



Mountain Friends

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President's Message

"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught."

African Conservationist **Baba Dioum**, 1968

This quote involves three action verbs for the user---conserve, love, and understand. Following those three words is a passive verb asking the reader to learn and receive knowledge through being taught. For me, Friendship Force has been a teacher and helped me understand a broader range of views, both locally and beyond our area. I have been able to explore and love areas of the country and world that I would have never understood without FF. Each new FF activity gives me opportunity to appreciate a variety of places and people. These actions increase my awareness of the need for conserving these places and friendships. Perhaps most importantly to me, I have been a part of conserving tiny bits of peace in a world so split by conflict and discord. Take time within your various circles of interactions to accept the teachings that come your way. Then give back to this world a little more understanding, love, and conservation.

*In friendship,
Harriett*

January 21, 2024 General Meeting Program

On January 21st at the Middleton Place Clubhouse, we welcomed Historic Restoration Specialist Derrick Tickle and his young grandson, Oli, who shared images and explanations of Derrick's restoration efforts at the Biltmore House and two other prominent Asheville public buildings. We shared a pot luck meal and also thanked Ron Partin for his many years of dedicated efforts in producing the Club's newsletter.

Tickle is originally from England and trained in historic restoration techniques there. He moved to the US in the late 70's when offered a teaching position created by a partnership formed by AB Tech and the Biltmore House.



Susan Harvey awarding certificate to Ron Partin.

This master craftsman shared the inside restoration story of two prominent Asheville public buildings as well as the Biltmore House. He also explained techniques used to restore interiors and the challenges presented in this type of work. His former students continue working across the country on major restoration projects.

Sadly, the restoration training program was discontinued in 2008 and today there is a shortage in our area of these talented, skilled craftspeople. This was an outstanding program, and all of us joined in thanking Mr. Tickle for his presentation and the skills he brought to our community.

Membership Updates

Membership Co-Chairs Susan Gaston and Ellen Brazauskas are very busy spreading the word about FFWNC. They, along with Susan Harvey, went to OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at UNC Asheville and made several new contacts. Ellen has met with other groups, and some have asked for a Friendship Force presentation, including a gathering for the Henderson County Friendship Force, scheduled for early March.

Susan Harvey and Ivan Beggs will be giving a presentation to the Oaks' HOA members in February. In that session, Ivan will emphasize the COIL (Congressional Office for International Leadership, formerly Open World) aspect

of FF involvement. All these actions spread understanding about FF locally and how we connect to others nationally and internationally.

A Super Turnout at the January 18th Happy Hour

Cold weather didn't prevent FFWNC members from enjoying fun and fellowship at the January Happy Hour. We met at Booda's Brewery in Hendersonville for some brews and food. Thanks for braving the chilly weather!



Committee Vacancies

We are still in need of Committee Chairs for the Publicity and the Archives and Committees. If your talents lean towards disseminating information and spreading club awareness, please consider helping with Publicity, a very important need. Our Club's intent and actions are understood through teaching others about FF.

If you enjoy organizing and conserving, there is real need for your help with Archives. Retaining and preserving the history of our club is very important. Please contact Harriett Hilton, if you would like further details.

New Mailing Address for FFWNC

We have a new Post Office address. The new address, as indicated on the membership/application form found at the end of this newsletter and on the website, is:

FFWNC
P.O. Box 384
Hendersonville, NC 28793

Upcoming February and March Events

- Thursday, February 15th – 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Happy Hour at Appalachian Ridge Artisan Cidery, 731 Chestnut Gap Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792. The Cidery is just down the road from St. Paul Winery. Wine and cider will be available. Please feel free to bring your own snacks to enjoy with your libation!
- Tuesday, February 20th - 10 am - Board Meeting 10 am at Henderson County Extension Office, 100 Jackson Park Rd., Hendersonville.
- Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 5 – 7 pm - General Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner at the First Congregational Church, 1735 Fifth Avenue West, Hendersonville.

March Program: Romanian Connections and Insights by Lane Martin

- The FF Book Club is held quarterly on the last Friday in January, April, July and October. The Book Club welcomes new members. Contact Gerri Gurbuz for information.

The FFWNC Book Club

The first book club meeting of the year is scheduled for this Friday, January 26th at 1:30 pm at Larry Harvey's home. We will discuss *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes* by Atia Abawi. Please contact Larry for more information.

New readers are welcome! We meet quarterly, on the last Friday of the month in January, April, July and October. For more details, please contact Gerri Gurbuz.

2024 Journey Calendar

April 2 - 8 - Western Michigan inbound
Journey Coordinators: Susan Harvey and Betty Doll

May 8 - 14 - Manitoba Canada inbound
Journey Coordinators: Harriett Hilton and Nancy Wood

September 7-13 - Sibiu, Romania outbound
(Possible pre and post extensions to be determined)
Journey Coordinators: Susan Harvey and Chuck Stevens

Call for Day, Dinner and Home Hosts for 2024 Inbound Journeys

We are still in need of home hosts, day hosts, and dinner hosts for both of our 2024 inbound journeys. Please contact Susan Harvey for the April Western Michigan journey and Harriett Hilton for the May Manitoba journey.

February and March Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

13 – Laura Dixon

25 – Becky Elston

28 – Jan Partin

March Birthdays

1 – Carol Mullen

11 – Becky Reid

19 – Chuck Elston

March Anniversaries

March 2 – Peter and Sharon Cooper

March 27 – Chuck and Becky Elston

(Newsletter continues on the following page.)

FFWNC 2024 General Meetings & Board Meetings Schedule

MEETING DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sunday, Jan. 21	General Meeting	3:00 pm	Middleton Place Clubhouse
Sunday, Mar. 17	General Meeting	5:00 pm	First Congregational Church, 1735 Fifth Ave. West, H'ville
Sunday, May 19	General Meeting	5:00 pm	Park Avenue Clubhouse, 15 Clubhouse Ct., Asheville
Saturday, July 13	Annual Picnic	12:00 Noon	Mills River Park Pavilion
Sunday, Sept. 15	General Meeting	5:00 pm	To be determined
Sunday, Nov. 17	General Meeting & Election of 2025 Officers	3:00 pm	To be determined
Sunday, Dec. 15	Holiday Party Mtg.	3:00 pm	To be determined
Wed., January 17	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM)
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Henderson Cty. Extension Office
Tuesday, Mar 12	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, Apr. 9	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Henderson Cty. Extension Office
Monday, May 20	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, June 11	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Henderson Cty. Extension Office
Tuesday, July 9	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, Aug. 13	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Henderson Cty. Extension Office
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, Oct. 8	Board Meeting	10:00 am	Henderson Cty. Extension Office
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, Dec. 17	Board Holiday Party	TBD	TBD

General Meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of alternate months. Meeting locations vary and will be announced on website posts and in the monthly newsletters.

Board Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, with some exceptions, as noted above.

FULL 2024 Calendar Year for FFWNC (Subject to change, as year progresses)

FFWNC 2024 Events Calendar	
<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/17 (Weds) - Board Meeting – 10am - IAM 1/18 (Thur) - Happy Hour – 4:30pm – Booda’s Brewing, Hendersonville 1/21 (Sun) - General Meeting – 3-5pm – Middleton Place Clubhouse 1/26 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm – Larry Harvey’s home</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/15 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm–Happy Hour Appalachian Ridge Artisan Cidery, 731 Chestnut Gap Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792 2/20 (3rd Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am – Cty Ext. Office</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/12 (Tues) - Board Meeting – 10am - IAM 3/15 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD 3/17 (Sun) - General Meeting – 5-7pm – First Congregational Church Hendersonville</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/2-4/8 (Tues – Mon) INBOUND JOURNEY – W. MICHIGAN 4/9 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am – Cty Ext Office 4/18 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm – TBD 4/26 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm - TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/8-5/14 (Wed – Tues) - INBOUND JOURNEY – MANITOBA 5/16 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm TBD 5/19 (Sun) – General Meeting – 5-7pm – Park Ave Club House Asheville, NC 5/20 (3rd Mon) – Board Meeting – 10am - IAM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/11 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am – Cty Ext Office 6/20 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/09 (Tues) - Board Meeting – 10am - IAM 7/13 (Sat) – Annual Picnic – Noon – Mills River Park 7/18 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD 7/26 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm - TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/13 (Tues) - Board Meeting – 10am – Cty Ext Office 8/15 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>9/7-9/13 (Sat – Fri) - OUTBOUND JOURNEY - ROMANIA 9/10 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am - IAM 9/15 (Sun) - General Meeting – 5-7pm - TBD 9/19 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/7-9 (Mon-Wed) – FFI Regional Conference – Milwaukee 10/8 (Tues) - Board Meeting – 10am – TBD 10/17 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD 10/25 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm – TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>11/12 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am - IAM 11/17 (Sun) – General Meeting Election of 2025 Officers - TBD 11/21 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 1:30pm - TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/15 (Sun) – Club Holiday Party – 3-5pm - TBD 12/17 (Tues) – Board Holiday Party - TBD</p>



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Membership Application / Renewal

Send to: Treasurer, FFWNC, P.O. Box 384, Hendersonville, NC 28793
(Separate Application per person)

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- New Membership w/badge \$57 **per person** \$ _____
- Renewal Membership \$45 **per person** \$ _____
- Associate (if you are a member of another FFI club and pay that club's full dues) \$15 **per person** \$ _____

Name: _____ Date of Application _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Year joined FFWNC _____ Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

How did you hear about Friendship Force of Western North Carolina? _____

Friendship Force is a volunteer organization. Our success depends upon member participation.

AREAS YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE:

- ___ Board of Directors or Officer
- ___ Committee Chair (i.e., Hospitality, Membership, Publicity, Newsletter)
- ___ Journey Coordinator
- ___ Hosting – home, dinner, day *

*Please visit the FFWNC website at: <https://ffwesternnc.org/being-a-friendship-force-host/>
to learn about home, dinner and day hosting opportunities.

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