December 2023 FCS & Homemaker Newsletter

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Mondays	10am Crochet Club, no crochet club December 25th or Jan 1st
December 1	2pm Organizing Tips for Increased Productivity
December 8	10am Loaded Beef Stew Cooking Class
December 9	10am-4pm Greeting Card Make & Take
December 11	6pm Friendship Club Meeting
December 13	10am TLC Club Meeting
December 14	10am Community Club Meeting
December 21	10:00am & 5:30pm Greeting Card make & take
December 25- Jan 1	Office Closed for the holidays
January 4	1:00pm Book Club meeting at the Extension office
January 4	5-7pm Tamale cooking class (class is full)
January 22	6pm Sourdough class with First Rise
January 30	10am Elements and Principles of Art

A note from Debbie Smith, Graves County Homemaker President

Welcome December!! 2023 was a very busy year for Graves County Extension Homemakers. There were arts and crafts classes from making greeting cards to learning how to make sour dough bread! We participated in Trunk or Treat and made over 200 cookies for Santa to give away. We catered two events for the Graves County Public Library and enjoyed getting together working with other homemakers across our county. We successfully finished our "Welcome Home" project where we fed over thirty families when they moved into their tiny home or their Homes and Hope for Kentucky home. This was a grant from Kentucky Extension Homemakers that allowed us to cook, freeze, and then deliver the meals. We had the opportunity to cook with Pete Jackson and enjoyed a wonderful presentation for International month. We catered the Estate Planning workshop where everyone enjoyed a baked potato bar, and we learned you can wash fifty baked potatoes in the dishwasher!! One afternoon, we gathered and enjoyed creating our own scrapbook page and another day we had an introduction to art design. This year we didn't have cloth bunnies, but we did make wooden bunnies and had many laughs and a good time.

2023 saw the PAEH Arts and Crafts showcase in Graves County. There were many beautiful entries and several from our county won blue and purple ribbons. This showcase turned into a two-day affair because of the weather! It made for a very memorable time. Later in March we catered the Agriculture First Aid Class. Also in March, we catered the County Extension Council meeting that had a definite St. Patrick's Day flair.

Once again, we participated in the Purchase District Fair's exhibition for home makers. We had more exhibits than we had in the two previous years! We again had training for our officers and our education chairmen that clarified our roles and our jobs.

We had a great Annual Day meeting with a wonderful turnout. We honored our homemakers for all their accomplishments in the past year. We also celebrated June Hart and her 65 years in extension homemakers. Then in November, we had our largest Taste of Graves County we had every had! We sold almost 200 tickets and had such a great time serving our community!

Notice I've used the pronoun "we" in most of these events. If you were not a part of the "we," try to be in this new year because you can have fun and serve your community! See you in the new year!!

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GREETING CARD MAKE & TAKE CLASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 10AM-4PM COME & GO

come and make I free Christmas item and choose other make & take items for \$2 each choose from: greeting cards gift tags gift card holders

> DECEMBER 21ST 2 CLASSES 10AM OR 5:30PM

4 MAKE & TAKES \$10 FOR ALL 4 PROJECTS

> Christmas Card New Year's Card Gift Card Holder Christmas Tag

Sourdough Bread Class with Kara Rogers of First Rise January 22nd, 6pm at the Extension office Call the office to sign up. \$10 fee to be paid the night of class & will include freeze dried bread starter.



February Lesson Elements and Principles of Art with Vicki Wynn January 30th, 10am

Whether it is a drawing, painting, photograph, or even a scrapbook page, what makes this 2-Dimensional "work of art" visually pleasing? Why do we like what we see? The basic elements and principles of art and design influence how we perceive objects.

> Adult Sewing will not meet in December and will resume January 11th

BOOK CLUB

Thanks to Vi Kibler a member of the Community Homemaker's club, the Graves County Homemakers will have the first meeting of their very own book club January 4, 2024 at 1pm at the Extension Office.

The book will be The Dollmaker by Harriett Arnow. Vi has ordered a kit from the KY Dept of Libraries. If you would like to join the book club contact Vi at <u>gemr9619@gmail.com</u> or text 217-278-9161 with your name, phone number and email address so you can be added.

When the books are in, Vi will contact you regarding the procedure for checking them out. You can also, purchase your own book, check them out through KY Libraries Unbound, or Libby to read on your computer, tablet or phone.

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