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## Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland, and Surrounding Areas

Greetings to all! Here's hoping you are enjoying the late spring weather. It was a treat to come home from chilly Wales & Scotland in late May to Colorado's warmer temperatures. Our scenic ramble included several days of hiking along the magnificent shoreline cliffs and beaches of the Pembroke-shire Coastal Path Wales, overlooking the Celtic Sea. All along the way, people were warm and friendly, and views were awe-inspiring. We also enjoyed a few days exploring historical cathedrals, churches, castles and parks, noting that we are so relatively "young" in our own U.S. history!



*Ramblin' Along the Wales Coastline*

Many thanks again to Marilyn Garner for filling in so adeptly in my absence in April and May, both in running the FFNC meetings and in doing a beautiful job organizing the items for the raffle. If you didn't buy your tickets yet, you can still do so at the June 14 meeting (\$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets.) A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated the many wonderful items for the raffle, and to all of you for contributing to the Legacy Fund by purchasing raffle tickets. We will announce the raffle drawing winners at the end of the June 14 FFNC meeting, after our pot luck supper with our guests from FF Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon. **Please remember to bring a side dish to share.** Table service, drinks and the main dish, pulled pork sandwiches, will be provided. **NOTE THE REVISED MEETING TIME on June 14: 6:30 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Loveland. Let's have a big turn-out to welcome our guests, and to enjoy a social event together as a club! We need volunteers to help with set-up at 5 p.m. and clean up after the meeting.

**Next FFNC Meeting:**  
**Friday, June 14, 2013**  
**1st Christian Church**  
**2000 N. Lincoln Ave**  
**Loveland**  
**6:30 p.m. potluck**  
**7:30 Meeting:**  
**Welcome Oregon Friends**  
**Election of 2014 Officers**  
**Raffle Drawings**

Be sure to put Sunday, August 18, 1:00 on your calendar for our regional picnic when we gather with the clubs from Cheyenne and Estes Park. It's our turn to host. Please contact Marcia if you are willing to help with this event. See page 6 for more details.

Thank you to Kay Thomas for leading a successful exchange as ED to Harrisburg, PA, and to Anne Brown & Nita Kopyay for organizing events as ED, and assistant ED for the incoming Oregon exchange. Also, thank you to all who have served on the planning committees for these exchanges. Your enthusiastic support is vital to the success of our events, and your efforts are appreciated!



*Marcia Ross*

## BENSON GARDEN NEWS by Cinda Clark

Calling all gardeners...

Due to the much needed moisture we have received, spring has sprung – LOTS of weeds! Our FF garden at Benson Sculpture Park desperately needs attention. Those pesky weeds have infiltrated, spread propaganda roots, and are planning a coup! They are trying to take over our **good** plants. The more we do before the official (city-scheduled) **June 8<sup>th</sup> clean-up day**, the less time we will have to spend that day.

Those of you who helped at the last group session on April 13 were, I believe, willing to partner up with another to do some buddy gardening. **Please make time to call someone from that group, or another friend, and spend an hour or so pulling those interloping weeds.** (Kindly keep track of your hours, and turn in to Nancy Brigden.)

Should you have questions, or want a buddy, call Cinda Clark at 669-5426



Dear Benson Park Adopt-a-Gardeners,

On behalf of Loveland High Plains Arts Council, thank you **Friendship Force**, for the time and energy you invest in keeping your gardens and Benson Park looking beautiful.

This year the **Benson Park Planting Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 8**. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for the day.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Love".

Harry Love  
Adopt-a-Garden Program Coordinator  
Loveland High Plains Arts Council



# Sign-up to participate in Willamette Oregon Exchange

All hosts, dayhosts, and others who are able to participate in the incoming Oregon Exchange activities must **print & fill out sign-up sheet** (bottom of page) for events with costs & mail it with a check by June 6.

Questions? Call or email Exchange Director: Anne Brown 663-3727 abby144@aol.com

Mail form and a check payable to FFNC to by June 6 to:

Anne Brown; 1006 Alexandria; Loveland, CO 80538

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 12 – Evening

Ambassadors from Oregon arrive

**6:30 Welcome Dinner: ambassadors & hosts**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13 – LOVELAND DAY

**9:30 Art Castings, 511 8<sup>th</sup> \$4**

**11:00 Lundeen's Studio & Rialto tour**

**12:30 Benson Park lunch; 29<sup>th</sup> & Taft \$6**

Enjoy the Sculpture & Flower Gardens.

**2:00 Loveland driving tour (hearts/boxes)**

Free late afternoon, dinner with hosts

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14 – FORT COLLINS DAY

**10:00 Walking tour & bird watching**

Lee Martinez Park 600 N. Sherwood St.

**12:00 Lunch Spring Creek Gardens \$9**

observe flowers at 2145 Centre Avenue

**3:45 CSU Vet Hospital tour; 300 W. Drake**

**6:30 FFNC meeting & potluck**

Supper: pulled pork sandwiches

potluck side dishes provided by members

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15 – GREELEY DAY

**10:00 Tour Greeley Hat Works 2613 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**11:30 Lunch on your own at JB's Drive In**

2501 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Visit Greeley Museum

**1:00 Centennial Village; 1475 A Street \$4  
& Rattlesnake Kate program**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16 – FREE DAY

## MONDAY, JUNE 17 – ESTES PARK DAY

Carloads travel at their own pace

to visit Estes Park & Rocky Mt. Nat'l Park

**6:00pm Farewell Dinner at Dorothy's \$14**

2248 West First Street; Loveland

Dancing after dinner.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18 FREE DAY

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 TRAVEL DAY

**Print & fill out sign-up sheet below** & mail with check payable to FFNC by June 6 to: Anne Brown  
1006 Alexandria; Loveland, CO 80538

Date & Time	Event	Location	Cost
<b>Thurs, June 13 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Loveland Art Castings Tour</b>	<b>511 8<sup>th</sup> St; Loveland</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>Thurs, June 13 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch at Benson Park</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> &amp; Taft St. Loveland</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>Fri, June 14 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch at Spring Creek Gardens</b>	<b>2145 Centre Ave. Ft.Collins</b>	<b>\$9</b>
<b>Sat, June 15 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Centennial Village Tour &amp; "Rattlesnake Kate"</b>	<b>1475 A Street Greeley</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>Mon, June 17 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Farewell Dinner At Dorothy's Catering</b>	<b>2248 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St Loveland</b>	<b>\$14</b>
Name:	Phone:	Total pd:	_____

**MAY 10 MEETING PROGRAM - MYANMAR**

In February, Dot Cada led a Global Discovery Exchange to Myanmar with the goal of establishing contact with people there, as “trusted partners” and introducing the Friendship Force concept. Building on the trusted partner relationships, the hope is to be able to begin one or more Friendship Force clubs in Myanmar, with the support of mentoring clubs, including Friendship Force of Northern Colorado.

Dot, exchange director, and ambassadors Harrison Cochran and Don Winters shared photos and information about their experiences in Myanmar. They reported that the people were very welcoming, friendly and eager to learn about Friendship Force.

During their three weeks in Myanmar, Dot and the group of 23 ambassadors traveled throughout Myanmar, and met with people. The meetings were very encouraging, resulting in having four cities expressing interest in Friendship Force: Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inle Lake.

People were very receptive to establishing the trusted partnerships, with all parties sharing the goal of working together to promote world peace. These four cities are taking the first steps to establish Friendship Force clubs. FFNC will be the mentoring club for Yangon.

While in Myanmar, the Friendship Force group also delivered medical supplies to orphanages, water purification system materials (partnering with Rotary for this project), and took pen-pal letters to children in Bagan from a school in California. All of the humanitarian aid projects, as well as the building of relationships to help establish Friendship Force clubs in Myanmar were very successful. Dot plans to organize another Friendship Force visit to Myanmar, in January or February of 2014.

Captions and photos from blog by Jan Goodwin, Photography by Jan Goodwin & Mark Stieglitz. Visit blog [burmesefriendship.wordpress.com](http://burmesefriendship.wordpress.com)



Dr. Gary Gross and Dot Cada unpack medical supplies F. Force has brought.



FF members light 1,000 lamps for world peace



Dot & Moe wear traditional longyis at 1000 Lamps Peace Ceremony



Patricia Snowden chatting in Burmese to Abbot Shwe Taung Taik Thit, head of Ko Htet Kyi Monastery. He agreed to facilitate Friendship Force organization in Yangon.



Friendship Force Members with friends in Yangon by the Irrawaddy River



Bagan, with thousands of temples & pagodas dating from the 11th Century

## Friendship Flyer

## HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA EXCHANGE BY KAY THOMAS

Fourteen ambassadors from Northern Colorado traveled to Pennsylvania for an exchange with the Friendship Force of Greater Harrisburg. It was springtime in Pennsylvania, and since we left in a snowstorm, it was warm and welcoming when we arrived. All of their trees were in bloom and it was so nice to see green everywhere. We had a wonderful week visiting Gettysburg, including the Cyclorama, Museum and the Battlefield and to



*FFNC Visits Gettysburg*



*Fun at Hershey World!*

Lancaster touring an Amish home and farm, driving the countryside, visiting an Amish market and an incredible quilt shop. We spent a day in Hershey, learning about the Milton Hershey School, which was very impressive! We spent a day at Hershey World (Yum!) We toured the beautiful Pennsylvania State Capital the Governor's mansion in Harrisburg. We enjoyed a special week with our new friends, and learned so much about their beautiful state!

## EXCHANGE DIRECTORS NEEDED

Our club will be needing Exchange Directors for the following 2014 exchanges:

**May 2014 Outbound to Kiel, Germany (plus extension?)**

**August 2014 Inbound Curitiba, Brazil**

**Fall 2014 Outbound to St. Louis, MO**

It is important to get an ED established soon for each of these exchanges, so please mail or email an ED application form to Marcia ASAP if you are interested in applying. Forms can be found on the our website [ffncoloro.com](http://ffncoloro.com) or you can call Marcia at 377-0512 for a paper copy. Final selections for ED positions will be approved by the board.

## COMPANY FOR DINNER

No new dinners were scheduled in May. We had limited sign up and so decided to concentrate on the Raffle instead. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants for your outstanding help and energy. I hope that you all had a chance to meet and greet a few of our newer members.

We had 48 people participate and **raised \$580 for the Legacy Fund.**

**Be sure to buy your tickets for the June Raffle**, which benefits the FF Legacy Fund and the FFNC Special Projects and Activities Fund.

## *Friendship Force Regional Picnic*

*N. Colorado, Cheyenne & Estes Park*

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Hosted by FFNC at North Lake Park in Loveland**

BBQ sliders, lemonade, iced tea, & table service provided

Please bring a side dish, or salad or dessert to share.

After lunch enjoy social time in the parks with friends:

Volleyball, walk through North Lake Park

& Benson Sculpture Park & Gardens

## **PENTICTON, BC, CANADA EXCHANGE September 4-11, 2013**

The Penticton-Okanagan Valley was one of the best kept secrets in Canada. FFNC had a fantastic visit to this lovely area in September, 2011. It will be our turn to share the beauty of northern Colorado with their club. Now that the Willamette Valley visit is planned and happening, we will request hosts for our Canadian guests soon. Please be ready to say "yes" to being a host or day-host or dinner-host during the week of Sept. 4-11. Also, mark your calendar to attend as many events as possible...the more the merrier!

Contact Barbara Miller 667-7330 or Kay Thomas 278-9054 with questions or to volunteer to be involved in this exchange.

Barbara Miller

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Inbound

Outbound

**EXCHANGE & EVENT CALENDAR**

**Incoming Willamette Valley Oregon**  
June 12-19, 2013

Anne Brown ED 663-3727

Nita Kopyay, Asst. ED 663-2066

**Summer FF Picnic** Sunday, Aug. 18  
**North Lake Park** 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
**Loveland**

**Incoming Penticton-Okanagan BC Canada**  
Sept. 4-11, 2013

Barbara Miller ED 667-7330

Kay Thomas, Asst. ED 278-9054

**Outbound to:**

**FFI World Conference** in New Orleans  
November 22-25, 2013

**Outbound to: DISCOVER EUROPE**  
Sept 23-Oct.8, 2013

**"Jewels of Central Europe"**

Krakow, Vienna, Bratislava, Prague, Budapest  
ED Cinda Clark

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**Outbound to: Kiel, Germany** May 2014

ED needed

**Incoming Curritiba, Brazil** August 2014

ED needed

**Outbound to: St. Louis, MO** Fall 2014

ED needed

**To FFI World Conference**  
Aukland, New Zealand  
2014

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Thelma Slocum, & Cindy Kenna, Donna Clark**

Five new Field Reps are being added to the Conference Call on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This includes our own new field rep, Barbara Guilford from Friendship Force of Cheyenne. Other new FRs added are Marilyn Peterson, (Pacific Northwest/Northern Rockies), Gordon Carscadden, (West Coast/Hawaii), Sandy Gourdine, (Florida), and Tom Laggay, (Southeast).

The CEO search for Friendship Force International has completed interviews with the candidates and sent videos of the interviews to the members of the committee that were unable to participate in the interviews. This round has been narrowed down to the top two candidates. These two will be interviewed via Skype before narrowing it down to the top candidate to recommend to the Board. It is hoped to have someone in place by July 15. Roger Gatlin suggested having a video of the new CEO for the FFI members to get to know them a bit. This is a suggestion that will be recommended to the Board.

The new fees will be implemented in 2014. FFI exchange fees will be \$165 for US Ambassadors and \$ 140 for International Ambassadors.” In 2015 Club Membership fees will be increased to \$ 15 for individuals and \$ 25 for families.



Betty Jean DeMersseman

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## ELECTION OF 2014 FFNC OFFICERS

At the June 14, 2013 meeting, the FFNC membership will vote for officers for 2014:

The slate includes these nominees:

**President: Marilyn Garner**

**Vice President: Gary Cummins**

**Secretary: Paulette Weaver**

**Treasurer: Alice Gibson**

Nominations from the floor will be taken before voting.