Dear FCE Friends,

Do you remember when you first fell in love with FCE? For me, it was 36 years ago when a neighbor invited me to a club meeting where I found a group of friends with which to share Fun, Creative, and Educational opportunities—I fell in love with FCE!

Our Friendship FCE Club has waxed and waned, but five of us have remained true all these years. Now we are a larger group, young and old, who enjoy our monthly meetings in each other’s homes, learning research based information, as well as general knowledge from each other. I dare not imagine how different my life would have been without these friends, and without FCE and the other friends I have across the state.

Perhaps you have met someone recently, or know someone in your family or community, who needs friends through FCE, and who needs the Fun, Creativity, and Education that FCE offers. Invite that person to your club meeting to FALL IN LOVE WITH FCE!

Be thankful for FCE friends!

Emma

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR President

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.” —Amy Poehler

2017 TAFCE-WR FOCUS

DATES
October 16 1:00pm Conference Planning, Henderson Co. Ext., Lexington
Nov. 5-8 TAFCE Conference, Knoxville Hilton
Jan. 9, 2018 L-I-A, Gibson County Ext. Office (Snow date Jan. 16)
Nov. 11-14, 2018 TAFCE Conference, Memphis Hilton

“There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger and live just a little bit better.” —anonymous

REPORTS

Mini-Conference
TAFCE-WR Mini-Conference was held on August 1st at the Waverly United Methodist Church. There were 200 in attendance. Gwen Joyner, retired FCS Agent from Carroll County, gave an excellent presentation entitled You Talking to Me?—a program in the region’s FOCUS ON COMMUNICATION.

We had our regional Fashion Revue and Cultural Arts competitions, and winners of the Creative Writing competition were announced. Carol Reese, UT Horticulture Specialist, entertained us while emceeing the Fashion Revue. The regional Best-of-the-Best and Heart-of-FCE winners were announced, and congratulations go to following:
BEST-OF-THE-BEST
Carolyn Simpson, Lauderdale County
HEART-OF-FCE
Helen Edlin, Dickson County
Ann Luther, Conference Coordinator, gave an update on plans for the 2018 TAFCE Conference which Western Region will host. We had a theme board competition, won by Humphreys County which received $25.

Our basket silent auction raised $1,307 for FCL training. Our special project was The Love Kitchen in Knoxville, and we collected $76 for a love offering for it.

Evaluations were VERY positive, reflecting that this was a fun, informative day for those attending!

TAFCE Board Report—Emma Shupe, TAFCE-WR President
It was an honor to represent Western Region at the TAFCE Board meeting on August 28, 2017, at the Comfort Inn, Lebanon. A lot was accomplished:

1-The theme for the 2018 TAFCE Conference, hosted by Western Region, is: Bee Amazing, Bee FCE!

2-The host region for TAFCE Conference will be allowed to choose the TAFCE Conference theme for the conference it is hosting.

3-Cultural Arts categories will be updated starting January 1, 2018, to reflect more current member interests. Changes include:
   A-Adding new categories:
      -Jewelry, non-beaded
      -Paper Crafts
      -Repurposing
   B-Separating some categories:
      -Holiday Decoration—Christmas
      -Holiday Decoration—Non-Christmas
      -Photo—B/W, Person
      -Photo—B/W, Place
      -Photo—B/W, All other
      -Photo—Color, Person
      -Photo—Color, Place
      -Photo—Color, All other
   C-Changing the category “Wood Carving” to “Woodworking”

Please make sure that the updated Cultural Arts Category List, which says “Effective January 2018” at the bottom, is included in your 2018 county yearbooks. This list can be found on our region webpage.

Membership Drive
FALL IN LOVE WITH FCE
This is theme for our new membership drive. Membership brochures, along with information flyers for the drive, can be found on our region webpage, and can be printed in color.

Leadership-In-Action
Our next regional Leadership-In-Action will be held at the Gibson County Extension Office, 1252 Manufacturers Row, Trenton, on January 9, 2018 (snow date January 16).

To wrap up our FOCUS ON COMMUNICATION, we are asking each county to bring examples of how you communicate in your county. This could be copies of newsletters, newspaper articles, brochures, flyers, Facebook pages, etc. We will discuss these during Share-Time.

Line & Design Camp
Thank you notes were received for partial scholarships to Line & Design Camp. The notes can be found on the last page of this newsletter.
“Some people arrive and make such a beautiful impact on your life you can barely remember what life was like without them.” —Anna Taylor

TAFCE-WR BOARD NEWS

Vice President for Programs, Pamela Carroll

Congratulations to the following winners of the regional Creative Writing competition:

POETRY
1st Emma S. Shupe, Humphreys
2nd Virginia MacCallum, Houston

ESSAY
1st Janie Jones, Dickson
2nd Danita Laman, Carroll

SHORT STORY
1st Pamela McIntyre-Albaro, Montgomery
2nd Danita Laman, Carroll

CHILDREN’S STORY
1st Vicki Rose, Gibson
2nd Martha M. Pile, Montgomery

FEATURE/NEWS ARTICLE
1st Barbara Crews, Lawrence
2nd Brenda Harper, Montgomery

MISCELLANEOUS
1st Virginia MacCallum, Houston
2nd Frances Allen, Obion

Secretary, Lee Bittinger

I need your 2018 county council officer list ASAP! Whether or not your county has changed officers, I need your county info no later than November 1st. This can be emailed to me at lee4mk@gmail.com.

Treasurer, Sheryl Butcher

The membership list for 2018 from counties should be alphabetized; it should no longer be alphabetized by zip code. The new information can be found on our region webpage.

The form for a National member MUST be the ORIGINAL 2018 SIGNED FORM, not a form with a copied signature. Copy the blank form first, then have members sign it to send to me.

Conference Coordinator, Ann Luther

Congratulations to Humphreys County on their winning theme board for the 2018 TAFCE Conference. The TAFCE Board chose Bee Amazing, Bee FCE! to be our 2018 conference theme.

Our first planning session was held on September 18th at the Henderson County Extension Office, Lexington, and we got a lot accomplished. Our next planning session will start at 1:00pm on October 16th at the Henderson Co. Ext. Office. The following one will be on January 9, 2018, (snow date Jan. 16th) at the Gibson County Extension Office, Trenton, in conjunction with L-I-A.

We are still recruiting workers for all of our committees! Please let me know on what committee you would like to serve to help make this an AMAZING conference!

The following pictures show our AMAZING committees at work during our first conference planning meeting:
Education Chairs—Cultural Arts, Esther Button, Mary Koebler

Congratulations to the following winners at TAFCE-WR Mini-Conference:

BASKETRY
1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2nd Candace Woods, Humphreys

BEADWORK
1st Sandy Tolar, Obion
2nd Mary Meier, Lawrence

CERAMICS
2nd Ashley Patton, Dickson

CHAIRS & STOOLS
1st Brenda Maclin, Lauderdale

CROCHET
1st Faye Barnett, Humphreys
2nd Candace Woods, Humphreys

CROSS-STITCH—COUNTERED
1st Judi Fischer, Chester
2nd Darlene Kobylas, Houston

CROSS-STITCH—OTHER
1st Carlene Tenpenny, Madison
2nd Juanita Bradshaw, Obion

DECORATIVE PAINTING
1st Joyce Todd, Lawrence
2nd Nadine Killion, Obion

DOLLS
1st Nadine Killion, Obion
2nd Jo Anne Gill, Weakley

EMBROIDERY—HAND
1st Mary Louise Davis, Obion
2nd Carlene Tenpenny, Madison

EMBROIDERY—MACHINE
1st Bonnie Huddleston, Madison
2nd Ann Luther, Dickson

FINE ART PAINTING—ACRYLICS
1st June Ross, Humphreys
2nd Anita Richardson, Dickson

FINE ART PAINTING—CHAR/DRAW
1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2nd Sandy Tolar, Obion

FINE ART PAINTING—OIL
1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2nd June Ross, Humphreys

FINE ART PAINTING—WATERCOLOR
1st June Ross, Humphreys
2nd Vicki King, Madison

HANDCRAFTED TOY
1st Diane Johnson, Obion
2nd Brenda Petty, Dickson

HAND STITCHING
1st Carlene Tenpenny, Madison
2nd Brenda Winstead, Weakley

HOLIDAY DECORATION
1st Judi Fischer, Chester
2nd Julia Alley, Lauderdale

KNITTING—HAND
1st Nadine Killion, Obion
2nd Ann Dunavant, Lauderdale

NEEDLEPOINT
1st Sylvia Simmons, Weakley
2nd Jane Stansbury, Lawrence

PHOTOGRAPHY—BLACK/WHITE
1st Angie Menne, Carroll
2nd Beverly Guinn, Montgomery

PHOTOGRAPHY—COLOR
1st Debbie Schmidt, Houston
2nd Emma Shupe, Humphreys

POTTERY
1st Gretchen Turner, Humphreys
2nd Nita Simpson, Obion

QUILT—BABY/LAP
1st Frances Allen, Obion
2nd Joyce Kutcher, Montgomery

QUILT—EMBROIDERED—HAND
1st Nadine Killion, Obion
2nd Mary Louise Davis, Obion

QUILT—HPHQ
1st Mary Louise Davis, Obion
2nd Ann Montgomery, Carroll

QUILT—MPHQ
1st Jeanette Proctor, Obion
2nd Nadine Killion, Obion

QUILT—MPMQ
1st Aletha Henley, McNairy
2nd Ann Gambill, Dickson

QUILT—H/MP, PROFESSIONAL Q
1st Debbie White, Gibson
2nd Vicki King, Madison
QUILT—PILLOW
1st Linda Huntley, Lawrence
2nd Lillie Zimmerman, Lawrence

QUILT—WALL HANGING
1st Brenda Winstead, Weakley
2nd Aletha Henley, McNairy

QUILT—OTHER
1st Brenda Winstead, Weakley
2nd Martha Sue Peters, Carroll

RUG MAKING
1st Debby Johnson, Montgomery
2nd Jane Stansbury, Lawrence

SCULPTURE
1st Nita Simpson, Obion
2nd Julia Alley, Lauderdale

STAINED GLASS
1st June Ross, Humphreys
2nd Roberta Ogborn, Madison

TATTING
1st Jane Fisher, Obion
2nd Roberta Ogborn, Madison

WEAVING—HAND
1st Alice Fennel, Obion
2nd Nita Simpson, Obion

WEAVING—LOOM
1st Alice Fennel, Obion

Please use the updated Cultural Arts categories in 2018. The new list, which has “Effective January 2018” at the bottom, should be used in your county’s 2018 yearbooks. It can be found on the region webpage.

Education Chairs—Fashion Revue, Pamela Albaro, Brenda Gray

Congratulations to the following winners at TAFCE-WR Mini-Conference:

SUIT, DRESSY ENSEMBLE
1st Betty Quarles, Chester
2nd Nancy Tankersley, Obion

CASUAL & ACTIVE WEAR
1st Nancy Tankersley, Obion

CHILDREN’S CASUAL/BETTER WEAR
1st Joanne Gill, Weakley
2nd Katie Smith, Montgomery

SEWING FOR ADULT
1st Ellna Roland, Chester
2nd Janice Wilson, Gibson

RECYCLED GARMENT
1st Alice Poole, Dickson
2nd Betty Quarles, Chester

WARDROBE ACCESSORY
1st Tommy Howington, Gibson
2nd Katie Smith, Montgomery

DECORATIVE SWEAT WEAR
1st Alice Fennel, Obion

PURCHASED ITEM: CASUAL
1st Barbara Beeman, Montgomery
2nd Alice Fennel, Obion

PURCHASED: BETTER WEAR
1st Susie Rogers, Obion
2nd Ellna Roland, Chester

“Friendship isn’t about whom you’ve known the longest. It’s about who walked into your life, said, ‘I’m here for you,’ and proved it.” —anonymous

COUNTY NEWS

Dickson County

Dickson County FCE Council’s International Project for 2017: Dresses for the Philippines

A one day workshop was held where members from all three of the Dickson County clubs came together for dress making. The goal was to have 25 to 30 dresses for a mission group from one of the local churches to take with them on their mission trip to the Philippines. Some of the dresses were made as take home projects. To our surprise, when all of the dresses were assembled, 57 were ready to go.

Dickson County International Educational Leaders Barbara McMillan and Peggy Ervin were very pleased with the efforts of the members who worked, putting their skills together making the pillowcase dresses. Even though not all could sew, they could use other skills in the dress making project. Some ironed fabric, some cut out the dresses, and others pinned pieces together for those who were doing the sewing. This cooperative effort of dress
making is a good example of the good that can be accomplished when a group of service oriented women, like FCE members, work together.
—Sunnye McKeel, Public Relations Leader

Pat Williams and Anita Richardson are seen sewing pillowcase dresses at the Extension Office on the workshop day.

Girls of all ages were happy to receive a dress. These two young ladies were proud to have their picture made in their new outfits.

These four children were among the young girls who wanted to show off their new dresses.

**Humphreys County**

The Humphreys County Council for FCE was pleased to have TAFCE-WR Mini-Conference in Waverly. A special thank you goes out to all our members who helped in whatever way, and a very special thank you goes to Scott Reese, County Extension Director (and FCE member), and Denise Schaeffer, FCS Agent, for all of their help!

Our Fall FCE Day will be on October 10th at the Blue Creek Ag Building in Waverly. A potluck lunch will begin at 11:00. This will be followed by our annual fundraiser auction, with part of the proceeds going to scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and to 4-H scholarships. This event is open to the public. For more info, contact the Humphreys County Extension Office at 931-296-2543.

Like us on Facebook!
@humphreyscountyFCE
—Emma S. Shupe, HCCFCE President

**McNairy County**

Sharing Hearts has had a busy few months. We had a few work days, and worked on activity pads for Alzheimer’s patients, walker bags for the nursing home, and sack dresses and shorts, as well as draw string bags, for Christmas shoeboxes.

In July, we participated in providing trophies and refreshments for the Special Needs Achievement Awards. We also handed out school supplies at our county Back-to-School Fest.

We enjoyed our time at the McNairy County FCE Picnic, hosted by the Stantonville Club. Everyone brought items for the local food bank.

In the next few months, we will be wrapping up our community projects, and getting ready for our fall and winter events.
—Patricia Davison
Montgomery County

What’re black, white, and red all over? This year’s Trees of Christmas are, at the Smith Trahern Mansion, 101 McClure Street, on Sunday, December 3rd!

The Mansion will be featuring the Heart of the Home, a 2020 Vision. There will be one area featuring all hearts and red; another will be all white; and, yes, even all black trees. There will be giant trees in the grand hall, and every nook will be decorated. Over 32 designers and their helpers will touch our Antebellum home with their magic, and take this theme to a most perfect venture through the past, and a look to the future.

Our Mansion Open House, on the first Sunday in December, will kick off this annual event, with entertainment and refreshments from 2-5 PM. The event is free, and is open to the public, with many surprises around each corner.

This is the time that Montgomery County FCE clubs bring toys to donate to the Palmyra Fire Department, and bring dozens of homemade cookies for Middle Tennessee Hospital. We have provided Middle TN with cookies for the holidays for over 75 years. We have donated toys for the Toy Drive for over 40 years. Both of these are examples of some of the many programs that are built into this one event, as well as our total county FCE program.

The trees are decorated by other groups and individuals, and represent a large, diverse number of businesses, groups, and clubs. It is an excellent outreach into the community, with groups of children and adults attending and participating.

You can also come on a self-guided tour of the Trees of Christmas starting the Monday after Open House. It runs each Monday through Friday from 9:30 until 2:30, up until the week before Christmas. If there is a club that wants to come, please contact Debby Johnson at 931-368-0239, and we will try to see that someone special is there to greet you. Hope to see you there!

—Debby Johnson, Director
Smith Trahern Mansion—
Home of Montgomery County FCE

“It’s the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey.” —anonymous

IMPORTANT!!
EVERYONE, PLEASE CHECK THROUGH ITEMS YOU BROUGHT BACK FROM MINI-CONFERENCE! Dr. Brookins lost her medications at M-C, and she needs these back!! They were in a small black case. PLEASE CHECK, and contact her if you find them. dbrook1@utk.edu

“Friends are the family we choose for ourselves.” —anonymous

FCE is in partnership with the University of Tennessee Extension. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

FALL IN LOVE WITH FCE
Thank you notes from L&D scholarship recipients:

Thank you so much Mrs. Emma Shupe for my scholarship. I’m very thankful for your kindness in helping me go to 4-H camp. I have always wanted to go and with your help I’m able to go. So I thank you so much and may God bless you.

Sincerely,
Jeslynn Woodward

Dear Donor,
Thank you for your gift. I will have a great time. Thank you.

Lexie

Notes received from: Jeslynn Woodward, Lexie Bennett & Sharon Tubbs