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FALL 2015

Fun at Our Annual Meeting in DC!



Kelley Oklesson surprises the members with her skills on the drums.



Past President Marla Diamond admiring the Dogwood Tree planted in her honor at the National Arboretum.



Touring the grounds at the National Arboretum.



Current President Molly Hammerle, with past Presidents Julia Siefker, Marla Diamond, Sylvania Anderson, Bea Peterson and Susan Celentano.



Onlookers at the planting of the last native tree.



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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I certainly did. For me, summer is the time to enjoy my gardens and let go of some responsibilities that are mine the rest of the year. During the summer I had the pleasure to install the new Michigan Division officers and those for the Ohio Ottawa Club. Now summer is over, and it is the time to get back to work.

This year our annual meeting was held on the first week of May. We had a somewhat smaller attendance because we met one month earlier than usual. Those who did attend had a wonderful meeting with a highlight visit to the National Arboretum. Because we met in May, we saw many dogwood trees in bloom, dogwoods that the WNF&GA donated. If you have an opportunity, go visit the National Arboretum on your own and make sure you see the Dogwood Garden. The next annual meeting will be in June, the first to the fifth, in Nashville, Tennessee. Please plan to attend for I can guarantee that you will learn a lot, meet some wonderful people, and have a good time.

Molly Hammerle

Highlights from the Annual Meeting at the National Arboretum

Dr. Richard Olsen, Director of the United States National Arboretum (USNA) presented Molly Hammerle the Arboretum Support Award and a certificate of appreciation for decades of service and dedication to the USNA.



Audrey Ehrler made a presentation to former National President Susan Celentano, honoring her as a leader of great vision who helped maintain and grow the WNF&GA affiliation with the USNA.



Susan Smith-Oscilowski, Director of Environmental Concerns, presented a Class C First Place Award in Environmental Concerns to the Ambler Keystone Branch. They provided public lectures on insects and bugs and native plants to raise

awareness. They sold plugs to the public to get more native plants in use. Leslie Morris Smith came forward to accept the award on behalf of her branch.

Molly Hammerle presented a Class B First Place Award in Floral Arts to the Tri-County Branch for their fabulous annual flower show. Bea Peterson came forward to accept the award on behalf of the New York Division.

Molly also presented the Orchid Award (given on occasion to recognize a unique undertaking) to the Ann Arbor Branch for the publication of the branch's history. Anne Rogers (above) accepted the award on behalf of the Ann Arbor Branch.





2015 Annual Meeting in the National Arboretum Dogwood Collection

Kathleen Welsh Beveridge presented a Class E First Place Award in Promotion and Growth to the Ann Arbor Branch of the Michigan Division for the branch history book. Anne Rogers also collected this award on behalf of the Branch.

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Julia Siefker recognized Audrey Ehrler for her 10th year serving as Liaison to the U.S. National Arboretum.

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

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

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

Cost is \$20

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The Bee Garden

I know I have written about pollinators before, but I wanted to share with you some information I have gleaned from a new book I have acquired. *The Bee Garden* by Maureen Little, a UK writer, is extremely informative. Not only does she delve into the plants that bees prefer, but also into the insect itself, without being too technical. Ms. Little provides a mnemonic, which is a pattern of letters or words to help remember something. The best example of a mnemonic for you would be something I learned in elementary school to remember the names of the Great Lakes: HOMES! Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior. Her clue to remembering what plants to choose for a bee garden is: Paul's *Pollen* New *Nectar* Van *Visual Spectrum* (color) Speeds *Bee Season* (April – October).

This might be a lot to remember, but it hits upon

the basics for providing for our precious pollinators. I never thought about the size of a grain of pollen. A bee certainly does! The pollen grain of *Myosotis* (Forget-me-not) is 7 microns or 0.00275590554 of an inch! That's pretty small. The pollen grain of a squash is 200 microns, or 1/64th of an inch, which is still small, but much bigger than the little forget-me-not. This difference would be a big consideration to bees, who would most likely collect pollen that is easy access and easier to carry! Pollen is collected on their hind legs in little "baskets".

You have no doubt observed this while working

around bees in the garden. Bees collect nectar and water by using their proboscis, a long haired tongue, which acts like a straw.

The size of the proboscis varies from insect to insect. Bumble Bees, for example, have a longer proboscis than honey bees. Since it would be difficult for the average gardener to know the length of a given plant's corolla tube (where nectar is stored in a flower), it is important to pay attention to flower form. Single flowering plants, as opposed to double flowering, are better choices for both bees and butterflies. Choose flower form that is closest to natives.



Bees on a
Franklinia alatamaha
flower

The color of plants is important too. Did you know that bees cannot see red? The top of the red color spectrum appears black to them. The shades of purple, indigo and blue are all blue, green is green, and yellow/orange appears as yellowish green. Bees also see ultra-violet range that we cannot.

Think of poppy flowers that are red with dark splotches of color at the base, where the pollen and nectar are located. This is an indicator to the pollinator that there is pollen and nectar there. The pollen of a field poppy is also dark blue, well within the bee's field of vision. Some plants, like the perennial geranium, have nectar guides. These marks on petals act as runway to nectar and pollen for the bees.

Providing blooms throughout the growing season is most important. Spring bulbs and Hellebores would be welcomed at the beginning of the spring. The bees in my garden were so happy in my Korean Lilac and blooming Weigela. The blooms of many trees as well as fruits and vegetables are enticing with rich nectar and pollen. A succession of bloom is what both pollinators and butterflies need.

Lastly, access can mean

access to water, pollen and nectar. A water source is most important to bees. It is a big part of the food given to the brood. Water is used to liquefy the stored honey in the hive in the spring. A hive may need between 4 fluid ounces to 4 quarts of water a day depending on conditions and needs. Bees will fly a considerable distance to find water. They take water from wet surfaces like pebbles,

soils, grass and plants. Some plants, like Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*), hold water on their leaves. With the abundance of water we have in our area, our bees should have plenty of sources. By choosing plants for our gardens with nectar and pollen production in mind, we will help our pollinators immensely.

Source: The Bee Garden, Maureen Little, 2011, Spring Hill, UK.



Bees visiting purple cone flower
Echinacea purpurea

INTEREST AREA ENVIRONMENT

Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski
Environmental Director
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Native Pollinators

*W*hat is pollination?

Flowers are tools that plants use to make their seeds. Seeds can only be produced when pollen is transferred between flowers of the same species. Pollination is the act of transferring pollen grains from the male anther of a flower to the female stigma. Pollination is usually the unintended consequence of an animal's activity on a flower. Often the pollinator is collecting pollen or sipping nectar for its own use when the pollen grains attach themselves to the animal's body. When the animal visits another flower, pollen may fall off onto the stigma and lead to successful plant reproduction.

What animals pollinate plants?

Some plants rely on wind or water to transfer pollen. However, almost 90% of plant species need animals to help with pollination. Worldwide, there are about 200,000 species of animals that act as pollinators. Of these pollinators, about 1,000 are vertebrates such as birds, bats and small mammals; the rest are invertebrates including flies, beetles, butterflies, moths and bees.

Honey bees are not native...so who are these native pollinators?

Solitary Bees- Most do not live in hives or colonies and those that do live solitary lives among the others.

Bumble Bees- Social bees who live in colonies, share work and have multiple overlapping generations throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Butterflies- North America has over 700 species

of native butterflies with four distinct stages of development:

Egg
Caterpillar
Pupa
Butterfly

Moths- Most moths are nocturnal and some are important pollinators of night blooming flowers.

Beetles- Some pollinating beetles are very small and some are large and showy.

Flies- Some pollinating flies resemble bees with similar colors and transparent, membranous wings but can easily be distinguished because flies have two wings and bees have four wings.

Bats- Bats Pollinate some plants with nocturnal blossoms and such agricultural products as bananas, cashews, guava, avocados, and agaves.

Hummingbirds- May pollinate shrubs and vines especially those with tubular shaped blossoms.

Why have native pollinators declined in recent decades?

Many native pollinator habitats have been destroyed or fragmented by human activity. The remaining habitat areas are often isolated and degraded by an abundance of invasive plants.

Pollination Facts

More than half the world's diet of fats and oils come from animal pollinated plants.

Over 150 food crops in the U.S. depend on pollinators, including almost all fruit and grain crops.

The USDA estimates that crops which are dependent on pollination are worth more than \$10 billion per year.

Sources: US Department of Agriculture; Native Pollinators in Agriculture Project.

Check out Feed a Bee program

<http://www.landscapeonline.com/research/article/27431>



Silver-spotted Skipper Butterfly on
Ironweed *Vernonia noveboracensis*

100,000 Native Plant Centennial Project Final Report

Recognizing the importance of native plants, the WNF&GA has completed the ambitious challenge of planting 100,000 native plants to celebrate the organization's 100th Anniversary. Members from all branches participated.

The first native plant, representing the roots of the WNF&GA, was a magnolia placed in the Temple University Arboretum during the late summer of 2012. The ceremonial planting of the 100,000th native plant, a flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), was held in the Dogwood Garden at the National Arboretum in Washington DC on May 14, 2015.



Julia Siefker, George Waters head gardener of the Dogwood Collection at the National Arboretum, Audrey Ehrler, Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, Molly Hammerle and Susan Celentano planting the final native plant.

Project Results:

WNF&GA planted close to 106,000 native plants, plugs or seeds.

Over a dozen states were represented in the final native plant tally.

The plants were planted in home landscapes, church gardens, municipal gardens, school gardens, arboreta, university landscapes, ecological restoration projects, nursing homes and retirement community gardens.

Numerous educational articles and native plant presentations were provided to WNF&GA branches and community groups to supplement the project.



Special Recognition

Although we could not have successfully completed this project without the participation and support of many members, several WNF&GA home gardens stood out for both the quantity and diversity of their native plants.

Special recognition goes to *Sherri Kammer* and *Bobbi Polk*, *Nancy Wasch* and *Kathy and Jim Mikusa*. These gardens incorporated a wide diversity of native plants to provide food and habitat for numerous native species of insects and wildlife.

Thanks also to *Audrey Ehrler* for encouraging others outside of WNF&GA to participate in the project.

Sarah Bradley Tyson Memorial Fellowship

Is the first memorial scholarship for advanced study in agriculture, horticulture, and related fields at a recognized college or university within the United States. Awards have ranged from scientific research to leadership in extension agencies.

Renaud-Peterson National Arboretum Internship

Hires interns who maintain the WNF&GA Dogwood Garden in Washington, D.C. It is funded by a \$50,000 donation from James and Marion Renaud, given in 1987, and contributions from Bea Peterson's Walk to the Garden. It is also supplemented by annual contributions from individuals, Divisions, and Branches.

Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Scholarship

Is awarded to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program in Horticultural Therapy. The Alice Wessels Burlingame Scholarship for Horticultural Therapy was established in May 1984 to pay tribute to Mrs. Burlingame, who helped develop the professional field of horticultural therapy. A member of the Birmingham Branch, Michigan Division for over thirty years, she initiated the horticulture therapy profession in 1952.

Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant

Is awarded to Branches and Divisions to honor their commitment to their communities. It was established in 1983, through the gift of stock by Mr. Jack H. Herring, in honor of his wife, Hazel J. Herring, national president 1982-84. Monetary grants are basis for civil improvement projects.

Frances Plate Bequest

Is awarded to Student Conservation Association interns for service in over 400 National Parks. The award is funded by a \$35,000 bequest from her estate. "Its purpose is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of our environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on-learning."

Bess Mueller Flower Show Fund

Is awarded to support Flower Show education within WNF&GA. It was established in October 1978 to fund a Flower Show Symposium for the continuing education of Flower Show judges on the National level.

WNF&GA Temple University Ambler College Scholarship

Is awarded each year to a faculty-selected student studying horticulture.

Warren/Sanders/McNaughton Oceanographic Scholarship

Was founded in the spirit of conserving our oceans. This scholarship funds graduate studies in oceanography or a related field of science.

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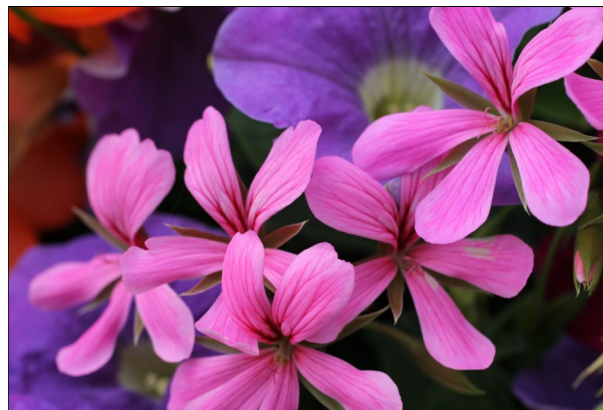
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ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

For our 102nd Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, WNF&GA members will be staying at the Embassy Suites Nashville – Vanderbilt, in Nashville’s West End. That’s right on Broadway where, according to the locals “all of the best ‘Honky-Tonkin’ takes place.” [Urban Dictionary definition: a loud, rowdy bar that plays ‘honky tonk’ country music. It’s what you do on weekends in Nashville for the classic and ultimate Nashville experience.]

We’ll be staying just a few blocks from Nashville’s Centennial Park with its central feature, a full scale replica of the Parthenon, just as it was in Ancient Greece. Built for Tennessee’s 1897 Centennial Exposition, the Parthenon also serves as the city of Nashville’s art museum. There will be lots to see and do, so plan to join us in Nashville, June 1-5, 2016. Make your room reservations before May 1, 2016 to receive the group rate of \$189 for a King Suite or a Double/Double Suite. Triple and quadruple occupancy is possible at a rate of \$199 and \$209 respectively.

A full breakfast buffet is included each day.

Embassy Suites Nashville – at Vanderbilt (by Hilton)

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Reference the Woman’s National Farm & Garden Association room block.

National Meeting 2016 Farm and Garden Women Everywhere

Break out your cowgirl hats and boots because WNF&GA is going to Music City for our next National Meeting. We'll be celebrating our 102nd year in the Country Music Capital of the World

Nashville, Tennessee
June 1-5, 2016.

Garden highlights will include a visit to Cheekwood Botanical Garden, the estate of the Cheek family that developed the Maxwell House Coffee brand. The 55 acre site includes a formal boxwood garden, a Japanese garden, a perennial garden, and a woodland sculpture trail. No doubt our time in these fabulous gardens will be "good to the last drop."

Mark your
calendars y'all.
Can you say line dancing?
Yee-ha!

MEETING ITINERARY

JUNE 1 WEDNESDAY

REGISTRATION HOTEL LOBBY
WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL

JUNE 2 THURSDAY

BREAKFAST
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING SESSION
TOURS
GROUP EVENING ACTIVITY (TBA)

JUNE 3 FRIDAY

BREAKFAST
ANNUAL MEETING SESSION 2
TOURS
EVENING SPEAKER (TBA)

JUNE 4 SATURDAY

BREAKFAST
TOURS
GALA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

JUNE 5 SUNDAY

DEPART

Meeting Registrar is
Kathy Beveridge 215-262-1372
kathy@sparknpc.com

ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

Silent auction it is not!
YOU have made it a fantastic fun flurry of bidding on an array of amazing articles.

THANK YOU!

The money from the annual auction is earmarked for updates to the WNF@GA web page providing each of us with current information.

From now until next spring, think about a treasure you can tote along,
as you shop for special occasions.
Or bring along an item to be re gifted.

NOTHING IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL! It is just right for someone.

Sue Vette
Michigan Division Troy Branch
susanvette@att.net

Time to Think About Heading South to Nashville, Tennessee For Our 2016 National Meeting Depart June 1, 2016 Return June 5, 2016

The past two years have been thrilling with celebrating our 100th WNF&GA Anniversary and our exciting trips to the Philadelphia area and Washington DC to the National Arboretum. This year our WNF&GA National Meeting will take us south to Nashville – the Country Music Capital of the World! We will visit the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens – a 55 acre site with formal boxwood garden, Japanese garden and a perennial garden.

So grab your cowgirl boots and 10 gallon hats and plan to join us for our travels south.

Our bus ride will take nine hours with rest stops and a stop for lunch. We will start in Troy with stops in Plymouth, the Trenton Area, and Ohio. The cost will be \$140. The deposit will be \$70.

Get your deposit in early as seats will sell out. The final payment of \$70 is due on April 15, 2016.

NO REFUNDS PLEASE

Nashville Bus Registration Form

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

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

Send check and a copy of this form to:

Helen Jositas

2834 Shannon Drive, Oakland, MI 48363

Contact me at 248-766-2300 or email rjositas@aol.com

HAZEL J. HERRING CIVIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Hazel J. Herring Civic Improvement Grant was established in honor of Hazel by her husband, Jack Herman Herring.

The Grant is given to support civic improvement projects conducted by WNF&GA branches. The grants must be for a gardening project that benefits the community. Community members, civic organizations, schools, and volunteers should also be involved.

Some examples of past grants and /or requests include:

1. **Rochester Branch, MI**--Butterfly Garden, with pre-kindergarten students.
2. **Troy Branch, MI**--ABC Garden at Troy Historical Museum--with annuals, perennials and historical artifacts, in alphabetical order.
3. **Plymouth Garden Club, MI**--Veteran's Memorial Park. Red, white and blue gardens (431 sq. ft.)-- planted with volunteers and other garden clubs.
4. **Warren Branch, MI**--Warren Community Center--Planning and planting gardens.
5. **Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, MI**--Planting Chanticleer pear trees around Diamond Jubilee Garden at Clarkston Library.
6. **Ann Arbor Branch, MI**--Wellness Garden to combine horticultural therapy, a gardening project, and community service. With grants from the community to complete the project.
7. **Mayflower Branch , MA**--Work with local sources to fight invasive loosestrife by obtaining helpers to destroy these plants.
8. **Nature's Housekeepers Garden Club, OH**--Park landscaping and improvements--at Nature's Housekeepers Pavilion in Findlay.
9. **Lapeer Wildflowers Branch, MI**--Flower bed design and plantings at Lapeer High School around new sign. Plantings with students and garden club members.
10. **Milford Branch, MI**--Planting Monarch Butterfly Gardens in downtown Community Park. Variety of flowers to attract butterflies and bloom continuously.
11. **Lapeer Wildflowers Branch. MI**--Plant and maintain variety of gardens in courtyard at Lapeer West H.S.-- with student and teacher involvement.
12. **Trenton Branch, MI**--Re-do and redesign Historical Herb Garden at Trenton Cultural Center.
13. **Rochester Branch, MI**--Interactive Sundial Garden at Children's Garden at Van Hoosen Farm Museum.
14. **Clarkston Branch, MI**-- Plant White Pine Trees (state tree) at seven elementary schools and give five seedlings to 3,600 students in grades K--5.

15. **Tri-County Branch, MI**--Children's Garden at Mary J. Tanner School--children involved in planning, planting, weeding and harvesting.
16. **Trenton Branch, MI**--Preserve garden shed and pond at Bridge Cultural Center, to save community heritage.
17. **Franklin Branch, MI**--Create outdoor Horticulture Museum in Franklin Broughton House Garden.
18. **Saginaw Branch, MI**-- Cushway Home Gardens--plants for gardens at 1844 Greek Revival Style House.

All of these projects demonstrate ways in which WNF&GA branches have worked in their communities to develop projects to directly benefit all community members. The goals are all based on civic improvements, appreciating natural beauty, and engaging community members directly by working on the project or indirectly, by enjoying the project.

All branches are encouraged to develop civic improvement projects and apply for Hazel Herring grants.

What a great way to honor Hazel's memory.

Gerry Howard, Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant Chair

Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant Application

Application being made by (Branch Name): _____
 Division (If Applicable) _____ Number of Members: _____
 Project title: _____
 Project cost: _____ (Estimated, if necessary)
 Person submitting application: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone _____ FAX _____ Email: _____

Application must include the following:

1. A completed application form
2. A written description, no more than three pages in length, describing the Project, the Goal, Sweat Equity (who will be involved in the project), and the Total Cost for completion.
3. A copy of this application should be sent to the Branch and Division President for their records.
4. Four digital photos in a .jpg format to be emailed or sent with the application on a CD-Rom to be used in Power Point presentations.

Mail completed application and photos to:

Gerry Howard
 212735 Scott Road
 Davisburg, MI 48350
 Phone: 248-634-3766
 gerryhoward323@yahoo.co

Grant recipients are then required to:

Submit a report to Gerry Howard at the above address no later than **May 1, 2015**
 (to be processed in time for the Annual Meeting) and include the following:

1. Brief description of the completed project
2. Include 4 photos as described above.
 Please mark with Branch/Division name, date of project and title.
3. Name of person who made application, telephone, e-mail, and address

FRYSINGER EXCHANGE

Rubbing Elbows With Women From Around The World

Bea Peterson
Past National President
New Zealand Frysinger
Exchangee

Imagine sitting in an auditorium surrounded by women from at least forty countries and watching as the flag of the United States is brought to the stage in a line with flags of the countries of the women standing beside you, in front of you and behind you. It is a moving experience to be remembered for a lifetime, especially when all the women join to sing The Song of Peace. The pride of that moment... to be in such a place, to be a member of Woman's National Farm and Garden, to be a member of the Associated Country Women of the World... is overwhelming. ACWW has over 460 member societies in more than 70 countries. All members of F&G come under the ACWW umbrella and make up some of the nine million women of the organization.

The next ACWW triennial conference will be held at the Warwick Conference Park at the University of Warwick, Coventry, England from August 17 to 23, 2016. The theme for the Conference is *'Working Together for a Better Future'*. That has been the goal of ACWW since its founding in 1929. Our Grace Frysinger was an early supporter of this organi-

zation that sought and seeks to understand and improve the lives of rural women worldwide.

The Michigan and New York Divisions and National have voting rights at the Triennials. Admittedly, the meetings are sometimes long and confusing. Often it is frustrating to follow all the details, especially for first time attendees. However, all of that is quickly forgotten when you have an opportunity to actually converse with delegates from South Africa, Cameroon, India, Denmark, England, Malaysia, Australia and share concerns of the world with them and learn something of their culture and ideals. Except for the National President, every F&G member attending a Triennial Conference pays her own way. Non-voting delegates are also welcome at the Conference.

The Triennial is a time for the

membership to ascertain the progress of the previous three years, to set new goals, and to entertain new projects.

Pennies And Projects

Many F&G Branches and Divisions collect Pennies for Friendship at their meetings. An ACWW brochure states "The *'penny'* in Pennies for Friendship is symbolic. It was chosen in 1939 as the smallest coin that could be donated to ensure that ACWW's essential work could continue."

The goal of Farm and Garden from its very beginning over a 100 years ago was the betterment of women. F&G provided women with educational opportunities previously unavailable to them. Our various scholarships continue to serve that goal, and now include young men.



Once the flags of all the nations represented at the conference are brought in, they remain on the stage until the closing ceremony.
(Bea Peterson photo)



PENNSYLVANIA — Pennies for Friendship. Pennies received at the Division Quarterly meeting in January. A Collection was taken at the meeting and money was received from Branches which was collected at their various meetings. Left to right: Miss Gertrude M. Bardonner, retiring Division Treasurer, who can truly say "I have always taken care of every Penny", Mrs. Charles E. Dexter, Jr., Division International Relations Chairman, who encouraged all Branches for collections for "Pennies for Friendship".

Through Pennies for Friendship we continue to help women worldwide. In helping them with better living and income conditions, we are helping their families and their communities as well.

ACWW has been a non-governmental organization involved with the United Nations for 68 years. ACWW and member organizations, including F&G have supported Water for All, a UN project providing water tanks, bore wells and sanitation facilities to remote areas. They have been key contributors to Women Feed the World and the Nutrition Education Fund.

ACWW has a long list of projects it funds worldwide. Every project is backed, wherever it is, by an ACWW organization. That organization oversees the project to its successful conclusion.

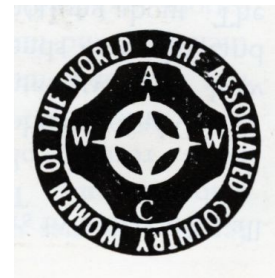
Pennies for Friendship supports project work, UN links and networking, international extension work and management of the core work of ACWW. A lot is expected of those pennies. However, those pennies often lead to grants and financial support from countless social and non-political organizations.

Years ago, Project Sew was a result of the Frysinger Exchange between Farm and Garden and the South African Women's Agricultural Union. It was a three year project that had Branches and Divisions collecting yarn, fabric, sewing machines, and all the materials to go with yarn and fabrics and filling a 40' by 8' by 8' container and sending it to South Africa where the items were dispersed throughout the country.

Another Frysinger Exchange

of some type or a meeting between organizations at the ACWW Triennial Conference could lead to another national project. What a way to bind our organization together! All of us working on one project! It's something to think about...

To find out more about ACWW, visit the www.acww.org.uk. To find out more about Farm and Garden and its rich history, get a copy of *One Hundred Years of Growing and Giving: Woman's National Farm and Garden Association 1914-2014*.



A Song Of Peace (Finlandia)

*This is my song O God of all the nations
A song of peace for lands afar
and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high
as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTBiRiHnRmM>

FARM & GARDEN EDUCATION

The Renaud/Peterson Internship Program

Sara Halloran, the 2015 Dogwood Collection Intern, will be heading back home soon to complete her final semester at the University of New York-Cobleskill Campus.

The Staff at the U.S. National Arboretum has been pleased to have Sara's help during a very hot and stormy summer there in Washington, D.C. She helped Head Gardener, George Waters, keep up with many tasks, especially keeping the weeds under control!

A donation from the former WNF&GA Ohio Division has been received and placed in our Trust Fund at the Arboretum. Carole Bordelon has ordered a bench with plaque to commemorate the Ohio Division's generous donation. When the bench arrives, it will be placed in the circle. Thank you to the members of the Ohio Division for their generosity. You can be assured that the funds will be spent for a worthwhile purpose.

It is my hope that all members who were able to attend the Annual Meeting and visit our beloved Dogwood Collection were pleased with the condition of our lovely garden. The professional staff members who oversee our garden and the interns work very hard to keep the Dogwood Collection in good condition. Our years of affiliation with the staff at the U.S. National Arboretum is a perfect example of a fine cooperative effort between two like minded organizations.

Thank you for your generous financial support. If you wish to donate to the Renaud/Peterson Internship Program, please send your offering to E&C Treasurer, Susan Hunt at 238 Causeway Street Medfield, MA. 02052 Your check should be made out to WNF&GA. Write Renaud/ Peterson Internship on the memo line of the check.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey E. Ehrler
WNF&GA Representative to the U.S.
National Arboretum.

National Arboretum Intern

Dear WNF&GA, I am so grateful for the opportunity you wonderful ladies have provided for me in working at the U.S. National Arboretum. The Dogwood Collection made for a great working environment to be in this summer, I couldn't imagine a better office. Along with the Dogwoods I've had the pleasure to work in a few other collections such as the Gotelli Conifers and Fern Valley. The outdoors have always been a passion of mine making this internship a wonderful fit.

As for me, I'm from Anchorage, Alaska but have lived most of my life in Upstate New York. I live in the quaint town of Stone Ridge, which is about 40 minutes south of Albany. Working in DC also gave me the chance to experience living in a large city which I might not have done otherwise. In December, I'll be graduating from The State University at Cobleskill with a bachelors in Plant Science. This internship provided much needed hands on experience for my future in horticulture.

The arboretum has brought me many learning opportunities this summer. I have served new skills under my belt including GPS mapping, fence building, weed whipping, seed collecting and many other fun odds and ends. Most notably, I've learned how important public interactions are with the visitors that come to enjoy the Arboretum. That's why horticulture is so important to me, through education and beauty it can touch people of all walks of life.

Thank you so much for the best summer. I never thought I'd be working at the National Arboretum in Washington, DC. This internship will open so many doors for me and it wouldn't be possible without the WNF&GA. Thank you for

supporting women in all forms of agriculture for all these years I am beyond thankful.

2015

Intern,
Sara
Halloran



In Memory of



Judy A. Henning

(June 27, 1945 - September 20, 2015) Saginaw, Michigan.

Beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2015. Age 70 years. The daughter of the late Walter and Josephine (Achtabowski) Baybeck, Judy was born on June 27, 1945 in Saginaw, Michigan. She married Richard A. Henning on June 3, 1967. He survives her. Judy was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church-St. Stephen Parish. Judy was a master gardener and logged more than 10,019 volunteer hours around the state helping beautify different municipalities. Judy was a founding member and past president of the Saginaw Valley Master Gardeners from 2001 – 2004. She was the outgoing president of the Michigan Chapter of the Women's National Farm and Garden and past president of the Saginaw branch of the Michigan Women's National Farm and Garden. She also served as a board member for 10 years for the Downtown Saginaw Farmer's

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Market. Judy served on the Horticultural Committee for 10 years at the Saginaw Children's Zoo.

Surviving besides her husband Richard are one son and one daughter, Gavin (Terri) Henning, Pembroke, New Hampshire; Heather (Joe) Buenaventura, Oak Harbor, Washington; one grandson, Connor Buenaventura; two brothers and one sister, Pete (Linda) Baybeck, Brownsville, Tennessee; Mary (Roger) D'Hondt, Rochester; Michael (Edith) Baybeck, Bridgeport; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nancy (Dale) Hines, Dayton, Ohio; Robert (Ana) Henning, Irvine, California; many loving nieces and nephews. Judy was preceded in death by two siblings, Patrick Baybeck and Patricia Davis. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Luther Manor for the loving and compassionate care given to Judy.

Funeral Liturgy took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at St. Dominic Catholic Church – St. Stephen Church. Rev. Fr. Steven Gavit officiated. Honoring Mrs. Henning's wishes, cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to a charity of your choice.

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OHIO

The U.S. National Arboretum received a donation from the Treasury of the Ohio Division which disbanded last December. It was decided to donate the funds to the internship program at the USNA.

In addition, part of this donation is to be used to fund a bench with a small plaque in memory of the Ohio Division.

Julia Sifker
Past Ohio Division
President and
National Advisor



MICHIGAN

Lapeer Wildflowers Project

Below is a picture of one of our projects in downtown Lapeer. We recently took over the gardens shown here in front of Lapeer's historic county courthouse. It is the oldest original courthouse structure still in use in Michigan and one of the 10 oldest in the country.



Michigan Division has been busy this fall. Representing Michigan Division, the Troy Garden Club hosted the 62th annual International Tea, a fundraiser for IFYE, International 4-H Youth Exchange. The tea was held at Meadow Brook Hall, the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Meadow Brook Hall was the Troy Garden Club's event co-host.

At that time five Presidents books were presented to the membership, then were placed on the shelf in the library, joining the other books in the collection. On Saturday, Robin Heller, 2nd VP, will be planting thousands of daffodils on Belle Isle, the Jewel of Detroit. Did I mention she will have help from volunteers from Quicken Loans? Susan Chambers, Michigan Division President

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Pennsylvania Bucks Branch

In January, we held our annual potluck and book discussion. Members go all-out to bring a special dish made with local ingredients. We had a colorful spread that included local winter squash, root vegetables, kale and other greens, apple cake made with Mary's homegrown apples, and a warming chicken chili. We had a lively discussion around the state of food, prompted by our readings of

'*Animal Vegetable Miracle*' by Barbara Kingsolver and '*Indoor Kitchen Gardening*' by Elizabeth Millard.

In March, Maggie Saska, plant production manager at Rodale Institute, gave an interactive presentation on Natural Pest and Disease Control in the Garden. Her talk dug into how healthy soil and companion planting for beneficial insects play a role in forestalling the invasion of diseases and pests. Maggie was a great speaker and continued to answer questions and talk with attendees throughout the post-meeting parade to the parking lot.

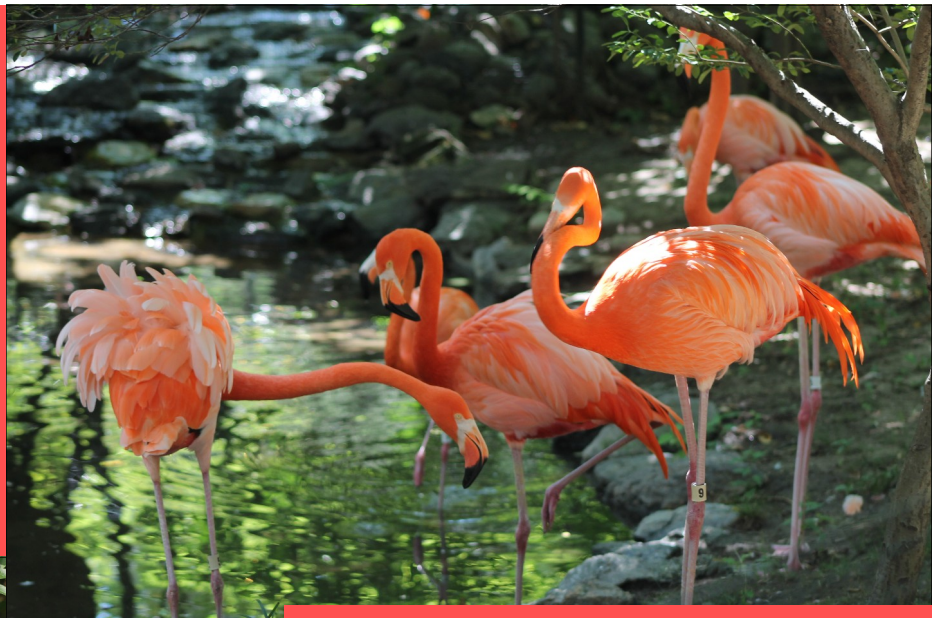
We are fortunate to have Rodale near enough to visit, and in July we took a self-guided tour of the organic



farm. Highlights included a fantastic medicinal herb garden, garlic harvest drying, bee hives, and a peek at the pigs!

Pink Flamingos

Do you have pink flamingos in your garden? No not the real ones like the Philadelphia Zoo on the right, but like the flamboyant ones that first appeared in 1957 in Leominster, Massachusetts. They were designed by sculptor Don Featherstone (who recently died), and were later used by gardeners to distinguish identical houses in new subdivisions.



The metal birds to the left occupy a space in my garden as companions to the native swamp milkweed *Asclepias incarnate*.

Where do the flamingo's flock to in your garden? I would love it if you could send me pictures of these whimsical creatures that occupy space in your landscape.

Let me know where they are on display what they are made of and what plants are around them. If I get enough pictures I will make it a feature in the next edition of the magazine. This could be fun!

Mary Pat Ford mpf6@hotmail.com



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

Whose crazy idea was this?
This idea started a journey that
would change my life.

At some point after Marty
Nolan completed her book, *A
Chronicle*, someone planted a
seed to continue her work.
A team was formed, a plan was
made, and research was con-
ducted. We started with Har-
vard's Schlesinger Library, con-
tinued on to The New York Bo-
tanical Garden Mertz Library, and
then on to Temple Ambler
Library.

We searched through boxes
containing books, photographs,
and personal correspondence. We
went through every issue of our
magazines that we could find.
We utilized division and branch
websites, archival search engines,

and even used Google. We sent
out a plea for information to all of
the members. The response was
impressive. The materials came
pouring in. Not quite enough to
fill a forty foot container as our
Project Sew did, but enough to
keep our research going for
months.

We met weekly in person and
through phone conferences. We
worked and reworked ideas on
what to include in the publication.
We held brainstorm sessions for
titles, chapters and content. The
more answers we had, the more
questions we discovered that
needed to be answered. This
process went on for close to two
years.

In the past four months, work
was done into the late evening
hours. Weekends and holidays
were consumed by this publica-
tion. It was the only way we had
a chance to have it completed in
time for the 2015 annual meeting.

Team members whittled down
to a few and yet we persisted. We
weren't the first group to attempt
this publication, but we were de-
termined to be the last.

You can't imagine the
excitement we shared when our
work was done! The publication
went off to the printer and we
waited, unsure if we would make
our last deadline. It was close but
we made it!

My growth and giving to this
organization is more than I had
ever imagined possible. It is a
journey that changed my life.
On behalf of the team, I officially
present to you,

*"One Hundred Years of Growing
and Giving: Woman's National
Farm & Garden Association
1914-2014.*

This speech was given to the members
at the Annual Meeting in Washington DC
by Mary Pat Ford on May 15, 2015

Membership Request for Members at Large

New Member Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Telephone _____
Secondary Contact Information- In Case We Loose Touch With You

*Members at Large is a designation for members who are loyal friends and do not have the
convenience of a branch but wish to be involved with the organization. Loyal Friends receive all
national communication including the magazine **Farm & Garden** published twice yearly.*

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Mail to Audrey E. Ehrler 5004 Harbour Drive Oxford, FL 34484 352 399 5079

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