

Big as a Barn News: December 2021

New Board Members

WCI's board of directors elected Jim Hoyt of Johnston, IA and David Wallace Murray of Alexandria, VA to the board at the November meeting. Jim is a retired executive with GROWMARK, past board president of Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area, and volunteers at the World Food Prize. David is the great-grandson of Henry A. Wallace. He's currently the Director of Solar Policy for the American Clean Power Association and has additional nonprofit management and community organizing experience. Their 3-year terms begin January, 2022. Welcome, Jim and David!

And a big THANK YOU to Brian Zachary and Christine Fleming Halbrook who are stepping off the board with 12 and 13 years of service respectively.



A Brand New Look

Did you notice? WCI has a new look! Thanks to The Meyocks Group of West Des Moines, WCI adopted a new brand identity with a logo, tagline and colors (above), plus a new mark (right). The new look will be integrated into newsletters, stationery, signage, menus and more. Thanks to Meyocks for their creative work and step-by-step guidance.

Valentine's Dinner

Watch your email after the New Year for details about our Saturday, February 12 Valentine's Dinner at the Wallace House. Seatings for the multi-course prix fixe dinner will be at 5:30 pm and 8 pm. Chef Katie promises it will be a memorable meal!



Seeds of Diplomacy: A Melon Story

Way back in July, Michelle Johnson from Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds stopped at WCI in search of a story about Henry A. Wallace introducing a melon to farmers during a 1941 trip to China. The heirloom seed company was interested in finding more facts for a possible feature in their 2022 seed catalog. We had a delightful time helping Michelle comb thru our artifacts and connecting her to other possible sources including Henry A.'s descendants Rob Fleming and David Douglas. The gorgeous 2022 Whole Seed catalog is out and Michelle's wonderful feature about the White Lanzhou Melon is **8 pages long!** Click below to read the full story, request your own catalog or order seeds online.

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Year-End Giving

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider a gift to the Wallace Centers of Iowa. Our secure [Donate](#) page makes it easy to give a one-time or recurring gift. If you prefer, you can also mail a check to WCI's development office (756 16th St., Des Moines, IA 50314) or call Ann or Karey at 515.243.7063 with a card number.

Our donors make such a difference! Thank you for your support.



COVID response

As of July 1, we're open for limited, indoor, in-person events. We ask that you wear a mask inside our buildings regardless of vaccination status.

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