



# OCTOBER 2024 GOLDNOTES



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## Presidents Message

Hello HCE Members,

I am writing this shortly after returning from State Conference in Appleton. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the takeaway. I will give you a summary of some of the sections I attended and what I learned. One of the keynote speakers, Inga Witcher, was especially motivating, my tour to Rawhide was inspiring, conversations around the tables at mealtime were uplifting and even attending the state board business meeting was encouraging. It was 3 days well spent.

A few years ago, a wise person shared this insight: After experiencing a mountain-top experience and acknowledging the personal growth, we should ask ourselves "Now what?" What exactly should I be doing with this insight and motivation and encouragement that I came home with?

One goal I will challenge myself with is to be intentional in sharing the benefits of SCAHCE with those I encounter. I like what Alicia Utke pointed out to us last year, "You might be small, but you are mighty." Yes, we are!

We will be meeting for Member to Member and will enjoy sharing tasty foods. Let's enjoy the fellowship and gain from each other. The annual business meeting of our organization will follow. Please consider how you can contribute in the coming year to make our organization stronger and more relevant.

Yours in HCE,  
Joyce Smies, President  
Sheboygan County HCE

## 2025 State Conference & Fall SE District Meeting

Going Wild with HCE is the theme of the 2025 State Conference of WAHCE. The Conference will be held September 15 - 17 at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. Northeast District is already making plans to provide a great time. Mark you calendar now and plan to attend.

SE District Meeting will be held October 16 at the Village Hall in Mukwonago. If you are interested in attending, please send \$20 to Julie Boedeker before October 5. Julie will send one check for Sheboygan County. See enclosed agenda for details. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Joyce Smies.



**Monday - October 14 - 6:00 PM**  
 Annual Meeting & Member to Member  
 Extension Rooms 5020 & 5022

**Wednesday - October 16**  
 Fall Southeast District Meeting  
 Village Hall, Mukwonago

**Monday - November 11 - 10:00 AM**  
 Craft with Althea Smith  
 Extension Rooms 5020 & 5022

**Thursday - November 21 - 11:30 AM**  
 HCE Book Club  
 Pizza Ranch, Sheboygan

**2024 Sheboygan County  
 Association for Home & Community  
 Education Officers**

Joyce Smies (finishing Kathi Bonde's  
 term)  
**President/Vice President (Program)**

Myra Eischen  
**Secretary**

Julie Boedecker  
**Treasurer**

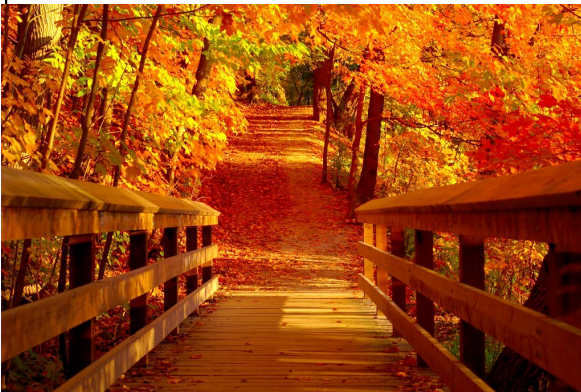
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**Sheboygan County HCE Webpage:**  
<https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/home-community-education/>

**WI Association HCE Webpage:**  
[www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org)



**Stiches of Love Totals for 2024**  
 by Ann Meyer

Knitted/crocheted:	140
Pillbox:	77
Bucket:	108
Dew Rag:	3
Other:	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>Best Year Ever!</b>	





# SOUTHEAST FALL DISTRICT HCE MEETING



Wednesday, OCTOBER 16, 2024  
Mukwonago Village Hall – Lower Level  
440 Rivercrest Court, Mukwonago, WI 53149  
(hosted by Waukesha County HCE)

Waukesha County members cordially invites you and your county members/guests to the Fall Southeast District Meeting for an interesting and fun time.

Location: Mukwonago Municipal Building, 440 River Crest Court, just off of Hwy ES (Main Street) Connecting directions are south I-43 Mukwonago exit north Hwy 83, first left onto Bay View Drive, right on State Hwy ES (Main Street), then left on River Crest Court (next to NAPA Auto Parts) to the Municipal Building on the right. Parking at back and east side. Handicap accessible.

Arrival: 9:30AM Social/sharing time with morning refreshments and baked goods.

Lunch Loaded Baked Potato Bar with various toppings, fruit salad or tray, desserts. We will have chili, bacon and ham bits, onion, chives, cheese, cheese sauce, butter, sour cream and sunflower seeds, etc., for toppings. If preferred, BYO toppings. Questions about lunch, call 262-392-2784 Charlene Southworth

Speaker: East Troy Trolley Museum History/Story

**Registration Fee: \$20 per person**

**Deadline for Registration: October 9, 2024**

Please print names of all members attending.

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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The following HCE members will be attending the October 16, 2024, SE District Meeting:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Combine total and send one check for the total of members coming from your county to:

Lynn Faulkner, W272 S2047 Merrill Hills Rd. Waukesha WI 53188 by October 9.

**Make checks payable to: Waukesha County HCE**



# SOUTHEAST FALL DISTRICT HCE MEETING

Wednesday, OCTOBER 16, 2024



## Agenda

The meeting will begin at 10:00 am – sooner if everyone is here. We will break for lunch at noon and have the East Troy Trolley Museum presentation about 1:00 pm. We may reconvene about 12:30 pm and again after the education program. Dismiss no later than 3:00 pm. Marketing items will be for sale.

9:30 AM Registration – morning refreshments

10:00 AM Welcome

10:15 AM Business Meeting

Call to Order - Homemaker's Creed .....Donna Zarovy, President

Roll Call .....Annette Riese, Secretary

Review of Materials in Folders .....Donna Zarovy

Additions to Agenda .....Donna Zarovy

Secretary Minutes from April 19, 2024Annette Riese

Treasurer's Report .....Linda Feucht

Election of Officers & Committee Chairs .....Donna Zarovy

- District Secretary
- Cultural Arts
- International Chair
- Marketing Chair
- Membership Chair

Appointment of Wisconsin Bookworms Chair

Committee Chair Reports

- ◆ Cultural and Textile Arts .....Charlene Southworth
- ◆ International.....Jerin Moore
- ◆ Marketing.....Delores Fritsch
- ◆ Membership.....Marianne Zastrow
- ◆ Wisconsin Bookworms.....Marianne Geiger

Old Business

2024 Conference Wrap Up / Sharing.....Donna Zarovy, Linda Feucht

County Highlight Sharing (additions to reports)

- Dodge – Sylvia Hinrichs and Laurie Hron
- Fond du Lac – Marianne Geiger
- Kenosha – Donna Zarovy
- Sheboygan – Joyce Smies
- Walworth –Jeanette Beard
- Washington – Ginny Ramstack
- Waukesha – Charlene Southworth

Pennies for Friendship

Lunch – Baked Potato Bar, Fruit and Dessert

1:00 -- Education Program – East Troy Railway Museum Speaker

Wrap-Up & Adjournment

2025 SE District Meeting hosted by Dodge County in April and Fond du Lac County in October



## Cultural Arts

by Pam Fiedler

### Cultural Arts and Textiles State Winners 2024

#### Blue Ribbons with a Medallion

1. Sewing - Blouse - Joyce Smies
2. Photography alternate - Scenery - Sharon Zimmermann

#### Blue Ribbons 1st

1. Crafts - Christmas Top Hat - Althea Smith
2. Poem - Poem - Myra Eischen
3. Heritage Skills - Felted Bunny - Althea Smith
4. Hand Stitching - Ellen McNeese
5. Small Bed Quilt - Tree Skirt - Marie Kalies



#### Red Ribbons 2nd

1. Painted Objects - Blessed Acorns - Althea Smith
2. Knitting - Blanket - Phyllis Nyhof
3. Crocheting - Blanket - Nancy Wagner

#### White Ribbon 3rd

1. Photography - Llama - JoAnn Gadicke

#### Peoples choice on the Bonus Item

1. Top Hat with Bunnies - Althea Smith

Great Job to all who participated. Also Thank You for all the entries.

Pam Fiedler

Cultural Arts and Textiles Chairperson

### Changes for Cultural Arts and Textiles for 2025

1. **Painting Drawing and Diamond Dot classes**
  - No larger than 24" x 24"
  - Must have an easel for display
2. **Poems and Prose**
  - Each page in a protective sleeve
3. **Constructed Original Item**
  - Fabric/felt will now be just textile
4. **Quilted Wall Hanging**
  - Smaller than 50" x 50"
5. **NO BONUS CATEGORY FOR 2025**
  - May change for 2026

## County International Report

by Alice Walter

I will be taking my shoe box filled with gardening items to Stevens Point to be shipped to Nicaragua and other countries. Extra thanks to the individual members and the clubs.

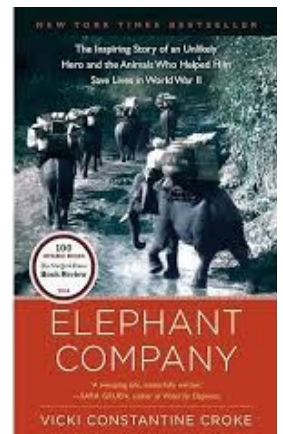
Another way to help is membership in Wisconsin/Nicaragua Project. Clean water is also important, and the well has been dug. Now they need a water tank and tower.

Congratulations to our new SE District International Chairperson, Diane Koch, from Mayville. Her term is for 3 years.

Many thanks to Lylene Scholz from Manitowoc for the past 3 years.

## HCE Book Club News - Nancy Wagner & JoAnn Gadicke

This is a reminder of our next book discussion titled *Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Croke. The man named Williams came to colonial Burma in 1920, fresh from service in World War I, to a job as a "forest man" for a British teak company. Mesmerized by the intelligence, character, and even humor of the great animals who hauled logs through the remote jungles, he became a gifted "elephant wallah." Increasingly skilled at treating their illnesses and injuries, he also championed more humane treatment for them, even establishing an elephant "school" and "hospital." In return, he said, the elephants made him a better man. The friendship of one magnificent tusker in particular, Bandoola, would be revelatory. In *Elephant Company* Williams's love grows for the elephants as the animals provide him lessons in courage, trust, and gratitude.



But *Elephant Company* is also a tale of war and daring. When Imperial Japanese forces invaded Burma in 1942, Williams joined the elite Force 136, the British dirty tricks department, operating behind enemy lines. His war elephants would carry supplies, build bridges, and transport the sick and elderly over treacherous mountain terrain. Williams even added to his stable by smuggling more elephants out of Japanese-held territory. As the occupying authorities put a price on his head, Williams and his elephants faced his most perilous test. *Elephant Company*, cornered by the enemy, attempted a desperate escape: a risky trek over the mountainous border to India, with a bedraggled group of refugees in tow. *Elephant Bill's* exploits would earn him top military honors and the praise of famed Field Marshal Sir William Slim

We will be meeting at *Pizza Ranch*, located at 3518 Kohler Memorial Drive on **Thursday, November 21st at 11:30 a.m.** Please pay for your lunch as you come in. We ask that each of you think of a couple of questions for the discussion of the book.

If anyone wishes to join the discussions we are always happy to have additional participants. We always welcome suggestions for future book when we meet.

Hope to see you there!

## Annual Meeting

This is an important meeting for our organization with all members attending. While you may not look forward to a business meeting, this is vital in the future operations of SCAHCE.

Some of the items on the agenda are: committee updates, election of officers, approving budget and program plan and choosing a county-wide community project. We will also vote to approve the updated HCE bylaws. Each member should have received a copy. Please read through this document as the Executive Board invested considerable time updating it.

The annual association meeting will be held following the time of enjoying our crock pot recipes.

### Member to Member & Annual Meeting Monday, October 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM

Club/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names of Prospective/Family Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of packets required \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** UW-Extension Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

**Email Or Call:** [tammy.zorn@wisc.edu](mailto:tammy.zorn@wisc.edu) or 920-459-5904 **Deadline:** October 7, 2024

### Fall Craft

**Monday, November 11, 2024 10:00 AM**

Althea Smith will teach us how to make a festive turkey pin from cotton, felt and a needle and thread. You will be proud to wear it yourself or give as a gift. Skills gained will easily transfer to other projects. A \$5.00 fee per person will be collected at the meeting.

### Fall Craft

**Monday, November 11, 2024 - 10:00 AM**

Club/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Names of Prospective/Family Members Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of packets required \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email Or Call:** [tammy.zorn@wisc.edu](mailto:tammy.zorn@wisc.edu) or 920-459-5904 **Deadline:** November 4, 2024

## State Conference Pictures



Carolyn Dreier, Installed as Southeast District Director along with other District Directors



Marie Kalies, Julie Boedecker



Front row (left to right): Alice Walter, Joyce Hameister, JoAnn Gadicke, Joanne Schroeder, Pam Fiedler. Back row (left to right): Amanda Smith, Carolyn Dreier, Joyce Smies, Althea Smith, Not shown: Sharon Zimmermann and Nancy Wagner.



Amanda Smith receiving "First Time Attendee Scholarship"



Meeting was called to order by acting president Joyce Smies. Association Creed was led by Marilyn Voskuil.

Present: Julie Boedecker, Carolyn Dreier, Myra Eischen, Pam Fiedler, Ann Meyer, Joanne Schroeder, Joyce Smies, Althea Smith, Marilyn Voskuil, Joan Walvoord, Alice Walter, Nancy Wagner, Excused: Kathi Bonde, Kay Keyes, Marie Kalies, Guests: Debbie Zimmermann, Mary

A vote was called for by Alice with Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes from last meeting. Approved.

Treasurer's report was read, and filed.

Cultural Arts: Myra made a motion, Althea 2<sup>nd</sup> to reimburse Pam for the ribbons she ordered for the cultural arts show in May. Pam will take state entries to Appleton, and bring them back.

Stitches of Love: over 300 hats have been made, it was suggested to let people know we are not in need of knit or crocheted hats at this time. We do need pillbox, and kerchief type and possibly some smaller size bucket hats. What a blessing. Some people expressed at the fair booth that they were grateful for the hats they received.

HCE book club: just reviewed "Not tonight Josephine" will read "The Elephant Company" next. For 2025 "Firestorm, the Peshtigo Fires", "The Last House on the Street", and "My Two Elaines" have been chosen to read.

Family & Community Life: It was decided to put a choice out to the group to choose a primary community outreach project of either: "Fresh Meals on Wheels" or "Sheboygan Pay It Forward" which is a day program for the homeless. Other facilities only offer night shelter, this facility located in the EBCO building, offers meals, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene products for the daytime. Everyone will be encouraged to support both groups if they choose. Volunteer hours will only be tallied for the primary outreach project this year.

Wisconsin Bookworms: Althea will get the nameplates for the books at state conference. Deb Zimmermann has offered to help put them in the books and distribute books to classes. 160 students this year and 8 books. Alice made a motion with Marilyn 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve giving Althea \$200 to buy bookbags for each student at state. This will save postage. Money is in savings account.

International: Alice and Althea are making boxes for state to be sent to Nicaragua. State international delegate Lylene Scholz will be handing over the reins to Diane Koch from Mayville.

V.P. Programming: Joyce listed the tentative program for 2025. We have to be flexible, because as humans, we don't know where anyone's life will be at any given moment and we may need to adjust as necessary.

Marketing, Membership: Carolyn delegated the names from the fair booth to each club within close distance of new perspective member. We need a person for this position moving forward. They would be in charge of press releases, advertising, etc.

Fair booth: It was suggested to bring it up for vote at member to member to have 3 hours shifts at fair booth instead of 2 hour- this would bring the need of 27 slots to 18 slots to fill. We tentatively would only need to work one slot per person this way.

Member to Member: Foods prepared in a crockpot. Remember to bring cups, or containers to put your samples in. 35 for individual, 70 for clubs with 2 items. Lakeview will make sure to have utensils, napkins, cups, beverages for everyone.

State Conference last minute details were discussed. Instructions, and maps were given so that everyone should have what they need to make an enjoyable experience.

Annual meeting was discussed. Proposed board members will be: President; Joyce Smies, V.P. Programming: Marie Kalies, Secretary: Debbie Zimmerman, Treasures: Nancy Wagner, Family & Community life: Julie Boedecker, Historian/International: Alice Walter, Cultural Arts/ Textiles: Pam Fiedler, WI Bookworms: Althea Smith, Stitches of Love: Ann Meyer.

Dues will remain at \$15 for 2025. They need to be sent to Julie by Oct. 1.

Discussion was had on how to sustain the budget going forward. Many suggestions were made, including raising dues, looking into something less expensive for Rally day, emailing all mailings with only snail mail for those who don't have access to email/printer. Membership should give any suggestions to Julie or Nancy to bring to board.

Fall SE District will be Oct. 16, 2024 with Waukesha co. hosting. No details available.

Joyce will contact Joanne Gadick to see if she is willing to head the decorating of the HCE Christmas tree at the historical society again this year.

Gold Note articles should be in by Sept. 23, proof reading by Joyce and Julie on Sept. 26.

This was the last official board meeting for 2024. We are all encouraged to attend the Member to Member/annual meeting.

Julie will check into planning a Christmas party for the board and let us know.

Association prayer led by Joan Walvoord.

Motion to adjourn at 1:50pm by Ann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Althea approved by group.

Myra Stokdyk Eischen, Sheboygan Co. HCE Secretary

