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AHCL Newsletter



HELLO AHCL Family!!

I'm sending all of you a big smile and Holiday wishes for this is the season to celebrate with family and friends, including your Club members.



I'm also smiling as we just finished having a successful October State Conference at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula. We had a busy 2 days – the talent in Cultural Arts was outstanding and our silent auction was quite successful. In addition, we presented a check for \$8,570.14 to Meredith Iler of the "Helping a Hero" organization and Daniel Gilyeat, a wounded veteran working with Meredith.

We have new Board members for 2024, including all new District Coordinators (!) who will be busy planning the District Meetings for March. More information will be available in the January newsletter.

Hugs and thank you to all the members who attended this conference. The AHCL State Conference for 2024 will be held in Huntsville at the Embassy Suites 22 – 24 October – mark your calendar today so you will be sure not to plan over it!! More information will be coming at District Meetings.

Keep reaching out to each other and those you cross paths with.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – hope to see you all in March at the District Meetings!

. President Debbie O'Neal

State Conference

Lakepoint State Park, Eufaula
2 October 2023
2:30p.m.
AHCL State Conference
General Session I

Debbie O'Neal, President, welcomed everyone and asked that all cell phones be silenced. She introduced the Mayor of



Eufaula, Jack Tibbs. Mayor Tibbs thanked us for choosing his city for our meeting.

An inspiration was given by Jonnie Azlin, Madison County, titled "Hero".

The 2024 Program of Work was introduced by Board Members: Pam Stone gave a program on Batch Cooking, Homemaking Skills; Elizabeth Griswold talked about Homelessness Among Our Older Adults, Citizenship and Outreach; Dara Kulpa gave the program: Internet Safety, and Reverse Mortgage, Family Life; Nancy Kitchens talked about ways to Increase Membership, Membership and Marketing; Ginger Robinson gave a program on Antibiotic Resistance, Health; and Sherry Equi gave a short quiz on Indoor Plants and their benefits, Environment.



Ginger led the assembly in two crafts.

Rene McGinty announced the winners of Cultural Arts.

General Session II
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
9:00a.m.

The President called the meeting to order. The presentation of colors was given by Scott from Iron Order Motorcycle Club and the Pledge recited.

Board Officers were introduced, Districts recognized along with most years in Homemakers.



Sammie Robinson, Secretary, read the minutes from the 2022 conference. A motion was made by Barbara Cooper, Madison County to accept the minutes as read, Rene McGinty, Madison County seconded. Minutes approved.

Dara Kulpa, Treasurer gave an overview of the financial situation to date. She also gave a membership report and stated we had added 72 new members with a net increase of 12 members in 2023. She said she would be handing out the Treasurer packets that contain a letter with important dates, a membership information form, a dues and contributions form, a 2023 Report form, and a Club/County AHCL Membership listing. She explained items of increase/decrease from the 2023 Budget and stated that the State Conference should always break even. She mentioned the starting fund for new District Coordinators for the purpose of planning their meetings.

Leftover funds at the end of their term are to be returned. As of October 1, 2023, the ending balance of the checking account is \$15,795.55 and does not reflect the conference bill. She explained the amount raised for the state project, Helping a Hero and the funds match. A check will be presented to this organization at lunch.

A proposal was presented by the Board to move funds from the Grant CD to the Grant Savings. A vote was taken. Proposal passed.

Dara presented the 2024 budget proposal by the Board. She stated we would be sending 2 representatives to the ACWW conference. A vote was taken, the budget passed.

There was discussion about the number of newsletters still being mailed, the expense and delay of these. Members were encouraged to receive theirs by email.

Ginger Robinson, Parliamentarian, presented proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

- The District III/IV Coordinator will now be known as the District III Coordinator.
- An audit will be conducted at the end of the Treasurer's term.
- An officer's term shall be 24 months.
- The Board members' duties were updated and clarified.
- A scholarship will only be given if funds are available.

A vote was taken on each change and the vote was carried. There was clarification about Speaker's and Judges' meals. She stated that the IRS now requires odometer readings on travel expense vouchers.

Tinnie Hunter, Vice President, presented the nominations for state board officers for the 2024-25 term. Elizabeth Griswold: President Elect, Vice President:

Martha Sparks, Secretary: Roxana Pressnell, Nominations were requested from the floor. Esker Harrison made a motion, second by Joyce Davis that nominations be closed. Motion passed.



Sherry Equi introduced, Speaker, Fabiola Wilson, veteran and owner of Eufaula Spa. She gave an overview of her military career and her relocation to Alabama from Alaska.

Elizabeth Griswold presented a grant of \$250 to Madison Morning, Madison County, to purchase a die for cutting out Boo-boo Bears which are made and given out to children in the Emergency room of Huntsville Hospital. The grant was accepted by Sonja Sanders.



Pam Stone, District III Coordinator, gave the blessing for our noon meal. The president introduced Meredith Iler from the Helping a Hero organization. We also heard from Daniel Gilyeat, a veteran and recipient of a home from

the organization adapted to his individual needs. A check was presented for \$8,570.14 for our total contribution to this organization to date.



Ginger Robinson gave a list of Key Member recipients and a short bio of each. They were presented certificates and pins.



Key members Carolyn Trussell of Russell and Juanita Dougherty of Winston

Ginger gave an overview of the Club/County President packets and what they contained: the Program of Work for 2024, the Cultural Arts Categories and definitions, a Club report form, a county achievement report form, a form for listing new county officers, and scholarship forms. She encouraged members to get these scholarship forms out to high school counselors and seniors they know who are planning to attend college.

The membership broke out for District meetings.

Mary Millhouse installed the 2024-25 officers elected during this meeting with the addition of the new District Coordinators: District I Mattie Woods, District II Ann Murphy, and District III Carol Moore.



The viewer's choice award went to Robin Sells, Madison.



Debbie thanked the officers leaving the Board.

Ginger read the results of the Silent Auction.

Sammie Robinson, Secretary, gave the Credentials Report with a total of 69 attending this conference.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sammie Robinson, Secretary



Presteen Miller of Crawford Club, Russell County won the drawing for \$50 towards the 2024 conference registration fee.

Cultural Arts Winners

1. FINE ARTS PAINTING

A. Watercolors

1 st Place	<u>Cathy Dellionback</u>	<u>Tallapoosa</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Kris Kilgo</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Sandy Johnson</u>	<u>Shelby</u>
Honorable Mention	<u>Brenda Driver</u>	<u>Marshall</u>

B. Oils

1 st Place	<u>Terra Wilcox</u>	<u>Madison</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Nancy Curley</u>	<u>Tallapoosa</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Kris Kilgo</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>

C. Color Pencil/Charcoal/Graphite

1. Original

1 st Place	<u>Sandy Johnson</u>	<u>Shelby</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Kris Kilgo</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Liz Groover</u>	<u>Madison</u>

2. Printed Page

1 st Place	<u>Janice Smith</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Ginger Robinson</u>	<u>Madison</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Samantha Moore</u>	<u>Shelby</u>

D. Acrylics

1 st Place	<u>Valerie Taber</u>	<u>Madison</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Kris Kilgo</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Nancy Curley</u>	<u>Tallapoosa</u>

E. Decorative

1 st Place	<u>Kris Kilgo</u>	<u>DeKalb</u>
2 nd Place	<u>Ginger Robinson</u>	<u>Madison</u>
3 rd Place	<u>Susan Burge</u>	<u>Hale</u>

1. FINE ARTS PAINTING (cont.)

F. Mixed Media

- 1st Place Sandy Johnson Shelby
2nd Place Kay Fincher Tallapoosa
3rd Place Barbara Stansky Madison

G. Drawing

- 1st Place Kris Kilgo DeKalb
2nd Place Ginger Robinson Madison
3rd Place Brenda Driver Marshall

2. PHOTOGRAPHY:

A. Color

1. Landscape
1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Susan Burge Hale
3rd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa

2. Action Photos

- 1st Place Susan Burge Hale
2nd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
3rd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa

3. Architecture

- 1st Place Teri Planeaux Madison
2nd Place Linda Bodine Tallapoosa
3rd Place Carol Hawkins DeKalb

4. Animals

- 1st Place Susan Burge Hale
2nd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
3rd Place Linda Barnett Shelby

5. Human Subject

- 1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Susan Burge Hale
3rd Place Cathy Dellonback Tallapoosa

6. Botanical

- 1st Place Barbara Stansky Madison
2nd Place Susan Burge Hale
3rd Place Mattie Woods Limestone

2. PHOTOGRAPHY: (cont.)

A. Color (cont.)

7. Other
1st Place Tina Roberts Madison
2nd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
3rd Place Kim Walls Tallapoosa

B. Black and White

1. Landscape
1st Place Barbara Cooper Madison
2nd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
3rd Place Susan Burge Hale

2. Action Photos

- 1st Place Susan Burge Hale
2nd Place Carol Moore Shelby
3rd Place Debbie O'Neal Madison

3. Architecture

- 1st Place Rhonda Hagood Madison
2nd Place Susan Burge Hale
3rd Place Mattie Woods Limestone

4. Animals

- 1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Carol Moore Shelby
3rd Place Rhonda Hagood Madison

5. Human Subjects

- 1st Place Mattie Woods Limestone
2nd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa
3rd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb

6. Botanical

- 1st Place Barbara Stansky Madison
2nd Place Deborah Daniel DeKalb
3rd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa

2. PHOTOGRAPHY: (cont.)

B. Black and White (cont.)

7. Other
1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa
3rd Place Susan Burge Hale

C. Special Theme – Emotions

1. Color

- 1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Mattie Woods Limestone
3rd Place Susan Burge Hale

2. Black and White

- 1st Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
2nd Place Susan Burge Hale
3rd Place Barbara Stansky Madison

3. FIBER ARTS

A. Knitting

1. Wearable
1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison
2nd Place Carol Moore Shelby

2. Decorative

- 1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison

3. Blanket/Afghan

- 1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison
2nd Place Juanita Daugherty Winston
3rd Place Carol Moore Shelby
Honorable Mention Florence Farrough Barbour

B. Crocheting

1. Wearable
1st Place Irene Crawford Hale
2nd Place Azalia Grubbs DeKalb
3rd Place Pat Zarasky Madison

3. FIBER ARTS (cont.)

B. Crocheting(cont.)

2. Decorative

1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison
2nd Place Azalia Grubbs DeKalb

3. Blanket/Afghan

1st Place Carol Moore Shelby
2nd Place Pat Zarasky Madison
3rd Place Lorene Mauldin Winston
Honorable Mention Azalia Grubbs DeKalb

C. Weaving

1st Place Rhonda Hagood Madison

D. Machine Embroidery

1st Place Marsha Myers Shelby

E. Macrame

1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison
2nd Place Betty McDougal Winston
3rd Place Mattie Woods Limestone

F. Other

1st Place Jaky Broussard Hale
2nd Place Beth Mastin DeKalb
3rd Place Rhonda Hagood Madison

4. HANDSTITCHERY

A. Needlepoint

1st Place Ginger Robinson Madison

B. Embroidery

1st Place Lola Harper Hale
2nd Place Dara Kulpa Madison
3rd Place Juanita Daugherty Winston

C. Cross Stitch

1. Counted
1st Place Ginger Robinson Madison
2nd Place Jaky Broussard Hale
3rd Place Carol Moore Shelby

4. HANDSTITCHERY (cont.)

C. Cross Stitch (cont.)

2. Stamped N/A

5. HERITAGE SKILLS

A. Basketry

1st Place Donna Blackwell Madison

B. Decoupage

1st Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
2nd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa
3rd Place Jaky Broussard Hale

C. Stuffed Animals/Balls/Ornaments

1st Place Donna Blackwell Madison
2nd Place Jeanette Davis Limestone
3rd Place Irene Crawford Hale

6. RECYCLED CRAFTS

A. Wearable

1st Place Eve Kneeland Hale
2nd Place Ginger Robinson Madison
3rd Place Julie Twining Barbour

B. Other

1st Place Judy Case Madison
2nd Place Josie McLin Limestone
3rd Place Azalia Grubbs DeKalb

7. QUILTING

A. Hand Quilted

1. Appliqued
1st Place Anne Barrett DeKalb

2. Pieced

1st Place Anne Barrett DeKalb
2nd Place Robin Sells Madison

3. Wholecloth/Panel

1st Place Janice Smith DeKalb

7. QUILTING (cont.)

B. Machine Quilted

1. Appliqued
1st Place Mary Millhouse Madison

2. Pieced

1st Place Mary Millhouse Madison
2nd Place Sharon West DeKalb

3. Wholecloth/Panel

1st Place Sammie Robinson Madison
2nd Place Betty McDougal Winston

C. Baby Quilts

1st Place Janice Smith DeKalb
2nd Place Jean Murray Shelby
3rd Place Joyce Davis Marshall

D. Holiday – Wall Hangings, Table Runners, Placemats, etc.

1st Place Robin Sells Madison
2nd Place Sharon West DeKalb
3rd Place Roxana Pressnell Limestone

E. Quilt Tops.

1st Place Anne Barrett DeKalb
2nd Place Betty McDougal Winston
3rd Place Judy Case Madison

F. Other – Clothing, Wall Hangings, etc.

1st Place Denise Reuter Madison
2nd Place Roxana Pressnell Limestone
3rd Place Jaky Broussard Hale

8. WRITING

A. Prose

1. Fiction

1st Place Jane Murphy Bowen
2nd Place Sandi Chamblin Winston
3rd Place Linda Lyons Madison

8. WRITING (cont.)

A. Prose (cont.)

2. Non-Fiction
1st Place Florence Farrrough Barbour
2nd Place Carol Boatner DeKalb
3rd Place Carol Moore Shelby
Honorable Mention Anne Bailey Hale
Honorable Mention Juanita Daugherty Winston

3. Essay

- 1st Place Sheila Akins DeKalb
2nd Place Margaret Mann Madison

B. Poetry

- 1st Place Kris Kilgo DeKalb
2nd Place Rhonda Hagood Madison
3rd Place Kay Fincher Tallapoosa

9. CLOTHING

A. Decorated

- 1st Place Roxana Pressnell Limestone
2nd Place Eve Kneeland Hale
3rd Place Betty McDougal Winston

B. Handmade

- 1st Place Mattie Woods Limestone
2nd Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
3rd Place Robin Thompson DeKalb

10. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

A. Easter

- 1st Place Pauline Mason Marshall
2nd Place Jaky Broussard Hale
3rd Place Ginger Robinson Madison

B. Valentine

- 1st Place Janet Rogers Shelby
2nd Place Tinnie Hunter Barbour
3rd Place Deborah Daniel DeKalb

C. 4th of July

- 1st Place Robin Sells Madison
2nd Place Juanita Daugherty Winston
3rd Place Susan Burge Hale

10. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS (cont.)

D. Halloween

- 1st Place Susan Burge Hale
2nd Place Cheryl Hardy Madison
3rd Place Mattie Woods Limestone
Honorable Mention Janet Rogers Shelby

E. Thanksgiving

- 1st Place Janet Rogers Shelby
2nd Place Judy Case Madison
3rd Place Deborah Daniel DeKalb

F. Christmas

1. Ornaments

- 1st Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
2nd Place Jaky Broussard Hale
3rd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa

2. Decorative

- 1st Place Kris Kilgo DeKalb
2nd Place Juanita Daugherty Winston
3rd Place Jaky Broussard Hale

11. JEWELRY

- 1st Place Julie Twining Barbour
2nd Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
3rd Place Sandy Johnson Shelby
Honorable Mention Robin Thompson DeKalb

12. BEADING

- 1st Place Carol Moore Shelby
2nd Place Scarlet Eason DeKalb
3rd Place Ginger Robinson Madison

13. DIAMOND ART

- 1st Place Carol Moore Shelby
2nd Place Charlotte Eldridge DeKalb
3rd Place Robin Sells Madison

14. GOURD ART

- 1st Place Nancy Jennings Hale
2nd Place Kris Kilgo DeKalb
3rd Place Josie McLin Limestone
Honorable Mention Ginger Robinson Madison

15. PAPER CRAFTS

A. Greeting Cards

- 1st Place Kris Kilgo DeKalb
2nd Place Nancy Curley Tallapoosa
3rd Place Sammie Robinson Madison

B. Scrapbooking

- 1st Place Ginger Robinson Madison
2nd Place Christine Ashley DeKalb
3rd Place Carol Moore Shelby

C. Other

- 1st Place Dara Kulpa Madison
2nd Place Kim Wallis Tallapoosa
3rd Place Loretta Rodgers DeKalb

16. HANDBAGS- Handmade

A. Purses

- 1st Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
2nd Place Sharon Woods Limestone

B. Totes

- 1st Place Patsy Vaughn Madison
2nd Place Frances Gray Shelby

17. TOYS - Handmade

- 1st Place Donna Blackwell Madison

18. WOODWORKING -

- 1st Place Ginger Robinson Madison

19. CHARITABLE ITEMS

- 1st Place Suzy Peterson Madison
2nd Place Faye Reeves Barbour

20. MOSAIC

- 1st Place Carol Moore Shelby

Around the State

District I

Madison County Members and guests of Madison County supported the Special Olympics in October!



Morgan County Rock Creek HCL are so proud of our new club logo that we adopted in March!

We are also proud to brag that we have 15 new members to join our Club this year. We have been so busy with new adventures and creating ways for our Club to reach out to our community such as our first annual Pop-Up Farmers Market in downtown Eva. We invited several local farmers and vendors to sell their products. We also invited the Morgan County Extension Office and Morgan County Master Gardeners to present programs on helpful tips for our community. The following local vendors came to participate: Simply Bee-Leaf, Mama



D's Kitchen, Sarah Jane's Flowers, Southern Integrity Meats, The Fungist Mushroom, Sweet Pi's, Ford Nursery, Golden's Honey and Granny B's Blessing. See pictures of a few vendor tables below.

We held our Annual Auction and Potluck fundraiser on July 22nd. It is always an evening of fun with neighbors and friends. We have continued to send cards to neighbors with health and other issues to let them know we are thinking of them. We deliver Sunshine Baskets to neighbors who are home sick to "brighten" their day. We made our monthly donations to a local church food pantry. We are continuing our work on a project to index all our scrapbooks dated before 2012. They will be stored in the Genealogy Room at Eva Public Library for others to view when working on family history projects.



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