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Hi all,

What an autumn it has been! After so much rain in October, we are finally having a drying out period. Area farmers are getting in their fields and harvesting is taking place. What a beautiful November so far. Hopefully, it will continue and Thanksgiving will be a wonderful time with our families.

Our October meeting was held at the Heinz plant in Muscatine, Iowa. It was a rare opportunity to tour a food processing plant. We saw soup being canned and pouches of ketchup being made. Our thanks to Karmen and Paul Heim for arranging the tour.

Karen Pang and I attended the National SWE Conference in Long Beach, CA in mid October. It's a beautiful city and we had a fast paced week there. Though the weather was rainy and cool the first couple days, we were able to enjoy a few warm, sunny California days, too. Our section received Member Retention and Member Growth awards.

Keep watching the newsletter for volunteer opportunities. Our section is volunteering again this month with setup for the Festival of Trees at the River Center in Davenport. It's a lot of fun! We have been fluffing trees and wrapping Isabel Bloom figurines.

Don't miss our November 17th meeting. It is our holiday craft meeting. This year we will be making pottery at Mad Potters in Bettendorf. REMEMBER--there will be no meeting in December!

We will be hosting a Leadership Coaching Workshop on December 12th. Betty Leonard, SWE Leadership Coach, will be speaking to us on Leadership Styles, Membership, and Burnout. Watch your emails next week for a flyer and signup sheet.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope to see you all at our November meeting on November 17th. I can't wait to see all our creations.

Sincerely,
Nancy Shell
President

November 2009 Meeting

“Pottery Painting”

Topic/Speaker: Pottery Painting

Date: November 17, 2009

Time: 6:00

Meeting Location: The Mad Potter

Meeting Location Address: 5153 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, IA

Meeting Cost: \$10.00

Meal Includes: Dickey’s Barbecue Pit Boxed Lunch: Sandwich, potato chips, 4-oz. vegetable, pickle, onion slices and barbecue sauce. Sandwich choices are: Beef (barbecue brisket), sausage (polish sausage), pork (pulled pork), poultry (smoked turkey breast or smoked chicken breast – Italian marinated). Veggie choices are: Original potato salad, barbecue beans, or creamy cole slaw. Please include your sandwich and veggie choice with your RSVP.

Meeting Description: Join us for a fun meeting of pottery painting. This would be a great gift idea!

Please RSVP to Rochelle Trefry at Rochelle.Trefry@swe.org by noon on Friday, November 13, 2009. Include your meal choice with your RSVP.

Directions to Location:

From I-74, take Exit 1 going East on East 53rd Street in Davenport. Turn right on Utica Ridge Road. The Mad Potter is 0.1 miles down on the left.

Festival of Trees Setup

We had several members help with the Festival of Trees set-up on November 5.



Leadership Coaching Workshop

Date: December 12, 2009

Time: 10AM - 3PM

Instructor: Betty Leonard, SWE Leadership Coach

Lunch: Provided by Elly's Tea and Coffee House, cost \$10

Location: Stanley Consultants, 225 Iowa Avenue, Muscatine, IA

Topics: Membership, Burnout, and Leadership Styles

Quad City Arts Festival of Trees

Experience the magic of the most loved holiday tradition in the Quad Cities--the Quad City Arts Festival of Trees. It takes 3,500 volunteers, 650 designers, 3,500 CenterStage entertainers and over 150 sponsors to make the festival possible each year. Members of SWE helped with setup of the festival by checking the tree lights and fluffing the trees. Members have also been asked to help with the wrapping of the 2009 special edition Isabel Bloom figurine prepared especially for the festival. The Quad City Arts Festival of Trees will be held from Friday, November 20, 2009 through Sunday, November 22, 2009. Be sure to stop at the River Center to see the beautiful holiday displays.

Membership info:

You can join SWE on the web. Go to <http://www.swe.org/membership>. Follow the easy instructions from there to join or renew your membership. Forms can either be printed or you can join online. The Online Application for new members will take you approximately 20 minutes to fill out. Keep in mind that many companies will pay dues for professional organizations, so be sure to ask!

Once you are a SWE member, you will then be able to log into the member directory to update your registration and search for other SWE member contact information. You will be helping not only yourself, the regional organization and the national organization, but you will also be helping our section. Twenty percent of the funds comes back to our section.

SWE Portfolios for Sale:



Cost is \$10 each; they are available at meetings and through Paula Raney (RaneyPaulaJ@johndeere.com)

2010 Region H Conference
January 29-31, 2010
University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Visit our section's
website:

[http://www.swe.org/SWE/
RegionH/Sections/Quad_
Cities/](http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionH/Sections/Quad_Cities/)

SWE 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule*			
Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009	Niabi Zoo	Megan Mathis	Quad Cities
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009	Heinz Plant Tour	Karmen Heim	Muscatine
Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009	Pottery	Rochelle Trefry	Quad Cities
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010	Self Defense/Sgt. Frances Wilson (DPD)	Paula Raney	Bettendorf Library
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010	HON LEED Building Tour	Brenda Murphy	Muscatine
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Speaker - TBA		Quad Cities
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Gardening	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, May 25, 2010	Family Event- Mini Golf/Pizza	Angel Jacobs	Quad Cities
*Depending on facility availability meeting topics may change.			

Help Plan at Meeting

Know of a great meeting place? Want to help plan a meeting? Please consider volunteering to help plan a meeting. There are several meetings that are in need of a meeting place and someone to coordinate them. If interested in being involved, contact Angel Jacobs at ajacobs@jacobandhefner.com for more details.