



ARTS PROGRAM

It is time to “Shine your Light “on the GFWC Arts Community Service Program.

The GFWC Arts Community Service Program gives every member the opportunity to show off their talents using their great imagination to create programs and projects that include music, literature, dance, drama, theater and other arts- related areas, both traditional and innovative, in their clubs and in their communities.

GFWC Community Service Projects

GFWC community Service Projects are projects members initiate and participate in to serve their communities: Have members host an art supply drive within your club. Contact your local school or community center to see what is needed; Use an artistic event to raise funds to sponsor local community art and cultural programs; Attend public art displays, plays and concerts as part of a social event for your club; Establish awards that acknowledge the artistic achievements of club and community members; Establish and support artists in residence programs and artist speakers; Sponsor ad in your local theater and Sponsor an author visit to your local library.

Students

Community involvement in the schools is so important. Establish scholarships for students studying the arts such as literature, drama, or music. This could be to attend an art school or a summer camp; Hire student orchestra, band or coral group to perform at club events; Hold a fundraiser to purchase a large piece of equipment for your local school’s art , music, or drama departments, such as a potter’s wheel, kiln, microphones or technology; Sponsor ads in school theater playbills.

March is Art Youth month

Sponsor Youth Art Month activities in your community in the month of March. Have children art contests, craft activities, talent shows. Give awards. Donate tickets to children to attend cultural events.

Service Men and Women

Please don’t forget our men and women in the service of our country. Expand the arts to your local Veterans Groups, Military Bases, Military Hospitals and etc. Try to make personal contact to show our appreciation.

Laughter

Also, keep it fun! I’ve always said that “A Happy club is a successful club with laughter being the reason. “Find a comedy club in your area and invite them to your club; tell a joke at the end or even at the beginning of every meeting. Have the members bring them and then give a small prize for the best. Have your members bring in their baby pictures. Do not have all the other members see them. Then at your meetings bring out one or two and have the members try to match them to the adult. Give a small prize to the first one to recognize them.

Be Creative, Reach Out and Encourage your members to expand the arts to your communities. Your programs will touch everyone in different ways. Excite them with drama, art, writing, dance, etc. Most of all have fun with the creative process.