



# NJSFWC-JM Arts Department

## Fall Into The Arts

*“Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution”*

These words spoken by Albert Einstein underscores the importance that the Arts play in our lives.

The Arts allow adults and children to grow as it enables us all to express ourselves in ways that words cannot, to feel what others are feeling, and to inspire us.

Today as our lives be-

come increasingly busy leaving little time to participate in creative arts endeavors and as arts programs are being cut out of our children’s schools, we as NJSFWC-JM club members have the opportunity to fill the void that has opened in our communities.

I challenge you to develop and implement two types of programs in the arts: 1) a program that develops your members’ abilities and expose them to new creative experiences and 2) a program that helps people in your com-

munity and the world.

My goal as your Arts Chairman is to provide you with the tools (ideas, links, and contacts) to help your club enhance your Arts Department.

Let’s make a difference!



Picasso: Friendship

## Get Art Back To Schools

Fall is here and our children are going back to school! Unfortunately, do to budgeting many students do not have the opportunity to participate in arts programs. Now is the time

to reach out to your PTA and school board to find out how you can help. Before the meeting, brainstorm with your members to offer ways that you can help:

- Sponsor a performance:

Your club can pay the performance fees to bring in musicians, actors, storytellers etc.

- Develop and implement a hands-on art day.
- Sponsor an Art contest.

The possibilities are endless.

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*“Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence.” – Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Cooperate Communications, Xerox Corporation*

## Arts: Ideas That Make A Difference

Be Inspired:

**Community Art Projects (CAP)** in Ocean City, NJ is celebrating 5 years of bringing murals and sculptures to make their town a destination for public art.

CAP strives to cover their town in artwork. They have partnered with their school systems, police department, and local artists to create traffic quilts (paintings on the road), murals on buildings and traffic signal boxes, mosaics in the schools, and sculptures at their town centers and parks.

Visit this innovative group's web-



*Walkin' On Water*  
Dedicated Spring 2007

site

[www.communityartprojects.com](http://www.communityartprojects.com) to read their story, view completed projects and learn about their upcoming projects.

Your club can work with the com-

munity to bring some of these ideas to your own town. You will be able to tap into the talents of local student artists (high school and college) to design. Younger kids can create and build the artwork by painting. Finally, your club's efforts and finished product will be highly visible in the community.



## Prison Arts Projects

Your club can make a great difference in the lives of youth and adults who have been incarcerated by helping existing organizations who bring arts to the inmates or creating and implementing your own art workshops. Your club can also buy art pieces created by inmates to support organizations' initiatives.

90% of prison inmates are released back into our communities. It is important to our communities to provide meaningful programs to help the inmates grow and develop and feel connected to the

*There are general feelings of hostility and hopelessness in prisons... Art workshops and similar programs help take us out of this atmosphere and we become like any other free person expressing our talents. Being in prison is the final ride downhill unless one can learn to resist the things around him and learn to function in a society which he no longer has any contact with. Art programs for many of us may be the final salvation of our minds from prison insanity. It's contact with the best of the human race. It is something that says we too are still valuable.*  
—Prison Inmate

world around them. Websites about arts programs in prisons are listed on page four.

## Global Art Project Juniorette Friendly

Your club can participate in this international art exchange for peace in April. This amazing project takes place once every two years! Your club creates a work of art that represents your visions of global peace and displays it at a school, hospital, café, library, etc. Your club will be matched with another club/ group

from another country. They will receive your artwork and you will receive their artwork. Their artwork will hang where your piece was displayed.

Your club may also partner with a local school,



*The Planet In Our Eyes by Andra Alida Baban of Romania*

girl scout troop, or your Junioette club to create your art piece. Go to [www.globalartproject.org](http://www.globalartproject.org) to get more details and to register your club by **February 29, 2012.**

## Arts: Our Members

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A strong Arts program will help recruit new members while keeping your existing members feeling challenged and motivated. Utilize your own members' strengths, talents, and interests when looking to plan programs for the year.

Create a survey to find out what hidden talents and interests your members have. If a member is skilled in scrapbooking, she can offer a workshop. If several members express an interest in learning to weave a basket, you can arrange to find an artist to teach at a club workshop. If a club member is a musician, she

can perform for a club function or for children at a school. The possibilities are endless.

Survey Tip: create a checklist survey instead of a fill-in-the-blank



questionnaire because you will be able to offer more suggestions that members may not think of right away.

Websites with sample survey ideas are included on page four. Take a look at how different clubs and organizations designed their surveys and use their ideas to create one that will work for your club.

## Grounds for Sculpture Field Trip

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Become immersed in art at New Jersey's own Grounds for Sculpture. This interactive sculpture park and museum holds over 240 sculptures placed on over 35 acres that can be enjoyed by adults and children of all ages.

As you walk around the grounds, you find yourself placed into a

piece of art work, surprised by a secret picnic in a wooded area, able to make music on a sculpture, and surrounded by sparkling glass sculptures. Every corner



you turn evokes a different feeling and experience that will not disappoint.

Tours can be self-guided or clubs can arrange for a tour with a Docent.

Visit the Grounds for Sculpture website for more details:

[www.groundsfor Sculpture.org](http://www.groundsfor Sculpture.org)

## Art Supply Drive for Hospitals

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Children who stay in the hospital love to use art as a way to occupy their minds. Partner with your local hospital to find if you can implement this project or help with an existing project by finding out the supplies they need.

Some ideas for a supply drive include:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloring Books
- Sketch Pad
- Colored Pencils

Collect even more supplies by joining forces with a local school,

scouting troop, and businesses.





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www.JerseyJuniors.com**

## Project Spotlight

**Tray Favors:** Pick a paper craft and make them for your local hospital or nursing home to place on their trays to brighten their days. This project is perfect to complete with children and Junioresettes.

- September: Apples, Fall Leaves
- October: Pumpkins, Witches Hats, Cute Ghosts
- November: Cornucopia, Pilgrim Hats
- December: Snowmen, Snowflakes

## Websites

### **Prison Arts:**

- [www.universitybeyondbars.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/EJP-Incomplete-Directory-on-Higher-Ed-Prison-Programs.pdf](http://www.universitybeyondbars.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/EJP-Incomplete-Directory-on-Higher-Ed-Prison-Programs.pdf)
- [www.csmonitor.com/World/Making-a-difference/2011/0815/Kyes-Stevens-and-her-prison-arts-project-change-women-s-lives](http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Making-a-difference/2011/0815/Kyes-Stevens-and-her-prison-arts-project-change-women-s-lives)
- [www.prisonartsstl.org/](http://www.prisonartsstl.org/)
- <http://www.bighouseart.com/>

### **Interest Surveys:**

- [www.christchurchxp.net/clientimages/33995/forms/volunteersurvey.pdf](http://www.christchurchxp.net/clientimages/33995/forms/volunteersurvey.pdf)
- [http://lds.org/pa/images/ym/talent\\_interestsurvey.pdf](http://lds.org/pa/images/ym/talent_interestsurvey.pdf)

- [http://www.jaredstory.com/talent\\_and\\_interest\\_survey.htm](http://www.jaredstory.com/talent_and_interest_survey.htm)
- <https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHRTe k9KU11URDhO-MU5YTFIPZ1pzTXc6MA>

### **NJ Art Festivals**

- Arts festivals [http://festivalnet.com/state/new\\_jersey/nj.html](http://festivalnet.com/state/new_jersey/nj.html)



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