



DEMETER NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a new year and the outlook is great, judging by upcoming events planned for and by Demeter members. Mark your calendars for some great activities plus our annual meeting and luncheon program.

Sally Andrews has planned an "Epic" mid-winter event showcasing the Epic medical-software company's campus. We'll convene at 12:25 pm March 18 in the parking lot of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 South Segoe Road in Madison. A bus will first take us to Quivey's Grove for a delicious dessert and to hear about the historical buildings from the owner Craig Kuenning.

We will then be transported to Epic for an hour-long tour of the whimsical buildings designed to make working fun. They feature such themes as Harry Potter and Alice in Wonderland. Many of you access your medical records on Epic's MyChart. More than 250 million patients have an electronic record in Epic, according to the company's website. We will return by 4:45 pm to our vehicles. Please be sure to send your reservation by March 6 to ensure a seat and a great time.

In the next academic year Demeter will offer an amazing \$40,000 in scholarships for CALS students. Our Education Fund chair, Liv Sandberg (sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu) is seeking volunteers to help with this rewarding program.

If you have any suggestions for future programs or events, please let us know. Think spring. It will be here before we know it.

Lynn Grooms, president



WINTER TREAT!

Join your Demeter friends **March 18** for a special dessert at Quivey's Grove, followed by a tour of Epic's surprising buildings filled with amazing art and artsy objects. Put March 18 on your calendar and sign up on the enclosed registration form.



Do you know the name of the artist who painted and donated the use of 28 images to the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra for their popular posters spanning 28 years? Come to the Demeter Luncheon May 7 to find out. Invitation in next Demeter newsletter!



Joyce Bringe & Lynn Manthe enjoying Fall Event



Channel 3's Charlotte Deleste of "Do Something Good" with Demeter's TV stars from the Sewing Workshop

CORN ROAST PICNIC



L-R back row- Jan Martin, Sally Leong, Lloyd Bostian, Carrie Aberle, Dorothy Binning. Front L-R Nan Field, Gail Schaefer, Gennie Bostian, Betty-Jo Dahlman, Gail Schomisch

Was it just a lucky day for the bulb planters October 16, or was Demeter looking down upon them? It had been a rainy, cloudy morning, but then the sun came out and the Demeter volunteers had a great afternoon for planting. With some help from the staff of Allen Centennial Garden more than one thousand bulbs were planted in several locations.

Take a stroll next spring and see Muscari (grape hyacinths), Hyacinth Pink Pearl, Narcissus (daffodil) thalia, and the tulips: Queen of the Night, Fancy Frills, Valery Gergiev, Sweet Flag, Claudia, Flaming Flag, Negrita and Françoise. A new experience this year was planting Aladdin's Carpet into a bed of fescue (a short grass). Alladin's Carpet is a mix of wild tulips, three kinds of Muscari, and dwarf daffodils.

Thanks to Ryan Drake (a recent grad) and Tori Lopez (senior), horticulture apprentices, for their help and direction.

Jan Martin, chair bulb planting

In September the highly successful Demeter Corn Roast picnic took place in the shelter at Lakeview Park in Middleton for the last time because the shelter is to be replaced. We may have to find a temporary meeting place while a new structure is being built. As usual the fine-tuned committee led by Jan and Jeff Martin organized a wonderful picnic supper and President Lynn Grooms presented an informative program.

Dean Kate Vandebosch updated us on the resurgence of faculty hiring for CALS, with 20 new faculty this year and 12 on-going searches for more. She mentioned that Demeter's work for and support of CALS are legendary. Dean Kate reported progress on the new Dairy Innovation Hub being developed jointly by CALS, UW Platteville and UW River Falls. Also the Meat Science and Animal Discovery Building is nearing completion, said Dean Kate, and the Babcock Hall expansion with the Center for Dairy Research is well underway. She noted that while the ice cream store will temporarily close, ice cream production will be contracted out and therefore be available!

Betty Forest again generously supplied apples for the tables, and this year they were Ruby Macs and a curious looking heirloom russet dessert apple called Hyde King. Mary Jane Gettlinger arranged for 10 members to arrive from Oakwood by bus.

Ben Futa, Director of Allen Centennial Garden, told about exciting changes and programs at the garden last summer, one of which was Grandparents University. The Amazing Sprouts program for children was described by Intern Kolin Goldschmidt. Alice in Dairyland, Abigail Martin, a former Demeter scholar, arrived in her van, which is decorated with pictures of corn and is named "the Kernal." She reported that one in nine Wisconsin jobs is related to agriculture and that the agriculture industry contributes \$1.48 million annually to Wisconsin's economy.

Jan Martin, chair corn roast picnic



At Corn Roast Picnic. Far left: Darrell Barth & Linda Harvey.
Above left: Judy Barth & Eileen Nelson.
Above right: Ann Ellingboe by Oakwood bus.

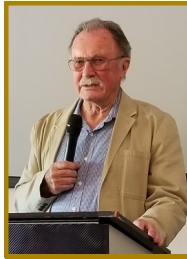
Quiz Question: Do you know why the corn is always so good at the corn roast picnic?

Answer: Larry Binning arranges for FOUR plantings of corn at Arlington farms and then watches them. At picnic time Larry chooses the planting that is just right, and then he and others on the committee pick, transport and cook the ears.

Bill Stokes - Fall Event

Demeter's Fall Event was a luncheon at Babe's Restaurant October 9th. After a hearty lunch, novelist and retired journalist Bill Stokes regaled us with some of his experiences as a journalist and author. He also introduced his recently published novel, "Margaret's War," set in a small WI town at the end of WW II when thousands of German POWs were scattered across the country. Guests enjoyed Bill's charming manner sharing his experiences collecting materials for his stories and books. (Committee: Sally Andrews, Darrell Barth, Judy Barth, Judy Stevenson)

Judy Barth



Bill Stokes,
novelist &
journalist

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DEMETER IN THE NEWS

The philanthropic, social and charitable efforts of Demeter have been in the news in recent months. Last September a reporter and videographer reporting for the Channel 3 (CBS) series "Do Something Good" came to Virgene Vathhauer's to observe and report on the work of the Demeter Sewing Workshop. Reports were aired on the afternoon and evening news reports.

The lead article on page one of the Youth section of the September 26, 2019 issue of Agri-View included a picture of this year's scholars and a report on the scholarships and grants offered by Demeter. Our own Lynn Grooms is the Southern Wisconsin reporter for Agri-View.

The December 26 edition of the Middleton Times-Tribune had an article on the Sewing Workshop, acknowledging the Vathhauers for hosting for the last 20 years and explaining both the work of the group and that of Demeter in general. Pictures showed members sewing and cutting, and Gennie Bostian on her knees planting bulbs. Demeter over the years has evolved from white gloves and hats to digging in the soil.



Above & Left - Sewing workshop being filmed for Channel 3's "Do Something Good."

DONATIONS for SCHOLARSHIPS

Carrie Aberle, Sally Andrews, Jackie Bowe, Hanna Boekhoff-Walsh, Sue Cowan, Betty-Jo Dahlman, Ruby Dobson, Betty Forest, Patrick Krysan, Beverly Schrag, Carrol & Nancy Spencer, Judy Stang, Mary Stuiber, Ted & Mary Tibbitts

IN HONOR OF

Jan Martin by Martha Maxwell

Mimi Shapiro by Ken Shapiro

Virgene Vathhauer by Betty Pope

IN MEMORY OF

Don Field by Nan Field

Laverne Forest by Betty Forest

Dwight & June Forsyth by David Forsyth

Marie McCabe by Nan Field

Louise Olson by Dorothy & Larry Binning,

Sharon Brantmeier, Sue Cowan,

Betty Forest, Linda Harvey,

Andrea Kelling, Beverly Schrag

& Virgene Vathhauer

Elizabeth Sequeira by Ann Ellingboe

Mary Worf by Ann Ellingboe

Sylvan & Eleanor Zenner by Ann Zenner

SEWING GROUP

Martha Maxwell, Virgene Vathhauer



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Happy Birthday

Chrystie Jackson
Helen Kuntz
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Thinking of you

Norma Brooks
Phyllis Kauffman
Carol Lawler
Dawn Lund
Beverly Schrag

Sympathy

Lynda & Dave Thomas
on the death of Lynda's
mother.

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Thousands of thanks to Virgene and Dick Vathauer for hosting the sewing group for the last 20 Years! Beginning this fall the workshop will meet at the West Madison Agricultural Experiment Station.

Above - Mary Whitmer, co-chair of Sewing Workshop presenting Virgene Vathauer with a token of thanks for hosting the workshop. Workshop will meet 9-3 March 17, April 21 and May 19, 2020.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MID-WINTER EVENT

Quivey's Grove & Epic Tour
Wednesday March 18, 2020
Meet by 12:25pm at Covenant Presbyterian
326 So. Segoe Rd (reservation form enclosed)

SPRING LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

11:30am Thursday May 7, 2020
Blackhawk Country Club
3606 Blackhawk Drive

GARDEN PARTY

4:30pm Wednesday June 17, 2020
Allen Centennial Garden

SEWING WORKSHOP

3rd Tuesdays, 9am-3pm, through May 2020
Vathauer's 608-836-9735

JOINT BOARD MEETING

11:30am Wednesday May 20, 2020
West Madison Agricultural Experiment Station
8502 Mineral Point Rd

SPRING NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

April 3, 2020

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5:00pm Wednesday September 9, 2020