

# The Hearthstone Herald

A NEWSLETTER FOR EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

## GREETINGS EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

### **Hancock County Homemakers, you guys: ROCK!!**

Thank you to all who attended the County Christmas Dinner and for the donations. We collected the following: 44 bras, 6 tops, 50 pairs of underwear, 150 pairs of socks, 8 pairs of pants for children and 50+ personal product items and numerous sample items.

I will be taking the items to Life Choices, Hope House, local schools and the Support the Girls Chapter in Indianapolis.

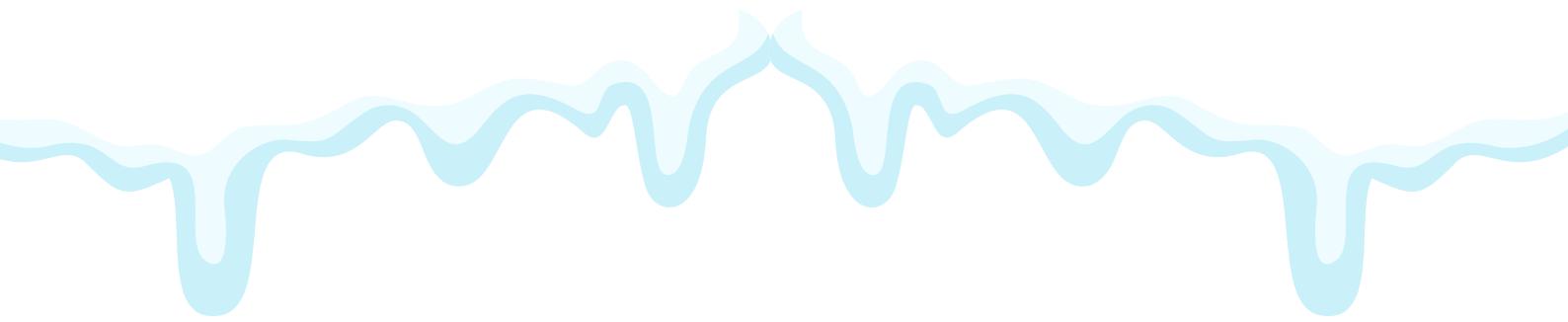
Remember to get your volunteer hours turned into your club resident by January 31, 2026. Also, grant applications are due to Vickie on February 15, 2026.

Thinking about going to IEHA conference in June? If you have not attended and would like to then please turn in an application for our First Timer. If you haven't gone in a few years and would like to go again, then fill out the application for I want to go again. Remember this year it is in Nashville, Indiana.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

- February 4: Silk Flower Arrangement Workshop
- April 10 Spring District Meeting - this will be in Hancock County this year and the theme will be Revisiting the 70s.





It's hard to believe Christmas is just a few days away.

Hopefully everybody's shopping is done and gifts are wrapped. Now, just getting food prepared for all of our family gatherings if anyone is traveling, I do pray for safe and blessed travels for your destinations.

The merry family gatherings, the old and the very young. For all the Christmas traditions and recalling the precious memories from your past. May all those who are present be Blessed and for those whom are in our hearts.

Wishing each and everyone of my Hancock County Homemakers Families a Merry and Healthy Christmas.

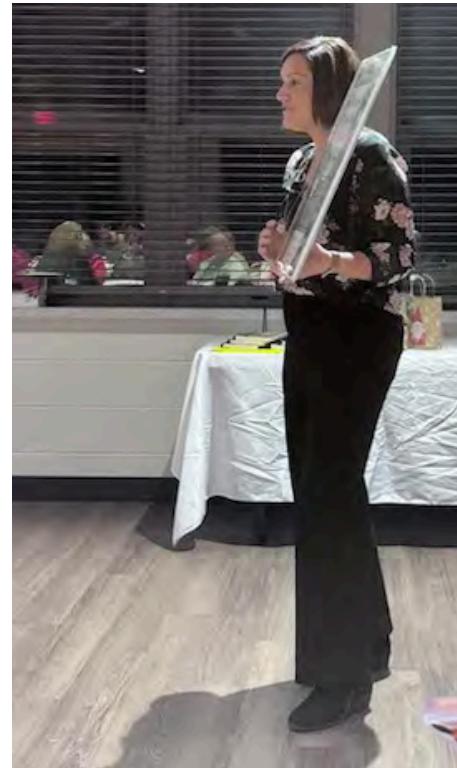
Next meeting January 28, 2026  
Executive Council 6:00 pm  
Presidents Meeting 6:30 pm

*-Jeanie Poole*  
Happier, Healthier Homemakers

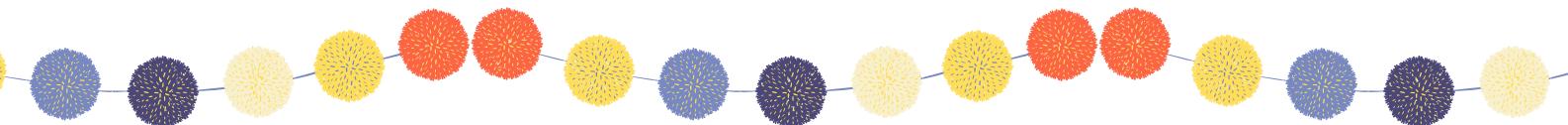


# Hancock County Extension Homemakers Annual Christmas Dinner

A wonderful Holiday Celebration. Thank you to our County President, Jeanie Poole, each person attending and Bixlers Barbeque. (The Bixler's - Tony, Carrie & sons)



Kathleen Nicholson promoting Recipes From the Heartland (400+ local recipes). \$10 each, available at the Extension Office (8a-4p) until January 5<sup>th</sup>. Also available at Mom & Pops Convenience Store on Hwy 9, North of Greenfield. Or call Margie Clark @ 317.498.1549



## Homemaker Members

Just a reminder to you about Cultural Arts Display at Achievement Celebration. Last year we did not have a very good showing and I know many members do lots of creative projects.

Each year, we have a display of various crafts and arts. Crochet, quilting, painting, weaving, and any other craft or art work you make. In addition, for the last several years the State Cultural Arts has had a special project opportunity as well. This year is a book or toy for a child 18x18x18 in size, any medium.

I am a member of the State Cultural Arts Committee and would like to encourage all of you to come up with an entry for our Spring Achievement Celebration. We choose two articles to go on to our Annual State Conference; one of the regular crafts and one special project.

I know we have many talented people within our organization. Since our County Fair does not have an Open Class Exhibit and Riley Festival does not have a Home Arts Display any longer, we do not have any opportunity to show off our talents.

Please get busy this winter on some articles you can enter in the spring. It does not have to be a quilt, it can be any crafted article. Let's see how many we can have entered in the spring and pick the best to go to the Homemakers Conference in June. Which, by the way, will be held in Nashville, Indiana this year at the Seasons Lodge. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text me.

Rosie Hunt  
Cultural Arts State Committee



# Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**January 1 - Happy New Year!**



**January 19 - Martin Luther King Day**

**January 28** - Executive Meeting, 6p, Extension Office  
Council Meeting, 6:30p, Extension Office

**February 4** - Silk Flower Arrangement Workshop, 6pm,  
Jennifer's Flower Boutique, 2 S. Main St, Fortville, IN

**February 14 - Valentine's Day**

**February 15** - Grant Applications due to Vickie Ramsey

**February 16 - President's Day** (Extension Office Closed)

**February 25** - Executive Meeting, 6p, Extension Office  
Council Meeting, 6:30p, Extension Office



# SAVE THE DATE!!

## *Cincinnati*

### Day Trip ITINERARY



**Friday, May 1, 2026**

Leave fairgrounds at 6am. (early I know but so worth it)

- ✿ Findlay Market - Ohio's oldest public market. Browse flowers, fudge, baked good, crafts and specialty foods. Easy walking, benches, and lively atmosphere.
- ✿ Over the Rhine Boutiques & Cafes - Browse shops, galleries, and historic architecture. Enjoy coffee/pastry break at a local cafe.
- ✿ Lunch at Montgomery Inn Boathouse (Riverside) - famous for BBQ ribs and local specialties. Scenic views of the Ohio River.
- ✿ Cincinnati Botanical Gardens
- ✿ Jungle Jim's - World's Coolest Grocery Store - theme park of food with over 70 countries represented.
- ✿ Dinner in Hyde Park - restaurant to be determined.
- ✿ Newport on the Levee - Beautiful views of Cincinnati Skyline. Time for coffee, dessert, or short riverfront stroll on Purple People Bridge.

**Cost \$100 per person. First come, first serve. Limited to 57 attendees.**

**Accepting verbal commitments now. No Refunds. However, you can substitute in your place.**

**Payment due by March 15, 2026. Watch for registration information.  
Will open to public February 1, 2026.**



Hancock County Extension  
Homemakers

# *Silk Flower Arrangement* WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

**6:00pm, Cost: \$35**

Unleash your creativity and learn to make a silk flower arrangement that will last forever. You can make an Everyday arrangement or a Valentine arrangement.

Please send money and arrangement choice to your Club President by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Snacks will be served.

**Jennifer's Flower Boutique  
2 S. Main St, Fortville, IN 46140**

Email Jeanie Poole to reserve your spot: [jmpoole52@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpoole52@yahoo.com)