



### **Arts----- Program**

## **Art is essential to your quality of life**

There were Arts and craft shows enjoyed throughout the state, at the state and local level, bringing members together, working on craft projects, painting classes and photography excursions. First place winning entries, which were chosen by professional judges, continued on to the District Arts and Craft Shows and then on to the GFWC Florida Arts and Craft Show in Orlando.

### **Art Appreciation in Community**

Holiday Festivals, and parades occurred throughout the communities within the state in which many clubs participated. Clubs partnered with other businesses in their community to raise monies for different community charities and scholarships. Art supplies were bought and donated to many schools for their art programs.

### **Students**

Community involvement in schools is very important. It is a proven fact that children participating in the arts make better students. Clubs continue to be involved in their school's musical and art programs. They provided scholarships, instruments and donated tickets to attend cultural events, to needy children. Many arts and crafts contests were held for children and many high school students earned volunteer hours.

### **VSA Program**

Creating a society where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts. VSA Florida, headquartered at the College of Education University of South Florida Tampa, provides arts, education and cultural opportunities for people with disabilities in your communities. Host an art program for, (at least 10) students with disabilities in your community and they will provide a VSA Florida teaching artist who is skilled in making the art activities adaptable and accessible for everyone. (ages 3 to 22). Clubs can host a fundraiser event where proceeds go to VSA Florida to provide a community after school program or summer program in your city OR a school day artist in residency program in your local school district. For all and more information contact Wendy Finklea, Director of Programs, VSAFL. wfinklea@usf.edu 813-974-0715.

### **Laughter**

Having fun in the creative process of the arts is essential.

**ENJOY AND BE A HAPPY CLUB!!**