

“Follow Your Dreams with DKG”

From ASO President Sue Cook:

Hello! I hope you had a restful spring break and are ready to finish your school year in the best possible way. As the school year finishes one of ASO's most important events is coming up. There has been a lot of planning and preparation already for the **Arkansas State Organization Convention, June 2-4, 2023.**

Registration will open on the ASO website (dkgarkansas.weebly.com) on April 1, 2023, and will close on May 12, 2023. The convention registration fee is \$80. There will be several options on the registration form for other items. First, as an optional item there will be a \$10 park fee (reduced cost for ASO members) for those who would like to tour the craft village and/or take a class. You will really enjoy getting to see crafters at work and might actually learn a new trade. Opportunities for classes in the park will be offered during breakout sessions. Also you will need to select meals which will be served at the Skillet Restaurant for Saturday's events. Breakfast will be \$15, the luncheon will be \$18, and the Presidents' Banquet will be \$20. The food for these meals will be served buffet style with a few choices available at each meal. When you arrive at the convention and check-in you will receive tickets for the meals that you selected. (NOTE: This is the only restaurant on the Folk Center grounds.)

After you complete your convention registration on line, you will need to call the Ozark Folk Center for your room registration. Rooms have been reserved at the park under DKG for \$90 plus tax per night. Call the number for the Cabins Office (870-269-3871) to reserve your room.

The luncheon will feature State Senator Missy Irwin from Mountain View as the guest speaker. Also during the Saturday lunch the Order of the Rose presentations will be made, as well as 50-year member recognition.

The Presidents' Banquet Saturday evening will include a parade of chapter flags, Dr. Teresa Cowan, and the installation of ASO officers for 2023-2025. International Guest Dr. Teresa Cowan is from North Carolina. Many of you know her and will also enjoy hearing her speak at a breakout session.

We will again have ASO Non-dues Revenue Committee silent auction baskets that each chapter will provide. Each chapter will need to decide a theme and start planning these beautiful baskets. Cissy Pendergrass and her committee will be organizing this traditional activity.

Friday night of the June Convention will be so much fun! Get ready to enjoy Mountain View music! I have a surprise for all of you. There will be signs leading the way to the Rec Room, along with lights by the signs for those that arrive after dark. The fun starts at 6:30pm sharp in the room where you check in. Don't be late!! Dress casual!!

So put our ASO Convention on your calendar! Be sure to register! It's a great way to end your school year!! Call if you need me! (Sue Cook: 575-430-4622)

ASO President Sue Cook is shown with Arkansas State Senator Missy Irwin from Mountain View. Senator Irwin will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.



Reminders

* Since it is already April in our DKG year, **it is time to pay dues!** The deadline for paying your dues is **June 30, 2023.** Keep in mind that chapter treasurers will need to have dues turned in to them sooner, so they can send everything in to ASO and International by the June 30 deadline!

* The **Ceremony of Remembrance will be held on Sunday morning June 4, 2023, at the ASO Convention.** The names used in this ceremony are derived from necrology reports submitted by YOU or someone assigned in your chapter. **Be sure if you have lost a member in the last two years to submit your necrology report!**

This form is available on the International website (dkg.org) under MYDKG/Forms/Reports/Form 2. Any time you lose a member you should also file Form 6, which is also available on the International website under MYDKG/Forms/Membership/Death of a Member/Form 6.

Copies of these forms should also be sent to the following personnel: Membership Chair Janie Hickman (janiehickman@hotmail.com), Executive Secretary LaVonne Kirkpatrick (lwalter@uark.edu), and President Sue Cook (suecook428@gmail.com).

Schedule

Arkansas State Organization Convention
June 2-4, 2023, at The Ozark Folk Center

Friday, June 2:

- 4:00pm—6:30pm Convention and room check-in (in the Rec Room at Check-In building)
- 5:00pm—6:00pm ASO Executive Committee Meeting in largest office cabin
Evening meal on your own (everyone)
- 6:30pm—8:30pm Sue's Surprise in the Rec Room
(Come in casual dress and bring your own snacks.)

Saturday, June 3:

- 8:00am—9:30am Convention check-in in the lobby of the Visitors Center
- 8:00am—9:30am Breakfast at the Skillet (buffet)
- 8:00am—9:00am Past State Presidents' Breakfast (and ASO Executive Committee)

Meeting/Convention Business: Visitors Center Auditorium

- 9:30am—10:00am ASO Executive Board Meeting
(Chapter Presidents, Area Leaders, ASO Past Presidents, Current State Officers)
- 10:00am—10:15am Break
- 10:15am—12:30pm Convention Business Meeting and election of officers (everyone)

Lunch:

- 1:00pm—2:00pm Luncheon at the Skillet (buffet)
Speaker: State Senator Missy Irwin
Order of the Rose Presentations
50-year member recognition

Breakout Sessions:

- 2:00pm—5:00pm Breakout Sessions (Visitors Center)
- 2:00pm—2:50pm Presentation by Park Specialist and Presenter from the Craft School
- 3:00pm—3:50pm Roundtables:
1. Presidents' Round Table
 2. Treasurers' Round Table
 3. Secretaries' Round Table
 4. Southeast Regional Director's Roundtable: (open for anyone)
"What's on Your Mind?" by Dr. Teresa Cowan

Explore Craft Village in 1-hour classes (TBD) with limited seating in the Village. (first come first served) \$10 per class includes entrance to the Craft Village or \$10 to enter the Craft Village to explore. This is a discounted price for our convention attendees.

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4:00pm–4:50pm: Explore Craft Village in 1-hour classes (TBD) with limited seating in the Village. \$10 per class includes entrance to the Craft Village or \$10 to enter the Craft Village to explore. (second session)
Tour the Craft School and Craft Gallery downtown

5:00pm–7:00pm Break

5:00pm–7:00pm Leadership Seminar Reunions: Classes of 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022 (in the Rec Room)

7:00pm–9:00pm Presidents' Banquet
Parade of Chapter Flags
Speaker Dr. Teresa Cowan, "Making Stimulating Connections: How do we build connections within DKG?"
Installation of Officers

Sunday, June 4:

8:30am–9:15am Ceremony of Remembrance (Rec Room) with special celebration for Past State Presidents Ella Reese and Wanda Roe
Convention Adjournment

Breakfast on your own
Check out

The ASO Non-dues Revenue Committee needs all chapters coming to the convention to design a special gift basket for the Non-dues Auction!

Baskets need to be worth around \$50.
Chapters will turn them in at the check-in area as they arrive for the convention in June.



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Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- * **April 1, November 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Agatha Prator Grant
- * **May 1, September 1, February 1** Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Award deadlines (dkgef.org)
- * **June 2-4, 2023** Arkansas State Organization Convention in Mountain View at the Ozark Folk Center/State Park
- * **June 23-25, 2023** DKG State Organization Leaders Training, Irving, Texas
- * **June 30, December 1** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Arkansas State Organization Scholarship
- * **July 11-16, 2023** DKG International Conference, Detroit, MI (see International website dkg.org for more information)
- * **July 18-22, 2023** DKG International Conference, Phoenix, AZ (see International website dkg.org for more information)