

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT STATE GOALS – 2020

Focus: Our goal is to enrich our lives and lives of those around us by being more involved in our culture and preserving our past.

A. Community Projects

1. Volunteer as a reading prompter for children in schools.
2. Organize and/or work with an adult literacy organization in your community or county.
3. Promote enrollment in and assist 4-H Clubs with specific project areas.
4. Emphasize patriotism, i.e. voting, reviewing flag etiquette, providing voter registration information.
5. Locate a historical building/site in your area in order to identify areas that could be enhanced with historical or period specific items, i.e. kitchen items, quilts, antique/period appropriate furniture, etc.

B. Explore Oklahoma

1. OHCE exchange with another county for overnight visit of points of interest within the host county, staying overnight in OHCE member's homes or in bed and breakfast facilities.
2. Visit a museum or park in your district; for example, city, county, state, or national parks, preserves, or memorials (Secure information on senior discounts and group rates and share information with other groups).
3. Attend festivals of another culture, i.e., Red Earth, Pow Wow, German Fest, Cinco de Mayo, Kolache/Czech, Strawberry Festival, Watermelon, Peach, Bluegrass, Pecan, etc.
4. Etiquette for outdoor entertainment
5. Passport to historic Oklahoma.
6. Barn Quilt Trail Tours.

C. Heritage Skills

1. Record oral and written history of family, community, and the heritage of OHCE skills
 - a. Organize or attend workshops to learn methods for gathering history of family and community life.
 - b. Interview and record older family members, community leaders, OHCE members, current and retired educators, etc.
2. Preserve family recipes from parents/ancestors in computer files to be collected for a statewide website. Include a short paragraph and picture, if possible, about each recipe.
3. Learn new quilting techniques, such as, hand quilting techniques, paper piecing, crazy quilting, hand appliqué techniques, Stack 'n Whack, Bargello.
4. Organize needlework workshops within the county, i.e., crochet, counted cross-stitch, candlewicking, needlepoint, Swedish weaving, knitting, counted thread stitches, sew days for individual projects.
5. Organize antique shows within the county. Approach local antique dealers, local historians and other appropriate persons to come in and appraise the items.
6. Visit and help clean up old cemeteries.
7. Traditions of different families. What were the myths, truths, "unusuals" that you grew up with?

8. Promote professional and family knowledge regarding etiquette (e.g., dining, tea, table setting, shaking hands, communication).

D. Provide Financial Aid and Scholarships

1. Norma Brumbaugh Scholarship for County FCS Educators.
2. Student FCS Scholarship.
3. International projects - La Preciosita Education Project (donate money for transportation costs for children eligible for high school in La Preciosita, Mexico).
4. Collect change for change.
 - a. Pennies for Friendship (Associated Country Women of the World projects).
 - b. Nickels for India women farmers (ACWW).
 - c. Dimes for CWC International Projects.

E. Encourage those who have traveled in other ethnic areas to share their experiences.

1. Sunshine for Fiji programing.

Awards

1st, 2nd, 3rd - **County** Award Book: \$25, \$15, \$10

1st, 2nd, 3rd - **Local** Group Award Book: \$25, \$15, \$10

Linda Swindler, W district N - Chairman

Toni Bess, W district S - Member

Martha Aughe, SE - Member

Patricia Thomas, Member