



ARTS – Collaboration

GFWC Florida Federated Women's Clubs contributed to the Arts in numerous and varied ways. The following ideas are just a small sampling of their successful projects. Perhaps one or two of them will serve as a workable project idea for your club and community.

Construct door decorations to brighten the doors of residents at our nursing homes and homeless shelters.

Create and fill "harvest baskets" and/or "Christmas stockings" to deliver along with the meals going to the homebound.

Conduct a "holiday tea" or "open house" to give members an opportunity to sell their hand-crafted items. The club may elect to retain a percentage of the sales. This could also be a great time to include a bake sale of decorated holiday treats.

Art in the Park – for people of all ages. If your community already has an event like this, ask what your club can do to assist. Remember to report only the efforts of your club and not the event as a whole.

"Master's Moments" - The Arts Chairman presents interesting facts about a famous artist, and members attempt to guess the artist's name. The winner (should there be one) receives a small prize, or simply some applause!

Launch a "Save Our Art Program". Talk to your local schools and find out what's needed in the art department. Start a campaign to enlist the help of the public in the collection of items and funds.

Assemble art activity bags to be distributed to children in pediatric units. These bags may also be useful in rehab clinics when filled with age appropriate art supplies. Visit with the professional staff to determine what's needed.

Include a list of art events taking place in your community when you print your newsletter.

Have members bring in their summer projects for a "Show and Tell" session.

Remember, collaboration projects and programs are initiated by the clubs and implemented in their communities.