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2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



(L to R) Linda Finley, 2007 State Leadership Award Winner (Laurens County) with Dr. Nancy Porter, SCFCL Advisor



(L to R) Highest Percentage Membership Increase - 2nd place Willie Mae Lewis (Beaufort County); Ethel Brown (Williamsburg County) State Winner; 3rd place Judy Ramsay (Laurens County)



Picture to left (L to R) State Education Award Books tied between Dale Morrow, (Lexington County) and Betty Shuler (Orangeburg County)

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2007 ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Josie Gaston, President-elect

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2008



Helen Spiller, Vice President for Program



(L to R) **HIGHEST NUMBER MEMBERS INCREASE** - Ethel Brown (Williamsburg County) State Winner with 17 new members; 2nd place Willie Mae Lewis (Beaufort County) with 10 new members; 3rd place Judy Ramsay (Laurens County) with 5 new members



(L to R) Dale Morrow (Lexington County) **COUNTY PRESIDENT'S AWARD** - Gold Certificate; Carolyn Martin (Lexington County) **CENTRAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER**; Dr. Nancy Porter, **2007 BUFF SWICEGOOD TRAVEL STUDY AWARD WINNER** who attended the ACWW Triennial Conference in Turku, Finland to see how SCFCL might implement the recommendations and resolutions voted on at the world conference.

COUNTY PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

Gold Certificates-Dorchester, Orangeburg, Laurens, Hampton, Lexington;
Silver Certificates-Clarendon, Greenville, Williamsburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Anderson;
Bronze Certificates-Richland, Greenwood, Oconee, Spartanburg, Allendale;
Honorable Mention Certificates-Union, Abbeville, Fairfield, Aiken, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter, Beaufort, Horry, Chester, Newberry, Pickens, York, Saluda, Charleston

HERITAGE SKILLS

1st- Needlepoint wall hanging-Shelby Gross (Richland County)
2nd- Memory Quilt- Betsi Dinger (Laurens County)

4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SPONSORED BY SCFCL

Ashley Reynolds for Leadership and Performing Arts
Courtney Lake for Foods and Nutrition



STATE PUBLICITY AWARD
Betty Shuler (Orangeburg County)



2008 BUFF SWICEGOOD TRAVEL STUDY AWARD WINNER
Deborah Thomason will travel to Switzerland to the International Home Economics Conference

Central District

Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chesterfield*, Darlington*, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster*, Lee Lexington, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland and Sumter

CALHOUN COUNTY

For the past few months the members of the Calhoun County FCL Club decorated many businesses during the Christmas season. We volunteer our time and services to make sure our St. Matthews community is displayed decoratively.

Recently we were very busy decorating two businesses. We started with the Mental Health Clinic on Highway 601. Our theme was: "Eating healthy for the holidays." We made patches cut from burlap cloth and used pictures of vegetables and fruits. We affirm that preparing and eating healthy foods will make our body and brain function better daily.

Our second project was located at the Family Health Center on Chestnut Street in St. Matthews. We adorned the building with the poinsettia plants and pinecones. We also enjoyed decorating the Christmas trees and talking with the people in both of the establishments.

We wish each of you blessings for the Christmas season.



Calhoun County FCL members adopted The Family Health Center and The Mental Health Center and decorated so patients could enjoy the Christmas spirit.

SUMTER COUNTY

Sumter County FCL members successfully completed several projects in 2007. We wrapped up our state project, VOVV, Volunteer Outreach to Victims of Violence, by delivering several hundred more items to our local YWCA for their Safe House. These included paper,



personal hygiene products, cleaning products, clothing items and sheets. In March, we hosted the Spring Central District Meeting at the South Hope Center (**Sumter members pictured at right**). Members in all six clubs participated by working with registration, table setup and decorations, hosting and making gift bags. An informative meeting and great lunch was enjoyed by all attendees. During the year clubs were responsible for hosting local Council meetings in April and October and our annual "Members Only" luncheon in December. Clubs participated in their own club projects involving nursing homes, charitable events, local county fair and 4H projects like our Cooking School and sewing classes held during the summer months for youth. Members are looking forward to our new state projects for 2008 and are currently working on club projects in their own communities. We are hoping for a great year!

BARNWELL COUNTY

Barnwell county members attended the Spring and Fall Central District Meeting held at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Building and Sandhills REC Lake house in Columbia respectively.

Annual County Handbooks were issued to the county clubs and every club president received one by the Spring Council Meeting.

The Spring Council Meeting was at the Barnwell County Public Library with the guest speaker Mrs. Honor Hartzog, owner of Genesis Store, the natural

foods store in Barnwell. The Theme was "Let's Do It Natural."

President Sanders attended the 2007 SCFCL Conference that was held at the Hilton Head Holiday Inn. President Sanders made a new mini County Flag with her own creative sewing skills. We thanked her for a job well done. Several Clubs made donations to many different Charity Funds within their Community. For the month of November several clubs members got together and contributed to the needy in the community by donating goods to families for the Thanksgiving Holiday. For the Secret Santa Program that was held in the county we donated items and sponsored two families for the Christmas Holidays. Several Clubs did a fundraiser giving gifts bags of goodies and some made handmade items to the elderly for Christmas Presents. We hope to do more in 2008.

LEE COUNTY

Greetings from the Turkey Creek FCL Club, located in Bishopville, S.C., home of the "The Lizard Man." Our club was well represented at the Spring District Meeting in Sumter in March. In June our club met with the Mt. Lisbon FCL Club at the Wm. Bryant Ag. Bldg. in Bishopville to enjoy a covered dish summer brunch and share ideas to improve Lee County's FCL program. One of our members, JoAnne McCaskill attended the Fall District Meeting at the Sandhills REC in Columbia along with three members from the Mt. Lisbon FCL Club. JoAnne also attended the SCFCL State Conference at Hilton Head Island where she taught a workshop "I Choose to be Happy" after the loss of her mother, and three months later her husband, Laverne. She shared her joys and sorrows in a way that could only come from someone who had suffered such a loss. We learned a lot from our programs and have good group interaction and participation. We pass along knowledge gained whenever possible.

Some of the programs of special interest presented by program leader, Annie Folsom, are "Just What Is a Quilt All About". Annie (as well as her mother, Mrs. Lola Grace Newsom, who was a charter member of our club and had remained active for 64 years at the time of her demise on July 8, 2006) possesses great knowledge and skill when it comes to quilting. She gave much background information and history about quilting in general. She brought along many gorgeous needlework treasures from her extensive collection, creating a marvelous display of beautiful, unique, handmade quilts and wearable art that she and her mother had made. She shared detailed and personal facts and stories about these items she had brought to show us. In the past, Annie's mother always put on a public demonstration of quilt making the Annual Quilt Show. She shared her talents and skills in other ways by teaching lessons to the club, the Shepherd's Center in Sumter, and the community at large. She was a loyal and dedicated FCL member who had served in all capacities of the club. She was a dedicated Christian and church member who played the organ for her church for fifty-five years. Mrs. Lola Grace's contributions to FCL will live on forever.

Another program the members seemed to enjoy was "Taking Tea with Family and Friends". Program leader Judy Fata presented the program via a formal English Tea Party. Members dressed up and wore hats and gloves. Lace tablecloths covered the tables, which were decorated with flower arrangements of roses, full tea service, and candlesticks to match the formal place settings.. A charming selection of teapots and collectible tea cups and saucers and other formal serving pieces were used to serve tea. Some



Lee County's Turkey Creek FCL Club enjoy a formal English Tea Party that was taken from the education lesson "Taking Tea with Family and Friends"

members brought special teapots and tea cups sharing the history behind them, some having been in their family for generations. A large variety of tea for tasting was served along with three kinds of scones, two types of curd, Devonshire cream, strawberry sweet cream, cherry walnut spread, a variety of tea cookies, fresh fruit, and the usual savories. The lesson taught before the tea had instructed the members on the proper way to eat a scone how to graciously handle a tea bag, etc. Each lady present was presented with a dainty embroidered hanky and a party treat bag filled with scones, tea cookies, and tea bag to take home. We invited guests and the local newspaper, The Lee County Observer, to come in hopes of gaining new members and publicity for the FCL clubs. The newspaper generously provided full page coverage of the meeting. It was emphasized that the most important aspect of the tea ritual is that it forces one to slow down and take time for family and friends.

On December 10, 2007 we held our Christmas Fellowship Luncheon. Members brought covered dishes and invited guests in hopes they would join our club. JoAnne McCaskill taught a craft, "Balloon Magnolia". (She also taught this craft at the Mt. Lisbon FCL Club's Christmas covered dish luncheon.) The Vice President presented all in attendance with Christmas candy and a candy gingerbread house to take home.



Coastal District

Beaufort, Berkeley*, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence*, Gerogetown*, Hampton, Horry, Jasper*, Marion*, and Williamsburg

CLARENDON COUNTY

During the past year Clarendon County FCL was involved in a number of community projects. At Christmas the Club donated funds to a group of local ladies who prepare meals for shut-ins and other needy persons. A donation was sent to Harvest Hope Organization which provides food for many needy persons in South Carolina.

Throughout the year, the Manning Club made holiday tray favors for patients at Clarendon Memorial Hospital and Manning Club President Mar.)' Queen continued her volunteer work at the Hospital and was also involved in many church and community activities.

Summerton Club generously supported needy families with meals, visits and other forms of help. Summerton Vice President Emma Lane continued to volunteer as an aid at St. Paul elementary school.

At the spring meeting awards banquet, Summerton Club treasurer Catherine Jones was honored as leader of the year for her outstanding service to the club and the community. Guest speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Monika King who was born and raised in Germany. She had many interesting stories about her life there in World War II. Mrs. King's daughter, Mrs. Tammy Gaser, a graduate of the Naval Academy where she sang in the glee club, sang for the group. Following a brief business meeting and a catered dinner, the meeting was adjourned.



Four Hampton County FCL members formerly Outreach Craft Club members presented school supplies of pencils, glue sticks, Ziploc bags, Kleenex and dry erase markers to first grade teachers and pupils at Varnville Elementary School.

HAMPTON COUNTY

- Collected staple goods each month & gave to needy family.
- Collected pennies and nickels to help Hampton County 4H Karissa Ulmer, Hampton County-4H Agent given \$39.00.
- Sent supplies to NVON (Stitches for Survival)
- Took supplies to "Cody" (for Victims of Violence) Beaufort
- Gave Varnville Elementary School supplies at \$142.66.
- Yard Sale Fundraiser in September to help fund projects.
- Bake Sale Fundraiser in November to help fund projects.

This year our project funds were to donate to:

- \$50.00 Palmetto Hospice
- \$ 50.00 Friends of Hospice
- \$75.00 in personal care items to Heritage Health Care of the Low Country and J&L Nursing Home.

In July, we had our annual picnic at the Legion Hut in Hampton. We had 2 members attend the 87th State Convention in Hilton Head. We ended our year with a Christmas party and donation of three boxes of staple goods to two needy families. We are hoping for a good year in 2008.

**EXHIBIT
YOUR FAVORITE
HERITAGE SKILLS ITEMS
AT THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN CLEMSON**



Let's not loose those heritage skills our parents, grand parents and great-grand parents handed down. Plan to bring 3 items from each county to be exhibited at the 2008 Annual SCFCL Conference in Clemson

from the following categories:

- Hand Needlework*
- Machine Sewing*
- Ceramics*
- Quilts*
- Misc.*

Be proud of our heritage, let's preserve and pass it along to the next generation (s)

Foothills District

Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee*, Chester, Edgefield*, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick*, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg, Union and York

GREENWOOD COUNTY

In April 2007 Greenwood FCL had a Tea Party at *The Briar Patch* gift shop. This was inspired by our lesson taking Tea with Friends and Family written by Dr. Nancy Porter, State Advisor. We were fortunate to have a tea expert give an informative program on tea around the world. He also brewed unusual tea for tasting. The table decorations were unusual tea pots. We used this as a membership program. There were several visitors and we got some new members as a result. Greenwood County FCL added 10 new members to our eight clubs in 2007. We are planning a membership tea in April 2008. As our money making event FCL takes a bus to Charlotte for the Christmas Show. At Christmas we took 102 people in two buses. We are taking one bus this February to the Home and Garden Show. We are looking forward to a great year in Greenwood FCL in 2008.

OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee County FCL is composed of 10 clubs. As president I have challenged all our members to bring in new members. There are many new people moving into South Carolina and the average age of our members is increasing. I challenge all counties to get out there and tell people what our organization represents. We already have some new members for 2008.

April, 2007 brought us to our Spring FCL Council Meeting. Rhonda Morgan, Oconee Victims Advocate, spoke to us about "Victims of Violence". We continue to donate supplies for care packets for victims of violence. Salem Club raises money in different ways each year for Safe Harbour.

June is our time each year for our Oconee Youth Sewing Camp. Children from 8 to 13 years come for a full week. They learn about a sewing machine and how to properly use it. We have several projects for them to make during the week.. Example – a skirt, purse, shorts, and sometimes we use sparkles, ribbons and buttons for accent. They love it and we have more than enough volunteer help. It is a one on one teaching situation which most of the time is the ideal way to teach children.

August is our annual "Tea By The Waterfalls". After a summer slow down, we gathered at Cha Rum Park in Westminster by "The Waterfalls". Forty-five people attended this event. "Tea By The Waterfalls" is becoming extremely popular with our members. Fortunately, we started early as it was a very hot day. Our menu included hot and cold tea, scones, muffins and breakfast breads. Our discussions included the State approved topic on how to create a "Natural Backyard Habitat". Printed information was available for everyone. A volunteer worker with The Alzheimer's Association spoke to us about Alzheimer's

disease. We discussed the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease; what it is; what you should do; and where to get some help if necessary. We left "The Waterfalls" about 10:00am and drove to nearby M. H. Forge Ironworks Shop. Gail Marcengill, a FCL member, and her husband, Roger Marcengill are co-owners of M. H. Forge. Roger demonstrated working with iron and Gail demonstrated working with copper. Their Artwork is beautiful and handmade items are available for purchase. In addition, they have developed a picturesque "Natural Backyard Habitat". We all had the opportunity to stroll through this lovely garden. This ended our wonderful day and we look forward to "Tea By The Waterfalls" next August.

October Fall Council Meeting was held at the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla. Curator, Director Nick Gambrell, toured us though the museum. We had a delightful lunch and a Glimpse of the Past. If you are interested in visiting the Heritage Center, you can find info on the internet at www.oconeeheritage.com.

Oconee FCL Members are very active with community volunteer projects. *Stitch 'n Friends* continues to make quilts for victims of violence, sickness and natural disasters. Seneca Club rang bells for The Salvation Army, shopped and banked for the blind and senior shut-ins. We have sewing camp, help with farm city days and youth centers.

There is much more – but we try to help where we can see the need for community assistance.

As a group we go on several resource trips. Mary Jo's in Gastonia is one of the favorites, Asheville, Weaverville and Atlanta Expo are on also our list each year.

We go forward and try to learn, teach and help where and when we can.

PICKENS COUNTY

The Pickens County FCL Clubs had a good year during 2007. Our clubs anticipate another good year in 2008 as the new lessons being offered sound very interesting and we are looking forward to preparing them for presentation to our club members.

After many months of working on a beautiful quilt, the FCL Quilt Club completed a queen size quilt with the Friendship Star Pattern. Raffle tickets were sold and the drawing was held in the fall; it was won by Allsha Hunter. The enclosed photo is a picture of the many quilt items that the Quilt Club has worked on since then. Their exhibit at the Anderson County Fair in October won 1st prize, the Six Mile FCL Club won 2nd, and the Cedar Rock Club won 3rd prize.

The Six Mile club collected and donated 125 stuffed animals to the Hug-a-Bear project which were given to Pickens County law enforcement officers to give to children in times of stress such as during auto accidents. The club also gave Christmas gifts for teenagers to the "Country Santa" Program, a group that gives gifts to needy children. In addition, the club participated in the Belk Charity Day coupon sales and the club held a baked goods sale at Belk's Easley store on that day in March.

The Six Mile FCL Club also assembled 25 kits of fabric and sewing supplies for the NVON Project called "Stitches for Survival". The kits were mailed to Kentucky to help support the "International Disaster Areas" project. The club accomplished its goals for 2007 which included making curtains for the Six Mile Town Hall Community Meeting Room, where the Six Mile Club meets.



First prize winners by Pickens county FCL members from the Anderson County Fair

The SC Foothills District Meeting was held in September in Saluda, SC, and four members from our clubs attended. Also, the Pickens County Fall Council Meeting was held in a restaurant in Easley, SC, where a speaker from the State Conservation Department gave a slide presentation on conserving our water supplies and our soil. This program was very informative.

Margaret Nations, Board President of the Pickens County FCL Clubs, attended the State Meeting in Hilton Head. She enjoyed the speakers and workshops and she learned that we must have the Clemson University Cooperative Extension "Civil Rights" statement at the end of each article that we send to newspapers and on club business that we send to our county office in Pickens.

"Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status, and is an equal opportunity employer."

In loving Memory

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Lucille Metts

LAURENS COUNTY

Irene Nabors

RICHLAND COUNTY

Alice Campbell

SUMTER COUNTY

Maria Smith

Para Lee Capers

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Dot Frye

Sylvia Hufstetler

Mary Alice Porth

Peggy Sease

Mary Straw

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Melvia Eaddy

Julia Miller



CAROLINA YARDS & NEIGHBORHOODS

Promote good environmental practices, create and maintain attractive landscapes, and protect South Carolina's natural environment.

Here are nine major principles we all need to practice:

1. Rich Plant – Right Place
2. Water efficiently
3. Mulch
4. Recycle
5. Fertilize appropriately
6. Control yard pests responsibly
7. Reduce storm water runoff
8. Attract wildlife
9. Protect the waterfront

Plan to promote one of these nine principals at each of your club's monthly meetings. Each County President and Advisor should have received a copy of the materials concerning Carolina Yards and Neighborhoods. If not, they are available from the Clemson Website: <http://www.clemson.edu/cyn/>. Each club needs a chairperson for this project. A report form of any project is due to me by December 8, 2008. The education materials contain the forms and suggestions for projects. If I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Doris S Taylor, State Project Chair (FCL Yards and Neighborhoods)
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My name is Willie Mae Lewis, President of Beaufort County Family and Community Leaders. At the 87th Annual SCFCL Conference held in Hilton Head, I was appointed to be the chairperson for the new NVON Project in Common, MAD "making a difference" with foster care children. You might have been present when I made my presentation. If you were not able to attend please be advised that each club president is being asked to inform their members that for 2008/09 our project will be to provide items for foster care children when they are removed from their homes and placed in a facility until a home can be found for them. Please contact the foster care agency in your area and ask what items would be most

helpful. Each month those items should be delivered to the facility by a designated person.

Imagine that you are 6 years old, you come home from school and you go outside with your friends to find leaves for your science project at school tomorrow, you gather up your leaves and as you head back to your house you notice a strange car in your yard. You go inside and there's a lady there who explains to you that you are being taken out of your home because it is not safe. As she places you and a bag with some of your clothes in the back of her car and drive away you notice that you still have the leaves in your hands. You won't need them tomorrow because you will not be going to that school. You will not be able to finish your science project. You also realize that the lady didn't bring your favorite stuffed animal. It was the only thing you had that you knew loved you. These are the children that we will try very hard to help this year and next.

Duplicate report forms are to be filled out by a designated person in your club with a copy to be sent to Mabel Harned, NVON Vice President, PO Box 177 Boston, Ky 40107 502-833-4766 and to me, Willie Mae Lewis, 403 Fraser Dr., Beaufort, S. C. 29902 (843) 470-0745. These reports can be found at www.scfcl.com and should be sent monthly.

National Volunteer Outreach Network, Inc.

BUS TRIP TO CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

We leave Clinton Wednesday July 9th – arrive back Monday July 14th. Meet bus on Wednesday, July 9 in Clinton at the Clinton Hotel to leave at 9:00 AM.

We will be heading up I-26 towards Spartanburg and then I-85 into North Carolina. There we will travel I-77 on to West Virginia. There will be pickup places along the route where we can stop for any of the North Carolina Extension members who may be interested in traveling with us. I

have sent an e-mail to Alma Fields letting her know that we will be taking a bus this year and that we would be glad to have some of their members join us. We will make rest stops at regular intervals and will stop for lunch somewhere around

Charlotte, NC – or at some of the pickup stops for the NC folks. Since we do not know yet if there will be stops for pick ups along the way, it is too early to plan a detailed trip.

Tentative plans are to get to West Virginia late afternoon on Wednesday and check into our hotel in Beckley, WV and visit Tamarack to shop for handmade crafts and eat dinner – 9 AM Thursday, we will board the bus and do any last minute “must stop to shop” stops before heading for Malden to tour Cabin Quilts and see some of the patchwork products (quilts, jackets, purses, etc.) made by their artists. **We will check into our hotel in Charleston about 3 PM.**

Voting delegates must be at the hotel in time for the Board & Delegate dinner and Board Meeting at 5:30. **Everyone else will board the bus for a short tour to the Blenko Glass Factory in Milton and go to dinner (an alternate may be dinner on the river boat in case the tour hours do not work out).**

NVON offers two tours on Friday - an all day tour that will take you to the New River Country – also a

shorter one after lunch that explores downtown Charleston. There is an additional tour on Saturday for Spouse/friends to Huntington to visit the Heritage Farm Museum (FCL members are encouraged to attend the business session at this time). The cost of these tours is not included in



your overall fee.

I will be at the Spring District Meetings with details of the trip and would be glad to take your reservations at that time. **We will need your \$100 deposit to reserve your seat on the bus by March 30.** One-half of the balance would be due April 30 (so we can send in your NVON registration), the balance would be due no later than May 10th.

Tentative cost is about \$800 – which includes your NVON registration, 1 night at a hotel on the road, 4 nights at the Conference hotel, tours along the way and in Charleston, two lunches, three dinners and bus fee. Costs are based on 30 people.

***VISIT THE NVON WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION AND COMPLETE
CONFERENCE INFORMATION***

www.nvon.org

NANCY'S NOTES

“There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.” Ken Olson, founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977.

I can remember the year we got our first home computer. It was 1985. Twenty-three years later I find that I am spending a lot of time sitting in front of my computer. Sometimes it is even hard to remember how I got all my work done before computers became such a big part of my life. I email my family, except for my mother, who loves to receive letters in the mail. However, I do type those letters on my computer. I am afraid that my handwriting has suffered since I do not write things out in cursive much anymore. I almost always carry my computer with me when I travel, even though getting through airport security is sometimes a challenge when I have to keep track of my purse, my coat, my shoes, my carry on bag, and my computer in a separate tray. I do it because somehow I have become afraid to be disconnected from email for more than 24 hours at a time! Things have changed a lot in 23 years.

It is almost impossible to believe that Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, said “I think that there is a world market for maybe five computers.” Of course the year was 1943, but it amazes me that he did not foresee the magnitude of the future market for personal computers. Equally interesting is a 1949 Popular Mechanics article that stated, “Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons.” When I am traveling with my computer it seems heavy and it only weighs about five pounds!

In SCFCL we have also become more and more reliant on computers to keep the organization vital and current. We now have information on the SCFCL Board, Districts, History, Affiliations, Calendar, Newsletters, Programs, Forms, Conferences, Projects, and Handbook on the web page at <http://www.scfcl.com>. I hope that you find this resource helpful. However, you should not ever believe that you cannot become a leader of SCFCL without computer skills. Every member has important talents that can help SCFCL and we need you. When you are asked to take on a task or a position in SCFCL, please say yes!

Plan to attend the 88th Annual SCFCL Conference

October 30-November 1

Ramada Inn

Clemson University, Clemson

Margaret Nations, Conference Chair

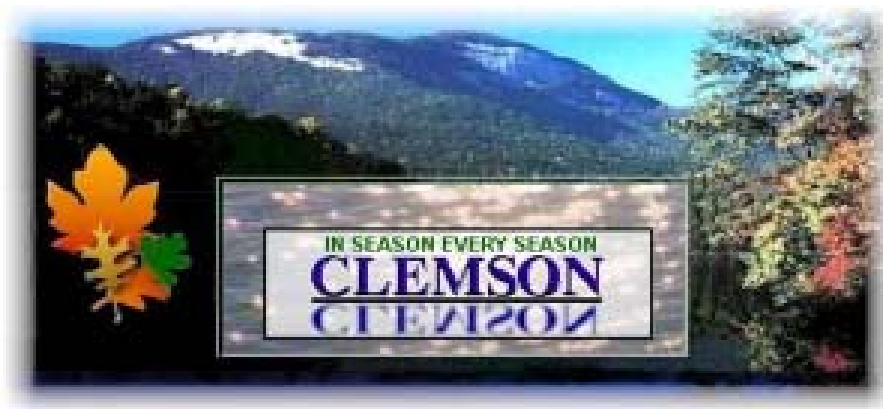
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Information and updates will be announced at the Spring District Meetings

Registration and final details will be in the Fall Issue of *News and Views*





WORDS FROM THE SCFCL PRESIDENT

Our year has been filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and a great deal of hard work by our members. It has also been filled with a personal sadness.

I would like to take this time to thank the members and the advisors of FCL for their outpouring of concern and care during the recent loss of my husband. I received over 250 cards, most of them from FCL members. There were so many encouraging phone calls. Without your support a difficult time would have been an impossible time with which to cope. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. My son and daughter were so very agreeably impressed by the members of FCL. They kept talking about what wonderful people I knew.

The Stitches for Survival project did not do as well as it should have, however individual counties did send many items for Disaster Relief.

VOVV (Volunteer Outreach to Victims of Violence) has been and will continue to be one of our state's very successful projects. The project is still going strong and will continue to be one of our top priorities. SCFCL member response to this project has been staggering, and the results are felt over all the state.

Willie Mae Lewis, from Beaufort County, will be the chair of the 2008-2009 MAD project in common with NVON. Willie Mae has had experience in this field, and she has already started working to contact Foster Care facilities to discover what is needed. We have been met with great excitement by the care givers to whom we have spoken, and they indicate that they are thrilled to be on our agenda. A committee has been set up, and we are prepared for a wide outpouring of commitment from our members.

FCL Yards and Neighborhoods (FCLYN) which is our 2008-2009 State project will be chaired by Doris Taylor from Laurens County. Doris is a master gardener and has some great ideas for this project. She also has a lot of talent in this area, and will make a great project chair for this project.

With two such capable members chairing our special projects we will be in great readiness. One fun filled activity was a field trip made by members from four counties to the Charleston Area to visit America's only Tea Plantation. As one of our state lessons was "Taking Tea with Family and Friends" we thought it a quite suitable outing. We learned much about how tea grows, how it is refined, how to decaffeinate it, and how to drink it. We also learned that there are many uses for tea, and that tea is very beneficial.

The county president's have received their 2008 handbooks which contain a complete list of our 2008-2009 projects. Please contact them for more information or go to our web page: www.scfcl.com
The goal, as always, is to accomplish as much as possible to meet the needs of our Communities and State; and to grow as an organization.

Barbara Cathey

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