



ARTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

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ART IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE!

The GFWC Arts Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support arts activities in all communities. It is designed to inspire clubwomen. Create programs and projects that include music, dance, drama, theatre, and other arts-related areas, both traditional and innovative. The artistic experience can be outward reaching or for inner satisfaction.

There are countless ways to incorporate arts activities. Below is a comprehensive list of ideas on how clubs may support the Arts Community Service Program.



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IDEAS

- Discover art, dance, and/or music courses available in your community and plan a club outing to participate in a class.
- Research dancing, music, or creative arts as an art form and consider performing for your club or other groups.
- Visit local galleries, exhibits, music festivals, and dramatic events.
- Volunteer as a docent at local historical landmarks, museums, galleries, or other venues.
- Promote local stage, screen, television, and video festivals in your area.
- Use an artistic event to raise funds to sponsor local community art and cultural programs.
- Donate tickets for others to attend cultural events.
- Establish scholarships for students studying the arts such as literature, drama, or music.
- Establish awards for club and community members acknowledging their artistic achievements.
- Collect musical instruments to donate to school and local youth bands, orchestras and/or other music programs.
- Establish and support artist-in residence programs and artist speakers.

GFWC PARTNERSHIPS

GFWC partners are the organizations whom GFWC has established a formal relationship and mutual understanding. Our partners offer unique and customized services: materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. They are aware of GFWC clubs' specific needs, our organizational structure, and have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with GFWC.

We are continually working to develop partnerships with organizations whose missions and scope of work are germane to GFWC. Look for updates from the Arts Community Service Program Chairman, in *News & Notes*, *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*, and online at www.GFWC.org.

To ensure that donations to GFWC partner organizations at the individual, club, district, or state level, are reflected toward GFWC's collective impact, write GFWC in the memo line on your donation check.

GFWC COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

All programs and projects that relate to the Arts should be reported here, whether they are club initiated, involve other members of the community, other organizations or work with any GFWC partners. .



GFWC Tifton Twentieth Century Library Club (Georgia) created nine 24" x 48" canvas boards holding over 400 photographs in a collage honoring women in their community to be displayed at a local museum in early 2014. Included in the collage are newspaper clippings, documents, and unique art pieces created by high school students and focusing on women of the community



Partner with the Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and homeowners to spruce up Main Street. One club's members assisted the various stakeholders in painting, decorating and generally sprucing up the store fronts and entrances to homes along the main street, and awarded prizes for the best decorations.



Turn an ordinary park into an outdoor art landscape. Partner with the city and professional sculptors to place pieces throughout the local park; around bends, under trees, nestled among the flowers.

AWARDS

GFWC recognizes State Federations for outstanding projects and clubs for creative projects in implementing effective Arts Community Service Program projects and partnership projects, as follows:

- Certificate to one State Federation in each membership category
- \$50 award to one club in the nation for project creativity

Award winners will be determined by entries into the Awards Program. Each State Federation may submit one State Award Entry Cover Sheet and one Club Creativity Award Entry Cover Sheet for the Arts Community Service Program projects. Clubs do not submit entries directly to GFWC.



For additional resources, go to www.GFWC.org/ClubManual. Refer to the Reporting section of the *Club Manual* for detailed information, including the award entry cover sheet guidelines.