

# TAFCE WESTERN REGION NEWSLETTER

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*

Emma S. Shupe, TAFCE-WR Past-President

*"A lake is a landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is Earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."*  
—David Thoreau

## 2019 TAFCE-WR FOCUS

**BEE  
AMAZING  
IN FCE!**



## DATES

Jan. 2 L-I-A registration due  
Jan. 10 Leadership-In-Action,  
UT Research Center, Jackson  
April 3&4 Quilt Workshop:  
-Instructor is Linda Bower  
-RSVP by Jan 31 to Dr. Lynn Brookins  
at 731-425-4724 or [dbrook1@utk.edu](mailto:dbrook1@utk.edu)

*"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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- Favors & gifts—Penny Mays, Diane Uher, Nancy Gegner, Pat Davison, & Emma Shupe
- Games & Recreation—Janie Jones & Sunnye 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 Neilson
- 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!



### *Leadership-In-Action*

We will be returning to the UT Research Center, Jackson, for Leadership-In-Action on January 10<sup>th</sup> (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 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$17 afterwards and at the door). Pat Woods will present “Bee Your Best!”

*“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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
Miscellaneous	1 Debbie Demeris, Lauderdale
	2 Aileen Edwards, Weakley

### *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

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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