



# Mountain Friends

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## President's Message

*"All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost."*

These lines are quoted by Gandalf in his letter to Frodo in Book I, Chapter 10, from J.R.R. Tolkien's **The Fellowship of the Ring**.

After finishing our two inbounds for 2024, I know for sure that FFWNC members who helped pull these journeys off have deep roots. We did an excellent job of welcoming our American and Canadian wanderers, despite April's cold weather, ambassadors' mobility challenges, changes in participant numbers, and the shuffling of hosting duties. Thank you to all who helped and pushed our root even deeper.

At our July 13<sup>th</sup> General meeting (Noon at Mills River Park), we will have announcements of 2025 journey matches. As club members, we undertake our wanderings and our hosting duties with a sense of finding the hidden gold, forming cherished friendships, and gaining new knowledge. As President, I would encourage each of you to participate in the opportunities that FFI gives to us.

*Harriett Hilton, 2024 FFWNC President*

## Next General Meeting – Saturday, July 13th – Noon Mills River Park

Join us for a picnic and fellowship at our annual July event. Location is Mills River Park. The club will provide drinks and chicken. Please bring a side dish to share and your own plates, cups, and cutlery. Bring a potential member or guest, so they have the opportunity to learn about our Club.

### Manitoba Inbound Journey Highlights



Our Canadian ambassadors were treated to a busy and varied week. Along with the customary Biltmore and Cradle of Forestry visits, some hiking, and downtown Hendersonville time, we packed in a tour of the Thomas Wolfe house and a full day's

trip to PARI (Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute.) There were six Manitobans who journeyed here, and they acquired a good knowledge of Western North Carolina and the special gift of new Southern Appalachian friends. Favorites of the six ambassadors were home-hosted dinners, PARI, and Biltmore.



### Western Michigan Club – Outbound Journey – October, 2025

Our club has been invited to journey to the Western Michigan Club in October, 2025. Please consider participating in this outbound journey. Western Michigan visited us in April and we thoroughly enjoyed hosting them. If you are interested in being an ambassador on this journey, contact Harriett Hilton.

### Ethnic/Social Lunches to Return

Our ethnic lunches were on pause for a while, due to Covid. There is interest in resurrecting a regular monthly luncheon on a weekday for months we don't hold a General Meeting (i.e. February, April, June, August and October.) If you have an interest in chairing and/or participating in this activity, please contact Harriett.

## Club Policies and Procedures Updated

The FFWNC Policies and Procedures has been updated to include *The Health and Safety Policy for Journeys*, approved by the Board in March, 2024. The updated policy goes into effect June 1, 2024, and can be accessed on our website under the “For Members” subtab. The password to access this portion of the website is found on the top of page 1 of your Membership Directory.

### June 20th - Happy Hour at Burning Blush Brewery – 4:30 pm

Plan to attend June’s Happy Hour and celebrate Summer Solstice at Burning Blush Brewery, 4891 Boylston Highway, Mills River, NC 28759.

### May 16th – Happy Hour Recap at Mills River Brewery

Seventeen club members came together on a sunny afternoon to enjoy some libations, food and fellowship.



### September 7-13 - Sibiu, Romania outbound

*(Pre and post extensions scheduled)*

*Journey Coordinators: Susan Harvey and Chuck Stevens*

### Charlotte FF Club - African Safari Journey Opportunity

The Charlotte Club will journey to Kenya and Tanzania September 30 to October 20, 2024. The 21-day trip is \$4,990 plus airfare of \$1,275 from Charlotte, NC. National parks, safaris, a visit to the Maasai people, the Karen Blixen home, Nairobi Elephant Park, and more. If interested in participating, contact Dorothy Tremble, the Journey Coordinator.

## Newsletter Deadline

If you have Club news for the newsletter, please submit the information to Harriett Hilton no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Upcoming Events

### June

- June 11<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10:00 am – County Extension Office
- June 20<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30 pm – Burning Blush Brewery, 4891 Boylston Highway, Mills River, NC 28759.

### July

- July 9<sup>th</sup> (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10:00 am – Interfaith Assistance Ministry
- July 13<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – General Meeting & Picnic – 12:00 Noon – Mills River Park
- July 18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30 pm – Location to be determined
- July 26<sup>th</sup> (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30 pm – Location to be determined. Ivan Beggs will lead the discussion. The chosen book is: *A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of Faith* by Timothy Egan. To participate, contact Gerri Gurbuz.  
*New Book Club members are always welcome. Our book club meets quarterly, on the last Friday of the month in January, April, July and October.*

## May & June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

May 1 – Dick Weaver	June 8 – Harriett Hilton
May 20 – Gary Adler	June 14 – Teri Kayne, Ron Partin
	June 18 – Ellen Brazauskas

### Anniversaries

June 12 – Warren & Jeanne Resen  
June 29 – Jan & Ron Partin

## 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 Court, Asheville
Saturday, July 13	Annual Picnic	12:00 Noon	Mills River Park Pavilion
<b>Sunday, Sept. 29</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, NC</b> <i>--Date change because many members will be traveling to Hungary on a post-trip addition to the Sibiu journey.--</i>
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. 24	Board Meeting	10:00 am	IAM
Tuesday, Oct. 15	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.*

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

<b>FFWNC 2024 Events Calendar</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June</b></p> <p>6/11 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am – Cty Ext Office            6/20 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm – Burning Blush Brewery, 4891 Boylston Highway, Mills River, NC 28759</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July</b></p> <p>7/09 (Tues) - Board Meeting – 10am - IAM            7/13 (Sat) – <b>Annual Picnic</b> – Noon – Mills River Park            7/18 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm TBD            7/26 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm – Ivan Beggs, Leader – Location TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August</b></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;"><b>September</b></p> <p><b>9/7-9/13 (Sat – Fri) - OUTBOUND JOURNEY - ROMANIA</b>            9/19 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm – TBD  <b>9/24 (Tues)</b> – Board Meeting – 10am – IAM  <b>9/29 (Sun) - General Meeting – 5-7pm – First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p>10/7-9 (Mon-Wed) – FFI Regional Conference – Milwaukee  <b>10/15 (Tues)</b> - Board Meeting – 10am – Cty. Ext. Office            10/17 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 4:30pm - TBD            10/25 (Fri) – Book Club – 1:30pm – TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November</b></p> <p>11/12 (Tues) – Board Meeting – 10am - IAM            11/17 (Sun) – <b>General Meeting</b> -- Election of 2025 Officers - TBD            11/21 (Thurs) – Happy Hour – 1:30pm - TBD</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December</b></p> <p>12/15 (Sun) – <b>Club Holiday Party</b> – 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 – Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

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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