

International Forest of Friendship Newsletter November 2014

Welcome to this first edition of the Forest's newsletter! 2014 has been a great 38th year for the Forest (www.ifof.org) and 2015 promises to be even better, so we'd like to tell you more about recent events and our future plans. A summary of the spring 2014 outreach events is on p. 1, the 2014 induction ceremonies are on p 3, and plans for 2015 are on p. 6.


Save the Date!!!! The 2015 induction celebrations in Atchison will be June 19, 20 (Fri-Sat). Within the Forest's overall theme of "World Friendship through Flying," the particular emphasis this year will be "Flying and Forests," -- Linking Earth's green spaces with aviation and aerospace. Please plan to come--it will be a terrific weekend.

Spring 2014 Outreach Events

This year the Forest participated in two weekend events during the spring of 2014 at the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Airport. The first, on Feb 22, honored Africans Americans in Aviation & Aerospace. The second, on March 15, honored Women in Aviation & Space and how the Discovery through Flight theme is alive in Kansas. Some of the posters are below. The hyperlinks to their electrons are at: [Forest Overview](#), [African-American Honorees](#), [Women in Aviation and Space](#), and [Discovery through Flight in Kansas](#). Please feel free to download and use as desired.

The International Forest of Friendship
(www.ifof.org)

A living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace in Atchison, Kansas, Amelia Earhart's birthplace




Reflect among the trees and pathways
Be inspired by the deeds of honorees

Gazebo and Forest pathway

The Forest was a bi-centennial gift to America. Plaques of over 1400 honorees line quiet pathways among trees from all 50 states, plus 35 territories and countries


Forest's overall theme is "World Friendship through Flying"



Moon Tree from Apollo 14

There are annual themes
Honorees are inducted in June

Come Join Us!



AE Statue



Harriet Quimby



Bessie Coleman



Amelia Earhart



Fay Gillis Wells

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Women in Aviation & Space

- Aviation Pioneers
- WASPs
- Test Pilots
- Professional Aviators
- Astronauts
- Flying Enthusiasts
- Educators



Jacqueline Cochran



Nancy Harkness Love



Sally Ride



Eileen Collins



Mae Jemison



Bev Sharp



Nicole Malachowski

Over 800 of the Forest's 1400 Honorees are Women

Bessie Coleman Pioneer Aviatrix Gen "Chappie" James 1st Black 4-Star General Dr. Mae Jemison Astronaut, Educator

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African-American Honorees

- Aviation Pioneers
- Tuskegee Airmen
- Astronauts
- Educators
- Aviation & Aerospace Proponents

MajGen Charles Bolden, Jr.
NASA Administrator

Bev Sharp 99s Intl President Dr. Guion S. Bluford, Jr. 1st African-American in Space Gen Benjamin Davis, Jr. Tuskegee Airman

Discovery through Flight in Kansas

Women in Aviation & Space Family Day, March 15, 2014

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KANSAS COSMOSPHERE & SPACE CENTER
Hutchinson, KS (www.cosmo.org)
One of America's Premier Space Museums

Education and Camps

Education

- National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR), Wichita State University
- KU Aerospace Engineering

Commerce

122 Kansas Aerospace Companies

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Atchison, KS (www.ifof.org)

A living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace

2014 Theme: Discovery through Flight

Distinguished Honorees:
Pam Melroy
Sandy Magnus

Amelia Earhart House in Atchison

Ad astra per aspera
(To the stars through difficulties)
Kansas State Motto

Thanks to all who came out and supported us at the Udvar-Hazy Center. We had a lot of fun!!

I also had a chance to meet with the leadership of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, KS (www.cosmo.org) in June. The Cosmosphere recently has embarked on a major revitalization effort with an emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and the expansion of public programs with interactive, immersive exhibits. This is very exciting and we look forward to working with the Cosmosphere as they implement their plans.

2014 Induction Ceremonies

Twenty-Three honorees were inducted on a beautiful Saturday morning during the annual ceremonies at the Forest on June 14. Within the Forest's overall theme of "World Friendship though Flying," the 2014 theme was "Discovery through Flight," with a particular focus on "Women of Discovery," honoring the 29 women astronauts who flew on Shuttle Discovery during her 39 missions. The ceremonies were held in the Fay Gillis Wells gazebo, surrounded by the waving flags of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 36 territories and foreign countries which have trees in the Forest. Sixteen of the honorees were 99s. There are now more than 1440 inductees in the Forest.

The honorees and their sponsors were:

1. Sue Ballew, Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the 99s
2. Marilyn Dickson, East Canada Section
3. Daphne Fautin, Northeast Kansas Chapter
4. Mr. Marvin Grunzke, Linda and Ronald Davis, award accepted by Kay Baker
5. CAPT Jean Haley Harper, International Society of Women Airline Pilots
6. Julianne Hartlaub, Wisconsin Chapter
7. The late Betty Ardell "Dell" Hinn, Monterey Bay Chapter, award accepted by Penny Nagy
8. The late Nancy Kelley Jensen, Greater Seattle Chapter, award accepted by her Husband Tom and granddaughter Emily
9. Norma Kudiesy, El Paso Chapter, award accepted by Kay Baker
10. The late Opal Kunz, Charter 99, sponsored by the Southwest Section, award accepted by Penny Nagy
11. Mary Latimer, Elizabeth Bourland Hawley
12. Cynthia Madsen, Chicago Area Chapter
13. Dr. Sandra H. Magnus, Lin and Linda Wells
14. Col Pamela Melroy, USAF-ret, Antelope Valley Chapter, award accepted by Flora Bell Reece.
15. Anna Pangrazzi, East Canada Section
16. Leslie Prellwitz, Chicago Area Chapter
17. Mr. James A Quinn, co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Chapter and Wisconsin Aviation, award accepted by Julie Hartlaub
18. Mr. Paul Rafford, Jr., sponsored by a team of 15 admirers, award accepted by Alisha Cole
19. Deborah Kay (Waterman) Reavis, El Paso Chapter
20. The late Sidney Ann Wales Sandau, Utah Chapter, award accepted by Kay Baker
21. Sherri Spagnola, Lake Erie Chapter, her daughter Janelle joined her in accepting the award
22. George Sugden, 49 ½ husband of Nadine sponsored by the Minnesota Chapter
23. Nadine Sugden, Minnesota Chapter

A photo of the honorees is below:



Front row, second from left: Sue Ballew, Mary Latimer, Sheri Spagnola, Flora Reece Bell (accepting for Pam Melroy), Nadine Sugden (accepting for herself and her husband George);
Second row: Leslie Prellwitz, CAPT Jean Harper, Julianne Hartlaub (accepting for herself and James Quinn), Penny Nagy (accepting for the late Opal Kunz and Dell Hinn), Marilyn Dickson;
Third row: Sandy Magnus, Tom Jensen (accepting for the late Nancy Kelly Jensen), Daphne Fautin, Cynthia Madsen, Anna Pangrazzi, Alisha Cole (accepting for Paul Rafford).

Not in picture or not present: Marvin Grunzke; Norma Kudiesy, Deborah Kay (Waterman) Reavis, the late Sidney Sandau,

Thirty-six Ninety-Nines attended the ceremonies.



Following the ceremonies, and in keeping with the “Women of Discovery” theme, our featured speaker, Dr. Sandy Magnus, spoke during lunch at the Atchison Heritage Center. She described her experiences on four space shuttle flights and an expedition on board the International Space Station. She also discussed issues from her perspective as the Executive Director of American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) in Reston, Virginia.



Sandy Magnus

We'd like to thank Kay Baker very much for her many years of service as Executive Director of the Forest, and are grateful that she'll continue to stay engaged even as she steps down from the formal Executive Director role.

Plans for 2015

Although we moved the Forest ceremonies up a week in 2014 (to the 2nd weekend) to reduce schedule conflicts with the Air Race Classic, it turned out not to be early enough for most of the racers, and conflicted with other events in Atchison. So in 2015 we'll return to the tradition 3rd weekend of June.

The 2015 celebrations will be on June 19 and 20th (Fri-Sat). Within the Forest's overall theme of "World Friendship through Flying," the particular emphasis for the Forest's 39th year will be "Flying and Forests" -- Linking earth's green spaces with aviation and aerospace: precision agriculture, remote sensing of ecosystems, foresters who fly, smoke jumpers, pilots and operators of fire tankers, habitat monitoring, etc. We particularly welcome honorees from these categories as well, of course, as anyone who has contributed to other aspects of aviation and aerospace.

In addition to being fascinating topics in their own right, we hope that 2015 theme will spur the development of partnerships between the Forest and many other organizations. Besides activities around Atchison, this could be an excellent chance to forge ties with agriculture-based businesses, as well as other aviation and aerospace organizations in Kansas. Since 2011 the Forest has been focusing more on ties between aviation & aerospace and the green spaces on the planet. An example was the 2012 induction of Wangari Maathai, who was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the Green Belt Movement (GBM) in Africa (<http://www.greenbeltmovement.org/>). We'd like to strengthen ties with GBM going forward, as well as work with the Explorers Club in their explorations of the biosphere, and leverage the explosion of opportunities in open source geospatial information systems (GIS) development. The use of aviation, remote sensing and related data analysis in precision agriculture could be a collaborative area. Another potential set of ties would be to sponsor educational projects, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) areas, in conjunction with organizations like Rotary International, Challenger Center, Young Eagles, Girls Fly, etc. Also, the Smithsonian Institution's "Partners in the Sky" initiative (<http://smithsonianscience.org/2014/03/partners-in-the-sky/>) brings aviation and aerospace leaders together to build partnerships around worldwide conservation efforts that will revolutionize animal tracking. In sum, this could be a very rich year for cooperation.

We would welcome discussions on these topics with anyone or any organization that's interested and would like to explore several types of relationships going forward:

- (1) Building an interest with individuals and partner organizations in the "Flying and Forests" events in June 2015;
- (2) Encouraging participation in ongoing Forest activities; and

(3) Developing an understanding of how we might work with partner individuals and organizations on future activities at the Forest. Upcoming themes include:

2016: “World Friendship through Flying”—Focused on international activities and the Forest’s 40th year.

2017: “Flying, Forests, and the Future”— Emphasizing contributions by people under 35.

2018: “Security and Solace through Flight” – Especially military aviators, flying medical staff, Angel Flight, etc.

2019: “Discovery through Flight” – Honoring those who have “pushed the envelope” in all aspects of aviation and aerospace.

We’d greatly appreciate your feedback on any aspect of the Forest and this newsletter. Suggestions for honorees and outreach opportunities would be welcome. Please feel free to reply directly to the transmittal e-mail (forestoffriendship@gmail.com) or via the website (www.ifof.org) which has more information about the Forest and points of contact, as well as sponsoring and reservation procedures. Other contact information is:

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All the best.

Pat Carrigan and Lin Wells
Co Chairmen

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