

Erath Extension Education Clubs



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TEEA Mission:

The mission of the Texas Extension Education Association, Inc. is to work with Texas AgriLife Extension Service to strengthen and enrich families through educational programs, leadership development, and community service.

District Conference— Cleburne

The theme of the conference was “*New Beginnings*.” Erath members enjoyed the business meeting, silent auction, 4-H scholarships and the noon entertainment featuring the Founding Mothers, Fort Graham of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In the photo to the left— back row: Pat

Little, Rosanne Keilers, Sallie Smith, Dixie Worrell, Regina Cagle, Wanda Stephens, Barbara Taylor, DiAnna Wadsworth, Lynda and

DiAnna's sister, and Lydia Carvalho. Seated—Nelda Hatcher, Lynda Ballard, Billie Spindor and TSU intern, Kassi Courtney.



Fifteen E.E. club members and guests attended the District 8 Spring Conference on April 10 in Cleburne.

District 8 Summer E.E. Retreat

Remember to mark your calendars for **August 21 - 22** for the Summer Retreat. The retreat will be held at the **Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose**. We are fortunate it is so close to us! Full information is included in your mail packet. The important

thing is the price – if you stay one day (Aug. 21), it is \$16.00 if you leave before dinner (an additional \$7.00 if you stay for dinner). If you stay both days, the price is broken down in the enclosed materials. Note the registration form in the packet – if you want to go,

please have that filled out and turn in to the Extension Office **OR** to Pat Little by noon on July 9. (Your VPs could bring this with them to the meeting that day). The retreats are always a lot of fun – if you haven't been before – be sure to ask a fellow club member!

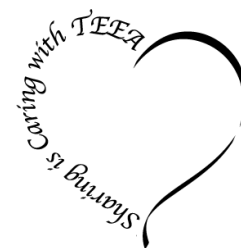
Welcome New Members



Since our last newsletter, we have had a lot of new Extension Education members! That is great news and we wish to welcome the following:

Achievers:

Rosanne Keilers,
Marsha Newton,
Gail Johnson,
Paulette Jones,
Anna Stilwell, and
Pam Sawyer,
Carolyn Hayes



Clairette:

Regina Cagle

Three Way:

Ruby Turner

New Officers for 2012-2013

At the last Association Meeting, clubs turned in their officer slates for the coming year. Congratulations to all the new officers!

Achievers:

President: Wanda Stephens
Vice President: Nelda Hatcher
Secretary: Sallie Smith
Treasurer: Martha Ables
Delegate: Sallie Smith

Clairette:

President: Mary Helen Lowery
Vice President: Lena Williams
Secretary: Regina Cagle
Treasurer: Bonnie Wolfe
Delegate: Regina Cagle

Three Way:

President: Dixie Worrell
Vice President: Beth Miles
Secretary: Pat Little
Treasurer: Pat Little
Delegate: Beth Miles

County-Wide Tour to Natty Flat Smokehouse by Sallie Smith

Achievers, Clairette, and Three Way Clubs had a most enjoyable morning at the Natty Flat Smokehouse. A store employee shared the Natty Flat community

history with Billie Spindor, Wanda Stephens, Rosanne Keilers, & Sally Smith. Also present were Pam Sawyer, Ruby Turner, Gwen Moore, Regina Cagle, Nelda Hatcher, Martha Ables, Dana Pearson, Dixie Worrell, Beth Miles, and Pat Little. Smokehouse smells of meat, fried pies, jam and syrup displays appeared upon entering the restaurant. Various homemade candy products were purchased by members. Bottled soft drinks in a retro cooler refreshed us. A mounted bottle opener reminded members of the past. The individual orders were clipped to a line and zoomed to the food preparation lady. Members proceeded next door to the store area where there were so many beautiful wooden items. A vast array of gifts were available. We were so pleased to have Louise Griffin as a guest. **Note for new members** - these trips are planned annually, usually in the Spring, so be watching for news for next year's trip! You'll be glad you did!



Back row: Sallie Smith, Gwen Moore, Wanda Stephens **Front row:** Regina Cagle, Louise Griffin, Nelda Hatcher, Billie Spindor, Martha Ables



Pat Little, Dixie Worrell, Beth Miles

Community Service News

The **Rainbow Room** (part of Child Protective Services) sent our office a thank you note to go to Sallie Smith who made a quilt and pillowcases for children who are in special need of comfort and love! The Achiever's club also donates to the local school nurses fund.

The Clairette E.E. Club hosted a garage sale to benefit the Clairette Community Center. This club is active in keeping the building up and running!

The Three Way E.E. Club hosted the teachers and students at their school recently by serving them cookies and punch as a sign of appreciation for the hard work they do all year.

TEEA Memorial Wall

There will be a Memorial Wall for members who have died since the last State Conference. It can be a picture or an article 4x6 inches in size. You can also use "TEEA Memorial" 5-36 in the procedures notebook. These are to be mailed to the District Director.

Association News

At the recent TEEA meeting, delegates from Erath County were elected to represent the county in all voting matters at the State Conference in September. Your delegates are:

Rosanne Keilers and Regina Cagle. Membership dues are set to increase, as of October 1, to \$16.00, which includes a subscription to "The Messenger" to keep everyone updated on

state & district events. TEEA Chairman, Lynda Ballard, resigned due to health reasons. Rosanne Keilers was elected to serve out the term effective Oct. 1 by acclamation of members.

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State Conference News

We are excited about the **State Conference in Beaumont on September 11-13** and all the news and information our delegates will be bringing back to us. Rosanne Keilers and Regina Cagle will be representing Erath County.



Some of the workshops offered are:

- Eat Healthy, Texas Style
- How Does Your Garden Grow?
- Saving From a Rainy Day
- Redress to Recruit

Early-bird Workshops:

- Recycled Pizzaz
- Fabric Corsages

Optional Workshops:

- McFaddin Tour
- Keep Filling Your Bucket

Be sure and read your next MESSENGER as more details will be listed in that publication.

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Yearbook Meeting

Club Vice Presidents are invited to attend the annual yearbook and educational program planning meeting on **Monday, July 9** at the Extension Office beginning at **9:30 am**. If you have any ideas for programs for the coming year, please call your club president and let them know. This is the time to present new ideas and suggest speakers you might like to hear for the fall luncheon, etc.



<http://healthyliving.tamu.edu>

County and District Cultural Arts Contest Results



*Rudy Turner, Beth Miles, Pat Little,
Dana Pearson, Dixie Worrell*

The County Cultural Arts Contest was hosted by Three Way E.E. Club on Valentine's Day. As usual, the club welcomed all with great hospitality. 25

county entries advanced to the District Contest

Erath County Extension Education members competed at the **District Cultural Arts Contest** in Cleburne 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 Beaumont** September 11-13, 2012

Contest results:

Wall Hanging—Billie Spindor—3rd place; Doris Threadgill, participant

Quilts (Larger than 50x70) - machine quilted—Sallie Smith—1st; Doris Threadgill, participant

Quilts (Smaller than 50x70) - machine quilted—Sallie Smith—2st place; Billie Spindor—3rd place

Photography—Lynda Ballard—2nd place; Lena Williams, participant

Painting and Drawing—Lynda Ballard—3rd place; DiAnna Wadsworth, participant

Jewelry—Lena Williams—3rd place; Lynda Ballard, participant

Handstitchery—Lynda Ballard—3rd place

Craft Painting—Lynda Ballard—2nd place

Afghans—Lydia Carvalho—2nd place; Lena Williams, participant

Other participants—Fabric Creations—Lynda Ballard and Regina Cagle; **Fiber Arts**—Gail Johnson, Garments—Lena Williams and Lynda Ballard; **Holiday**—Regina Cagle and Lynda Ballard; **Paper and Scrapbooking**—DiAnna Wadsworth and Doris Threadgill; **Quilts (Handquilted)**—Billie Spindor; **Recycling**—Bonnie Wolfe and Lynda Ballard.



*Quilt at right - 1st place
District entry by Sallie Smith*