

President's Tidbits

Happy New Year 2022! It is my hope that your holidays were full of gratitude and precious family time, and you have been blessed by the beauty of the recent snowfalls.

Re-energized describes me after the Central Region Annual Meeting in September and the 2021 TAFCE Conference in November! What a great Annual Meeting we had—a total of 174 FCE members, agents, and guests were in attendance, either in person or on Zoom. We received many positive comments regarding the registration outdoors and the flow of the meeting. Many procedures were initiated to keep us safe!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Peggy Richmond from Grundy County as president-elect for a one year term, Louise Armstrong from Bedford County as vice president for programs for a two year term, and Patty Priest from Franklin County as treasurer for a two year term.

Carolyn Binkley, from Wilson County, has been appointed to serve as Education Chairperson for the Leadership Retreat for one year. Karen Hughes from Putnam County resigned as the chairperson. Thank you, Karen, for your many years of service and your fabulous, creative retreat ideas! We are glad you offered to continue serving on the retreat committee.

Congratulations to our multiple winners at the regional and state level in cultural arts, fashion revue, creative writing, Heart of FCE, Best of the Best, Spirit of FCL. Thank you to every single one of our FCE members for entering—you are a talented and gifted group!

County council officers, education chairpersons, and club presidents, please put the Central Region Information Day on your calendar for Friday, January 21, with the SNOW DAY of Friday, January 28. The event will be held at the Lane Agri-Park, 315 John Rice Boulevard, in Murfreesboro with registration from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. and Rev. Raymond Burns and his wife Cernovia "Bebe" will be sharing their inspiring story of volunteerism and growing a food ministry during the pandemic. They are both FCE members in Wilson County. It is my hope that officers, whether new or seasoned, will attend the officer training following the general session. The leader lessons presented by our Central Region agents will be: Downsizing Your Home A Guide for Older Adults, Dance Fitness, Cooking Convenience, and Starting the Conversation: Inclusive Language 101. Register now with your county FCS agent on SUPER.

Hope to see you at Information Day!

Mary Alice Weber, Central Region President



IMPORTANT DATES

- **FEB 15**
RETREAT INSTRUCTOR FORMS
DUE TO CAROLYN BINKLEY
- **FEB 23**
CENTRAL REGION BOARD
MEETING
- **MARCH 1**
CHARACTER COUNTS
"FAIRNESS" WINNERS DUE
GLORIA FISHER
- **MARCH 1**
FCL Application Due Wendy Drumm
- **March 1**
Spirit of FCL nominees due
Gloria Fisher
- **March 1**
TAFCE State Project
Award Form Due Pam Sites
- **March 2**
Read Across America
- **March 15**
TAFCE Scholarship Application Due
- **April 15**
Project Brochure Due
NAFCE

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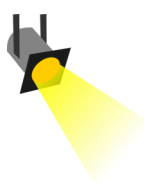
TAFCE Mission Statement:

To strengthen the home and community by improving the quality of life of individuals and families through continuing education, leadership development, and community service.



All dates, forms, contacts and information can be found on the TAFCE Website.

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Retreat Spotlight

****WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION****

Save the Date!

TAFCE, Central Region Retreat

May 24-26, extra night May 23

Instructor forms due February 15 to Carolyn Binkley. Forms will be available soon in 2022 Central Region Program Planner, on Central Region website, and Information Day. We want and need instructors!

2022 Retreat Committee

Carolyn Binkley, Wilson Co., Chairperson

Charlene Budd, Giles County

Wendy Drumm, Smith County

Deborah Foster, Marshall County

Barbara Brackett, Franklin County

Karen Hughes, Putnam County

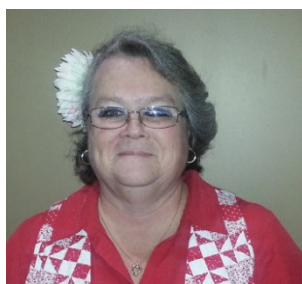
Myra Walker, Giles County FCS agent

Patsy Watkins, Williamson County FCS agent

Mary Alice Weber, CR President, Williamson Co.



UT Southern, Pulaski, Giles County, TN



Officer Spotlight

Carolyn Binkley

Central Region Retreat

Chairperson



May 24-26, 2022

New Location

**Central Region Retreat
UT Southern Pulaski, TN**

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 15**
Leadership Retreat
Registration due
- **April 15**
Mildred Clark Scholarship Application
Due

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My name is Carolyn Binkley. I am from Wilson County and currently serve as the Wilson County FCE President. I have been a FCE member since 2014, I'm Treasurer of my club.

I have two children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. I was raised in Davidson County and moved to Lebanon in 1994. After graduation from Isaac Litton High School in 1968, I went to Watkins Institute to learn Key Punch. This is punching holes in a card that ran through a type of computer that read the cards information on it. After graduation, I worked for National Life Insurance Company to get my 1 year work experience before working for the State of Tennessee Personnel Department. I became a stay at home Mom until 1983. I worked for a property management company until 1986, when I went to work in my family's business for 20 years. From 1994 to 2006, I worked part time, then started working full time from 2006 to 2009 for a local sewing/machine center, where I learned to quilt in 1999. While working there, I start teaching basic sewing, then teaching other classes.

In 2009, I became the Manager of Viking Sewing Gallery in Mt Juliet, TN until I retired in 2015. After retiring, I helped in a machine embroidery club and later a sewing/quilting group.

I started volunteering in 2015 at Fiddlers Grove Historic Village in Lebanon, TN at the Wilson County Fairgrounds. In 2017, I was asked to form a sewing group linked with Fiddlers Grove. I do a lot of volunteering at Fiddlers Grove working with 4th grade school kids studying Tennessee history in Wilson County and surrounding counties for Pioneer Days. We dress in period clothing and show how people lived in the 1800's. We gear our program around the STEM system. I volunteer working in the Groves' General Store several days each week. We work with children of all ages, young and old.

I work with Shelly Barnes, our agent, volunteer for workshops for service projects and special interest workshops. My FCE club volunteers to work one of the cabins in Fiddlers Grove during the Wilson County Fair/Tennessee State fair. I'm the coordinator for getting workers to stay in the cabin.

I volunteer at the fairgrounds for the Wilson County Fair/Tennessee State Fair.

I enjoy FCE for the fellowship and friends I have made. I love all the great food we have at our meetings, we have lots of great cooks.

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Special Report

2022 Conference Update



It time to 'Saddle Up with FCE'!

All committee chairs took notes of what worked and what needed tweaking at the 2021 TAFCE Conference. Thanks to Wilson County for our Invitation. Our logo has been settled, as well as our pin design. A letter requesting monetary and hospitality donations has been prepared, please let me know if you need for it to be sent to you. My wish is for you to approach businesses where you trade and know the owners.

Information Day will be your time to sign up for Hospitality duties, Hostesses, Attendee Gift Bags, or 'Trading Post' items. Keep your ideas swirling, did I hear a Cowgirl Rodeo?

Emily Gordon

2022 Conference Chair

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Central Region TAFCE Conference

Cultural Arts Winners & Fashion Revue Entries

Carolyn Beckford First place Basketry

Hettie Lee Richardson Second Place Basketry

Connie Lytle First Place Beadwork

Robin George First Place Ceramics

Donna Elliott First Place Chairs and Stools

Phila Groce First Place Crochet

Connie Lytle Second Place Cross Stitch Counted

Petra Mitchell First Place Cross Stitch Other

Carol Vanattia First Place Decorative Painting

Anne Waggoner Second Place Dolls

Robin George First Place Fine Arts Painting-Acrylic

Dava Merritt Second Place Fine Arts Painting-Acrylic

Robin George Second Place Fine Arts Painting Drawing & Charcoal

Sharon Spigel First Place Fine Arts Painting Pastels

Lucy Eastman Second Place Fine Arts Paintings Pastels

Carol Johnston Second Place Fine Arts Paintings Oil

Dava Merritt First Place Fine Arts Painting Watercolor

Linda Prince Second Place Handcrafted Toy

Gaye Martin First Place Hand Stitching

Annette Balch Second Place Hand Stitching

Teresa Wilson First Place Holiday Decoration Non Christmas

Robin George Second Place Jewellery-Non Beaded

Connie Lytle Second Place Knitting: Hand

Winnie Decker Second Place Knitting-Machine

Melinda Dawning Second Place Needlepoint

Anne Rowland First Place Paper Crafts

Crystal Davis Second Place Photo B&W Person

Rebecca Pullen First Place Photo B&W Place

Crystal Davis Second Place Photo B&W Place

JoAnn Smith First Place Photo B&W Person

Robin George Second Place Photo Color Person

Wynona Clayborne First Place Photo Color Place

Penny West First Place Pottery

Julie Reynolds First Place Quilt: Applique & Cathedral Window

Wanda Sandifer First Place Quilt Baby & Lap

Teresa Wilson First Place Quilt Embroidered Hand

Martha McBride Second Place Quilt Embroidered Hand

Wanda Sandifer First Place Quilt Hand Pieced & Hand Quilted

Teresa Wilson First Place Machine Pieced & Hand Quilted

Elva Jean Bell Second Place Quilt Machine Pieced & Hand Quilted

Sandra Shoemaker First Place Quilt Machine Pieced-Machine Quilted

Patsy Elliott Second Place Quilt Machine Pieced-Machine Quilted

Evelyn Hilton Second Place Quilt Hand/Machine Pieced & Professionally Quilted

Teresa Wilson First Place Quilt Pillow

Julie Reynolds Second Place Quilts Other

Jeannie Such First Place Rug Making

Dina Turcotte Second Place Rug Making

Robin George First Place Stained Glass

Joan Lester Second Place Stained Glass

Connie Lytle First Place Tatting

Frances Hobbs First Place Weaving Hand

Teresa Wilson Second Place Weaving Loom

Sue Shetley First Place Wood Working

Viewers Choice

Sharon Spigel Holiday Decoration Non Christmas

Fashion Revue Entries

Suit, Dressy or Better

Brenda Clark & Naomi Smith

Jacket, Blazer or Coat

Penny West & Lisa Cothron

Children's Casual or Better Wear

Jeanne Hunter

Sewing for an Adult

Jeanne Hunter & Sue Adcock

Recycled Garments

Karen Russell

Wardrobe Accessories

Teresa Wilson & Bebe Burns

Decorative Sweat Wear

Sue Adcock & Regina McCathern

Best Fashion Purchase Casual

Judy Ramsey & Regina McCathern

Best Fashion Purchase: Formal

Jeannie Freeze