Meet the New President, Dr. Jan Haynes

Dr. Jan Haynes is Chair of the Division of Family & Consumer Sciences and Professor of Fashion Merchandising at Delta State University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics, with secondary teaching certification, from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana. Her Master of Science degree was earned at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas in Clothing & Textiles, with an emphasis in Fashion Merchandising. She received the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Texas Woman’s University, Denton, Texas in Clothing and Textiles, with emphasis in Fashion Merchandising.

She is very excited to be the MAFCS president during this AAFCS Centennial Celebration year! She wants to extend a warm welcome to all members as we embark upon this anniversary year of the organization.

MAFCS Annual Conference
February 19-20, 2009
Jackson, Mississippi
The 2009 MAFCS annual conference will be held in Jackson, MS at The Hilton Hotel on County Line Road on February 20, 2009. This meeting and the preceding evening’s gala will be a Centennial Celebration commemorating 100 years of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Ellen Swallow Richards, the founder of home economics, (portrayed by Joyce Beery Miles) will present a journey through time. Sponsors for the gala include the US Rice Council, the Mississippi Farm Bureau, The Sweet Potato Council and The Mississippi Pork Association. Registration forms are included with this newsletter or can be found on the website http://www.mafcs.com/.

AAFCS 100th Annual Conference & Expo
June 25-28
Knoxville, Tennessee
Come to the 100th Annual Conference & Expo, Celebrating the Past, Sustaining the Future, to work on solutions to current sustainability issues, such as designing more eco-friendly fabrics, reducing waste in food preparation, and increasing the use of recycling in homes, schools, and workplaces. To commemorate the AAFCS Centennial, the conference will also address the history and future of the Association and FCS profession.

Teacher Showcase
Teacher Showcase 2009 is designed to highlight the best practices of Family and Consumer Sciences teachers throughout the state. Participating teachers will prepare a poster highlighting a best practice teaching method and share ideas in a round robin session. Handouts which can be used in individual programs will also be provided. The best practice should be professionally presented in a neat, easily read format and can include any materials which will best describe the teaching format. The poster presentation should be creative, innovative and include “cutting edge techniques.” The practice should be new and have a unique twist. Family and Consumer Sciences principles should be clearly interwoven within the best practice. The practice should stimulate critical thinking and growth of students as well as be challenging. The presentations will be judged on professionalism, level of commitment to Family and Consumer Sciences and benefit to students.
MAFCS had a great annual meeting and Pre-day Educational Tour in Jackson on February 26th and 27th. We toured the Gail Pittman Studio, seeing the process of pottery production from concept to finished product. We made a quick stop at B. Liles Studio, which featured jewelry from several custom jewelry design artists. Next, we toured the historic Mississippi Governor’s Mansion, where we learned about the architectural style, furnishings, and interesting history of the home. The group had lunch at the University Club on the 22nd floor of the Regent’s Bank building in downtown Jackson. The views and food were wonderful. Next, we visited the new Mississippi Craft Center. We learned about the Craftsmen’s Guild of Mississippi and had some demonstrations of rug hooking and punching from Lisanne Miller, an area fiber artist. The day ended with a tour of the state-of-the-art, contemporary-style home owned by Charles and Ann Hooker. The architect in charge of refurbishing the home, Bob Adams, educated the group on the modern architecture of this home.

The annual meeting was held at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Mississippi. One hundred and eight professionals, high school teachers, and university students were in attendance. The day started off with a Welcome and Overview by Dr. Wanda Cheek, President. We were all surprised by a visit from Ellen Swallow Richards (played by Beverly Maddox, Vice President-at-Large). After the opening session, a “Mix it Up!” time allowed participants to visit with student researchers and student designers. A silent auction raised money to fund the student research and design awards for 2008.

Dr. Ray Vaughn, Distinguished Professor and Endowed Chair from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Mississippi State University, gave an eye-opening presentation on Identity Theft. Ms. Robin Carroll, Interior Design Instructor from Mississippi State University, spoke about Implementing Green Design in Housing. Various breakout sessions were offered throughout the day for students, high school teachers, and professionals.

Student design award winners were: First place, Jacqueline To from Delta State for Pouf Black Magic (a dress), and Whitney Prather from Delta State for Polka Dots & Petticoats (a dress). Delta State students Whitney Prather (Bourbon Street coat), Katie Tatum (Prints Charming dress), and Hilary Rogers (Belle dress) tied for the 2nd Place Design Award. Parron Edwards from Mississippi State University received the 3rd Place Design Award for Art of the Trade – a newspaper-inspired dress and purse.

Student research award winners were: First place, Erica Monroy, Emily Dicke, and Ashley Lott from Mississippi State University for their research poster entitled “Differences in quality time management among families with young children.” Jasmin M. Gaumer-Bowden from The University of Southern Mississippi (Lloyd E. Pickering, faculty sponsor) received second place for her research entitled, “Emotional availability: How fathers affect their daughters’ psychosocial development.” Parron Edwards from Mississippi State University received third place for his project “Couture Playhouse.”

Student research winner were Jasmin Gaumer-Bowden (USM), Erica Monroy (MSU), Emily Dicke (MSU), and Ashley Lott (MSU)
Not pictured is Parron Edwards (MSU).
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Silent Auction

Last year’s Silent Auction was a great success and we hope this year’s auction will raise even more money for our student awards. To make this happen, we need your help! Please donate an item for the auction; the item can be something that you have made, something you have purchased, or even a White Elephant item. Local cookbooks have been popular. It can even be a service that you can provide or perhaps a week at your condo in Maui! The sky is the limit. No item will be declined.

All funds raised will be used to fund the student awards in 2010. Support our students, donate an item or items, bid often, bid high. If you are donating an item, please e-mail Cameron McMillen at emcmilln@deltastate.edu (662-846-4318) so we will be sure to have enough space. Thanks in advance for participating in our worthwhile fundraiser!

Lisanne Miller, fiber artist and owner of P Is For Primitive, showed samples of her felting during the pre-day educational tour.

The group toured the Gail Pittman Studios and saw the process of pottery production from concept to finished product.
Centennial Celebration 2009

AAFCS is 100 years old! And we are making big plans for the Mississippi Affiliate Celebration in 2009. AAFCS kicked off the celebration at the 2008 meeting in Milwaukee, and a major celebration will occur in 2009 in Knoxville.

The MAFCS Board is also making plans to bring all Mississippi AAFCS members (current and past members) together in 2009 for a grand celebration. One of our first tasks in early 2008 will be to begin identifying and locating addresses for inactive members of the organization or those who have moved out of state. We want to issue an invitation for our special event to all who have been active at some point in our organization. Please help us identify former members. A form is included in this newsletter for you to complete to help us with this major task.

The emphasis of the Mississippi event will be on the history of AAFCS/AHEA and of the Mississippi Affiliate. The MAFCS annual conference will be held on February 20, 2009. All plans will be announced on our website www.mafcs.com, so keep checking for updates. We hope you will choose to join us!