

2016 GFWC Florida Arts CSP Report



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- 1. The GFWC Temple Terrace Juniores**, sponsored a Halloween Party for a Girl Scout troop of 40 physically, mentally and economically challenged young ladies. At the party, the **Juniores** club helped the scouts make crafts, such as bead bracelets, paper plate masks, decorated cards, and treat bags. Ten of the club members attended and they played games, and had refreshments for the scouts.
- 2. Twenty six (26) of the GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club, GFWC Sebastian Junior Woman's Club and the GFWC Sebastian Juniores Club**, and booster members participate in the Sebastian Community Marching Band. Anyone who 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 have the GFWC logo on them, plus the logo is on the tuba and drums. This band has also performed at two GFWC state meetings.
- 3. The GFWC Grand Haven Woman's 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 acoustical wood wall systems, uses scrap wood to make small guitars and seeks volunteers to decorate them. Thus far, club members have decorated and donated 22 guitars with their 127 volunteer hours and \$83 of in kind donations. They see this as an ongoing project.
- 4. In 2016, after 37 years, everything changed for the GFWC Lutz-Land 'O Lakes Woman's Club** and their large Community Arts and Crafts Festival. The club decided to partner with a local school for students with learning disabilities. The students were involved in the marketing and planning of the parking areas. The club upgraded the electrical issues in the school buildings to meet their major needs. The school charged a fee for parking, which helped fund scholarships for their students. The club had over 350 booths to rent to vendors and donated several booths for charitable organizations. Altogether, there was a profit of over \$26,000 and volunteer hours over 5,000.
- 5. Picture 75 students who have just finished a day of school, given the opportunity to have a paint bush in their hand. The eager students of the Boys and Girls Club greet volunteers from the GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs** along with members of the Tarpon Springs Arts Association once a month. Members of both organizations introduced students to well-known works of art, and gave instruction, as well as an opportunity to create using the same medium used by the artists. In the spring, the best of the students' work is framed and displayed at the club's meeting.

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6. The **GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club** became an integral part of the Smithsonian Traveling Waterways Exhibits on Cave Diving for 6 weeks last summer. One hundred ninety two 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 visitors were cave diving. Afterward, members escorted the "dive" guests to the main exhibit area where everything was about water, with a number of interactive exhibits. To help bring awareness to the Smithsonian Waterways exhibit, the club members, as well as other community organizations, helped paint a "springs mural" on a local wall of an adventure outpost.

7. In one of Florida's poorest counties, **GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club**, sponsored their "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 had. Because the area is so economically challenged and to make participation possible, the club charged Vendors only \$25 per booth. Members worked with six civic groups to set up and man 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 also held for the public. There were 5 categories and a Grand Champion!

8. The 22 members of the **GFWC Blountstown Woman's Club** were "all in" for the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement. This is a living history museum with 18 historical buildings set in an idyllic farm community in their area. Many of the local craftsmen are members of the club and give tours, including a group of 120 school aged children. They help set up activities throughout the year, as well as demonstrating jelly and jam making, pine needle basket weaving, and quilting. Club members also make handmade Southern biscuits as a treat for the many visitors. Almost all of their members participate with the Pioneer Settlement, with over 2,587 volunteer hours, \$500 donations and \$250 of in-kind donations.

9. The 10 member **GFWC Milton Woman's Club** is highly involved with their local 4th of July "Treasure Island of Adventure," which they co-sponsor with the local Chamber of Commerce. The day features free hands-on arts and crafts for children 12 and under, such as "Very Hungry Caterpillar" art, Pirate art, Summer reading fun (with donated books) and more. To make this happen, the club gathered \$976 of in-kind donations.

10. Combining club funds and donations, the **GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club** delivered approximately \$400 of new arts supplies to the Association of Retarded Citizens Tampa Harborside Studios for adults with varying disabilities. These supplies included 35 new art canvases, acrylic paints, 56 new packs of markers and colored pencils. The club also provided ice cream and toppings for an ice cream social for the artists. Members donated 45 volunteer hours delivering the supplies, scooping ice cream, socializing and doing art projects alongside the special artists.

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