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Arts

Art is essential to your quality of life

The GFWC Arts Community Service Program educates members and students with the skills critical to success. While studying the arts, students develop their creative thinking, communications and problem-solving abilities. It is designed to inspire Clubwomen to create programs and projects that include music, dance, drama, theater and other arts-related areas.

Art Appreciation in Community:

This year many clubs participated in community art programs. One club, from a very poor county, sponsored their very "First Annual Holiday in the Park" event. The club provided photos with Santa, kids activities, a cookie stand, food concessions, and the biggest Arts and Crafts event their county has ever had. Members worked with six civic groups to set up and manage children's activities. The community not only came out but stayed for the annual La Belle Boat Parade which started after the fair. A first Cupcake War was held for the public. There were 5 categories and a Grand Champion.

One Club became an integral part of the Smithsonian Traveling Waterways Exhibits on Cave Diving (6 weeks). 192 volunteers, 192 hours were given by the members as they attended a training session on guiding visitors. Those club volunteers then guided the many visitors through an incredible maze designed to make it look and feel like you were cave diving. Afterward members escorted the guest to the main exhibit area where everything was about water. To help bring awareness to the exhibit, the club members, as well as other community organizations, helped paint a "springs mural" on a wall on an adventure outpost.

Students:

Many Clubs volunteered as tour guides for school age children at museums. Members volunteer throughout the year and demonstrated their skills to these children. One club was presented with the opportunity to decorate guitars for terminally ill children in their local hospital. Rulon International, a company that manufactures suspended wood ceilings and acoustic wood wall systems, uses scrap wood to make small guitars and seeks volunteers to decorate them. This club decorated and donated 22 guitars.

Clubs donated art supplies and money to musical programs in schools throughout their communities.

VSA

Very Special Art" Florida, our new State Partner, has provided programs that make it possible for people with disabilities to contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of Florida. One of our Juniorette clubs, has sponsored a Halloween Party for a Girl Scout Troop of 40 physically, mentally and economically challenged young ladies. The 10 Juniorette club members helped make crafts, such as bead bracelets, paper masks, decorate cards and treat bags. They also played games and had refreshments for the scouts.

Laughter:

Clubs have kept it Fun!! One Junior club has formed a marching band. Any member and Booster member that can play an instrument or bang a drum is welcome to join. The band was formed in 1992 and comes together to practice and perform several times a year, their uniforms include red jackets for Christmas and white shirts, accented with red and blue for the 4th. of July. Both of these uniforms have the GFWC logo on them, and is also on the tuba and the drums. This band has performed at 2 GFWC state meetings. How Much Fun is That?

ENJOY AND BE A HAPPY CLUB!!