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## Texas Extension Education Association

Extension Education Clubs are community groups of women (and men) who work with the County Extension Agents to plan and implement an educational program related to home economics, community service, and personal development. Clubs provide means for members to acquire education, information and to develop skills for improving the quality of life for family and community.

Local clubs have a variety of programs during a year. Content and resources generally come from:

TEEA Education Committee recommendations; usually taught by a TEEA delegate who participated in the committee workshop at the state meeting.

Family and Consumer Science areas; usually taught by the agent, via leader training for club leaders to re-teach at club, at "countywide" club meeting, or at local club meeting.

Special interest; usually presented by a club member or a resource person.

There are programs presented at Spring District Conference and the State Annual Conference Program. There is also an annual Cultural Arts Retreat.

Rains County has two clubs; the Crafty Ladies Extension Education Club and the Piecemakers Extension Education Club.

## Crafty Ladies

Meets on the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Rains Public Library Meadows Room located on US Highway 69 West in Emory. In case of ice or snow in the winter months, the  $4^{th}$  Thursday will be the alternate meeting day.

## **Piecemakers**

Meet on the  $3^{rd}$  Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Lake Lodge in Emory, located at 301 RCR 1155. In case of ice or snow in the winter months, the  $4^{th}$  Monday will be the alternate meeting day.

The community is welcome to join one or both of these local associations. Both of these groups will be hosting an Achievement Day on March 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rains County Fairgrounds. They will be presenting several programs from their State TEEA Convention. They are: "After 72 Hours – Then What", "Cultivate Your Landscape with Kindness", "Nipping Clutter in the Bud", "Memory – Did I Lose It?" and a special quilt related program, "Stash Busters and Scrap System." Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Cindy Callentine at 903/473-3154 and leave a message.

For more information on the TEEA groups in Rains County, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office at 903/473-5000, ext. 157.

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