

# Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear HCE Members,

What an unusual winter and spring we are having! Even though we haven't had much snow, I'm ready to be done with it—I just hope we get sufficient rainfall to replenish the soil moisture and bring life to our springtime gardens and fields.

People and animals alike respond to spring. I saw two young calves in the pasture yesterday, head butting each other, and kicking their heels in the air. I could imagine them saying "that was fun, let's do it again!" My son was cleaning his basement and I have the itch to sweep out my garage! My grandson has been helping me clear off some of the garden beds. Do you know what the cause of all this activity is?

"Don't you know what that is? It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you DO want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"—Mark Twain, Tom Sawyer, Detective

In addition to enjoying spring in whatever way suits you best, I hope you will make time for getting together for seasonal fun and learning at our HCE

March 2024

Rendezvous. We're having a tasty emphasis on the dairy industry in Wisconsin. Check out the Master Gardeners' Let's Get Green and Growing event in March. Find more information about both those events in this newsletter.

Don't forget the important lesson on domestic violence in Columbia County on March 7. Be sure to bring along donations of packaged snacks or items for Hope House that were listed in the last newsletter.

Appreciatively,  
Becky Gutzman, President



### Let's Get Green & Growing!

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:45 am—2:45 pm

Rio High School 411 Church St., Rio

Online Registration: \$20/person

Online open Feb. 1 - Mar. 11, 2024

<http://tinyurl.com/LGGG-Register>

Registration day of event: \$30/person

Keynote speaker: Susan Carpenter,  
UW-Madison Arboretum

"Native Plant Gardening: Resilience  
to Climate Change"

24 breakout sessions (flower arranging will have a \$5 extra fee, payable at the door); vendor market; optional lunch by Rio FFA, \$9, cash only

Presented by the Columbia County  
Master Gardeners

## SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 7, Leader training,  
"Domestic Violence...  
Here? Really??"

Mar. 19, CCAHCE Execu-  
tive Board meeting, 9:30  
a.m., ADRC

Apr. 6, Cultural Arts regis-  
tration deadline

Apr. 12, Rendezvous reg-  
istration deadline

Apr. 15, Pennies for  
Friendship due

Apr. 23, Rendezvous and  
Cultural Arts Show and  
Contest, Savanna Oaks

May 2, Leader training,  
"Is this Trash?"

*Correction to organiza-  
tional sheet (on blue  
paper in February's  
newsletter): the correct  
email address for Avis Link  
is [avislink57@gmail.com](mailto:avislink57@gmail.com)*

**WAHCE State Conference**  
 "Experience the Magic of HCE"  
 Appleton, Wisconsin  
 September 16-18, 2024

**Rendezvous and Cultural Arts Contest**  
**April 23, 2024**  
 Savanna Oaks  
 100 Savanna Rd., Fall River

Register your cultural arts entry by **April 6**. Use form below.

Register for Rendezvous by **April 12**. There is no registration form. Just send your name and phone number, along with your check (made payable to CCAHCE) for \$20 to: Carol Beck, CCAHCE Treasurer  
 5700 Prairie Stone Dr.  
 McFarland, WI 53558  
 (If you wait too long to send in your registration, you may

CALL Carol by April 12 to register, but absolutely no mailed registrations will be accepted after that date.)

8:00-9:00 a.m.—Cultural arts entries check-in

9:00-9:45 a.m.—Registration with coffee, juice, and snacks

9:45-10:00 a.m.—Opening announcements

10:00-10:30 a.m.—Family Farming in Wisconsin

10:30-11:30 a.m.—Crave Brothers Farm and Cheese, the Journey

11:30 a.m.—People's Choice award selection

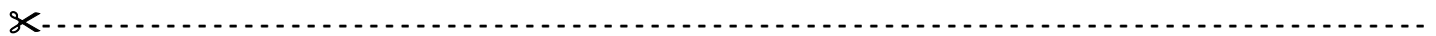
Noon—Lunch: lasagna bake, salad, garlic breadstick, and chocolate éclair torte

Cultural arts entries should be picked up after the event.

Our first speaker will be Sydney Flick of the Columbia County Dairy Promotion Committee. Sydney is the manager on her family's dairy farm, Jazzy Jerseys, and will share their life and what the industry looks like in Wisconsin. Next will be Charlie Crave of Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese, who will share their family's story of the dream, to a farm, and a national cheese brand.

Food pantry donations of paper products or cash will be collected at the registration table.

Contact person:  
 Donna Kohnke  
 (920) 210-5037  
 kohnke@centurytel.net



**CCAHCCE REGISTRATION FORM FOR CULTURAL ARTS ENTRY**  
**Rendezvous and Cultural Arts Show and Contest**  
**April 23, 2024 — Savanna Oaks, Fall River**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB/INDIVIDUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this registration form for all entries (including written entries) by **April 6, 2024** to: Kay MacLeish, N3703 County Rd. U, Merrimac, WI 53561

If you are registering a written entry, please mail the document by **April 6, 2024** to: Cheryl Neef, N7647 County Rd. SS, Pardeeville, WI 53954

Please list your entry category(ies) below with a title or brief description. For example:

5—JEWELRY

5A—Bracelet

*blue/white beaded bracelet*

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