

# Changing With Today

COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION



February 2025

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just the other day, I was thinking, this is not my grandmother's homemakers, or is it!!!? Yes, we have changed our name to meet the current times that we live in to Association for Home, Community, and Education, Inc.

My dad and I were talking about his mother when she would come home after her homemaker's club meeting. When the Homemakers first started, many members were recruited by talking to neighbors, friends, and relatives. My grandmother would come home very excited to try out new information she had learned to help keep her family healthy and safely fed. To this day, I remember grandma saying that she learned that it is always important to, "keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold," so you don't get sick from improper temperatures of the food you serve your family.

The old term "Ptomaine Poisoning" is now called food poisoning, which was caused by bacteria from improper food preparation, handling of food, and food storage. There are very sad stories of entire families who had deadly consequences from improper canning techniques. Did you know that today's food-borne illnesses are from at least 11 pathogens/bacterias that can still cause food poisoning

with deadly consequences? When cruise passengers and entire crews become ill, it is most likely caused by a norovirus from poor food handling, inadequate handwashing, and poor hygiene practices.

At our lessons, and our local clubs, these are topics we cover and more. The challenges of our families are just as challenging as my grandmother's time. But they are also very different with more complex health issues, technology that didn't exist, and the many challenges that face our families that were unheard of even in the last 20 years.

What ways can we help spread the word and encourage membership to HCE? I'm glad you asked!! Here are just a few ideas:

1. Talk to your friends, neighbors, and relatives about the learning opportunities. This is not just a women's club! Men are always welcome to join. Ask my dad!
2. Ask a friend to attend your club meeting, or even bring them to our lessons. We have great speakers, and the classes are free.
3. Attend our State Convention September 15-17, 2025. It will be in Green Bay. Speakers are great. You don't have to cook or clean. You can even get on a bus tour and go to

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## SAVE THE DATE/ UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars:

Feb.—all month, Round-up program at Piggly Wiggly, Poynette

Feb. 6, "Curing Cabin Fever—With Winter Crafts," 1:30 p.m., ADRC

Mar. 4, "The Metis in Wisconsin: Culture and Lifestyle," 1:30 p.m., ADRC

Mar. 18, CCAHCE Executive Board meeting

Apr. 1, Scholarship deadline

Apr. 17, Rendezvous, "All About Horses," and Cultural Arts & Textiles Contest and Show

May 8, "AI and Other Technology"



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<https://wahceinc.org/wahce-counties/>

Facebook group:  
Columbia County Home & Community Education

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a special museum or outing. Best of all, it is a great time to meet with friends, and meet new ones while learning and having fun!

4. As a member, please participate in our HCE classes, meetings, and our Cultural and Textile Arts. So many of you have incredible talents that really need to be shared with others. Start thinking now what you have worked on since September. Finish those projects and enter them in our April Rendezvous. Or start one and see if you can get it finished in time. Last year, we were a little sparse on the entries and would love to see significantly more participation from last year. Thank you Cheryl Neef and Kay MacLeish for being our Chairpersons and all the work you do for our Cultural and Textile Arts program. There is a form enclosed that will show all the categories and requirements. April 17th is our Rendezvous in Fall River.

May we all try to find the excitement that I remember from my grandmother who learned new skills, gathered with friends, relatives, and neighbors through HCE membership.

Mark your calendars for March 4th at 1:30 p.m. and learn about our early native peoples of Wisconsin, the Metis.

With Warm Wishes,  
Kim Sweney, Co-President

### **March Leader Training**

Thursday, Mar. 4

1:30 p.m.

Columbia County ADRC  
Rms. 2-3, 111 E. Mullett St.,  
Portage

"The Metis in Wisconsin: Culture and Lifestyle"

Mary Ellen Miller will present a program on the culture and lifestyle of the Metis in Wisconsin. She will be displaying clothing items made by her Metis ancestors. As an added treat, we will be able to sample indigenous foods that she is making to share with us.

Sign up with Donna Kohnke:

(920) 210-5037

kohnke@centurytel.net

### **Rendezvous/Cultural Arts & Textiles Contest and Show April 17**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the 2025 cultural arts categories. The March newsletter will have the registration form for your projects.

Also included in the March newsletter will be more information about the Rendezvous program at Savanna Oaks, Fall River. It's all about horses, and there will be horses attending!

### **Cream Puff Help Needed**

Just a reminder that we are still looking for help next year. Do you know anyone who can maintain the cream whipper? See the January newsletter for details.

Bobbie Goodman  
Fundraising Chair

### **CCAHCE Executive Board**

Enclosed with this newsletter is

a copy of the 2025 CCAHCE Executive Board. Any updates throughout the year will be posted on the WAHCE website.

### **Bookworms Program**

During the month of February, Piggly Wiggly (Poynette) will ask customers to "round up" for a donation to the Columbia County Bookworms Program. Support our program by rounding up your purchase to the next dollar at Piggly Wiggly!

Last year Bookworms readers read to 260 young students in Columbia County. By the end of the school year, each student received seven free books. CCAHCE purchases these books through fundraising and donations.

### **CCAHCE Scholarships**

Two \$1,000 scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors. Applicants must be a relative of a CCAHCE member **OR** a major in family living education, culinary arts, horticulture, agriculture, interior design, or fashion design. Application materials may be downloaded and printed from the WAHCE website:  
<https://wahceinc.org/columbia-county-hce/>

Or you may contact Liz Miller at (608) 742-4604 or [lzmiller@palacenet.net](mailto:lzmiller@palacenet.net)

The application deadline is April 1, 2025.

Liz Miller  
Margo Holzman  
Scholarship Committee

# Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

## WAHCE Organizational Sheet for **2025**

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County: Columbia

Website: <https://wahceinc.org/columbia-county-hce/>

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Barn Quilt	VACANT				
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Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc. Cultural Arts and Textiles Contest & Show – 2025 Categories				State Registration Deadline: August 1, 2025	
1* - PAINTING/DRAWING		8 – HERITAGE SKILL		14 - SEWING	
1A*	Oil	8A	Hardanger	14A	Children’s Wear
1B*	Acrylic	8B	Tatting	14B	Adult Wear
1C*	Watercolor	8C	Woodworking	14C	Useful Item
1D*	Alcohol Ink	8D	Basketry	14D	Purse or Tote
1E*	Pencil	8E	Spinning/Weaving/Dreideling	14E	Pillow
1F*	Charcoal	8F	Felting	14F	Item made from Recycled Matls
1G*	Other	8G	Wood Applique	14G	Wearable Access (apron, hat, etc)
2* - PHOTOGRAPHY		8H	Rug Making	14H	Other
2A*	Color – Landscape	8I	Rug Hooking	15* - BED QUILT	
2B*	Color – Waterscapes	8J	Quilling	15A*	Tied Quilt
2C*	Color – Plants	8K	Other	15B*	Hand Quilted
2D*	Color – Animals/Creatures	9 – CONSTRUCTED ORIGINAL ITEM		15C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Patter Design
2E*	Color – People	9A	Clay/Pottery	15D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
2F*	Color – Skyscapes	9B	Wood	15E*	Pieced-Machine/Freehand Design
2G*	Other	9C	Textiles	15F*	Other-Machine/Freehand Design
3* - CRAFT		9D	Other	16* - SMALL QUILT	
3A*	Cards – Paper Only – 6	10 – PAINTED OBJECT		16A*	Tied Quilt
3B*	Cards – Mixed Media – 6	10A	China	16B*	Hand Quilted
3C	Scrapbooking	10B	Glass	16C*	Pieced-Machine/Computer Patter Design
3D	Craft Made from Recycled Matl	10C	Fabric	16D*	Other-Machine/Computer Pattern Design
3E	Handcrafted Doll/Toy	10D	Wood	16E*	Pieced-Machine/Freehand Design
3F	Glass Craft	10E	Ceramic/Kiln Fired	16F*	Other-Machine/Freehand Design
3G	Diamond Art (Full)	10F	Other	16G*	Not Quilted
3H	Diamond Art (Part)	11 - KNITTING		17* - QUILTED WALL HANGING	
3I	Other	11A	Wearable Item	17A*	Hand Quilted Fabric
4 - JEWELRY		11B	Wearable Access (hat,scarf, etc.)	17B*	Machine Quilted Fabric
4A	Bracelet	11C	Afghan	17C*	Other (ie. Embellishments)
4B	Necklace	11D	Other	18 – QUILTED TABLE TOPPER/RUNNER	
4C	Set	12 - CROCHETING		18A	Hand Quilted
4D	Earrings	12A	Wearable Item	18B	Machine Quilted
4E	Other	12B	Wearable Access (hat,scarf, etc.)	18C	Not Quilted
5* - POEM		12C	Doily/Dresser Scarf	Please see <b>Entry Requirement Criteria Sheet</b> (next page) for any category marked with an (*). All entries that do not meet the entry requirement criteria will be disqualified!	
6* - PROSE		12D	Afghan		
6A*	Non-Fiction	12E	Other		
6B* Fiction (Short Story)		13 - HAND STITCHING			
6C*	Other	13A	Needle Point		
7* - ORIGINAL PUBLISHED BOOK		13B	Embroidery		
		13C	Cross Stitch		
		13d	Other		



**Wisconsin Association for Home & Community Education, Inc.**  
**Cultural Arts & Textiles Contest & Show – 2025 Entry Requirements (\* explanations)**



**1. Painting/Drawing:**

Artwork Must be framed or canvas wrapped.

Please spray charcoal or pencil drawings with fixative to avoid rubbing off onto another artwork.

**2. Photography:**

Size Requirement: Must be an 8" x 10" print. (Unmatted and Unframed and placed in an 8 ½" x 11" sheet protector.)

**3. Craft:** Up to 6 cards without envelopes must be mounted as a group on a flat, sturdy display board.

Size Requirement: No larger than 24" x 24".

**5. Poem:**

The writer must have Two Copies typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

**6. Prose:**

**(6A Non-Fiction):** This Must be an original **Non-Fiction** piece of writing written or published in the current year. (Apr. 2024 to Aug. 2025)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have Two Copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

**(6B Fiction):** This must be an original **Fiction** Short Story which has a beginning, middle, and end.

Piece will need to be written or published in the current year. (Aug 2023 to Aug 2024)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have two copies typed (12-point font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page.

The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

**(6C Other):** This must be original piece of writing written and/or published in the current year (Apr. 2024 to Aug. 2025)

Written piece must be 3000 words or less.

The writer must have two copies typed (12 pt font) which must accompany the registration form.

Entries must NOT be framed or in book form.

Staple a cover sheet with the category/title which is to be centered on the page. The name and county should appear on the back side of the entry.

**7. Original Published Book:**

Copy of Book must Accompany the Entry

Book must have been published in the current year. (Apr. 2024 to Aug. 2025)

**15. Bed Quilt:**

Size Requirement: Must be Larger than 60" x 80" (4800 Square Inches) Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.

A 4x6 picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of quilt with a safety pin)

**16. Small Quilt:**

Size Requirement: Smaller than 60" x 80" (4800 Square Inches) Measurement must be written on entry form and be confirmed by County Cultural Arts Chair.

A 4x6 Picture is required for this category. (The picture must be placed inside of a plastic bag along with the entry form and then attached to the right, bottom corner of the quilt with a safety pin)

**17. Quilted Wall Hanging:**

Size Requirement: No larger than 50" square. One Item only allowed. Must be submitted WITHOUT frames