



# AUGUST 2025 GOLDNOTES



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## Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education Presidents Message



Dear HCE Members,

Have you been noticing signs of fall? The sun sets earlier; stores are full of back-to-school sales and fair season is fast approaching. I must admit, fall is my favorite season, so I look forward to the leaves changing and apple season and even pulling out sweatshirts and jackets. It is a blessing to enjoy each Wisconsin season.

Sheboygan County Fair is right around the corner. Thank you to each of you who volunteered to staff our fair booth. We have made a few changes and appreciate your willingness to embrace change. Most of us are more comfortable with what is familiar and often hesitate to try the new. However, the way we learn, and grow is to embrace the new. I encourage you to put aside the fear of change and look forward to sharing all that HCE offers in a new and updated way.

I look forward to seeing you at the Fair, Fall Craft Activity and at the State Conference. So many opportunities to take advantage of as a HCE Member.

Yours in HCE  
Joyce Smies, President  
Sheboygan County HCE





**Thursday, August 28 - Monday, September 1**  
Sheboygan County Fair Booth

**Thursday - September 4 - 11:30 AM**  
HCE Book Club  
Pizza Ranch, Sheboygan

**Monday - September 8 - 10:00 AM**  
Fall Craft Activity  
Extension Room 5020/5022

**Monday - September 8 - 12:30 PM**  
Executive Board Meeting  
Extension Room 5024

**Monday - September 15 - Wednesday, September 17**  
State Conference, Tundra Lodge, Green Bay

**Monday - October 13 - 6:00 PM**  
Annual Meeting & Member-to-Member  
Extension Room 5020/5022

**Wednesday - October 15 - 10:00 AM**  
Fall Southeast District Meeting  
Lakeside Park Pavilion, Fond du Lac

**Monday - November 10 - 6:00 PM**  
Deck the Halls - Christmas Decorating Ideas  
Extension Room 5020/5022

**2025 Sheboygan County Association for Home & Community Education Officers**

Joyce Smies  
President

Marie Kalies  
Vice President (Program)

Debbie Zimmermann  
Secretary

Nancy Wagner  
Treasurer

*Newsletter Edited By:*  
Joyce Smies  
Julie Boedecker  
*Thank you for all of your help.*

**WI Association HCE Webpage:**

[www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org)

**WI Association Sheboygan County HCE Webpage**

<https://wahceinc.org/sheboygan-county-hce/>

**State Conference Note**

Wear your animal print or "wild" attire on Monday evening to kick off the conference; or wear it every day for fun.



## 2025 State Entry Winners

1. Painting/Drawing
  - a. Amanda Smith (Alcohol Ink)
2. Crafts
  - a. Nancy Wagner (Diamond Dot - full)
  - b. Ellen McNeese (Diamond Dot - part)
  - c. Pam Fiedler (Recycled Material)
  - d. Amanda Smith (Cards - Mixed Media)
  - e. Alt. - Pam Fiedler (Cards -Mixed Media)
3. Poem
  - a. Myra Eischen
4. Heritage Skills
  - a. Amanda Smith (Spinning)
5. Knitting
  - a. Joyce Smies (Scarf)
6. Crocheting
  - a. Nancy Wagner (Baby Blanket)
7. Hand Stitching
  - a. Nancy Wagner (Cross Stitch)
8. Sewing
  - a. Joyce Smies (Shirt)
9. Small Quilt
  - a. Marie Kalies



I will need these items by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can either call me 920-207-0009 and drop off your items at my house, 40 Selma Street Plymouth or at the Extension Office. Please call and let me know if you drop anything off at the Extension.

You can pick up your item(s) **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Extension Office or make arrangements with me.

Congratulations to all that participated.

Pam Fiedler  
Cultural Arts and Textiles chairperson

## Fall Greeting Cards Craft

**What:** Fall Greeting Cards Craft

**When:** September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10AM

**Where:** UW Extension Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Call Extension Office for sign up: 920-459-5900

Pam Fiedler will lead us in the Fall Craft Activity. We will be making greeting cards consisting of 3 cards, one birthday card, one fall card and one sympathy card. There will be a \$5 fee for all three cards with envelopes, (payable to Pam). Please come and join us for this fun activity. (These cards are the same as what Pam taught at the 2024 State HCE conference!).

## Christmas Decorating

**What:** Christmas Decorating

**When:** November 10, 2025, 6PM

**Where:** UW Extension Sheboygan County, 5 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Call Extension Office for sign up: 920-459-5900

Salmon Family Garden Center is a family owned and operated business located in Cedar Grove. Cassandra Salmon will be showing us how to simply decorate your home for the holidays. We will learn how to create bows and wreaths and other decor ideas.

## How Can I Serve?



Have you heard the saying, "Many hands make light work."? In any organization, there are a variety of roles that need to be filled. The variety of roles are filled with people with different gifts and talents. Our annual meeting will be held in October and at that time we will be electing officers and committee chairpersons. Take time now to think about how you can be "one of the many hands". Where would your talents be best used to serve Sheboygan County HCE?

## QR Code Step-By-Step Guide:

1. **Open your phone's camera app.**
2. **Point the camera at the QR code.** Ensure the code is well-lit and clearly visible in the camera's view.
3. **Wait for the scan.** Your phone should automatically detect and scan the code.
4. **Tap the notification or link.** A notification or link will appear on your screen, usually above or below the code. Tap it to open the associated content.



2025 Fair Booth Schedule August 28- September 1			
Thursday 12 -3	Julie Boedecker Ruthie Hering	Saturday 4-7	Sharon Claerbout
Thursday 3-6	Judy Diener	Saturday 7-close	Pam Fiedler
Thursday 6-close	Marie Kalies Deb Roitt	Sunday 10-1	Alice Walter (no pass)
Friday 10-1	Myra Eischen	Sunday 1-4	JoAnn Gadicke
Friday 1-4	Audrey Voskuil Marilyn Voskuil	Sunday 4-7	Marie Kalies Kathi Bonde
Friday 4-7	Carolyn Dreier Amanda Smith	Sunday 7-close	Kathi Bonde Mary Olson
Friday 7-close	Pam Fiedler Linda Smith	Monday 10-1	Nancy Wagner Peggy Watson
Saturday 10-1	Ellen McNeese	Monday 1-4	Phyllis Nyhof
Saturday 1-4	Carolyn Dreier Amanda Smith	Monday 4-7	Joyce Smies
<b>PLEASE NOTE ONLY ONE COMPLIMENTARY PASS PER TIME SLOT!</b>			

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Sheboygan County HCE Board Meeting**

**DRAFT**

Meeting was called to order by President Joyce Smies Association creed was led by Marilyn Voskuil.

Present: Julie Boedecker, Kathi Bondi, Carolyn Dreier, Pam Fiedler, Marie Kalies, Ann Meyer, Joyce Smies, Marilyn Voskuil, Nancy Wagner, Alice Walter, Joan Walvoord, Deb Zimmermann.

Guests: Emily Lamb, Truong Tran

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was read and filed.

Emily Lamb was introduced (welcome) and will be replacing Tammy. She will be replacing Tammy after 24 years of service on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Tammy for your help and service. You will be missed.

Truong Tran gave a presentation on the extension guidelines. We received copies of those guidelines. HCE can't use the UW nondiscrimination statement. We will check with state on our current statement. Truong will check if the guidelines need to be signed off on by our president.

Cultural Arts: Pam Fielder needs state items by Sept.12<sup>th</sup>. She will even pick them up at the Extension. We can't have 2 items in the same category.

Stitches of Love: Ann Meyer reported we have 289 hats so far. We have more pillbox hats than bucket hats.

Needle smiths will be doing a presentation July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the library.

Family & Community Life: Julie Boedecker spoke with Scott LaBonte, he is continuing to feed the homeless on Sundays in the Salvation Army parking lot at noon. They have volunteers for the next 2 Sundays, and are feeding about 70 people. There is a sign "Pay it Forward" on the front door. They are looking at a new site on 5<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin Ave. the former Catholic charities building. They have a wish list on Facebook every Wednesday. Kay Keyes just donated plastic utensils. You can donate @ 2210 Sunflower Ave or at the Extension.

Bookworms: Deb Zimmermann, books have been ordered and I have a list of readers from last year.

International: We had 5 containers of donations last week and 5 this week. No aerosols are allowed as a donation. They can really use shoe boxes of sewing supplies. We were sent a video on the learning center and what they do and as a thank you. Other donations for State, used or empty ink jet printer cartridges, and silent auction items. Please consider donating.

Book club: Next meeting, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Pizza Ranch. We'll be discussing "My stroke of Luck" and "My 2 Elaine's". Next years books will be West with Giraffes, Caroline Little House Revisited, and Escape from Assisted Living.

V.P. Programming: June had a trip to West Bend Theatre, lunch at Charcoal grill, and Diamond Dots. Upcoming schedule is: Jan. Stars & Stripes Honor flight, Feb Tech talk, get your questions ready for Truong. March, Healthy cooking, April TBD. May, Rally days, June, Tour. September, Fair and craft with Amanda. Oct, Truong, Nov. end of life planning.

Membership & Marketing: We will be doing 125 recipe book copies. We will have 8x10 sheets with bar codes & education schedule. We'll have business cards to hand out. Recipes go back 5 years on the website. Kathy will ask Truong to help us print out instructions on what to say to potential members and how to make the bar codes work.

Fair Booth: Lakeview is in charge and all work slots are filled. There is 1 fair pass per time slot. Passes will be mailed to workers. Season passes to the fair are \$35 (good deal) and \$45 with parking passes. If you are at the fair consider stopping by the booth to give the volunteers a bathroom break.

Rally Day: 29 people attended, everyone was pleased with the easy set up and the pot luck. Lakeview hosts next year.

Salad Theme for Member to Member Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Pretty good eggs hosting.

WAHCE Conference: September 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Marie & Julie will do a County display board. Give them any pictures you'd like to include. Please consider donating a silent auction item.

Spring S.E. District meeting is Wed. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 Fond du lac Co. 10am til 2:30pm at Lakeside Pavilion Fond du lac. Sheboygan will host in fall of 2026 at extension meeting room. Consider donating to 1<sup>st</sup> time state conference fund, \$8 for 1 year \$15 for 2 years.

Goldnotes: Articles should be in by Aug 11th & proofread by Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.

Unfinished Business: Mid-year membership dues were discussed. If dues are changed/prorated it should be voted on by membership and the bylaws changed.

Joan Walvoord led HCE association prayer.

Joyce Smies Adjourned