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Become an official Farmgirl Sisterhood member today! You can make "being a farmgirl" official by joining our ongoing, ever-growing list of Farmgirl Sisterhood members. ("Sister" is an endearing term for adult women that MaryJane grew up hearing every day. If you've read her book, you'll know what the sister thing is all about.) The Farmgirl Sisterhood's official logo is a "badge" in the shape of a hexagon, showing a hen wearing an apron. See our Sisterhood badge at www. farmgirlsisterhood.org.

Once you're officially signed up, we'll mail out your Farmgirl Sisterhood badge and a certificate showing you're an official Sisterhood member. We'll assign you a Sisterhood number and add your name to our Farmgirl Sisterhood roster at www. maryjanesfarm.org/snitz/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=21537. Also, you'll receive an e-mail newsletter chock full of everything MaryJane with special product offers from MaryJanesFarm.

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In order to join the Farmgirl Sisterhood, you must first register as a farmgirl on our Farmgirl Connection chatroom. It's free to register—just go to our website, **www.maryjanesfarm. org**, then click on "chat with other farmgirls" and follow the prompts to register. Once you're registered, you can then purchase your \$20 annual Sisterhood membership by going back to our home page, clicking on "Products," then choosing the "Here & There... Anywhere" category to order online.

Stay tuned for how-to web videos for earning various Werit Badges



henhouses & henkeeping

You'll gain access to set up "henkeeping" in our online "Henhouses." Henhouses give Farmgirl Sisterhood members a place of their own to meet online; chat; post photos; and share instructions, tutorials, and more. Anyone can read Henhouse posts, but the only ones who can "join" and post in the Henhouses are other Farmgirl Sisterhood members. You may join as many other Sisters' Henhouses as you please, as well as start your own online Henhouse, where you, as the "Hen Hencho," would be the one who defines what you'd like the focus of your Henhouse flock to be. See our active Henhouses at www.maryjanesfarm.org/HenHouseSnitz.

merit badges

Another benefit of becoming a Sisterhood Member is the ability to earn Farmgirl Merit Badges. The seven sections in my *Ideabook, Cookbook, Lifebook* cover, I think, most aspects of a farmgirl's life: Each Other, Farm Kitchen, Garden Gate, Stitching Room, Make It Easy, Outpost, and Cleaning Up. Our Merit Badge structure grew from those seven sections. Each category has three different levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert. You can earn badges in: Community Service, Community Action, Public Service, Lend a Helping Hand, Little Squirts, Plant It Forward, Growers & Eaters, Farmgirl Gratitude, Aprons, Embroidery, Crochet, Knitting, Tatting, Quilting, and more. To see a complete list, visit our website at www.farmgirlsisterhood.org/merit-badges.asp#categoryList.

why a hexagon? The hexagon, a shape that speaks the zen of the busy beehive or the wired manors of chickens (the oldest domesticated animal on Earth), symbolizes the unity and structure of the farmgirl life — a framework for the proper order of things, a pattern for life. In unwritten feminine language, it is a standard for farmgirls, or for that matter, the ordinary honeybee or the hen, rank and file workers that move the work along. It says that all things are to be done decently and in order, and that small things add up.

-A Beautiful Monthly Newsletter--Exclusive Farmgirl Badge--Access to the Forum Henhouses--Qualification for Merit Badges and Certificates--Special Product Offers from MaryJanesFarm--Bragging Rights-