



Changing With Today

Columbia County Association for Home and Community Education

March 2017

President's Message

Hello to all my friends,

Do you know the definition of the word rendezvous? Rendezvous means meeting people at an agreed upon date and time. We have a rendezvous scheduled for April 27th. You should plan on attending.

Rendezvous is one of my favorite events. It is an event to see many wonderful projects that were created by some very talented people. As soon as the event is over my creative side has the opportunity to ponder what I will enter in the cultural arts event for the coming year.

Everyone enters projects with the hope they will place number one in that category. At times, my entries have had a little to be desired. With that in mind, I feel I am helping someone else earn the number one spot. Most of the time I am pleasantly surprised with my placings. I do have to admit, sometimes disappointed.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the Rendezvous whether or not you bring cultural art items. It is a wonderful event with good friends, tasty dinners and wonderful cultural art items to admire.

This year's Rendezvous speaker will speak to us about "accessorizing with scarves." I have been told it is a great presentation. So, pull your favorite scarf out of the drawer, bring it along to the Rendezvous and learn how to wear it a different way. You could say, giving a new life to an old scarf. SEE YOU AT RENDEZVOUS.



REMEMBERING THE PAST—Grandma Drake's Big Loaf

I watched as my grandmother mixed the dough in the big, glazed clay bowl and kneaded it until it seemed just right. She then covered it and put the bowl in a warm place for the rising process to take

place. After a while, she uncovered it, punched it down and after waiting for while, made it into loaves and put it into pans for the final rising before baking.



Few country homes of that era had gas or electric ovens, and so wood stoves were most common. Getting the oven temperature just right was a problem, because not all ovens had a temperature gauge and if they did, they were notoriously unpredictable if they worked at all. So the baker usually opened the door, stuck her head in the oven, and checked the temperature that way. I can recall my grandmother using this time-tried method and then adding another stick or two of wood to the fire before placing the pans of dough in the oven.

I suppose she had checked the time on the kitchen clock before going about her other work while the bread baked and I can remember that later she opened the oven door and found not four, but one huge loaf supported by four bread pans. The loaf extended from side to side in the oven and was even sticking to the walls of it.

I didn't know then what had caused this problem, but now I know the extra wood didn't catch fire quickly enough, the oven was not warm enough to kill the yeast in time, and the bread had just kept on rising until the temperature did its job. My grandmother made some kind of grumbling noise but decided to make the best of the situation, closed the door, and let the bread finish baking. She then took a large knife, separated the bread from the oven walls and cut the big loaf according to the placement of the pans and now had four smaller loaves of bread again. When my brothers arrived home from school they got their slice of warm bread covered with honey and butter. If they noticed the strange shape of the slices, they didn't comment.

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Dates to Remember/This and That

NEW PARDEEVILLE CENTER CHAIR:
Cheryl Neef
N7647 County Rd. SS
Pardeeville, WI 53954
(608) 429-3889



**Don't forget to set all
of your clocks one
hour ahead!**

MARCH 12

Southwest District Meeting

April 20, 2017
Hosted by Lafayette County
More info to come next month...



Thank you for
your donation to the
Art Club for the
team quilt project. We
will use funds for our art
competition.
—CHS
Art Club

Executive Board Meetings:

March 21
May 16
September 19

All meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at the
Columbia County Annex Bldg.,
Portage

**High School Scholarship applications due:
April 1.**



FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES:
2002 Cultural Arts medallion winners



2009/04/21

2009 Cultural Arts
award presentation



CCAHCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: January 24, 2017, Columbia County Annex Bldg., 120 W. Conant St., Portage (rescheduled date due to inclement weather on January 17)

Call to Order

President Kay MacLeish called the January 24, 2017, CCAHCE Executive Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Materials were distributed, roll call was taken, and the HCE Creed was recited. Eleven members were present.

Officers Reports

Secretary – Linda Krejchik

Board members approved the September 20, 2016, minutes as amended. Correction: April Rendezvous presentation will be about accessorizing with scarves.

Treasurer – Carol Beck

Carol distributed and read the January 17, 2017, Columbia County HCE treasurer's report, which was approved as presented and filed, subject to audit.

Old Business

2016 Southwest District and Fall Council Report

The minutes from the Fall Council meeting, which was held on October 6, were distributed.

Executive Board Vacancies

Kay introduced Barbara Kell, our new chair for Marketing/Membership Committee. Welcome, Barb!

There remains a vacancy for a chair to serve the Pardeeville Center. Bobbie Goodman will see what she can do to find someone to fill it.

Kay asked for board members willing to serve on the Audit Committee along with Carol Beck. Kris Young

and Bobbie Goodman volunteered. The committee will meet immediately following the March executive board meeting.

Southwest District Meeting

The Southwest District meeting is scheduled for April 20, in Lafayette County.

New Business

Budget

Carol distributed the following: Columbia County HCE Approved Budget – Actual 2016, and the Columbia County HCE Proposed Budget 2017. Discussion regarding the proposed new budget followed: Donations – still on hold until we get a better feel for our financial future due to any State budget impact. Insurance for cream puff machine – the machine is no longer insurable because its life expectancy is beyond its prime. The Board then voted to change the title of the Savings account to Emergency account (in the event the cream puff machine had to be replaced). The Columbia County HCE Proposed Budget 2017 was accepted as proposed.

Memorandum of Agreement

Pat Wagner, Columbia County's interim Family Living Educator (position formerly held by Patti Herman, who retired in December) indicated that she would investigate logistics of the Memorandum of Agreement and report back to the Board at its March meeting.

HCE State Communicator

Board members' discussion regarding the HCE State newsletter Update affirmed its importance as a tool for up-to-date HCE information throughout the state. Also, for any press coverage involving HCE members which includes a photo, a photo release form needs to be signed by individual members and submitted to the county

office. HCE Clubs receive this form each year.

Rendezvous – Gert Stilson

Gert reported that she has received the guidelines for cultural arts. Committee members include: Gert, Kris Young, Donna Kohnke, and Bobbie Goodman. Rendezvous will be held April 27 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Portage. The speaker will be Mary Coppens (from New Glarus) and her presentation: Let's Accessorize with Scarves. Participants are encouraged to wear scarves to the event.

State Conference – Here Comes Excitement in the Dells, September 11-13, 2017 – Our Hostess Duties

Columbia County HCE members will serve as hostesses. Bobbie received an e-mail depicting the duties and a major emphasis is for us to stand out, to be easily recognized. Hostesses will wear straw hats and kerchiefs. Barb Kell volunteered to make buttons to pin to the hats as a way of promoting our HCE. Hostesses are also responsible for announcing session speakers.

Community Service in 2017

Kay reminded the group that HCE needs to reach out to other regions in Columbia County – Columbus, Lodi, etc., (not just Portage). The Board will further discuss this effort at our March meeting.

Appreciation for Patti Herman

Kay sent a card around at the meeting for board members to sign as our way of saying "thank you" for her invaluable service and guidance to HCE for the past 9 years as the county's Family Living Educator. Along with her card, Patti will receive a credit card gift valued at \$50.

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CCAHCE EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES CONT'D

Barn Quilt Tour

The HCE Barn Quilt Tour will be held on May 11. Outta Here! Travel will provide an all-inclusive package deal, including transportation. Further information, along with the registration form, will be included in the next newsletter, and the deadline to sign up will be March 15. Sign up early—first come-first serve.

Committee Reports

Marketing/Membership – Barbara Kell
Barb distributed an article which she submitted for the county newsletter. Among other things, it discusses her role as chair and the role of HCE members for recruiting. Further discussion included the question of what values do the individual groups behold ... Where do you look for people with similar values and objectives that want to join with you.

International – Margo Holzman
Margo indicated that Liz Miller will give a presentation at the November Fall Council meeting about

her trip to Lithuania. Margo discussed Haiti as the international project for next year. Side note: Donna Kohnke, HCE International for the District chair, mentioned that HCE pays dues for the HCE members from Haiti and also Nicaragua, so that they can be members of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World).

Fund Raising – Bobbie Goodman
No report at this time.

Bookworms – Marie Gabris

Marie informed the Board that the Dells Area for Young Children organization has disbanded. Marie actively served on the board. She would like that organization's remaining funds be distributed equally to the three counties it served (Adams, Columbia, and Sauk); specifically, to their respective HCE Bookworms. She will pursue this further with the bank for its feasibility. There were no bylaws set up with organization; consequently, upon disbanding, no designation had been established for the distribution of remaining funds. A

motion to accept funds (if they become available) from the disbanded Dells Area for Young Children organization was approved unanimously.

Education – Kris Young
No report at this time.

Educational Community Outreach – Donna Kohnke

No report at this time.

Scholarship – Vi Burmeister

There are two scholarships available for high school seniors to apply for. Eligibility: students must be related to an HCE member – mother, grandmother, great grandmother, or great great grandmother.

Meeting Adjournment

The HCE Prayer Creed was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Krejchik, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

UNUSUAL EVENT

A week ago I noticed a big white bird soaring over the pasture. It was a good distance from me, so I could not for sure identify the bird. Looking at it, I so wanted it to be a white eagle. I asked my nephew about that possibility. He said it was probably a snowy owl looking for a mouse or its lunch. BUMMER! Not a white eagle.



Kay MacLeish
Columbia County HCE President

LET'S GET GREEN AND GROWING



Let's Get Green and Growing!

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Rio High School

411 Church Street, Rio, WI

Registration: \$10/person

For session information and a registration form, please call the UW-Extension Office at (608)742-9680 or go to: <http://columbia.uwex.edu/lets-get-green-and-growing/>

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| 9:00 am | Doors Open |
| 9:30-10:30 | Keynote Speaker: Jeff Epping, Director Of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens – <i>"Sustainable Gardens: Designs and Plants for Greener Gardens"</i> Green or sustainable gardens make sense for many reasons – they're good for the environment and they're good for us! |
| 10:30-11:00 | Visit with Vendors |
| 11:00-11:45 | Break-out Session #1 |
| 11:45-1:00 | Lunch available by Rio FFA for \$7.00, includes sub sandwich, chips, fruit, and beverage. Visit Vendors and "Ask a Master Gardener" booth |
| 1:00-1:45 | Break-out Session #2 |
| 1:45-2:00 | Visit with Vendors |
| 2:00-2:45 | Break-out Session #3 |



Vendors include: C Squared Jewelry, Copper Penny Garlic Farm, Creative Visual Workshop, Dean Piehl Woodworks, Gerry's Garden, Laura Gramer, Lemon Blossom Fairy Soaps, Link's Greenhouse and Farm, rnb Farm, Rustic Radiance, Stone-Crete Company, Sweet Wisconsin Honey Farm (*others may be added*).

Vendors will be donating door prizes. Drawing will be held during the second session.

Garden book and magazine swap in gymnasium.
Bring yours to the exchange table;
you do not have to bring an item to take an item!

RENDEZVOUS

You're invited!! 2017 Columbia County HCE Rendezvous and Cultural Arts Show and Contest

Date: April 27, 2017

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
W8267 Highway 33, East
Portage

Cost: \$12.00 for lunch

Registration deadline: April 17, 2017

Guest speaker: Mary Coppens, Mary's Unique Boutique, New Glarus

Topic: "The Magic of Scarf Tying" — Hands-on class of scarf tying. Many ways to wear a scarf and scarf poncho. Expect to have fun and laugh!!!

Program:

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| 8:30-10:00 | Cultural arts entries |
| 10:00-10:30 | Registration with coffee, juice, and breakfast assortment |
| 10:30-10:45 | Welcome |
| 10:45-11:30 | Presentation by Mary Coppens presentation |
| 11:30-12:00 | View cultural arts and vote on People's Choice |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Announce winners of cultural arts awards, People's Choice, and "Three Cheers for Team HCE" entry |



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 **REGISTRATION FORM**
2017 Columbia County HCE Rendezvous *April 27, 2017*
and Cultural Arts Show and Contest

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____ **ZIP** _____

CLUB/INDIVIDUAL: _____

Send check for \$12 with registration form by April 17 (check payable to Columbia County HCE) to: Carol Beck, N8189 Fenske Rd., Pardeeville WI 53954

2017 CULTURAL ARTS SHOW AND CONTEST

Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education, Inc. 2017 Cultural Arts Show & Contest

Our new state cultural arts chair is Linda Sutherland. There are a few changes to the guidelines. The signature line on the registration form this year is for all entries, and not just for the poems and other writings. Each entrant will sign it or the entry will not be accepted for the county or state cultural arts shows.

Entrants will not hold CCAHCE or WAHCE responsible for any loss or damage to any item submitted for use in the CCAHCE and/or WAHCE Cultural Arts Shows. Entrants give permission for their photo, photos of their entry, and/or print copies of their written entry to be used by CCAHCE or WAHCE as seen fit.

Each county may enter up to 12 items, plus one bonus category item. An entry form must be filled out for the bonus item, also. The bonus category this year is "Three Cheers for Team HCE."

All work must be done by entrant and completed after last year's show. It must receive a first place at this year's county show. All items must be clean and laundered or will be disqualified by the judge. Kits and patterns may be used as long as the entrant does all the work.



CULTURAL ARTS REGISTRATION

Return by: April 20, 2017

Gertrude Stilson

73 Parkview Circle

Columbus, WI 53925

(print)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB/INDIVIDUAL: _____

Signature required by all cultural arts entrants: _____

Sticker awards were used at the WAHCE Cultural Arts Show last year. We are going to try using stickers for our CCAHCE Arts Show this year in place of ribbons. If you are a winner and would like to be awarded a ribbon, please let us know when you send in your registration.

The state conference is being held at the Glacier Canyon Lodge Convention Center in Lake Delton, which is part of the Wilderness Resort, on September 11-13. We can take the county winners' entries on Sunday, September 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and/or Monday from 9:00-11:30 a.m., but all need to be checked in together with your leader.

The Southwest District is in charge of the state conference, and since Columbia County is in this district, we will be helping to host the conference. I hope more of our district members and friends will be attending. It is definitely worth it to go for at least one day to see the cultural arts display (Tuesday-daytime) and see the wonderful entries from the talented members of HCE.

If you have any questions, please call me at 920-623-5788.

Gertrude Stilson
CCAHCE Cultural Arts



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