



HCE NEWSLETTER

August/September 2016

St. Croix County Association for Home and
Community Education



Did you know? There is a wealth of information in the newsletter. Members receive it every other month and it contains upcoming meetings for local clubs, regional and district meetings and annual meeting for the State of Wisconsin. There are many new ideas and hands on learning sessions available for little or no cost. Try us! You might like us!!

Submitted by Donna Wilcoxson

As we get ready to say goodbye to summer we get to say hello to fall. I love the fall for so many reasons; the crisp air, the golden sun, the smells of fall, the comfy clothes, bonfires to keep you warm, and the fall foods. There are so many things to do in the fall and I would love to share some of my favorites with you.

Go apple picking at your favorite orchard or maybe even your backyard. If you eat them fresh or bake some yummy treats with them, both ways are delicious! Decorate your porch or house with some fall flair, with some corn husks and vibrant colors from pumpkins, gourds, or fall flowers it's always a pleasant view! Craft with some fallen leaves or other fall items and get a jump start on your cultural arts for next year. Open the windows and let that crisp fall air in and get some fresh air in your house. Take a stroll or drive and take in the beauty of all the fall colors on those trees. Bake your friend or yourself a fall pie, the smell of fall pies will fill your house with amazing smells and taste good too. Knit a fall scarf to keep you or a friend warm on the cooler nights or get ready for winter. Attend a fall festival to have all things fall in one location. Have a fall canning party, not only do more hands make less work you can trade canned goods with your friends. Light your favorite candle, bought or homemade, for the aromatherapy and the ambiance. Find your inner child and do a corn maze or a hay ride and when those leaves are all raked, jump in them or lay in them and take in the views above you. Visit a pumpkin patch to get the perfect pumpkin for Halloween. Toast those pumpkin seeds from your pumpkin for a healthy and delicious snack!

~ Melissa Heath

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St. Croix County Executive Board Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2016; 2:00 pm
Ag Service & Education Center

The meeting was called to order by vice president Wanda Breitbach at 2:00pm. Pledge and creed recited.
Roll Call Present: Eunice Hop, Joan Sprain, Linda Sutherland, Mary Hampton, Phoebe Shourds, Bev Wubbels, Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach, Donna Wilcoxson, Jean Kelley, Marie Nelson with Guest: Jolane Anderson, Shirley Grinley

Secretary Minutes: Approved Phoebe Shourds/Donna Wilcoxson

Treasurer Report: Approved

Old Business:

Fairy Garden Tour – See Wanda’s Report – 6 people, 2 cars, I spy Game, Meal at Toad House and Ice Cream – Fun drive. People that worked on Fairy garden bring to Fair building for display.

Phoebe to provide a few pictures to Linda for display.

Linda Sutherland reported on the huge success the fidget mats were at Deerfield. The orders are flooding in – we will work on this project again in 2017. Made the presentation and working on the Stitches of Love booklet for state conference.

Phoebe Shourds Reported - Kwik Trip Script Cards – First batch sold out quickly and ordered second batch – will be selling at the fair and to anybody else that wants to support HCE. Eunice obtained some free note cards and Melissa printed an informational note to be included, explaining what we are doing.

Phoebe Shourds reported on Fair coverage – just needed to fill in some time on Saturday – otherwise thank all for signing up and working. We will clean and sort books on July 20 – 9:00 – noonish. All displays will need to be up and presentable for judging on Thursday – New date for judging. Getting new sign for outside of building. Glover offered to pay \$100 towards sign and balance to come from Kwik trip card redemption.

Further Fair Building Comments: Linda Sutherland working on Fairy Garden and Cultural Arts displays. Betty Lee and Shirley Grinley working on WI Bookworms Displays, Honey Doers working on Little Free Library Display. Updating Scholarship and Membership Displays. Lots of books, thanks to Eunice getting from Baldwin Library and my friends donating. Already getting in Silent Auction items.

New Business

Linda Sutherland – working on a Dinner and Show for October 1 at the Hudson House “That lovin Feeling”. Details to follow.

Wanda asked that we start thinking about ideas for training for 2017 – in addition to the ideas we will get from State Conference. These will be discussed at the November planning meeting.

Mary Hampton shared what Honey Doers has been doing in their club – see her report – Little Free Library.

Farm City Days – Crisdhome Farm – New Richmond/Star Prairie area – Linda and Phoebe to man the table.

Sign up sheet for Garden Gig invites. Promote Garden Gig. – See Flyer in newsletter

Fall Council – Eunice Hop reported that there will not be a sign up – pay at the door – information in either this newsletter or the next one.

Linda Sutherland motioned to adjourn, Bev Wubbels seconded.

Closed with the Prayer.



Cultural Arts

Hello and an awesome August to everyone. Another county fair has come and gone so it's on to September and our state meeting. At our Spring Council meeting we discussed the possibility of going to see a play in October rather than having a craft day. I have lined up a good play to see at the Hudson House Dinner Theater in Hudson. 'That Lovin' Feeling' is about the Righteous Brothers and should contain some good music. The date is October 1st and is for lunch with a matinee show. We would need to be there by 12:00pm with the play starting at 1:00pm and ending at 3:15pm. The ticket price is \$44.00 and includes lunch with beverages, dessert during intermission, the play, tip and tax. I have reservations for only 20 people so I would suggest letting me know if you are interested in going no later than August 5 with the money due to me by August 25. I will be paying for the tickets by September 1.

Linda Sutherland
1594 5th Ave
Star Prairie, WI 54026
715-248-7279 (leave a message)

2016 HCE Contribution form for the remainder of 2016

The 2017 contribution form will be in the November/December newsletter after the planning meeting. Kindly fill in - Clubs and individuals are doing some awesome things and I'd like to capture those times and dollars. I will merge the two together next year and forward to state board person collecting that information.

Thank you!
Submitted by Phoebe Shourds
Phoebe Shourds 715-821-1606 Mobile

St. Croix County Fair

The St. Croix County Fair was a hot one this year! If it wasn't hot it was raining. We did get some decent weather but the numbers appeared to be down this year. It was still a great fair regardless of the weather as we had the opportunity to promote HCE and all the great things we do. More details on the silent auction and book sales to come in the next newsletter. Thank you to the members who worked in the HCE building this year, your time given was much appreciated!!

Bookworm Trail

Elizabeth Lee and Shirley Grinley volunteer to read in the cabin sponsored by HCE at the Bookworm Trail located at the Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake in Hudson.

The Bookworm Trail is a 0.5 mile paved trail with different habitats. The trail is handicapped accessible and surrounds a restored prairie and a small wetland. Along the way are five themed child sized “homes” to take a break and read a book. Books are placed at each station and reflect the unique theme of each station.

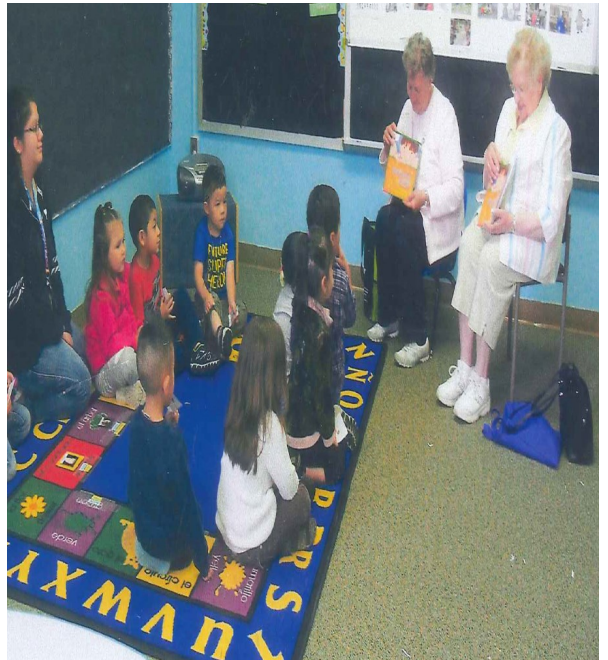
Once a month, the park holds a Bookworm Trail Read. It is an evening of stories from local sponsors, local authors and nature crafts. The Trail Read events were held in June and July and again in August and September.

Wisconsin Bookworm

HCE members, Elizabeth Lee and Shirley Grinley read to approximately 55 children, ages 3-5 years, each month throughout the school year at the Head Start School in New Richmond.

After reading the story the “grandma readers” give the children a small item they made that pertains to the story. Each child also receives a book to take home.

The Bookworm of Wisconsin is designed to recognize and promote the value of reading to children. The program is sponsored by HCE, Wisconsin Public Television and UW Extension. The WPT (Wisconsin Public Television) reviews books and picks the books that are read.



Little Free Library

HCE Club, "The Honey Doers", has donated a registered "Little Free Library" with an official charter sign and number to the Highland Ridge Campground located in the northern part of the Eau Galle Recreation Area. All of the club's members participated in the 10 month project and they celebrated the completion at the campground with a picnic and enjoyable evening together. Permission was sought from the park rangers, a visit was made to the original offices of the "Little Free Library" in Hudson, Wisconsin, and a collection of appropriate books for men, women and children was gathered by the club members. The Library was built by Gordon Grinley, husband of one of the members, and installed by the park rangers at their interpretive building in the campgrounds. There are 38 camp sites in the campgrounds and it is a popular place for families. There is also an equestrian camping area along with riding trails around the campgrounds. About 7,500 campers use the Highland Ridge Campground each camping season, so the "Honey Doers" look forward to a busy time taking care of the "Little Free Library".

Name:		Hours	Dollars	Comments/Notes
	June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017			
2017 - dates Pending				
	Board Meeting			
	Spud/Training Baldwin			
	Board Meeting			
	Club Meetings			
	Spring Council - Hammond			
	Spring Council - Cost of Salad			
	Garden Gig - Hudson \$15			
	Spring District -			
	Food Labeling			
	Fair Board Meetings			
	Club Meetings			
	Board Meeting			
Committee	Fall Council Pre Meeting(s)			
	Meet/Greets (8-10)			
	Cultural Arts - Prep time			
	WI Bookworms			
	Bookworms Trail Reading - Hudson			
	Scholarships			
	Membership			
Projects	Stitches of Love			
Special Community Outreach				
	Basket for County Fair			
	Books for County Fair			
	Bookworms Trail - Perch Lake			
	Library book - Park			
	Items for Resource Center			
	Club Activities			
	Display for County Fair			
	St. Joes Town Festival			
	2 Senior Card Parties			
	Craft Sale Baldwin HS			
	Quiltlets			
	Made Card, Favors etc.			
	Misc.			
	Time Spent writing Club Meeting Mins			
	Time Spent Preping for Club Mtg			
	Time Spent do treasurer reports			

Mail to Me by: June 5 -- I will merge the two reports together
Phoebe Shourds - 401 State Road 65, River Falls, WI 54022
email: pnpaulson@yahoo.com

COMPANIONS MAKE SURE
EACH OTHER ARRIVES
- BEDOUIN PROVERB

“IT TAKES A LOT OF OPTIMISM,
AFTER ALL,
TO BE A TRAVELER.”
- PAUL THEROUX

“WHEREVER YOU GO BECOMES
A PART OF YOU SOMEHOW.”
- ANITA DESAI

“THERE IS NO END TO THE
ADVENTURES WE CAN HAVE”
- JAWAHARAI NEHRU

**HCE Fall Council
Business Meeting
International Night Featuring Latin America**

September 29, 2016 at 5:00pm at First Reformed Church in Baldwin
(Turn west at the light on Highway 63, one block to 11th Ave.)

Kwik Trip gift cards will be available for purchase

“TIME IS THE RIVER
THAT SWEEPS ME ALONG.”
- JORGE LUIS BORGES

“TRAVEL IS
A STATE OF MIND.”
- PAUL THEROUX

“THE FOOL WANDERS,
A WISE MAN TRAVELS.”
- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

“MAN’S REAL HOME
IS NOT A HOUSE,
BUT THE ROAD...”
- BRUCE CHATWIN

“HE DID NOT THINK
OF HIMSELF AS A TOURIST;
HE WAS A TRAVELER.”
- PAUL BOWLES

“ONE OUGHT TO GO FAR,
IN ORDER TO KNOW
HOW FAR ONE CAN GO.”
- HEINRICH BOLL

Club News:

Deer Park—Sharon Balcerek gave us a demonstration on sewing pot holders and wine glass holders. We also go to sew our own to take home. She brought us all cut out pieces already to go for us to sew and beautiful material.. Thank you Sharon it was a wonderful project. Members made and sold pies at the Lions Club dinner with not many pies being left over.

Meet and Greet Opportunities

Wednesday, August 24 at Bungalow Inn
1151 Rivercrest Main St., Lakeland

Wednesday, September 28 at Patty’s Woodville Cafe
120 South Main St., Woodville

Meet and Greet gatherings are at 11:30 am.
Committee: Joan Brown 715-749-3302 and
Ann Rebholz 715-386-2887

- ◆ Please call Joan a day before to RSVP for head count for the restaurant.
- ◆ *A variety full menu is offered at all restaurants*

Calendar of Events

Aug	17-23	NVON – TRIENNIEL	Coventry England
Aug	13	Farm City Day (2 nd Saturday)	Crisdome? Farms – Star Prairie
Sep	28	Meet & Greet	Patty’s Woodville Café, Woodville 11:30
Sep	6	Executive Board Meeting	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
Sep	12-14	State Conference –	Eau Claire
		Office to mail out Club Packets	
Sep	29	Fall Council Meeting/International	First Reformed Church

**Ag Services and
 Education Center**
Hours of Operation:
 Monday—Friday
 8:00 am—4:30 pm
 715-531-1930



2016 WAHCE Conference Registration Information



September 12, 13, and 14, 2016
The Plaza Hotel & Suites
1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701
“76 Trombones Leading HCE”

Make Check payable to: WAHCE, Inc.
Mail check with registration form to: Conference Registrar Darlene Schumacher
2531 Golf Course Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: 715-424-2851 Email: darleneschumacher41@gmail.com

Registration, Tour and Meal Fees are transferable, but not refundable.
WAHCE reserves the right to alter or cancel a class as necessary.
UW-Extension Family Living Educators are not required to pay a registration fee.

Registration Deadline: August 13, 2016

Registration Hours: Sunday, September 11 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Monday, September 12..... 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, September 13 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM & 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 14..... 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Tours: Five tours are scheduled. Please indicate your first (1), second (2), third (3), fourth (4) and fifth (5) choice. Include the tour fee with your registration. If you need special bus accommodations please indicate that information on your registration form.

Cultural Arts: Items may be brought in Sunday (9/11) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM or Monday (9/12) from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Judging will begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

Business Meeting – Workshop #101: President Joan Staffon will preside at the WAHCE, Inc. Annual Business Meeting beginning at **8:00 AM** which is open to all conference attendees. Voting delegates (County Presidents and WAHCE Board members) are required to attend. All voting delegates will sit in assigned seating.

Workshops: Important: Indicate your first (1), second (2), third (3), fourth (4), and fifth (5) choice in each time period. Omitting the second, third, fourth and fifth choice for each workshop will not insure placement in your first choice.

Education Program Workshops: Sessions #206 “Super Foods & A Healthy You” & #501 “Keeping Your Brain Fit As You Age” are the Educational Program workshops. Every county should have their Vice President of Program and Vice President of Family and Community Life (or a substitute) attending these sessions. All are welcome.

Meals: The cost of the meal package is \$90 (including gratuity). The meal package includes Monday night dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Wednesday breakfast and lunch. Please indicate any special meal requirements on the registration form. Individual meals can be purchased separately – see form.

Room Reservations: Reservations must be made directly with The Plaza Hotel & Suites at 1-800-482-7829. Mention the Group room block is: 8708 for the special room rate of \$99. A credit card will be requested to guarantee the room(s). Check in time is 3:00 PM – check out time is 12:00 noon. The room block will be held until August 14th. **Wisconsin Sales Tax Exemption:** You must bring a letter on your County HCE letterhead stating you are a member in good standing in WAHCE and it must include the tax-exempt number for the hotel.

Conference Chair: Jean Morton (608) 462-2257

Co-Chair: Jane Grabarski (608) 547-2419
e-mail: jane47@maqs.net



2016 WAHCE Conference Registration

September 12 - 14, 2016

The Plaza Hotel & Suites, 1202 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701



Name _____ County _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (including area code) _____ E-mail address _____

Officer or Committee Chair (circle one) State District County Specific Office held _____

First Time Attendee? Yes No Special Dietary Needs _____

I grant the WAHCE, the right to use, publish, and copyright my image for educational programs and publications, web sites and promotion of the WAHCE programs. PLEASE SIGN: _____

Make check payable to WAHCE, Inc. and mail with registration form to Conference Registrar:
Darlene Schumacher, 2531 Golf Course Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. Phone 715-424-2851
E-mail: darlenschumacher41@gmail.com Registration Deadline: August 13, 2016 **Late fee applies 8/14/16 & on**

Workshops & Tours ****Please number in order of preference 1, 2, 3, 4, 5****

____ Willing to Serve as a Workshop Hostess (Intro Speaker)

September 12th, Monday Tours 12:00 – 5:00PM

- ____ #1 Chippewa Falls Irvine Park/Lienenkugel Brewery \$ 25.00
- ____ #2 Menomonie Tainter Theater/Rassbach Museum \$ 25.00
- ____ #3 Cadott Cabin Ridge Rides/Yellowstone Cheese \$ 28.00
- ____ #4 Augusta Amish Country/Wood Shed \$ 25.00
- ____ **Need handicap access on bus**
- ____ #5 Self-guided Downtown Eau Claire/Sculpture Tour \$ 00.00

September 13th, Tuesday

Workshops Session #1: 8:30 – 9:45

- ____ 101 WAHCE Annual Business Meeting (Note: 8:00 Start)
- ____ 102 Women Empowerment
- ____ 103 Random Assortment of Musical Instruments
- ____ 104 Serving Up Local Foods
- ____ ~~105 Disability Awareness Project - CLASS CANCELLED~~
- ____ 106 Hiking the Ice Age Trail
- ____ 107 How to Age with Grace and Vigor

Workshop Session #2: 10:15 – 11:30

- ____ 201 International – Help For Our Neighbors
- ____ 202 The Grapevine Project
- ____ 203 Treasurers
- ____ 204 101 Uses of Mason Jars
- ____ ~~205 History of Hankies & 17 types - 6/11/16 – Class is Full~~
- ____ 206 Educational Program #1 Super Foods and A Healthy You
- ____ 207 Wisconsin Bookworms™ #1 Bringing the Books to Life

Workshop Session #3: 1:00 – 2:45 PM

- 301 GENERAL SESSION: "All American Girls Baseball League" & ACWW Triennial to England Report**

Workshop Session #4: 3:15 – 4:30

- ____ 401 Wisconsin Bookworms™ #2 Into the Grant Fund-Raising
- ____ 402 Love Isn't Meant to Hurt
- ____ ~~403 Needle Felting – 5/22/16 Class is Full -- CLOSED~~
- ____ 404 Food Sensitivities & Food Allergies
- ____ 405 Preplanning for Death of a Loved One
- ____ 406 How Learning Center Programs Empower
- ____ 407 Membership

September 14th, Wednesday

Workshop Session #5: 8:30 – 9:45

- ____ 501 Educational Program #2 Keeping Your Brain Fit
- ____ 502 Crystal Bracelet (craft – fee paid in class)
- ____ 503 King & Queen of Flowers: Tree & Herbaceous Peonies
- ____ 504 Cooking with Wine
- ____ 505 Women Empowerment (repeat)
- ____ 506 Zentangles, Doodles & Coloring Books
- ____ 507 Medical Missionary Trips

Workshop Session #6: 10:15 – 11:30

- ____ 601 Monarch Butterfly
- ____ 602 Crystal Bracelet (repeat) (craft – fee paid in class)
- ____ 603 Laugh..... Because It's Healthy
- ____ 604 Helping Youth Get to College: Small Savings=Big Dreams
- ____ 605 Choosing the Right Apple for the Right Use
- ____ 606 Trunk Show of Quilts
- ____ 607 Yes You Can Raise & Grow Violets

Full Registration Fees:

Each County Bring Tax ID Number Sheet for Hotel

WAHCE Member or spouse	\$50.00	\$ _____
Non-member	\$55.00	\$ _____
UW-Extension	No cost	\$ FREE
Late Fee (after August 13)	\$50.00	\$ _____
Total Meal Package (6 meals)	\$90.00	\$ _____

One Day Fees:

Monday Evening Meal	\$27.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Registration	\$30.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Breakfast	\$12.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Lunch	\$16.00	\$ _____
Tuesday Banquet	\$21.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Registration	\$20.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Breakfast	\$12.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Lunch	\$15.00	\$ _____

Tour Fee \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____