



CULTIVATE

*VSC President's Newsletter
April 2020*

Cultivate – verb

- To promote or improve the growth of by labor and attention
- To develop or improve by education or training; train; refine
- To promote the growth or development of; foster
- To devote oneself to
- To seek to promote or foster

Each of these definitions embody what we do for ESA. Let's cultivate new members this year. Let's cultivate more education about ESA to our friends, families and communities (talk it up!). Let's inspire leadership and service by bringing good people together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference.

President's Report—Lou Ann Wyer

I've had several emails and questions coming my way, so I want to get a quick newsletter out to the membership to let you know how we are moving ahead. I promise this one will not be as long as the March newsletter!

Diane will still publish a Lamplighter later this month and articles are due by April 15th.

I want to wish everyone a very happy Easter! In these difficult times, we still have so much to be grateful for. Look around, see the beauty, lend a hand to those in need, if you can. Stay safe and we will be together again soon!



While the pandemic keeps us in a very fluid environment, please be aware that changes may be necessary for each of us to stay safe while following recommendations from our federal and state leaders. Please follow emails from our ESA sisters and brothers so we all can stay up to date on any changes to VSC convention, IC convention and correspondences from our members. Please post articles and pictures of interest to the VSC Facebook page to stay connected.

VSC Convention

As you know, the VSC convention scheduled May 15-17, 2020 is cancelled. We are planning to hold a modified convention during our Leadership and Fall VSC weekend. At this time, we are hoping to have this held in Richmond. More details about the venue will be forthcoming. There are lots of things that will be changing as a result and we don't have them all worked out yet.

We will be making modifications to reduce expenses and to hold both Leadership and convention in 1.5 days, a full day on Saturday and a half day on Sunday. Convention activities that won't change: installation, awards, and celebration of life. Make sure to submit all your documentation for awards by April 15th.

We are looking into doing a modified flag ceremony and also if the SERC and IC representatives will still be coming in person. We will have to work out the combined revenue and expenses too since we will be in a new budget year. With that said, we will review the registration fees to determine any changes. Bylaws changes are being voted on electronically. We also are looking possibly doing something different with the booklet ads.

Brenda Bowersox would like to hold a retreat for her new Executive Board members, so the current Executive Board members have agreed to remain in office until that time.

All this depends upon how we come out of this pandemic and when we can resume normal travel and distancing. Please be patient with us and be open to new ideas.



IC Convention

We have heard from our IC leaders that the IC convention is still on! Grapevine, TX, July 15-19th. 65 people had registered as of April 2nd. They have pushed the registration deadline out to June 1st without any late fees. They are planning a tour of a casino and a baseball game at the new baseball park.

All deadlines for IC awards will remain as originally planned. If you have a question, please contact the chairperson directly. See the April edition of the Lamplighter for additional IC information re: 50/50 raffle and Trivia Night.

Headquarters

Charlotte Carloni reported on our weekly Chat that ESA staff members are working at home, so delays may be experienced for communications. Deana and Laurie are working in the office 1-2 days/week (separately) to handle mail, etc. She noted that it is best to contact them via email.

Charlotte holds a weekly ESA Coffee Chat via Zoom at 11AM. If you can join, it has been fun! She is hoping to do an evening one sometime soon.

VSC Facebook Page

The quilts for the State Project and the 2 wreaths/1 quilt for the SERC project have been posted to the VSC Facebook page. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, follow the directions for each project.

