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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains records of the anti-war activist group Alternatives to War, and the records of the home agriculture-related newsletter *North Country Gardener*. Alternatives to War is Series 1 of the collection and *North Country Gardener* is Series 2. Series 1 consists of e-mail communications, hand-written notes and letters, lists of people attending meetings, fliers, news clippings on the group's activities, financial statements, petitions, photos of demonstrations and other activities related to Alternatives to War. The records run from October 2001 through 2006. Series 2 includes *North Country Gardener* records of business operations, subscriptions, circulation, press releases, promotion and source material for articles, as well as copies of each completed newsletter between 1991 to 1993. Also included is a 92-page three ring binder showing the development of the publication as well as a copy of each issue.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL

Philip Harden.....bio info.....

Alternatives to War described itself as "a coalition of people in northern New York who advocate a sensible and nonviolent approach to resolving national and international conflicts". The organization's profile was raised considerably when leaders of the group successfully brought former United Nations weapons inspector Scott Ritter, a high profile opponent of the war, to Canton and Potsdam in Oct. 2002, with the help of a number of other groups and the local colleges.

This series contains a rather complete record of the activities of the activist organization Alternatives to War, a group that formed shortly after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. The organization formed following community meetings, mostly in the Canton area, in opposition to the war in Afghanistan immediately after the attacks and became more and more active in the months leading up to the 2003 declaration of war on Iraq.

North Country Gardener was a bi-monthly newsletter for people gardening in northern New York. 13 issues were published before publication was suspended after the Winter 1993 issue. Subscriptions varied from a little over 100 by the second issue to about 300 by the end of its run. The initial subscriber base was culled from respondents to a North Country gardeners survey put out by Mr. Harnden in 1990. While the newsletter was relatively short lived, comments from readers point to a well-received and highly appreciated publication that fulfilled its niche role of dispensing useful gardening information focused on the Northern New York region.

PROVENANCE

The collection was donated to St. Lawrence University Special Collections in 2010 by Phil Harnden, a principal organizer and leader of Alternatives to War and publisher and editor of *North Country Gardener*

Series 1—Alternatives to War

Box/Folder

- 1 1 **Activities and History:** This folder contains mailing lists, fliers, news clippings, e-mail and hand-written correspondence, web articles, photos, posters and other ephemera filed chronologically backward from 2006 to 2001.
- 2 **Contacts:** Contains names and affiliations of community members who attended group meetings and were interested in being active in the organization; E-mail correspondence and hand-written notes pertaining to people interested in or already actively engaged in the group. Oct. 2001-Oct. 2003
- 3 **ATW Action Ideas:** Contains e-mails, discussion points for meetings, committee lists, tabulation results
- 4 **ATW Coordinating Committee:** E-mail correspondence between members of the committee, working lists of committee members, meeting minutes, financial info, planning information for Scott Ritter program 2002-03
- 5 **ATW Finances:** Balance sheets, income statements, register listings 2002-2004
- 6 **Cost of War on Iraq-Ad:** News clippings, newspaper editorials, "A Little Perspective on \$87 billion" web article, ATW full page ad "A War on Iraq Will Cost New York State Taxpayers \$6,780,000,000"
- 7 **FORT DRUM:** Correspondence concerning a planned anti-war demonstration at Fort Drum
- 8 **If not war, What?:** Meeting minutes, correspondence news clippings and newsletter articles related to a planned conference
- 9 **March on DC: Oct 26, 2002:** Contains photos, news clippings, e-mail correspondence and web articles concerning ATW's involvement in a national anti-war protest
- 10 **ATW: Newspaper Ads:** Clippings of anti-war ads paid for by ATW from North Country This Week; info on newspaper ad rates
- 11 **Letter from NNY Vets:** Contains numerous e-mail communications from military veterans concerning an effort to get 100 North Country veterans to sign an open letter to Pres. Bush opposing the Iraq war. Also contains clippings of the letter from *The Racquette* and *Clarkson Integrator*.
- 12 **News Releases:** Press releases issued by ATW between Oct. 2001 and Oct. 2003 for various ATW-sponsored events and editorial positions
- 13 **NNY Peace Activity:** News clippings, editorials, clippings of letters to the editor, and other items related to protests, editorial positions and events 2003-2008; a list of Northern New York organizations advocating against the war
- 14 **Peace Links; Issues:** Issues of Peace Links between 2002- 2005. "E-zine" articles created and distributed by alternativestowar.org
- 2 15 **Peace Links Subscribers:** Lists of e-mail address of subscribers to Peace Links; List of undeliverable e-mail addresses; some e-mail correspondence between Hernden and members of the mailing list (folder closed to preserve confidentiality of e-mail addresses)
- 16 **Iraq Peace Petition:** Contains examples of other similar peace petitions from other areas, source materials for statements made in the petition; drafts of the ATW Why NOT Attack Iraq flier/advertisement; e-mail correspondence related to development of the petition; list of petition signers,

news release on release of petition; correspondence from Cong. John McHugh, Sen. Hilary Clinton; news clippings and clippings of print ads of release of Iraq Peace Petition

- 17 **Petitions—OK to Publish:** Contains responses from printed “Why *NOT*” fliers and petitions clipped from *North Country This Week* as well as some e-mail messages from people wanting to sign the Iraq Peace Petition and have their names published (folder closed to preserve confidentiality of personal information and e-mail addresses)
- 18 **Petitions—NOT to Publish:** Responses to the Iraq Peace Petition. Respondents did not give ATW permission to use their name (folder closed to preserve confidentiality of personal information)
- 19 **Petitions—Multi Names:** The actual petition with lists of signors. 50 sheets...approximately 750 names (folder closed to preserve confidentiality of personal information)
- 20 **Petitions—Out of Area:** A handful of e-mail messages and signed flyers from people outside Northern New York
- 21 **Scott Ritter Event:** July-August 2002 issue of *The Voice* “Perspective on Iraq” (article mentions Scott Ritter) E-mail between ATW members on idea to bring speakers to town to discuss Iraq. Correspondence between Phil Harnden & Scott Ritter; e-mails between ATW members showing progress on bringing Ritter to the North Country; notes and e-mail messages on planning for Ritter event; Press Packet for Ritter event prepared by ATW; Flyers & posters for Ritter event; pictures (digital prints) of Ritter event; Copies of *NY Times Magazine* article “Scott Ritter’s Iraq Complex”; news clipping on Ritter’s 2001 arrest
- 22 **Support Troops, etc.:** Contains internet articles, news clippings, ad proofs and other documents providing information leading up to the publication of a full-page ad asking the public to “Support our Troops, Oppose This War”
- 23 **Walk for Peace in Iraq Feb. 15, 2003:** A variety of materials concerning a local peace walk that coincided with a nationwide event on Feb. 15, 2003. Includes newspaper ads, posters & fliers, clippings, notes on development of the program for the day, speech scripts; a petition signed by approx. 300 march participants & sent to Congressman McHugh; *Watertown Daily Times* account of peace walk; *St. Lawrence Plaindealer* story; photos of event from NCPR online
- 24 **ATW Website:** Contains records of payments for domain name fees to Slic.com; “WebTrends” report on alternativestowar.org website, June-July 2002; print outs of numerous iterations of ATW website pages
- 25 **WMD Ad:** Internet articles containing information critical of Pres. Bush’s WMD statements; news clippings concerning WMD issue; copies of ATW’s “Where are the Weapons?” full-page ad

Videotape: VHS video of Canton Anti-war Rally, Feb. 15, 2003

3 **CLOSED ATW FILES—Folders 15, 17, 18 & 19 closed to preserve confidentiality of personal information**

Series 2—North Country Gardener

Box/Folder

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| 4 | 26 | Logo originals and copies |
| | 27 | Business Operation: Contains business certificate and non-profit postage bulk rate application |
| | 28 | Circulation: Contains circulation numbers and mailing list of subscribers |
| | 29 | Underwriters: records of businesses that were underwriters (advertisers) of <i>North Country Gardener</i> |

- 30 **Promotion, Misc. Campaigns:** records of subscription promotions
- 31 **Promotion Renewal campaigns:** Records of subscription renewals
- 32 **Radio:** records of North Country Public Radio program underwriting by *North Country Gardener*
- 33 **Promotion DM 1992:** material related to a subscription promotion that included free radish seeds from Harris Seeds
- 34 **News Releases:** copies of various news releases put out by *NCG* and news clippings of published releases
- 35 **Garden Tour Day:** contains lists of gardeners who took part in the tour in 1992 and '93. Press releases, PSAs and correspondence related to the 1992 garden tour
- 36 **Siberian Tomato Test:** articles, photos and correspondence related to *NCG's* involvement in the testing of potential new short-season tomato varieties from Russia (Soviet Union).
- 37 **Reader Comments:** Unsolicited comments from readers of *NCG*
- 38 **Suspending publication:** Contains a "Farewell to Readers" column, correspondence with other publications about picking up *NCG* subscribers, V.10-No. 3 of *HortIdeas* which picked up *NCG* subscribers, mailing list of *NCG* subscribers who should get issues of *HortIdeas*
- 39-47 **Material related to each issue of *North Country Gardener*:** Each folder contains correspondence with authors and artists, hand-written notes and other things related to each bi-monthly issue of *NCG*, Jan.-Feb. 1991 through May-June 1992 as well as several complimentary copies of each published issue.
- 5 48-51 **Material related to each issue of *North Country Gardener*:** Same as above through Winter 1993, as well as several complimentary copies of each published issue.
- 6 **Three ring binder—*North Country Gardener 1990-1993*:** A 92-page binder that acts as a synopsis of *North Country Gardener* showing it's conceptual development, design mock-ups, publicity, correspondence and copies of each issue of the newsletter.

Series 3--North Country Garden School

Box/Folder

- 7 52 History of North Country Garden School; logo of organization
- 53 North Country Garden School, 1994-95—admin file, proposal to Seedcorn, Inc.
- 54 NCGS post-1998
- 55 NCGS Homepage
- 56 NCGS Mailing List
- 57 Summary of workshop registrations, 1995-1998
- 58 Press Releases, 1995-1999
- 59 Publicity, 1995-1998
- 60 Insurance policy info

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| 7 | 61 | 1995 workshops |
| | 62 | 1995 seed requests |
| | 63 | 1995 Finances |
| | 64 | NCGS 1996 |
| | 65 | seed requests, 1996 |
| | 66 | 1996 video series |
| 8 | 67 | 1996 workshops |
| | 68 | NCGS Finances, 1996 |
| | 69 | 1997 budget/administrative file |
| | 70 | 1997 video series |
| | 71 | 1997 workshops |
| 9 | 72 | 1997 Ashworth Lecture—Roger Swain |
| | 73 | NCGS finances, 1997 |
| | 74 | NCGS workshops, 1998 |
| | 75 | 1998 apple tasting day |
| | 76 | 1998 Ashworth Address—Barbara Damroch & Eliot Coleman |
| | 77 | 1998 finances |
| 10 | | unfolded photo albums, slides and negatives—Ashworth lectures, 1997 & 1998 |