

2008 Cultural Arts & Heritage Report

Homemakers gained an awareness of Architectural styles, history of landmarks, did Scavenger hunts, had a Homemaker day at Historic Ward Hall and promoted tourism through the lesson taught this year.

Reports were received from 10 Areas. Over 21,900 books were reported as being read. A special club was started just for reading. Over 375 Homemaker bookmarks were handed out as reading awards.

Many, many crafts were taught this past year. Some of them were working with beads, flowers, gourds, paper and fabric. Bibs were made, aprons sewn, beginning and advanced sewing, knitting, crocheting, basket making and quilting classes were taught and well attended. There were spoon dolls, Russian dolls, dogs made from milk jugs, photo preservation, purses, clocks, lampshades, balloon pins, cork horses, and a bereavement quilt made.

Cultural Arts events and trips were well attended. Dinner theaters, art shows, trips to Historical homes and areas, the orchestra, fairs and festivals saw many Homemaker attendees.

A few quilting clubs were started this year with 1750 quilts recorded as being made this past year. Homemakers around the State help adults and youth with quilting projects.

Over 431 baskets were made along with chair caning. Basket and quilt seminars were held and well attended. Over 500 people attended Heritage Skills camps.

The main program that promoted Cultural Arts & Heritage around the State was the Quilt Barn Project. Quilts were painted on barns all over the state. A tea was given in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln at the History Center.

Other activities around the State were contests for Cultural Arts, decorating parks, judging at fairs, and teaching. Cultural Arts items were on display at parks, libraries and at the Arts Center.

Homemakers teach crafts and make crafts for fun and profit. At the 2008 State Meeting, 663 items were judged and 266 Blue Ribbons were won.

The Creative Writing Contest had 87 entries this year.

Homemakers are busy people who share their time and talents.

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