

ARTS AND CULTURE – NARRATIVE REPORT 2024 WOMAN'S CLUB OF LACEY, INC.

The members of the Arts and Culture Department of the Woman's Club of Lacey enjoy sharing their creativity in a number of ways.

Achievement Day

Achievement Day is an activity that has always been supported by the Woman's Club of Lacey. Seven members submitted 15 different projects for Achievement Day 2024 including paintings, photographs, needlework, and basket weaving. The Club took home 7 gold, 5 first place and 2 second place honors at the Shore Conference. Those outstanding projects were entered in the State Conference in Atlantic City in May. To the credit of the Club's talented members, 3 projects were awarded gold certificates, 2 first place and 2 second place awards. In addition, one member's gold winning photograph was selected to go on to the national convention.

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.

Centerpieces Made for Senior Facilities

Fifty mini floral arrangements were made for the residents of Crystal Lake Rehab and Nursing facility in Ocean County. Each centerpiece was constructed using a combination of recycled and new materials. They came out adorable! The residents were ecstatic to receive them, and they were used for their Easter celebration table décor. After the meal they became a table prize to brighten up residents' rooms.

Book Donations Relating to Arts and Culture

The members of the Education and Libraries Committee collected over 1,100 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.

Sewing/Craft Projects for other Service Programs

Members of the Arts and Culture department sewed Smile bags for Operation Smile. Members donate the fabric and notions as well as their time to make the bags which will be filled and donated in 2025. Members also teamed up with the Environmental Department and our Doggie Angels members to make dog toys from old tee shirts that will be donated to the Popcorn Park Zoo an animal rescue center in Lacey Township.