



List of Accomplishments 2016

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Social Media

Email Newsletter 2,392 subscribers

Facebook page has 5,900 plus likes

Botany Every Day page with over 6,000 members

Pinterest 20 boards, 217 pins, 10 Likes, 139 Followers, 6 Following

Videos

PHI Executive Director Marc Williams

[teaching foraging to the family of Justin Rhodes](#)

Marc participated in a video education course through the Herbal Academy discussing fermentation <https://theherbalacademy.com/product/craft-herbal-fermentation-course/>

Instagram 427 followers

Marc was featured in a [newspaper article](#) by the Ft Myers news press on his Food as medicine class at the Naples Botanical Garden

Marc was on the [Living Well Radio Show](#) with Bob Hanna discussing the topic Food as Medicine

Board of Directors member Turtle wrote a [blog](#) about a brew he made to honors Frank's legendary formula the Pearl Harbor Porter

Board of Director's member Robin Harford wrote a [blog](#) about his time with the Moken Sea Gypsies in southeast Asia.

Chelsea Gomes wrote a [blog](#) about her trip to China where she deposited some of Frank's ashes.

Marc wrote a [blog](#) about his summer time trip to the Appalachian Institute for Mountain Studies

Marc's apprentice Elizabeth Drisko [wrote a blog](#) about a class that he taught for the Blue Ridge School of Herbal Medicine

Marc's former apprentice Hayden [wrote a blog](#) about their trip to the United Plant saver's Sanctuary in Rutland, OH

Archives

Marc spent 5 hours of work organizing Frank's correspondence

Marc received 54 copies of Frank's book Betsy Breaks Her Nose from Jill.

Looking through the archives Marc recently found a more updated edition of the Plants and Healers of South Africa book than had been found previously and sent that to Evelyn Roe for her inspection. This is a Word copy so Evelyn can work on it more easily in the editing process.

Funding

We received a \$5,000 grant from the Little Acorn fund of the Community Foundation of Western Carolina

\$1,052 in Donations

\$1,261 Raised at a PHI benefit in Asheville in November

\$575 Product sales for the year

International Trips

We completed a process through the Law Clinic at Wake Forest University to develop a waiver form for our International trip participants

Marc led a trip with four participants to Costa Rica in March

Marc travelled to [Jamaica](#) as part of a US AID grant and taught classes on botany, fermentation and wild edibles. The name of the project is the [Jamaica Sustainable Farm Enterprise Program](#) and it was held at the [Source Farm](#)

Marc and Turtle led a trip with four participants to [Peru](#)

Teaching

Marc taught at the following locales in 2016

<u>Appalachian Institute for Mountain Studies</u>	Ashevillage Wild Food and Fermentation	<u>Appalachian School of Holistic Herbalism</u>
Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture	<u>Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Sustainable Agriculture Conference</u>	<u>Duke University garden forum</u>
<u>Firefly Gathering</u>	<u>Florida Earthskills Gathering</u>	<u>Florida Herbal Conference</u>
<u>GAIA Herb Farm staff training</u>	<u>Garden in the Woods</u>	<u>Genesis Farm</u>
<u>Ginseng Conference</u>	<u>Pickard's Mountain</u>	<u>Wellspring Mountain</u>
<u>Hostel in the Forest</u>	<u>LEAF Festival</u>	<u>Living Web Farms</u>
<u>Luke Learningdeer's School</u>	<u>Medicines From the Earth</u>	<u>Medicines from the Edge</u>
<u>NC State University</u>	<u>Naples Botanical Garden</u>	<u>New York Botanical Gardens</u>
<u>Holly Drake's</u>	<u>No Taste Like Home</u>	Green Scene Gathering
<u>Painter's Greenhouse</u>	<u>Piedmont Earthskills Gathering</u>	<u>Rainbow Gathering</u>
<u>Rooted in the Mountains Symposium</u>	<u>SE Permaculture Gathering</u>	<u>The Green Farmacy</u>
<u>United Plant Savers Sanctuary</u>	<u>Wild Herb Weekend</u>	<u>Warren Wilson College</u>

Marc facilitated Rachel Thomas teaching a couple classes on Traditional Latino Herbalism and Natural Gynecology in Asheville. Rachel's website is <http://hiddengarden.co/>

Outreach`

Marc tabled at Asheville Herb Festival <http://www.ashevilleherbfestival.com/>

Marc tabled at Medicine's From the Earth Conference in Black Mtn May 31st – June 2nd.
<http://www.botanicalmedicine.org/conferences/me2014/me2014genl.htm>

Marc tabled at Wild Herb Weekend <http://www.ncherbassociation.org/#!/wild-herb-weekend/ca3p>

Marc tabled at the SE Permaculture Gathering <http://www.southeasternpermaculture.org/>

Green Scene Gathering at Peaceful Valley home of BOA member Ken Crouse

Marc spent time with one of Frank's Florida friends [Andy Firk](#) & wrote a [blog](#) reflection.

Marc spent time with the incredible naturalist [Roger Hammer](#) in Homestead and wrote a [blog](#) about it

He also conducted several hours of research in the library at [ECHO](#) regarding Floridian, Central American and Caribbean ethnobotany

[igNight Solar Fire](#) was a recent event in Asheville where Marc and Chris tabled for PHI. A group of about 60 people and several other non-profits were there.

Some of Frank's ashes were placed at [Punta Mona](#) and [Las Vueltas](#)

The [online botany course](#) by donation had 38 participants

Board of Directors member Chris Jacobs went out to [Cherokee on a number of occasions](#) with various healers to offer a free herbal clinic and also out to the Standing Rock protest.

Robin did a [Green Path Gathering](#) honoring Frank for 30 people in May

Marc added to plant inventories at the [Appalachian Institute for Mountain Studies](#) (now over 300 spp.) and Hart and Mary Morgaine's Herb Mtn farm (now over 500 spp.).

We also tabled at the [Water is Life Benefit](#) which had over 500 people in Asheville.

Marc spent a significant amount of time on behalf of the [Asheville Tree Commission](#), [Urban Agriculture Alliance](#) and Buncombe county [Master Gardener Cooperative](#) Extension program largely focused on the mistake that led to the cutting down of nearly 20 year old apple trees in one of the [first modern age edible parks in the country!](#) Also a walk with Dwayne Barton to consult for the [Burton St. Community Garden](#).