



2023 National FCE Conference

August 3—6, 2023

Erlanger, Kentucky

Empowering Volunteers-Celebrating our
Past

Awards and Recognitions

2023 Heart of FCE Winners

Alaska

Mary Hensel



Mary Hensel has contributed much heart to the Flattop Forget-Me-Not Club, joining in 2001. She currently serves as Anchorage FCE Secretary and holds the offices of Anchorage Council and State Historian. She documents our history efficiently and artistically. Mary has also held Vice President honors.

She has been generous with her time helping sell Fur Rendezvous buttons (our major fundraiser) and participating in making quilts for Hope Center.

In the community, Mary has volunteered at Providence Hospital Gift Shop for fifteen years, thirty years at St. Elizabeth's Magi Craft Club and twenty years on election committees for Anchorage.

Colorado

Terry Hammond



Since joining in 2016, Terry's behind-the-scenes presence has been felt. You won't see her name on committee lists or any boards but she will be there assisting, baking event cookies, distributing U. S. Constitution books, paying tribute to veterans by Wreaths Across America and first to arrive but last to leave when their club catered a tea for 100.

After a daughter was the victim of felony sexual assault, she helped to start a victims' advocacy group. She is active in her church. In an off-the-grid house, she raises a large garden and a flock of chickens.

Hawaii

Ruth Haisuka



Our Hawaii Heart of FCE is Ruthie Haisuka, a 28-year member of Imiola FCE Club. Ruthie has held many club and council positions and shared her leadership skills on the HAFCE Board. She served as state president – a six-year commitment – then served a back-to-back second term when no other officers could be found. Without that commitment on her part, it is possible that HAFCE would have dissolved. We think there is no better example of devotion to our organization than that. She is truly the Heart of our organization!

Kansas Diana Vancuren



Diana, a 50-year member, has served all officer positions and as President since 2006, presents, distributes lessons and officiates at meetings. Diana has spearheaded many FCE projects with fund raising lunch at farm auctions, garage sales, and bake sales, which allowed for purchasing blinds, curtains, new interior doors, kitchen tile, stove, hot water heater, trophy case renovation, furnace and air conditioning, new roof and carpet installation for the Viola Township Hall. Also, organized projects that funded the purchase of bulletproof vest for Sedgwick County Sheriff Department. Volunteers for many community member needs, care-giver for husband, and organist at Presbyterian Church.

Maryland Elizabeth “Libby” Wade



Since joining FCE in January 2006, Libby has been actively involved by being President of both the Frederick County FCE and the Maryland State FCE. She has been actively involved with the public at Frederick County fairs by demonstrating homemaker activities, giving away books and talking to attendees about various crafts. As president of the State FCE, Ms. Wade has led the group at their monthly meetings, determined lessons and led those lessons at their annual conference. In addition, as president of the State FCE, she has also organized the yearly Character Count Essay and Artwork Contest.

Missouri Georgia Reid



Georgia grew up in Extension work as a youngster in Stockton, Missouri, and is a ‘grass roots’ member with 60+ years in MAFCE. Offices include Pettis County FCE Council, 4-H Council, MAFCE education chairman and secretary, district director and county president. She received FCL Team Training and presented programs/workshops on all levels. She organized and ran a “membership’ FCE booth at local Ag Expo with a coffee/cookie fellowship for exhibitors. Georgia spearheaded club work with “Patricia’s Project” and Child Advocacy doll-making, then participated distributing dolls at the State Capitol. She attended many MAFCE conventions and state conferences.

Nebraska Peggy Leefers



Peggy Leefers, a 59-year FCE member, has held numerous leadership positions at club, county and state levels. In addition to other community projects (library, church, and quilts of valor), Peggy and a friend started a project making stuffed bears. The bears are then distributed to children at the BeBrace Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln, NE. Bears have been distributed to assisted living facilities and families facing difficult times. Peggy has involved her fellow Club

members by hosting “stuffing” days to help stuff the bears to be given away. To date, over 300 bears have been made distributed.

North Dakota Susan Ingebretson



Susan Ingebretson was awarded the North Dakota Heart of FCE for her outstanding work in reorganizing her local club, organization of Foster County blood drives, set up their county fair booth to promote FCE in the area. Susan has been a leader for FCE by promoting the Character Counts NAFCE writing contest and the state FCE writing contest. She has spent many hours working on state conferences that were never to be held because of COVID. The year that NAFCE held their conference on zoom she arranged for some members to be able to take

part in this occasion at her home.

Not only is Susan a great FCE leader, she is part of the VFW, American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary leadership. In 2020 when COVID hit the schools, she helped her daughter put up Plexiglas dividers to separate the students from the teachers so they were able to hold school.

Oregon Sharyl Micheal



For Sharyl, FCE is her only outlet from being a wife and mom on a farm. She says the friendships of FCE members have saved her life. She is happy to share her calligraphy skills lettering all the name tags and signs for any FCE event. For years she has served as Secretary for the County Council. She is willing to teach FCE classes to her group and creative classes for Spring Festivals. Every year she designs and makes the beautiful glass piece for Oregon’s Heart of FCE. Sharyl was a 4-H leader when and after

her kids were grown up.

SW FCE Susan “Susie” Martell



Susie has served as National Treasurer twice, National Alumni Treasurer and is currently serving as SWFCE Treasurer. She is co-chair of the Community Bazaar held in Yuma, AZ the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Susie served as Conference Co-chair when it was held in Tucson, AZ. She has written Hearth Fires and FCL lessons. Subjects included diabetes and rabies. Susie is a vital part of FCE-we could not do as much as we do without her!!

Tennessee Venus Hoover



Venus Hoover credits FCE and FCL for providing her with skillset to create mini educational sessions. She is co-host for a chronic illness support group, writer/contributor for *The Mighty* (website for chronically ill and mental health awareness) and administrator for MCAS Food and Nutrition Facebook group. Granting free services, Venus served as a certified coach and ran month-long fitness and nutrition challenges. She created/delivered blessing bags for the homeless; served as secretary of Russian Toy Club (AKC) in Pennsylvania and as president of local FCE Club; and is current TAFCE Central Region Communications Chairperson. Venus exemplifies positivity and volunteerism.

Virginia Gail G. Simms



Gail Simms has proven to be a great asset to FCE, with over forty years of service. Currently, she serves as our club and county vice president and co-editor of the ODE newsletter. Within the county, Gail has served as County president, vice president, treasurer, newsletter co-editor and co-coordinator of the Amherst County Apple Harvest Festival (fundraiser which was held annually). She helped prepare a four-week Creative Living Series which was offered to residents locally and in surrounding areas.

She has volunteered for community Meals on Wheels, deliveries and hospitality committee for Brian Free and Assurance concert held annually at her church.

2022 Heart of FCE

Tennessee - Cernovia Burns



For more than twenty years, Cernovia has dedicated herself to community and FCE through efforts to make a difference. From sewing walker bags for the elderly, knitting hats for cancer patients, participating in county service projects and leading a regional food drive, to encouraging members to account for their volunteer hours, she embodies a giving and encouraging spirit. Collaborations with multi-county agencies and volunteers led Cernovia and her husband to create a sustainable organization, providing food to the food insecure. Her volunteer efforts are vast and constantly impact multiple communities.

2023 Spirit of FCL



Regina McCathern, Tennessee, is the recipient of the 2023 Spirit of FCL Award. She used FCL lessons to present food preservation techniques to her club and community. A worthy candidate, Regina spends many hours teaching and volunteering in her community and credits FCE for the platform she uses.



2023 National FCL Certifications from 2022 Conference to Present

30 Hour Leader Certification

Maria Howard, TN

Debby Johnson, TN

Amy Wall, TN

Teresa Vinson, TN

Eileen Abbey, TN

Phillis Little, TN

Zena Swendiman, TN

Debbie Jennings, TN

Cynthia Mishtal, TN

60 Hour Training Certification

Patricia Davison, TN

Tammy Halliburton, TN

2023 ESSAY and ARTWORK CARING

1st Place ~Shaylen Satta, Hawaii
“Caring is Important”

2nd Place ~Ella McClure, Oregon
“The Caring Weasel”

3rd Place ~ Tiana Wroblewski, Nebraska
“Caring”

2023 Community Service Awards

Tennessee ~ Salute to Healthcare Workers

30 FCE members made cinnamon rolls and served 400 workers in a hospital and two assisted living facilities to show appreciation to the workers for their efforts during the covid epidemic.

Betty Mayo ~ Craft and Gift Show

16 FCCE workers worked a total of 58 hours to “run the show” making money to meet the budget and for scholarships for the year. This is a project that has been done for 44 years. Vendors pay a fee. College students run the food stand and cheerleaders from the local school take fees from shoppers.

Go and Learn FCE

Making fleece blankets for child advocacy center.
Three FCE members spent 15 hours butting and tying ends of the fleece material. Blankets are distributed in nine counties to children in need in Grundy County. Members enjoyed picking out material for different ages of children and the time spent to cut and tie the material at the meeting.

2023 Open Brochure Winners

Marketing/Membership

1st Place ~ Scott Teeples

2nd Place ~ Kathie Mack

FCE Tools

1st Place ~ Scott Teeples

Other

1st Place ~ Scott Teeples

2023 100 Year Club

Kansas

HODGEMAN COUNTY
Homemakers FCE ~ March 22, 1922

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Viola FCE ~ 1923

Maryland

OLNEY
Sunshine FCE ~ 1922

Missouri

Missouri FCE ~ 1908

Tennessee

SEVIER COUNTY
Midway FCE Club ~ 1913-14

HAMBLEN COUNTY
Established 1917

UNION COUNTY
Big Ridge FCE ~ 1917

WILSON COUNTY

Tuckers Cross Roads FCE ~ 1918

Shop Spring FCE ~ 1918

Oakland FCE ~ 1913

Norene FCE ~ 1917

Mt. Juliet FCE ~ 1918

Green Hill FCE ~ 1917

Leeville FCE ~ 1913

VIRGINIA

State Homemakers Association formed in 1923

FCE RECOGNITION

Spring Creek FCE, Lane County Kansas

Wheat Sheaf Award for Education and Leadership

Lamp Award for Action

2023 MEMORIALS

ARDYCE SNYDER

North Dakota

March 27, 1949 – June 25, 2023

Ardyce served on the National Board from 2012 to 2022

Central Region Public Policy Coordinator 2012 to 2015

Vice President for Public Policy 2015 to 2017

President-Elect 2018

National President 2019 to 2022

ANITA CAPELLA

Vermont

November 9, 1938 -March 27, 2023

Eastern Public Policy Coordinator 2001 to 2003

RITA CHARLTON

Vermont

December 18, 1944 – November 20, 2022

Atlantic Region Program Coordinator 2012 to 2014

ANDREA COX

New Mexico

October 1, 1943 – August 6, 2022

Western Region Public Policy Coordinator 1991 to 1993d

Secretary/Historian 1997 to 1999

GLORIA JASINSKI

Florida

January 1, 1929 – July 16, 2023

Southern Region Public Policy Coordinator 1991 to 1993

Secretary/Historian 1997-1999

JENNIE KILLEY

Indiana

October 30, 1894 – June 5, 1989

First Constitution Committee

Vice President 1939-1941

President 1943-1945