



Rural Legacy

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Annie's Project Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Annie's Project is celebrating ten years of bringing agricultural risk management education to Iowa farm women. The milestone will be marked with a full day program on the Iowa State University campus in Ames, Iowa on Wednesday, September 18 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All Iowa farm women, whether past or future Annie's Project course participants, are invited to the celebration. The program will feature ISU tours, risk management workshops and a special luncheon.



The celebration will kick-off with on-campus tours featuring a choice of campus traditions, local foods on campus, Kildee Hall/meats lab or Agronomy Hall/soils lab. The morning break-out workshops will each feature Ag Decision Maker (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm>) resources such as livestock and crop budgets, recruiting good employees, estate planning, and contracting.

Annie's Project program founder, Ruth Hambleton and her daughter Lynn Hambleton Heins, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Vice Provost, Cathann Kress, will keynote the noon-time program. Videos highlighting past Annie's Project participants on their farms will also be featured.

The afternoon break-out workshops will each showcase a different ISU center of interest to farm women including the Farm Energy Project of the Iowa Energy Center, the Center for Ag Law & Taxation, the Beef Industry Center, and the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Participants will board buses for a choice of the afternoon tours. *Continued on page 3...*

Progress Update WLL Rural Business Enterprise Grant Project

The Women, Land and Legacy (WLL) State Team has been hard at work on the WLL Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) project initiated in 2012. After meeting with the pilot counties in January 2013 to gather valuable information from them, we have been able to develop a training curriculum that will be delivered to the Tama County WLL Team on July 31 and to the Iowa County WLL Team on August 6. We trust this training will enable the teams to enhance and expand their local WLL efforts.

Based on requests from WLL local teams in the past and these pilot counties, the training will focus on the following topics:

- Developing a local definition of "Community"
- Developing a local definition of "Leadership"
- Leadership styles and the role of the WLL state team and WLL local team
- A fun activity to highlight the importance of communication, planning, managing and accomplishing the work of a local team
- The importance of the local team
- "Faces" of local team members and identifying the strengths and role of each team member
- Community and Livelihood
- Using leadership to connect to opportunities in communities
- Tools for local teams to use in communities to expand WLL efforts and increase participation

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Iowa Ag Casts

The Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship (IDALS), along with help from some partners created podcasts to go along with the 2013 RAGBRAI route. RAGBRAI is wrapped up but the "Iowa Agcasts" are still available!

Listen at www.iowaagcasts.com or by subscribing to the podcasts through iTunes. There are some great interviews from local farmers, producers, & more.

Team Spotlight: Jackson & Clinton Counties

Each quarter we share information from a WLL team somewhere in Iowa...

The Women, Land & Legacy group for Jackson & Clinton Counties has lined up speakers for their upcoming monthly meetings.

About 15 women met May 16th and decided to have an informal speaker for each monthly meeting. All persons interested are invited to attend.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm at the Maquoketa Clinton Community College Campus. Speakers will start at 6:30 pm.

So far it has been a success! On June 20th the group had Jennifer Machande to discuss insurance. On July 18th Jamie Nabb joined the group to discuss farm management.

Upcoming Meeting Speakers:

August 15th – Chris Hiher, Wildlife Habitat (Pheasants Forever)
September 19th – Lori Schnoor, NRCS programs

National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture Comes to Des Moines

The 4th National Conference for Women in Sustainable Agriculture will be held Nov. 6 - 8, 2013, in Des Moines. Sponsored by Women, Food and Agriculture Network, the event is titled "Cultivating Our Food, Farms and Future," and will feature a half-day symposium on land stewardship topics beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, 2013.



This symposium is titled Science, Sustainability and Success, and will be moderated by Dr. Jean Eells. Panelists will include experts on water quality and pesticide contamination.

Sponsored by Iowa NRCS and Iowa SARE.

For information on the conference and to register for this and other sessions, visit <http://wfan.org/cultivating-our-food-farms-and-future-2/>.

In Her Boots: Sustainable Agriculture For Women, By Women

Facilitated by the Rural Women's Project
A venture of the Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Service (MOSES)

Spend the day with an inspiring group of women farmers and educators dedicated to transforming our food system. This day-long, on-farm workshop includes a farm tour, lunch (sponsored by Organic Valley) and a variety of breakout sessions. With a focus on sharing experiences, stories and ideas, the In Her Boots format, facilitated by the MOSES Rural Women's Project, builds on the idea that women farmers learn best from each other. Bring your questions! Women just starting on their organic farm or food business dream are especially encouraged to attend.

Three all-day, on-farm Boots workshops will be held in 2013. Each workshop has different speakers and topics and women are welcomed to attend more than one:

Aug. 4: Canoe Creek Produce, Decorah, IA
Aug. 8: Dancing Winds Farm, Kenyon, MN
Aug. 18: Scotch Hill Farm, Brodhead, WI, in partnership with the FairShare Coalition

For more details and registration information: www.mosesorganic.org/womensprojectinherboots.html.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

2013 Cash Rent Survey

Iowa State University Extension Office released their annual Cash Rent Survey.

According to US Farm Lease, the 2013 results show another record in average cash rent throughout the state at \$270 per acre. Each of the 9 districts in the survey also gained to their highest levels ever!

To review the survey, find it at the following link, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/FM1851.pdf>.

Annie's Project, *continued from page 1*...Buses will head out to the ISU Veterinary Diagnostics Lab, Dairy farm, BioCentury Farm, Horticulture Farm and Bergstrom Complex/Jack Trice Stadium. Participants will re-convene for a final light-hearted session in the Memorial Union.

The Annie's Project Tenth Anniversary Celebration is being planned by the Annie's Project team at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to recognize past course participants, connect Iowa farm women with each other and the resources available to them through Iowa State University, and raise awareness of agricultural risk management. The program is sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Farm Credit National Contributions Program, and Farm Credit Services of America.

For more information on the Annie's Project Tenth Anniversary Celebration or access to registration, please contact Lani McKinney at 515-294-9483 or lanim@iastate.edu, or go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/annie>.

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We invite newsletter suggestions & contributions from participants & readers.

The newsletter is published each February, May, August, & November.

Email submissions to stateteam@womenlandandlegacy.org, no later than the 15th of the prior month.

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2013 On- and Off-Farm Mentorships for Women Still Available

Are you a woman who dreams of farming? Or a beginning woman farmer who could use some support from an established farmer? WFAN still has openings with trained on- and off-farm mentors for the late summer and fall of 2013!

On-farm Mentorships

Our Harvesting Our Potential program provides on-farm work experience opportunities for aspiring women farmers in Iowa and Nebraska. Mentorships last a minimum of 8 weeks, and include a small stipend.

Off-farm Mentorships

We also offer beginning women farmers (farming 10 years or less) the chance to network with an experienced woman farmer in your area for the next year, including weekly emails or phone calls and at least one farm visit.

"Dispelling the mystery of farm life has been awfully rewarding," wrote one mentee from a previous year. "I can begin to grasp what it would take now to have a farm."

WFAN has six trained mentor farmers available in Iowa and two in Nebraska to host on-farm mentees, and work with beginning farmers as off-farm mentees.

To learn more and to apply, visit, <http://wfan.org/beginningfarmerproject/>.

No class can provide the hands-on, real-life experience of farming that can help you make your farm dreams come true. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn farming from the ground up!

Harvesting Our Potential is a program of Women, Food and Agriculture Network. This project is supported by the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA, Grant # 2012-49400-19573. To find more resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers, please visit Start2Farm.gov, a component of the BFRDP.

Update, continued from page 1...Additionally, the WLL Facebook page is becoming increasingly active and informative. Thank you to each of you who access and utilize the information provided through it. The State Team is beginning to develop a list of organizations in Iowa that provide resources (whether a service or information) that may be helpful to agricultural women. Groups shown on the resource list are those that contact us to offer resources (neither the State Team nor its member agencies endorse any individual organization shown on the list). It is a dynamic list that will continue to be updated. The resource list will be posted on the WLL website soon. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

The WLL State Team is also developing an updated WLL brochure to be used statewide. Both at the state level and locally, WLL has received recent requests to participate in various events, thus the brochure will be a useful tool for promotion and explanation of WLL. We'll keep you informed of all aspects of our progress!

Tidbits

- ☞ Newsletters & more may be viewed online at www.womenlandandlegacy.org.
- ☞ Email us your ideas, articles, upcoming events at stateteam@womenlandandlegacy.org.
- ☞ Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/womenlandandlegacy.
- ☞ Please send us your ideas, requests, group news, pictures & success stories!
- ☞ The next newsletter deadline is October 15, 2013.

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