

PRE-CONFERENCE

MONDAY

Tour to Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, Hesston, with guide. A Prairie Garden with 15 points of interest. Gift shop.

Make & Take - Tin Can Basket

Tin Can Basket: we will be decorating an empty tin can with paper napkins and a variety of trims and flowers. The finished "basket" may be hung anywhere in your home or perhaps even on a Christmas Tree. Instructions will be given by Peggy Martens, an FCE member in McPherson County.

Make & Take - Santa Gnome

Use yarn to create an easy no-sew 9" hanging Santa Gnome. Extra kits available while supplies last. Instructor will be Linda Hess, FCE member in McPherson County.

Historic Downtown Newton walking tour and shopping. Newton is 150 years old in 2022. Anderson Bookstore, Et Cetera Shop, Prairie Market and Deli, etc. are a must. Information will be provided at the registration table.

Viewing Murals plus Pantry and Library Boxes. There are 16 murals plus 20 Little Libraries and Pantries throughout Newton and North Newton. Self-guided. Handouts at registration table.

High Tea and Tour at Warkentin House

The Warkentin House Museum offers visitors a glimpse into life in Kansas in the Victorian Era and tells the story of Bernhard and Mina Warkentin and their impact on Kansas wheat history. As part of the guided tour, a high tea will be served.

Make & Take - Carriage Factory Art Gallery is a must-see for anyone who likes handmade gifts. Gallery artists create everything from large-scale paintings to jewelry, children's toys, soaps and greeting cards. An instructor will help you make your own bracelet.

Session – Recycled Denim Blankets. Have you wondered what to do with your family's old jeans. In this session you will learn three different techniques turning old jeans into useful blankets. Peggy Martens will be sharing some ideas on uses for these unique blankets.

Mexican Supper at 421 South Ash, with dancers, and presentation by Raymond Olais of Newton Mexican community history. Historical photographs and early story will document their arrival to work on the Santa Fe Railroad as early as 1905. Additionally stories of culture, religion, sports, music and assimilation into their new community will be included in the presentation.

TUESDAY

Make & Take – Frames of the Season

Repurpose an 8x10 picture frame with printed Christmas carol for a holiday decoration to gift or keep with Linda Hess, McPherson County.

Tour Kauffman Museum, North Newton

Meander through the tall grass prairie...discover an early farmstead with flower and vegetable gardens. View award winning exhibits in the museum. Shop for wheat weaving, Mennonite cookbooks, Kansas items and unique gifts in the museum store. The Museum tells the story of the Mennonite migration in addition to hosting special events and exhibits.

Light Tea and Tour at Warkentin House. The Warkentin House Museum offers visitors a glimpse into life in Kansas in the Victorian Era and tells the story of Bernhard and Mina Warkentin and their impact on Kansas wheat history. As part of the guided tour, a light tea will be served.

Historic Newton Downtown walking and shopping tour. Self-guided. Handouts at registration desk.

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Prizes by the Yard, Marketing Table, and Displays open.

CONFERENCE - BEGINS

Welcome by Clint McBroom, Mayor of Newton and Marlene Faul, 2022 Conference Chair

Wheat Weaving session with Felice Goering. Felice, from Moundridge, has done wheat weaving for over 50 years. Her angels are beautiful. She will speak, demonstrate, and show some of her work made from Kansas wheat.

Every Quilt tells a Story by Chris Allen, Newton. Chris, an FCE member in Harvey County, tells her personal story using approximately 70 quilts from the many she has made.

Banquet Speaker: “Stories from the Prairie” with Larry Hatteberg - former KAKE-TV news anchor and photojournalist. Author of two books, Larry Hatteberg's Kansas People and More Larry Hatteberg's Kansas People featuring photos by Vada Snider. Larry shared stories for over 51 years on KAKE Television. Music by Vada Snider, flute, and Karen Loucks, piano.

Recognitions: 2021 Educational Program Awards
Heart of FCE Award Winner
Essay and Artwork Contest Winner
Past State Presidents

WEDNESDAY

Speaker: “Trails To Rails” with Brian D. Stucky, trail historian, will illustrate how early paths such as Indian and wagon trails in some cases became later paths for railroads and today’s highways.

Speaker: A representative from Ardent Mills, Newton, the leading flour supplier of small-pack with Newton packing over 40% of U.S. privately-labeled small bags are sold on retail shelves. 850,000 pounds of flour are processed daily.

Luncheon entertainment. The Pine Village Readers Theater, Moundridge, started in 2014 with volunteers who enjoyed acting/talking under the leadership of Becky Yoder, former Director of Wellness Center activities. The size of the group changes with age and ability to travel. Short skits are done depending upon desires of various organizations.

Recognitions: First Time Conference Scholarship Winner
2022 County Council Presidents
Outgoing Area and State Officers
Installation Incoming 2023 Area and State Officers