



Colorado Agri-Women

2016-2017 Educating Generations

CAW Annual Meeting in Limon, CO April 22-23, 2016

Although the annual meeting did not yield a hefty membership attendance, it was a grand opportunity for those present to connect and work hand in hand with the American Agri-Women's National President; Doris Mold and share experience and passion in the Agricultural Industry.

Friday evening, the women sipped wine and put to work their creativity while painting barn quilt patterns onto pre-treated wooden squares. You can check out the fun patterns on our Facebook and Instagram Pages! If you are interested in purchasing one of the quilt squares to display at your home, farm, or ranch please contact Dianne Clark. Dianne organized the event and is very artistically talented, she brought several pre-finished squares for display,

and still has more available for purchase if you're interested. (Dianne.clark79@gmail.com) Saturday, the women enjoyed each other's fellowship and worked on wrapping up last years final business actions and planning the year ahead! While discussing our current interests and plans with AAW President; Doris Mold, it was helpful to bounce ideas off one another and hear results from others who had already attempted some of our adventurous hopes. It is difficult to find time for things when we all are running full speed and on empty, and sometimes we forget that all Agri-Women affiliates are volunteer ran 100%! "It was great to remind myself that we are all very busy, and doing our best to add positive input any time we can!"



Diane's Colorado Barn Quilt Square

says Secretary Jenna Pralle.

It was also a good time to dissect some of the things that have brought us together and how we can use those to step forward growing on a firm foundation. Please stay tuned to newsletters and emails from us for what is to come!

Questions, comments, concerns:
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Special points of interest:

- *Spring Annual Meeting*
- *AAW Fly-In ; Washington D.C. June 5-8,2016*
- *Fall Face to Face; Western Slope Colorado; August 20-21, 2016*
- *Raffle Tickets coming soon=*
- *Nominating New Officers*

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AAW On the Radar

If you have lost track of the great events that AAW puts on, or what the organization is up to, go and check out the new website! Americanagriwomen.org, totally updated and easy to navigate through to find exactly what you want! Also be sure to scroll through the fun

email updates sent out by either the president@americanagriwomen.org, or aaw@americanagriwomen.org. The frequent webinars are a great way to explore the way others are getting involved, and better prepare yourself for being involved!

Also look for the next big thing... 365 days of Ag project coming soon from AAW.





Great Outdoors Colorado School Yard Initiative

We may have heard the Benjamin Franklin quote a time or twelve that says, “tell me and I’ll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me, and I will learn.” And although we all may learn a little differently, nothing can beat a hands on experience to learn exactly how things work, why, and what its impacts may come about.

By now I hope that you have heard about Great Outdoors Colorado’s School Yard Initiative, aiming to create school grounds inspiring active physical play, while enhancing learning about nature and the environment. Schools awarded grants in 2016 and 2017 will

also become partner schools in Colorado Parks and Wildlife Schools and Outdoor Learning Environments program. The SOLE program from CPW connects 4th grade students and their families to local environmental education programs and outdoor locations. The SYI projects are open to public during non-school hours and extend the benefits far beyond the reach of the students who attend school at these locations.

What a great opportunity that we have to live in a place where the outdoors are truly magnificent and we can continue learning all around us. If you are interested in these pro-

grams you can find information on both Great Outdoors Colorado (www.goco.org) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (<https://cpwsole.com>)



Skyview Elementary
Windsor, CO
Awarded GOCO mini grant

Ardent Mills Celebrates a Milestone in Milling

In March of 2013 Ardent Mills was publicly announced as a proposed joint venture between ConAgra foods, Cargill and CHS. May 29, 2014 Ardent Mills opened and continues to grow with its supporting foundations, continuing to innovate as technology and customer preferences evolve.

With beginnings in Nebraska as early as 1867, mills began to cooperate and consolidate growing stronger, seeking better access to grain markets and shipping networks. Since then numerous milling companies have incorporated and joined together in ventures making a strong path to success within an ever-changing market.

In the 2000’s Ardent Mills’ supporting companies began to introduce new whole wheat

flours allowing their customers manufacturers to better formulate whole wheat nutrition into foods. In 2007 ConAgra Mills introduced Ancient Grains—amaranth, quinoa, sorghum, millet, teff and custom multigrain blends, to continue to meet the changing customer needs.

With headquarters in Denver, Ardent Mills is a great place to visit and tour, and many of our wonderful grain producers here in Colorado deliver to Ardent Mills. Although they are a fairly new company they are born from industry pioneers and offer the industry’s broadest range of flours, mixes, blends and specialty products.

Ardent Mills is “nourishing what’s next in a great new era for grain.”

“Nurturing our customers and our communities,” an Ardent Mills employee.

What’s your story?

Each one of us has a story that is uniquely ours. Whether we grew up in the barn, a wheat field, or even in a city apartment in the suburbs, we are individually touched by agriculture every day, even if we aren’t quite sure how.

Colorado Agri-Women is a force for truth for agriculture here in Colorado, and the American Agri-Women organization seeks those who will share their story and truth with others. Although we may sometimes think our stories are just the same as our neighbors, siblings, or even co-workers, each of us has an

individual outlook on life that may bring light to issues others may see differently. Creating a comfortable conversation and listening is vital in having your own story heard.

If you would like to share your story, or the story of your family’s pursuits in Colorado’s industry of Agriculture, please send your information to coloradoagriwomen@yahoo.com, a simple photo and caption, or a whole tale of the lifestyle you live is welcome and will be shared with our members in our newsletter and social media!



Photo from Grover, Colorado





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Our next meeting will be a conference call in June, 2016. Please watch for an invitation via email with details on how to participate in the call!

Your questions, comments, and ideas are always welcome! Please invite whomever may be interested to join our membership. You can find information on our website, and by contacting us at coloradoagriwomen@yahoo.com

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2016 CAW Scholarship Winner

Miss Margaret Laing was chosen as this year's Colorado Agri-Women Winning Scholarship Applicant. Margaret is a graduate of Bennett High School in Bennett, Colorado. She plans to attend the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, studying Agri-Business.

She was a very active FFA member serving several chapter offices, as well as District XI President. Margaret's other activities include Soccer, Track and Field, Volleyball, FBLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook Staff, and numerous others.

Maggie has spent her summers and time off of school helping in the fields in a family no-till wheat farming operation as well as cattle pens at a production level.

The women who applied for this opportunity were asked to complete a statement that started, "My grandmother's generation put a man on the moon, my mother's generation has put a cell phone in every pocket. I can contribute to the next generation, as a woman in agriculture by...."

She chose to write about pursuing conservation through legislation. She shared stories of her experiences so far with policy and her goals for law school and a career in International Agri-business.

Bright young women with even brighter futures, the women on the review committee for this year's scholarship applications would like to wish all applicants luck and blessings as they pursue a future in agriculture!

Margaret Laing
of Watkins, Colorado



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