

# Confection Connection

## A Word from our State Representative

- Jennifer McRoberts

I hope you have had a great Thanksgiving with family and are ready for more fun to be had the last month of the year! We have plenty of things in this newsletter to wet your whistle and my goal is to see our membership grow in the new year to come. Have a great rest of the year and I look forward to seeing you all in March at either our Midyear in Mobile, Alabama or at our DOS in Tullahoma, TN.

Always know you can reach me many ways: email, call, text, or write!

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## HANK STEINMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

There is a wonderful feeling that you get when you have help paying for your continued sugar art education. With this scholarship you will be able to attend classes that you would otherwise just dream about. I have been one of the fortunate ones to receive this scholarship and I have to say it was a blessing for me to be able to attend one of Nicholas Lodge's classes with the help of this scholarship. If it makes you feel nervous to demonstrate what you learned in your class I am more than willing to assist you with this part of the scholarship requirement. As standing in front of everyone to show what you learn can be a bit nerve racking. I assure you though we are all very supportive and so would love to learn what you have learned in person. Sharing the excitement of taking a sugar art class with others not only inspires, encourages, and strengthens your sharing skills.

Apply today!

<http://www.tnices.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ScholarshipInfo.pdf>



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ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

**We are voting in the  
Spring!**

If you or someone you  
know has great  
bookkeeping skills or loves  
to take notes then We  
Need You!

We will be taking  
nominations for Secretary



**WE NEED  
YOU**

**SECRETARY  
&  
TREASURER**

Please send in your nominations

to [tennices2003@yahoo.com](mailto:tennices2003@yahoo.com)

Provide a photo and a brief bio to help us get to know

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### MIDYEAR

### Mobile, Alabama

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>. - 8<sup>th</sup>. 2015



*The Azalea City, Mobile, Alabama awaits you with genuine southern charm and elegance.*

*We invite you to join us for the Midyear Meeting of the International Cake Exploration Societé.*

*Please join us.*

*It will be an honor to have you as our guest.*

**\$70 per person includes**

<http://icesmidyear.org/>

- Bus transportation to and from Mobile Carnival Museum\*
- Mystery dinner theater performance
- Dinner
- Tour of Mobile Carnival Museum
- Photo opportunity on a real Mardi Gras float
- Gift/souvenir shop will remain open after normal business hours for our group
- Chance to win a fabulous ICES prize for being the “Best detective in the house!”

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### LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

We are moving on up! As it is said in opening a new business “Location Location Location” is the most important.

We have had great times as the Lebanon State Park and at various other locations such as the Comfort Suites in Lebanon and Uptown Events in Tullahoma.

We are going to meet again at our Spring Days of Sharing at Uptown Events Center in Tullahoma, however, we are looking closer to Nashville to hold our Fall DOS next year and for years to come.

*We need your help in locating places that are worth our group to visit and hold our DOS. If you are in the Middle TN region and know of any Chalets, Group Cabins, or any place that has room to hold a meeting and lodging would be greatly needed.*

*Please send us any and all the information on places that you think will suit our group needs to [tennices2003@yahoo.com](mailto:tennices2003@yahoo.com)*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

December 7, 2014 - Winter Sugar Play Day, Newport, Tn  
Gingerbread Cookie Wreath

March 6 - 8, 2015 – ICES Midyear Meeting, Mobile, Alabama

March 15, 2015 – TN Day of Sharing Tullahoma, TN

March 16 & 17, 2015 – Tennessee Day of Sharing, Classes with Chef Nicholas Lodge

July 23 – 26, 2015 – ICES 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – ICES Nebraska Convention, Omaha, Nebraska

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Juretta Gregg

I have been baking cakes for a very long time. it started when my Uncle and Aunt got me an easy bake oven for Christmas. I was five years old and just feel in love with being able to make my own cakes. My dad worked at A&P bakery so I wanted to show him that I could also bake just like him. My mother was also a great inspiration to me. Since my birthday was in February and close to Valentin Day she would always make special cakes for me. All my cousins were excited to come just to see what kind of cake I would get. Mom made me elephants, heart shaped, Barbie dolls( done without a pan), three tier snowman so many more. As for me I made mayonnaise cakes which is a chocolate cake with homemade icing. When we had church dinners very one looked for my cakes. My first wedding cake was made when I was ten years old my mom helped . We made a three tier cake with a bakery icing that came from a neighborhood bakery. The man just became a mentor to mom and me and that is how we got the recipe for wedding cake icing. He taught was scroll work and how to stack cakes with wooden dowels

I continued making cakes and teaching myself with the help of Wilton cake decorating books. I learned to use chocolate, fondant, and on her methods to cover cakes.,rolled buttered cream is one of my favorites mediums to work with.

I enjoyed making cakes for friends and family. Besides making cakes I enjoyed working with children who have special needs and had a hard time getting a family. My husband Tim and I decided to adopt children who came into our lives. We adopted eight children and enjoyed giving them a home and family who they were stuck with. Now our youngest child is twenty four years old. we still have six of them at home. Charylene and I have a small shop in my basement. We have been set up for seven years. When people cant find me that is the first place they look. Most of the time I am down there in my own world working with flowers or making characters. We enjoy attending classes to learn new things and getting information from others.

ICES has been a great support for me. I am so glad that we can attend classes with the best decorators around. I am also so thankful for all the prayers, cards, and texts that I get while I am fighting cancer. I look on the web to keep informed of all the things that is going on. I also enjoy the pictures of cakes that members have made

The cake picture is a table with sushi on it. This was a fun cake to do. I had to really use a lot of creativity to get the fish and other things just right. I made a lot of phone calls to Mrs. Lora Hammond she help me brain storm to make this cake. She is a great teacher and dear friend .

My wish is to continue to have the opportunity to make more cakes and to get stronger as I am almost finished with the battle fighting this cancer.

Member Spotlight is the place we will take the time to get to know our members. I look forward to reading all of our stories. - Jennifer McRoberts



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Social Media is a great outlet and just about the only way in today's society to reach a world wide audience. We as a Chapter of an International Organization using Facebook is a great way for us to keep in touch with, share, encourage, and support all of our ICES Members.

Pinterest is an awesome site that encourages sharing information found on the internet that you may not find otherwise. By surfing Pinterest we are able to find a variety of things from How to's to tutorials and more. Then we have the ability to share those pins on our chapter facebook page so that those who like our page are able to share in the finds.

By making a daily habit of posting something on our Facebook page we will begin to see more likes and have more people interested in our Chapter. Facebook is a great way to post events, classes, DOS, and more with our followers. By our followers seeing what we post their friends will see what we post. As this is a great way to share and get exposure of our Chapter.

Our website is in the works of being updated as when people search for our website nothing comes up because there has been little to no activity on our website for a long while. We encourage everyone to check out our website and like our Facebook Page as this is moving forward with the times. Share with us your how To's, tutorials, cake photos, recipes and anything you feel would greatly show case our TN Members! We will proudly post your work to share with the world as that is what we are all about.

We will continue to put pen to paper and snail mail is not going away because of Social Media, however, this is just another outlet for us to get the word out about our Chapter and stay in touch with all of our ICES Friends.

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*SOCIAL MEDIA DOES NOT WORK IF WE DO NOT USE IT TOGETHER!*

We need people who like to post on Facebook daily or weekly who are willing to help us with this task as an admin on our Facebook page.

We are also in need of someone who knows how to use wordpress and who is willing to volunteer their time to assist us with updating our website weekly to monthly.

If any of these interests you and you are wanting to be apart of growing, sharing, and caring we would appreciate it if you would contact us right away.

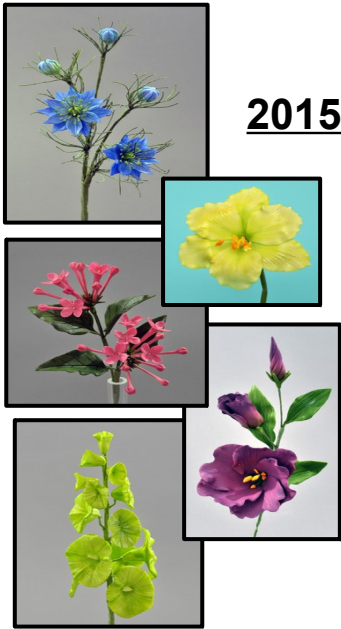
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**2015 SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION FORM**

**Nicholas Lodge**

**March 16 – 17, 2015  
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Uptown Delights and Events  
414 Wilson Avenue  
Tullahoma, TN 37388**



**NEW TREND,  
WEDDING AND CELEBRATION FLOWERS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip  
 ICES Member # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order Payable to: TN ICES

PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR THE FOLLOWING:

***New Trend, Wedding and Celebration Flowers***

(Love-In-A-Mist, Amaryllis, Bouvardia, Lisianthus, Bells of Ireland)

ICES Member OR	_____	\$445.00
Non-ICES Member	_____	\$495.00
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____	

GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW. REGISTRATION FORM AND A \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR SPACE, WITH THE BALANCE DUE IN FULL BY MARCH 1, 2015. COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO ME VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL. I WILL SEND DIRECTIONS TO THE CLASS. CALL OR E-MAIL WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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# Attention ICES Members

What a Sweet Deal!



**25%  
Off  
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when you renew\*  
One for Me and One For You!

\*From October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 ICES is having a 40th Anniversary Membership Drive Special for our Members.

For more information go to the Members' Only page at [www.ices.org](http://www.ices.org)

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Tennessee ICES Chapter started as a sharing group in 1986, and we have met twice a year in the Middle Tennessee area since then to share the sugar arts experience.

We hosted the ICES Convention in 2002 with a little help from our ICES neighbors, and became an ICES Chapter in 2003. One of our members, Leah Langford, has served on the ICES Board of Directors and as ICES President.

We continue to bring you opportunities for caring and sharing in March and October every year.

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