Dear FCE Members,

Fall is a special time for FCE as we celebrate FCE week October 13-19. Fall’s Newsletter is the time to celebrate our regional winners from Mini-Conference. Congratulations to those on the lists that follow. Good job!

Good job, as well, to all those involved in making our Mini-Conference successful. The evaluations gave very high marks to our guest, Margaret Loose, who spoke to us about White Oak Women’s Exchange that stitches quilts for cancer patients. Lunch also received high marks.

While the business meeting was evaluated as “least favorite,” it is important to note that our bylaws require us to have an annual business meeting. Mini-Conference is actually organized around this business meeting.

The business of Western Region is a highly important part of FCE, and ALL members should have an interest in the business of THEIR organization. The Board does try to keep the business meeting as efficient as possible. The meeting will continue to be held in the main meeting room so that all wanting to participate and know the business of THEIR Region may (without the hindrance of stairs).

It’s important to remember that even the best laid plans must sometimes be tweaked. While this may come across as disorganized to some of you, Mini-Conference is, in fact, highly organized and planned. Sometimes, in relying on judges and the number of entrants in Fashion Revue and Cultural Arts, plans must be altered in order to keep the afternoon session moving. Mini-Conference is, after all, “live action.” Most evaluations showed it to be a fun, enjoyable and informative day.

As mentioned at Mini-Conference, the WR Board is asking each county to make one tri-fold display board depicting a Community Action project or projects in which the county is involved. Please bring the display board to Leadership-in-Action. Details follow in this newsletter.

Hope you have fun plans for enjoying the fall. See you soon at the TAFCE State Conference!

Sincerely,

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE WR President
The TAFCE State Board has made a donation to Family and Community Leadership (FCL) in memory of Delois Ledford, having been a State President.

For those of you interested in helping with a community action project like the WOWE project, the program *Quilts of Valor* may be for you. *Quilts of Valor* is a non-profit organization that works with sewing groups, clubs, etc. to make quilts for veterans. The brochure is attached. You can check out the website at [http://www.qovf.org/](http://www.qovf.org/).

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**Congratulations to Western Region Best of the Best winner:** Barbara McMillan, Dickson County

Congratulations, also, to the following who were nominated by their county:
Janice Gibson, Gibson County
Hilda Ashe, McNairy County
Dean Stegall, Wayne County

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**Congratulations to the following Cultural Arts winners who will go on to the State competition:**

**BASKETRY**
1. Debbie White, Gibson
2. Jane Burks, Gibson

**BEADWORK**
1. Maurine Hickman, Weakley
2. Roberta Ogborn, Madison

**CERAMICS**
1. Carolyn Maxey, Weakley
2. Sandra Newman, Gibson

**CHAIRS & STOOLS**
1. Candace Woods, Humphreys
2. Gail Mayfield, Chester

**CROCHET**
1. Candace Woods, Humphreys
2. Sylvia Simmons, Weakley

**CROSS-STITCH, COUNTED**
1. Judi Fischer, Chester
2. Rita Fowler, Madison

**CROSS-STITCH, OTHER**
1. Alice Poole, Dickson
2. Jane Morris, Chester

**DECORATIVE PAINTING**
1. Bobbie Mattern, Dickson
2. Roberta Ogborn, Madison

**DOLLS**
1. Rita Fowler, Madison
2. Sylvia Simmons, Weakley

**EMBROIDERY, HAND**
1. Frances Allen, Obion
2. Carlene Tenpenny, Madison

**EMBROIDERY, MACHINE**
1. Ann Luther, Dickson
2. Jane Powers, Decatur

**FINE ART PAINTING, OIL**
1. Joan Bedwell, McNairy
2. June Ross, Humphreys

**FINE ART PAINTING, WATERCOLOR**
1. June Ross, Humphreys
2. Gwen Daniel, Dickson

**FINE ART PAINTING, PASTELS/ACRYLICS**
1. Margo Grant, Montgomery
2. June Ross, Humphreys

**FINE ART PAINTING, DRAWINGS/CHARCOAL**
1. Nita Simpson, Obion
2. Debbie Schmidt, Houston

**HANDCRAFTED TOY**
1. Anna Johnson, Lauderdale
2. Jane Ridings, Humphreys

**HAND STITCHING, OTHER**
1. Carlene Tenpenny, Madison
2. Faith Goldstein, Montgomery

**HOLIDAY DECORATION**
1. Jane Powers, Decatur
2. Frances Carroll, Henderson

**KNITTING, HAND**
1. Nancy Hoehn, Humphreys
2. Julia Alley, Lauderdale

**KNITTING, MACHINE**
No entries

**NEEDLEPOINT**
1. Nadine Killion, Obion
2. Nita Simpson, Obion

**PHOTOGRAPHY, COLOR**
1. Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2. Gail Sanders, McNairy
PHOTOGRAPHY, BLACK/WHITE
1 Lola Sweat, Lauderdale
2 Martha Jo Gibbs, Lawrence

POTTERY
1 Nancy Johnson, Carroll

QUILTS, BABY/LAP
1 Pamela Jones, Weakley
2 Jane Powers, Decatur

QUILTS, HPHQ
1 Joyce Young, Chester
2 Emi Dickson, McNairy

QUILTS, MPHQ
1 Jane Morris, Chester
2 Barbara Isbell, McNairy

QUILTS, HPMQ
No entries

QUILTS, MMPQ
1 Mary Louise Davis, Obion
2 Mary Koebler, Montgomery

QUILTS, SPECIALTY-CATHEDRAL WINDOW
No entries

QUILTS, SPECIALTY-APPLIQUE
1 Sharron Townsend, McNairy

QUILTS, SPECIALTY-EMBROIDERED
1 Jan Lucas, Montgomery
2 Nadine Killion, Obion

QUILTS, PILLOWS
1 Mary Lois Owens, Obion
2 Sylvia Simmons, Weakley

QUILTS, WALL HANGINGS
1 Beth Tatom, Chester
2 Jane Powers, Decatur

QUILTS, ANY OTHER
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
2 Mary Louise Davis, Obion

RUG MAKING
1 Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
2 Nadine Killion, Obion

SCULPTURE
1 Linda Scott, Dickson
2 Nina Larson, Lawrence

STAINED GLASS
1 June Ross, Humphreys
2 Carole Walker, Houston

TATTING
1 Jane Fisher, Obion
2 Roberta Ogborn, Madison

WEAVING, HAND
1 Rita Fowler, Madison

WEAVING, LOOM
1 Faye Barnett, Humphreys

WOODCARVING
1 Lupita Berner, Obion
2 Nita Simpson, Obion

Special Congratulations to the CULTURAL ARTS VIEWER’S CHOICE winner:
Judi Fischer, Chester

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Congratulations to the following Fashion Revue winners who will go on to the State competition:

CATEGORY 1, SUIT, DRESSY ENSEMBLE, BETTER DRESS
1 Jane Morris, Chester
2 Charlotte Pierce, Obion

CATEGORY 2, JACKET, BLAZER, COAT
1 Betty Quarles, Chester
2 Charlotte Pierce, Obion

CATEGORY 3, CASUAL, ACTIVE WEAR
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
2 Lois Davis, Lauderdale

CATEGORY 4, CHILDREN’S CASUAL, BETTER WEAR
1 Mary Lois Owens, Obion
2 Teresa McConnell, Gibson

CATEGORY 5, TEEN’S CASUAL, BETTERL WEAR
1 Mary Lois Owens, Obion
2 Dorothy Stephens, Lauderdale

CATEGORY 6, SEWING FOR ADULT
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
2 Lois Davis, Lauderdale

CATEGORY 7, RECYCLED GARMENT
1 Jan Burks, Gibson
2 Marcia Mort, Montgomery

CATEGORY 8, WARDROBE ACCESSORY
1 Sylvia Simmons, Weakley
2 Carolee Smith, Gibson

CATEGORY 9, DECORATIVE SWEAT WEAR
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
2 Mary Lois Owens, Obion

CATEGORY 10, MY BEST FASHION PURCHASE-
CASUAL WEAR
1 Lisa Stricklin, Lauderdale
2 Linda Capra, Weakley

CATEGORY 11, MY BEST FASHION PURCHASE-BETTER DRESS
1 Teresa McConnell, Gibson
2 Ellna Roland, Chester

Congratulations to the following Creative Writing winners who will go on to the State competition:

POETRY
1 Sharon Wilson, Houston
2 Mary Jane Stansbury, Lawrence

ESSAY
1 Maggie Benson, Hardin
2 Emma Shupe, Humphreys

SHORT STORIES
1 Barbara Crews, Lawrence
2 Pamela McIntyre, Montgomery

CHILDREN’S STORY
1 Mary Towater, Carroll

FEATURE/NEWS ARTICLE
1 Peggy Ervin, Dickson
2 Jackie White, Lawrence

MISCELLANEOUS
1 Debbie Johnson, Montgomery
2 Barbara Crews, Lawrence

The BASKET AUCTION at Mini-Conference raised $1,073.00 for FCL training. Thanks to all counties who donated baskets or checks!

The TAFCE State Board has made the following changes to the Cultural Arts categories effective January 1, 2014:

A new category 30 was created to allow professionally quilted quilts to be entered:
- QUILTS, PROFESSIONALLY MACHINE QUILTED

Succeeding categories will have number changes, and the rules will be revised to allow professionally quilted quilts. The revised Cultural Arts forms should be on the websites soon.

COMMUNITY ACTION DISPLAYS for L-I-A:

We are “stitching” our FCE programs together, and “stitching” this year’s Mini-Conference to our next Leadership-in-Action.

LEADERSHIP-IN-ACTION WILL BE JANUARY 9, 2014, at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center, JACKSON (snow date January 14).

Our focus for this L-I-A will be on the Community Action area of State Projects.

-Each county is asked to create one tri-fold display of a Community Action project or projects in which the county is involved.

-Bring the display to L-I-A.

-Tables will be set up around the room.

-Time will be allowed for viewing of the displays.

-A county representative may give a two minute or less description of the project (this will be timed to allow each county a chance to speak).

-Information flyers may be included for L-I-A attendees to pick up.

-Please limit the display to just the area of the tri-fold, and make set-up quick and easy.

THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR LEADERSHIP-IN-ACTION IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. It will also be posted on the website.
HERITAGE SKILLS DAY IS OCTOBER 10, 2013, IN JACKSON.
https://extension.tennessee.edu/Western/Documents/FCE/Heritage%20Skills%20Day%202013%20website%20and%20email.pdf

Please be working on theme boards for the 2015 TAFCE Conference which Western Region will host. Theme boards will be voted on at the 2014 WR Mini-Conference, and then presented to the TAFCE Board.

Patty Mayhall, Decatur County, has agreed to be our 2015 Conference Coordinator.

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Western Region would like to extend a sincere welcome and best wishes to our new State Advisor, Dr. Laura Stephenson.

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UT KITCHEN DIVAS & FRIENDS: PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY

November 5, 8:30-Noon, UT R&E Center, Jackson

FCS Agents are hosting a frugal, financial education short course for people who would like to learn how to maximize resources during the holidays all while being savvy shoppers. There will also be a cooking class in which participants will learn short cuts to some favorite family recipes, avoiding the rush and pressure of cooking during the holidays. This short course is intended to equip participants with the tools needed to be debt free after the holidays, and offer economical ideas for cooking and decorating. A brochure with information is attached.

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Please save Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House. This is a State Project. Tabs may be turned in at L-I-A.

Please save Box Tops for Education, also a State Project, and may be turned in at L-I-A if you do not turn them in at your local schools.

Please keep track of your CVUs!

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Look for the new TAFCE Newsletter, The TAFCE Connection, on the TAFCE website. It is also attached to this newsletter.

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The TAFCE Western Region Newsletter is Family and Community Education’s communication tool for the counties in the Western Region. It will be sent via email the first of every quarter (January, April, July and October), with hard copies at L-I-A and Mini-Conference.

FCE members wishing to promote happenings for your club or county should get the information to the WR President in time to be included in the “Upcoming County Events” section. (See the example that follows.)

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS:

Humphreys County’s Fall FCE Day Brunch—“Cookbook Revue and Recipe Swap”—is October 8, with guest speaker Tammy Algood. Guests are welcome. Contact Emma Shupe, 931-209-0256, for more info.

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