Dear FCE Friends,

Those who know me know how much I love photography, both taking photos and looking at those made by others. One of my favorite styles of taking photos is using water as a mirror to capture the beauty of nature. I love those reflections!

Merriam-Webster tells me that to reflect means to give back or exhibit as an image, likeness, or outline—mirror; also to bring or cast as a result.

As my term as your president comes to an end, it is my hope that you have learned a little, grown a little, and smiled a little from what I have reflected. I hope the time we have spent together has been a reflection of my love for what FCE represents, for the communities that we serve, and for you as an FCE member.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative for these past six years. I hope my term has been a good reflection of our wonderful region. When I look in the mirror, I see a person who has gained wisdom, and who has grown through the love of friends. It has truly been a blessing for me!

Continue to be a good reflection of FCE!

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR Past-President

“Living in a way that reflects one's values is not just about what you do, it is also about how you do things.” —Deborah Day

**Reports**

**Important Info**

Please note that the State Projects areas have changed. The new areas are COMMUNITY ACTION, EDUCATION/LITERACY, and LEADERSHIP (note that Education and Literacy were combined, and Leadership is the new area). The new reporting forms are on the TAFCE website, and are to be used for reporting for 2018.

The rules for Fashion Revue have changed. Please see the new guidelines on the TAFCE website.

**TAFCE Conference**

Western Region was very well represented at conference. Congratulations to the TAFCE Heart-of-FCE winner, Pamela Carroll, McNairy County! Congratulations to Ann Luther, Dickson County, for being the TAFCE Best-of-the-Best! Regional winners in Creative Writing, Cultural Arts, and Fashion Revue can be found in their respective areas elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ann Luther and the region would like to extend a huge thank you to all committee co-chairs:
-Decorating—Jann Vanderlinden & Debbie Schmidt
-Entertainment & speaker—Glenda Booker & Pamela Carroll

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**2019 TAFCE-WR FOCUS**

**BEE AMAZING IN FCE!**
- Favors & gifts—Pennye Mays, Diane Uher, Nancy Gegner, Pat Davison, & Emma Shupe
- Games & Recreation—Janie Jones & Sunyne McKeel
- Gift Shop—Jan Burks & Carolyn Simpson
- Goody Bags—Esther Button & Pat Davison
- Hospitality Room—Pat Woods & Dr. Kathy Hulley
- Hostess—Betty Quarles & Betty Bequette
- Invitation—Beverly Shelby
- Learning Sessions—Cindy Summers
- Registration—Sheryl Butcher (WR Treasurer) & Tammy Halliburton (TAFCE Treasurer)
- Service Project—Linda Capra & Patty Mayhall
- TAFCE Contests—Esther Button & Mary Koebler (Cultural Arts), Brenda Gray & Pam Albaro (Fashion Revue)
- Tours—Cathy Faust & Betty Neilon
- Walk-in Craft Workshops—Joyce Todd & Trisha Long

Thank you to all the busy worker bees that helped in creating an AMAZING conference. Thanks also to Beverly Shelby for the great songs. Of course, a huge THANK YOU goes to our wonderful Conference Coordinator, Ann Luther. Great job, everyone! You ARE FCE, and you ARE Amazing!

“Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many, not on your past misfortunes—of which all men have some.”
—Charles Dickens

**TAFCE-WR BOARD NEWS**

**President, Barbara Beeman**

From the Hive: As a follow up to our Bee Amazing conference, I challenge each of you to Bee Your Best! Begin with attending Leadership-In-Action on January 10th in Jackson. Each bee in the hive has a purpose, so consider what each of you can contribute!

In the Western Region, we are standing on the shoulders of some dynamic women who’ve gone before us. I’m especially mindful of Verna Thompson, Pamela Jones, Myra Storey, and Delois Ledford, and more recently, Patty Mayhall and Emma Shupe. Also, Western Region has more FCL graduates than any other region, so my challenge to each of you, if you have not already, is to serve on your county leadership team. If you’re already there, step up to region! Learn the responsibilities of each team member, and let’s design a path which utilizes your talents. Some of you have sought public office, and that’s a GREAT use of FCL skills. Another crucial skill is to recruit and mentor someone to take on your responsibilities. Let’s see how many FCL skills we can utilize to keep our Western Region Hive buzzing with excitement and productivity!

We look forward to seeing every county represented at Leadership-In-Action!

**Vice President for Programs, Cynthia Summers**

Congratulations to the following Creative Writing winners at TAFCE Conference:

**Short Story**
1. Debbie Schmidt, Houston

**Feature/News**
1. Alice Poole, Dickson
2. Aileen Edwards, Weakley

**Miscellaneous**
1. Debbie Demeris, Lauderdale
2. Aileen Edwards, Weakley

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**Leadership-In-Action**

We will be returning to the UT Research Center, Jackson, for Leadership-In-Action on January 10th (there is no snow date). Look for the registration form on our region webpage. The registration fee, which includes lunch, is $14 if postmarked by January 2nd ($17 afterwards and at the door). Pat Woods will present “Bee Your Best!”
Treasurer, Emma Shupe

Please send registrations for L-I-A, and dues and info for any new member to me. My address is 100 Greystone Lane, Waverly, TN 37185.

Education Chairs—Cultural Arts, Kathie McClanahan, Patricia Davison

Congratulations to the following Cultural Arts winners at TAFCE Conference:
Basketry 2 Twania Stewart, Decatur
Beadwork 1 Mary Meier, Lawrence
2 Gail Perkins, Henry
Crochet 1 Candace Woods, Humphreys
2 Margaret Thurmond, Lauderdale
Cross-stitch C.2 Bettina Nuckolls, Montgomery
Decor. Paint. 1 Phoebe Ray, Lawrence
Embroidery H.1 Frances Allen, Obion
Embroidery M.2 Vicky Rowland, McNairy
FAP Draw/Ch.1 June Ross, Humphreys
2 Julie White, Lauderdale
FAP Watercol.1 June Ross, Humphreys
2 Wanda Eubanks, Dickson
Handcraft. Toy2 Rebecca Hunt, Dickson
Hand-Stitch. 2 Frances Allen, Obion
Hol. Decor. N.1 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
2 Gail Rosson, Humphreys
Jewelry 1 Janice Vanderlinden, Dickson
Knitting Hand 1 Ann Dunavant, Lauderdale
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Needlepoint 1 Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
Photo B/W P. 2 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
Photo B/W Pl. 1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
Photo B/W O. 1 Martha Jo Gibbs, Lawrence
Photo Color P.2 Mary Elizabeth Bell, Weakley
Photo Col. Pl. 1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
2 Lea Elola, Dickson
Photo Color O.1 Emma Shupe, Humphreys
2 Debbie Schmidt, Houston
Quilt Baby/L. 1 Frances Allen, Obion
2 Mary Louise Davis, Obion
Quilt Embr H. 1 Mary Louise Davis, Obion
Quilt HPHQ 2 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Quilt MPHQ 2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Quilt MPMQ 2 Brenda Winstead, Weakley
Quilt Prof. Q. 1 Debbie White, Gibson
Quilt Pillow 2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Quilt Other 2 Lillie Zimmerman, Lawrence
Repurposing 2 Joyce Todd, Lawrence
Rug Making 1 Jane Stansbury, Lawrence
Sculpture 2 Vickie Rose, Gibson
Tatting 1 Jane Fisher, Obion
Weaving H. 1 Betty Cole, Montgomery
Woodworking 2 Nita Simpson, Obion

Education Chairs—Fashion Revue, Pamela Albaro, Nancy Gegner

Congratulations to the following Fashion Revue winners at TAFCE Conference:
Suit/Dressy Ensemble
1 Betty Quarles, Chester
1 Charlotte Pierce, Obion
Sewing for Adult
1 Lois Davis, Lauderdale
Recycled Garment
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Wardrobe Accessory
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
Decorative Sweat Wear
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
2 Nadine Killion, Obion
Purchased/Best Fashion/Casual
1 Alice Fennel, Obion
Purchased/Best Fashion/Better Wear
1 Alice Fennel, Obion

Thank you!

—to those going off the Western Region Board:
Linda Capra, VP Public Policy
Sheryl Butcher, Treasurer
Mary Koebler, Education Chair
Brenda Gray, Education Chair
Glenda Booker, Parliamentarian
Ann Luther, Conference Coordinator

—to the 2019 board members:
Barbara Beeman, President
Cynthia Summers, VP Programs
Debbie Schmidt, VP Public Policy
Lee Bittinger, Secretary
Emma Shupe, Past-President & Treasurer
Kathie McClanahan, Education Chair

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Patricia Davison, Education Chair  
Pamela Albaro, Education Chair  
Nancy Gegner, Education Chair  
Beverly Guinn, Parliamentarian

— to our UT Extension Advisors to the board:
Dr. Lynn Brookins, FCS Program Leader  
Tamera Adjei, Montgomery County  
Janet Cluck, Dickson County  
Rebecca Seratt, Chester County  
Beverly Shelby, Weakley County

“Reflection comes between us and every other person and object in the world. An object or the essence of the heart can never be reflected. All faith and creativity is the hunger to cross over this frontier, it is the desire for pure and total encounter and belonging. Love is an affair between a reflection and its object.”  
— John O’Donohue

COUNTY NEWS

Humphreys County

Humphreys County Council for FCE had a fun and successful Fall FCE Day. Our auction raised monies for scholarships for graduating high school seniors, for a donation to 4-H camp, as well as for other projects and expenses.

HCCFCE wishes all of you a wonderful year in FCE in 2019!  
— Emma S. Shupe

McNairy County

Pictured are VP Frances Willis, Nancy Gegner, President Barbara Isbell, and Secretary Patricia Davison donating money to the Angel Tree Network.

Sharing Hearts FCE Club has had a very busy year. We have worked on mastectomy bags, seat belt covers, and pillows for breast cancer patients at the Kirkland Cancer Center, walker bags for a local nursing home, activity pads for Alzheimer’s patients, school supplies for CAB Back-to-School Fest, and Christmas bags for the Appalachian Mountain Ministry. We enjoy giving back to our community. These are just a few of the projects that we have accomplished this year. Sharing Hearts is looking forward to what 2019 will bring for us. Hope you have had a great 2018, and here’s to having a great 2019.

— Patricia Davison

“When an incidental color or a random fragrance takes possession of our imagination, we can unexpectedly blossom into a new entity as it gives us wings and enlightens our horizon, just like canary birds that feel stimulated and start singing as soon as they sense the radiance of the sun through the reflection of the skylight.”  
— Erik Pevernagie

“Did you ever wonder if the person in the puddle is real, and you’re just a reflection of him?”  
— Bill Watterson

“The Four Heavenly Fountains:
--Laugh, I tell you, and you will turn back the hands of time.  
--Smile, I tell you, and you will reflect the face of the divine.  
--Sing, I tell you, and all the angels will sing with you!  
--Cry, I tell you, and the reflections found in your pool of tears will remind you of the lessons of today and yesterday to guide you through the fears of tomorrow.”  
— Suzy Kassem

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