

# WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM & GARDEN SANDY HILL BRANCH RECORDS

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library -- The Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Sandy Hill Branch, Woman's National Farm & Garden Association
- Title:** Woman's National Farm & Garden, Sandy Hill Branch Scrapbooks
- Dates:** 1986-2010
- Abstract:** Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, programs and photographs covering the activities of the Sandy Hill Branch, Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, from the founding of the branch in 1986 through 2006.
- Quantity:** 1.5 cubic feet
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

## HISTORICAL NOTE

Woman's National Farm & Garden Association is a national association with international ties. It was organized in 1914. The founder and first President was Mrs. Francis (Louisa Yeomans) King. Following the death of her husband in 1927, Mrs. King purchased a historic home in South Hartford, Washington County, NY. The goals of the organization "have always been to encourage women to cooperate in furthering agricultural and horticultural interests throughout the country and to form a closer bond between rural and urban women." ("Louisa King – A History of Farm and Garden" by Betty Monahan, in *Women's National Farm and Garden Magazine*, Summer 1983, in Book 4).

The Sandy Hill Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association was formed in June of 1986, following the success of a flower show the previous September as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for the village of Hudson Falls (formerly Sandy Hill). It was the sixth Branch in the New York Division of the national Association. The first officers of the Branch were: Judith Bronk, President; Paulette Pertgen, Vice-President; Marjorie Bronk, Recording Secretary; Pamela Fawcett, Corresponding Secretary and Marie Philo, Treasurer.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The collection consists of 5 volumes of scrapbooks and one box of minutes (1986-2010). The box holds minutes and yearbooks for each year, foldered together by year.

Book 1 1986-89, Book 2 1990-94, Book 3 1995-2000, Book 4 2001-2006. Book 5 2007 – 2015. The books contain programs, newspaper clippings and photographs from the Branch, as well as programs from the New York Division and other organizations with which the Branch worked.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Flower shows  
Horticulture

**Places:** Hudson Falls, Washington, NY

**Important People:** Bronk, Judith  
Bronk, Marjorie  
Fawcett, Pamela  
Monahan, Betty  
Pertgen, Paulette  
Philo, Marie

**Form/Genre:** Scrapbooks (3-ring binders), minutes, yearbooks.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Woman's National Farm & Garden, Sandy Hill Branch  
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