



NJSFWC-JM Arts Department

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As we prepare for the long days of winter, we have an opportunity to make a difference in our communities through art projects. People are able to stay indoors and create masterpieces or hone their talents while awaiting the warm summer weather.

Last quarter I challenged clubs to look at developing their arts programs with a two part focus:

- 1) Membership– projects, lectures, and trips that allow members to learn and grow through the arts
- 2) The community and world– projects and programs that heal, develop, and create new paths, meaning,

and opportunities outside of our club membership.

We should continue to build our club art programs using these two points of focus, and add another point of focus:

- 3) Partnerships. There are so many wonderful organizations out there that are making a difference. We can partner with them to impact more people and to make more people aware of our organization.

I challenge each club to create an art project that partners with another organization. Hold an art contest for the Girl Scouts, have a talent contest with your Rotary Club, or make holiday

ornaments for a nursing home with a local preschool.

I would enjoy hearing from clubs with news about projects completed. I can highlight you in our next newsletter! See my contact information on page 4.

Lets Make A Difference!!



DaVinci: Mona Lisa

Holiday Inspiration

The holidays are right around the corner, but it is not too late to complete some simple, but effective projects:

- **Holiday Decorating Contest:** Get together one eve-

ning and drive through your town to pick the best decorated house, and award the owners with a certificate and a small prize such as a box

of chocolates. Be sure to include your club information with the awards. Take it to the next level by creating an announcement about this event

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“GE hires a lot of engineers. We want young people who can do more than add up a string of numbers and write a coherent sentence. They must be able to solve problems, communicate ideas and be sensitive to the world around them. Participation in the arts is one of the best ways to develop these abilities.” – Clifford V. Smith, President of the General Electric Foundation

Arts: Ideas That Make A Difference Haiti Houses

Be Inspired:

Two teachers at a Florida high school, Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan developed the Haiti House project in response to the devastating earthquake that ripped Haiti apart.

This idea gives teens a chance to make a difference with their art. They make pins and magnets out of cardboard and other art supplies and then sold for \$5.00. The money is given to an organization that provides food and shelter to the people of Haiti. Visit their website for more information:
www.haitihouses.org.



NJPAC Performances to Benefit NJSFWC

The NJSFWC and The New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark are partnering together to offer an exciting performance series that will benefit both organizations. Come and see one or more of the following performances:

- February 3, 2012: Romeo and Juliet performed by the State

- Ballet Theater of Russia
- March 11, 2012: Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain Tonight and Buffet Luncheon

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC has a long history of supporting the arts. Through the purchase of one or more of tickets in this special performance package, you are supporting both the NJSFWC and NJPAC. Thank you and enjoy your time at the NJPAC

-Patricia S. Whitehouse

- April 14, 2012: Joshua Bell with The Academy of St. Martins of The Field
- May 3, 2012: West Side Story with Buffet Luncheon

Go to or website at www.jerseyjuniors.org to access order forms.

Global Art Project: Register by February 29, 2012 Last Chance Until 2014!!!

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 Junriette club to create your art piece. Go to www.globalartproject.org to get more details and to register your club by **February 29, 2012**.

Arts: Creating Contests

The long, dark and cold days of winter gives your club the perfect opportunity for an easy way to inspire youth and adults: Art Contests. You can decide how intricate and involved your contest will be once you pick your genre. Choose a theme (Winter Wonderland, Summer Wishes, Our Special Town, etc.), choose the targeted age range, and get the word out by partnering local schools and organizations and contacting the local paper. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Poster Contest:** Display the artwork at a local business, nursing home or hospital. Chil-

dren will love to see their masterpieces in a [public display.

- **Creative Writing Contest:** Poetry, short stories, and plays, are just a few of the genres you can use to inspire the writers of



your community.

- **Photography:** Everybody enjoys taking pictures! Display the pictures at a local business or on your website. What a great way to get new traffic to your website!

For awards you can give certificates or ribbons to all participants and/ or award places. You can also give gift certificates or savings bonds.

The most important thing is to encourage the aspiring artists of your community by providing them with opportunities.

Princeton University Art Museum Field Trip

Nestled on the beautiful Princeton University campus is an art museum that has a 128 year old history with over 72,000 pieces of art for the public to enjoy. The museum offers docent led tours and mini lectures. The museum is free to the public. While there, you can check out the John B. Putnam Jr.

Memorial Collection of Sculpture located across the campus. This is a trip that will allow to enjoy art, the architecture of the campus buildings, and the small town ambiance of Princeton. Check out the website at www.princetonartmuseum.org to learn about more details.



Create A Local Performance Troupe

Your community is filled with children who are talents and excited to perform. Organize a local troupe that can perform for your local nursing homes. Place an ad/ flyer in the newspaper, contact local pri-



vate voice teachers and school teachers about your new project. List an audition date where you can meet the children/ teens and watch their already prepared performances. Choose the amount of acts you need and schedule a performance at the nursing home. Have one of your members act as an MC at

the performance to introduce the performers and the music they will perform. You can schedule as many performance as you would like. Extra Tip: Your club can invest in low cost sound equipment for the performers such as karaoke machines which are perfect for smaller size venues such as nursing homes.



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- and hang them at local businesses and/ or place it in the local newspaper.
- **Nursing Home Cheer:** Team up with other local organizations such as the Rotary Club and Girl Scouts and decorate the doors of a local nursing home for the holidays.
Or
Organize a group to sing holiday carols down the hallways. This is a great activity for all ages.

- **Color-A-Smile:** Send artwork to people who could use a smile by having children color in pages or create their own masterpieces by visiting New Jersey's own www.ColorASmile.org.
- **Homemade Holiday Ornament Exchange:** Add spice to your holiday meeting by holding a homemade ornament exchange. You can even use a theme to add to the fun: Ornaments must have snow, ornaments must be made out using soda cans, or ornaments must be edible. You

never know what you are going to get which is part of the fun.

- **Support School Arts:** Children love to perform in their concerts at this time of year. They would appreciate cookies, candy, and/ or small ornaments (extra points if you make them) with a note that tells them well done from your club. Contact a local music teacher to arrange this project.

These projects are quick and easy ways to bring the arts and joy to your club members and your community.

Websites

From Last Issue:

Prison Arts:

- 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
- www.prisonartstl.org/
- <http://www.bighouseart.com/>

This Issue:

Haiti House Pins:

- www.haitihouses.org

Coloring Sheets:

- www.ColorASmile.org

NJSFWC/ NJPAC Performing Arts Series Order Form:

- <http://www.njsfwc.org/spaw/uploads/files/NJSFWCperf-order%20form2.pdf>

NJ Art Festivals

- http://www.artfaircalendar.com/art_fair/new-york-new-jersey-art.html



Vladimir Kezerashvili: Ghetto