

ARTS AND CULTURE – NARRATIVE 2025 WOMAN’S CLUB OF LACEY, INC.

Art Contest Sponsorship

Every year, the Woman’s Club of Lacey sponsors a poster contest for third grade students in the Lacey Township School District. Students create a colorful poster depicting their favorite book during Read Across America week in April. Members from the Woman’s Club of Lacey vote on winners from each of the three township’s elementary schools. Gift cards are awarded for first, second and third place. Club members work closely with the school principals and third grade teachers to facilitate the contest. The final step is visiting the schools to award the prizes. This contest has run for many years and is always well received by students and school staff.

Achievement Day

Our members submitted 23 items to the Shore Conference for Achievement Day. I am happy to report under Arts & Culture - Grand Awards were given to Laura McDonald, Nancy Conway, Beverly Eichler, Jo Facciolli, Linda Hruska, & Joan Schuler. We also had four second and third place winners. Six entries went to State, and four certificates were awarded to Jo Facciolli, Linda Hruska, Beverly Eichler, and Joan Schuler.

Book Donations Relating to Arts and Culture

The members of the Education and Libraries Committee collected 1,538 children’s books for donation to Bridge of Books. After members organized and sorted this overwhelming quantity of books, they were able to determine that approximately five percent related to art and cultural topics. Bridge of Books donates these books to underserved communities.

Community Center Showcase

The Woman’s Club of Lacey meeting and events are held at the Charles A. Smith Community Center in Forked River. At the front entrance is a large glass showcase which has been vacant for years. The Club obtained permission from the Township leadership to take charge of this showcase. The Arts and Culture committee cleaned the showcase and filled it with memorabilia and pictures related to the Club’s activities including the Lantern we purchased from GFWC and our Township Proclamations for Child Abuse Awareness month as well as April is Donate Life Month. Members update the showcase with seasonal flower arrangements. Other groups using the community center were invited to display items as well.

Crafts Made by Members

Making Animal Toys

Members of the Arts and Culture committee collaborated with the Environment Committee to collect old tee shirts to make doggie toys for the Popcorn Park Zoo Animal Shelter. This committee also filled 100 gift bags tied with ribbon for Lacey Day.

High School Drama Club

Each year in March, the Woman’s Club of Lacey invites the Lacey Township High School Drama Club to preview the school play at the Club’s Birthday Party celebration. This year the show was “Arsenic and Old Lace”. Twenty high school performers sang and danced, much to

the club members' delight. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to practice and for members to interact with young people. The Woman's Club makes an annual donation of \$100 to the school to defray some of their expenses.