



ART PARTNERSHIP

“A sincere artist is not one who makes a faithful attempt to put on to canvas what is in front of him, but one who tries to create something which is, in itself, a living thing” William Dobell

GFWC Florida had 20 clubs reporting with 1,396 members doing 135 projects.

Although the GFWC Arts Partnership was introduced to the Federation late in the 2010 administration year, clubs still showed enthusiasm with the choices.

Very Special Arts Program

GFWC Florida clubwomen were the sincerest of artists as they spent this last year creating something that truly benefited the living. Our member's commitment to VSA makes one proud. Clubs across the state participated in VSA project by donating money and collecting art supplies. Many clubs provided hands on assistance by serving refreshments, helping with projects or cleaning up after VSA Arts Festivals.

GFWC Tampa Woman's club provided their very own club clown unit as greeter for their local VSA Arts Day and one member dressed as Mother Goose and read stories to the kids. They also worked alongside the **GFWC Tampa Junior Woman's** club at the event stuffing bags for participants at the local VSA event. **GFWC Rotunda West** members spent a day a month making arts and crafts with handicapped adults at Loveland, VSA facility.

One outstanding project reported by **GFWC Viera Woman's Club** involved partnering with the Brevard Zoo and VSA to hold a VSA Arts and Crafts event at the zoo. The club facilitated a booth where 2000 disabled children and adults made “Funky Fish Art” using tempera paint and rubber like fish to create a very special picture. Club members dried the paintings as the attendees enjoyed the zoo. Excited participants then picked up the art upon their departure.

The **GFWC Brandon Service League** held their 19th Annual Very Special Arts Festival for 258 students bused in from 10 “pre k” and kindergarten schools. Projects included making paper hats, bubble blowing, a puppet show and a rhythm band sing-a-long. Chick-Fil-A donated lunch for all and Ronald McDonald even entertained the kids.

The GFWC Plantation Woman's Club works with their local museum as docents. The docents take special classes and are specially trained by the ARC to guide and educate children and adults. The museum with the help of the club is the only museum in Broward County that is

willing to work with these groups. This club also took 95 children to a Santa's Woodworking Shop at Christmas. The club then donated 100 toys to the school for gifting.

The GFWC Sebastian River Junior Woman's Club donated art supplies to the local Wabasso School where many of the ESE students participating in the VSA event went to school

American Mural Project

Over Thirty one clubs donated over 128 watches to the American Mural Project. Most clubs heard about the project at our Fall Board and thru the distribution of the AMP brochure. Clubs put out the call to their membership and collected watches at their meetings.

The **GFWC Lutz Land O'Lakes Woman's Club** held a "club boutique" selling crafts items to their members and used the profits as a donation for the resin setting of the watches.

GFWC Panama City Junior Woman's Club made a lasting contribution to the American Mural Project do donating 39 watches a value of approximately \$500.00. We aren't sure if the watches were donated to get their names on the mural or to get rid of ugly watches? Six other Junior clubs made monetary donations to the American Mural Project.