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Hello again!

With the changing colors of Fall, I'm sure you all have noticed that the color scheme for this newsletter has changed too! SWE is rolling out a new color scheme of purple & white, so we thought we'd try to phase it into our local newsletter as well.

We had a really great turn out for the first meeting of the year at Incredible Pizza! It was fun to see new faces & families enjoyed playing games.

Sadly, we have had to cancel the Girl Scout workshop in October because we did not obtain enough interest. However, we have a new volunteer opportunity which you all should have heard about by now called "Moms Night Out" (see page 3) which is sure to be a great event. If you know moms who would be interested, please encourage them to attend either in Davenport or in Muscatine, and if you are interested in helping out, let me know!! The more help we have the better ☺

Our second meeting of the year is going to be at Ardon Creek Winery (see page 2). We hope you all can make it! I'm sure it's going to be a lot of fun!

Again, if any of you have any suggestions for fun meetings, good places to eat, volunteer opportunities or fundraising, feel free to contact me or any of the other SWE officers and let your ideas be heard.

Also, don't forget there is still time to sign up for the National SWE Conference November 4-6 in Orlando, FL!

Until next time,

*Megan*

Megan Mathias  
President



## SWE October Meeting - Dinner and Wine Tasting at:

  
A R D O N  
C R E E K

*Vineyard & Winery, LLC*



**When:** Thursday, October 28, 2010

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 is being catered by Sweet Basil Catering

Short business meeting followed by wine tasting

**Note:** The wine tasting room is small but they have a patio with a fire pit that we can sit around. Please dress warmly.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person

Dinner Menu:

Beef stroganoff over pasta, green beans, cottage cheese

Mini dessert buffet

Soda & water

**\*\*\*If you need a vegetarian meal, please let me know when you make your reservation\*\*\***

### **About Ardon Creek Vineyard and Winery**

Ardon Creek is a family owned and managed operation established by Mike Furlong and his son, Chad Furlong. The vineyard and winery was founded on the 154-year-old family farm in 2008 to fulfill the promise of farm revitalization.

**Where:** Ardon Creek Vineyard & Winery, LLC

2391 Independence Avenue

Letts, IA 52754 (Just outside of Muscatine, Iowa)

### **Directions:**

Take Highway 61 from Quad Cities to Muscatine

Take Highway 61 Bypass to Hershey Ave (G28)

Turn west onto Hershey Ave

Stay on Hershey Ave until you come to Independence Ave (X43)

Turn south onto Independence Ave toward Letts.

The Homestead and Winery Barn will be on your left a few miles down the road.

They have some gift items available in the tasting room, so you can shop and also purchase a bottle of wine to take home if you are interested.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Paula Raney with your reservation ([raneypaulaj@johndeere.com](mailto:raneypaulaj@johndeere.com)) no later than **noon Monday October 25, 2010.**

Visit our section's website!

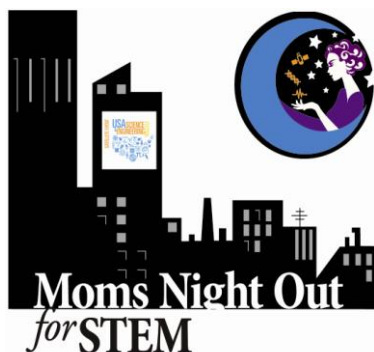
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## Girl Scout Event Update

Due to a lack of participation in this year's Girl Scout Badge Event, we are canceling the event. We hope to reschedule sometime in the future.

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**Who:** Moms (Dads/Guardians) of kids in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**What:** Mom's Night Out for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

**When:** October 18, 2010, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** Stanley Consultants Auditorium, Muscatine, IA

Register online or find more information at:

<http://www.iowamathscience.org>

**Mom's Night Out for STEM** is a coordinated statewide extravaganza. On a singular Monday evening, doors will simultaneously open throughout the state, at universities, community colleges, schools, and libraries, as well as commercial facilities and informal venues such as zoos, museums, and science centers. Featured programming includes hands-on activities, a folder of community resources and opportunities in STEM for youth, a dynamic speaker citing research on the importance of moms' influence in their children choosing STEM courses and careers, free babysitting, and a reception featuring refreshments.

Events are being held in 21 locations across Iowa, including Davenport and Muscatine. Davenport's event is being hosted by the QCESC and held at the Putnam Museum. **We (SWE) are hosting the Muscatine event!! If you haven't already volunteered to help, please consider doing so.** It's going to be a fun and informative evening. Contact Megan at [mathiasmeganc@johndeere.com](mailto:mathiasmeganc@johndeere.com) or Nancy at [shellnancy@stanleygroup.com](mailto:shellnancy@stanleygroup.com) for more information or to volunteer.

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## FESTIVAL OF TREES SET-UP-Volunteer Opportunity!

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 5:30 - 9:00 pm River Center, Davenport, Iowa

Wear comfortable clothing.

We will be assisting with setup of the Gift Shop in the Main Hall.

If Tuesday does not work for you, I can coordinate other evenings the week of December 8<sup>th</sup> with the Gift Shop.

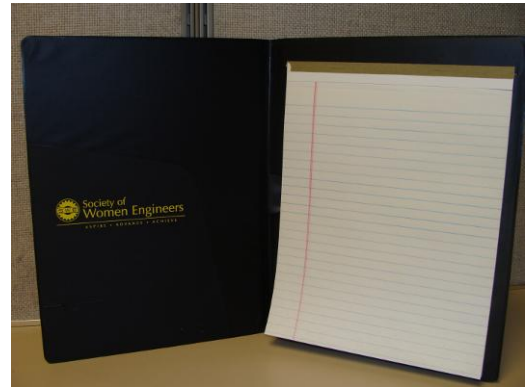
Interested?? Please contact Donna Jones by **November 1, 2010** [Donna.M.Jones@usace.army.mil](mailto:Donna.M.Jones@usace.army.mil)

## 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](mailto:RaneyPaulaJ@johndeere.com))

## SWE 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule\*

Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010	Ardon Creek Vineyard, Wine Tasting	Paula Raney	Letts, near Muscatine
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010	"Beading" at Your Design Ltd	Julie Millhollin	Bettendorf
Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011	MUSCO Lighting Tour	Brenda & Jonathan Frye	Muscatine
Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011	Leadership Speaker- Ginny Wilson Peters	Sunny Hubner	Quad Cities
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	LEED Speaker-Andrew Price	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Genesis Robotics Tour	Donna Jones	Davenport
TBD Date near end of May	Family Night @ QC River Bandits	Renee Mance	Davenport

\*Depending on facility availability meeting topics may change.

## Help Plan a 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 Megan Mathias at [MathiasMeganC@JohnDeere.com](mailto:MathiasMeganC@JohnDeere.com). Thanks!!