



# November 2024 Newsletter

## 2023-2024 Executive Board

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## October Meeting

**When:** November 14, @ 6:30 PM Social time & Treats, 7:00 Business Meeting/Program follows

**Where:** Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI

**Speaker:** Jan Bills

**Program:** Two Women and a Hoe: Sustainable gardening with comfort, ease and simplicity.

**Milford Garden Club Established 1948**

**A member of the Michigan Division Woman's National Farm and Garden Association**



## President's Report

### Susan Absher

On October 19, 2024, the President of the WNF&GA, Mary Bertolini, designated the 36 attendees of the Fall National Meeting held in Romulus, Michigan, as a Strategic Planning Committee to determine the future of the National Organization.

It was determined by a vote of 35 to 1 that the WNF&GA be dissolved. Members of both the National Board and the Division Board will determine how the organization will be dismantled sometime in 2025.

Since 86% of the members of the WNF&GA live in Michigan, it was determined that Michigan Division would head all of the branches including those in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio that total to six. National dues will still be paid for the 2024-2025 year.

I will pass on information to you as I get it, but that is all I know at this time. Monies are still available for all branches from funding that was established decades ago. The National Board was transparent in providing us with a detailed treasurer's report. All the financial information presented at this meeting is included in this Newsletter.

The increased cost of maintaining WNF&GA and the difficulty in getting members to take on board positions is just a part of the reason the organization as it stands now must come to a close. We are hoping the Michigan Division will be stronger. However, there is no crystal ball as to what branches will do after National is dissolved.

Please start saving your seeds. I asked Lisa Willard to send out an email that provides detailed information from two experts on the subject of seed saving. The Seed Library Kick-off at our library will be on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 pm. In the near future, Sue Grifor will provide you with the envelopes.

Linda Sturgeon is looking for members who would like to help with the Teacher Mini Grants. Your main task is to review the applications that are submitted and determine who will be awarded the grants.

It was brought up some time ago for the MGC to assist our library with a children's event. Sue Grifor has been in contact with the children's librarian for the past year. We have been waiting for the right project to come along and we

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Believe we found it. The Rochester Branch has shared a successful event they have been doing for the past five years. It is a collaboration of their library, historic society and their garden club. Barb Fahlquist, who has chaired this event from the beginning, has shared all her paperwork with me. I will bring up this event in detail at the next general meeting. The good thing is we don't have to reinvent the wheel. The Rochester Garden Club has been gracious enough to help get this event going in the fall of 2025 in collaboration with the Milford Historical Society and the Milford Library, This is one of the very positive things about being part of Division. We share our ideas and wish success to each other.

The Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 12. The Highland House will be providing the food although the meal will not be catered. We are looking for a few members to bring a dessert to finish off the meal. The theme is "Childhood Memories." If any member has a decoration from Christmas Past that would be appropriate for a centerpiece or a decoration on a side table, please contact Nancy Nordin or me. The Sirens will be providing the music again this year, so put your dancing shoes on.

**Funeral for Long Time Gardening Friend and Club Member Barbara Muirhead August 13, 1930 - October 21, 2024**

A memorial Service will take place on November 11, at 11 AM at the Milford Presbyterian Church.

**From Barbs Obituary:**

"Barb loved to sew, knit and garden. ... We all have memories of her gardening well into the afternoon in her pajamas and robe with a cup of cold coffee. Once she got outside to pick the ONE weed she saw from the window, she would get preoccupied and stay out for hours"



**Herbal Thyme**

Note the change (1/2 hour earlier) for November. Meeting to start at 12:30pm - 2:00pm at the Milford Library Community room on Monday, November 11, 2024. We will be studying FENNEL. Bring anything to share. See you then Food and drink is allowed. Getting ready for Thanksgiving! All MGC members, we invite you to join us. It's an exciting time of year to discuss and sample the taste of the holidays.



Herbally Yours,  
Shelly Dale



**Tea Time**

The November Tea Time will be hosted by Linda Becker at her home on Thursday, November 21 at Noon. (2456 Driftwood Dr., Commerce. Twp.) Linda can accommodate 12.

\_\_\_\_\_ be put on the list. All garden club members are welcome to attend Tea Time. Sometimes the numbers need to be restricted due to the number of tables a restaurant will set aside for us or if hosted at a member's home the number of people they can accommodate.

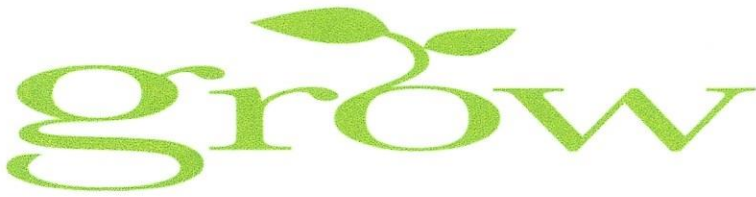


Linda Becker

**Guy Time**

We meet at the New Hudson Inn on Grand River just east of Milford Road, the fourth Wednesday of every month at noon. We cordially invite you to join us for a drink, a sandwich, and to help solve all the world's problems. Gardening? Sometimes. Questions? \_\_\_\_\_





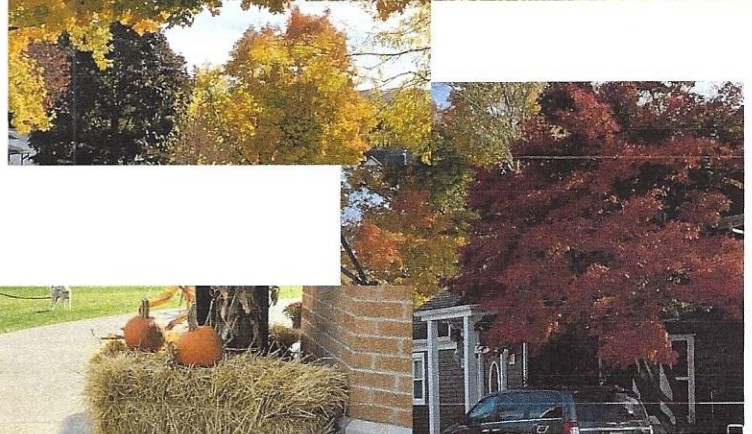
# Along the Vine

## 2023 - 2024 Committees

- Arts & Craft Club: Isabel Davis
- Community Outreach: Sue Grifor
- Devine Raffle: Sheila Myers
- Email Distribution: Lisa Willard
- Facebook: Lisa Willard
- Field Trip Coordinator: General Membership
- Garden Walk: Diane DeVincent & Karol LaHaie
  
- Garden Maintenance: Kathy Blackburn  
Janet Kinney
- Greeter: Millie Hulewicz
- Historian: Anna VanHyfte
- Holiday Party: Susan Absher & Nancy Nordin
- Hospitality Coordinator: Beki Franchock
- Membership: Terri Hardick
- Mentoring: Diane Pearson
- Name Tags: Diane Craft
- Newsletter: Jackie Swenson
- Plant Sale: Lisa Hill
- Scholarship : Linda Sturgeon
- Sunshine: Kathy Barker
- Teacher Mini Grants: Linda Sturgeon
- Tea Time Group: Barb Amey
- Website: Sue Tompkins
- Yearbook: Brook Qualman
- WNF&GA (National): [www.wnfga.org](http://www.wnfga.org)
- WF&GA (Michigan Division): [www.michdivwhfga.org](http://www.michdivwhfga.org)

If you have seen anything in your garden or when wandering that you think would delight other gardeners please send pictures and description to me at: [jacqlyn.swenson@gmail.com](mailto:jacqlyn.swenson@gmail.com)

Driving around the Village I found some beautiful fall scenes.



My Yard

All we have to do is create  
the right environment for  
growth.

Dan Pearson (1964- )



Beauty



Beast

## Fall Clean up

Fall clean up of Arthur's Park and the Senior Center is finished. We had a beautiful day and everyone worked really hard. Thank you to: Lee Doyle, Brook Qualman, Sue Grifor, Isabel Davis, Pat Coppemith, Susan Absher, Kathy Barker, Linda Sturgeon and Millie Hulewicz.



Kathy Blackburn



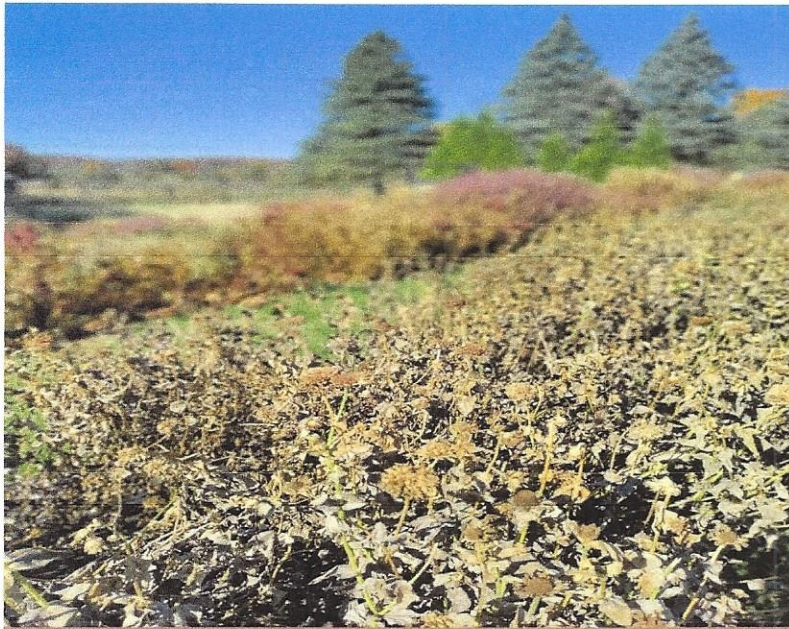
## Dates to Remember

- November 11, Herbal Thyme
- November 14, General Membership Meeting
- November 18, Board Meeting
- November 21, Tea Time
- November 21, Guy Time
- November 25, December Newsletter Deadline
- December 12, Holiday Party

### 2025

- February 17 Board Meeting
- March 13, General Membership Meeting
- March 17, Board Meeting
- March 18, Seed Library Kick off
- April 10, General Membership Meeting
- April 21, Board Meeting
- May 8, General Membership Meeting
- May 19, Board Meeting
- June 7, Plant Sale
- June 12, General Membership Meeting
- June 18, Garden Walk Preview & Potluck
- June 19, Rain Date for Garden Walk Preview
- June 16, Board Meeting
- June 20 & 21, Garden Walk
- July 10, General Membership Meeting
- July 21, Board Meeting
- June 20, Garden Walk
- August 14, General Membership Meeting





**Seed Harvesting**  
 Hello everyone, I'm going to start cleaning the gardens the third week in November. If any one wants to collect seeds for personal use or for donation to the library, please feel free to come over.

Nov. 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, and 14th, from 11:am to 1:00 pm.  
 Take care!

ISABEL: 248-520-4034 / 440 ROWE RD MILFORD

### Around Town And Beyond



November 23 **Evergreen Container Garden** @10 am - 1 pm Tickets \$110.00

November 30, **Fresh Christmas Wreath** 10 am - 1 pm Tickets \$60.00

Register at: [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com)



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November 21, **Containers and Cocktails** @ 6PM \$45.00

November 23, **Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop** 10 am \$55.00

Register @ 248-332-6430

### Help Wanted

Linda Sturgen is looking for two to three more people interested in helping with the new program **Mini Grants** to help teachers bring meaningful Horticulture programs to their students. The Grant applications are due to be returned by December 13, and then will need to be evaluated in January. Please contact Linda @ \_\_\_\_\_



*Arts & Greens*  
**HOLIDAY MARKET**



**BOGIE LAKE GREENHOUSES**  
 1525 BOGIE LAKE ROAD, WHITE LAKE MI 48383

[www.HuronValleyArts.org](http://www.HuronValleyArts.org)



Milford Garden Club

Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2024

Call to order: 6:30 AM

Absent: Lee Doyle, Secretary; notes by Nancy Nordin; Diane DeVincent

Approval of Minutes of September meeting

Susan extended a thank you to our members who brought snacks for hospitality for the meeting.

Susan recognized our guests: Jackie from Highland, Heidi who is a niece of Diane and Sharon from Milford.

On a personal note, Susan thanked Isabelle and Beki for helping her with her garden revamp which required digging out plastic, cloth, stone and roots so native plants could be planted.

Our members are the best sources of advice, knowledge and assistance. The common bond in our club is the love of plants and the beauty and purpose they bring to our garden and the living things that depend on us to help them exist and thrive.

Susan received and read the letters she received from the President of the Division, Sue Malone and the President of National, Mary Bertalini, who both attended the Fall Division Meeting at Beacon Hill which we hosted. Their letters complimented our members on how well and expertly we hosted the Fall Council meeting. They both appreciated the detail that we went to including the hand made centerpieces, the quality of the chocolate flowers, the variety of vendors, the speaker and program and the sound system. Great Job to all!!

The National meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> in Romulus. The focus of the meeting will be the viability of the National organization. Has it reached its expiration date? National has been a very successful organization and the First Lady was always given an honorary membership.

Sue Griffor introduced the Book of Organization which highlighted many of the activities and programs National help to form and support including the following: Angel Fund, Horticulture, Native Plants and Debbie's Garden. The focus of these programs was to foster gardening such as Debbie's Garden which a project spearheaded by the Pennsylvania Garden Clubs who planned and planted to replace a school that was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. It could be the start of the demise of the National was when First Lady Ford refused to be an honorary member.

Members who have yet to submit a photo for the private portion of our website are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Members are asked to update their phone address books to include the names and numbers of members of the Board, especially the current president, so you will recognize the number when we call you. Not all members have an area code you may not recognize as a MGC member. This will help so you will know who is calling and ensure it is not a spam call.

Sue Griffor provided an update on the seed library and encourages all members to save seeds. Susan will send the notes from the May meeting when Bevin Cohen was the guest speaker. There will be a kick off which will be sometime in the Spring. This event is being organized by the library. The speaker will be the custodian of the seed library at the South Lyon library. Seed saving packets will be available to MGC members at the November meeting.

Teatime will be hosted by Nancy Kay on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wixom Station. Please sign up so we will know how many to expect.

The Holiday Party will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the party will be "Christmases Past". We encourage members to bring a table decoration which reminds them of a Christmas past. Carol will confirm this date with the band and Susan will confirm this date with the Senior Center. Sign up sheet will be at the November meeting. Cost of the ticket will be announced before the November meeting.  
**AS OF THE WRITING OF THESE NOTES, THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BAND ARE CONFIRMED FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

Millie has placed a sign up sheet for greeters or you can email her if you can be a greeter for one of our meetings in the future.

Brook has worked with the printer to correct the errors in the previously printed yearbook. The revised yearbooks are ready for distribution tonight or at a future meeting. The cover for the 24-25 yearbook is yellow.

There is nothing to update on Publicity or Meetings and Programs at this time.

The 50/50 Raffle was called, and Shelia Meyer won.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm**

Following the conclusion of the General Meeting, Laurel Zott from Wild Birds Unlimited presented a program on "Bats and Their Importance in Nature".

believe we have found it. The Rochester Branch has shared a successful event

October 25, 2025

**RE: NATIONAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2024**

Dear Branch Presidents,

On October 19, 2024, a National General Membership meeting was held to discuss the future of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association. All WNF&GA members were encouraged to attend through several invitations, and viable ideas were requested on how the National level can continue to serve the membership. Out of a membership of over 1,300, thirty-five members attended the meeting. We thank each of you for taking the time to contribute and share your thoughts and ideas. Of those attending, there was a good combination of branch presidents and members.

Here is a summary of the National Meeting;

- The typical business items such as roll call, approval of the minutes from the May 2024 meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and officers' reports were given.
- An Orientation presentation was given about WNF&GA's history, Aims and Purposes, Focuses, and Educational and Charitable Funding.
- The Executive Committee's recommendation to raise National membership dues to \$20 was discussed and dismissed.
- The Strategic Planning Committee provided the same presentation as the one in Hershey, PA.
- Members were divided into break-out teams to discuss ideas for the future of WNF&GA.

After much discussion, a motion was made, that stated:

Part 1. That the WNF&GA restructure with the Michigan Division as the center of membership and activities.

Part 2. The WNF&GA Educational and Charitable Fund remains unchanged pending the organization's restructuring in Part 1.

The motion was approved by ballot voting of 34-1.

Also, the motion to reduce Members-at-Large National dues from \$15 to \$6 was approved.

We envision a merger between the two organizations (National and Michigan Division). Future meetings of elected officers of both organizations will be held to discuss the details of the restructuring. We also see a name, where 'Woman's' is dropped from our title to make our organization inclusive. We will consolidate our information onto one website, which will be designed by a paid professional. However, our history, vision, focus, branches, and dues will remain the same.

Changes can be difficult with an organization as historic as Farm & Garden. We need new faces, new ideas, and new volunteers to ensure that the legacy of our founders will survive into the future. This is the only viable path forward; please join us as one entity to secure our opportunity to build for the next 100 years.

Respectfully,

Susan Malone, Michigan Division WNF&GA President, Mary Bertolini, WNF&GA President



WNF&GA - Administrative & Operational  
January 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

INCOME	Date	Check Number	Description	Receipts	Expenses	Total Column	2024 Budget	Budget (over)under
<u>Dues</u>								
	01/19/24		Tri County(27)	\$162.00				
	01/19/24		Ambler(27)	\$162.00				
	01/19/24		Troy(8), Bloomfield(118), Grosse Pointe(1), Rochester(101), Grs. Pte. Shores(16) Plymouth(40), Lapeer(10), Warren(33), Saginaw(84), Pontiac(6), Milford(57), County Downs(32), Trailwoods(23), Northville(55)	\$3,504.00				
	01/19/24		Franklin(53)	\$318.00				
	02/26/24		Troy(77), Springfield(19), Moonglow(45), Romeo & Juliet(14), Indian Village(49), Port Huron(55), Grosse Pointe F&G(83), Warren(6), Country Garden of Northville(27), Waterford(18), Trenton(17)	\$2,460.00				
	04/22/24		Ambler(5)	\$30.00				
	04/22/24		Bucks County(49)	\$294.00				
	06/26/24		Ambler (8)	\$48.00				
<u>MAL Dues</u>								
	01/19/24		Shirley Nichols - 5 Years (2024 thru 2028)	\$75.00				
	02/27/24		Rita Urbanski	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		Sylvia Anderson	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		Mary Bertolini,	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		Mary Drummy	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		Mary Fowler	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		June Hmielenski	\$15.00				
	04/22/24		Sheila Kneeshaw	\$15.00				
	04/30/24		Patricia Weitzmann	\$15.00				
			Total Dues			\$7,173.00	\$6,000.00	(1,173.00)
Miscellaneous								
			Pins					
	01/30/24		Saginaw	\$55.00				
	04/30/24		Saginaw	\$55.25				
Merchandise Sales								
History Book								
Donations								
			Total Miscellaneous			\$110.25	\$200.00	89.75
Other								
			Budget Shortage from Raymond James				\$654.00	
			TOTAL BUDGET				\$6,854.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
ACWW Dues								
			Officer Expense		\$77.92		\$80.00	
			President					
	07/12/24	1280	General Expenses	\$603.16		\$1,500.00	1,500.00	
			Corresponding Sec.			\$50.00	50.00	
			Recording Sec.			\$50.00	50.00	
			Treasurer			\$50.00	50.00	
Treasurer's Bond								
	05/15/24	ETF	Western Surety	\$421.00		\$100.00	100.00	
Treasurer's Bond								
								0.00
D & O Insurance								
	08/30/24	ETF	U S Liability	\$698.00		\$349.00	349.00	
D & O Insurance								
								0.00
President's Book								
Professional Audit								
			\$1500 from 2021, 2022 & 2023 Budgets			\$1,000.00		
Magazine								
						\$1,500.00		
ACWW Conference								
						\$1,100.00	1,100.00	
Web Site								
	01/06/24	1278	Art 270	\$450.00		\$1,000.00		
			EFT Blue Host	\$20.99				
	08/08/24	1281	Art 270	\$450.00				

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	Date	Check Number	Description	Receipts	Expenses	Total Column	2024 Budget	Budget (over)/under
			Total Web Site			\$920.99		79.01
Miscellaneous	02/20/24	ETF	Currency Conversion Fee - ACWW Dues		\$2.33			
	02/20/24	ETF	Currency Conversion Fee - ACWW		\$82.12			
	02/20/24	ETF	Postage for Pins		\$5.10			
	05/30/24	ETF	Pic Rights (for Copyright Infringement)		\$153.00			
			Total Miscellaneous			\$242.55	\$75.00	(167.55)
			Total Expense Budget				\$6,854.00	
Restricted Funds								
Angel Fund	04/28/24		Beginning Balance	\$1,099.75		\$1,099.75		
			Transfer to Meeting Fund		\$1,099.75	\$0.00		
Rural Women in Action	01/01/24		Beginning balance	\$2,725.75				
	01/19/24		Tri County	\$50.00				
	01/19/24		Michigan Division	\$601.00				
	02/27/24		Rochester	\$200.00				
	02/20/24	ETF	Sent to Rural Women in Action		\$2,737.47			
	04/30/24		Weitzmann	\$10.00				
	05/29/24		2024 National Meeting	\$307.26				
	06/15/24		Dooryard	\$175.23				
			Total Rural Women in Action			\$1,331.77		
Transfer to E&C								
Arboretum	01/01/23		Beginning Balance	\$0.00				
	01/19/24		Tri County	\$50.00				
Burlingame	01/01/23		Beginning Balance	\$0.00		\$50.00		
	01/19/24		Tri County	\$50.00				
Frysinger	01/01/23		Beginning Balance	\$0.00		\$50.00		
Dues	01/25/24	1279	Franklin Dues for Michigan Division	\$318.00	\$318.00			
Totals				\$12,870.24	\$7,118.84			
			A & O Checking Account					
			Beginning Balance	\$10,702.26				
			Income	\$12,870.24				
			Expenses	\$7,118.84				
			Balance	\$16,453.66				
			Raymond James Portfolio Balance		\$111,102.18			
			Available Cash		\$10,325.41			
National Meeting Fund								
Income	04/08/24		Bus Registration Fee	\$5,385.00				
	04/19/24		Meeting Registration	\$10,629.00				
	04/22/24		Bus Registration Fee	\$1,765.00				
	04/26/24		Meeting Registration	\$320.00				
	04/29/24		Angel Fund Transfer	\$1,099.75				
	05/06/24		Transfer from Raymond James	\$20,000.00				
	05/29/24		Meeting Fee	\$14.00				
	09/24/24		Fall National Meeting Registrations	\$300.00				
			Total Income	\$39,512.75				
Expenses	01/06/24	1233	Golden Limousine		\$2,538.00			
	03/27/24	ETF	Hotel Liability Insurance		\$276.00			
	05/07/24	1234	Crown Plaza Hotel Deposit		\$4,747.04			
	05/07/24	1235	La Quinta (for Bus Driver)		\$361.66			

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Date	Check Number	Description	Receipts	Expenses	Total Column	2024 Budget	Budget (over/under)
05/07/24	1236	Golden Limousine (Bus Payment)		\$9,845.00			
05/17/24	1238	Chocolate World		\$3,535.32			
05/19/24	1240	Crown Plaza Hotel		\$1,177.65			
07/12/24	1241	Patty Burnside - Miscellanous Meeting Exp.		\$631.58			
07/12/24	1242	Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski = Meeting Exp'		\$630.00			
		Total Expenses		\$23,742.25			
01/01/23		Meeting Fund Checking Account					
		Beginning Balance	\$7,961.45				
		Income	\$39,512.75				
		Expenses	\$23,742.25				
		Balance	\$23,731.95				

Mary Lynne Mollering  
 A & O Treasurer

Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc.  
 Report of the Education & Charitable Treasurer - Actuals Thru September 2024

E&C Checking Account

Balance as of January 1, 2024

		\$14,974.01	
		2024 Actual	2024 Budget*
Income:			
		6,480.99	\$500.00
National Arboretum Internship Donations			
M Latham 1/12, 8/13	200.00		
Troy GC 2/14	300.00		
Cambridge Dissolution 5/24	5,980.99		
Burlingame/Gerrity Donations		100.00	\$1,000.00
Rochester GC 2/14	100.00		
Frysinger Project Donations		40.00	\$750.00
Ambler 5/24	40.00		
Tyson Fund		3,655.00	\$3,600.00
BNY Mellon 1/12	1,827.50		
BNY Melon 9/12	1,827.50		
Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Fund			\$3,000.00
Raymond James Transfer			\$15,199.00
Ambler Arboretum Internship			\$500.00
Tiberio Foundation 6/21		2,000.00	
Conservation and Natural Resource Management			\$500.00
County Downs 7/18		100.00	
Bess Mueller Fund for Floral			\$500.00
National Meeting Donation-scholarships, etc		805.00	\$0.00
		<u>13,180.99</u>	<u>\$25,549.00</u>
Total Income:			
Expenditures:			2024 Budget*
Scholarships & Awards			\$4,000.00
Ren/Peterson USNA Internship		4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Cons & Nat Resource Mgmt			\$1,000.00
Bess Mueller Charitable		2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Burlingame/Gerrity		3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Hazel Herring Civ. Imp.		4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Tyson Scholarship			\$2,000.00
Ambler Arboretum Internship			\$100.00
Treasurer Bond			\$1,000.00
Financial Review/Tax Prep.			\$100.00
National Pres. Tree		2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Frysinger Project			\$349.00
D&O Insurance			\$0.00
Bank checks/fees		100.00	
Nat. Mtg. Speaker donation		<u>15,600.00</u>	<u>\$25,549.00</u>
Total Expenditures			

Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, Inc.  
 Report of the Education & Charitable Treasurer - Actuals Thru September 2024

E&C Checking Account

Balance as of January 1, 2024

	\$14,974.01	
	2024 Actual	2024 Budget*
Income:		
National Arboretum Internship Donations	6,480.99	\$500.00
M Latham 1/12, 8/13	200.00	
Troy GC 2/14	300.00	
Cambridge Dissolution 5/24	5,980.99	
Burlingame/Gerrity Donations	100.00	\$1,000.00
Rochester GC 2/14	100.00	
Fryinger Project Donations	40.00	\$750.00
Ambler 5/24	40.00	
Tyson Fund	3,655.00	\$3,600.00
BNY Mellon 1/12	1,827.50	
BNY Melon 9/12	1,827.50	
Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Fund		\$3,000.00
Raymond James Transfer		\$15,199.00
Ambler Arboretum Internship		\$500.00
Tiberio Foundation 6/21	2,000.00	
Conservation and Natural Resource Management		\$500.00
County Downs 7/18	100.00	
Bess Mueller Fund for Floral		\$500.00
National Meeting Donation-scholarships, etc	805.00	\$0.00
	<u>13,180.99</u>	<u>\$25,549.00</u>
Total Income:		
Expenditures:		2024 Budget*
Scholarships & Awards		\$4,000.00
Ren/Peterson USNA Internship	4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Cons & Nat Resource Mgmt		\$1,000.00
Bess Mueller Charitable	2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Burlingame/Gerrity	3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Hazel Herring Civ. Imp.	4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Tyson Scholarship		\$2,000.00
Ambler Arboretum Internship		\$100.00
Treasurer Bond		\$1,000.00
Financial Review/Tax Prep.		\$100.00
National Pres. Tree		\$2,000.00
Fryinger Project	2,000.00	\$349.00
D&O Insurance		\$0.00
Bank checks/fees		
Nat. Mtg. Speaker donation	100.00	
	<u>15,600.00</u>	<u>\$25,549.00</u>
Total Expenditures		

PNC Checking Account Balance

\$12,555.00

**Endowment Investment Values**

**\*NOTE: Endowment investments exist to generate cash to fund scholarships, grants and internships. Without robust endowments, there would be inadequate funds available to support the educational and charitable activities that are integral to WNF&GA.**

**Raymond James Investment Account #2**

Balance	\$182,640.82
RJ cash/cash alternatives	\$9,017.05
RJ liquid cash	\$5,367.77

**Raymond James FRDM Account**

Balance	\$331,564.47
FRDM cash/cash alternatives	\$14,825.44
FRDM liquid cash	\$8,324.46

**BNY Mellon**      note: quarterly statements

BNY Mellon Balance as of 9/30/2024	\$108,683.03
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\* Amended 3/2024

## **CHARITABLE AFFAIRS 2024**

The following scholarships, internships and sponsorships have been funded by the WNF&GA in 2024. FUNDING SOURCE CODES provided. SOURCES listed at bottom of document.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship**

**Chairperson:** JoAnn Preston

**Funded:** \$2,000 (2 ) \$1,000 Funding Source – RJEE&AD

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup> 4 applicants

**Award –** Teresa Miller -Wathke (\$1,000) North Dakota State University BS-Horticulture & Urban Agriculture Minor Psychology + Online classes Horticulture Therapy Institute  
Christina Mortada (\$1,000) University of Florida The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Certificate in Horticultural Therapy

#### **WNF&GA Scholarship for the Study of Conservation & Natural Resource Management**

**Chairperson:** Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski

**Funded:** \$4,000 (1) recipient Funding Source – RJEE&AD

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup> 6 applicants

**Award –** Ofori Waa Pee Agyei -Boakye University of Minnesota Ph.D. Geography, Focus on Sustainability (sustainable resource management)

#### **Sarah Bradley Tyson Memorial Fellowship**

**Chairperson:** Mary Schwark

**Trustees:** Suzanne Smith Oscilowski & Karol Carter

**Funded:** \$4,000 (1) recipient Funding Source – BNYMEE&AD

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup> 4 applicants

**Award –** Kayla Grennes University of Minnesota Ph.D. Program-Applied Plant Sciences Program

### **INTERNSHIPS**

#### **Renaud – Peterson U.S. National Arboretum Internship**

**Coordinator:** Mary Pat Ford

**Funded:** \$4,000 Funding Source - RJEE&AD

#### **WNF&GA Temple University Ambler Campus Internship**

**Coordinator:** Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski

**Funded:** \$2,000 Funding Source – RJEE&AD; TF

### **SPONSORSHIPS**

#### **Bess Mueller Floral Arts Education Fund**

**Chairperson:** Karin Bickle

**Funded:** \$1,000 Only WNF&GA Branches or Divisions may apply. Funding Source – RJEE&AD

**Deadline:** May 1st

**Awarded to:** No applicants

**Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant**

**Chairperson:** Gerry Howard

**Funded: \$5,000** Only WNF&GA Branches or Divisions may apply. Funding Source – AEPSSE

Deadline: May 1st 1 applicant

Awarded to: Saginaw Branch of WNF&GA (\$3,500) Redesign the Benjamin Cushway House Herb Garden. Includes raised beds (4 sections) with plantings of culinary, medicinal, ornamental and biblical herbs. There will be a brick walkway around and through the four sections of gardens.

**Frysinger International Project Fund**

**Chairperson:** Kay Engelhart

**Funded: \$2,000** Funding Source – RJEE&AD

**FUNDING SOURCE CODES**

**E & AD** – Earnings & Annual Donations

**RJEE&AD** – Raymond James Endowment E&AD

**BNYMEE&AD** – BNY Mellon Endowment E&AD

**AEPSSE** – American Electric Power Stock Share Earnings

**TF** – Tiberio Foundation

**RJEE** – Raymond James Endowment Earnings



### **Sarah B. Tyson Fellowship**

- 2024: Kyla Grennes – Ph.D. at University of Minnesota – Applied Plants Sciences Program \$4,000 awarded (4) applicants
- 2023: Pradip Poudel – Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University – Agriculture and Environmental Plant Science \$4,000 awarded (5) applicants
- 2022: Chelsie Rodriguez Hernandez – M.S. at the Ohio State University in Horticulture and Crop Sciences. \$4,000 awarded (2) applicants
- 2021: Arena Lewis – M.S. at Michigan State University Department Plant, Soil & Microbial Science \$4,000 awarded (3) applicants
- 2020: Eliza Nobles – M.S. (dual) at University of Pennsylvania – Environmental Studies & City Planning \$4,000 awarded: Study – Urban Design & Ecology
- 2019: Paige Stanley – PhD at University of California, Berkely – Environmental Science Policy & Management \$4,000 awarded
- 2018: Lina Bernaola Alvarado – PhD at Louisiana State University – Entomology with a minor in Plant Pathology \$3,000 awarded

### **Warren Sanders McNaughton Oceanographic Scholarship**

- 2022: Not funded this year and no longer offered.
- 2021: Riley Anne Secor – M.S. at University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography – Fisheries Management \$1,000 awarded: Study – Affects of diet and temperature on shell disease in the American lobster. (1) applicant
- 2020: Rae Taylor-Burns – PhD at University of California Santa Cruz in Ocean Sciences \$1,000 awarded: Study - Quantify the economic benefits of flood protection provided by coastal marshes to coastal communities. (3) applicants
- 2019: Ericka Alvarado – M.S. at University of Hawaii in Marine Biology \$1,000 awarded Study – macroalgae of the mesophotic zone of the ocean.
- 2018: Not Funded

### **Burlingame/Gerrity Horticultural Therapy Scholarship**

- 2024: Christina Mortada – University of Florida – 12 credit Undergraduate Certificate Program in Horticultural Therapy \$1,000 awarded (4) applicants \$1,000 Teresa Miller-Wathke North Dakota State University B.S Horticulture and Urban Agriculture + certificate in Horticultural Therapy \$1,000 awarded (4) applicants)
- 2023: Mallory Smyth - Horticultural Therapy Institute, Denver, CO. \$1,000 awarded (1) applicant
- 2022: (6) applicants from University of Florida – 12 credit Undergraduate Certificate Program in Horticultural Therapy concluding with a 3credit internship or practicum experience. \$2,500 (\$1,500 from WNF&GA - \$1,000 from 2 member donors). Awarded to 3 applicants: Yadira M. Rivera Rosado - \$1,560 Kenneth Harvey - \$470 Ilesia M. Ortize Lara - \$470
- 2021: (9) applicants all from University of Florida – 12 credit Undergraduate Certificate Program in Horticultural Therapy concluding with a 3credit internship or practicum experience. \$1,500 ( \$500 from WNF&GA - \$1,000 from 3 member donors) divided amongst 7 applicants: Jessica Puzak, Mark Adkins, James V Hatcher, Cecelia Morales, Lisa Nigro, Rachel Wright Morgan Whitaker Smith Awards ranged from \$50 - \$400  
The certificate allows them to pursue American Horticultural Therapy Association Certification.
- 2020: No Applicants: \$500 available
- 2019: No Applicants: \$500 available
- 2018: Not Funded

### Hazel Herring Civic Improvement Grant

- 2024: Saginaw Branch \$      Cushway House Herb Garden – brick walkway through herb garden & Purchase a selection of biblical, culinary, medicinal and ornamental herbs.
- 2023: Lapeer Wildflowers Branch \$1,500 – Replace flower bed at Lapeer County Courthouse.  
Port Huron Garden Club \$1,500 – Renovation of the Port Huron Marina Bed
- 2022: Warren Branch of MI Division - \$700 for community center beautification  
Funded at \$3,000 (1) applicant
- 2021: Pontiac MI Branch of MI Division - \$400 awarded  
Funded at \$3,000: (1) applicant
- 2020: Pennsylvania Ambler – Keystone Branch - \$2,810 awarded  
Funded at \$3,000: (1) applicant
- 2019: Lapeer Wildflowers Branch of MI Division - \$850  
Funded at \$3,000: (1) applicant
- 2018: Northville Garden Club MI Division - \$800  
Michigan Division - \$2,200 awarded  
Funded at \$3,000: (2) applicants

### Bess Mueller Fund

- 2024: No applications – Funded at \$1,000
- 2023: Rochester Garden Club - \$200 “Flower Arranging at the Farm” program  
Waterford Garden Club - \$300 Presentation & Workshop on floral displays.  
Also establish a “Community seed Library for Floral Beautification of Waterford”.
- 2022: No applicants Funded at \$1,000 Funding for podium flowers not needed.
- 2021: No applicants \$1,000 available of which \$250 designated for National Meeting podium flowers
- 2020: Tri-County Branch NY – awarded \$300. Event was later cancelled so \$300 will be considered as an “advancement” to any future applications.  
Funded at \$1,000: (1) applicant
- 2019: Tri-County Branch NY - \$550 awarded  
Funded at \$1,000 of which \$250 designated for National Meeting podium flowers  
(1) applicant
- 2018: Port Huron Branch of MI Division - \$200 awarded  
Tri- County Branch NY - \$500 awarded  
\$1,250 available of which \$250 designated for National Meeting podium flowers  
(2) applicants

### WNF&GA Scholarship for the Study of Conservation & Natural Resource Management

- 2024: Oforiwaa Pee Agyei-Boskye – Ph.D. University of Minnesota Geography Focus on Sustainability and conservation strategies Awarded \$4,000 (6) Applicants
- 2023: Jessica Dupont M.S. Bard College - Climate Science and Policy Awarded \$4,000 (5) Applicants