Some clubwomen may be familiar with Wands for Wildlife, a program of the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge in North Carolina. The organization collects and reuses mascara wands to clean and groom wild animals at the refuge. The fine bristles are ideal for removing dirt, fly eggs, and larva from animal fur or feathers.

Since the program began in 2017, the organization reports that there has been an overwhelming response, enabling it to send mascara wands to other wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Used wands should be cleaned with warm soapy water. They can be mailed to the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge in October and February in accordance with the instructions online at https://www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html. Clubs may also send used wands to this Chairman before the State Fall Conference, so they can be collected and mailed by the end of October.