



NEAFCS 85th Anniversary Affiliate Report Form

Due to Debby Mathews September 1, 2019

Please send report to emathews@aces.edu

A note from the 85th Anniversary Committee.....

The NEAFCS 85th Celebration is a stepping stone /marker looking toward our 100th Anniversary. Our desire is to celebrate the past while looking toward the future. In fifteen years where will you be? Where will Extension be? How will NEAFCS look/ behave? As your affiliate celebrates our 85th Anniversary, contemplate our original mission and objectives. How have these aspects of our association changed? What is the same? What is different? How sustainable is NEAFCS?

Affiliate: **IOWA**, submitted by Cindy Thompson, current state president

Did you have an affiliate 85th Anniversary Chairman/Committee?

No

How did your affiliate celebrate the 85th?

For the first time in many years, we held a social/educational event for our members. We partnered with the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute, which is a collaboration which includes Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, to learn about the history of wine making in our state and taste samples.

We also had a monthly article in the Human Sciences Extension and Outreach weekly e-newsletter "Community Chat". The spot included the NEAFCS 85th graphic, a section on something related to the national organization (history/background/structure/etc.) and how that related to Iowa now. The articles were co-written by Donna Donald (past national NEAFCS president) and Cindy Thompson, current Iowa affiliate president.

How did your affiliate use the NEAFCS history/archives information on our website? (Under **About NEAFCS**) Which resources did you use?

Debby – I asked Donna Donald the question above and this is her response:

I used some info from the narrative histories (NEAFCS website) as well as info from JCEP and ECOP websites. I delved into my own archives for several things because in the transition from management companies some of the wonderful articles about our history prepared for the 75th anniversary were lost. For example the state reports for the 75th celebration don't pop up.

How did you use the NEAFCS Facebook monthly 85th Anniversary tidbits?

We did not use the tidbits.

How did your affiliate implement the **85 Things to do** list as a group /individually?

Past president distributed to members at December 2018 business meeting.

Additional comments/feedback regarding our 85th Anniversary celebration

We had planned to interview Charlotte Young, Iowa life-member and NEAFCS national president during the 50th Anniversary, and then have that discussion as a focus of one of our articles. However, the process of attending to several new hires (both before, during, and after the process) got the better of the summer. We hope to accomplish this before the end of the calendar year, though.