



# TAFCE Connection

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**TAFCE PRESIDENT  
GLORIA FISHER**



## Salute to Health Care

Greetings,

Since the founding of this organization in June 1936 our members have been active in effecting positive actions within our communities and na-

tion. FCE has been at the forefront of encouraging betterments for society. Just a few of the effective activity of our membership is highlighted in this article.

Through influence and lobbying, in the 30s our members promoted favorable public opinion for investing funds for the establishment of Public Health Services. People voted to establish county health departments.

In the 40s members prepared hot meals and took them to local classrooms. As new schools were built, members lobbied to have kitchens built which led the way for the hot school lunch program.

Members focused on nutrition in the 60s. National board members were invited to Washington, D. C. to testify in favor of establishing the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. This EFNEP program was funded by Congress and was implemented by Cooperative Extension Service with local assistance by FCE members.

Throughout each decade following the founding in the 1930s, FCE has been involved in bettering the community. A few of the recent successful projects include "Wrapped-In-Love" (blankets and hats for cancer patients), "Project Linus" (Blankets for children), and "Masks of Love" (making protective masks against COVID).

In support for this year's TAFCE program, Salute to Health Care Workers, ways are being used to let those who are first responders, staff in facilities and offices, and other health care settings that we support them. Many are being thanked by FCE members, clubs, counties, and regions. Some are sending cards, delivering pizza, snacks, water to hospital floors, nursing homes, doctors' offices, police stations. In one situation flower arrangements are being created to deliver to nurses stations.

At camps, retreats, and the 2022 conference there are activities that will be available for participants to create personal thank you.

The Hearts of FCE members are awesome!

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Remember these are "State" deadlines,  
NOT Region or County.

July 1	CVU's due-VP for Public Policy
July 1	Applications for New 50 Year Members
July 15	State Conference Reg. Packet forms sent to county
July 14-17	NAFCE Conference Portland, Oregon
July 29	FCL Class List to VP for Public Policy
August 1	Best of the Best to VP for Public Policy
August 1	FCL List and checks to State Treasurer
August 1	State Officers Nomination Forms due to Past President.
Aug. 29-30	State Board Meeting Lebanon
Aug 30-31	FCL Class Training, Lebanon
Sep. 1	Credential Form mailed to Voting Delicates.

## Newsletter Deadlines

October– September 1

Send Newsletter articles via email to the  
Educational Chair Crystal Holt



We are so proud of our member for showing their appreciation for all the hard work the health care workers have done within their community.



Sharing Hearts FCE is delivering cookies and a card signed by all members today in McNairy County.



**PAST PRESIDENT ADVISOR**  
**Wanda Briddelle**

**WESTERN REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR**  
**Esther Button**

Greetings from Mt. Juliet.

I am pleased to share with you  
the following from our 2021  
Creative Writing



**My Green Glass Bowl**

This green glass bowl  
That sits on the cabinet shelf,  
Not cut glass or even spectacular  
It sits all by itself.

Seems my daddy bought it  
Picked it out all by himself too,  
That made it extra special  
As this farmer did not normally do.

He wanted to do something for my mama  
That would touch her sweet heart,  
That he had little money or time  
But this was his part.

Now that green glass bowl  
When I touch to shine,  
Makes me remember them both  
And special memories that are mine.

Amy Wall  
Obion County  
Western Region  
Category: Poetry: First Place

TAFCE.org, website is accessible to everyone to find the Cultural Arts Forms, and any other form, Newsletter, ect. you may need.

In your search bar type in TAFCE.org, you are now on the official web site. Now look to the top right and look for member, click on it. Now scroll down to Forms, and click on it, now scroll down to Cultural Arts, it will read.

- Categories and Rules
- County Winner Report Form
- Region Winner Report Form
- Tags

Tags are the Information Tag you need to fill out completely, that means every line needs to be filled out, and secure to the Item and do not take it off Item. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners Has to have this tag on their Item when it goes to Regional. When you win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Regional it will go to State, this same Information Tag that was filled out on the County level, that went to Regional, has to be on Item when it reaches the State Conference.

When you have won 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the County level and on Regional level the same Information and Brief description should go on the County and Regional Winner Report Forms as it is on the Information Tag. (In other words, the same Information that is on the Information card should be the same on the County and Regional Winner Report Forms).

Each Form can be filled out online so it is legible to read, then it can be printed off and mailed or saved to a file then e-mailed to the next Cultural Arts person in line. It goes from County to Region Cultural Arts person and from Region to State Cultural Arts Person.

Please be advise that the Information Tag Must Stay on your item Securely if you win 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place all the way to State. If you want to enter your Item in an outside of FCE event, Example: County Fair, please leave your FCE Information tag Securely on your Item, just make sure that it is closed so that no one can see who made it. If for some reason they say you must take it off to enter it in the event, be responsible enough for getting it back on the Item if it is to go to Regional or to State.

Attention: I would like to let everyone know how we add the categories and how they are deleted (taken off) the category list.

**Adding a Category**

1. If you want an item added to the category list for Region and State it must be added on your County level first before being presented to Region.
2. Then you take it to your Regional Cultural Arts person showing that you have had entries and interest in the specific category.
3. Important that there are enough people Interested in entering this category or categories for it to be added to the State Cultural Arts Category List.
4. Once it has been on the Regional Level for 3 years, the Cultural Arts person can take it to the State Cultural Arts Chairperson.
5. It will then go before the State Board to be vote on to add it to the category list.

**Deleting a Category**

1. When a category is deleted (taken off) of the category list it is because it has not had any entries in the category for at least 3 years.
2. Records are kept on how many entries make it to Regional and to State.
3. If you won 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place and do not take or send your Item with someone to Regional or to State after winning 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place, our records show that no one is entering or (not interested) in this category or categories anymore.
4. The Cultural Arts Chairperson is responsible for bring unentered categories before the TAFCE State board to be voted on to be Deleted (take off) from the Cultural Arts List, after 3 years of low or no entries.
5. With that being said, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> winners we encourage for you to bring Item(s) or make arrangements for your Item(s) to be transported to Regional and then State Conference if you're not able to be there in person.

I hope that this Information will help everyone understand the importance of this Information and how things work.

Please Share This Information With your Club and other Clubs.

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**EASTERN REGION PRESIDENT**  
Joyce Ernst



Eastern Region is continuing with our virtue Camp-A Long sessions this year as they are a huge success with our members. Our next Camp- A- Long is scheduled for May 18 led by Kelli Roberson, UT agent from Cumberland County. There will be a Dot -to Dot painting craft demonstration with painting on a rock and we are blessed to be able to present an informational demonstration of Volleyball.

Our Annual Spring Conference will be held May 24-26 at the Greeneville 4 H Camp facility. Our theme for this year is "A Sprinkle of Old: A Drizzle of New!" We will have informative classes including crafts, cooking, chair volleyball and a class on CVU's. A highlight of our three-day camp is our table decorating contest as counties decorate tables for our banquet lunch and compete for prizes. The Holston United Methodist Home for Children has been chosen to be supported by this year's Spring Conference. Leslie Sharpe and her camp committee are working diligently to make this regional conference another great success.

Eastern Region has also began working on plans for our annual Fall Conference on September 19th. This year we will be moving it from Knoxville to the Southeastern Corner of Eastern Region. We will have our Cultural Arts and Fashion Review events as well as a delicious lunch and entertainment. Our theme will be "Rock On!"

Some of our clubs are planning events for Salute to Health Care Workers.

I hope all of you are enjoying these beautiful spring days!

**CENTRAL REGION PRESIDENT**  
Mary Alice Weber



Anticipation is mounting as the upcoming Central Region Leadership Retreat approaches, held May 24 to 26, with the option of an extra night on May 23. We expect a leisurely experience on the small, intimate campus of UT Southern in the green, rolling hills of Pulaski, Tennessee. Registrants include 108 FCE members, agents, and a non-FCE member for marketable skills (arts and crafts classes), learning sessions, and physical activities such as a chair volleyball class and an opportunity for early morning walks.

Educational tours are an option, to the 1868 STARR Theatre Historic Antoinette Hall Opera House in downtown Pulaski and the Trail of Tears and Rock Building Memorial, all within walking distance of the campus. The memorial was built near the convergence of the two Trails of Tears that passed through Pulaski and Giles County. Wednesday evening we will be entertained by an action-adventure romantic comedy, The Lost City, in the on-campus movie theater.

We have the choice of staying in a single or double traditional dorm room, or apartments for 4 people, as full timers; or commuting either one or two days and sleeping in your own bed! We are eagerly anticipating making new memories, new friends, and learning lots! The retreat committee has spent many, many hours planning and preparing. Thank you to the Retreat Committee, chaired by Carolyn Binkley, Barbara Brackett, Charlene Budd, Wendy Drumm, Deborah Foster, Patty Priest, Peggy Richmond, Myra Walker, FCS agent, Patsy Watkins, FCS agent and Mary Alice Weber.

Save the Date! We are making plans for the Central Region Annual Meeting on September 9, 2022 for cultural arts, fashion review, and region awards. I hope you are busy creating and plan to enter a new category this year. It will not be long until you will receive your email packet all about the 2022 TAFCE Conference, November 13-16, at the Marriott in Franklin/Cool Springs. Pack your boots, pack your hat, and plan to have some FUN! Saddle Up! Nashville is our service project.

I heard from a former FCE member this week who was inspired by a local newspaper article about FCE activities and plans to reach out to join a local FCE club in her new community. Keep volunteering, keep sharing your FCE stories, and let's build our membership in FCE!

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VP for Programs  
Pamela F. Sites

I would like to remind everyone that the 50 Year Membership is due to me by July 1, 2022. Since there was no annual conference in 2020, the board will feature the ones who have reached this milestone in the newsletter.

**Carol Walker** is from Houston County in Western Region. She joined in 1970 and belongs to the BB Club. Carol says that learning cake decorating has been her highlight of FCE. She cherishes the friendships and enjoys learning new things.

**Martha June Tune Life** is from Bedford County in Central Region. She joined in October of 1969 and belongs to the Town and Country Club. Martha has served in various officer positions. Martha needlepointed the piece for Bedford County on the Heritage needlepoint piece project in 1986 celebrating Homecoming '86 project. Along with needlepointing, Martha enjoys going to Retreat, and the state annual meetings. She is thankful for the many things she has learned from all the leaders of FCE.

**Marjorie Anderson** is from Coffee County in Central Region. She joined in 1969 and is a member of the Noah Club. Marjorie says the FCE club has been a "monumental influence" in her life. Because of FCE she has learned homemaking and leadership skills. She also values the friendships she has made over the years through FCE.

I would like to congratulate these ladies who have achieved 50 years. You will be honored at our 2022 conference.

The TAFCE board has chosen the scholarship winner and will be announced in the next newsletter.

*Pamela Sites*

CENTRAL REGION EDUCATIONAL CHAIR  
Crystal Holt



As we get back to normal it has been so nice seeing all the great things people have been doing throughout community. I have enjoyed seeing all the pictures of our members getting out there and participating in our state project salute to health care workers. In the past couple of years health care workers have not been valued enough and sometimes they can feel taken advantage of so it is always nice to take a small amount of time to tell them how much they are appreciated within our community. Keep up the great work and remember I am always here if you have any Communications/IT questions. Please remember to reach out to our members if they are still not able to get out. We want to remind them they still care and that they are still important to us.



**New Logos**

We are so pleased to have our new logos. At this point, it is just to be used on state-wide documents, newsletters, promotional items, etc. As soon as the board determines the guidelines for its usage, and it is under copyright protection, instructions and suggestions on how county and regional clubs and groups can use it will be communicated.



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Vice President for Public Policy  
Patricia Davison



### FCL CLASSES

What does saving a tree and a house, making airplanes, the meaning of the pig you drew, stretching exercises and make your pie and eat it too all have to do with FCL? You will never know what our instructors will come up with in teaching an FCL Class. They also had lots of group discussions on several topics and bounced a lot of different ideas off each other. We had a lot of fun and acquired a lot of tidbits of knowledge with our 16 participants, and our 10 instructors. For three of our participants this was their last sessions to complete their 30 hours and now will be graduating at TAFCE Conference in November. Come join us in August for our FCL Training. If you don't know what FCL is about, please ask some or contact me.

If you are a graduate of the FCL Training, would you please send me an email at [pdavisonfce@yahoo.com](mailto:pdavisonfce@yahoo.com) and let me know that you have graduated, taught either 1 or 2 sessions and if you remember the date for graduating and teaching that would be very helpful also. I am working on compiling a list so that I will have everyone who would be able to be an instructor for our FCL Program.

### CVU HOURS

CVU HOURS ARE DUE TO ME BY JULY 1, 2022. They are a vital part of what we do !!

**PLEASE – PLEASE – PLEASE KEEP TRACK.** When you work on your projects for FCE, cultural arts, fashion review, talking on the phone to other FCE members about FCE, checking on a friend, running errands, getting items to make food for an activity at church or a sick friend, praying for someone on the phone or in person, visiting a sick friend – you get the idea – **WRITE DOWN YOUR HOURS AND REMIND FELLOW FCE MEMBERS TO WRITE THEM DOWN.** You will be surprised at just how many hours you do give of yourself to FCE.

### 2022 TAFCE BEST OF THE BEST

Who will it be?? Have your Best of the Best Nominations Packet to me by August 1, 2022. The winner will be announced at the 2022 State Conference in November.



## Saddle Up with FCE

Your 2022 Conference is in great hands with Committee Chairs and Co- Chairs dedicated to making this an exciting conference. Your pin is designed and ready to order. Your gift is ordered, Prom favors are in, Cowgirl Prom and Tuesday morning speakers are lined up, Walk-In Classes are almost finished, Creative Craft Classes are complete, Education Sessions are filled, and Tours are ready and waiting! Your Service

Project is in the making and get ready to line dance.

\*\*\*NEWS!\*\*\*\*\* Instead of your Packet being mailed to County Council Presidents, the TAFCE Board voted to have the Registration Packet emailed to Extension Agents and Board Members by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Agents will email it to County Council Presidents who in turn will email it to local club members. Don't have email, have no fear, Agents and Council Presidents know who you are and will make sure your copy is printed. Also, the Packet will be online in both the TAFCE and Central Region Newsletters.

Start making your plans to Saddle Up with FCE and attend the 2022 TAFCE Conference November 13-16 at the Franklin Cool Springs Marriott.



UT Advisor  
Shelley Barnes

## THANK YOU

I want to say a special thank you to the over 250 FCE members from across Tennessee who donated over 4,000 hours of work to complete the QUILT FCE project. This volunteer work is an estimated economic value of \$119,800.00 to the state of Tennessee, according to the Independent Sector.

My thanks also go to each and every UT-TSU Extension Agent who helped with the project, Dr. Janet Fox, the FCS Regional Program Leaders for their support and Charles Denny, UTIA Producer, who showcased it in one of his videos. Watch that video here, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiYxAz2AEWU&t=3s>.

It is because of each of you that 7 quilts have been presented to FCE members who lost or had damage to their homes either in tornadoes or floods that occurred in 2020 and 2021. Those members are:

Judy Graves of Humphreys County

Peggy Moore of Humphreys County

Nancy Hoehn of Humphreys County

Gretchen Turner of Humphreys County

Pat Grimes of Putnam County

Debby Moore of Stewart County

Penny West of Wilson County

Shelly Barnes and I were at each presentation of the quilts to these special ladies and were so impressed by each of them. It was indeed an honor to be a part of the project and it did live up to the name Qualified Unique Individuals Learning and Teaching FCE.

Wanda Briddelle

Article Submitted by

Shelley Barnes







## TAFCE Fundraiser

TAFCE is hosting a fundraiser this year. We will be selling shirts with our new logo on them so that our members can show it off in their local community. We would love to gain more interest in the organization and we are hoping with our members wearing this shirt around it will spark some conversations so we can gain new membership. If you would like to place an order please contact Crystal Holt or Pamela Albaro



Screen Print	Size	Price	Embroidered	Size	Price
Short Sleeve Tshirt	Small -		Polo	Small-	
	XLarge	\$16.00		Xlarge	\$23.00
	2XL	\$17.00		2XL	\$24.00
	3XL	\$18.00		3XL	\$25.00
	4XL	\$19.00		4XL	\$26.00
	5XL	\$20.00		5XL	\$27.00
Long Sleeve Tshirt	Small-Xlarge	\$18.00	Hoodied SweatShirt	Small-	
	2XL	\$19.00		Xlarge	\$27.00
	3XL	\$20.00		2XL	\$28.00
	4XL	\$21.00		3XL	\$29.00
	5XL	\$22.00		4XL	\$30.00
				5XL	\$31.00
Hooded SweatShirt	Small-Xlarge	\$27.00	Non-Hooded SweatShirt	Small-	
	2XL	\$28.00		Xlarge	\$20.00
	3XL	\$29.00		2XL	\$21.00
	4XL	\$30.00		3XL	\$22.00
	5XL	\$31.00		4XL	\$23.00
				5XL	\$24.00
Non-Hooded SweatShirt	Small-Xlarge	\$20.00	Zippered Hooded Jacket	Small-	
	2XL	\$21.00		Xlarge	\$30.00
	3XL	\$22.00		2XL	\$31.00
	4XL	\$23.00		3XL	\$32.00
	5XL	\$24.00		4XL	\$33.00
				5XL	\$34.00
Polo	Small-Xlarge	\$23.00			
	2XL	\$24.00			
	3XL	\$25.00			
	4XL	\$26.00			
	5XL	\$27.00			
Zippered Hooded Jacket	Small-Xlarge	\$30.00			
	2XL	\$31.00			
	3XL	\$32.00			
	4XL	\$33.00			
	5XL	\$34.00			

