

Erath Extension Education Clubs

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District Cultural Arts Contest Results



Erath County Extension Education members competed at the District Cultural Arts Contest in Eastland at the E.E. Spring Conference and as you can see, they did very well. All the first place winners will advance to the State Conference in Temple during September. Read more about the District Conference on the next page.

Erath County Results from District Conference

Ceramics, China, Porcelain, and Pottery—Bonnie Wolfe-1st place

Jewelry—Lynda Ballard –3rd place

Painting and Drawing—Lynda Ballard , 1st place AND Best of Show!!!!

Photography—Lynda Ballard– 1st place

Quilts (small, hand quilted)—Billie Spindor-2nd place

Quilt (small, machine quilted)—Sallie Smith—1st place and
Billie Spindor-3rd place

Quilt (large, machine quilted)—Sallie Smith-1st place

Recycling Items—Lynda Ballard—3rd place

Wall Hangings—Sallie Smith-1st place

Other participants in various categories included:

Decorated Garments—Lena Williams

Fabric Creations—Bonnie Wolfe and Doris Threadgill

Holiday Decorations—Lynda Ballard

Jewelry—DiAnna Wadsworth

Painting and Drawing—DiAnna Wadsworth

Paper and Scrapbooking—Bonnie Wolfe and Nelda Hatcher

Photography—DiAnna Wadsworth

Recycling Items—Doris Threadgill

Wall Hangings—Bonnie Wolfe

Congratulations to all participants. You made all of us look good! Thanks for your participation and hard work.

Spring E.E. Conference—Eastland

Twelve members from Erath County Extension Education Clubs attended the District 8 Spring Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Conference in Eastland, Texas on April 5, 2011. Erath County Extension Agent, Donna White, helped coordinate the event with committee members from clubs of Erath, Hood and Eastland Counties. District Director, Janelle Gartrell, from Somerville County opened the *Springtime in Texas* themed meeting with the pledge of allegiance to our flags and the TEEA Creed and Prayer.

Judge Rex Fields of Eastland County warmly welcomed the members from fourteen counties to Eastland and invited everyone to enjoy the antique shops and special attractions while visiting there. Jim Bruton, a financial consultant, enlightened the ladies in attendance on investments and financial pitfalls in his address, "Finances for Women." Emphasizing finances, Janelle Gartrell, District 8 Director, reported that District 8 with a membership of 546 members contributed 9006 ½ volunteer hours with a dollar value of \$947,825.85. Willie Nelson, Roy Orbison and Ray Price Impersonators entertained the crowd with favorite songs and humor prior to the catered luncheon. Impersonators were Larry Wesson and Richard Rossander of Eastland.

The focus of the meeting was to introduce the District 8, 4-H Scholarship winners: Amelia Tanner of Williamson County, Dorothy Wood of Bell County and David Roach of Leon County and a 4-H member from McLennan County. In addition to the scholarship winners, Extension Education Clubs and members were honored for membership numbers and membership longevity. The business meeting included the election of a District Director Elect, Nyanza Price, of Leon County.

Jo Ann Cooper of Hood County invited the clubs to the District 8 Summer Retreat in August with a theatrical rendition of "The Real Housewives." A special invitation to the Texas Extension Education State Conference in Temple, Texas, September 13 – 15 was made with an artistic presentation of Texas Flowers and a busy bee from Bell County.

The Cultural Arts exhibition was a highlight of the meeting with 11 awards going to Erath County TEEA Members. (See front page for individual placing). Best of Show is voted on by the attending members of District 8; Lynda Ballard, Ph.D. of Erath County won Best of Show for her painting, "Crystal Bowl," **a replica of a Soon Warren painting.** In an interview with Lynda, she mentioned that she joined the Clairette Extension Education Club in 2004 after retiring from 32 years in public education and moving to her retirement residence in Dublin, Texas. She was encouraged to participate in the Cultural Arts activities of TEEA and began spending her time crafting, quilting, and taking photographs. Her hobbies soon expanded to include drawing and painting. She started painting with instructors: Jan Wylie and Pat Jones at the **Stephenville Senior Citizen Center as well as a group of local artists in Dublin.** Painting, photography and quilting became her primary hobbies. After becoming a member of the Lake Granbury Art Association, she became aware of numerous contemporary, local artists paintings hanging in Granbury, Hamilton and Stephenville. Soon Warren, a Fort Worth artist, was one of artists that impressed her the most. Soon Warren has a step-by-step demonstration in the **American Artist Watercolor, Spring 2011** issue on the newsstands this month. Soon Warren also has paintings hanging at the **Brian Drake Studio in Stephenville** where you can also purchase her books: **Vibrant Flowers in Watercolor** and **Painting Vibrant Watercolors.** Seven large paintings of Soon Warren are also in the newly opened Nursing Center of Education at the Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Dr. Lynda Ballard emphasized her pleasure in being a part of the Texas Extension Education Association and the opportunities it has offered for getting involved in the local communities, the counties of District 8 and the state activities in Texas as well as developing personal interests.

(This article was submitted by Lynda Ballard and appeared in local newspapers! - Thanks Lynda)

Spring E.E. Conference—Photo Collage



Janelle Gartrell—past D-8 Chair.



Nyanza Price—current D-8 Chairman



Lynda Ballard—Erath E.E. Chair



Wanda Stephens and Mary Lambert visit at E.E. Spring Conference



Back Row: Jimmie Meador, Pat Little, Lena Williams, Beth Miles
Front Row: Bonnie Wolfe and Dixie Worrell



Lena Williams, Jimmie Meador, and Bonnie Wolfe



Alice Lange, DiAnna Wadsworth and Nelda Hatcher

County Wide Trip to Clark Gardens

A group of Erath County EE members as well as a few visitors toured the Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells on May 24, 2011. Five members, not pictured, took the scenic routes of the garden by motorized cart while others walked the acreage by foot. The lilies and coneflowers were in full bloom. A few of the water lilies were also blooming. Winding throughout the gardens, the ladies enjoyed the fragrances of the herb garden and the refreshing vistas of the fountains and ponds. Many sites were revisited including the White garden, the Chapel and the Miniature Train Depot. The ladies lunched together at Subway before departing for independent excursions of shopping and sight seeing.



Save the Date!

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| July 11 | Yearbook Committee meets at 9:30 at the Extension Office |
| August 23-24 | District 8 E.E. Retreat in Glen Rose |
| September 13-15 | State E.E. Conference in Temple |
| September 6 | "Clean and Green" program to Three Way |
| September 19 | "Clean and Green" program to Clairette Club |
| September 20 | "Clean and Green" program to Achievers Club |
| September 21 | Association Meeting—1:30 at the Extension Office |



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