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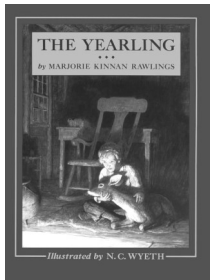
Spring Quarterly 2013

President's Message

by Mary Anne Morgan

Happenings from the Board of the Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm

Welcome to The Year of The Yearling: Celebrating a Literary Classic! I hope you were able to join us for the first two events in this year-long celebration. The Rawlings Exhibit and the Farm Exhibit at the Matheson Museum in Gainesville will continue to be on display through May. If you have not seen them yet, I encourage you to do so while they are still available.



Flo Turcotte and Barbara Wingo made a guest appearance on the Ilene Silverman Show recently to publicize The Year of The Yearling. I plan to ask for their autographs at the Annual Meeting in May.

The outdoor viewing of the movie, The Yearling, was a big success. The April weather cooperated, the big inflatable screen was a delight, and the free popcorn really set the mood. There were about 65 attendees and not a dry eye in the crowd by the end of the movie.

On April 12, about 70 people crowded into the Matheson Museum for an excellent presentation by Flo Turcotte and Anne Pierce, The Yearling: The Author Creating the Book. At the conclusion of their lecture, we were treated to a performance by Betty Jean Steinshouer who appeared in the persona of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. I had never seen Ms. Steinshouer perform and I was mesmerized! As I listened to her talk about how The Yearling came to fruition, I was so glad I had just seen the movie again. And now I'm re-reading the book. All of it means so much more when you know some of the back story and the research that went into it. If it has been a while since you read the book or watched the movie, I encourage you to do both. It will provide the perfect backdrop to allow you to enjoy the rest of the events planned for the coming year.

Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 10 am at the Matheson Museum and is titled, "Jody and Fodder-wing: Presentation about Pets and Pet Care. As always this event will be free and open to the public.

On April 23, 5:00 pm at the Alachua County Commission meeting in Gainesville, Commissioner Mike Byerly will issue a proclamation declaring this to be The Year of The Yearling. The meeting will be held in Room 209 of the County Administration Building at 12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville. Join us if you can.

But wait! That's not all! It's time for our Annual Meeting and installation of officers on Saturday, May 4. We will be at a new location this year: the restored Island Grove Fire House! The luncheon will be catered by Ted's Restaurant in Island Grove. Please see the notice in this newsletter regarding menu, cost, program and directions. I hope to see all of you there! Enjoy the Spring!

Did you know?.....Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings considered a number of different titles for the novel, including, *The Fluttermill*, *The Sinkhole* and *Juniper Creek*, before she chose *The Yearling*.

The Year of the Yearling

April 1, 2013–March 31, 2014



Pictured with BettyJean Steinshouer (center) are Board Members Flo Turcotte (left) and Alicia Antone, Executive Director of the Matheson Museum during a recent presentation.



Friends board members Anne Pierce and Flo Turcotte during one of their many presentations



From left to right, board members Barbara Wingo and Flo Turcotte with Ilene Silverman, host of the Ilene Silverman Show.

Park Staff Member Receives Award

Here is a photograph of Museum Guide Judy Baker receiving the District 2 Employee of the Month Award from Park Manager Valerie Rivers for her 13 years of seasonal work at the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park. She was surprised and delighted to be recognized for her many years of superb work. She said, "You do know what I do!"

The award letter said in part: "Each fall you arrive and inject new energy into the park team with a gung-ho commitment to doing the best job possible. You are relaxed and friendly, telling the Rawlings story while introducing visitors to the historic house. On busy tour days you graciously do as much as you can to carry the load, and on quiet days you accomplish maintenance tasks between tours. You clean the duck and chicken pens, tend the garden and ornamental plants with joy. No one can sweep, vacuum, dust and generally tend to the historic house better. You are truly a well-rounded asset."



Friends of the Farm Annual Meeting

CCVFD Island Grove Fire Dept. (Historic Masonic Lodge)
Hwy 301 and SR 325
Island Grove, Fl

11:00 AM Saturday, May 4, 2013



Program

The Yearling: Tales of the Author Creating the Book
by Anne Pierce and Flo Turcotte

Menu: TED's Restaurant in Citra
Burger, fish. Chicken Sandwiches, etc

The Athenian(feta cheese, greek dressing,
cucumber, lettuce, tomatoes, bell peppers and olives)

All served with fries, cole slaw

With water, soda or iced tea.

Cost for members: **\$5** (You may join at the meeting)

Cost for non-members: **\$12.50**

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Friends board member to receive award



Board member Florence Turcotte will receive the Arthur W. Thompson Award for the most outstanding article published in the Florida Historical Quarterly. Her article, entitled: "For this is an Enchanted Land: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Environment" was published in the Spring 2012 issue. The peer-reviewed journal is published by the Florida Historical Society. Florence will receive the award during the annual meeting of the Society in May.

**The Year of *The Yearling*, from publication to Pulitzer
Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of a Literary Classic**

May 25th 10:00a.m. Valerie Rivers - "Pets and Pet Care, Jody and Fodderwing" program.
Matheson Museum.
513 E. University Avenue, Gainesville

Alachua County Library Programs: Anne Pierce - "Visualizing *The Yearling*" program.

August 22	High Springs Branch	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Tower Road Library	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Millhopper Branch Library	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 14	Hawthorne Branch Library	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 15'	Main Library Downtown	3:00 p.m.

October 12th 10:00a.m. Plants and Seasons of *The Yearling*: Presentation and Walkabout
Matheson Museum and Grounds

November 16, 2013* *The Yearling* Run & Scamper
M.K. Rawlings Elementary, 3500 N.E. 15th St.
Gainesville

January 1, 2014 10:00a.m. Walk in the Park
MK Rawlings Historic State Park

January 11 10:00 a.m. Marjorie's Garden
MK Rawlings Historic State Park

February 7, 10a.m.—3p.m.* World of *The Yearling*: Florida in the 1870s
Smathers Library (East), Room 1
University of Florida Campus

March 1, 8:15a.m.* Hike the Yearling Trail, Ocala National Forest
Meet at MK Rawlings Historic State Park

March 22, 12:00p.m. The Baxter's Rations
MK Rawlings Historic State Park

March TBA Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference



*Pre-registration required—please see website

Totally Tomatoes!

By Sheila Barnes

We went all out this spring and decided to start our tomatoes from seed. Volunteer camper, Nancy Lemke, used her green thumb and patient care to get these little buggers going. I ordered seeds in January, almost all heirloom varieties, and she had them sprouted in no time.

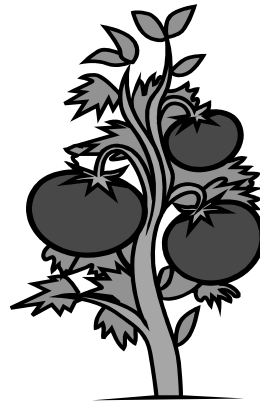
By mid March they were ready to go in the ground, and we had to hope the weather would cooperate. It did, and we only had to cover them twice with the moderate cold fronts that came through.

There are over 55 tomato plants now thriving, and they include Yellow Pear, Heirloom Cherry, Rutgers, Mr. Stripecy, and Brandywine. We also put in a row of Beefsteaks, just for fun.

Our potatoes and onions from winter are almost ready to harvest, while the green & wax beans, pole beans, cucumber, summer squashes, eggplant and pepper plants are showing promise.

Nancy also started flowers from seed and we have zinnias and cosmos already in bloom. The rest of the flower bed is particularly pretty this year, with snapdragons, volunteer nasturtiums, and coreopsis.

Hard as it can be to grow stuff in our Florida sand, at least for now there appears to be a good garden in the making. Thanks to all our volunteers and staff for putting in the sweat equity to try to make our garden grow!



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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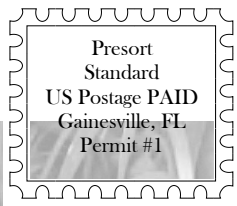
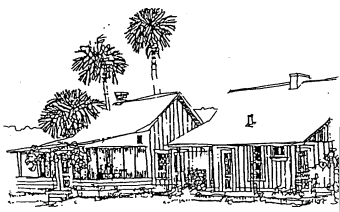


These last few years have proved to be hard ones in terms of finding a suitable rooster to manage our hens. While we've had good roosters doing their jobs, they have also been aggressive towards staff and visitors.

We'd been fortunate to have had "Rufus" for a very long time, who was never aggressive.

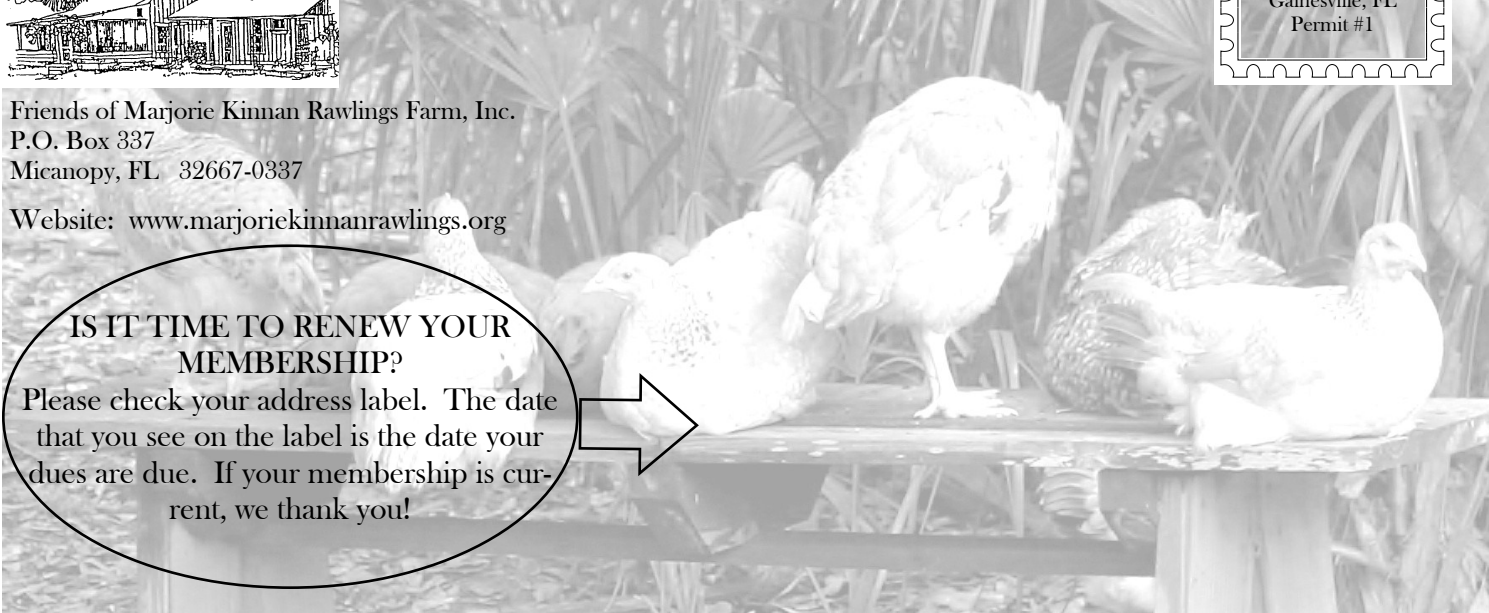
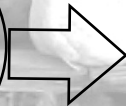
Yet no matter how handsome and efficient a rooster may be, we cannot have them roaming free in the yard at the MKR park, if they prove to be any kind of threat. It's a shame to have to rid ourselves of such fine birds who in a private farm setting would be exactly what you'd want in a rooster.

But being a public park does dictate safety issues for visitors. So we did have to "relocate" our fine Dixie Rainbow rooster this week. We hope that someone finds him to be perfect for their farm. Meanwhile, his hens are a tad confused when being put up for the night without his guidance, and as they define their new pecking order. It will all even out as spring dissolves into summer...and the mating season ends. Such is life on MKR'S farm.



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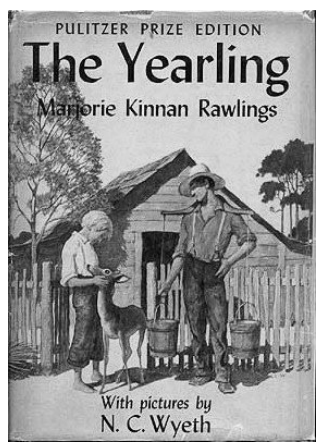
IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?
 Please check your address label. The date that you see on the label is the date your dues are due. If your membership is current, we thank you!



2013 Friends of MKR Calendar*

- Tues, April 23, 2013 Alachua County Commission Proclaims Year of The Yearling
- Sat, May 4, 2013 Annual Meeting - Island Grove Fire House
- Sat. May 25, 2013 Jody and Fodder-wing: Presentation about Pets and Pet Care
- Tue, July 16, 2013 Friends Board Meeting - 6:30 pm Cross Creek Fire House
- Sat, August 3 MKR Birthday Party

*full calendar of *The Yearling* related activities is published on page 4



<i>Membership Information</i>					
Type	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Lifetime
Individual	\$20	\$55	\$90	\$175	\$ 400
Family	\$25	\$70	\$115	\$225	\$ 500
Educational	\$25	\$70	\$115	\$225	\$ 500
Corporate	\$50	\$145	\$240	\$475	\$1,000

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