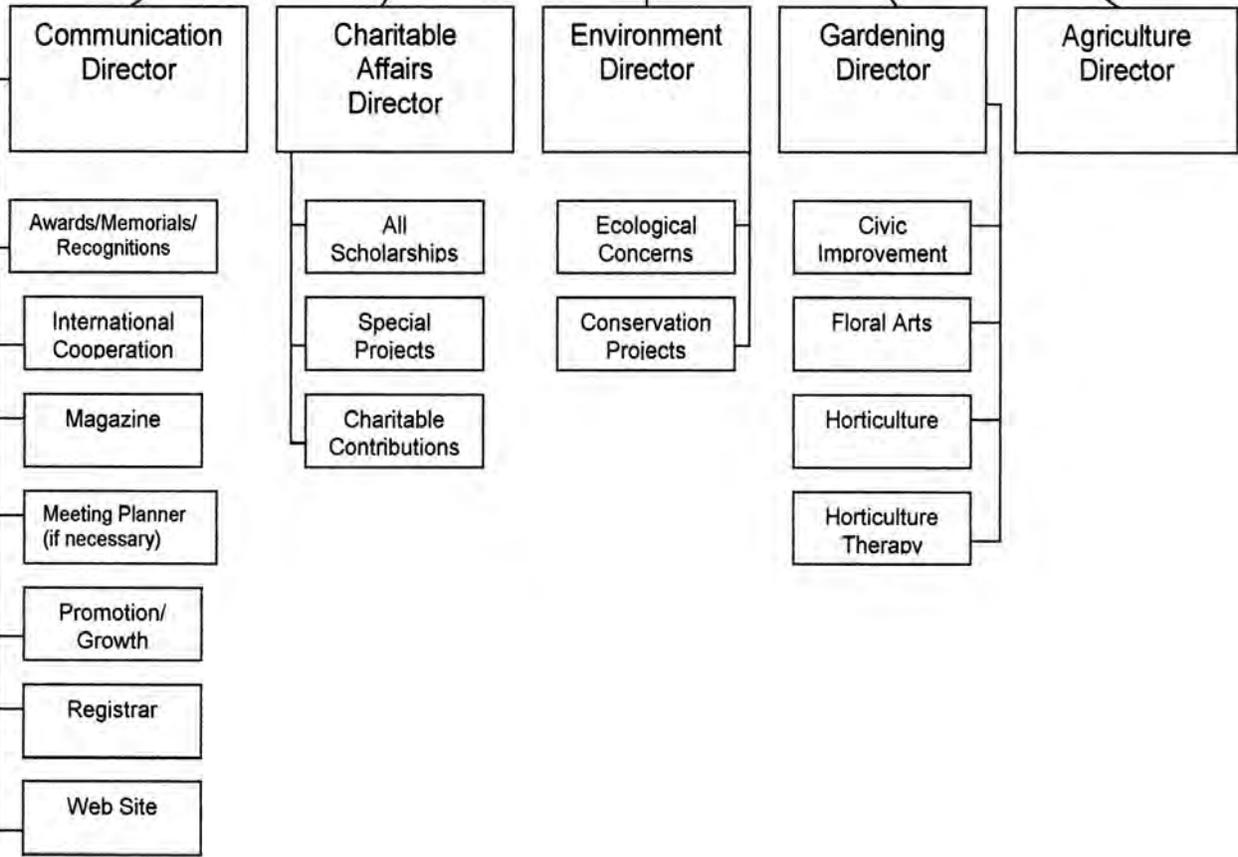
No matter how you decide to mark the occasion, the key is that you and your community celebrate Food Day with good, clean, and fair food and contribute to an ever-widening circle of awareness and action!

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## IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn  
of the passing of the  
following members in 2012:

Jean Benson

Peggy Bigge

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Julie Curry

Marion Farquharson

Sandy Frincke

Rita Kirschler

Mrs. Lawrence R. Manz

Norma Schmeman

Mrs. Bud Smith

Jane Sturdevant

Shirley Tomlin

## Rita Kirschler

Rita Kirschler, National President from 1988-1990, passed away in March 2012. As the 1982 Frysinger Exchangee to Denmark, she spoke lovingly of this trip — not only of the country, but of the wonderful people she met. Rita received many gifts from her gracious hostesses and groups to whom she spoke. Rita was also a gracious hostess to the Frysinger Exchangees who would visit the Pennsylvania Division.

When it came time for her to move to an assisted-living facility, Rita wondered what she would do with her Danish collection. She did not want to split it up and yet it did not fit in her new surroundings. Upon hearing that the University of Pittsburgh was establishing a Danish room as part of their Nationality Rooms complex, Rita knew that this is where her collection should be displayed. Now, not only students, but visitors alike, could enjoy her Danish collection.

## WNF&GA National Meeting New York, NY Potential Garden Destinations:

**New York Botanical Garden:** 250 acres featuring 50 gardens and plant collections, a landmark conservatory, and 50 acres of the forest that originally covered New York City.

**Cloisters:** A branch of the Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. Featuring cloistered gardens.

**Wave Hill:** A 28-acre public garden in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades.

**Kykuit – The Rockefeller Estate:** A six-story stone house, Hudson Valley views, expansive garden terraces, ornaments, and fountains, and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's 20<sup>th</sup> century art and sculpture collection.

**The High Line:** A public park built on an historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side.

**The 9/11 Memorial:** A national tribute of remembrance and honor to the men, women, and children killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993.

**Central Park:** America's first and foremost major urban public space, as envisioned by its 19th-century designers, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux.

## WNF&GA NATIONAL MEETING – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

### SAVE THE DATES: JUNE 5 – 9, 2013

The next national meeting of our WNF&GA will take place in and around the “City that Never Sleeps” – New York, NY – from June 5-9, 2013. We will be sleeping, however, and we’ll be doing it at the Crowne Plaza in Englewood, New Jersey – just over the George Washington Bridge and with (relatively – it is is New York after all) easy access to several important garden sites.

To help us have a great time in New York, please do the following:

1. Mark your calendar and plan to join us! (We can’t have a great time without you!)
2. Think about the places we can visit. There’s much more to do than we can accomplish in our limited time. We want to hear from you about the sites you’d most like to see. (See a list of suggested places to the right and on page 14.)
3. Get online and go to the following site:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ry8YNYT>  
 Once there you can take a brief survey to tell us which gardens and activities are most important to you.

Thanks!  
 We can’t wait to hear from you!

#### Other Potential Things to See and Do in New York City:

Live Theater in New York City

Metropolitan Museum of Art

MoMA (Museum of Modern Art)

The Frick Collection - 5th Avenue includes some of the best-known paintings by the greatest European artists, major works of sculpture, superb eighteenth-century French furniture and porcelains, Limoges enamels, Oriental rugs, and other works of remarkable quality

Staten Island Ferry Ride (50 minute round trip view of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the New York Harbor)

Empire State Building—Observation Deck

Rockefeller Center

Saks 5th Avenue

Macy's Herald Square

### Time to Enjoy the “Big Apple”: Take the Bus to the 2013 National Meeting

#### Depart: June 5, 2013 Return: June 9, 2013

If you have not been with us on our bus trips to the National Meeting, now is the time to find out what you have been missing. Join in on the friendship, movies, games, snacks, and a lot of fun while we make our way to New York in the comfort of a deluxe Bianco Tours bus. We will begin our trip in Troy, with stops in Western Wayne County and the Toledo area to pick up members and guests for the trip to New York. There will be rest stops and a stop for meals. The cost per person is **\$160**, including tips. Snacks and lunch are on your own.

A deposit of \$80 will hold a seat for you. Seats may sell out early so do not delay. Final payment is due on **April 27, 2013**.

NO REFUNDS PLEASE.

#### New York Bus Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Make a deposit of \$80 Payable to: National Meeting Fund with “bus deposit” on the memo line. Balance of **\$80** due **April 27, 2013**

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# NATIONAL PROJECT—100,000 NATIVE PLANTS/TREES

## 100,000 Native Plants

Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski  
Director, Environment

Recognizing the importance of native plants, the WNF&GA has taken on the ambitious challenge of planting 100,000 native plants and trees to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Native** plants are defined as plants that have been growing in a particular area before humans introduced other plants from distant locations. Plants that are native to Michigan may or may not be native to Ohio, New York or Pennsylvania.

Geographically, there is some overlap of native plant species but there are also differences. It is important that branches correctly identify the plants that are native to their region of the country. The WNF&GA will provide a website link to assist branches in identifying native plants in their region.



New York Ironweed: *Vernonia noveboracensis*

One hundred thousand native plants. Wow! Sounds like a lot of plants! And it is... but the project includes ALL native plants- wildflowers, annuals, perennials, grasses as well as shrubs and trees. Some of the natives will be planted as small plants, plugs or bulbs/rhizomes/corms while others will be sown as seeds. So while 100,000 plants sounds like a lot, it is certainly achievable and will mean so much to our imperiled ecosystems.

Here are the guidelines for counting 100,000 native plants. Begin recording native plantings immediately; the numbers can be added to the website when the project page is created.

All individual and branch planting activities will count, including native plantings in your home garden. When scattering wildflower seeds, estimate the number of seeds spread.

In order to educate and support local branches, the WNF&GA website, will have a section devoted to the 100,000 Native Plant Project. The site will be accessible in early 2013 and will provide the following:

- “What are Native Plants?”
- “Regional Natives” - regional native plant information and links
- “Plant and Seed Sources” - regional native plant and seed sources
- “Native Plant Organizations” - links to local, regional and national native plants organizations
- “Tracking Zone” - record and track plantings by branch or state
- “Photo Gallery” - share photos of planting projects
- “Partnership Activity” - recording progress toward establishing partnerships with like-minded local, regional and national organizations
- “Sharing Zone” - members and branches share project experiences.

Records can also be mailed to Suzanne to be included in the project and added to the website. Send to:

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*The ceremonial 1<sup>st</sup> tree was planted at the Temple University Amler Campus recognizing the origin and history of WNF&GA. The ceremonial 100,000<sup>th</sup> planting is planned for June 2014 at the National Arboretum Washington D.C. and will symbolize WNF&GA's path toward the future.*



Catbird enjoying the fruit of the Elderberry

## Making Sure Your Plant Selection is Truly Native

Native plants are available at native plant nurseries. Some natives are also available at local nurseries and garden centers.

**To ensure you are getting the plant you expect, check the plant's tag using the complete Latin name, not the common name.**

Many plants have several common names but the Latin name will always be the same!

**Make sure that both Latin names are on the tag.**

If the first Latin name is the same but the second Latin name is different, the plant may be a non-native species of the same genus. Take a list to the nursery and match **both** Latin names.

For example:

Black Tupelo, Tupelo or Black Gum  
*Nyssa sylvatica*

River Birch or Water Birch  
*Betula nigra*

Eastern Redbud or Redbud  
*Cercis canadensis*

White Turtlehead or Turtlehead  
*Chelone glabra*

# NATIONAL PROJECT– 100,000 NATIVE PLANTS/TREES

## The Importance of Native Plants

### What Are Native Plants?

They are plants that have been growing naturally in a particular area before humans introduced other plants from distant locations. Native plants typically grow in communities with species adapted to specific soil, moisture and climate conditions.

### What Makes Native Plants Special?

Native plants have deeper root systems that help the soil absorb and retain water.

Native plants have co-evolved with native insects\* over thousands of years. Think of it this way:

many native plants = many insects
many non-native plants = fewer insects

Insects provide protein and energy for wildlife and ultimately for humans.

### What is the Benefit of Native Plants?

- Low maintenance requirements
- Increase water infiltration
- Important to wildlife
- Beautiful

### Native Plant Maintenance Requirements

Low. Low. Low. Native plants have evolved and adapted to local conditions over thousands of years. They don't require fertilizers or pesticides and, once they are established, they don't require irrigation. No need to deadhead native plants... mother nature never did! Leaving the seed heads or seed pods on the plant can be attractive and provide important food for wildlife. Native plants save the homeowner time and money!



Naturescaping in a suburban garden

### Native Plants and Water Infiltration

Deep roots penetrate the soil and allow water to run along the pore space created by the thin fibrous roots. This helps recharge rivers, streams, and creeks and keeps our water cleaner.

### Does the Root Zone Matter?

Yes. Native plants can reach deep into the ground to find water during dry periods. When it rains, their long roots help storm water infiltrate the soil and recharge ground water. Water penetrates the soil by running along the edge of the plant's fine, fibrous roots. A deeper root zone is better! Turf grass has a root zone extending 3 – 4 inches into the ground resulting in significant

storm water runoff. Native gardens and other "naturalistic" landscape designs significantly decrease storm water runoff. Some native plants, such as the Common Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*), have root zones that extend 16 feet into the ground!

### What Thin Fibrous Roots? I don't see any.

Ahhh, but those roots are there. When you dig up a Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), you may observe only 8 – 12 inches of roots but you have severed an additional 12- 24 inches of fine, fibrous threadlike roots. These fibrous roots provide an important pathway for water to infiltrate the soil. They also help the plant acquire water during dry periods.

### Native Plants and Wildlife

Native plants have co-evolved with native insects over thousands of years. Local insects need native plants to survive. Most insects don't recognize or cannot eat non-native plant species. Without native plants, insect populations will continue to decline. Many animals depend partially or wholly on insect protein for food. Fewer native plants result in fewer insects available to feed wildlife and therefore less wildlife.

## Creating Your Own Naturescape

1. Investigate your site. Is it located in an eastern deciduous forest, northern coniferous forest, Midwestern prairie/grassland, southwest desert, or coastal wetland? These are considered biomes.
2. What conditions do you have within your site? Shade, sun or mixed? Flat or sloped? Sand, silt or clay soil? Fast or slow water drainage? Buildings or power lines present? These questions will vary based on where you live.
3. What do you want to do with the site? Outdoor living space? Child and dog play areas? Vegetable gardening? Entertainment? etc.

What are the right native plants? This may take some research. The good news is that there are many organizations that can help.

Probably the best website in the United States is the **National Plant Information Network (NPIN) of the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center**. The site lists all known native species by state and includes native plant collections that are deer resistant, tailored to butterflies and moths, special value to bees and birds, attractive to beneficial insects, and more. Visit <http://www.wildflower.org/collections/>.



**Native Atlantic  
Camas  
Wild Hyacinth  
(*Camassia scilloides*)**

Grass-like leaves in a tight, basal clump surround a 1-2 ft. blossom stalk topped by lavender flowers in 5-7 in. spikes. A leafless stem with lavender to

blue flowers in an elongated, loose-flowered cluster rising from an underground bulb. The sweet-scented flowers have six, petal-like segments and protruding, yellow stamens. The bulbs of this plant were used by Native Americans and early explorers for food. The flower somewhat resembles the cultivated Easter Hyacinth, in the genus *Hyacinthus*. Grape Hyacinth (*Muscari botryoides*), which occasionally escapes from cultivation, has blue, ball-like flower clusters resembling bunches of grapes.

Source: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Native Plant Data Base

**The Beauty of Native Plants**

Consider long expanses of turf grass with a few common foundation plants. This is a typical suburban landscape style. In a word “sterile.” Now envision a property shaded by native trees and shrubs interspersed with native groundcovers and perennials. Insects, birds and butterflies abound. In a word “natural.” You can create that kind of landscape using native plants.

**What is “Naturescaping”?**

Landscaping with native plants.

**How is “Naturescaping” different than traditional “Landscaping”?**

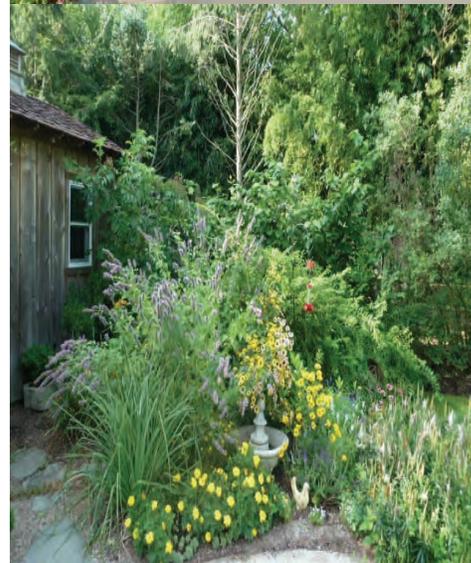
Traditional landscaping relies on plants that are common in the nursery industry, frequently referred to as “industrial plants”. These plants are sold based on their function and aesthetic not on their ecological value.

“Industrial plants” are mass produced and widely distributed for both residential and commercial properties.

If a region’s environment does not support these “industrial plants” simply alter the environment by adjusting the soil, adding irrigation, using pesticides and fertilizers. The result? Rather sterile landscapes that look the same regardless of location- Texas, Maine or Oregon.

Naturescaping emphasizes the selection of plants that grow naturally on a specific site. There is no need to alter the environment to suit a plant. Instead, Naturescaping selects the plant that goes naturally with the place.

The result? The landscape looks “of the place”; in other words the viewer will be aware of the site’s location- Texas, Maine or Oregon.



**Examples of Naturescaping in a suburban yard**

# FARM & GARDEN NEWS

## Michigan Division Update

*Rita Urbanski*

*Michigan Division President*

A new look is still in the works for Michigan Division. Our new structure was voted on and passed by our membership at the spring council meeting. Much like National we have decided on a more abbreviated board. We are still working on the new bylaws that will define this structure along with the merging of our foundation and division into one organization. We hope this will simplify our operation. We have more work to get done this year in order to accomplish our goal, but we know we can do it.

Speaking of our Spring Council meeting, the Plymouth and Trailwood Branches hosted a wonderful event with the theme of Civic Service. Bob Eldridge from "Keep Michigan Beautiful" inspired us to continue and start some new projects. Ten branches had displays showing their civic endeavors. It's great when we can share ideas. There to enjoy the event was National President Julie Siefker.

Even though we haven't had the horrendous storms and flooding that have plagued much of the country this summer, the exceptionally high heat kept attendance down at some of our garden walks, a favorite summer fundraiser for many branches.

## Ohio Division Update

*Tracy Koehler*

*Ohio Division President*

The Ohio Division of Woman's National Farm and Garden Association is looking forward to another exciting year. The division held its annual meeting last April 13 at the Masonic Temple in Findlay and was delightfully hosted by the TAWA branch which included a theme titled "An Outdoor Oasis".



At the annual meeting, the division introduced its two scholarship recipients for 2012-2013 from the University of Findlay. They are Eden Dulka and Melissa Mamaduke. In addition, the division honored the Floral Designers branch with the President's Branch Award.

The Floral Designer's branch began in 1988 with 21 members. At present the branch has 11 members, and they have supported such community interests as the Hancock Christian Clearing House, the Hancock County Fair, the Ohio Division Holiday Gathering and Take a Girl to Garden Day. The Floral Designers' members are called upon by our community to provide their expertise in many different ways. The Ohio Division values their experience and knowledge and appreciates all their members' enthusiasm and dedication to our organization.

The branch also honored three of their founding members – Margaret Latham, Alice Wells, and Ann Whithaus. In memory of one of their longtime members Millie Rose, they purchased two trees that have been planted in the Vanlue Ohio Park – Millie's home town.

Another award was presented during the annual meeting and that was the Latham Award. Carol Schortgen from the Dooryard branch presented Donna Gallaway with this award. Donna was recognized for volunteering for several years at the Meadows

Nursing Home in Leipsic, OH. She spends many hours landscaping, planting, and weeding the grounds for all their residents and visitors to enjoy. She also volunteers and organizes the Leipsic Elementary School after-school program by providing snack and activities for the kids. Donna is a good example of the importance of giving time and resources for others.

The division has maintained its six branches within Hancock and Putnam Counties and is 100 members strong. The Nature's Housekeepers branch continues to provide tree seedlings every year to the area third grade students of Findlay, Ohio so the children can learn at an early age the importance of conservation of the environment. They also support Chamberlin Hill Elementary School's nature habitats for learning, and give nightgowns and sweatshirts to the Open Arms Domestic Violence Shelter at Christmas.



## WANTED: FLORAL ARTS JUDGES MANUALS!

If you have a WNF&GA Judges manual that isn't being used, please contact Nora Tebben at [norateben@hotmail.com](mailto:norateben@hotmail.com).

# FARM & GARDEN NEWS

## Farm & Garden Approves Mission, Values, Vision Statements

*Kathleen Welsh Beveridge  
President Elect*

At the 2012 National Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, members of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association made an historic decision. Members approved mission, values, and vision statements that will guide the organization into its next 100 years.

The following statements were approved at the 2012 Meeting:

**Mission Statement:** The WNF&GA improves our communities through education and activities in support of agriculture, gardening, and environmental stewardship.

**Values Statement:** The most deeply held values of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association are education, member enrichment, friendships, connecting with like-minded women, and community improvement through gardening and agriculture.

**Vision Statement:** WNF&GA is recognized for its national efforts to promote partnerships with other organizations in support of agriculture, horticulture, and environmental stewardship.

These statements should be at the heart of all of our organization's important decisions going forward. Special thanks to the Vision and Planning Strategy Committee for all of their hard work.

## U.S. National Arboretum-Renaud/Peterson Internship Program

*Audrey Ehrler*

Dear Members,

Thank You for your continued support and generous donations to help deserving students work and learn at the

US National Arboretum. This summer Philip Clements has been working in our beloved Louisa King Memorial Dogwood Collection. He will remain at the Arboretum well into the Autumn. He accepted two internships and is working in another collection also.

In the Fall, Philip will be putting the Dogwoods to bed for the Winter. Hopefully, next Spring our garden will be in good shape. The Dogwood Collection has become a lovely choice for Spring brides. The site near Louisa's Fountain and Bench and Dogwood Trees is a beautiful place to photograph wedding day memories.

Since 1991, WNF&GA members have supported 22 interns from various colleges and universities and backgrounds. Looking forward to 2013, please consider a gift to the Renaud/Peterson Internship Program. Note that our E& C Treasurer changed. Please send your donations to our new E&C Treasurer:

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**Philip Clements  
Arboretum Intern**

Please contact Audrey Ehrler if you would like a copy of the power point program of Shannon Hodapp's Intern experience in the summer of 2011.

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## Philip Clements -WNF&GA Dogwood Intern 2012

*Chris Carley  
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Philip Clements is the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association intern at the US National Arboretum in the Dogwood Collection. Phil's background is a little different from previous interns, so he brings a fresh perspective to the Dogwood Collection.

Phil graduated last year at the University of Maryland with a Soil Science major. He also studied Chinese language and writing. Upon graduation, he honed his Chinese by accepting a temporary position at Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University, in Shaanxi Provenance, China, teaching English to agricultural students.

Phil's fluency in Chinese was put to use immediately at the start of his internship at the National Arboretum, he acted as guide and translator when two professors from Nanjing University visited the Arboretum, and more specifically the Dogwood Collection. They seemed quite pleased to talk in depth to someone about American and Chinese dogwood varieties.

As a soil scientist, Phil is fascinated by the interaction between plants and soils. He is using his time as an intern to broaden his plant knowledge. He is working on his plant identification skills and learning about different plant family characteristics. He is also

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perfecting his gardening skills, as he performs the hands on routine maintenance of the plantings in the collection. Phil is specifically caring for newly planted trees, as well as weeding, pruning, and labeling new plantings.

Phil has been assisting with propagation projects that include taking cuttings from an extremely late blooming *Cornus angustata*, which might, by extending the bloom season, find a niche in the home garden. He is also stepping up cuttings of the Mexican flowering dogwoods, and potting up mildew resistant dogwood seedlings. He lent a very valuable assist with the repair of a number of irrigation problems in the Dogwood Collection, replacing pop-ups and above ground sprinklers with the Gardens Unit irrigation specialist.

He joined the other Arboretum interns on several field trips. They visited a number of local and regional public gardens, including the Smithsonian gardens and Longwood Gardens, as well as the research facilities of the National Arboretum. Of particular interest to Phil was the Plant Materials Center of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, located in Beltsville, Maryland.

Phil is working on two projects that will greatly impact the Dogwood collection. The first project is a natural fit, as he is collecting soil samples from different areas of the collection. He hopes to gain a clear picture of any soil changes or variations that occur in the Dogwood Collection, which will help with the successful placement and growing of newer varieties in the future. Secondly, he is taking photographs of many of the dogwood trees. Phil's photographs will be stored in a new image database, photo-documenting each individual in the collection. These photographs will,

eventually, be on line for every internet user to examine and study.

In his spare time, Phil works on a vegetable and fruit farm near Baltimore, Maryland. He grows, harvests, and sells these products at the farm's direct market produce stand.

Phil is very appreciative of this unique opportunity provided by The Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. He would like to thank everyone for providing this internship which provides an invaluable learning experience, as well as greatly benefiting the Dogwood Collection at the National Arboretum.

## **National Awards Committee Woman's National Farm and Garden Association 2011 National Awards**

National Member of the Year  
*Margaret Latham*

Outstanding Commitment to National  
*Kathy Beveridge*

Horticultural Therapy Focus  
*Rochester Branch Class E First Place  
Trenton Branch Class C First Place*

Recognition for Service at Division  
and National Levels

Michigan Division  
*Mary Merten*

New York Division  
*Alice Meager*

Pennsylvania Division  
*Dorothy Zippel*

Hazel Herring Grant  
Trenton Branch; MI Division

Since there were only two awards to consider for the Orchid Award and both Branches attained first places, there being no winner between the two, no Orchid Award was presented.

*Jean De Decker, Chair*



Marla Diamond presents Horticultural Therapy award to Jill Greimel of the Rochester Branch, Michigan Division.

## **WNF&GA Website As Good As We Make It**

The website of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association is a resource for members and branches everywhere and an inspiration for other seeking information and ways to get involved with our organization. But it is only as good as the information we share on its pages.

Please submit stories, pictures, and articles relating to WNF&GA Divisions, branches, members, and interest areas to website coordinator Dee Welsh at [dwelsh149@comcast.net](mailto:dwelsh149@comcast.net)

## **Floral Arts: You Be the Judge**

A great opportunity will be available at the Annual Meeting in New York. If you are interested in Floral Arts and arranging, and perhaps aspire to one day be a judge, then be sure to attend the Floral Arts Workshop presented by Nora Tebben during the New York National Meeting.

This workshop is intended for the novice and the serious flower arranger in us all! For more information, watch for the Floral Art Workshop Registration form in the spring 2013 magazine. The fee is \$10 and includes hands-on designing action!

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## Website Upgrades Need Funding

There is a line item in the budget for contributions from members or branches for the completion of the Members Only Password Protected portion of the WNF&GA web site. At the 2012 National Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA a spontaneous collection was taken for this Fund and \$359 was collected. The Fund now stands at \$1,014.50. **An additional \$985.50 is needed for the completion of the Web Site.**

Donations may be sent to:

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## National Recognitions at the 2012 Meeting

**Margaret Latham** of the Ohio Division was the proud recipient of recognition as Member of the Year for 2012. She has been active at all levels of WNF&GA for more than 30 years. She has held offices at all levels, too numerous to mention here. With the exception of National President, she has done it all! She recently completed a multi-year term as National E & C Treasurer.

Margaret has been instrumental in promoting the Ambler Visitor's Center Project at Temple University. She promotes the National Arboretum Internship every chance she gets. She attends every National and Fall Council meeting and every Division Meeting and is serving on the Centennial Anniversary Committee.

Above and beyond her branch, Division, and National involvement, Margaret is a stellar example of working in the international community as a member of CWC and ACWW. She is a world traveler and promotes WNF&GA at international events. She promotes friendships wherever she goes with her love of gardening.

Also at the 2012 National Meeting in Pittsburgh, President Mary Bertolini presented three special recognition awards to deserving members.

**Jill Griemel**, a member of the Rochester, Michigan Branch, sponsored Mary Bertolini into her branch many years ago and, indirectly, helped change the course of Farm & Garden. Mary recognized Jill for her contributions to WNF&GA.

**Kathy Beveridge**, a member of the Pennsylvania Division, received recognition for Outstanding Commitment to the National Organization of Farm & Garden. Over the past seven years, she became a member and started two branches, (Ambler Keystone and Bucks County).



**National Member of the Year:  
Margaret Latham**

She became our magazine editor, bringing color and new vibrancy to the publication. Kathy led the Vision and Planning Strategy Committee, helped plan the new web site, accepted the position of Vice President, and advised on the restructuring of Farm & Garden. All of this while earning a degree at Notre Dame, starting her own business, and caring for her two active young sons and an understanding husband.

She will go on to be President in our Centennial year, adding a young, fresh face of organization. She will have a new vision, a new structure, and new Bylaws and Standing Rules to begin the next generation of Farm & Garden.

**Dorothy Zippel** received national recognition for her many years of service to WNF&GA. She is a long time member and officer of the Pennsylvania Division, a member of both a branch and an herb group, and always a most gracious and active participant in all the projects that these clubs present.

She is the editor of the Branch yearbook and has willingly served on many committees through the years, including first Vice President and Civic Service. She has been Program Chairman, Telephone committee, and secretary for the branch.

A major focus has been her interest in the environment. She has donated time and energy to community projects. Her particular talents shine in her monthly horticultural demonstrations at a local Senior Care home where she conducts an imaginary "walk in the garden" bringing her knowledge of plants to residents and encouraging them to talk of their own garden from years

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**Dorothy Zippel received recognition for service to National and the Pennsylvania Division**

past. She loads her van with members and sets off on adventures.

She has collected herb recipes and compiled and distributed them to branch members for enjoyment. She has conducted many of the Division meetings in her home, providing a delicious lunch for members. She shares tiny seeds and seedlings with everyone.

Dorothy has been a hostess for Flower Shows, sharing her creative offerings and design of items for display at various locations around the City. She always has a smile on her face, happiness in her heart and in her voice.

Finally, two members were recognized for their years of service to WNF&GA.

**Mary Merten** has served WNF&GA for many years. Her presence has been felt at Council in many ways. She was National Vice President from 2006-2008 and National Corresponding Secretary from 2003-2004. In addition she has served as chair of the Finance Committee.

Mary has chaired many National meetings, helped with the Silent Auction for many years, and been on the Nominating Committee. She served as Michigan Division President 1993-1995 and has been an elected representative from Michigan to the National Council from 2004-2012. She was a charter member of her branch where she was President from 1979-1981, 1998-2000, and 2004-2005.

Mary has been married for more than 50 years and has four children. She is an accomplished floral arranger, an avid golfer, and spends

her winters in Florida where she is in another garden club.

**Alice Meager** was recognized for her important role within the New York Division. As the need arose to find a permanent home for the archives of the Tri County Branch, New York Division, the president organized a committee to offer options to the members. Alice organized and led the committee.

Her tireless efforts led to the Division's needs being met through the Folk Life Center at the Crandall Public Library in Glen Falls, New York. The beautifully designed archival space offered state of the art protection for the valuable memorabilia for generations to come. As a library volunteer, Alice has worked tirelessly sorting, cataloging and filing our possessions. She continues her work at the Folk Life Center for the benefit of all of the members of the Tri County Branch and the New York Division.



National Officers 2012—2014 [L to R] Mary Bertolini (Advisor), Molly Hammerle (A&O Treasurer), Aileen LaBrett (Corresponding Secretary), Judy Henning (Recording Secretary), Julia Siefker (President), Kathleen Welsh Beveridge (President Elect), Susan Hunt (E&C Treasurer), and Susan Yeager (Vice President)



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