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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Ocean County Schools  
Ocean County Community Organizations  
Ocean County Departments  
Ocean County Library System

**From:** Kelly Mitchell, Program Development Specialist 1

**Date:** January 18, 2011

**Subject:** Women's History Month Contest Information

**Copy:** Freeholder James F. Lacey, Liaison

Enclosed please find a copy of the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women's flyer for our Women's History Month Contest. This contest is open to all students, grades 1 through 12, in Ocean County.

Part of the Commission's mission for 2011 includes reaching out to our County's youth and involving them in this Women's History Month project to heighten the awareness of the contributions women have made to the evolution of society.

This year's theme is **Our History is Our Strength**. Please make this information available to art, science or history classes/groups, special interest clubs, or individuals who may be interested in participating. With your assistance, the 2011 contest will be a success.

If you have any questions or would like additional copies of our contest flyer please contact the Women's Commission Office at (732) 506-5374. The flyer is also available on our website at [www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocdhs/women/index.html](http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocdhs/women/index.html).

Thank you for your cooperation.



**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE/  
ACCOMMODATIONS  
AVAILABLE UPON  
REQUEST**

**Contest Focus** - This contest aims to recognize the National Women's History Month theme "Our History is Our Strength" paying tribute to the millions of women who have taken action to help create a better world for the times in which they lived, as well as for future generations. Contestants must create a stamp, similar to a commemorative collector's stamp, recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life. All original artwork is acceptable. No digital images please.

**Contest Rules** - Entry is open to all public, private and parochial school students, grades 1 through 12, in Ocean County.

- Participants must submit one "creative stamp" on **legal** size paper(8 1/2 x 14).
- Entries **must** include completed entry form & original "creative stamp".
- Stamps will be judged on impact, appropriateness and overall creativity.
- Stamps submitted will become the property of the Commission and may be reproduced and published.
- By entering the contest, you agree to the contest rules as described.

**Categories & Winners** -

**Category 1 = Grades 1 - 4**

1st Place (\$50 Gift Card)

2nd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

3rd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

**Category 2 = Grades 5 - 8**

1st Place (\$50 Gift Card)

2nd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

3rd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

**Category 3 = Grades 9 - 12**

1st Place (\$50 Gift Card)

2nd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

3rd Place (\$25 Gift Card)

- Winners will have their stamps published in the Commission's 2011 resource and awareness publications.
- All participants will have their entries displayed at Commission sponsored events throughout 2011.
- All participants will receive honorable mention.
- An awards ceremony will take place to honor all participants on March 2, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Ocean County Library. Participants will be notified with the ceremony details after the contest has ended.

**Entry Submission**

*All entries (original stamp & completed entry form) must be submitted by **February 15, 2011** to:*

*Ocean County Advisory Commission  
on the Status of Women  
1027 Hooper Avenue,  
Bldg. 2, 3rd Floor  
PO Box 2191  
Toms River, NJ 08754*

*If you have any questions or need further information, please contact **Kelly Mitchell** at **732-506-5374** or email: [kmitchell@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:kmitchell@co.ocean.nj.us)*

# Women's History Month 2011

## "Creative Stamp Contest"

### Celebrating The National Women's History Month Theme



*An Activity of the Ocean  
County Board of Chosen  
Freeholders, Advisory  
Commission on the Status  
of Women & Our History  
Month Partners:  
Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore  
Ocean County Library*



## Women's History Month - March 2011

The Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women is dedicated to identifying the needs, concerns, and interests as well as services and resources for women in Ocean County. As part of this mission, the Commission celebrates Women's History Month by reaching out to our community youth to involve them in a Women's History Month project to heighten the awareness of the contributions women have made and continue to make to the evolution of society.

This year the National Women's History Month theme is "Our History is Our Strength." Our shared history unites families, communities, and nations. Although women's history is intertwined with the history shared with men, several factors - social, religious, economic, and biological - have worked to create a unique sphere of women's history. This theme pays tribute to the millions of women who have taken action to help create a better world for the times in which they lived, as well as for future generations.

The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century.

The Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women is asking for Ocean County students, grades 1 through 12, to "create a stamp" honoring women from their communities, state, and organizations whose lives and work have served to inspire the strength that comes from knowing the stories of these determined women.

These achievements have a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.

We hope that by participating in this contest, a message of inspiration, hope and change will help us to celebrate Women's History Month!

### The National Women's History Project

The *National Women's History Project Resource Center*, formerly known as the Learning Place, is designed to provide information, resources, and educational materials about multicultural women's history. The *Resource Center* offers information and learning tools for teachers, organizations and the general public.

Visit the *Resource Center* online at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) to access the following fantastic and dynamic informational resources:

- *Biography Center*
- *Women's Rights Movement*
- *Great Speeches*
- *Student Contest Winners*
- *Honored Latinas*
- *Performers*
- *Authors & Presenters*
- *Pathbreakers*
- *Women's Equality Day*
- *Museums & Organizations*
- *International Women's Day*
- *Links*
- *Teachers' Lounge*
- *Student Center*
- *Parents' Corner*
- *History Quiz*
- *Black History Month*

**Please detach this form and mail it with your entry to:**

Advisory Commission on the Status of Women  
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Bldg. 2, 3rd floor  
PO Box 2191  
Toms River, NJ 08754  
ATTN: Kelly Mitchell

Your name:
Your address:
Your phone number:
Your email:
Your age:
Your school:
Your grade:
Name of your parent/guardian:
Name of Stamp Entry:
Description of Entry:

Women's History "Creative Stamp" Contest Entry Form