

## Ione Garden Club holds Christmas luncheon

Last Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10 Ione Garden Club members and guest Deanne McCabe met at the home of Delta Huber for an annual Christmas potluck luncheon and gift exchange. Many of the gifts were crafted by the giver, said a club spokesperson.

The morning was spent sharing ideas, patterns and instructions for making Christmas decorations, many of them using recycled materials such as Christmas cards, tin cans, cones and pods and old jewelry.

Pat Pettyjohn showed a figurine nativity scene which she had colored and antiqued. She also showed baskets made of Christmas cards by Mary Bristow and a spectacular lighted and framed tree, constructed by Nancy Ekstrom, from old family jewelry, the spokesperson said.

Ruth McCabe gave instructions for putting together tuna fish cans and Christmas balls to make an attractive tree-shaped decoration. Mrs. McCabe and Delta Huber had crocheted snowflakes of many designs and several of those in attendance practiced crocheting the snowflakes.

Loree Hubbard showed her

jingle-bell strings, made by crimping tin can lids, spraying them with gold paint and stringing them on a red cord.

Also available for examination was a large Christmas card wreath which hangs on a wall in the office of Ray Boyce Insurance Co. in Heppner during the holiday season. This wreath was also put together by Nancy Ekstrom.

Helen Martin presided over the business meeting. Plans were made for the annual January 6 burning of holiday greenery, a project initiated many years ago by the Ione Garden Club to give the trees and greens a dignified farewell and to prevent them from cluttering the community. Jean Nelson and Norma Rea are in charge of arrangements for this project.

Lorraine Ladd reported that 14 posters for the Keep Oregon Green Contest were submitted by first, second and fourth grade students for judging.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Chuck and Joyce Buchanan. Delpha Jones is to give a study on roses. Anyone wishing to attend may contact any member, the spokesperson said.

## Coloring contest awards to be presented Thurs.

Winners of the Soroptimist sponsored Children's Coloring Contest will receive prizes and candy canes from Mrs. Santa Claus at the December 16 Soroptimist program meeting, announced a spokesperson.

Entries were judged in three categories: pre-school through kindergarten, grades one and two, and grades three and four. First place winners in each category will receive \$10, second place \$5 and third and fourth place winners will receive certificates of recognition.

Winners in the pre-school through kindergarten classification are Brend Wright, first; Penny Anderson, second; Trent Hughes, third; and Jackie Lane, fourth.

First and second grade winners are Peter Pearson, first; Erin Fishburn, second; Stacy O'Brien, third; and Erica Bertsgrom, fourth.

Kristi O'Brien took first in the third and fourth grade

division, while Kim Johnston placed second; Ryan Adelman, third; and Kirsti Winters, fourth.

The coloring contest was a project of the Service Activity Committee under the direction of Eleanor Gonty, chairman.

Other recent projects of the Soroptimist Club included sponsoring Mrs. Santa Claus, participating in the Artifactory with a food and craft booth and giving out free hot cider at the Heppner Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Special guest at the December 9 education meeting was Joanna Bown, an American Field Service student from Johannesburg, South Africa. She gave an interesting slide program and narrative of her country, said a spokesperson.

An annual Christmas party for members of the club will be held Friday, Dec. 17, with a potluck dinner and party at the home of Ann Spicer-Kuhn.

## 11th annual Artifactory deemed a success



Women from the Heppner Neighborhood Center display some of the many craft items they had for sale at the December 4 Artifactory.

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year. There were 76 tables this year; 18 more than last year.

The 11th annual Artifactory, Dec. 4, sponsored by the Heppner-Ione American Association of University Women, was deemed a success by the A.A.U.W. Artifactory Committee at a meeting last Wednesday.

The committee discussed responses received from a questionnaire handed out to sellers. Nine out of ten indicated they would be back next

There seemed to be more picking and choosing, the committee found. Most everyone blamed the economy.

"I think it really depended on what was being sold and how it was displayed," stated a committee member.

According to the questionnaire, this year's Artifactory was well organized with many more buyers and browsers, than in previous years.

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