

# Mini 4-H Workshops



## Ancestor Detector

A group of 4-H Mini members tried climbing their family trees to become Ancestor Detectors! Participants made their own notebook to write down family secrets. They created a 3-generation family tree poster using owls for family members. The Mini's went home with tools to help them interview their living ancestors with ease and a booklet on how to make a time capsule. We have a few spare kits at the Extension Office if other Mini's are interested. Happy investigating!

## Garden Decorations

Mini 4-H'ers met on May 10th to get down and a bit dirty making garden decorations just in time for Mother's Day. The Mini members completed not one, not two, but three crafts during the workshop! Top on the list was a concrete garden stone. The children were given glass marbles, luster gems, river rocks, and a lucky penny. Each stone was unique and beautiful. Our second craft was a bit of bling for the garden as the Mini's strung assorted beads on wire with a hoop at the top to hang it from a tree, trellis, or tomato cage. And finally we made a planter from a can, a rubber band, popsicle sticks, and a bit of ribbon.



## String Art

The 4-H Mini members (K-2) had a great time learning about a few things you can make with string (and yarn). Sewing by hand is a great life lesson. By making a string art Valentine card, the mini's could practice this skill. It was quite a learning experience! We also tried our hand at twisting yarn around nails in a small wooden circle to make a yarn art heart. One of the read-a-loud books for the class was "Lost, A Story of String". Each child was given a loop of string and shown how to make a couple of string figures shown in the book as we enjoyed the story. Instructions for making more string figures went home with each child.