

CALLOWAY COUNTY FCS NEWSLETTER

July-August|2025

Welcome Summer

Summer is in full swing, and so are the fun and meaningful events with our Calloway County Homemakers! We're excited for several upcoming gatherings, including Tally Day, the County Cultural Arts Competition, and our County Annual Day—a special time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to new opportunities. This year, we welcome Robin Bracken as our new county president. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Alison Geurin for her remarkable leadership over the past six years. Alison guided our Homemakers through the challenges of COVID and a time without an FCS agent, always with grace, strength, and vision. Our program is stronger today because of her dedication. Thank you, Alison! If you would like to join Homemakers please call our office for details.

Stay safe,
Debbie Hixon

Reminders

All Calloway County Homemakers need to total their Volunteer Service hours and give it to your club president asap. Thanks!

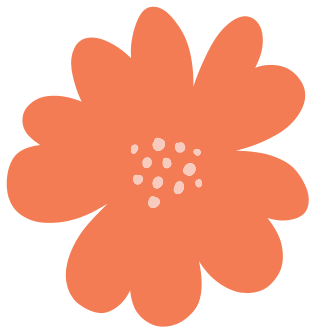
Upcoming Events

- VSU Tally day: July 23
- Area Homemaker Council: July 28
- Basket class: July 30
- Laugh and Learn: August 1

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Club Information:

It's time to start enrolling for the 2025-2026 Homemaker year!

Enrollment forms have been updated again! I plan to have all the forms and publications to each club president before September 1.

We will provide VSU Calendar books for logging your hours, along with a one-page form if you prefer to submit your hours monthly. The following article will be included in your VSU booklet and yearbook.

What counts as volunteer hours in each category?

Extension - All Extension Agent directed programs, including "train the trainer" lessons where you participate in agent-led training then teach the lesson to your club or other audiences. This category also includes assisting with any program organized and presented by an Extension agent like judging a 4-H event, leading a 4-H club, volunteering at an Extension field day, etc. Also includes volunteering for activities like 4-H Speech contests, Farm Safety Days, 4-H Reality Store, LEAP, or serving as a member or officer for the county Extension Council, county Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory County, County Extension District Board or State Extension Council. Counted hours should include your training, preparation time, travel time and delivery time to your audience. The key here is agent-led and directed programs where the KEHA member is a volunteer.

KEHA - Programs that originate and are directed by KEHA leaders and members. This includes service to a club, county, area, or the state as a committee member or officer. Participation in training sessions and organizing and leading KEHA-sponsored events should be counted. All volunteer hours from planning, preparing and conducting the meeting or activity should be included, as well as travel time, phone and/or messaging time and activity/presentation time. All volunteer time for club, county, area or state KEHA projects, fundraisers and special initiatives would be counted in this category. Examples include making quilts for the Center for Courageous Kids, baking for local bake sales, planting trees, picking up trash in local clean-up project, etc.

Community - This category is for your service as a member or officer within community groups not Extension or KEHA coordinated or led. Examples include local home owner's association, library board, Rotary or Kiwanis, Eastern Star, parent-teacher organizations, etc. This category is also for reporting volunteer time mentoring/tutoring students at school, with local literacy programs, senior home visits/music programs, American Cancer Society, Red Cross, local health departments, etc. as long as the volunteer role is not related to an Extension-led activity or Extension Homemakers activity. Also report serving as a volunteer first responder, on a local school board, any governmental appointments, jury duty, or any other similar roles. All volunteer hours from planning, preparing and conducting the meeting or activity should be included, as well as travel time, phone and/or messaging time and activity/presentation time.

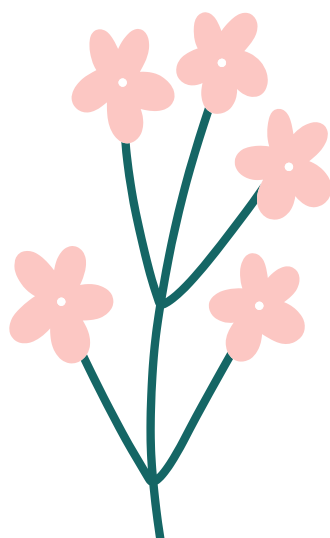
Personal - This category is for discretionary reporting of any unpaid service to family, friends, and neighbors. It includes babysitting relatives not living with you, taking a neighbor or friend to the doctor and/or shopping, mowing the neighbors' lawn, shoveling their snow, raking leaves, etc. Church and faith-based participation such as choir member practice, Sunday school, transporting church members and other religious activities can also be included in this category.



Calendar of Events



July 16-18	Quilt Lovers Retreat	Meeting Hall	9am-4pm
July 23	Homemaker Advisory Council	Meeting Hall	9am
July 23	Homemaker Tally Day RSVP	Meeting Hall	10am
July 30	Basket class with Wendy Tallis	Meeting Hall	9am-3pm
August 1	Laugh and Learn	CCPL	10am
August 2	Shooting Sports Club	Range/Meeting Hall	9am
August 2	Creative Crafts Club	Meeting Hall	1pm
August 12	Modern Homesteading Club	Meeting Hall	6:30pm
August 13	Quilt Lovers Charity Sew Day	Meeting Hall	9am-4pm
August 19	Quilt Lovers Club	Meeting Hall	5pm social
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August 21	Radio Show WNBS with Robin and Alison		8:08am
August 21	Homemaker Advisory Council	Meeting Hall	9am
August 26	Cultural Arts competition set up	Meeting Hall	8am
August 26	Cultural Arts Competition registration		9-11am
August 26	Cultural Arts judging		11am
August 26	Set up for County Annual Day		following judging
August 27	Cty. Homemakers Annual Day	Meeting hall	9:30/10am
September 1	Office closed Labor Day		
September 2	Cooking Through the Calendar	CCPL	10:30am



Attention Homemakers!!

The Purchase Area Homemakers Advisory Council recently voted to move the Area Cultural Arts competition from spring to fall. As a result, the Calloway County Cultural Arts competition has also been rescheduled. It will now take place on **Tuesday, August 26th** at the **Calloway County Homemakers Meeting Hall**, with **registration open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Judging will begin immediately following registration, around **11:00 a.m.**

The 2025–2026 categories are attached to this newsletter.

We welcome and greatly appreciate any Homemakers who would like to volunteer to assist with registration, exhibit setup, or judging support. The exhibits will remain on display through the following day for our **County Annual Day** celebration.

Our **County Annual Day** marks the close of the 2024–2025 Homemaker year. The event will feature a brief meeting, a guest speaker, and a potluck lunch, a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate, and look ahead. We'll be **welcoming our new Homemaker Advisory Council President, Robin Bracken**, who has been an active member in several clubs including **Shooting Sports, Quilt Lovers, and Happy Hearts.**

On the Annual Day we will also recognize our 2024–2025 Homemaker of the Year. We will also send a heartfelt thank you to **Alison Geurin** for her six years of exceptional leadership. Alison has guided us through challenging times, including the COVID pandemic and a period without an FCS agent. **Thank you, Alison, for your dedication and service.**

Tally Day

All Calloway County Homemakers are requested to complete the Volunteer Service hours record. Also, your club president should also have a copy of 2 more records to complete. If any Homemaker feels uncomfortable doing these records, please do not feel you must. This is not required. University of Kentucky is requesting this information to better serve the people of Kentucky with new programming. We will be compiling these records on our Tally Day which is July 23, 2025. All clubs should send one representative to this meeting. Please RSVP to Debbie by Tuesday, July, 22nd. Presidents or their representatives need to bring all your records with you.



PURCHASE LESSON SCHEDULE 2025-2026

		Graves	Hickman		Marshall	McCracken
Lesson	Buliding a Better Smoothie					
SEPT	Anna Morgan	8/27	8/26		9/2	8/2 9
Lesson	Mental Health Matters					
OCT	Mike Keller	9/30	9/29		10/1	9/25
Lesson	Selecting Sheets					
NOV	Sarah Drysdale	10/29	10/24		10/30	10/23
Lesson	Composition in Photography					
JAN	Vicki Wynn	11/17	11/18		11/25	11/24
Lesson	Sharing Your KEHA Message					
FEB	Brooke Hogancamp	01/29	01/21		01/28	01/22
Lesson	The Big Freeze					
MAR	Denise Wooley	02/25	02/23		02/24	02/27
Lesson	Yoga-ta Try This!					
APR	Kelly Alsip	04/01	03/31		03/30	04/03
Lesson	Culinary Connections: Food Families					
MAY	Debbie Hixon	04/29	04/27		04/28	04/30
Lesson	Understnading your Credit Score					
JUNE	M ailout					

2025 – 2026 Cultural Arts Exhibit – CATEGORIES

01. SEWING (Apparel & Home Décor)

- 1a. Basic Garment APPAREL
- 1b. Specialty Garment APPAREL
- 1c. Accessory APPAREL
- 1d. Basic HOME DÉCOR
- 1e. Specialty HOME DÉCOR

02. ART, 3-DIMENSIONAL

- 2a. Carving
- 2b. Sculpture

03. ART, NATURAL

- 3a. Wood
- 3b. Other

04. REPURPOSED & UPCYCLED (MUST include a “before” picture)

- 4a. Clothing
- 4b. Household
- 4c. Other

05. BASKETRY

- 5a. Cane (includes Nantucket)
- 5b. Wooden Base (excludes Nantucket)
- 5c. Miniature (under 4 inch)
- 5d. Novelty
- 5e. Non-Ribbed, Traditional
- 5f. Ribbed, Traditional

06. BEADING

- 6a. Bead Weaving
- 6b. Non-jewelry Item/Wearable
- 6c. Miscellaneous

07. CERAMICS

- 7a. Hand-formed
- 7b. Molded
- 7c. Pre-Made

08. COUNTED CROSS STITCH

- 8a. 14 Count Fabric & Under
- 8b. 16 to 22 Count Fabric
- 8c. Specialty Cloth (linens etc.)

09. CROCHET

- 9a. Accessories
- 9b. Garment
- 9c. Home Décor & Afghans
- 9d. Thread
- 9e. Figurine

10. DOLL/TOY MAKING

- 10a. Cloth
- 10b. Handmade Toy other than Porcelain/China or Cloth
- 10c. Porcelain/China

11. DRAWING

- 11a. Pastels
- 11b. Pen and Ink
- 11c. Pen and Ink with Oil Roughing
- 11d. Pencil or Charcoal – Black
- 11e. Pencil – Color

12. EMBROIDERY

- 12a. Basic
- 12b. Candle Wicking
- 12c. Crewel
- 12d. Machine
- 12e. Ribbon
- 12f. Smocking
- 12g. Swedish
- 12h. Tatting/Lace Making
- 12i. Chicken Scratch
- 12j. Puck Needle (Under 60” perimeter)
- 12k. Miscellaneous

13. FELTING

- 13a. Needle Method
- 13b. Wet Method

14. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

- 14a. Autumn
- 14b. Spring
- 14c. Summer
- 14d. Winter

15. JEWELRY

- 15a. Beaded
- 15b. Mixed Media (wire, Chain Maile, mixed with beads)
- 15c. Original Design

16. KNITTING (HAND – with knitting needles)

- 16a. Accessories
- 16b. Garment
- 16c. Home Décor ad Afghans
- 16d. Figurine

17. KNITTING OTHER (OTHER – machine/loom)

- 17a. Other

18. NEEDLEPOINT

- 18a. Cloth or Canvas
- 18b. Plastic

19. PAINTING, ART

- 19a. Acrylic
- 19b. Oil
- 19c. Watercolor

20. PAINTING, DECORATIVE

- 20a. Metal
- 20b. Wood
- 20c. Other

21. PHOTOGRAPHY

- 21a. Black & White
- 21b. Color

22. QUILTS

- 22a. Baby-size or Lap Size (hand quilted)
- 22b. Baby-size or Lap Size (machine quilted)
- 22c. Hand Applique (hand quilted)
- 22d. Hand Pieced (hand quilted)
- 22e. Machine Applique (hand quilted)
- 22f. Machine Pieced (hand quilted)
- 22g. Machine Pieced (machine quilted)
- 22h. Novelty (hand quilted) (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.)
- 22i. Novelty (machine quilted) (stenciled, embroidered, miniature, etc.)
- 22j. Technology Based (hand or machine quilted)
- 22k. Miscellaneous (hand or machine quilted)

23. PAPER CRAFTING

- 23a. Card Making
- 23b. Origami
- 23c. Qu8illing
- 23d. Scrapbooking

24. RUG MAKING

- 24a. Braided
- 24b. Hooked
- 24c. Punch Needle, rug (over 60” perimeter)
- 24d. Woven

25. WALL or DOOR HANGING

- 25a. Fabric
- 25b. Other
- 25c. Diamond Art Mosaic

26. WEAVING

- 26a. Hand (macrame, caning)
- 26b. Loom (includes pin weaving)

27. MISCELLANEOUS

- 27a. Miscellaneous

* All felted items should be entered into the Felting category under one of the subcategories. Items that have been knitted or crocheted and wet felt should not be entered in Knitting or Crochet.

** Photographs should be either mounted and/or in a frame – MATTING and/or GLASS is OPTIONAL

***Quilts must be completed by the KEHA member exhibitor. This includes quilting.

**** Scrapbooking entries are limited to 1 or 2 pages. If the entire scrapbook is sent, please designate pages to be judged.

CULTURAL ARTS and HERITAGE

All Extension Homemakers are encouraged to submit “original” items for competition in state exhibits.

Each article must be the work of an Extension Homemaker member and must have been completed during the past 2 years.

If a Homemaker is a **dues-paying member in more than one county**, please **choose ONLY ONE county** in which to enter all Cultural Arts exhibits.

Should a KEHA member who is in good standing happen to pass away before a qualified entry can advance to the next level of judging (county to area, area to state), the deceased member’s entry will remain eligible, and the club/country will have the option to enter it at the next level.

Entries will be exhibited by category. Entries will be judged by subcategory when indicated.

The exhibitor is responsible for category/subcategory determination. Extreme care should be taken at the county and area level to place entries in the correct category.

Entries entered in the wrong category will be moved to the correct category, if possible. Entries entered in the wrong category, where there is no correct category available or where there is already another entry, will be disqualified.

AREAS may exhibit one item from each category and/or subcategory (maximum number is 100 for 2025-2026). Identification of item should be on tag provided by state and attached to exhibit.

Blue ribbons are awarded for high quality work, the number depending on the quality of the entries. A championship purple ribbon is awarded to best of the blue-ribbon entries in each category.

BLUE Ribbon and PURPLE Ribbon exhibits from previous years in each subcategory (or category, if category has no subcategories) are not eligible for entry in another KEHA cultural arts contest.

The exhibitors and/or their representative is responsible for transporting exhibits to and from the state meeting.

Each exhibitor must provide their own materials to properly display their item. Tape and nails cannot be used on the walls. If items are best displayed vertically, please provide an easel or means of hanging exhibit from the wall.

Please label any easels, picture stands, hangers, or other display equipment with exhibitor name.

All exhibits must remain displayed throughout the duration of the Cultural Arts Exhibit. In the case of an emergency, items may be removed only on approval of the state Cultural Arts Chairperson.

Neither the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association nor the University of Kentucky will be responsible for any lost, misplaced or broken items. We do not anticipate any misfortune, but this disclaimer must be clearly understood by all exhibitors.

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

Criteria for Judging:

- A. **Three-dimensional art, decorative painting, drawing, art painting, and ceramics.**
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Artistic promise
 - 3) Technique
 - 4) Composition

- B. **Apparel, beading, counted cross stitch, crochet, embroidery, felting, holiday decorations, jewelry, knitting, natural art, needlepoint, pillows, quilts, recycled art, rug making, toy/doll making, wall or door hanging, weaving, and miscellaneous.**
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Workmanship
 - 3) General appearance.

- C. **Baskets**
 - 1) Made with natural materials (e.g. reed, cane, NO FABRIC/NO ROPE)
 - 2) Level of difficulty
 - 3) Uniform shape
 - 4) Proper finishing: tight rim lashing, trimmed lashing, excessive splinters are clipped or singed
 - 5) Start / stop rows hidden
 - 6) Packed weave (no gaps)
 - 7) *For wooden base baskets:* Hole in the center of the base is plugged and sealed.

- D. **Photography**
 - 1) Originality
 - 2) Content (Subject matter)
 - 3) Clarity (Is it in focus? Good use of lighting?)
 - 4) Technical competence (When appropriate, demonstrates awareness of aperture and shutter speed)
 - 5) Composition

- E. **Scrapbooking — Please indicate page(s) to be judged if entire scrapbook is sent. The contest is limited to one-page and two-page layouts only.**
 - 1) Balance and symmetry
 - 2) Color coordination
 - 3) Quality of photography
 - 4) Use of space
 - 5) Neatness
 - 6) Lettering
 - 7) Journaling
 - 8) Use of embellishment
 - 9) Does it tell a story

KEHA Cultural Arts & Heritage Clarifications to Cultural Arts Exhibit RIBBON Procedures

There are 27 CATEGORIES (for 2025 – 2026)

- 25 of the 27 Categories also include Subcategories
- There are a Total of 100 Category/Subcategory designations

Qualified entries should be placed in the *most appropriate* Category/Subcategory

Entries advancing to the next level (County to Area; Area to State) should remain in the same, appropriate Category/Subcategory the entire time

RIBBONS (suggested recognitions)

- Blue = 1st Place
- Red = 2nd place (*optional at the County and Area levels; not used at the State level*)
- White = 3rd place (*optional at the County and Area levels; not used at the State level*)
- Purple = “Best of” (*optional at the County and Area levels; 27 awarded at the State level*)

At the COUNTY LEVEL

- COUNTIES may award ribbons in Categories/Subcategories AS THEY SEE FIT
- County Judges should select only **ONE** top-winning **entry from EACH of the 100 Categories/Subcategories at the COUNTY Level** to **advance** to the **AREA LEVEL** Cultural Arts Exhibit
- Only **ONE** item from each of the **100 Subcategories advances** from the **COUNTY** Level to the **AREA** Level

At the AREA LEVEL

- AREAS may award ribbons in Categories/Subcategories AS THEY SEE FIT
- Area Judges should select only **ONE** top-winning **entry from EACH of the 100 Categories/Subcategories at the AREA Level** to **advance** to the **STATE LEVEL** Cultural Arts Exhibit
- Only **ONE** item from each of the **100 Subcategories advances** from the AREA Level to the STATE Level

At the STATE LEVEL

- State Exhibit receives up to 100 items from each of the 14 Areas (up to 1,400 entries)
- State Judges award **BLUE RIBBONS** for what they deem the highest quality work may award **as many Blue Ribbons** per Category/Subcategory **as they see fit**
- *Red Ribbons and White Ribbons are not awarded at the State Level*
- **PURPLE RIBBONS** are awarded to **ONE ITEM** within each of the **27 Categories**
- A State Purple Ribbon item is chosen from a State Blue Ribbon winner
- Purple Ribbons are *not awarded by Subcategory* at the STATE LEVEL

Registration Form

Viewer's Choice#_____

Item Category_____

Sub-category_____

Description_____

Name_____

Address_____

County_____

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