

Farm & Garden

Fall 2021

The Woman's National
Farm & Garden Association, Inc.
Established 1914



Envisioning our Future

Some aspects of the future are very easy to envision. Others – not so much!

If you're in a hurry and don't have time to read the next several paragraphs, I urge you to not skip the information below in blue, because it may directly affect how you receive future WNF&GA magazines.

One thing that most reasonable adults will agree upon is that it can be risky to minimize, ignore or deny important and/or essential changes that are inevitable and non-negotiable anyway! Being left in the dust is no fun.

I recall – from nearly a decade ago – when my local garden club branch began to move from printed and mailed monthly newsletters to making them accessible electronically. The reason was twofold: both economic and environmental. For the first year, those who opted out of receiving printed newsletters represented about 40% of our members. We continued to print and mail black and white newsletters to the remaining 60%, but we also made a strategic move to persuade them. Those who had email addresses, but continued to request printed copies, also received emailed copies – in color. By year two, when the branch again urged members to receive newsletters electronically, many more jumped onto the email-only bandwagon. They had realized that it was still possible to enjoy their newsletters electronically – especially in color – and that they could print their own copies if they felt the need. The newsletters were printable from the attachments members received with their newsletter notifications, or members could access their newsletters directly from the branch's website.

In 2021, only 10% of our branch members continue to receive their newsletters via the United States Postal Service!

Has the transition provided advantages? Absolutely! Even with only 40% receiving emailed copies in the first 12 months, the branch achieved first year savings of approximately \$1,000.00 in printing and mailing. With 90% of our branch members now receiving emailed copies, the annual savings have increased greatly, especially as mailing costs have also increased. And those figures don't even factor in the environmental savings of natural resources.

Please join me as we envision our WNF&GA future in terms of our biannual magazine.

In the spring 2021 WNF&GA magazine (pink and green scarecrow on the cover), a new approach to magazine distribution was announced. After much consideration and debate, the Executive Committee of the WNF&GA decided that we needed to clarify the explanation of our new policy. We gazed into our blue crystal ball – see above – and envisioned our magazine's future distribution.

Beginning with the spring 2022 WNF&GA magazine, all members for whom we have email addresses will receive future magazine copies via email (electronically). For members who have email addresses, but who wish to continue receiving PRINTED & MAILED copies: You should proactively contact the WNF&GA registrar Cheryl Malin (cmalin09@gmail.com) no later than February 1, 2022, to request future printed copies. Please ask the registrar to acknowledge your request. Approval will be based upon need and/or extenuating circumstances.

To ease the upcoming transition between now and the next issue to be published in March 2022, we have created a “bridge.” We hope you'll find it helpful. Fall 2021 magazines have been distributed via email, as in the past, to those who previously elected to receive them electronically. We have also emailed the magazine to all other WNF&GA members for whom we have email addresses. Here's how the “bridge” is available: We have sent, via US mail, a few extra printed magazine copies of the current issue to each branch president. We ask that branch presidents lend or share those extra copies with those of their members who may require assistance while they make the transition to spring 2022. By that time, the number of printed copies will have been reduced significantly. They will be mailed only to (1) those who do not have email addresses and (2) only to those members with email addresses who have been approved to receive printed copies because they have a particular need or extenuating circumstances.

Your WNF&GA Executive Committee is fully committed to embracing the benefits of technology and fiscal responsibility. That includes practical cost-saving and resource-saving. We look forward to your support!



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Front cover photo by Mary Schwark: Hydrangea in Jeanne Bolcer's autumn garden – Troy, Michigan

Back cover photos by Christine Partch, WNF&GA corresponding secretary

President's Message

Thank you to all who attended our second National Meeting via ZOOM on June 5, 2021.

Kathy Welsh Beveridge again came through as our able meeting host. Thank you, Kathy, for helping us rehearse and for making it all happen.

Let's hope that the 2022 National Meeting can happen in person. We have the place: Hershey, PA. We have the dates: June 1 – June 5, 2022.



Mary Schwark, 2020-2022
WNF&GA president -
photo by Christina Whan

What we don't have is complete confidence that circumstances will be such that WNF&GA members will feel comfortable registering, paying, traveling and then participating when we arrive at our destination. For that reason, please complete and return the survey on page 8, and please do so as soon as possible. **NOTICE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO RETURN YOUR SURVEYS.**

We want and need your input. Here's what we must avoid at all costs: making plans, signing contracts, paying deposits, and then cancelling our meeting – either because health concerns remain overwhelmingly powerful, or because members simply choose not to attend. Now is your opportunity to speak up and tell us candidly what you think. We will listen!

WNF&GA MAGAZINES

Please read page 2 of this publication.. It's the inside front cover with the blue crystal ball in the upper right corner. I could say more about the details here, but there's no need. Everything you should know about future magazine distribution is on that page. I am counting on you to become familiar with the information and to email me with questions if necessary.

Your elected Executive Committee members are fiduciaries. In short, it is our obligation to monitor our organization's assets and to allocate them conscientiously. In fact, we are all absolutely compelled as nonprofit fiduciaries to protect the WNF&GA's assets as carefully as we protect our own personal assets. Organizations have reached a crossroads, technologically speaking. As WNF&GA members, we can no longer, in good conscience, opt to receive printed and mailed copies simply because we want to hold magazines in our hands.

INFORMATION FOR NONPROFITS

In mid-2020, I acquired three books which continue to be invaluable to me during my term as WNF&GA president.

The Nonprofit Board Answer Book, a Practical Guide for Board Members and Chief Executives, 3rd Edition, 2012, published by BoardSource. All members of the WNF&GA Executive Committee also have copies of the same book.

The other two books I have found helpful are:

Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards, 3rd edition, by Richard T. Ingram, published by BoardSource.

Legal Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards, 2nd edition, by Bruce R. Hopkins, JD, LLM, published by BoardSource.

I do not advocate specifically for those books, but if you believe that you and/or other members of your garden club branch may find them – or any similar books – to be worthwhile references, I hope you will consider making the investment – for yourself, for your branch.

AVOIDING SCAMS

It may be a touchy subject, but is there anyone among us who hasn't been on the verge of participating in a complete stranger's emailed request, no matter how illogical or bizarre it seemed?

During the last two or three years, someone - or some ones - seem to have gained access to many WNF&GA members' email accounts. I have received numerous messages from "members," who are out of the country or otherwise preoccupied, but who claim to be in need of big favors. The "member" typically asks that the person reading the email buy specific gift cards for a supposed emergency or good cause.

It's difficult to believe, but several months ago, someone actually sent me a similar message and signed it with her name plus the title, WNF&GA president. Really? In addition, quite a few legitimate organization members have emailed me to make certain that I'm not in dire straits in some faraway land.

I hope saying it doesn't jinx me now, but it's been at least a month since I received the last such message.

Just so you know, I will NEVER send you an email message requesting that you purchase gift cards - or any other valuable commodities - on my behalf. I suggest that, if you do receive such a message, don't open it, mark it as SPAM, and then delete it immediately!

APPLY FOR WNF&GA FUNDING

Don't miss the opportunities! See applications on pages 18 & 19.

ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

A widely known and often repeated "Yogiism," - from Yogi Berra, of course - is: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

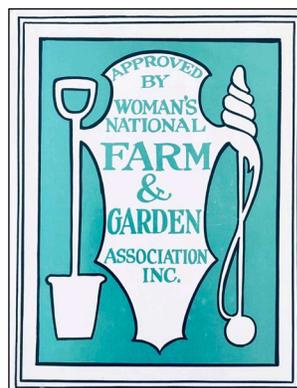
What fork do you think the WNF&GA should take when it comes to envisioning our future? Before you answer, please read this magazine. So much history. So much content. So many charitable awards. So many good ideas and good deeds from branches. Then decide what fork you believe is essential to you, to your branch, to the WNF&GA, and to the communities we serve. When you find it in this magazine, in context, how relevant or sufficient is the following statement? "The object of the Association, as set forth in the [WNF&GA] Constitution, is to promote agricultural and horticultural interests among women and to further such interests throughout the country."

Honoring our History,

Sharpening our Image

Envisioning our Future

Doing the Right Thing



Cover: ***A Chronicle***

SINGLE BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

Members-at-Large + Comp + Emeritae 20
 7 Single-Branch Garden Clubs
 (NY, OH, PA) 188

SINGLE BRANCH TOTAL 208

MICHIGAN DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

Members-at-Large 8
 25 Single-Branch Garden Clubs
 (Michigan) 1127

MICHIGAN DIVISION TOTAL 1135

WNF&GA TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 1343

- submitted by Cheryl Malin, WNF&GA registrar

Temple University's Ambler campus working to reopen after tornado

FROM: <https://aroundambler.com/temple-universitys-ambler-campus-working-to-reopen-campus-after-tornado/>

Please see page 6 for the Temple Ambler historical feature article. It was written before the tornado occurred on September 1.

The world, as they say, can change on a dime!

If you're interested in keeping track of the situation's developments, search the internet for ongoing reports about the tornado's wrath. No doubt the coverage will continue as damage is evaluated and restoration begins.

The Temple Ambler Campus is an important player in the history of the WNF&GA.



Keeping the faith for a place that's close to WNF&GA members' hearts !

Hello, history !



Photo on left: The 1953 plaque as it looks now on the new bench (*right*) at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

**IN HONOR OF
 MRS. FRANCIS KING**
 FOUNDER
 AND FIRST PRESIDENT
 OF THE
 WOMAN'S NATIONAL
 FARM AND GARDEN
 ASSOCIATION

THIS GARDEN IS DEDICATED
 BY ITS MEMBERS AND
 GIVEN TO THE NATION
 MAY 1953

- photos by Audrey Ehrler



What is Temple Ambler? And why is Temple Ambler important? It's a matter of history.

Some WNF&GA members have probably never heard of the Temple University Ambler Campus. (See photos on the back cover.) Some have probably heard of it in passing without realizing its historical significance. Others are somewhat familiar with the institution. Maybe they live nearby. Many know of it because of their personal longevity as members of WNF&GA. Others know it intimately because of past experiences on campus.

The following quotes from *A Chronicle: The History of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Incorporated, 1914-1984*, should help to pique our interest and to broaden our understanding of the founding of our organization. *A Chronicle's* author was Martha A., Nolan, WNF&GA president, 1990-1992.

To envision our future, hindsight may be beneficial. Louisa King and Jane Bowne Haines are two of many names to remember!

Page 3: "Miss Haines . . . had been gathering support for the establishing of a school where women could be trained in gardening and orcharding, a school similar to those founded by the Farm and Garden Association in England. . . . The women involved in the Philadelphia Branch study group strongly supported Miss Haines's concept and, under her guidance, began the search for a suitable location. After months of driving by carriage over rough country roads, a site was found, and the group purchased the McAlaman Farm, located two miles from the small town of Ambler in what was called Puff's Corner. The 70-acre property, eighteen miles north of Philadelphia, included a stone farmhouse dating to pre-Revolutionary times and a picturesque group of barns. After repairs were made to the house, the School of Horticulture for Women opened in 1911, with a faculty of two, and three students.

"Having realized the dream for a school, Miss Haines and those most closely associated with the school's founding now turned their attention to a new endeavor – the establishment of an association which would bring together for mutual benefit the city and country women engaged in agriculture and horticulture throughout the United States. During the ensuing months, Miss Haines and her assistant Miss Emma Blakiston, compiled lists of names of everyone in agriculture and horticulture whose addresses could be found. Plans were then initiated for a Conference to be sponsored by the School of Horticulture for Women, and, by special invitation, the Conference was called for May 17, 1913.

"As the period of germination concluded, far-off events which had played a part in the inception of a new association now converged at Ambler. It was a time of belief and optimism. It was the season of promise."

Page 4: "A cold persistent rain soaked the Amber campus. By contrast, the previous day's tropical temperature had favored holding the Conference on the lawn. . . . The weather forced a change of plans, and the upper floor of the timeworn barn was converted into a meeting place. The sturdy old building with its hewn timbers and hay wagon-wide doors would easily accommodate the anticipated crowd of two hundred guests. But the roof leaked and the room was drafty.

"In spite of the rain, the women and some few men, mostly husbands accompanying their wives, began to gather at the School of Horticulture for Women. Many had traveled great distances, coming from Michigan and Indiana by train, arriving at the Ambler station for the horse-drawn ride to the campus.

"Others drove in carriages of every description, and some walked the eighteen miles from Philadelphia. The assembly included guests from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Maryland. Turning from the ruddy country road into the driveway, the old farm house with the sycamore by the door came into view; in the background, the farm buildings, with the windmill and watertank on the slope beyond."

Page 7: Many planning meetings occurred between May 17, 1913, and January 12, 1914. On the latter date, (page 7) "twelve women from the Philadelphia area joined Miss Lee and Miss Haines at 3 p.m. in Miss Lee's office." . . . The group "tended to the business at hand: a Constitution and Bylaws were ratified; and the name Women's Agricultural and Horticultural Association was approved." The name was later changed to Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc. Mrs. Louisa King became the organization's first president.

"The object of the Association, as set forth in the Constitution, read: 'To promote agricultural and horticultural interests among women and to further such interests throughout the country.' "



- Left: photo from *A Chronicle*, page 10

"Guests arrive on the campus of the School of Horticulture for Women at Ambler, Pennsylvania, May 1914."

- photo originally acquired from the Schlesinger Library, Cambridge Massachusetts, for inclusion in *A Chronicle*



Miss Jane Bowne Haines
- photo by Jessie Tarbox Beals, Inc.; acquired from the Schlesinger Library, Cambridge Massachusetts for inclusion in *A Chronicle*, page 9

WNF&GA Past National Presidents

1914 – 2020

(The list was updated September 2020. Please note several changes from previous magazine lists.)

Louisa (Mrs. Francis) King*	1914 – 21
Sarah B. (Mrs. Russell) Tyson*	1921 – 24
Miss Gertrude Copeland*	1924 – 27
Miss Marian Roby Case*	1927
Clara B. (Mrs. Henry) Ford*	1927 – 34
Mabel (Mrs. Howard W.) Lewis*	1934 – 37
Miriam (Mrs. Murray) Boocock*	1937 – 41
Martha L. (Mrs. F. Wayland) Ayer*	1941 – 44
Eva (Mrs. Paul) Burrage*	1944 – 46
Margaret (Mrs. Truman F.) Barbier*	1946 – 48
(later known as Mrs. Margaret B. Carey*)	
Edith (Mrs. Hubert) Carter*	1948 – 50
Elma (Mrs. Henry P.) Williams*	1950 – 52
Miss Gertrude Warren*	1952 – 54
Beatrice (Mrs. F. B.) Llewellyn*	1954 – 56
Elizabeth (Mrs. Homer N.) Sweet*	1956 – 58
Helen (Mrs. Ian) MacDonald*	1958 – 60
(later known as Mrs. Helen M. Sanders*)	
Miss Elizabeth C. Miller*	1960 – 62
Anne (Mrs. Benjamin D.) Holt*	1962 – 64
Matilda (Mrs. Alfred G.) Wilson*	1964 – 66
Elizabeth (Mrs. Nelson B.) Sackett*	1966 – 68
Anne (Mrs. David) Buerger*	1968 – 70
Anne (Mrs. Fred G.) Garrison*	1970 – 72
Carolyn (Mrs. Miles N.) Clair*	1972 – 74
Donalda (Mrs. Richard D.) Latham*	1974 – 76
Mae Louise (Mrs. Robert K.) Hanson*	1976 – 78
Kay (Mrs. Parker P.) Rockwell*	1978 – 80
Miss Ruth Gray*	1980 – 82
Hazel (Mrs. Jack H.) Herring*	1982 – 84
Susan (Mrs. Paul E.) Herbert	1984 – 86
(later known as Mrs. Susan Celentano)	
Marian (Mrs. H. James) Renaud*	1986 – 88
Rita (Mrs. C.F.) Kirschler, Jr.*	1988 – 90
Martha (Mrs. William M.) Nolan*	1990 – 92
Phyllis (Mrs. William) Slattery*	1992 – 94
Beatrice (Mrs. Charles) Peterson	1994 – 96
Blodwyn (Mrs. Julius P.) Zeigler*	1996 – 98
Jean (Mrs. Jack) Ehlinger	1998 – 2000
Kay (Mrs. Neil) Engelhart	2000 – 02
Sylvia (Mrs. Webster) Anderson	2002 – 04
Barbara (Mrs. James) Hochstetler	2004 – 06
Marla (Mrs. James) Diamond	2006 – 08
Faith (Mrs. Joseph) Tiberio*	2008 – 10
Mary Bertolini	2010 – 12
Julia Siefker	2012 – 14
Molly Hammerle	2014 – 16
Rita Urbanski	2016 – 18
Mary Pat Ford	2018 – 20

* deceased

Charitable Affairs 2021 Awards

Karol Carter, Charitable Affairs chairperson

The following scholarships, internships and sponsorships were funded by the WNF&GA. They were announced on June 5, 2021, to the WNF&GA members who attended the virtual 2021 National Meeting via Zoom.

Scholarships / Internships

Francis Plate Bequest: Chairperson – Cindy Nuss
\$2,000.00 awarded to Student Conservation Association

Sarah Bradley Tyson Fellowship: Chairperson – Cindy Nuss; Co-Trustees – Louise Shoksnnyder & Sylvia Anderson
\$4,000.00 awarded to Arena Lewis, for pursuit of a Master of Science degree in crop and soil science at Michigan State University. Her focus will be seed systems in developing countries and how social networks impact the development of seed diversity within communities.

Warren Sanders McNaughton Oceanographic Scholarship: Chairperson – Leslie Morris-Smith
\$1,000.00 awarded to Riley Secor, a graduate student at the University of Rhode Island. She will use the funds to purchase supplies for her study of temperature issues in the commercial lobster industry.

Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship: Chairperson – JoAnn Preston. Funded - \$1,500.00
Nine applications were received in 2021. Seven awards of varying amounts were given to Mark Adkins, James V. Hatcher, Cecelia Morales, Lisa Nigro, Jessica Puzak, Morgan Whitaker Smith, and Rachel Wright.

Renaud-Peterson U.S. National Arboretum Internship: Former chairperson – Audrey Ehrler \$7,300.00 awarded
New chairperson – position in transition. See photos of new USNA bench, page 5.

WNF&GA Temple University Ambler Campus Internship: Awarded - \$2,000.00
The 2021 recipients have not been identified to the WNF&GA.

Sponsorships

Schlesinger Library: Liaison – Carole Jackson Dille (Mrs. James E.) \$500.00 for storage of WNF&GA documents

Bess Mueller Fund: Chairperson – Nancy Matthews
Funded – \$1,000.00 No award. All applications were rescinded due to event cancellations.

Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant: Chairperson – Gerry Howard
Funded - \$3,000.00
\$400.00 awarded to Pontiac Garden Club Branch, MI, to refurbish the herb garden at the Moses Wisner home at the Oakland County History Center, Pontiac, MI.

Frysinger International Project Fund: Chairperson – Kay Engelhart Funded - \$2,000.00
National Meeting virtual attendees voted to fund the *Sustainable Water, Sanitation & Energy* project.

SURVEY RE: 2022 NATIONAL MEETING

The WNF&GA Executive Committee values members' input as we make critical decisions about the 2022 National Meeting. Please help us by completing this survey and returning it as explained below. Return deadline: October 22, 2021.

Circle or fill in YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSES to all questions applicable to you.

- | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----|---|---|---|---|--------------------|--|
| 1. Have you ever attended a WNF&GA National Meeting? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 2. If YES, APPROXIMATELY how many have you attended? | # _____ | | | | | | | |
| 3. Have you ever traveled to/from a National Meeting via chartered bus from Michigan? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 4. If YES, are you likely to do so again IN THE FUTURE ? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 5. Given riders' close quarters while on a bus, are you likely to travel by chartered bus to a National Meeting in 2022 or another year ? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 6. If you do not travel TO the 2022 National Meeting via chartered bus, given the close quarters on a bus, would you want to travel by bus to the various venues once you arrive at the National Meeting destination? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 7. <u>If the 2022 National Meeting takes place, it will be held in Hershey, PA from June 1-5, 2022.</u> Are you CONSIDERING attending that meeting? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 8. Given all that we have experienced and learned over the past 18-20 months, if you are CONSIDERING attending the 2022 National Meeting, HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO ACTUALLY REGISTER to attend that meeting?
Circle only ONE number from 0 – 10 immediately below. | | | | | | | | |
| NOT LIKELY | SOMEWHAT LIKELY | | | | | | VERY LIKELY | |
| 0 1 2 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 9. Given attendees' close quarters while sharing hotel rooms, would you be comfortable sharing a hotel room with another attendee of your choosing? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 10. If you would not be comfortable sharing a hotel room, would you be WILLING TO PAY FOR YOUR OWN SINGLE HOTEL ROOM ? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 11. If you are NOT CONSIDERING attending the 2022 National Meeting, is it because you would not wish to pay for your own single hotel room? | YES | NO | | | | | | |
| 12. If it were your responsibility, as a member of the WNF&GA Executive Committee, to make a decision about whether to host and when to schedule the 2022 National Meeting, how would you vote? (Circle 1 of 3 to the right.) | YES-schedule soon
YES-sched. after 12-31-21
NO-do not schedule | | | | | | | |
| 13. If YES, do you agree that, when requested/required by a vendor, the Executive Committee should pay reasonable Nat'l. Mtng. deposits prior to January 31, 2022? | YES | NO | | | | | | |

Please submit ONLY ONE completed survey. If you want your voice to be heard – **and we want to hear your voice!** – return your response by October 22, 2021, in **ONE** of the following ways:

- (1) Print this page; complete it; scan it; email it to schwark@aol.com. Subject: **SURVEY**
- (2) Print, fill in, and snail mail to Mary Schwark, 367 Ferndale Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009
- (3) Number a blank sheet of lined paper from 1. through 13. **Hand-write your response** to each question next to the appropriate number. Snail mail to the address listed in (2) above.

Thank you for your participation!

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE AND FRYSSINGER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT FUND

“Our Diversity is Our Strength” – The theme of the 2021 ACWW USA Area Conference, held virtually on the 2nd of August and hosted by ACWW USA Area President Bonnie Teeples, highlighted the work and contributions of the ACWW USA Area member societies. To say we are diverse may be putting it mildly, but to say diversity is our strength in the USA is an understatement. How interesting it was to hear members describe their projects, initiatives and the outcome of the wide-ranging goals! We truly have much in common, though we may go about things in very different ways: education for instance, with the “First Books” project. Scholarships: farm-related for women who will continue to help feed the country in ever-changing times. Civic Improvement: local funding and hands-on projects for better rural community living. International: hands-on projects providing education, skills training and support for much-needed life-sustaining programs worldwide. I wish more of you had been able to join – maybe next time. The conference was a reminder of the work women do to make our world a better place – one project at a time. We are, and have been, a big part of those efforts since our beginning.

As we look to the fall, when many branches are beginning to meet again in person (how nice it will be to see each other in person!), let’s be sure to add International Cooperation to our meeting planning for 2021-22. ACWW offers a variety of pamphlets, posters, suggestions and PowerPoint presentations, around which meetings can be planned. Go to the ACWW website www.acww.org.uk for details on *Rural Women in Action*, *100 Ways You Can Make a Difference*, *Girls Are the Future*, and *Sustainable Development Goals*, to name a few. Take advantage of those professionally designed and prepared materials. The communications committee has done a tremendous job preparing the materials and they are yours for the asking. There are no excuses for not including International Cooperation in your meeting schedules. Remember, too, to call on Sylvia and me for any help you need.

As mentioned in the last Farm & Garden magazine, the 30th Triennial Conference of ACWW will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2023. The decision to move it out a year was made at the ACWW Special World Conference 2021 (virtually) with voting members around the world casting the deciding votes. Have you ever thought of attending an ACWW Triennial Conference? You must be an individual member of ACWW to attend, and you must represent a voting society to vote (details on the website). I urge WNF&GA members to also become members of ACWW, whether as a branch or as an individual. You’ll receive communications regarding the upcoming Triennial Meeting, as well as the area president’s newsletters and the continuing support of ACWW.

“ACWW policies and priorities are set by our member societies around the world. Every three years, ACWW members gather at the Triennial World Conference and vote on resolutions submitted by societies. The resolutions which pass are adopted for action by all member societies, and they will influence our advocacy and policy work over the next three years.”* Resolutions are submitted by member societies around the world for consideration. Resolutions and recommendations from 1947 to the present are listed on the ACWW website. ***Excerpt from ACWW website.**

While talking about the Triennial Conference of 2023, I’d like to remind you that WNF&GA, Inc. is a member society and, as such, is expected to submit a report of our international activities for inclusion in the Triennial program. The due date has not yet been announced, but please keep the report in mind and start jotting notes about your involvement and contributions beginning in August 2019. We will compile a WNF&GA report from all your details and submit it in time for publication.

Does your Branch have an International Cooperation Chair? If not, would one of your members consider being the contact for International Cooperation? Please take a minute to send us her/his name and email address. We would use it only to forward information regarding International Cooperation and ACWW information, along with reminders of due dates for necessary reports.

Remember: ACWW – Advocating for women

Yours in international cooperation,

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ACWW and the
UN Decade of Family Farming



APPLES ARE AMAZING!

- text by Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski, WNF&GA Environmental Director

Apples are a harbinger of autumn and have been referenced throughout history from the early Greeks and Romans to the modern growers' newest cultivars like Smitten, Jazz and Cosmic Crisp, to name just a few!

Botanically, apples are members of the Rose family along with peaches, cherries, pears, plums, strawberries and raspberries. Recent DNA analysis indicates that apples originated in the mountains of Kazakhstan. Modern domesticated apples (*Malus domestica*) are descendants of the wild *Malus sieversii*, which still flourishes in Kazakhstan.

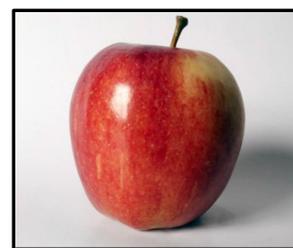
Domesticated apples are large and sweet compared with wild or crab apples. The term *crab apple* doesn't refer to a specific species. Instead it references very small-sized apples that are usually too sour to eat. The crab apple is the only apple native to North America.

The most popular apple in the USA today is the Gala. The Gala is a cross between Kidd's Orange Red and Golden Delicious and was developed in New Zealand in the 1930s by J. H. Kidd. Gala apples grow well in both warm and cold climates and can be found in apple growing regions around the globe. See Gala photo below.

The four major apple-growing regions in the United States are Washington, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, although apples are grown commercially in 36 states. In 2018, apples were the fruit ranked second (behind grapes) based on production volume in the U.S. Oranges are the third most produced fruit.

Fun Facts About Apples

- There are over 7,500 varieties of apples in the world today.
- Most apple blossoms are pink and mature to white.
- Apples can be grown farther north than any other fruit tree because they bloom later in the spring, thereby having a reduced risk of frost damage.
- Apples ripen 6-10 times faster at room temperature than if kept refrigerated.
- Two thirds of the apple's fiber and antioxidants are in the apple peel, so don't peel your apples!
- The apple blossom is the state flower of Michigan.
- The old English adage "To eat an apple before going to bed, will make the doctor beg his bread" is the basis for today's "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."
- America's longest-lived apple tree was planted in 1647 by Peter Stuyvesant in his Manhattan orchard and was still bearing fruit when a derailed train struck it in 1866.
- Apples float in water because they are 25% air. (Remember that from the June 2021 National Meeting?)
- The most expensive apple in the world is the Sekai Ichi apple at almost \$20 per apple. Sekai Ichi means "world's number one" in Japanese.
- The largest apple ever picked weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. and was grown and picked by Chisato Iwasaki in Hirosaki City, Japan in 2005.
- Fear of apples is known as Malusdomesticaphobia.



Gala apple
developed in New Zealand – 1930s
- image courtesy of the internet

Nutritional Information – average 2.5-inch apple, fresh, raw with skin

- Calories - 80
- Dietary fiber - 4 grams
- Carbohydrates - 21 grams
- Calcium - 10 mg, Potassium - 159mg,
- Vitamin C - 8mg, Vitamin A - 6mcg

Sources:

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Interesting Facts About Apples - justfunfacts.com



Apple picking in upstate New York. (photo
from www.NewYorkUpstate.com)

LOST APPLE PROJECT

- by Mary Schwark, substituting for Louise Shoksnnyder, WNF&GA Gardening Director

“10 Pioneer-era apple types thought extinct found in U.S. West”

The title above, which I discovered in a local newspaper – OAKLAND PRESS, May 17, 2020 – intrigued me enough to set aside the article for future reference. Written by Gillian Flaccus, the article was a reprint from The Associated Press. It began: “Portland, ORE – A team of retirees that scours the remote ravines and windswept plains of the Pacific Northwest . . . “

Was the first line the beginning of a compelling mystery or adventure story? Actually, it was both, even with the addition of “for long-forgotten pioneer orchards.” While orchards were not quite what I was expecting retirees to scour for, it turns out that the adventurers – a Vietnam veteran and a former FBI agent “rediscovered 10 apple varieties that were believed to be extinct – the largest number ever unearthed in a single season [2019] by the nonprofit Lost Apple Project.”

How did EJ Brandt and David Benscoter, both amateur botanists, verify their rediscoveries, which now total 23 over a number of years? They communicated with expert botanists at the Temperate Orchard Conservancy in Oregon. The 10 varieties rediscovered in 2019 had previously been identified as lost. Brandt and Benscoter gathered “hundreds of fruits” in October and November of 2019. They searched in “140-year-old orchards tucked into small canyons or hidden in forests that have since grown up around them in rural Idaho and Washington state.”

Brandt summed up their rediscoveries in 2019: “It was just one heck of a season.” In each previous year, the team had been happy to find and verify one or two “lost” varieties. “But we were getting one after another after another.”

The Brandt & Benscoter Discovery Process

1. Search hundreds of miles of the Pacific Northwest during many weeks in autumn.
2. Travel by truck, ATV and on foot.
3. Find orchards using old maps, county fair records, newspaper clippings and nursery sales ledgers.
4. Locate the orchards by matching names on record with property maps.
5. Find a few apple trees that are still growing.
6. Collect hundreds of apples from the abandoned orchards.
7. Record the location of each newly discovered tree by using GPS.
8. Tag the tree with a plastic band.
9. Place the apples in zip-close bags and ship them to Oregon botanists for identification.
10. Return to the trees in winter on foot or snowshoes.
11. Take wood cuttings for grafting onto root stock to propagate new trees of the recently authenticated varieties that had been previously identified as “lost.”

Apple Facts per the Gillian Flaccus Article

1. North America once had 17,000 named varieties of domesticated apples; 4,500 varieties are known to exist today. (or 7,500 ? - p. 11)
2. As they moved west as pioneers, settlers planted a few hundred apple varieties in their corner of the Pacific Northwest.
3. They planted varieties from early spring ripeners through first-frost ripeners to extend the apples’ availability.
4. Apple trees were brought in buckets from the East Coast and the Midwest.
5. Eating apples were raised from cuttings from existing trees, not from seeds.
6. Among the 10 apples rediscovered in the Pacific Northwest in 2019 are *Sary Sinap* from Turkey, *Streaked Pippin* (possibly first recognized in New York state in 1744), and *Butter Sweet of Pennsylvania* (first noted in a trial orchard in Illinois in 1901).



Apple detective, David Benscoter

- image courtesy of the internet

Identification Methods Used by Temperate Orchard Conservancy

1. Compare collected apples with USDA watercolor illustrations from the 1800s and early 1900s
2. Compare collected apples with written descriptions in old botany textbooks and old reference guides.

Never Give Up

The Gold Ridge apple was difficult to verify because experts were unable to find illustrations or descriptions. It was finally identified by botanist Joanie Cooper. She went page by page through a reference book written by a botanist who died in 1912.

A LOOK AT A HERITAGE HOG:

The American Guinea Hog

- text by Joette Kunse, WNF&GA Agriculture Director

See Resources, green box, page 18.

At our Clarkston Family Farm in Clarkston, Michigan, Executive Director Chelsea O'Brien has leased an American Guinea Hog (AGH) to share information about the breed with children and families who visit. After visiting the "Princess Pig," as the sow is called, I wondered about American Guinea Hogs. When I told friends about the AGH pig, they pictured the small guinea pigs that youngsters commonly used to have as pets. The AGH, a much larger pig, has a very different purpose from that of a pet.

Today's American Guinea Hog has a storied past. With several possible ways the breed came to America, one theory is that Guinea Hogs came from Africa or the Canary Islands in the early 1800s with the slave trade. Thus, the name Guinea, to reflect that the animal originated in the Guinea area of Africa. Another theory is that "Guinea" refers to the small size of the pig, and it may be related to the Essex, a small black English breed imported to the United States in 1820. The DNA of the AGH and the Essex appear to be closely related. There were cattle called "guinea cows" and the small size might be how the word "guinea" describes the hog. No matter how it arrived, Thomas Jefferson reported that he had a Guinea Hog in 1804. The color of his pigs was red.

American Guinea Hogs were popular on family farms. They were described as small, weighing 100 to 300 pounds, unlike hogs of today which can weigh up to 800 pounds. They had upright ears, a hairy coat and a curly tail. They were common on the homestead because they foraged on their own eating nuts, rodents, grass, roots and cleaning out garden beds. The pigs kept the yard a safe zone around the house by also eating snakes. The hogs were hardy and gained weight on the roughest forage while producing ham, bacon and lard for the farm family.

In the early 1900s, Proctor & Gamble, a company that was begun in 1837 by William Proctor, a candle maker, and James Gamble, a soap maker, was working on Crisco. E. C. Kayser, a German chemist came to P & G in 1907 with a ball of fat, but no hog was involved in its development. The ball of fat was hydrogenated cottonseed oil, which was the beginning of Crisco, a vegetable shortening designed to replace lard.

In addition to food value, the American Guinea Hog also produced lard for soap, candle-making and cooking. Making candles declined when electricity became prevalent, but lard was used for mechanical lubricant up to the 1940s. During the Second World War, lard was used in explosives and most of the lard produced was used by the military.

According to the radio program *All Things Considered* in its "Who Killed Lard?" episode, with the decreasing supply of lard due to the war, Proctor and Gamble focused on an ad campaign which claimed that "the stomach welcomes Crisco." At the same time, Upton Sinclair had written *The Jungle*, a fictional book about the meat industry. Between the ad campaign, the shortage of lard, and Sinclair's book, Crisco won out over animal lard and the American Guinea Hog was no longer needed. After the war, people were going to the cities to work, and family homestead farms were dying off.

Today, the Livestock Conservancy has listed the American Guinea Hog as "threatened." But farmers and small homesteaders are bringing back American Guinea Hogs as they are very useful on the farm. They can be raised on small acreage, and for farmers who are raising their own meat, the size of the hog is appropriate. American Guinea Hogs are not aggressive and are easy to have around children. Grass-fed livestock has superior taste, marbling and texture that are not found in grain-fed livestock, according to Janet Garman in an article published February 5, 2021, in *Countryside* magazine. She states that grass-fed meat is in high demand due to taste, and the higher presence of omega-3 fatty acids.

The AGH has become an important source for charcuterie pork. *Mother Earth News* in their October 1, 2015, article "American Guinea Hog: A Small Pig Breed for Homesteaders," says "With the rising popularity of charcuterie or cured meats, such as ham, bacon and salami, as well as specialty cuts, such as lomo and prosciutto, there is a demand for the comeback of guinea hogs."



Clarkston Farm & Garden Club Branch, MI – *Library gardens receive 67 years of care.*

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club has designed, planted, maintained and weeded the Clarkston Independence District Library gardens for a long time, but no one currently in the club had an idea of how long. The branch was going to receive an award from the Michigan Landscape and Nurserymen Association, and we wondered how long our club had been taking care of the library gardens. Mary Beth Huttenlocher, a 50-plus year member of the branch provided a few leads. Thank goodness our former members, some of whom have moved to other locations, had good memories.

One place to start was with the origin of the Clarkston Library. Clarkston didn't have a library until 1954, but former member Virginia Schultz said that she and another former member, Judy Huttenlocher, began planting flowers in that location in 1954. The address was 90 North Main Street and it formerly belonged to Henry Ford, who had a seat factory at the location. The library had been a rental house on the property.

In 1969, the library moved to its present location on Clarkston Road. The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club followed along and did the landscaping. Members created designs and they took on the responsibility to water, plant and weed. Husbands of members created a watering system. So many have given the gardens gentle loving care for 67 years. In 1991, the library was enlarged and again the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club met the challenge of recreating the landscape plan.

Over the years, many new plans evolved, including gardens depicting children's books such as *The Frog Prince* (R: see fountain photo), *The Giving Tree*, *Peter Rabbit*, and *The Secret Garden*. The women who have chaired the library gardens have worked diligently to maintain pleasing community gardens for members of the public who visit the library. Sometimes it is important to reflect on the service your branch provides to your community, and the length of time that your branch has been involved.



- submitted by Joette Kunse,
Clarkston Farm and Garden Club member

Country Garden Club of Northville Branch, MI - *Rachelle Vartanian's Living & Learning Enrichment Center*

The estate of the renowned Cadillac dealer Don Massey of Northville, Michigan was sold on February 8, 2020. Built in the 1920s, many trailblazers and world-changers have walked the halls of the 6200 sq. ft. mansion. Now, a new generation of world-changers is transforming the 14-acre estate into an inclusive community, whose goal is to empower adults with autism to live independently. The \$3.5 million property was clearly waiting for just the right buyer, because a nonprofit group serving teens and adults with autism closed the deal. The people at the Living & Learning Enrichment Center (LLEC) believe the space was meant for them.

After teaching special education for 20 years, Rachelle Vartanian, CEO and Founder of the LLEC, left her job to fill a need she experienced first-hand. She didn't want her teenage son with autism to be among the 90 percent of people on the autism spectrum considered unemployable. She wanted him to have hope for a future, long after she can no longer care for him.

Six years ago she started LLEC and created programs for teens and adults. Parent support groups, music therapy, art therapy, gamer clubs, gardening, animal care and a Saturday night hang-out program are some of the activities in which the students can participate. In addition to the recreational choices, there is an emphasis on developing social communication, writing, computer and business skills. To give the students an opportunity to practice their communication skills in public, Vartanian also established the Mod Market store in downtown Northville. Mod Market is a retail outlet featuring a coffee bar and the works of more than 60 Michigan artists, including some art from talented students of the LLEC. The market is staffed by students who are under the supervision of an LLEC teacher. Other focused students have already gone on to succeed in office & computer jobs in several Northville area businesses.

Vartanian's vision has always been to build a self-sustaining community that can provide job training and jobs as well as resources, along with support to empower adults with autism to live independently. Vartanian says: "They'll eventually be able to live independently in apartments or condos in the Northville area, and the LLEC will continue to help and support them in their personal and community growth."

Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club Branch, MI - *A Tribute to Eleanor Marsh*

Elizabeth Eleanor Kerr Marsh was a dear friend to many and a formidable force in Detroit's nonprofit sector. She gave her all to her passions, one of which was *The Greening of Detroit*. Eleanor served as the second president of the board for *The Greening of Detroit*, following her dear friend and the organization's founder Elizabeth Gordon Sachs. Eleanor remained as advisor in the years following. She took such pride in each and every park and planting that was created by *The Greening of Detroit* during her nearly 30 years on the board. She was the organization's biggest advocate, our loudest voice that supported the reforestation efforts throughout the city.

Eleanor led *The Greening of Detroit's* fundraising committee, helping to raise critical support during some of the most challenging times. She did so much. Whether it was making calls, planning top-notch events or planting trees, she gave Detroit her all. The loss of her leadership and passion will be felt across the Detroit nonprofit community. Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden was the happy beneficiary of Eleanor's dedication as she connected branch members with *The Greening of Detroit*, providing meeting space and content, and educating us about the organization's objectives and activities in our city. On Saturday, August 7, *The Greening of Detroit* dedicated and renamed their Lafayette Greens Garden and planted a tree there in her honor. It is a fitting tribute to our dear friend. We miss you, Eleanor.



L - R: GPF&GC members Kate French, Margot Henel, Abby Peck, Denise Deane & Jane Burton in front of the tree planted for Eleanor

Right: Plaque dedicating the garden to Eleanor Marsh

- photos provided by Kate French

- submitted by Kate French, GPF&GC president



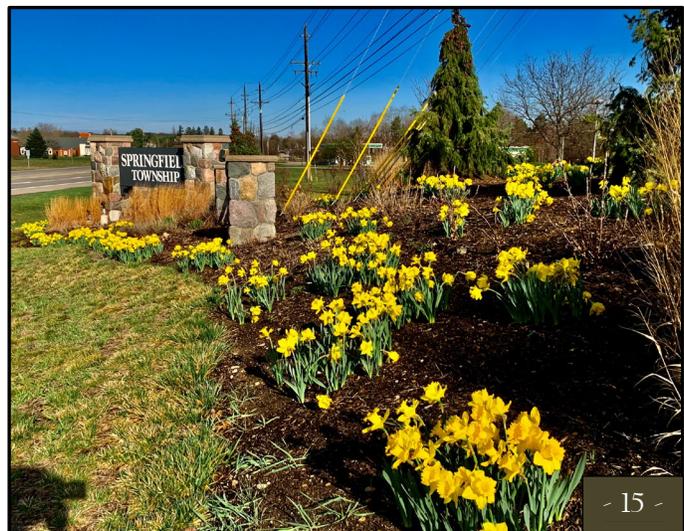
Springfield Garden Club Branch, MI - *“ - a host of golden daffodils”* by William Wordsworth

Our club is composed of 26 energetic women with a love for gardening and for their community. The past year and a half has certainly been a challenge, but it didn't deter our members at all as they continued to fill the garden club's planters with beautiful flowers and seasonal arrangements all year. Since we weren't able to meet as a group, we divided into teams of four or five, and each team was assigned to one of our six planters. We also continued our pledge to plant 14,000 daffodils, one for each resident of Springfield Township, Michigan. Planting began in the fall of 2019. In the midst of the pandemic, the 2,000 daffodils in beautiful bloom at our Civic Center and Community Center were uplifting to everyone in the township. Several of our members volunteered again in the fall of 2020 to plant another 2,000 daffodils

at the Davisburg Cemetery and at the Springfield Township Welcome sign on Dixie Highway and I-75. What a gorgeous yellow display for weeks!

For years the club has made swags and has decorated seasonally with greens. In November 2020, we hung swags on the fencing along the road to the Civic Center and we also decorated planters with greens in the town of Davisburg.

Our branch is committed to our gardening activities and also to our contribution of gardening books to the library and our purchase of shade trees for ballfields. The future is bright and we're not short of ideas to beautify and enhance our community.



- submitted by Carol Pinkos, president

Tri-County Garden Club Branch, New York – *Say it with photos!*



Above: Check out the size of the cabbage held by Jackie Barg! It was grown by Tri-County member Dona Crandall, who donated it for the sale.

In August, the Tri-County Branch held a Plant and Food Sale in Hartford, NY.



Above in back, left to right: Peggy Lynch and Jackie Barg were in charge of the plant table.

In front, left to right: Wearing WNF&GA T-shirts are Fay Graham, Janine Thomas and Davene Brown.

Left: Barbara Liebig and her niece Margaret Keyes, who is Jean Getty's daughter. Barbara and Margaret sold raffle tickets and water during the sale. For the raffle, members donated items that were **MADE IN THE USA**. The three lucky winners were two Tri-County Branch members, Jackie Barg & Robin Mealey, as well as the daughter of member Alice Meager.

- photos & text provided by Davene Brown

Troy Garden Club Branch, MI – *Happy 50th Anniversary!*

The Troy Garden Club turns 50 in September 2021! Although ready to party, given recent circumstances, we plan to party next year instead. For now, let's take a brief stroll down memory lane. Judy Cornellier, our only remaining original member, joined 50 years ago along with her mother. The club's purpose was, and is, to attract members interested in growing plants and sharing their knowledge. Activities of interest to the club in 1971 included drying herbs, making baskets, and learning the art of flower arranging.



Anniversary Gardens, 2021 garden walk
L: homeowner & gardener extraordinaire Jennifer Goldstein
R: TGC member and garden hostess Judy Francis - photo by Mary Schwark

Our first garden walk was held on June 12, 1974. The event continues today (photo on left) as our club's major annual fundraiser. Eighty percent of proceeds support local, regional, state and national horticultural projects, and we provide partial tuition scholarships to exceptional university students who study horticulture and who plan to work in the field of horticulture.

The TGC joined the WNF&GA in 1982. Civic service has always been a part of our purpose. Our members support local gardens with donated funds and volunteer labor in both the Troy Historic Village and the Troy Library.

Our branch began with 34 members and has grown to over 100 in recent years. Nineteen members have been with the club since before 2001. We count two Michigan Division and two national presidents among our members: Rita Urbanski and Mary Schwark.

We have enjoyed many events. Field trips to local display gardens and members-only garden walks are highlights. We attend Daffodil Day on Belle Isle, a state park on an island in the middle of the Detroit River. The event is planned and sponsored by Michigan Division. Many of our members also attend Mrs. Tebben's Tea, hosted by the Lapeer Wildflowers Branch at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden, MI. The Hunt Club was founded by the late Nora Tebben.

Back to our 50-year celebration, it's important to celebrate our history, and we will do that when the health climate is, well, healthier.

- submitted by Bev Hydo, past president & multi-year garden walk chairperson

Country Garden Club of Northville . . . continued from page 14

In the late spring of 2020, the Country Garden Club of Northville formed a committee to do community garden renovation work at the LLEC. Since then, the LLEC's connection with the club increased as club members removed existing overgrown shrubs and weeds, added climbing roses, divided peonies, and planted many varieties of perennials to bloom throughout the growing season. The club also assisted with the LLEC's lavender harvest (lavender field photo below).

Rachelle Vartanian's long-term vision is to use the Living & Learning Enrichment Center program as a blueprint to help other forward-thinking autistic communities to establish workable structures.

*- submitted by Marcia Mandell, co-president,
Michigan Division - WNF&GA &
member, Country Garden Club of Northville*



Left: LLEC
alpacas
George and
Stella
*- internet photo
by Sarah
Sattler*



Living & Learning Enrichment
Center, Northville, MI
- photo courtesy of the internet

Below: Lavender rows ready for harvest at LLEC - *internet photo by Sarah Sattler*



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Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant Application

Application made by (branch name) _____

Number of branch members _____ Michigan Division? YES ____ NO ____

Project title _____

Total cost of project \$ _____ ✓one: Estimate? __ OR Exact?__ Amount requested \$ _____

Name of Person submitting application _____

Address (#, street name, city, state, zip) _____

Phone number(s) HOME _____ CELL _____

Email address (Write neatly to assure accuracy.) _____

The application process must include the materials listed below, which should all be sent together, if possible.

1. Send the completed application form via regular mail or via email.

2. Send a written description – 3 *typed* pages maximum – describing the project, the goal, the sweat equity (who will be involved in the project) and the total cost of the completed project.

3. Provide copies of the completed application to the submitting member's branch &, if applicable, to the division president.

4. Send four digital photos in a .jpg format **WITH THE APPLICATION**. If the applicant is unable to send photos via email, provide the name of the person who will send or has sent the digital photos separately.

Requirements of 2022 Grant Recipients

1. Submit a **final report** to Gerry Howard at the above address **no later than May 1, 2023**.

2. Include in the report:

a. a brief description of the completed project

b. four digital photos of the completed project (with identification of branch/division name, title of project and date of project completion)

c. name of person who submitted the application, along with phone number, email address and mailing address

Mail completed application
& photos to:

Gerry Howard
12735 Scott Road
Davisburg, MI 48350

Phone: 248-634-3766

Email: gerryhoward323@yahoo.com

*Application
deadline:
May 1, 2022*

BESS MUELLER FLORAL ARTS FUND APPLICATION INFORMATION

Nancy Matthews, National Floral Arts Chairperson, fancynancy25@verizon.net, 215-542-6932

Following a change which was proposed, discussed and formally approved at the 2018 National Meeting, branches may use the Bess Mueller Fund in support of events as listed in paragraph 2 below. THE EVENTS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The Fund will provide a monetary incentive to stimulate an active interest in the floral arts.

Specifically, the Bess Mueller Fund may be used to support judges' schools, flower shows, floral arts programs, workshops and guest speakers. The fund also provides podium flowers at each annual National Meeting.

Applications for funding are received by the Floral Arts Chairperson listed above. The funds are disbursed by the E & C Treasurer.

BESS MUELLER FLORAL ARTS EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Applications must be received by the National Floral Arts Chairperson by March 1, 2022.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The amount awarded may not fund your entire project.

Branch _____ Michigan Division YES ___ NO ___

Project Title _____

Brief Description of Project _____

Event Date _____ Event Location _____

Estimate of Total Expenses \$ _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

Person Submitting Application _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____
street city state zip

Email Address _____

WNF&GA Membership Application for Members-at-Large 2022

Name _____

Address _____
street city state zip

Email address _____ Telephone # _____

SECONDARY contact information in case we lose touch with you: _____
name

street city state zip phone email address

WNF&GA Member-at-Large is a designation for loyal friends who do not have the convenience of nearby branches, but who wish to be involved with the organization. Loyal friends receive all national communications, including the biannual magazine *Farm & Garden*.

Annual Dues: \$15.00 payable by
December 31, 2021.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WNF&GA.

Mail your \$15.00 check & this completed form to:
Mary Lynne Moellering Phone: 248-651-7005
1280 Seville Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Email: emlmoellering@gmail.com

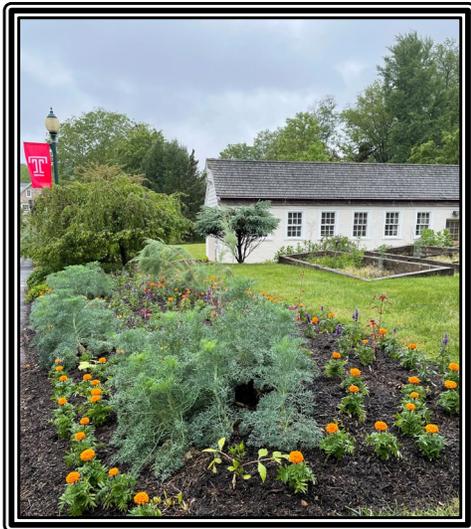




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*Left – Temple Ambler
WNF&GA Visitors Center*

*Left below –
Entrance to Visitors Center
with plaque from 2014*

*Below center –
Closeup of WNF&GA
commemorative plaque
shown on left*

*Right –
Map of Temple University
Ambler Campus*

*- all photos by Christine
Partch, WNF&GA
corresponding secretary*

Photos of Christine's May 2021 visit to a drizzly Temple University Ambler Campus

See page 6.

