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Front Cover & Back Cover : Mary Pat Ford

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT Mary Pat Ford

Hello Ladies, This past winter was the winter that never arrived. We had one snow, the little storm that couldn't, barely a trace. The small bit of snow quickly melted and left behind puddles of mud making it too messy to work in the garden. Our temperatures varied between freezing cold to spring like reminders of the coming season. Someone said it's like winter is on life support. No one knew than that we would all be on some sort of life support, fighting a virus that changed the world forever.

Spring has arrived. Some things did not change. The birds still sing, migrate, make nest and raise their young. I walk every morning before the sun comes up. Walking helps clear the my mind and it gives me an opportunity to observe nature. It is not only soothing, but relaxing and peaceful. This is the time of the day that inspires me. The colors of the sky and the fragrance of the flowers feeds my soul. I love the light in the morning right as the sun shows its first rays. It reminds me of a new beginning, the newness of the morning. I just love it. It is such a special time of the day the beginning of a new one.

It seems like this is the time to embrace new beginnings. It is not easy to change. We get stuck in our old ways and it seems change is impossible. Maybe it's time to create a new beginning. Now could be the opportunity to make some big changes in the house, in the garden and maybe in the heart and in the soul.

For the thirteen years I have I

have had many new beginnings with Farm & Garden. When I was first asked to become president-elect due to a sudden vacancy, I said no. It was a very unexpected request. I was so touched that I was even asked. I had just presented our history book, "One Hundred Years of Growing and Giving: Woman's National Farm & Garden Association 1914-2014", for the first time in The United States National Arboretum for our Annual National Meeting. This book was a two- year commitment which consumed my free time, nights, weekends and holidays.

I thought that I had given enough to this organization. I was very happy with my position as magazine editor and did not want the added responsibilities of moving up the ranks to president. I find creating the magazine to be an artistic challenge that I enjoy. But after talking to my husband and sister they both did not hesitate and advised me that I should accept the position. I did, not really knowing exactly what I was getting myself into. What an interesting time it has been filled with new beginnings.

During my term as president I stayed in the position as editor of the magazine. I visited Louisville to plan out the venues for the Annual National Meeting. Monthly phone conferences were conducted with the board and separate phone conference calls were held for the planning of the Annual National Meetings. This is possible because of the hard work of the board. A special thanks to them for their dedication, hard work and support. While Mary Schwark, Lenoir Treba, and Mary Lynne Moellering are staying on the board the rest will be moving on. A special thanks to Rita Urbanski, Kathy Beveridge, Fran Ralstrom and Audrey Ehrler for

inspiration and motivation to keep this organization moving forward. I will now face a new beginning, taking on the role of advisor and continuing to create the magazine. I will also stay active at our branch level and with the advisory committee with Ambler Arboretum at Temple University. Woman's National Farm & Garden Association is about what we do together as a team, helping us grow and making a difference. I am thankful for the honor to have served as your president. Now it is time to listen to the birds and enjoy the rays of the sun. Here is to a new beginning for all of us.



Mary Pat
WNF&GA President

Note: The magazine was complete at the end of February. It was ready to go to the printer. However, as world events changed every day, we decided to change our Annual National Meeting to a remote format. Which meant the magazine had to be updated. It took time to formulate plans for the meeting and for the magazine. We did the best we could to bring you an alternate meeting. We appreciate your patience. After having two computers crash during this process, I finally obtained a new one so that this magazine could be completed. Now it is time to listen to the birds and enjoy the rays of the sun. Here is to a new beginning for all of us.

WNF&GA Virtual National Meeting 2020

Saturday, June 6, 2020 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Due to concerns about the coronavirus, the Executive Committee of the WNF&GA decided to move our 2020 National Meeting to an online forum. This will be a three-hour meeting on Saturday, June 6th beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT. Participation is free and open to all WNF&GA members, but registration is required. Here's how it will work:

- Click on this link to register for the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ISI3-BqXSsyT1Rp5b-ah8g
- The National Registrar will also send this link out via e-mail to all members with an invitation to register. You can register any time up until the Friday, June 5th (the day before the meeting).
- Once you register, you will receive an invitation from “Kathleen Beveridge no-reply@zoom.us” that will contain a link to join the meeting that is uniquely for your use. Save that e-mail and click on that link when it is time to join the meeting. If you use an electronic calendar, please click on “Add to Calendar” in that e-mail so that the information for the event will be saved in your e-calendar.
- If you register more than one day in advance, you will receive a reminder e-mail one day before the meeting and one hour before the meeting. Each of those messages will also contain the link to join the meeting. (That way, if you lose the original e-mail with the link, you don't have to worry!)
- In advance of the meeting, please go to our website's national meeting page for links you can use to test Zoom on your computer and troubleshoot potential problems with your computer's video and audio systems. (See links below.)
- If you participate from a computer (not just by calling in on a phone), you will be able to participate using several webinar features like putting questions into the Q&A box, raising your hand to be recognized to speak, and “voting” using the polling feature in response to questions asked during the meeting. People on the phone will be able to hear what's going on but probably won't be able to speak and will miss many other opportunities to participate.
- If you participate on a computer that has a camera and you use your unique webinar link to join the meeting, it will be possible for the meeting hosts to recognize you when you wish to speak and show you on camera when you're speaking, unless you choose to block video.

Thank you for your understanding and your willingness to collaborate with us as we attempt this new approach to the WNF&GA National Meeting. We look forward to “seeing” you on June 6th.

Zoom links to share:

How to join a test Zoom meeting to get familiar with the platform: · On your computer: Visit <http://zoom.us/test>. · Using Zoom app on mobile phone: visit <http://zoom.us/test>

For step by step instructions for both of these options, here's the link: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115002262083-Joining-a-test-meeting>

How to Join a Zoom meeting (Video instruction): https://www.youtube.com/embed/vFhAEoCF7jg?rel=0&autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=1

What You Need to Know About Neonicotinoids

What are neonicotinoids?

Commonly referred to as *neonics*, they are the most widely used pesticides in the world. Neonicotinoids are synthetic derivatives of nicotine, the tobacco toxin. First applied commercially in the 1990s to overcome existing pesticide resistance, neonics target pests in the Homoptera (aphids, scale insects), Coleoptera (beetles, weevils) and Lepidoptera (butterfly and moth larvae including Gypsy moths) families. As a result, they are widely used in agricultural and residential areas. Neonicotinoids are also used in veterinary medicine (Advantage) to control ticks and fleas.



How are neonics applied and how do they work?

They are sprayed on foliage, applied as a soil drench, injected into trees or used as seed treatments. When used as seed treatments, they are taken up by all parts of the plant as it grows. This uptake makes neonicotinoids a systemic pesticide which is present in pollen, nectar, sap and leaves. Neonics destroy the nerve cells of insects that ingest them. Most corn, soy and wheat seeds planted today are coated with this pesticide.

If these pesticides are so effective, why are scientists concerned about them?

Neonics have been found not only in treated plant material, but also in neighboring flowers, grass and nearby waterways. Neonicotinoids persist in the soil, leach into the environment, are highly water soluble (readily mixing with water) and wash into streams, rivers, wetlands, groundwater, surface water and puddles. The impact of neonicotinoids on pollinators is a cause for concern. While the long-lasting presence of neonics make these pesticides desirable from a plant standpoint, they continue to create problems for pollinators even if the chemical is applied weeks before blooming.

What does the research indicate?

Do neonicotinoids impact bird populations?

While research is ongoing, here are a few clearly documented facts:



- * Neonicotinoids have persisted in soil for months or years after a single application.
- * Residue has been found in woody plant material six years after application.
- * Untreated plants have absorbed residue from nearby treated plants.
- * Some neonicotinoids are highly toxic to bees by both contact and ingestion.
- * Foliar applications have shorter residual toxicity than other application techniques like injections, seed coatings and soil drenches.

Research in the Netherlands indicates that there are two ways neonics are dangerous to birds.

Ingestion- birds eat seeds coated with a concentrated dose of the pesticide which impacts their ability to fly and navigate.

Elimination of food sources- neonics kill target and non-target insect species resulting in less available food.



How are governments around the world dealing with these pesticides?

The EU has banned neonics for outdoor use. They may still be used in greenhouses. The Trump administration has overturned an Obama era ban on neonicotinoid use in National Wildlife Refuges where industrial agriculture occurs.

Scientists working with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) propose that there is no safe level of exposure because over time very small quantities of neonicotinoid insecticides in surface water and groundwater may cause cumulative damage to terrestrial and aquatic insect life leading to ecological collapse.

Consider this...why should scientists have to prove that these pesticides are dangerous before they are removed from the market... after they have already damaged the environment? Shouldn't the neonicotinoid manufacturers have to prove that these pesticides are not dangerous to our ecological systems before they can be used in the environment?

Remember DDT?



Sources:

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Task Force on Systemic Pesticides www.tfsp.info/en/

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International Cooperation Frysinger International Project Fund

There are so many topics to cover that are of interest to members of WNF&GA - where to start? First are questions: Have you become a member of ACWW? Have you logged on to the new ACWW website at www.acww.org.uk? Have you wondered about our donation to the WE Fund (Women Empowered)? Pennies for Friendship - what if every member of WNF&GA donated just \$1 per year to PPF? Have you and/or your Branch supported the Frysinger International Project Fund? The list could go on and on...but let me share a letter from our **ACWW USA Area President, Bonnie Teeples** regarding questions on helping our sisters in Australia who are suffering from the effects of Australia's devastating fires:

"Good morning all,

I have had some inquiries from members across the US wanting to know if there is anything we can do to help our sisters in Australia. I sent an email to ACWW and received the reply below.

I echo Nick's suggestion that if you decide to raise money for disaster relief that you send it through a reputable disaster relief agency. I know that, unfortunately, when a disaster of this magnitude strikes, there are many times fund raising does not go to the place that needs it. I did have a member suggest sending the money to CWA, and Nick did not address that. If that is the direction you go, I can contact the Area President to see if she can get the money to the groups that can best distribute it.

I have requested the pattern for the little pouch Nick suggested, and as soon as I receive it I will forward it to anyone that would like it. I did go on the internet and searched for pouch pattern for Australia and there are several there if you do not want to wait. I want to thank you all for your willingness to serve in any way you can, and remember, donating to Pennies for Friendship is always a great way to support women and families all over the globe.

I will relay your concern and love to Gail Comments the Area President and ask her what direction we could go to best help.

Please send forward this to your state organizations.

Best to you all, Bonnie"

From Nick Newland, Policy and Communications Manager, ACWW, London

The ferocity of the fires and devastation wreaked in Australia has been shocking and touched us all. We have also had some other requests to see how people here can help. I know the UK Government usually suggests donations to the major disaster relief agencies. Our members in Australia have sent us a pattern for cloth pouches for rescued baby animals. The environmental impact of the fires has been absolutely devastating and, being a largely agrarian people, Australians are very concerned about preserving their environmental diversity and naturally, the wildlife. I am happy to send this pattern to you and if your members want to make these pouches, they can send them to us and we will send them to Australia on your behalf.

It is not within the ACWW remit to carry out disaster relief or funding for disaster relief. Our aim for women's empowerment is to raise the voices of rural women and ensure that the problems they face and the solutions they raise are heard and acknowledged by national and international policy-makers and legislators. This is relevant to the current situation in Australia, as their government has not invested in climate resilience policies, and they have ignored warnings from CSIRO, the leading Australian scientific research body, that a burn of this magnitude was imminent. As usual, the burden of this disaster has fallen on rural women, so in this way, national and international bodies have failed rural women in Australia. Through our advocacy work ACWW seeks to hold such bodies to account and ensure that going forward, rural women are acknowledged and rural communities are taken into account in disaster preparedness and climate resilience. If any individuals want to support us in this work on behalf of women in Australia and other countries, they may like to donate to Pennies for Friendship, the fund that supports our advocacy work.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and, on behalf of our members in Australia, please thank your members for their concern. I know that they are all so very grateful for everyone's support, kindness, and thoughtfulness. I hope this is helpful, and send you my best wishes, Nick"

Consider, please, what a great international project for your Branch to make these cloth pouches - we can send them to London or Bonnie for distribution.

Frysinger International Project Fund:

As you know, we use the funds from the Frysinger International Project Fund to support the WE Fund (women empowered): here is a synopsis of the status of the funds just received from ACWW.

To learn more about projects funded from the WE Fund, see The Countrywoman Magazine, Issue 4 -2019, pages 22-27 at ACWW website: www.acww.org.uk

Women Empowered Fund Totals as of 16 January 2020



Project 1041 - Uganda

Improved Water Security for the Girl Child

A 13,000-litre rainwater harvesting tank was constructed at Namunsi Primary School, located near Mbale, Uganda. The school has 451 students who have all undergone hygiene training and the implementing organization worked with students' parents and guardians to establish a committee responsible for the maintenance of the tank.

Facts: Projects completed in 2018: 14 new projects funded in 2018 / £4,000 (\$5121 US) the average grant awarded / 8 grants given to non-member societies / 12 final reports received in 2018 which show: 8,087 direct beneficiaries supported by ACWW / 32,348 reached through ACWW funding. Your donations DO COUNT! Looking for an international program for your branch? ACWW has produced the Rural Women In Action pack. This is available from ACWW Central Office. You can request one for yourself by emailing info@acww.org.uk.

Dates of interest: March 8 - International Women's Day; March 22 - World Water Day; April 7 - World Health Day; April 29 - ACWW Day! CWC Conference 2020 - September 14-16, 2020; ACWW Area Conference - August 1-3, 2021 30th Triennial World Conference - May 17-24, 2022 International Cooperation / the Frysinger International Project Fund are important focuses of WNF&GA. We truly appreciate your support.

Kay and Sylvia, Chair and Co-Chair, International Cooperation, WNF&GA, Inc.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES 2020

As with most non-profit organizations, it is becoming more difficult to get members to step up into leadership roles. It involves time, talents and energy they do not feel they have or want to give. In order to compensate for this change in the attitude of people today, the board feels it is time to streamline the slate of officers by eliminating the office of President Elect. We feel that a candidate for President with at least two years' experience on the board, preferably as Vice President, or as a National Director or Chair, would have the ability to handle the position with the support of the remaining board.

In order to accomplish this change it is necessary to eliminate the description of the office of President Elect from the bylaws. Also, every bylaw with this office stated in it must be changed. The following proposed changes will accomplish this.

Currently:

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-elect, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, an Accounting and Operating Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as the A&O Treasurer and an Educational and Charitable Fund Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as the E&C Treasurer.

Change:

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Currently:

Section 2: Qualifications

A candidate for elected office shall have been a member in good standing for two years.

A candidate for the office of President or President-elect shall have served on the National Executive Committee, or as a Director, or as a Chair of a National Committee for at least 2 years.

Change:

Section 2: Qualifications

A candidate for elected office shall have been a member in good standing for two years.

A candidate for the office of President shall have served on the National Executive Committee, or as a Director, or as a Chair of a National Committee for at least 2 years.

Currently:

Section 4: Vacancy in Elected Office

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the President-elect. An officer who has served more than half a term in an office is considered to have served a full term. Any other vacancy in elected office shall be filled by vote of the Council. Previous notice of any election shall be included in the call to the meeting. Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled by the Council, as stated in **Article X, Section 2**.

Change:

Section 4: Vacancy in Elected Office

A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice President. An officer who has served more than half a term in an office is considered to have served a full term. Any other vacancy in elected office shall be filled by vote of the Council. Previous notice of any election shall be included in the call to the meeting. Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled by the Council, as stated in **Article X, Section 2**.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 2020

Currently:

Section 5: Duties of officers

B. President-elect:

- Chairperson of the Long-Range Planning Committee;
- Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President;
- Succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in that Office;
- Assume other duties assigned to the office by the bylaws, the standing rules, the President and the Council.

Change: Eliminate completely

Currently:

C. Vice-President:

- Serve as Planner for any National Meeting called by the Executive Committee or Council.
- Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the President-elect;
- Assume other duties assigned to the office by the bylaws, the Standing Rules, the President and the Council.

Change:

C. Vice-President:

1. Serve as Planner for any National Meeting called by the Executive Committee or Council.
 - Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
 - Assume other duties assigned to the office by the bylaws, the Standing Rules, the President and the Council.

Currently:

ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Composition

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, the Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary, the Administrative and Operations (A&O) Treasurer, the Educational and Charitable Fund (E&C) Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President, who acts as Advisor to the Committee.

Change:

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Currently:

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committees

- B. The Finance Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the President, President Elect, Vice President, A&O Treasurer, E&C Treasurer and the Finance Chairperson.

Change:

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committees

- A. The Finance Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, A&O Treasurer, E&C Treasurer and the Finance Chairperson.

Also one standing rule needs to be changed to eliminate President Elect.

Currently:

III. Finance Committee:

- A. Composed of the Finance Chairperson, President, President Elect, Vice President, and the two Treasurers.

Change:

III. Finance Committee:

- A. Composed of the Finance Chairperson, President, Vice President, and the two Treasurers.

MEETING DETAILS

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 2020

V. National Meeting:

- A. Executive Committee determines the location of the National Meetings based upon the following criteria:
1. Hotel with an adequate number of guest room and meeting space to accommodate the Executive Committee, Council Members and general membership based on past attendance.
 2. Dining facilities on site.
 3. Proximity to transportation.
 4. Touring attractions in the area.
- B. Meeting Planner negotiates contract with the facility.
- C. President reviews and signs all contracts.
- D. Meeting Planner finalizes:
1. Catering needs.
 2. Tour schedules and transportation to tour sites.
 3. Registration fees based on meeting room rental, catering and tour costs, plus 15% for incidentals, divided by the anticipated number of attendees.
 4. Posts registration form on the web site & magazine.
 5. Assigns Meeting Registrar.
 6. Secures reports from Officers, Directors, Division Presidents, Single Branch Presidents and others as directed by the President.
 7. Sends reports to Corresponding Secretary for copying.
 8. Prints name tags and fills information packets for attendees.
 9. Attends to details during the meeting as necessary.
- E. Presents written report to the Executive Committee and A&O Treasurer within 6 (six) weeks of the conclusion of the meeting.

Change C. to:

- C. The Executive Board reviews all contracts over \$1500. Meeting planner negotiates any needed changes. Once approved by the board, the president signs all contracts.

Change E. to:

- E. The A & O Treasurer presents a written report of the meeting's finances to the board within 6 weeks of the conclusion of the meeting

These proposed changes are published in the current copy of the Farm & Garden magazine for every member to review. The changes will be voted on at the next National Meeting in June, 2020, to take effect immediately upon approval. All changes to the current bylaws and standing rules will be published in the Fall issue of Farm & Garden magazine for members' quick reference.

Slate of Officers 2020

President	Mary Schwark	Troy Garden Club	Michigan
Vice President	Patty Burnside	Saginaw Branch	Michigan
A & O Treasurer	Mary Lynne Moellering	Rochester Branch	Michigan
E & C Treasurer	Suzanne Smith Oscilowski	Ambler Keystone Branch	Pennsylvania
Recording Secretary	Phyllis Macke	Dooryard Garden Club	Ohio
Corresponding Secretary	Christine Partch	Tri-County Branch	New York

MEETING DETAILS

WNF&GA Annual National Meeting

Remote Locations

Saturday June 6, 2020 10:00-1:00

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. The Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome/Introduction
5. Tutorial of Webinar
6. Establishing a Quorum
7. Approval of the 2019 National Meeting Minutes
8. A&O Treasurer's Approved Budget
9. A&O Treasurer's Reports (2019 & 2020 to date)
10. E&C Treasurer's Approved Budget
11. E&C Treasurer's Reports (2019 & 2020 to date)
12. Committee Chair Reports
 - A. Finance
 - B. Registrar
13. By-law changes *
14. National Awards
15. Hazel Herrings Civic Improvement Grant
16. Sarah B. Tyson Fellowship
17. Renaud/Peterson National Arboretum Internship
18. Frysinger International Project
19. Bess Mueller Flower Show Fund
20. Unfinished Business
21. New Business
22. Nomination, Election, and Installation of Officers
23. Adjourn



* There will be a 15 min. break after the By-law changes report.



WNF&GA Annual National Meeting

Call to meeting Notice

Please allow this announcement to serve as notice to all registered members of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association that the 2020 National Annual Meeting will **not** be held in Louisville Kentucky June 3–7, 2020.

Because of the changing health environment, we will try something new. Please allow this announcement to serve as notice to all registered members of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association that the 2020 National Annual Meeting business session of the meeting will be scheduled for **Saturday June 6, 2020 10:00-1:00** by way of a webinar.

What Is a Webinar?

A webinar is an online presentation in real-time conversation from anywhere in the world. Webinars will allow our members to engage in online discussions and share audio, documents or slides as a group. This is in the development stage and updates will be forth coming.

Please note that the planning for the National Annual Meeting in Louisville will not be wasted. We will hold our **National Annual Meeting in Louisville KY June 2-6, 2021.**

Sincerely,
Mary Pat Ford
WNF&GA National President

Sarah Bradley Tyson Fellowship Award

The 2020 recipient of the Sarah Bradley Tyson award goes to Eliza Nobles who graduated from Drexel University in 2019 with a unique interdisciplinary major in Urban Ecology (B.S.) with a minor in Science, Technology and Society. Currently she is taking graduate classes in the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Pennsylvania while working as an intern at the Morris Arboretum in Urban Forestry. She currently manages urban forests and consults with property-owners to design ecological landscapes around Philadelphia. Every component of her college career has been focused on fostering sustainability through horticulture and landscape design. She has had several projects during her college internships that taught her about the biota of city landscapes and their impact on the people who live there. With a passion for urban environmental research, Eliza has been accepted into the University of Pennsylvania's Master of City Planning program with a concentration in Urban Design and a continued focus on ecology. After developing a background in environmental science and urban horticulture she plans to continue to cultivate creativity, hands-on experiences, analytical skills and proficiencies in the latest technologies and software programs. She plans to use her knowledge gained in this program to design a sustainable city.

Connecting with the Land, Yesterday and Today

Kathy Salisbury Ambler-Keystone Branch
Director of the Ambler Arboretum of the
Temple University



People are working with their hands in the soil during this time of social distancing. They are heading for the known comfort of working the soil and planting plants or they are experimenting with a garden for the first time as a family. Either way, the act of gardening, much like the act of exploring nature, has been found to be therapeutic. In fact, an entire industry has been created around Horticulture Therapy.

You probably don't know that Temple University offers a certificate in horticulture therapy but did you know that Temple University

produced one of the first horticulture therapists? Technically, Elizabeth Hall, class of 1924, was a product of the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women (PSHW), which became Temple Ambler in 1958. She later went on to become a world-respected librarian for the New York Botanical Garden where she worked for more than 20 years but her first position after graduating from PHSW was as a Horticulture Therapist in the Occupational Therapy department at the Pennsylvania Hospital for Nervous and Mental Diseases.

Dorothy (Jean) Malatesta of Rochester Hills, Michigan passed away on March 24, 2020 in Bethlehem, PA. She was born June 15th, 1935 in Norwood, Massachusetts to Russell and Irma Willard.

Although Jean carried her New England traditions in her heart, she called Michigan her home. She moved there in 1981 and continued her life of community service which included Newcomers and Encore associations, and at Meadow Brook Theatre as volunteer for 32 years. Jean was a longtime member of the Rochester Garden Club a branch of WNF&GA where she served as President and Distinguished member, who also chaired and served on numerous committees since 1982.

A memorial celebration of Jean's life will be held at a later date. If you would like to be notified, please contact Kelly Malatesta at kjmalatesta@yahoo.com.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to:

Rochester Garden Club
Attn: Carol Steurer
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Auburn Hills, MI 48326
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Rochester Garden
Club Michigan



MEETING DETAILS 2021

Save the Date Louisville KY June 2-6, 2021

Wednesday June 2, 2021 Registration and check in

Thursday June 3, 2021

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens This garden is an internationally-recognized center of gardening, plants and education, all offered in a stunning site of significant historical importance. Originally the home, gardens and commercial nursery of the late Theodore Klein and his family, Yew Dell now offers the public exceptional display gardens, an ambitious slate of education programs and community events, ongoing garden plant research and woodland trails. Yew Dell is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Preservation Partner Project of the Garden Conservancy.

Lunch by Red Pepper Catering

Woodland Farm This farm is owned by Laura Lee Brown and it has incredible gardens and a fabulous working farm operation in Goshen, Kentucky with historical roots and a sustainable vision. The 1000-acre farm is home to many heritage breeds of livestock, including American Buffalo, and has several large gardens that use sustainable best practices. Contemporary artworks can also be found dotting the hills around the farm They just protected more of their farm with a conversation easement through American Farmland Trust. We will tour in open wagons so prepare for the weather.

Locust Grove This Georgian mansion, c.1792, tells the story of its builders, William and Lucy Clark Croghan, and its American beginnings. William and Lucy Clark Croghan, along with Lucy's brother, General George Rogers Clark, welcomed a generation of American luminaries to their home to rest, dialogue, campaign, and duel. Presidents James Monroe and Andrew Jackson, John James Audubon, Cassius Marcellus Clay, and Lewis and Clark—among others—all passed through Locust Grove. Now a National Historic Landmark, Locust Grove is a unique example of early Kentucky architecture, craftsmanship, and history.

Friday June 4, 2021

Morning Meeting

Waterfront Botanical Gardens This developing garden started in 1993 by Botanica, an umbrella organization for the local gardening community to help enlighten, entertain, and educate the community about the botanical world. In 2001, Botanica learned that it was the beneficiary of a trust established by member Helen Harrigan, a local gardener with a desire to see a botanical garden and conservatory built in Louisville. Helen's gift reshaped the focus of the organization. Lunch by North End Café



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Falls of The Ohio State Park (Across the Ohio River in Indiana) The history of the Falls of the Ohio reaches back millions of years, leaving us with a wealth of natural wonders and resources to explore. They include 400 million year old Devonian fossil beds, a variety of flora and fauna including over 265 species of birds and 125 species of fish, habitats and interesting geological formations such as sculpted limestone, natural arches and small waterfalls. The formation of the Falls fossil beds dates back to 408 - 360 million years ago.

Saturday June 5, 2021
Morning Meeting

Jim Beam American Stillhouse Nestled in the rolling foothills, Jim Beam offers an intimate look the world's No. 1 selling bourbon. We will take a guided tour through the entire whiskey-making process – starting with Beam's natural limestone water well through the mashing, distilling, barreling, aging and bottling. They have been around for 220 years backed by their family heritage. We will be dining on your own at Fred's Smokehouse, a bourbon-inspired café that offers a casual respite for members as we soak in the distillery history.

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest The Arboretum is comprised of 16,137 acres of land, and was purchased by German immigrant Isaac W. Bernheim in 1929, the land was dedicated as a gift to the people of his new homeland. Today, over 270,000 visitors from the U.S. and abroad visit each year. Danish artist, Thomas Dambo constructed three giant sculptures throughout the arboretum using recycled wood. The three sculptures are: Mama Loumari with her children, Little Nis and Little Elina, and her third baby Giant, who is currently living in Mama's belly. Dambo also known as a "recycled art activist," is based in Denmark. He makes beautiful and fun projects out of trash and recycled materials, which are found in city dumpsters. By doing this he hopes to inspire people to have fun and think of trash as a resource.

Dinner, Bountiful Baskets, Speaker Denise Davis at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Louisville Downtown hotel

Denise is a volunteer for the Olmsted Parks Conservancy and she conducts walking tours of the parks. She was initially trained through Central Park Conservancy in NYC as a certified tour guide. Frederick Law Olmsted was commissioned to design a park system for Louisville in 1891, he was acknowledged as the father of American landscape design, famous for his work on Central Park in New York, the U.S. Capitol Grounds, and the Biltmore estate grounds just to name a few of his works. The Olmsted Parks Conservancy is named for him and his work.



FARM & GARDEN EDUCATION

The United States National Arboretum The Renaud/ Peterson Internship

In October 2019, I travelled to Washington DC to visit the professional staff that oversees our beloved Dogwood Collection at the United States National Arboretum. The purpose of my visit was threefold. First, I inspected the condition of our garden and the work our intern accomplished, second I helped place the New York Division Honorary Bench in the garden and third, I introduced our newly appointed WNF&GA Liaison, Natasha Cunningham to the staff. Despite a very dry summer and fall, head gardener George Waters managed to keep the collection watered and looking quite good.

Our 2018 Intern, Hannah Imhoff, researched and planted species that do well in drought conditions. Young dogwood trees, annuals and perennials were added this past year. The former New York Division was honored for their dedication and generosity with the placement of a lovely new teakwood bench. The bench is located at the pond area. A dedication ceremony is being planned in the spring of 2020.

I had the pleasure of introducing MAL, Natasha Cunningham to the Arboretum Staff. Natasha agreed to be our WNF&GA Representative. She took over the reins on October 10, 2019. After many years as your Liaison to the Arboretum, I asked to be relieved of this awesome responsibility. I wish to thank you for this wonderful learning experience, for your trust in my abilities and for your generous support to the Renaud/Peterson Internship Program. I hope you will choose to support many more worthy students well into the future with a donation to this internship.

Respectfully submitted, Audrey E. Ehrler

New Liaison to the U.S. National Arboretum

I had the pleasure of meeting Audrey Ehrler, her son Chris, and the USNA staff in charge of the care of the Dogwood Collection on October 10, 2019. My sister in law, Kathy Beveridge, had suggested earlier last year that I might take over as Liaison to the Arboretum for WNF&GA. My commute from the Annapolis area often takes me right by the Arboretum. Until last October, I had visited only the National Capitol Columns at the Arboretum. It was



Natasha Cunningham Liaison,
George Waters Agricultural Science Research
Technician
Audrey Ehrler Past Liaison
Carol Bordelon
Retired Supervisory Research Horticulturist
and Joan Feely Garden Unit Horticulturist

wonderful to learn of the Arboretum history and the role the women of WNF&GA played in the creation of the Arboretum. The Dogwood Collection is truly lovely, and it was nice to meet the staff in charge of the care of the trees that are knowledgeable and engaging. I look forward to meeting this year's Renaud/Peterson intern...and to visiting the Dogwood Collection in bloom!

Natasha Cunningham nac10@columbia.edu

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Joan Feely Garden Unit Horticulturist, Natasha Cunningham Liaison and George Waters Agricultural Science Research Technician

We call our Members-at-Large, Loyal Friends or MALS

Our MAL are individuals who live in a geographic area where we do not have an organized branch or division. Some members of a branch have moved away from their long standing branch, but they choose to support our aims and goals.

In 2010, we had eight Members-at-Large on our membership listing. Now in 2020 we currently are pleased to say that we have received registrations from twenty interested MALS. We expect that number to grow within the next month!

Members-at-Large receive our spring and fall magazines each year. They are always welcome at our meetings including the Annual National Meeting each spring. Please welcome them at your branch or division meetings if they choose to visit.

Our magazine always includes a membership form. The dues are for MALS \$15.00 per year. If someone is leaving your branch, please encourage them to stay in touch with us or gift them a one year membership.

Respectfully Submitted, Audrey E. Ehrler, MAL

It's Hard to Say Goodbye

Audrey Ehrler is stepping down from her many responsibilities in WNF&GA including serving on the Executive Board. She has volunteered for many years and in numerous position including countless hours behind the scenes at the Annual National Meeting. Audrey's passion is contagious. She has now raised enough money on her own to replace Louisa King's teakwood bench. Thanks for your friendship, commitment and your dedication to this organization. We are a better organization because of you. We wish you well.



Audrey Ehrler sitting on the New York Division newly placed bench.

FARM & GARDEN DIVISION & BRANCH UPDATES

Past National President Ruth Gray



In Memory of Ruth Gray by Bea Peterson

Ruth Gray was absolutely one of the most inspirational women in my WNF&GA life. She was a woman so far ahead of her time accomplishment-wise.

I remember being awestruck when at dinner one Farm & Garden meeting evening she spoke of taking photographs in the Galapagos! Imagine a woman doing something like that years earlier and having those photographs published worldwide. I mean this was the late 70s and early 80s. No women I knew did such things. She never spoke of her illustrious career except in occasional tidbits.

I was very new to the National level Farm &G when I met Ruth and thought nothing of inviting this National President to visit my branch (not my Division!) in upstate NY. She drove from her home in Maine to my home and was an absolutely charming houseguest and inspiring guest speaker at our branch meeting.

Her National and fall Council meetings were businesslike, no nonsense and informative. We had a fascinating cooking workshop at her fall meeting in Williamsburg, VA. The Boston National meeting was one of my favorites. I sat next to her when we attended a Boston Pops concert and she whispered she too was a musician! It escapes me what instrument she said she played,

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ORONO MAINE – Ruth Gray died December 28, 2019. She was born in Old Town, ME on April 15, 1916, the daughter of Samuel Braley Gray and Bessie (Pendleton Benson) Gray. She attended schools in Old Town and graduated from Dana Hall School and the class of 1938 from Smith College. She was predeceased by her parents, her brothers and sister, and nephew: Samuel Braley (Corinne) Gray, Jr., George Alexander Gray, Eleanor Deane Gray (A. Vincent) Shea, Deane Benson (Dorothy) Gray, and S. Braley Gray III. During World War II, she was appointed by the Governor as the Municipal Chairman of the Women’s Division of the Civilian Defense Council and served with the American Red Cross driving a Clubmobile just behind the front lines in the European Theater with the 19th Corps. She worked for many years as a professional photographer in Europe and the United States and later with scientific groups in South America, Africa, Greenland and India; and was a member of the Freelance Photographer’s Guild. She had a strong commitment to the community and actively participated in many organizations including Brownie Scouts, Library League, Neeburban Club, Crewel Ladies and the Shakespeare Club of Bangor. Other institutions she served, often in leadership roles, were the *Woman’s National Farm and Garden Association (as National President), Inc.*, The Associated Country Women of the World, the National Arboretum Advisory Council in Washington DC and the Hudson Museum. She was a volunteer at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Corporator of Eastern Maine Medical Center, and a member of the auxiliary. She served on the Board of Directors of the Old Town Canoe Company, which was founded by her grandfather in 1900. As a Mayflower descendent, she belonged to a number of genealogical societies and edited and wrote numerous books and articles on the subject. She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church. She is survived by eight nieces and nephews, 13 great-nieces and nephews, and 7 great grand- nieces and nephews. A family graveside service will be held in the spring.

Those who wish to remember Ruth in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the charity of their choice or to “Ruth Gray Scholarship Fund” (for graduating students in Old Town) at the

Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth ME 04605

On behalf of WNF&GA, a donation of \$103.00
(since Ruth was 103) was sent to the
Arbor Day Foundation to plant a Tree
in memory and honor of Ruth Gray.

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but all I could think was what a remarkable lady.

At one meeting I remember her asking all of us to share a funny story about ourselves. She started off with one about herself walking on snowshoes across a marsh in the summertime to take a photo. I will not go into all of the story except to say it was really very funny and I have repeated it many times over the years. Ruth was a definite influence on my life. I respected her beyond measure. I will be forever grateful to Farm & Garden for introducing me to this fascinating woman and the shared friendship that we enjoyed. What a fond way to remember Ruth.



Cambridge Area Branch Celebrates 60 Years

In September the Cambridge Area Branch celebrated its 60th anniversary by hosting renowned author and speaker Maraleen Manos-Jones who presented a program on her lifetime work with Monarch Butterflies. She was fantastic! This exciting meeting was open to the public with a special invitation to our sister New York's Tri-County Branch and was very well attended.

The event included a brief history of the branch, presented by long-time member Gail Turi who had several books with photos and articles of the branch's past. The room was filled with garden floral arrangements. There were table favors and an anniversary cake as well to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Plans are now underway for our 61st year with many exciting events in mind shared with all of our members.

Bea Peterson
Cambridge Area Branch President

Art in the Garden

I have been thinking about the request for sharing experiences with art in the garden since reading "Notes From President Mary Pat Ford" in the spring edition of our national magazine. We did our art in the garden project out at our lake home in the Irish Hills of Michigan.

We have created stepping stones with each of our seven grandchildren with their hand prints and date we did them. We did the first stepping-stones with the first five grandchildren several years ago--these children have now graduated from college.

The process starts with my husband mixing the cement and putting it in large clear plastic dishes. As part of the process, plants and other objects can be set into the design. The children then pressed their hands into the wet cement and then they decorate the stepping stones any way they want to. The whole family gets involved!

Jo Sillanpaa
Country Garden Club of Northville

The pictures to the left are my youngest two granddaughters who are now in elementary school.

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Lapeer Michigan Wildflowers

The ladies of the Lapeer, Michigan Wildflowers had a very eventful year filled with both success and sadness. We enjoyed each other's company while helping our community and said goodbye to a long-time member.

Our year began in May with our annual Mrs. Tebben's Tea at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden. Our tea was well attended and provided a venue not only for fundraising, but an opportunity to network with other garden clubs.

In June our service projects began in earnest: member Sandy Vukonich headed up our efforts to revamp the gardens at the Lapeer post office. Cecelia Montgomery and Emmajane Brice led our team at the Lapeer court house. Our members planted, weeded, and rototilled the way to beautiful three season displays at both locations. During the summer we also found time to meet at members' homes and enjoy several delicious potlucks.

In addition, members made time for a trip to the Applewood estate as well as an educational seminar on Monarch butterflies at Seven Ponds Nature Center.

In September we installed new officers for 2019-2021: President Patty Bradshaw, Vice President Dahna Loeding, Treasurer Martha Mattson, Recording Secretary

Barbara Reehl, and Corresponding Secretary Kim Augustine.

Our gardening year ended sadly with the loss of long-time member and corresponding secretary Mary Streeter and a memorial tree planting in her honor.

It is with great sadness that the Lapeer Wildflowers acknowledge Mary's unexpected death. She was one of the charter members who formed our club in 2004.

Over the past 15 years, Mary held several different offices including club president. She was our parliamentarian always making sure we followed the *Robert's Rules of Order*. Mary, who loved children, singing, flowers, and laughing, was a bright spark who will be missed by all who knew her.



Dooryard Garden Club Ohio

Linda Lou Broyles of rural Mendon, died Nov. 16 at Leesburg Medical Center in Leesburg, Florida. She was born on Nov. 28, 1941, in Celina, Ohio, to Robert Howard and Edna (Brown) Carpenter. On March 7, 1986, she married Thomas Broyles in Las Vegas. He preceded her in death Jan. 14, 2014.

A 1959 graduate of Mendon-Union High School, she was a pharmacy technician, and along with her husband, Tom, they operated Hawkey's Pharmacy in Ottawa for a number of years.

Linda attended the Mendon United Methodist Church, and had been a member of the I.O.O.F Rebekah Lodge and the Women's National Farm & Garden Association. Her favorite pastimes included listening to music, gardening, playing cards, dancing and reading. More than anything she enjoyed people and living life to the fullest.

Rochester Garden Club Michigan

Sadly we learned that Dee Pass died on Friday, January 31. Dee has been a Rochester member since 2014 and was an active participant with arts and crafts as well as flower arranging. Her ready smile attracted our members to become friends with her and they quickly learned to appreciate her gentle personality and her quick funny comment for any occasion.

Details can be found at ModetzFuneralHomes.com.



Membership for Members-at-Large 2020

Join Today!

Name _____

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Secondary Contact Information (In case we lose touch with you)



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We are so happy to have you join us!

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/e-mail: _____

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.com

Grant recipients are then required to:

Submit a report to Gerry Howard at the above address no later than **May 1, 2020**

(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.
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