A Note from the President:

January is a time of award shows... the People’s Choice and the Golden Globes sure have people buzzing about all the best designer clothes, “in” hairstyles, and Hollywood’s celebs! Here in the “real” world of 4-H, it is a time to honor and recognize the hard work we put into our profession each and every day. Those who attended the NAE4-HA Conference this past year received a bag printed with the following quote: “One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.” Forest Wicraft.

Each of you have done something outstanding this year, take the time to fill out the nomination form for yourself or a peer! We are making a difference, let’s take the time to celebrate our worthy accomplishments! ~ Jennifer

Award Opportunities

The Awards and Recognition Committee has been hard at work selecting new award categories that are applicable to the 4-H Youth Development work being done in New York State! The available categories for 2011 are:

- Professional Development Scholarships—also available!

*The peer Nomination Form for these awards is due January 21. It is short and easy to complete. The application portfolio, due on March 4, is prepared jointly by the nominator and nominee.

There are 13 categories in Communicator Awards including Educational Package, Educational Piece, Exhibit, Feature Story, Media Presentation, News Story, Periodical Publication, Personal Column, Promotional Package, Promotional Piece, Published Photo, Radio Program, or Video Program. The deadline for self-nominated Communicator Award entries is March 1, 2011!

Have you met?

Robin Travis, Interim NYS 4-H Director Team

What are your responsibilities?

Responsibilities are to provide interim leadership to the NYS 4-H program while co-leading the search for the new director. Specifically, I coordinate the work of the interim leadership team, provide administrative oversight of statewide programs, supervise state staff, and develop and/or maintain relationships with funders, program partners, and 4-H educators. My appointment is at 40% FTE since I have also retained by duties as Executive Director for CCE Schuyler County Family? Married to Lee for 30 years, 2 sons, Adam and Seth.

Favorite Color? Pink

Favorite Book? Angela’s Ashes

Desert? Choc. Almond Cherry Ice Cream

Contact? mt1@cornell.edu or CCE Schuyler 607-535-7161

Charlotte Coffman, Interim NYS 4-H Director Team

What are your responsibilities?

I serve on the 4-H Planning Team with Jo Swanson and Robin Travis to search for a new 4-H director, to listen to input from across the state, and to position NY 4-H for the future. Specifically, I am the liaison to the NE Directors group, serve as PI for 4-H based grants, and support the 4-H Science Mission Mandate.

Favorite TV Show? March Madness—crazy college basketball fan!

4-H Fact? As a teenager, I attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago as the state winner in the sheep project.

Favorite Food? Mangos

Family? Married with a grown son and daughter and one grandchild.

Favorite Movie? Turner and Hooch

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Marcia Eames-Sheavly, 4-H Collaboration and Partnerships Specialist

What are your responsibilities?

- Strengthen partnerships on campus by building new departmental and program collaborations that will enhance our 4-H effort and complement existing ones.

- Work in partnership with extension program work teams, campus faculty, extension administration and others to identify emerging needs for youth audiences and reinforce the partnerships and collaborations that meet these needs.

- Assist educators in forging campus partnerships to build their program capacity to attain new funding sources, develop novel approaches to programs, revise traditional programs, and foster educator and volunteer enrichment.

Hobbies? Cooking, gardening, painting.

Favorite Vacation? Adriondacks

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Q: How can I apply for a Communicator Award or nominate a peer for a Service Award?

A: Easy! Visit: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Pages/NYSACCE4-HE.aspx