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## Members plant 100,000+ native plants

by Bea Peterson

We Did It!! Yup, members of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association planted and recorded planting over, as in more than, 100,000 native plants in the last three years! Something we all did together! Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski was so proud of us. She encouraged members at the second half of the 100th Anniversary celebration and the 2015 WNF&GA Annual Meeting in Washington DC to continue with those plantings. She even had ideas for making a native garden look a little less wild. She told members that lawns are dead space and we should minimize them by putting garden beds in their place and filling them with plants that are native. Native birds and insects, such as butterflies, need us to restore more of their natural habitat. Our National Arboretum Representative Audrey Ehrler, Past National President Julie Siefker, former Arboretum Representative and Past National President Susan Celentano, present President Molly Hammerle, 100,000 Native Plant Project Chairman Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski and US Arboretum Gardens Unit Director George Waters had a good laugh over planting the symbolic 100,000th native plant, a Dogwood in the Louisa King Dogwood Garden.

**US National Arboretum;** We were welcomed to the US National Arboretum by newly appointed Director Dr. Richard T. Olsen. He told those attending that the Arboretum loves what we do for them, both financially and emotionally. "You are a bedrock of support," he told Farm & Garden members. Many folks attending this meeting had never been to our Louisa King Dogwood Garden and I was pleased to see how much they enjoyed the visit. We were fortunate in that some of the trees were still in bloom. I'm always moved when I read the sign by our fountain that reads "Dedicated to the members of WNF&GA, past, present and future." While we were at

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## Floral designer extraordinaire at Founders Day

The New York Division Founders Day program promises to be memorable as florist Randy Squires returns to enthrall and entertain with his incredible use of plant material. He always delivers amazing floral designs often with the simplest most common materials.

Randy is a long time Hebron resident residing in an interesting restored early American home. He uses the natural surroundings as his inspiration to create fascinating arrangements. His relaxed manner should encourage all would be designers for the 2016 flower show to become involved.

All New York division members are encouraged to participate in the only remaining flower show sponsored by WNF&GA. Bring a notebook to record some very fun and useful advice from a designer. Be sure to make your reservation for the September 23 program.



*Above: Randy Squires at NY Division meeting October 2009 demonstrates his style of arranging*

### NY Division Founders Day

WEDNESDAY

September 23

10:30 AM

Slate Valley Museum  
Granville, NY

Details & reservation card are on page 9.



Wear your gardening hat.

**NY Division  
President Alice  
Meager's  
message**



## *NY Division now reflects newer face of WNF&GA*

I am happy to report that our project to update and revamp the New York Division By-Laws has begun. This spring the Division Executive Committee met and agreed on the new wording. This was voted on and ratified at that Spring Division meeting. Changes were made to reflect the newer face of WNF&GA New York Division. My thanks to this committee and the members that are doing the hard work of keeping our group policies up to date.

At the 2015 National Conference held in Washington DC, the New York Division was presented with a signed copy of our organization's most recently released History Book. This book gives a history of WNF&GA from its inception in 1914 at Temple University's Ambler College until the present day. It is very informative and wonderfully written. I will have it with me at the next few Division Meetings for all to enjoy.

This past year Tri-County lost a long standing and much loved member, Lorraine Bardin. Through a generous gift from her family, among other things, we have acquired a signed book by Louisa King. These will be added to our Archives at Crandall Library's Folk Life Center. Our WNF&GA Archives are in order and safely vaulted for future generations. Each year the committee will meet to add any pertinent articles for preservation. If you have articles to be archived or would like to be a part of this group please contact Jean Roberts or myself.

A reminder that funds are available to Branches for civic improvement and beautification projects through the WNF&GA Hazel Herring Grant program. See our National Magazine or the website for more information.

## *Eggplant, something new in my garden*

*By Sylvia Wilson, Agriculture Committee*

I have always loved - Eggplant Parmesan - so this year was time to add eggplants in my garden, I purchased a six pack from a Rea Shaffer who has a wonderful garden shop in our area. I watched for signs of blossoms for awhile and finally they started showing their shades of purple. We were so anxious to have this first Eggplant Parm that it was a daily check to see if the plant was large enough to fit the recipe. Finally when we were having guests one night I made the Parmesan and what a hit it was! If by chance there is any left it heats up fine for the next day's lunch. It has not lasted long enough for the freezer but I do understand that it also freezes well. I will include the recipe I used.

### **Eggplant Parmesan:** Heat oven to 375 degrees

1 eggplant about 2 1/2lbs - peeled and sliced in circles about 1/2" thick, salted on both sides, allowed to sit for ten minutes, rinse to remove the salt and drain. ---16 oz. spaghetti sauce, shredded cheese.

beat two eggs in bowl, sit aside  
mix 3/4 cup Italian bread crumbs  
3/4 cup parmesan cheese  
1 teas oregano  
1/2 teas basil  
salt and pepper



On a large cookie sheet covered with parchment paper pour olive oil to cover the paper. Dip the egg plant in the egg, coat with the dry mixture and place on the cookie sheet. Bake all pieces for 20 minutes on each side. Remove from oven. Meanwhile you will need about 16 oz. spaghetti sauce and shredded cheese for the top.

In a 9x13 casserole spray the bottom; layer sauce, egg plant, cheese, top with sauce and shredded cheese of choice.

Bake, covered 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. *Enjoy!*

### **Eggplant Caviar**

2 1/2 lbs. firm eggplant  
1 large, firm tomato  
1/2 c. minced onion  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 cucumber, peeled, seeded & grated  
12-15 pitted cured black olives, sliced  
1 1/2 T. olive oil  
1 T. wine vinegar  
1 T. lemon juice (or to taste)  
Salt, to taste, and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Prick eggplants a few times with fork and bake at 400 degrees for 50-60 min. (about 30 min. if using long thin Asian type) until nice and soft. Allow to cool enough to be handled. Split the eggplants lengthwise and scrape out the pulp. If seeds are dark brown and starting to separate from the pulp, they will be bitter, if so discard them. Discard skins. Chop eggplant pulp coarsely and drain any excess moisture. Chop the tomato coarsely. Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Taste and correct seasoning if necessary. Chill before serving as a salad, on crackers or as part of an antipasto as a first course. Serves 6-8

*Jackie Barg brought this to our last event and it was scrumptious. Thanks for sharing your recipe with us.*

## *Sandy Hill members make plans for 40th year*

*By Donna Leonard, President of Sandy Hill Branch*

FORT EDWARD, NY—Sandy Hill met over the summer in July for a picnic at Paulette Pertgen's; Linda Bergman and Paulette hosted. In August, we had a tour of our member, Eileen Ruel's FANTASTIC sun and shade gardens.

Next year will be our 40th year. 2016 we will start off with a celebration meeting at Janet Spielberger's home. We are researching trees that the branch has planted over the years starting with the first one pictured here, which is a Hawthorn tree placed on Main Street in Hudson Falls between the old court building and the Baptist Church. We plan to make a booklet with pictures and information about our tree planting. Several flowering crab apple trees were planted in Hudson Falls and a magnolia tree in the SUNY Adirondack arboretum.



## *Cambridge Area enjoys trip to nursery & more*

*By Yvonne Lynds, President of Cambridge Area Branch*

CAMBRIDGE, NY—The Cambridge Branch enjoyed to a trip to Mettowee Mill Nursery in Dorset, Vermont. Programs at the Town Hall included "Getting Ready to Garden" with Andrea Grom and making a terrarium taught by Jean Wager. In July, we gathered at Gail Turi's to make hypertufa containers.

There was a successful plant sale in May and a fun day at Lois Sheaff's in August when we held our annual Chinese Auction. The proceeds from the May plant sale and November silent auction fund our two scholarships.

## *Tri-County welcomes new members*

*By Davene Brown, President of Tri-County*

BOMOSEEN, VT— We are pleased to welcome new members Pat Hoffis, Barbara Ann Jensen, Peggy Lynch and Deborah Kendall. We appreciated the participation of Pat and Barbara Ann for our flower show. And we look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings.

Mary Kellogg is stepping down as our horticulture registration person for the flower show. She worked with her committee and showed them what is involved and how to correctly register and enter specimens. She made it look a lot easier than it is. Thank you Mary for your expertise and guidance. Filling her shoes next year are Molly Celani, Jackie Barg, Pat Hoffis and Jan Bureson. Margaret O'Brien, Karelia Melendi and Pat Vautrinot are also an important part in placing the specimens.

In addition to our exceptional growers in our branch, we have excellent designers. The show would not be what it is without the wonderful staging which RuthE and Bruce do to transform a mundane hall into a fantastic and very professional space which highlights our entries.

Diana Ham and Alice Meager continue the tradition which Audrey Ehrler began in making our education/conservation table a must see in our show.

Now we look forward to entertaining you at Founders Day September 23. It is amazing to watch Randy Squires creating designs right in front of our eyes. Something you won't want to miss and you are welcome to invite a friend.



*Barbara Ann Jensen stands next to her table for one design "Flavors from around the world"...her flavor was coffee from Denmark.*

## *QSINE was a delicious theme for a Tri-County flower show*



*by Davene Brown, President of Tri-County Branch*

BOMOSEEN, VT—Tri-County members certainly set the table for another fabulous flower show. In choosing a theme, you always want something that can give you lots of creative ideas for the different class titles....QSINE, pronounced cuisine, filled the bill.

Barbecue grills were placed outside to welcome our visitors. Inside the grills were collections of succulents. The top horticulture high score entry of a succulent collection in the shape of a rooster was grown by RuthE Ricketson, and used lots of hen and chicks plants of course. As you entered the door, Rachael Quackenbush greeted the public next to a lovely summer bouquet arranged by Karelia Melendi. We remembered departed members Lorraine Bardin, Bernice Wallman and Anne Weiss, all very instrumental in past flower shows. This show was dedicated in loving memory of these departed members.

As you entered the hall, you would never guess that it was the Masonic Hall where dinners are served. A dumb waiter stood next to a bold "QSINE" sign. Next to that was the 5" miniature class 1a "Lean Cuisine". Class 1b was an 8" miniature "Petit Fours". Each was separately displayed in individual niche. This year we named a Petit Award in honor of Lorraine Bardin who enjoyed doing miniatures. Margaret Shostak took home this award of excellence. Jackie Barg and Molly Celani also received blues in Class 1a&b.

In Class 2 "Triple D: Diners, drive-ins and dives", Janine Thomas and RuthE Ricketson received blues. Both Janine and RuthE received blues in Class 3: "Chef's Tools". In the stretch design class 4: "Farm to Fork", Davene Brown was awarded a blue. "Sizzling Hot" was the title for Class 5, a design on a pedestal, and three blues were awarded; RuthE, Janine & Davene. This was a hot class as Janine received the Theme Award and Davene the Wallman/Weiss Creativity award. The table setting for one class 7: "Flavors from around the world" provided blue ribbons for Pat Vautrinot and Janine.

All together 14 design entries received blue ribbons, 5 received red, 4 yellow and 5 white in the Design Division.

In horticulture division there was a total of 77 entries. There were 49 blues, 23 reds and 1 yellow, 4 received honorable mention. The Nancy Rathbun Award of Merit was presented to RuthE Ricketson. The Betty Monahan Sweepstakes Award for the most blues was awarded to Jackie Barg.

We were fortunate to have several qualified judges; Cambridge Area member Bea Peterson, 4 Federated judges and 3 students this year. Liz Gee who did our show evaluation said this: *"The Masonic Hall is a small space but the layout chosen gives the impression of space with long views along the Horticulture and Design sections. The overall effect is breathtaking. Panels of cloth define the walls and hide their defects. The theme is evident in every part of the show. Kitchen utensils grace the tables holding Horticulture exhibits and all classes are marked by signs showing a waiters arm and a complete description of the class. The window boxes, in Horticulture, are displayed in front of real windows with the rear dividing up other Horticulture sections."*



*Diana Ham, Margaret Shostak, Jan Burlison pose in front of education/conservation table*

# Spotlight on Scholarship

## Scholars and dollars important tenet of WNF&GA

### New York Division

by Yvonne Lynds, NY Division Treasurer

Some members might be interested to learn the origin of our scholarship fund. At the final meeting of the Metropolitan Branch of the NY Division WNF&GA, they transferred their remaining funds to the NY Division. They wanted to ensure the continuation of their legacy of providing scholarships. This year, five scholarships of \$500 each were given to each of the following institutes of higher education: College of Saint Rose, Plattsburgh, SUNY Cobleskill (Martha Pratt Scholarship), Cornell University – NYC (Elizabeth Gray Sackett Scholarship), and Cornell University at Ithaca (The King/Douglas Scholarship). A sixth scholarship to Columbia Teacher College has not yet been sent. NYC Cornell University accepted their scholarship in support of their hydroponics and aquaponics work with NYC students. They will inform us more specifically on its use upon commencement of the fall semester.

### Cambridge Area Branch

The Cambridge Branch awards two \$300 scholarships each year to area schools. This year's recipients are Evan Mattison of Cambridge and Jordan Keys of Salem. Evan and Jordan will both be attending SUNY Cobleskill where Evan will study environmental

landscape and Jordan will study dairy management. These scholarships are paid upon successful completion of their first semester.

### Sandy Hill Branch

Our 2015 scholarship winner is Danielle Fish of Hudson Falls who will study environmental science at the University of Vermont. Sandy Hill Branch awards an annual \$250 scholarship to a Hudson Falls High School student who plans to major in agriculture, horticulture, oceanography or a related field in the fall semester.

### Tri-County Branch

Our recipients will be reported in the spring issue of Branching Out...stay tuned.



Davene Brown & Janine Thomas stand in front of their "Sizzling Hot" award winning designs

Pictured on right is Rachel Quackenbush & Marge O'Brien ready to greet visitors to our show.





Above: WNF&GA National Arboretum Representative Audrey Ehrler, Past President Julie Siefker, former Arboretum Representative and Past National President Susan Celentano, President Molly Hammerle, 100,000 Native Plant Project Chairman Suzanne Smith-Oscilowski and US Arboretum Gardens Unit Director George Waters have a good laugh over planting the symbolic tree



Above: Audrey Ehrlinger gets a big hug from former Dogwood Garden intern Kelly Okleson. Kelly celebrated her birthday at the F&G banquet. She is a member-at-large and served on the Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting.

Below: Bea Peterson was pleased to accept the Flower Show Award on behalf of the Tri-County Branch for its Farm & Garden 100th Anniversary Show from National President Molly Hammerle.



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the Arboretum where our meeting began on Thursday, May 14, we had the pleasure of hearing our 2007 Dogwood Garden intern Joseph Meny, a graduate of the University of Maryland, describe his electronic mapping of the Arboretum where he is now a full time employee. Audrey Ehrler said he wears many hats, but his expertise is in Electronic Mapping and he has been working on identifying every species in the Arboretum and placing it on a map. Eventually, she said, we will be able to go on the internet and locate anything that is planted in the Arboretum.

As the formal opening began at the Arboretum with the invocation, project updates and awards, I was pleased and proud to be able to accept the Flower Show award for the Tri-County Branch for its 100th Anniversary show. Their shows are always outstanding and the award was well deserved.

**New History Unveiled and Distributed:** Thanks to Maureen S. Thompson, Mary Pat Ford and Jenny Rose Carey, WNF&GA has a pictorial and easy reading account of its 100 year history. It took these gals two years of hard work to put the interesting document together and they deserve the organization's undying praise for completing the project. Since the Cambridge Area Branch and the NY Division contributed toward the cost of the publication, those groups have received complimentary autographed copies. The book is terrific and I think every Branch should have a copy and every member should read it. It brings to life our rich history and gives purpose to why we belong to this organization. Copies can be purchased for \$20 and I wish every member had one.

**On The Go:** From arrival to departure, F&G members were on the go! Our hotel was in Bethesda, MD, so we had many bus trips. Most importantly, members were given a packet of meeting materials on arrival and it was best to have it all read before attending the meetings because all you needed to know to actively participate in the discussions was in that detailed packet. In that way, the meetings moved very quickly. There was considerable discussion about having more classes/workshop sessions at the meetings for one thing. And, since this was still a time for celebrating our 100th anniversary, there was plenty of sightseeing opportunities. There was the visit to the Dogwood Garden and tour of the Arboretum, an opportunity to attend a performance at the Kennedy Center, sightseeing in Washington, DC, including an evening tour of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Roosevelt, Iwo Jima, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam and Lincoln memorials, a visit to Mt. Vernon and a cruise on the Potomac. The meeting concluded with a lovely banquet and a very successful silent auction. The \$1,000 plus made at the auction will be used for updating and maintaining the WNF&GA website. Magazine Editor Mary Pat Ford was elected National Vice President.

**NY Division member Audrey Ehrler was ever-present!** She was there to meet all arrivals and a member of her family created lovely 100th anniversary hot/cold glasses with dogwood blossoms and branches in them for everyone attending the meeting. Former National President and Frysinger Exchangee to South Africa Sylvia Anderson and I (past National President & NZ Frysinger) had an opportunity to talk up the importance of having another Frysinger Exchange of some sort. Many members knew little about ACWW or the Frysinger, but were anxious to learn more. We had ample information for them and I have more for folks to pick up at Founders Day.

The F&G gathering began with a wine and cheese reception, which was a perfect way to catch up with old friends and to make new friends. The bus rides and various tours also provided many opportunities to share ideas and pick up some new ones. **Thank you NY Division members** for helping to finance my attendance at this meeting. I was proud to represent you and I am willing to share the information I garnered with any Branch, just ask.

*(Note: Bea came home to find there had been a fire in her building and her apartment suffered a great deal of smoke damage. She was finally back in her apartment on August 1, along with all her furniture and 74 boxes!! She is still trying to put everything back in place and expects to be sorting and placing for another month at least.)*

## *Need something to do: Opportunities Abound In WNF&GA*

*By Audrey E. Ehrler-Tri-County Branch member and past VP/ Program Chair, Past New York Division President-2008-2010, Frysinger Exchange Recipient in 2003, Liaison to the U S National Arboretum 2006-2016 and National Corresponding Secretary 2014-2016.*

Did you know that aside from all you do in your local Branch or for the New York Division, that you have the opportunity to learn, grow and enjoy WNF&GA in many ways. If you attend the Annual Meetings, you meet like-minded individuals and share ideas with them. You also have an opportunity to vote on issues or future projects. You may also wish to participate in floral arts workshops or take a tour to interesting venues that are offered at each meeting. When you pay your annual dues, you are entitled to receive the Bi-Annual Magazine.

You also become a member of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). You could represent the New York Division at the next Triennial Meeting in Warwick, England in 2016. Or, just attend to learn more about ACWW and meet women from many countries all over the world. Past President Julia Siefker of Ohio is hoping to organize a group tour to attend that next World Conference. So start saving your money if you are interested in going along.

You could serve on the National Executive Board if you have leadership skills and experience. Make it known that you are interested in serving our organization to your Division President. By doing this service, you insure a good balance of leaders from all the regions where we have members. Modern electronics have simplified our meeting process. The Board meets via telephonic communications about 6 to 8 times annually. Each meeting lasts about one hour.

If you are interested in education, you could offer to serve as a Committee Chairwoman of one of our Grants, Scholarships or the Internship Programs. What better way to know that donated funds are well managed.

If you like to write, please think about submitting an article to the WNF&GA Magazine. Interesting photos are also needed. Editor Mary Pat Ford, welcomes submissions.

If you have a particular talent or skill, you are always welcome to present a program to other Branches and/or Divisions. Tell someone what you are willing to share. And lastly, you could become a pen pal to an older WNF&GA member who has become relocated and left their Branch. Our MAL (members at large)/ Loyal Friends list is growing. These members have served our organization well in the past. Some of them cannot be as active nowadays, but wish to be kept "in -the-loop." An email, a note card or a phone call can brighten their day.

I am most grateful to the late Lorraine Bardin for introducing me to the Tri-County Branch of the New York Division. I have met so many talented fine women through WNF&GA. The opportunities to serve have been most rewarding and educational on the Branch, Division and National Level.

Ed note: Wishing Audrey a happy 80th birthday September 16!



*Audrey is pictured in front above. She is surrounded by women she has met and now works with in WNF&GA. Pictured left to right: Julia Siefker (NatlAdv), Mary Pat Ford (VP), Molly Hammerle (Pres), Kathy Beveridge (Recording Sec), Audrey Ehrler (Corr.Sec), Lenore Treba (A&OTreasurer), Susan Hunt (E&CTreas), Rita Urbanski (President Elect)*

### *Some more photos taken during the QSINE Flower Show*



*Jodi Prouty sold raffle tickets for a BBQ grill & accessories,,,happily won by Katie Havens, Hudson Falls, NY*



*Bruce Ricketson shoots some shots for the book of evidence*

## *Debby's Garden at New Orleans: 10 years later update*

*By Lori Gordillo, Director of Development, Metairie Park Country Day School, 300 Park Road, Metairie, LA 70005*

I am delighted to provide an update on the beautiful space known as Debby's Garden at Metairie Park Country Day School. Tomorrow marks the ten year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina making landfall on the Gulf Coast and the subsequent levee failures in the Greater New Orleans area. During that time, our school's 14 acre campus sustained millions of dollars of damage, with 28 of our 30 buildings on campus having been flooded.

During this entire week, we've been inundated by news stories and report detailing memories from ten years ago that many of us may wish to forget. In the midst of the tragedy and destruction, I am happy to write that in the ten years since Katrina our school has grown stronger than it was pre-Katrina. Debby's Garden is a lovely example of a beautiful thing that grew out of Katrina.

Thanks to the gift by your organization, Debby's Garden continues to grow and flourish - symbolizing all that is good and beautiful about the spirit of our school's recovery. Today all students in grades K-5 at Country Day take part in weekly gardening classes, led by two volunteer master gardeners. In Debby's Garden, they plant, weed, and eventually harvest the fruits (or vegetables!) of their labors. As a parent of two Lower School students, I have seen firsthand how gratifying it is for young people to grow their own food and perhaps even try a new food for the first time.

At Country Day, meals are served family style each day in our Dining Room by a Chef who focuses on providing healthy ingredients. It is not uncommon for him to use vegetables or herbs from the garden in his recipes. I hope you enjoy seeing the attached photos which show the beauty of the gardens today. From a severely flooded campus ten years ago to a lush space filled with smiling faces, we've come a long way thanks to the generosity of supporters like you.

In the Front Circle of our school sits a sculpture commemorating the resilience of our school post-Katrina and the generosity of those supporters who made the recovery possible. At the base of the sculpture is the following inscription: "In so much as the waters will rise, so shall the spirit exceed." Thank you again for embodying that spirit and being part of the recovery of Metairie Park Country Day School!



*(Ed. Note: Debby's Garden was lovingly named after our daughter who was killed in 2005. Audrey Ehrler proposed the name after we decided to do this project so that Debby's memory would continue and be helpful to a school full of children who tragically lost something too. Thank you dear friends who contributed to this ....it's wonderful to know that it is still flourishing and helpful.)*

# Founders Day: Randy Squires: floral designer

Tri-County Branch invites all NY Division members and friends to attend our Founders Day celebration on Wednesday, September 23. **You are invited to wear your special gardening or garden club hat.**

**AGENDA: 10:30 am** is coffee, **11 am** meeting, **noon** is lunch, followed by our program of floral designs.

Randy Squires, floral designer extraordinaire, will amaze us as he creates fabulous designs in front of us. Bring your cameras.

Come at 10:30 AM to the Slate Valley Museum at 17 Water Street, Granville, NY 12832. Lunch is being catered by Virginia Curran, Bedlam Corners Store, West Hebron, NY and it begins at noon and consists of soup, sandwich choices, chips, German butter cake and beverages. The cost is \$11 per person.

A market table will be set up, so bring an item to donate. Homemade goodies and plants from your garden are always popular.

*Invite a friend and share the Farm & Garden experience!*

**Tri-County members only:** please bring 2 clean coffee mugs (one for you to use for soup and one you will give to another member to use and take home) and a nut bread or muffins for morning coffee.

### *Upcoming dates to remember*

Spring 2016 - NY Division Annual Meeting - Cambridge Area Branch hosting  
Early June 2016—WNF&GA Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN (look for details in the WNF&GA Magazine)  
August 13—Tri-County Flower Show: 10am-2pm, Masonic Hall, Main Street, Hartford, NY  
Fall 2016 - NY Founders Day - Sandy Hill Branch hosting



**Registration form - due by September 18**

## *2015 NY Division Founders Day*

Wednesday, September 23

Slate Valley Museum

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lunches: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$11 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Send this registration form and your check made out to **Tri-County Branch** to:

Jean Roberts, 84 Ruby Road, Poultney, VT 05784-5815



*At QSINE Flower Show:  
Pat Hoffis & Pat Roberts  
are ready to offer our  
Top Chef homemade  
goodies for sale.*



According to folklore, these colorful ears were named after the indigenous people of North America. They'd been cultivating it for years when they introduced it to the Europeans who arrived in the Western Hemisphere in the 15th century. But "Indian corn" isn't exclusive to the North American continent. Experts say that it grew in China, India and South America for centuries.

And our ancestors didn't decorate with it— they ate it.



*Tri-County Plant  
Sale ladies: left to  
right,  
Karelia Melendi,  
Marge O'Brien,  
Pat Vautrinot,  
Jan Burleson*

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