Mmmm Tasty!

By Robin L. Thompson
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I am really excited about May’s Gathering Topic. In our day of over-processed and sugary foods, it is nice to know there are some healthy greens just outside our front (and back) door’s. Many things we call weeds and try to eradicate are actually tasty greens with which we can include in salads, or make wines, or other edible things.

Our chapter has really grown in the last few months. We now have over 40 ladies who have come to our events. Each month we are seeing new faces show up and it is AWESOME!

We are always looking for new events to attend and put on our event calendar. We also want to know of topics that may interest the ladies in our chapter. If you have any ideas, PLEASE let us know. We want to hear from you.

Since we are now finished with the traditional tax season, if you find you want or need to make more charitable contributions, our Ladies Homestead Gathering chapter can certainly use your help. Remember if you would like to make a donation to our local chapter, it would be very much appreciated and it is a tax deduction. We are a non-profit 501(3)C corporation and can provide a tax receipt.
Regional and Community Events of Interest

Every month we will include a calendar of events that may be of interest to our ladies. If you have an upcoming event you would like to include on the schedule, please email lhg.rockbridge@gmail.com and we will include it in the next newsletter.

May
13 Frontier Co-op Order due to Rebecca Almy
21 Ladies Homestead Gathering, Foraging and Wild Edibles Roundtable

June
18 Ladies Homestead Gathering

July
16 Ladies Homestead Gathering

August
20 Ladies Homestead Gathering
29 Rockbridge Community Festival, Lexington, VA

September
18-20 Mother Earth News Fair, Seven Springs, PA
   There is a limited pass package with two weekend passes and the Mother Earth News Archive from -2013 for only $50, along with other types of packages.
17 Ladies Homestead Gathering
19 Self Reliance Expo, August Expo, Fisherville, VA **free admission
15 Ladies Homestead Gathering

November
19 Ladies Homestead Gathering

December
17 Ladies Homestead Gathering Potluck and Handmade White Elephant
Frontier Co-op Ordering Information
Our first local fundraiser!

Want a way to help your local LHG Chapter raise funds and get some great products in the process?

The next Frontier Co-op order will be due to Rebecca Almy by May 13th. Please have your order sent to becky@owlmoonfarm.com so it can be included in the order. See the associated posts on our Facebook Group page for the excel spreadsheet order form.

This is a great way to order Frontier products at wholesale and help your local LHG chapter raise funds for scholarships, free or reduced workshops, and operating expenses.

Find the catalog online here: http://daddy.frontiercoop.com/documents/FrontierWholesaleCatalog.pdf?v=2014

Newsletter Title Contest—The winner is…wait for it…

Maybe you noticed the new name for our newsletter. In April, the board decided to go with the *Hen House Herald* as our newsletter name. The name was inspired by Elizabeth Kohl and her tending to her chickens.
Local Board of Directors

According to the bylaws of the national organization, each chapter is required to establish a board of directors. If you are interested in participating on the board, please call Robin Thompson at (540-460-7143).

Current Board:
President - Robin Thompson
Vice President – Vacant, awaiting volunteer
Secretary – Becky Almy
Treasurer - Vacant, awaiting volunteer
Committee Chairperson - vacant, awaiting volunteer

Education (Gathering topics, etc) Coordinator – Elizabeth Kohl
Service (Service projects, etc) Coordinator – Rebecca Moore (resigning-need new volunteer)
Community (Hospitality, etc) Coordinator – Tara Miller
Fundraising Coordinator - Vacant, awaiting volunteer