



# CROSSE COUNTY NEWS

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April Newsletter

April is National Humor Month. I've heard that laughter is the best medicine, so I hope you have experienced laughter and joy this month. Winter is behind us. Masks are optional. Good reasons to smile and look forward to summer.

We are blessed to live here in Wisconsin, USA. My heart breaks watching the devastation and human misery that is happening in Ukraine. I say daily prayers for the people of Ukraine and the end to the Russian invasion. The United States and European countries have been so generous in support of the refugees. But I know they just want to go home to start rebuilding.

Moving on, our Annual Spring Banquet & Annual Meeting is fast approaching. It is being held at the Holland Town Hall on May 2nd, & begins at noon. If you have cultural arts items to be judged, have them at the town hall by 10am. I am looking forward to seeing you all there! We adopted the Salvation Army as a 2021 Services of Love project, donating blankets, coats and personal items. At the Spring Banquet you will hear about this amazing charity, the work they do, the lives they affect and how our donations impact the lives of people they serve.

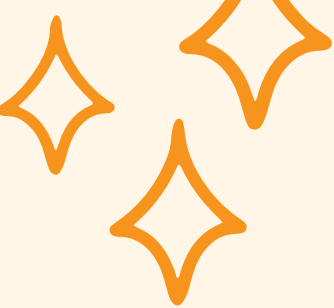
WAHCE State Conference information and sign up will be in the Update, our state newsletter. The conference will be at Stoney Creek Inn in Onalaska. Sheryl Smith and I are co-chairs of this year's Conference Committee. We are excited to share the excursions and educational, inspirational and humorous workshops the committee has planned. Be sure to sign up early to get the workshops you want. If you don't have a subscription to the Update & want to go to the State Conference, please let me know and I will send you the information. It will also be available on the state website, [WAHCEinc.org](http://WAHCEinc.org).

Leann Kramer and Leah Bork are planning a Fun Day on July 18th at the Holland Town Hall. It makes me so happy to have this event back on the calendar! We have changed the date for the LAHCE Fall Meeting to coincide with Soupfest. The Happy Hollanders will be treating those who attend to a selection of their favorite homemade soups. It will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at the Holland Town Hall. Be sure to put this on your calendar. It is sure to be a culinary treat!

Put a smile on your face. Laugh often. Enjoy life.

Cathy Onsager, LAHCE President





## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Nancy Kuczynski

Happy Hollanders will combine an education program with the Fall Meeting/Lunch on October 18th. Mark the date in you booklets. There will be more information in a later newsletter.

## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Leah Bork

Pennies for Friendship are due in May to be sent to our treasurer, Sylvia Finch. Anyone having items for the Women's Center in Nicaragua, please bring them to the Spring Banquet on May 2nd or contact me.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### FUN DAY

Monday, July 18, 2022

Holland Town Hall

Hostesses: Leann Kramer and

Leah Bork

Watch for details!



# CULTURAL ARTS & TEXTILES

Happy Spring. The trees are starting to bud, plants are popping up and the robins have returned. It is great to see all the wonders of Spring.

We held a cultural arts day on March 31 at the Holmen Senior Community Center. Jacob Hart, director at the Community Center, welcomed us and was very helpful with setting up table and chairs.

He invited us to have coffee or water.

Eleven ladies attended and we had a choice of projects. Easter Gnomes made from socks were created by 5 members.

Our Services of Love project was making 62 corsages & boutonnieres for nursing home residents.

For Stitches of Love project, Sheryl Smith showed us examples & how to make clothes protectors for nursing home residents, made from women & men's button shirts. We had a fun day of sharing and laughter. And enjoying homemade brownies.

A reminder for the Spring Banquet, we need the signed registration form for your craft project mailed or dropped off before or by April 22nd. Mail the forms to Angie Vondrashek.

The day of the Banquet, the craft must be in by 10:00.

Any questions, please email [hertefdd@gmail.com](mailto:hertefdd@gmail.com).

Debbie and Angie









# HELLO SPRING

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

SHERYL SMITH

Plans are going well for our state conference in September, all presenters are confirmed, and the entertainment for Tuesday evening was just arranged for. All the information including registration form will be in the May issue of Update and will also be posted on the state web site.

We are in need of volunteers to be hostesses for the tours, we have 4 and will need 3 or 4 more. Hostesses do not have to pay for the tour they are on.

If anyone would like to attend the conference, you can apply for the county scholarship by sending me an email stating you would like to be considered. There is also one available for a district member, contact Joan Staffon. The state has a scholarship also, you can find information on the web site. Since the conference is in our county, it would be nice to see a bunch of our members in attendance.





# Extension Office Support

## MANAGING YOUR YARD AND GARDEN THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON: MAY 10-31

### **Best Practices for Watering Yards and Gardens**

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 10, 12:00 p.m.

[Click here to Register](#)

Description: Do you know that there is a right way and a wrong way to water your plants? Join us to learn about the water requirements for most plants, how proper watering practices can prevent plant diseases, and different ways to conserve water for your yards and gardens.

### **Strategies for Identifying and Managing Insect Pests**

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 18, 12:00 p.m.

[Click here to Register](#)

Description: Even though insects can cause damage to our plants, not all of them are bad! Learn how to look for signs of insects, why identification is required to know if an insect is beneficial or a pest, and what you can do about it! We will also talk about different control methods and options.

### **Strategies for Identifying and Managing Plant Diseases**

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 31, 12:00 p.m.

[Click here to Register](#)

Description: Plants can be affected by fungus, bacteria, viruses and other factors. Join us to learn about how to look for symptoms of plant disease and what you can do. We will also talk about different control methods and options.



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