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ARTS - Collaboration

Welcome to the Arts. We hope that your participation in this area of community service will be rewarding to both your members and your community. The following are just a few project ideas to help you get started.

“Greeting Cards”- Create greeting cards to be sent to our military troops serving overseas. This can be done within your club or expanded upon and done throughout the community. Set up a booth at various events where attendees can stop by and create a small work of art. Provide card stock and various mediums such as watercolors, crayons, markers, glitter glue, etc. Perhaps you’ll be able to secure your supplies from local retailers at a reduced cost when you explain the nature of your project. Contact local veterans groups for information on getting your cards delivered to the troops. Chances are, they are shipping other items and can give you advise on the best way to send your cards. Remember to include both children and adults in this project.

“Gallery Stroll”- Contact several gallery owners about having an “open house” event. Select an evening or a Sunday when they are generally closed and conduct a special event for members and guests. Depending on your community, this could be open to the general public. Attendees stroll from gallery to gallery viewing the exhibits. Lite refreshments could be offered at one or two locations. Have club members assist gallery owners in handing out literature on exhibiting artists and GFWC Florida. Invite local artists to be on hand for this event.

“Musical Instruments”- Check with rehabilitation centers, assisted living and long-term care facilities to see if the occupational and recreational therapists can make use of musical instruments that are in good working order. Collect usable instruments and donate them. Don’t forget that some of our schools can also benefit by receiving that retired flute or saxophone in the back of your closet.

“Community Theater”- Go beyond attending a performance and get a “wish list” from the costume and property departments. Have a speaker from the theater present a program on what it takes to put on a production from securing a play through the final curtain. Perhaps your local theater has an interesting history that could add to the presentation.

“Art in Schools”- As always, when budgets are cut, the art departments in our schools suffer. Contact school administrators and instructors to see how you may be of some assistance. Perhaps a fundraiser for the purchase of “school approved” supplies may

be a good community project. Frequently student art shows are held in shopping malls, libraries and other public areas. See if your members can serve as hostesses during show or business hours.

“Expand Your View”- Encourage your members to broaden their view of the arts either as individuals or a group by doing one or more of the following: painting class, attending an opera, attending a dance recital, learn to play an instrument, learn a new dance or take a class in cake decorating, floral arrangement or edible art.

“Talent Show”- Many members have artistic talents they have not used since high school and college. Have a club talent show. Consider using both visual and performing arts. Find those “tap” shoes and batons you saved and start practicing again. Ask non members to participate. Ask for help from your school Arts Department for auditions and advise. Start small. This could really grow as word spreads about all the hidden talent in our communities.

“Dances” - Sponsor father\daughter and mother\son dance classes and dances. This is generally great fun for all and it helps to build social confidence in the children. Talk with local dance studios and community centers about acting as partners in this venture.

