Officers and Committee Chairmen
Each county officer and chairman should have an OHCE Executive Committee (white 3-ring) notebook. Outgoing officers and chairmen are asked to leave notes they have made during the year in the notebook and pass them onto their successor.

Leader Training
Title: Container Gardening
Date, time and location were not yet available at time of printing. Group lesson leaders will be contacted directly when that information is finalized. If we do not have the lesson leader and hostess form for your group, please return it so we will know who to contact.

Yearbooks
Yearbooks have arrived and yearbook bills will be sent soon. Cindy Headrick, Creative Homemakers secretary, called with changes for her contact information. Those changes are listed below. If you notice any other changes that need to be made, please let us know. Page 5 and 46: Cindy Headrick - 716-0676 - cilejibe@yahoo.com

County Association Meeting
The February Association meeting will be held Monday, February 22, 2010. Plans will be made for this meeting during the next Executive Committee Meeting on Feb 2, 2010. Groups not represented will be contacted with details of the meeting plans. Members and groups will be recognized for the work they have accomplished during the previous year. If you have not yet done so, be sure to send in your Standard of Excellence form and names for Perfect Attendance to the office.

We also need names of members who completed years of service in five year increments (5, 10, 15, 20…) in 2009. The Membership Committee has a list of members and the year they joined and will compare your membership data with theirs. This list was developed several years ago and continues to be used for determining years-of-service pins and other awards.

There will also be a memorial service for members who died this past year. Please send information about any deceased members from your group to Inspiration Leader Betty Glasgow.

The Home Environment Committee is conducting a Cultural Arts Display at this meeting. We encourage you to display work that members have completed. This is “just for fun”, no rules, no judging. We just want to see what you have been working on during the winter months. There are points for this activity in the Standard of Excellence, so share your work with us!

Books Donated
Former OHCE member Sheralyn Eubanks donated a number of books to the office recently. If you are interested in loan of one or more of these titles, just ask.
Speed Tailoring: Making a Lined Jacket or Coat
Power Sewing: New Ways to Make Fine Clothes Fast
Sew Smart with Wovens, Knits and Ultra Suede
Cute as a Button Quilts
Quilts in My Cubicle
Color Mastery: 10 Principles for Creating Stunning Quilts
Sewing Express
Fitting Finesse
Essential Sewing Guide
Sleep Pants Delivered

OHCE members met with staff at Northern Oklahoma Youth Services on the cold, windy morning of December 4, 2009. Members learned more about services provided at the shelter and the needs that exist in the community, especially during the economic times we are experiencing.

Membership Committee’s Tree Award
The BancFirst tree that was decorated with items representing the work of OHCE earned the treasury $100.00! Good job everyone! Not only does the money find a needed spot, but more people know of the community service work you do each year.

Speaking of Community Service Activities
How many times have you been at a restaurant where children are restlessly waiting for their food? Smart Start Kay County has joined with A+ Printing to package a small pad of paper with recycled crayon pieces in a small zip-lock bag. These bags are given to customers with small children at several area restaurants. The scene turns from cranky children and parents to that of children and parents engaged in an activity together.
You can help by:
- donating used crayon pieces.
- or peeling the wrappers off used crayons and melting crayons in the microwave. Soften until crayon pieces melt together and pour into a shape or mold of some sort such as a circle, stick, ring, heart, etc. Do not mix colors together. The “new” multi-color crayon produces interesting color designs on paper.
If you have questions, please ask me about it.

Invitation to Pawnee Bill Mansion
Dr. Jan Johnston, OSU State Specialist, is conducting a lighting survey/study for OSU at Pawnee Bill Mansion and invited OHCE Groups to tour the mansion free of charge on February 4, 6, or 13 from 1-4 p.m.

This would be a good way to earn your Standard of Excellence points for Exploring Oklahoma and assist with the study at the same time.

To schedule your tour and participation in the study contact Dr Paulette Hebert at 405-744-3015.

Kay County OHCE Calendar

February
2 OHCE Executive Committee Meeting
22 County Association Meeting

March
1 NW District Meeting registration due
4 Tailoring Overview workshop
26 Northwest District OHCE meeting

April
15 Glass Etching workshop
22 Food Show

May
2-8 OHCE Week
4 Turban Workshop
6 Mosaic Workshop

July
18-20 OHCE State Meeting, OKC
“Ride on in to 2010—with OHCE!”

NW District OHCE Meeting

Friday, March 26
First United Methodist Church
811 East Elm, Fairview OK

Arriving the day before??
Local Tours offered March 25th!!

Pre-registration for tours is required, however all tours are FREE!

Tours A & B meet at Major County Fairgrounds at 3:00 PM. Transportation will be coordinated. Ask County Educator for more details!

Tour A: Plymouth Valley Cellars (1 hour tour)
Experience a growing sector of Oklahoma’s Agri-Tourism industry; learn about grape cultivation & wine production just six miles outside of Fairview!

Tour B: Quilts & History (2 hour tour)
Learn Fairview & Major Co. history; visit with a national quilt lecturer on quilts & history at a converted school house!

Tour C: Downtown Fairview Walking Tour
Browse a unique downtown—gift shops, bulk foods store & more; see a renovated art deco City Auditorium, local art; take a break with specialty coffees, smoothies, homemade pie or candy!

Want to sightsee on the way to Fairview?
Visit the Sod House Museum (SH 8 near Cleo Springs), enjoy the scenic Gloss Mountains 5.5 miles west of Orienta on US 412, &/or visit Indian Creek Village Winery 3 miles west of Ringwood on US 412.

Evening of March 25th: Dinner and Bunco at the Major Co. Fairgrounds!! 4-H will prepare dinner; enjoy “Bunco,” a progressive dice game where players move from table to table! 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Pre-registration required. Cost $7.00

OHCE Business Meeting & AM Session Topics

OHCE County & District Awardees will be recognized and official business conducted. Officer training & OHCE committee sessions planned for the morning include:

- Awards & Reports……….Awards Committee
- ICE for Emergencies..........Healthy Living
- Counted Cross Stitch….Cultural Enrichment
- Increasing Membership...........Membership
- Money Munchkins!….Resource Management
- Presidents’ Session..Co President & Educator
- FCS Educators Session…..County Educators
- & Two State OHCE Lessons!

Luncheon speaker
“The New Generation in Sewing”
Randa Parrish, Prairie Quilt, Hennessey OK

Afternoon sessions / offered twice!!:

- Self Defense for Women
- Basics of Digital Photography
- Basic Floral Design
- Floral Decorating All through the Home
- Pruning Ornamentals in the Landscape
- Is Tai Chi for Me?
- Making Your Own Greeting Cards

$13 registration due to Stacie Grossardt by March 1 to avoid late fee. More information about lodging and restaurants has been sent to each group.
NW District Meeting Registration Form

Name ______________________________________________ 
Address ___________________________________________ 
Phone ____________________________  Group ___________ 

Dinner and Bunco night - $7.00         ____
NW District Meeting – $13.00          ____
Total                                          ____

Enclose check made payable to Kay County OHCE and return by March 1, 2010 to: 
Stacie Grossard, 7301 W Coleman Rd, Ponca City, OK 74601

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