Happy New Year!

A new year means new opportunities in FCE! The TAFCE Western Region Board hopes you will take full advantage of all that FCE offers to get the most out of your FCE experience.

We begin our year as usual with Leadership-in-Acting on January 9 (snow date Jan 14) in Jackson. We have plans for many educational opportunities, including FCL training. Each county is asked to bring a Community Action State Project display board and be prepared to give a two minute or less overview of the project/projects. This should prove to be an important sharing time, hopefully with new ideas to use in your own county.

Take the opportunity to report all of your club’s and county’s good works by completing State Project reports for everything done in all State Project areas: Community Action, Education and Literacy. County summary reports are due to the TAFCE Vice President for Programs Phyllis Narus by February 15. These reports are then compiled on the state level.

Counties have the opportunity to influence the 2015 TAFCE Conference which Western Region will host by submitting theme boards at Mini-Conference, August 5 in Jackson. It’s not too early to be working on these!

You also have the opportunity to let the rest of the region know activities going on in your county by submitting information to your quarterly Western Region Newsletter. Please submit your info in time to be included.

We encourage you to invite potential new members to your club and county activities so they, too, can share in all that FCE provides, including Friends, Creativity and Enrichment (and you thought it was Food, Come Eat!).

Best wishes for 2014 and a great year in FCE!
Emma S. Shupe
TAFCE Western Region President

Mark your calendars!

The first EVER Spring Heritage Skills Day will be April 17, 2014, at the Region Office.

If you attended in the past and were not able to take all the classes you wanted, then here’s an opportunity to attend a couple of classes you have always wanted to attend! We had an overwhelming number of participants who indicated they were interested in other classes but were unable because they conflicted with other classes offered. This is a good problem! It is due in part to having GREAT TEACHERS and a GREAT mix of CLASSES.
Registration information for Spring Heritage Skills Day will be sent out later this month and will be posted on the website in the news and events section; stay tuned!

https://extension.tennessee.edu/western/Pages/default.aspx

Classes offered will include:
- Painting on glass
- Stepping stones
- Chalk painting
- Splint Seat Weaving
- Burlap painting
- Techniques in quilting
- Thread painting
- Basic water color
- Canvas painting
- T-shirt scarf
- Counted Cross Stitch
- Basket making
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Congratulations to the following Western Region winners at 2013 TAFCE State Conference:

CULTURAL ARTS
Basketry 2nd Jana Burks, Gibson Co
Chairs & Stools 3rd Gail Mayfield, Chester Co
Crochet 3rd Candace Woods, Humphreys Co
Cross-stitch Counted 1st Judi Fisher, Chester Co
Cross-stitch Other 1st Alice Poole, Dickson Co
Embroidery Hand 1st Frances Allen, Obion Co
Embroidery Machine 1st Ann Luther, Dickson Co
FAP Oil 2nd Joan Bedwell, McNairy Co
FAP Oil 3rd June Ross, Humphreys Co
FAP Watercolor 2nd June Ross, Humphreys Co
FAP Pastel/Acryl 1st June Ross, Humphreys Co
FAP Draw/Char 2nd Debbie Schmidt, Houston Co
Handcraft Toy 2nd Anna Johnson, Lauderdale Co
Handcraft Toy 3rd Jane Ridings, Humphreys Co
Hand Stitch 3rd Faith Goldstein, Montgomery Co
Knitting Hand 1st Nancy Hoehn, Humphreys Co
Photo Color 3rd Debbie Schmidt, Houston Co
Photo B/W 2nd Lola Sweat, Lauderdale Co
Quilt Baby/Lap 2nd Pamela Jones, Weakley Co
Quilt MP/MQ 2nd Mary Louise Davis, Obion Co
Quilt Embroid 1st Jan Lucas, Montgomery Co
Quilt Pillows 3rd Mary Lois Owens, Obion Co
Quilt Any Other 1st Charlotte Pierce, Obion Co
Quilt Any Other 2nd Mary Louise Davis, Obion Co
Sculpture 1st Linda Scott, Dickson Co
Stained Glass 3rd June Ross, Humphreys Co
Tatting 2nd Jane Fisher, Obion Co

Cultural Arts Viewers’ Choice
Judi Fisher, Chester Co, Counted Cross Stitch

FASHION REVUE
Cat. 2 Jacket, Blazer, Coat
1st Betty Quarles, Chester Co
3rd Charlotte Pierce, Obion Co
Cat. 3 Casual Active Wear
2nd Mary Lois Owens, Obion Co
Cat. 5 Teen Wear
1st Mary Lois Owens, Obion Co
Cat. 6 Sewing for Adult
2nd Charlotte Pierce, Obion Co
3rd Lois Davis, Lauderdale Co
Cat. 7 Recycled Garment
2nd Marcia Mort, Montgomery Co
Cat. 9 Decorative Sweat Wear
2nd Charlotte Pierce, Obion Co
3rd Mary Lois Owens, Obion Co
Cat. 10 Best Fashion Purchase, Casual Wear
3rd Linda Capra, Weakley Co
Cat. 11 Better Fashion Purchase, Better Dress
3rd Theresa McConnell, Gibson Co

CREATIVE WRITING
Poetry 3rd Mary Jane Stansbury, Lawrence Co
Essays 2nd Emma Shupe, Humphreys Co
Children’s Stories 2nd Mary Towater, Carroll Co
News/Feature Art. 2nd Peggy Ervin, Dickson Co
Misc. 1st Debbie Johnson, Montgomery Co
Misc. 3rd Barbara Crews, Lawrence Co

BEST OF THE BEST
State Winner Barbara McMillan, Dickson Co