2009 Cultural Arts and Heritage Report
Carolyn Poe, State Chairman

Homemakers this past year studied preserving heirlooms, taking care of photos, symbols and beginnings of Kentucky Homemakers, traveled quilt trails and climbing the family tree. I received reports from 14 areas. This year there were over 50,000 books read.

There were many crafts taught this past year such as baskets, belts made of coke tabs, quilts, paper-piecing, dyeing fabric, scrapbooking, jewelry, and crocheting. There were bags for Kosair Hospital made from huck toweling; knitting; angels of all kinds; Christmas ornaments; soap making; painting with pen and ink; wash cloths made into bunnies; embroidery; favors for nursing homes; ceramics; candy making; tatting; fleece jackets to keep warm; purses; felting; card making; potato bags; and many more.

Cultural Arts events and trips were well attended. Many homemakers went to dinner theaters, museums, trips to historical homes, fairs, festivals, glass factories and other exciting places.

There were 2,775 quilts made. Some donated to fire victims and infants. There were 20 small bags of Love Quilts. Homemakers across the state and attended quilt seminars and hundreds of quilts and baskets were completed.

Homemakers attended Heritage Skills Camp and also helped us out at museums and other cultural attractions. They taught classes as well as participated in them.

This year homemakers learned to sell their crafts for personal, program, scholarship and community projects. They donated to Ronald McDonald House, made lap robes for nursing homes and cancer turbans.

Over 600 attended art and antique quilt shows.

Homemakers have judged fairs, taught crafts, displayed their works and made crafts for fun and profit. At the 2009 state meeting, there were over 650 items judged with over 200 blue ribbons given. The creative writing contest had over 65 entries.

Thanks to all the homemakers who teach, make, read, display, and share their time and talents to all of us.

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