

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT STATE GOALS – 2021

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. Promote enrollment in and assist 4-H Clubs with specific project areas.
2. Emphasize patriotism, i.e. voting, reviewing flag etiquette, and also provide voter registration information.
3. Locate a historical building/site in your area in order to identify areas that could be enhanced with historical specific items, i.e. kitchen items, quilts, antique/period, etc.
4. Volunteer as a reading prompter for children in libraries, etc. when safe to do so.

B. Explore Oklahoma

1. 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).
2. Attend festivals in your area of another culture.
3. Organize a Barn Quilt Trail Tour.

C. Heritage Skills

1. Record oral and written stories of how the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 has affected you, and/or family and community. Encourage OHCE members, 4-H members and friends to write a story or make a video of their experiences and how it has altered their lives.
2. Record oral and written history of family, community, and the heritage of OHCE skills
 - a. Interview and record family members, community leaders, OHCE members, and Community leaders.
3. Conduct virtual online classes to instruct “Creative Leisure” such as; various quilting techniques, painting, wreath-making, or needlecraft, etc.
4. Encourage OHCE members to plan a meeting to assist with teaching 4-H and FFA members crochet, knitting, cooking and organize days to share talents with them by following the best practices and guidelines set by OSU Extension whether it be virtual or face to face.
5. Plan a special event and ask members about their individual cultures and/or invite speakers from other cultures to share their food, dress and customs at holidays, etc.
6. Conduct a Virtual Field Trip to “Explore the World without leaving Home”. Suggestions: Designate a Country/location, Special Holiday, their Traditions, what they are eating for the occasion, clothes worn, etc.
7. Promote family knowledge regarding etiquette (e.g., restaurant dining, table setting, and use of cell phone/electronic devices at family gatherings/mealtime/public restaurants, etc.

D. Provide Financial Aid and Scholarships

1. Ruth B Sayre Scholarship Fund-OHCE donations are encouraged to contribute to scholarship fund for the purpose of fostering educational development for American women of any age who resides in a state of a CWC member society and must be enrolled in a minimum of nine

credit hours. Up to four \$500 scholarships are awarded each year depending on the amount available.

2. Pennies for Friendship (Associated Country Women of the World projects)
3. Dimes for CWC "Zero Hunger Challenge". Suggest each member collect dimes or small coins that can be inserted into a 10 oz. water bottle. Funds will support the Feeding America project.
4. Norma Brumbaugh Scholarship-\$500 scholarships are given each year to three (3) qualified FCS Extension Educators who are approved by the Cultural Enrichment committee and the Associate Dean, Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Funds are paid directly by OHCE and presented annually by the OHCE Cultural Enrichment Chair.

The state OHCE Cultural Enrichment Committee has set the following guidelines for Brumbaugh scholarship applicants:

- a. Scholarships must be used for professional improvement, such as credit or non-credit courses or participation in the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Meeting.
- b. Recipients should remain in Extension Service work after receiving the award. If a recipient leaves Extension within two (2) years of receiving the award, the recipient is required to refund the award in full to Oklahoma Home and Community Education.
- c. Recipient must submit a report to the chair of the Cultural Enrichment committee by July 1 of the year following selection of the award. The report should include photos and explain how the award was used and what the benefits were.
- d. An award recipient may apply for a second consecutive year. One who has received an award for two (2) consecutive years must wait five (5) years after the second award to apply again.

Awards

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

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

Linda Wallis, NE district - Chairman

Toni Bess, WS district - Member

Martha Aughe, SE - Member

Sue Rendel, NE - Member