

State 4-H Clothing & Textiles Team (CTT) Annual Report—2006-07

Committee Chair: Jan Hiller, Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Committee Members: Ann Fackenthal, Carol Salusso, Christy Price, Jan Klein, Jeanette Cornwall, Katrina Walker, Kay Hendrickson, Sally Walter, Susan Parr, Floy Zeigler, Emily Peel

New Members: Helen Appel; Barbara Tunestam, (Resigned from calls after May CC)

Situation

WSU Extension has not supported an Extension Clothing & Textiles Specialist since 1988, yet the enrollment in the 4-H Clothing Program remains strong. In 1999 a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Team of Extension professionals and volunteers was formed to provide leadership and training for the Washington State Clothing & Textile program.

Inputs and Outputs

The goals of the CTeam are to provide communication, programming and curriculum resources for the 4-H clothing members and leaders. Specific projects this year were:

1. Enhanced the listserve for 4-H clothing leaders and members
2. Enhanced the Clothing Project website
3. Prepared the Clothing Judging materials for use at State Fair Contests and later loaned to counties for their use
4. Revised the Judging Contest and Oral Reasons Power Point Presentations (Katrina)
5. Provided a 6-hour track on "Building a Better Judging Contest: Basics and Beyond"
6. Provided 5 workshops at State 4-H Forum: Clothing 911: When Good Projects Go Bad (Katrina); 4-H Sew for 24 (Ann); Fun with Fleece (Kristi); 20 Tips to Improve Your Sewing (Katrina) and Fun with Fabrics: Fun Sewing Activities for Gift Giving and Community Service
7. Provided a display "4-H Quilt Camp: A Modern Day Quilting Bee" for the Sewing & Stitchery Expo in Puyallup.
8. Susan, Katrina, Kay, Barbara and Jan worked at the Sewing & Stitchery Expo, a project of the Pierce County CTAs.
9. State 4-H Fair: a) Analyzed participant numbers in clothing exhibits and activities b) Advised State Fair Manager on various activities and exhibit classes
10. Carol led a pant-fitting workshop for the Benton/Franklin CTAs
11. Sally completed her Masters Project and Thesis: "After-School and Out-of-School Programs: Curriculum Sources and Needs for Fiber Arts Activities". Carol was committee chair and Jan, a committee member
12. Snohomish, San Juan and Island Co. CTAs (48 members) worked with 20-35 Native American youth, Camp Stitch-a-Lot (a summer sewing school), fair judging, planning a CTA Conference at the Holiday Inn,

Everett, October 31-November 2, 2008

13. Sally and Susan volunteered to serve as the 4-H consultants to the Snohomish Co. State CTA Convention, Fall of 2008
14. Floy and Emily, King Co. 4-H, held a "Family Living Lock-In" for the 5th year during spring break for 20 jr. and intermediate youth
15. Katrina served as Fashion Revue Superintendent for the 2007 State 4-H Fair

Outcomes:

1. Individual members willingly volunteer to do or lead specific projects in their geographical area and stateside
2. Communication with 4-H clothing leaders/members has increased due to the listserv and the updated clothing project sites
3. The CTTeam display was well received at the 2007 Sewing & Stitchery Expo
4. The 6 clothing/sewing workshops and the 1 track at State 4-H Forum provided training to 135 4-H leaders who in turn will teach sewing skills to members
5. Additional volunteers joined as members

Future Plans:

1. Design a poster display for Sewing & Stitchery Expo showcasing the Sewing/Quilt Camps in all 4 Districts (Kay Hendrickson)
2. Provide training for fair judges through the WS Fairs Association Super Schools. Susan Parr, Westside; Christy Price, Eastside (?)
3. Teach a class for Teen Conference—Sally and Katrina suggest "Mood Boards"—Vicki Puller, AMDT Graduate student may teach this
4. Improve communication with volunteers through website, sharing handouts/teaching plans from Forum/Teen Conference/ list teaching plans and handouts in EM2778 and on the CD
5. Resurrect the Textile Science Project (Sally with help from Katrina and Susan)
 - a. Develop and share on the clothing project website
 - b. Develop an interactive burn chart to determine fiber content of fabrics
6. Develop and deliver the State Clothing Judging Materials to State 4-H Fair and manage the county requests for these materials