

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TUESDAY NIGHT BANQUET 6:00 pm “WHAT’S A PARENT TO DO?” Patty LaRoche is a wife of one, and step-mother, grandmother of 7. She is retired high school teacher and is a writer, Christian speaker and has recently become involved in the fight against sex-trafficking at the church she attends while living in Florida. Following the birth of your first-born, no one hands you an instruction manual on how to parent, even though most experts claim there is no job more difficult. A cultural shift as many parents have stopped demonstrating a model of moral authority. The pendulum has swung so far toward the side of the children’s rights that they now dictate how the home is run. It’s time for parent to grow up and find a balance between ruling with an iron fist and no ruling at all.

WEDNESDAY 9:00-9:45 am “HISTORY ON A PIECE OF CLOTH, KANSAS FLOUR SACKS”, Nancy Leachman has a fascinating collection of over 200 Kansas flour sacks that are used as a vehicle to learn Kansas history. The collection is predominantly from the 1920s through 1940s. These are not the calico fabric sack, but are printed with the name, location and logo of the mill. They are mini-billboards of their time, expressing political views, and advertising trends, marketing schemes, culture theme, nutrition advancement and more.

10:00-10:45 am “LIFE IN A JAR”, Megan Felt will share how Irene Sendler, the mother of the Holocaust, became an Unsung Hero when she rescued children in Poland in WWII. Irena’s story became known through best-selling self-published books and more than 375 performances around the world. Megan and her History teacher, Norma Conard, work with teachers and students to develop Unsung Hero projects who have changed the world in a positive way.

EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY October 8, SESSIONS

9:00-9:45 am “STILL QUILTING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS”, Nancy Swanwick will present a trunk show of some of her most important/favorite quilts from near the beginning of her quilting days until present. Each has a distinct personality and story. She has presented trunk shows and workshops in five states over the past 30 year.

10:00-10:45 am & 3:00-3:45 pm “UNDER PRESSURE! MEALS IN MINUTES”, Barbara Ames, a FCS agent for 15 years, shows that research has proven the value of sharing meals as a family and has shown that food prepared at home is usually more nutritious and healthier for us. Time is a barrier in performing several functions, including pressure cooking, are worth considering. This is a tool to help family save time and money as well as capitalizing on good nutrition. Join our discussion of the pros and cons of these appliance.

10:00-10:45 am “THE ART OF AFTERNOON TEA”, Martha Scott fell in love with English afternoon tea on her first trip to England. Since that first tea she has visited tea rooms in both England and America. She will tell about the art of afternoon tea. A discussion of traditional tea food will be presented, as well as a sampling of both tea and food.

4:00-5:00 pm “FOR THE LOVE OF LAVENDER”, Betsy Reichard along with her husband, Davin, own *The Lavender Patch Farm* outside of Ft Scott. She will be sharing their family’s journey of starting the farm. She will explain how the lavender is planted, grown, harvested and the varieties that are best for this region. Sample bundles for all participant to see and smell. Lavender has many uses and benefits and this information will be given.

4:00-5:00 pm CRICUT 101 TIPS & TRICKS, Susan Bancroft will introduce the beginners on how to make graphic T-shirts, canvas prints, and vinyl applique mugs using a Cricut Air Explorer 2. Plan to design, create and celebrate!