

# On The Level

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

**BLUEGRASS CHAPTER #367, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Jobsite Tour @ Arlington  
Elementary School**



If you're a Fayette County resident or employed in Fayette County you may often wonder where all your school tax funds go. While it is used in many other ways a portion funds the construction processes of the school district. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, you'll have the opportunity to learn a bit about the process of a school addition and renovation from the beginning to the end. Hear from Fayette County District personnel how the decision to build new or renovate is made. Learn from Ross Tarrant Architects the elements of design involved in the Arlington Elementary project. Enjoy an educational site tour with WS Construction, project General Contractor to both see and hear how it all comes together. Discuss project details with fellow NAWIC members whose companies have been actively involved in the project through subcontract agreements, services, and material supply. At the end of the night you'll be bragging about how much fun you had learning at elementary school...only this time there won't be recess or crayons involved! **HARD HATS & APPROPRIATE JOBSITE FOOTWEAR WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR. Hard hats will be available to those of you who do not have your own**

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**April, 2010**

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**Where:** Arlington Elementary School, 928 N. Limestone, Lexington (Parking available at the church across the street)

**When:** Thursday, April 15, 2010  
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Networking & Registration  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. – Business Meeting  
7:30 p.m. – Board Meeting

**Cost:** \$20.00 Members & Previous Guests. 1<sup>st</sup> time guests are FREE

Reservations required. Contact Susan Cox, [scox@messer.com](mailto:scox@messer.com) by April 13th

**Remember, A Reservation Made Is A Reservation Paid.**

# President's Message



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – GUESS WHO??

The first member to respond to Elaine with the correct "Guess Who" member will receive a free raffle ticket at April's meeting.

«Lived in Lexington since 1972, and lived in the same house that long too, (we bought from my parents.)

«Has 2 businesses - 1 of 5 years, and 1 of just 2 years.

«Joined NAWIC in 2009, but also a member of the HBA, and Local First Lexington.

«Received degree in Architectural Technology in 1984



## FOREMOST LEADER NOMINEE - KIM HELLMUELLER

- | Charter Member & Active Member since 2001
- | Chapter President for 2 years
- | Ms. Fix-It Chairperson
- | Served on each & every chapter committee throughout her 10 yrs as a member
- | Professional, but on a personal level
- | Open minded & flexible, but also firm & fair
- | Quiet & soft spoken, but always a presence
- | Excels in tact, grace & pleasanry
- | Steady balance of work life & home
- | Inspirational to the entire chapter



## NEW LEADER NOMINEE – BOO BLAKEY

- | Vivacious, outgoing personality
- | Served as a program speaker and served on chapter committees such as Block Kids, Ms. Fix-It, Membership & Forum
- | Runs a home remodeling company with her husband, as well as started her own company promoting the use of environmental building
- | Member of Home Builders Association, the Green Council, the Pilot Energy Efficiency program for existing homes and KY Construction Career Days
- | Participated in the Naturally Chic decorator showcase to benefit the Career Advancement Initiative for Unemployed Women of the Bluegrass

► WINNER'S WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT FORUM IN AKRON, OH. CONGRATULATIONS TO KIM & BOO!

*The Bluegrass Chapter would like to congratulate Christine Parsons for earning her Red Rose Recruiter star! «*



*Christine has recruited 18 new NAWIC members in the past 3 years. She will be awarded her star at National Convention in Louisville, KY. Way to go, Christine!! We are very proud of you and say "thank you" for helping our chapter and NAWIC nationwide to grow! What a great accomplishment!!*

## HAPPY NAWIC ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating their involvement in NAWIC!

Mary Gail Engle – 7 yrs Carmen Grimm – 3 yrs Lisa Jeter – 1 yr

# Mark Your Calendars

## Thursday, May 20, 2010 – Jobsite Tour @ Queen City Reprographics



Please join us at Queen City Reprographic's newest location in Lexington at 2456 Fortune Drive, Ste. 120 for a tour of their facility, hosted by one of our newest members, Bethany Ridiman. The below information is from QCR's website to give you a better idea of what services they offer. You can find out more by visiting

[www.qcrepro.com](http://www.qcrepro.com)

"Our large format digital processes have launched Queen City Reprographics to the top of the reprographic market. By housing a broad spectrum of scanning, data management, and printing services under one roof, Queen City Reprographics is positioned to be the only reprographic source you need. Our data management services include collaboration tools as well as file archiving and sharing applications. Large or small, color or black and white, indoors and out- we can help. Everything from banners and signs, window or wall graphics, to manuals and binders can be created for you by Queen City Reprographics. We emphasize quality and efficiency by utilizing the latest digital printing technology coupled with broad and deep industry expertise. "

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 9-11<sup>th</sup> Forum 2010, Akron, OH
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Girls Can Too!, BCTC Leestown Campus
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> EKU Construction Management Banquet
- April 24<sup>th</sup> Ms. Fix-It Fair, BCTC, 470 Cooper Dr.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> NAWIC Meeting, Queen City Reprographics Tour
- June 2010 Summer Social (Date & location TBD)
- June 17<sup>th</sup> NAWIC Meeting, TBD
- July 15<sup>th</sup> NAWIC Meeting, TBD
- August 19<sup>th</sup> NAWIC Meeting, TBD
- August 30<sup>th</sup>-Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 55<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Louisville, KY

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We are growing!! Membership continues to rise and our chapter is currently at 35 members. Please take a moment to welcome our newest members of the Bluegrass Chapter #367:

- ◆ Yolanda Demaree, Contract Decorating
- ◆ Casi Mendenhall, Woodford Builders
- ◆ Lee Pryor, Turner Construction
- ◆ Sarah Rowe, Gray Construction
- ◆ Michelle Sjogren, TSC Supply Company
- ◆ Cori Withers, Wall Brothers Glass



### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MS. FIX-IT FAIR, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> BCTC, 470 COOPER DRIVE, LEXINGTON

The 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ms. Fix-It Fair is coming up soon! Have you signed up with Stacia or Mary Gail to volunteer? Please consider volunteering some of your time to help the chapter in its biggest fundraiser of the year! This is a wonderful community event, so please help us spread the word and invite them to attend on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Full details and a complete class list are below.



***SAVE THE DATE!***

**Ms. Fix-It Fair**

**April 24, 2010**

**9:00 am — 3:00 pm**

**\$15 General Admission**

**BCTC Academic Technical Bldg.  
470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY**



Sponsored by National Association of Women In Construction, Bluegrass Chapter and Bluegrass Community & Technical College



*Visit the Vendor/Exhibitor area to chat with the experts and find the right tools for the job!*

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

(Subject to change)

	<u>ROOM #115</u>	<u>ROOM #114</u>	<u>ROOM #113</u>	<u>ROOM #112</u>	<u>ROOM#110B</u>	<u>ROOM#110A</u>		<u>ROOM#117</u>	<u>ROOM #116</u>
9:00 - 9:45	Repairs you can make to improve energy performance	What is new and hot in colors	Brick Pavers	Eco friendly redecorating	Simple electrical repairs	Granny's home remedies for any repair			
10:00 - 10:45	Introduction to doors and hardware	Measure and install window blinds	Brick Pavers	Eco friendly redecorating	Simple electrical repairs	Granny's home remedies for any repair	9:30 - 10:45	Plumbing basics	Drywall Repair
11:00 - 11:45	Home Repair Basics	Measure and install window blinds	The Concrete Ladies	Caulking tile & tips	Gardening by personality	How to measure	11:00 - 12:15	Organize Your Home	Drywall Repair
12:00 - 12:45	What is new and hot in colors	Myth & mythology of purchasing appliances	The Concrete Ladies	Caulking tile & tips	Gardening by personality	How to measure			
1:00 - 1:45	Introduction to doors and hardware	Native plants and insecticide instruction	Home Hotline Q & A	Green Remodeling	Painting techniques	Save \$ Save energy	12:30 - 1:45	Basic mower maintenance	Measure for and lay out stock cabinets & stain
2:00 - 2:45	Home Repair Basics	Native plants and insecticide instruction	Home Hotline Q & A	Choosing the right remodeler	Painting techniques	Save \$ Save energy	2:00 - 3:15	Basic mower maintenance	Measure for and lay out stock cabinets & stain

# Girls Can Too!

Helping girls explore and experience careers in construction is the goal of the "Girls Can Too". Created through a partnership of our NAWIC chapter #367 and Bluegrass Community & Technical College (BCTC) the program is targeted at middle and high school girls. The program is free and open to the public will take place on BCTC Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way in Lexington on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Projects and take home kits are made available to the girls through a grant from the American Association of University Women. Calling all NAWIC volunteers!! Please let Laura Lynch know if you are able to participate in this Spring's Girls Can Too project. Her schedule will fill up fast; now is the time to share your knowledge with girls in the community so they can choose a career in construction! You can contact Laura at [laura.lynch@kctcs.edu](mailto:laura.lynch@kctcs.edu)

## BCTC faculty member receives 2010 Legacy Award

LEXINGTON, Ky. (March 31, 2010) — A Bluegrass Community and Technical College faculty member was recognized for her commitment to empower women and girls in the Bluegrass region through her leadership and community service. Laura Lynch, an assistant professor of construction technology, received the 2010 Legacy Award from the Bluegrass Alliance for Women. Lynch was recognized during the alliance's annual Legacy Luncheon on March 23 in Lexington. WKYT news anchor Amber Philpot was the master of ceremonies for the event. "I am very honored by this recognition and also very appreciative of all the other women who were nominated and their work," Lynch said. "The more we are able to empower women and girls to reach their true potential, the better the world will be for everyone." Lynch has been with the college since 2000 and has been teaching in the BCTC Lawrenceburg Campus construction technology program since January 2009. Lynch, who is also a member of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), recognizes that many women do not consider construction technology as a career at first. She hopes to change that mindset. "We are missing half our talent when we are not encouraging them," she said. "It's just that all people deserve dignity and respect and the opportunity to succeed or fail." Lynch has helped coordinate community workshops focused on teaching women and young women about the construction trade. The annual "Ms. Fix-it Fair," sponsored by BCTC and NAWIC, specializes in teaching women about home maintenance, remodeling and other repair skills. Every fall, the college hosts a series of workshops given by female professionals in the construction field. These "Girls Can Too!" workshops show middle and high school girls that construction technology is a viable career option. Lynch is a resident of Lexington, Ky.



## RECOGNITION BANQUET



Dear Friends of EKV Construction Management,  
Please mark your calendar for April 22, 2010 for the Fourth Annual "Construction Management Banquet". We look forward to celebrating with you by honoring outstanding Construction Management Program champions and students for their leadership and achievements. The following honors will be recognized: Outstanding Senior, Distinguished Alumnus, Outstanding Woman in Construction, and Hall of Fame Constructor. EKV highlights for the evening will include an overview of the Student Contractor Association activities and recognition of our 24 graduates for 2009-2010. Please contact Christine Parsons if interested in attending!!

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010      Arlington Mule Barn, 1510 Lexington Road, Richmond, KY  
6:00pm – Meet and Greet; 7:00pm – Dinner and Awards Ceremony

# NAWIC Leadership

## NAWIC NATIONAL OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Robin Fulton-Meyer, CIT On Your Case <a href="mailto:robinmeyer@verizon.net">robinmeyer@verizon.net</a>
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## BLUEGRASS CHAPTER 2010/2011 OFFICER & DIRECTOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

In the coming months the nominating committee will be contacting each eligible member to ask them to serve on the 2010/2011 board of directors. If you are interested in serving on the board next year please contact Susan Cox, Joan Markwell or Yolanda Demaree. Positions available are President (must have previously served on the board for 2 yrs in an officer position), Vice-President (must have previously served on the board for one year), Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and three Director Positions. The committee will be presenting the slate of officers at the July meeting, voting will take place in August and installation of officers will happen in September.

## NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES 2010/2011

<b>President Elect</b>	Judy DeWeese, CIT
<b>Vice-President</b>	Shirley Horne, CIT Cindy Johnsen, CDS, CIT
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Champlin-Frank, CIT Riki F. Lovejoy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yasmine A. Branden, CCA Janet P. Sullivan, CCA, CDS, CIT

## **UPDATED: It's a Great Time to Buy a New Home / \$5,000 New Home Buyer State Tax Credit**



Have you ever thought about buying a new home ? Now is the time to think about it again! Why? Our economy is strong and growing. Interest rates are still at historic lows. There is a great selection of new homes on the market. All of these reasons coupled with the fact that homeownership is a safe and secure investment for your future are great reasons to buy a home. And don't forget that home ownership may provide significant tax benefits.



Owning your own home is the American dream. Make your dreams come true today. "It's a Great Time to Buy a Home."

Purchasers of New Homes during that period will receive up to \$5000 non-refundable tax credit (non-refundable means that the credit will go against a tax liability to the state).

Full details are posted online at [HBAK.com](http://HBAK.com)

Have you thought about pursuing a certification via NEF (NAWIC Education Foundation)? Below is information regarding all three certifications currently offered by NEF.



## NAWIC Education Foundation



*Educating the Construction Industry Today . . . and Tomorrow.*



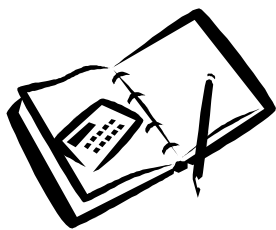
The **Construction Industry Technician (CIT)** is a self-paced, home study program. Passing an examination at the end of the course establishes mastery of the material and upon successful completion of the program, the participant will receive the **Construction Industry Technician Certifications**. This certification acknowledges the accomplishment of attaining a higher professional level in the construction industry.



The **Certified Construction Associate (CCA)** Program is an advanced, six-part, self study course in construction terminology, procedures and processes. NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) requires the program be completed in three (3) years. Participants study at their own pace but must pass all six parts within three (3) years with 2 possible one year extensions. Extensions must be approved by the NEF Executive Committee. After successfully passing certification exams in all six parts, participants receive Certified Construction Associate certificates, pins and are entitled to use the letters, CCA after their names.



**Construction Document Specialist (CDS)**. This book deals with interpreting information conveyed from the architect/engineer to the contractor by way of a legal document and with implementing that fundamental understanding. It discusses the many components of the legal agreement that binds the parties in a construction project: working drawings, specifications, and contract requirements of the Project Manual. A comprehensive understanding of the project's construction documents is necessary to prepare an estimate for submitting a bid and to prepare a project schedule for controlling costs after the contract is awarded.



**CONSTRUCTION BOOKKEEPER TECHNICIAN (CBT)** This certification course will teach participants how to set up and operate a simple bookkeeping system for a construction company and work in both simple and complex bookkeeping systems as either a bookkeeper or under a bookkeeper in one part of the system. Whether you aspire to be an accounts payable clerk or a full charge bookkeeper, you will understand how to perform your job by learning about the whole system of bookkeeping.

**Did you know that you can earn certifications from Clemson University through the NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF)? Adult education programs include Certified Construction Associate (CCA), Certified Construction Bookkeeper (CCB), Construction Document Specialist (CDS), and Construction Industry Technician (CIT). By taking these classes and passing the tests you can also earn CEU's. So how about it? Start expanding your knowledge today at [www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org) and enhance your success!**

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## About Our Organization...

**Bluegrass Chapter #367**  
[www.bgnawic.org](http://www.bgnawic.org)

**Region 4 – NAWIC's Core**  
[www.nawic4.org](http://www.nawic4.org)

**NAWIC National**  
[www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org)

**NAWIC Education  
Foundation (NEF)**  
[www.nawiceducation.org](http://www.nawiceducation.org)

**The Bluegrass  
Chapter is on  
Facebook!  
Join our group!**

Since its founding, NAWIC, an international non-profit organization, has grown to a membership of 5,500 women with more than 179 chapters. In its 51 years of service to its members, NAWIC has advanced the causes of all women in construction whose careers range from business ownership to the skilled trades. With almost 900,000 women working in construction today, the industry is becoming more accepting of their non-traditional roles

### NAWIC's objectives are:

- To unite for the mutual benefit of the women who are actively engaged in the various phases of the construction industry.
- To promote cooperation, fellowship and a better understanding among members of the Association.
- To promote education and contribute to the betterment of the construction industry.
- To encourage women to pursue and establish careers in the construction industry.
- To provide members an awareness of the legislative process and legislation as it relates to the construction industry.

**NAWIC's core purpose is to enhance the success of women in construction**

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## Executive Board

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