



Arts Program

Art Is Essential to your Quality of Life

- Wow! What a spectacular two-year Administration we have had in the Arts Community Service Program. All the Clubs have gone above and beyond their time and efforts in performing art projects in their communities.

This year alone, 92 General, Junior and Juniorette Woman's Clubs reported: 989 Projects; 6,224 Members participating; 81,245 Volunteer Hours; \$94,791 Donated and \$112,231 In Kind Donations. WOW! THANK YOU SO MUCH!! YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!

ART Appreciation in Community:

This year all clubs participated in community programs. One club, **The GFWC Woman's Club of Stuart**, provided Art Tours to the homes of their local artists and art collectors. They almost netted \$8,000 which they donated to scholarships in music, art, dance and theater in their community. Another club, **The Historic Brooksville Woman's Club**, created a mural on an exterior wall, adjacent to their property. It was a yearlong project, Involving a state college, a high school, an art club and many students with a future art interest in their community. WOW!!

Students:

Many clubs donated funds or scholarships to students of dance, music and the arts and many clubs donated dollars, instruments and supplies, to their local school for their art, music and drama departments. The **GFWC Blountstown Woman's Club** members formed a carpool to teach 4-H girls, in their neighboring county, skills considered essential in times gone by. The classes included: cooking from scratch; getting to know the sewing machine; sewing; quilting and table setting. WOW!!!

VSA

VSA Florida, the statewide organization on arts and disabilities, is headquartered, at the University of Florida They are a member of the VSA Affiliate Network, a program of John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. VSA Florida provides, supports and champions art education and cultural opportunities for and by people with disabilities. This year 92 clubs reported 966 Hours; \$3,064 dollars Donated; and \$636 Dollars in Kind.

The **GFWC Lakeshore Woman's Club's President** is the State Day of Service Chairman and as such, organized a day for members across the state to go to the United Cerebral Palsy Children's school in Kissimmee, Florida. The project was done in cooperation with Very Special Arts (VSA), one of our state partnerships. They arranged for us to paint a mural on a wall in the front hallway of the school that would welcome students, faculty and guests as they enter the building each day. The mural screen was "Under the Sea". Twenty-two women from across the state painted seahorses, fish, starfish, a stingray, and other sea life and plants, in the ocean already painted on that wall. VSA provided all the supplies and the club provided a t shirt and snacks. It was a fun event and enjoyed by all. WOW!!

Laughter:

Clubs have kept it **fun!!** The **GFWC Woman's Club of Welaka, Inc.** had their husbands serve them their Christmas dinner and they all dressed like "Frosty the Snowman", complete with top hats, scarves and carrot noses. **The GFWC Woman's Club of Port Charlotte's** "Chirping Chicks" put together a theatrical performance for their April meeting, featuring Calendar girls from January to December, with a finale. From April "Singing in the Rain", to dissecting a turkey in November, the month of October was the scariest with "Michael Jackson's "Thriller"; choreographed **with several members. WOW!!!**
ENJOY AND BE A HAPPY CLUB!!!