



# The Grace Vine

May 2010

## Rector's Writ

One of the highlights of worshiping God and celebrating the Eucharist on Easter morning is that wonderful acclamation, "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia." Those words look so plain on the pages of our Prayer Book, but they sound so joyful, so heart felt. They are words of praise offered with exuberance by voices filled with an even balance of marvelous wonder and faithful certainty. It seems 'right and good' that we not only make that glorious acclamation on Easter day, but each Sunday of this entire season. Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter the Paschal Candle is lighted at all services, and "Alleluia" is said or sung—heartily and happily—at the beginning and close of worship and whenever possible in between. Alleluia (a shortened version of Hallelujah) simply means "praise the Lord" in Hebrew. It is something we do happily during the Easter season, as the unsettling silence from the absent alleluias of Lent is replaced by joy and hope.

Although there's an ancient history and use of Alleluia in the psalms and early worship, the above definition is fairly simple. It's much easier to explain our preferred use of alleluias than it is trying to define or explain the Resurrection...or redemption...or Pentecost...not to mention the Holy Trinity. What we do hope to grasp at some deep level during Easter is the love of God for us—each and all of us—in Christ Jesus. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit arrives soon enough. For now, this holy and blessed love provides the hope of life redeemed, renewed, forgiven, healed...and the promise of life everlasting. Such love is more than enough to celebrate. We offer our praise to God in loving and grateful response:

*Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

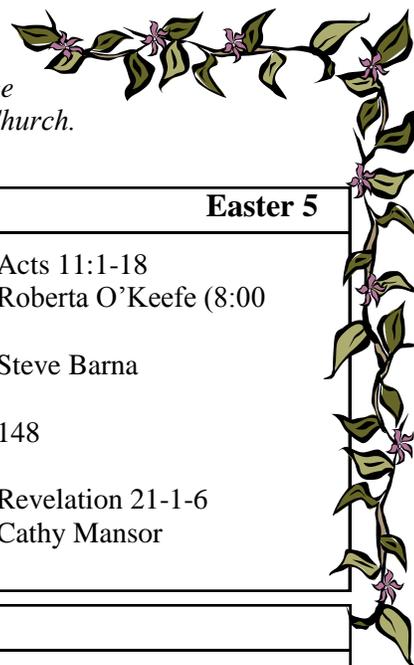
*"O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen."*

(BCP Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, pg. 225)



## Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

*If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.*



<b>Sunday, May 2</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Easter 5</b>
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Acts 11:1-18	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bette Brooks		Roberta O'Keefe (8:00 AM)	
<b>Greeters</b>	Judy Canan & Kay Canan			
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eric Splinter		Steve Barna	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Barb Popiel	<b>Psalm</b>	148	
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Joan & Frank Seman 10:00 John & Mary Jean McDonald	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Revelation 21-1-6	
<b>Counters</b>	Roberta O'Keefe & Alice Boydell		Cathy Mansor	
<b>Loyalton</b>	Kathy Summy			

<b>Wednesday, May 12</b>		<b>6:00 PM Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</b>	
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans		

<b>Sunday, May 9</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Easter 6</b>
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Acts 16:9-15	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolyn Englert		Stephanie York	
<b>Greeters</b>	Mary Jean & John McDonald	<b>Psalm</b>	67	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kevin Splinter & McKenna Conway	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Barb Popiel		Brandon Higgins	
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Family Breakfast hosted by Grace Hospitality Committee 10:00 Nancy & Fred Lundgren	<b>Gospel</b>	John 14:23-29	
<b>Counters</b>	Roberta O'Keefe & Alice Boydell			

<b>Sunday, May 16</b>		<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b>		<b>Easter 7</b>
<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Acts 16:16-34	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Maynard Evans		Roberta O'Keefe (8:00 AM)	
<b>Greeters</b>	Irene & John Machisko		Carolyn Englert	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Phil Crouse	<b>Psalm</b>	97	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Barb Popiel	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Pat Williams & Cindy Hoskins 10:00 Kay Canan & Bonnie Quay		Tim Splinter	
<b>Counters</b>	Roberta O'Keefe & Alice Boydell	<b>Gospel</b>	John 17:20-26	
<b>Loyalton</b>	Bill Snyder			

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*The Sit & Stitch group is beginning a prayer shawl ministry. If you know anyone who is sick or in need of some comfort, please see a member of the group or Rev. Carol and they will be sure to get one for you. These shawls are made with love and prayers and are given with love and concern for whoever receives it.*



**Sunday, May 23** **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **Day of Pentecost**

<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Acts 2:1-21 Nancy Lundgren
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder	<b>Psalm</b>	104:25-35, 37
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Roberta O'Keefe	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 8:14-17 Fred Lundgren
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	<b>Gospel</b>	John 14:8-17 (25-27)
<b>Acolyte</b>	Schyler Conway		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Barb Popiel		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 Rick Lashley & Debbie Shorts 10:00 Jim & Nancy Ervin		
<b>Counters</b>	Roberta O'Keefe & Alice Boydell		

**Sunday, May 30** **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **Trinity Sunday**

<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Martha Croll
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carolyn Englert	<b>Psalm</b>	8
<b>Greeters</b>	Bev Lewis-Mercury & Jeff Marsh	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 5:1-5 Jeff Croll
<b>Acolyte</b>	Taylor Paxton	<b>Gospel</b>	John 16:12-15
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shirley Johnson & Barb Popiel		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA 10:00 Irene & John Machisko		
<b>Counters</b>	Roberta O'Keefe & Alice Boydell		

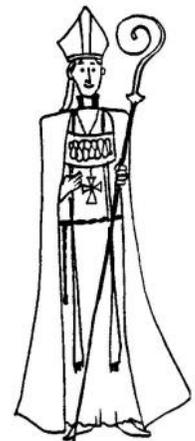
**Sunday, June 6** **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **Pentecost 2**

<b>Officiating</b>	The Rev. Carol S. Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	1 Kings 17:8-24 Roberta O'Keefe (8:00) Cathy Mansor
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William D. Snyder	<b>Psalm</b>	146
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bette Brooks	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Galations 1:11-23 Steve Barna
<b>Greeters</b>	Fred & Nancy Lundgren	<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 7:11-17
<b>Acolytes</b>			
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBA		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8:00 TBA 10:00 Chris Stickle & Denise Crouse		
<b>Counters</b>	TBA		
<b>Loyalton</b>	Kathy Summy		

# Bishop's Annual Appeal

Just a brief heads up that Grace Church will send out in June a letter and forms/envelopes to be sent to the diocese for members who would like to contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal support Episcopal Community Services (E.C.S.) ministries; youth mission trips; leadership development for clergy and laity; seminarian education assistance; internships; and many programs that help strengthen our parishes and our diocese. Roberta O'Keefe has volunteered to coordinate our parish campaign.

Remember you can designate that you want your contribution to be used for E.C.S. ministries if you so choose. Please consider what you might give, as Grace parishioners have a good history of supporting both Episcopal Community Services and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. THANK YOU!!





# Did You Know?...



The Lenten Programs are over, the penitential rite one is in the past and we now enter the joyous season of Easter. And what a beautiful season it's been. The sun seems brighter, the air warmer, the flower more beautiful, and the birds songs more clear. Winter did visit us for a short while, but now spring is back. Maybe we needed that hard winter and Lent to appreciate the beautiful spring God gave us along with his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It certainly brings the resurrection of our Lord in focus more clearly. As to what is going on at Grace Church...

The "Fun"d raising committee worked very hard this year making Easter candy and the sales were better than ever. Thanks to everyone who made all the chocolate crosses, bunnies, eggs, chocolate covered pretzels, etc., etc., etc.-- **Marcia Splinter, Courtney Rich, Carolyn Englert, Alice Boydell, Megan Worthen, Barb Popiel, Toni Worthen, and Marsha Snyder.** And we also need to thank everyone who sold and purchased the beautiful candy that was made. See you again next year...

We were saddened by the passing of two members of our Grace Church family **Perry Williams & Mary Harper.** Both died after long illnesses and each one was laid to rest here in Ravenna; Mary on March 26th, and Perry on April 20th. The **Rev. Carol** had beautiful services, as always, and the Hospitality Committee headed by **Nancy Ervin** supplied lovely receptions for families and friends following the funerals. Thanks to everyone who baked and help during the receptions: **Mary Jean McDonald, Shirley Johnson, Bonnie & Blake Quay, Marsha Snyder, Judy Canan, John McDonald, Jim Ervin, Nancy Lundgren, Roberta O'Keefe, Sue Ahrens and Elizabeth Williams-Magrell's** Nazarene Church friends who provided a lot of cakes. Our prayers continue to be with Pat and her family and Larry and his family...

On a happier note, do you know it's spring? One of the ways we know that is -- when the mulch is out on the curb at every gas station, the flowers are out of the cold ground, and **Shirley Johnson's** red Mustang convertible is out of the garage. Looking good, Shirley...

Congratulations to **Nikki Stickle** who recently passed her drivers exam and now has an official driver's permit...

**Alice Boydell** held an 80th birthday party for **Ken** on April 10th. About 50 people came to celebrate with Ken and Alice. Along with the members of the church and friends in attendance, a visit with their children was especially welcome; **Susan and her husband Ken** came from Texas; **Ann and her husband Joe and their children Mary Katherine and Ben** were here from Wisconsin; **Ellen and her husband Chris and their children Elliot & Henry** came from near Cincinnati. It was a very joyous occasion, and once again "Happy Birthday Ken!"...

Many thanks to **Mary Ann Switz** for thinking of us when her boss decided to closed his office. We were recipients of some very nice office furniture, and as soon as the new carpet is

in the furniture will be put in place...

Did we mention that **Nikki Stickle** has her driver's permit?!?...

**Judy Canan, Carolyn Englert, Mary Jean McDonald, Marsha Snyder, Bonnie Quay, and her sister Debbie** attended the E.C.W. Deanery luncheon held at St. Timothy's, Macedonia. About 43 people attended and were treated to a lovely lunch and **Gay Jennings** was our guest speaker and spoke about mission...

**Sue & Bruce Ahrens** spent Easter in Massachusetts with their daughter **Sonja** and her family, husband **Donny** and grandchildren **Morgan & John.** She really enjoyed her son-in-law Donny's performance in the church choir...

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**Denise Crouse** went along with her sister **Chris & Rodney Stickle and their girls Nicole and Samantha** on a Florida vacation over the Easter holiday and had a wonderful time...

**Nancy & Fred Lundgren** got back to Florida to visit family and had a great time and even enjoyed coming back home, now they will be heading for Texas to visit with their son **Bill** and his girls...

**Marcia & Tim Splinter and their boys, Eric and Kevin,** spent time with Marcia's family in New York. Marcia and Tim have been spending a lot of time at the baseball field with their youngest son Kevin, whose baseball team has been doing very well. Kevin is the starting catcher!...

**Zack Scibelli** entered a homerun derby and won first place. Now he wants to quit school and become a baseball player. He's five years old. Good luck with that Zack...

**Megan Worthen, Kathy Summy & Emily Summy** went to Washington D.C. along with other members of the Diocese, to celebrate Ohio Day at the Cathedral of St. Peter & St. Paul. Thanks to the Diocese for making this trip available to our youth at such a reasonable rate. It's a wonderful chance to visit our capital and see our National Cathedral - a real treat!!...

**Maggy Rich** was accepted into the gifted program at her school and both she and her brother **Gerry** brought home perfect report cards this month. Way to go kids!

Did I mention that **Nikki Stickle** has her driver's permit???

Is it possible that she's old enough to drive already?!?!?

If you have information you want in the "Did You Know" please email it to: [office@graceravenna.org](mailto:office@graceravenna.org)

# On the Horizon

**Friday, May 7th**

## **Flower Sale**

### **Prep Day**

The usual big day of unloading, sorting and prepping the flowers for sale. Please come and chip in! Really, it's fun!

**Saturday, May 8th**

## **Mother's Day**

### **Flower Sale**

Here's the big day. We'll need setup, sales and cleanup help.

**Sunday, May 9th**

## **Spring Breakfast**

Everyone is invited to a Family Breakfast starting at 9am in the Parish Hall

### **UTO Ingathering**

This is the day to empty your blue boxes and bring in your offering envelopes.

**Saturday, May 15th**

## **Fellowship & Game Night**

**6:30 pm**

**Saturday, June 5th**

## **Parish Picnic and Raffle Drawing**

**6:30 pm**

We're having a picnic and holding the drawing for the Vacation Raffle. Details to follow.

**Saturday, June 12th**

## **Fellowship & Game Night**

**6:30 pm**



## **Congratulations!**

*and many happy returns...*



### **Birthdays**

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3rd Carolyn Englert  
Tim Splinter  
Zach Scibelli  
4th Laurel Brooks  
7th Phillip Crouse  
8th Rob Young  
9th Elizabeth Webb  
11th Bonnie Quay  
12th Addrienne Conway  
15th Midge Myers  
Phyllis Shorts  
16th Marsha Snyder  
18th John Phillip Sherwood  
22nd Gerald Rich  
23rd Eleanor Blank  
26th Kenneth Englert  
27th Joan Seman  
27th Bill Shorts, Sr.

### **Baptisms**

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3rd Louise Thacker  
7th Irene Machisko  
11th Kathy Summy  
13th Nancy Lundgren  
18th Amanda Brooks  
Beverly Brooks  
20th Paige Paxton  
McKenna Conway  
25th Ken Boydell  
28th Marcia Splinter

### **Anniversaries**

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1st Bill & Marsha Snyder  
2nd Roger & Judy Watkins



# The Bulletin Board

## Acolytes Schedule

Check these dates now so we can make any changes before we publish next month:

6/13—

6/20—

6/27—

7/4—

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Marcia@splinterfactions.net

330-527-2084

Bill Artz of **Marshall's and Majestic Dry Cleaning** sent the parish a letter which included the following...

"I have been praying for a way to make my business prosper as well as further the Kingdom of God. An idea came to me. If your congregation would bring their dry cleaning to us...once a month, bring all the receipts to Marshall's...we would **Tithe [your] church 10% of the total.**"

To that end, please give any receipts from Marshall's Dry-cleaning to **Marsha Snyder** for handling.

## Autism Walk

Sunday, September 26, 2010  
Voinovich Park in Cleveland

If anyone would like to join our team, see Courtney Rich for more information. She will be having a few fund raisers between now and then to support the team as well. More details to follow.

## Cedar Hills Volunteer Day

Sat. May 22

8am—5pm

Come for part or all, indoor and outdoor work to be done. Lunch provided.

Contact Cedar Hills to register. 440-352-6363 or cedarhills@dohio.org

Pat Williams has for free a plastic bath chair that sits in the tub for someone who can get into the tub but cannot sit that low or stand for a shower. She also has for sale a bath seat that sits half in and half outside the tub. The person sits on it and then the chair can move over into the tub. She will sell that for \$25.00 (paid \$200+ for it).

## UTO Every Day

The United Thank Offering ingathering is set for Sunday, May 9th, 2010 This is the day to empty your blue boxes and bring in your offering envelopes.

United Thank Offering is our daily thanks for the blessings in our everyday lives through prayer and offerings. What daily things are you thankful for?

SPRING is here at last  
FAMILY  
GOOD Friends and Neighbors  
CHURCH family

Offerings are used as a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church - for men, women and children throughout the world.

Count your Blessings. By dropping a few coins a day into our Blue Boxes we are, combined with many others, doing a world of good. Remember the size of your offering is not as important as the practice of thanksgiving.

## Family Breakfast 9 A.M. on Sunday May 9<sup>TH</sup>

Everyone is invited to a Family Breakfast starting at 9am in the Parish Hall on Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope 8 o'clockers will stay and that 10 o'clockers will arrive early to gather and join in the fellowship. This would be a great time to invite family or friends who don't attend Church to join you for a nice, informal meal and stay for worship. Please use the sign up sheet or talk to Nancy Ervin if you're bringing guests and/or if you'd like to help with providing food. Many thanks to Nancy Ervin and members of Grace's Hospitality Committee and the several people providing food for this breakfast gathering. Hope you'll join us!!



## New Carpet Needed

The vestry has approved replacing carpet in the offices, all purpose room, and office hallways downstairs, but we need contributions to cover the estimated cost of \$5300. It was last replaced in 1992 for roughly half this amount. We're appealing to parishioners for funds since what's been budgeted for 2010 church and building maintenance is minimal, and we're being intentional about reducing our budget deficit. Your help with this improvement is appreciated. Please make checks payable to Grace Church and be sure to note "carpet project" on your check. THANK YOU!!

# *Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends*

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

## **The Martyrs of the Sudan**

**May 16**

The Sudan is a country in northeastern Africa, home to one of the world's oldest continuous major civilizations, with historical and urban settlements dating back to 3000 BC. However, its modern history is the focus of this piece.

The United Kingdom (Great Britain) and Egypt concluded an agreement in February 1953 providing for Sudanese independence. Elections for a parliament were held within a year and by January 1, 1956, the Sudan was an independent nation. But all was not well. The civil service and all elements of the administration of the fledgling nation had been placed increasingly in Northern Sudanese hands. The government failed to keep promises to create a federal system, and civil war broke out. This low-intensity conflict lasted from 1955-1972. The war “ended” with mediation handled by the World Council of Churches and the All African Conference of Churches. The southern Sudan gained a single administrative region and various defined powers. This merely intensified the differences between the northern and southern sections.

In early 1983, the government of the Sudan was seized by northern Islamic fundamentalists who decreed that all Sudanese must convert to Islam on pain of death. On May 16, 1983, a handful of Episcopal and Roman Catholic chiefs in the south, together with their bishops, clergy, and laity declared that they “would not abandon God as they knew Him.” The slaughter began; most of those killed were Christian. And many of them were the brave souls who stood up for the “Lord they loved and knew.” These are the Martyrs of the Sudan.

This Second Sudanese Civil War was actually a continuation of the First Sudanese Civil War. However, this one was fought primarily in the south and was one of the longest lasting and deadliest civil wars of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Roughly 1.9 million civilians were killed in the southern Sudan alone and more than 4 million southerners were forced to flee their homes. The civilian death toll is one of the highest for any conflict since World War II. Why? This was an ethnic, cultural, and religious as well as political civil war. The conflict officially ended January 9, 2005; however, the world is now faced with the serious issues of refugees, starvation, lack of water, education, infant mortality, cruelty, degradation—the day-to-day life in the refugee camp called Darfur.

***Prayer:** O God, the One who is steadfast in the midst of persecution, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of the Sudan, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they refuse to abandon, even in the face of death and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Note:** It is estimated that only 5% of the population of the south was Christian in 1983. Today nearly 90% are either Episcopalian or Roman Catholic.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 S Easter •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	3	4 •6-7 Exercise Class	5 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6-7 Exercise Class	6 •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	7 •Flower Sale Prep Day	8 •Mother's Day Flower Sale
9 S Easter •8am HEZ •9am Breakfast •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	10	11 •2-4 Sit & Stitch •6-7 Exercise Class	12 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6pm Healing Service w/ HE •6-7 Exercise	13 •7:30-9:00 Choir Practice	14	15 •9am ECW Breakfast Mtg •6:30 Fellowship & Game Night
16 S Easter •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee		18 •6-7 Exercise Class •7pm Vestry Meeting	19 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6-7 Exercise Class	20 •8am Men's Breakfast	21 •10-2 County Clothing Center	22
23 Pentecost •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	24	25 •2-4 Sit & Stitch •6-7 Exercise Class •7pm MAC	26 •10-2 Gracie's Back Door •6-7 Exercise Class	27	28	29
30 Trinity •8am HEZ •9am Coffee •9:45 Ch. Ed. •10am HEZ •11am Coffee	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					
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The Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church  
 Marcia Splinter (2010)  
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 Tony Worthen (2011)  
 Reba Cook (2011)  
 Alice Boydell (2011)  
 Cory Conway (2012)  
 Sue Ahrens (2012)  
 Joan Seman (2012)

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