



Dear Ladies:

I hope you are all safe and looking forward to Convention and a road trip. I wanted to share with you the top 10 Arts projects which I submitted to GFWC from my report so you can review different ideas from different clubs. Would love to hear your feedback and ideas.

Please note that I edited and wrote some fancy titles to add interest in reading them. This is important when you complete your reports so please use this as a guide to next year's reports.

It is especially important to have a good catchy title also numbers – how many members from the community or club participated – who did it benefit? If it is something you made. How many? Where did this take place? Who collaborated with you?

Who? What? Where? When? How many?

1" Special Arts for Special Children" GFWC *Brandon Service League, Inc* has been collaborating with "Arts4all" for the last 29 years on this yearly event. The members planned a field trip event for over 250 Kindergarten age development disabled students in their area. They coordinated transportation and picnic lunch which they obtained sponsorship from McDonalds. They secured 50 older high school children to volunteer, and these children experience a day of creating art, dancing, balloons, face painting and Arts stations. This event takes over 385 volunteer hour and over \$1750 dollars donated plus so much more. It also involves coordination and assistance form the ESL dept of Hillsborough County School District and the venue space was donated by the First Baptist Church of Brandon.

2"Have a Hat with our Heart" GFWC *Capital City Woman's Club* designed and crocheted over 93 hats and scarves and donated them to the Kearney Center which is a homeless and displaced person Center in Tallahassee.

3"Friday Films" GFWC *El Portal Woman's Club* coordinated a showing of films outside in the open air every Friday to the community. All the proceeds raised from these were given back as donations to different local non-profit organizations

4"Floating Beehive" The members of GFWC *Wewahitchka Woman's Club* have been busy little bees designing and building a "float" for their City Christmas Parade. Their club symbols are the honeybees, so they built a floating Beehive with busy bees that are always helping and giving to their community.

5"_masks for Heroes" GFWC *Woman's Club of Port Charlotte* "made over 1000 masks and donated them to their local hospitals.

6 “Dancing with the Stars “*GFWC Crystal River Woman’s Club* Partnered with FFRA (Friends and Families Reaching for Abilities) which serves developmentally disabled persons in Citrus County. This organization with the partnership and work of all the women club members provided 12 weeks of Ballroom dance lessons. The club donated \$375 in cash – over 54 hours of volunteer hours and in-kind donations of baked goods. At the end of the 12 weeks, there was the big dance “TOP HAT “to culminate and show off what all these disabled adults had learned with so much joy. There were over 100 people in attendance (prior COVID-19 lockdown)

7 “World of Dance “For 44 years the *GFWC Williston Junior Woman’s Club* has owned and operated the Williston School of Dance. This school offers low-cost dance instruction to the young ladies and men in the greater Williston area. It provides an opportunity for the children to be exposed to the arts in the small and rural community. It is very unfortunate that the nearest city is 25 miles away. Without the Williston School of Dance many of the students would not have the means or opportunity to experience arts through dance. The school is fully operated by volunteers from their club, and only compensate the professional instructors. The club women are the janitors, maintenance staff, bill collectors, event coordinators, secretaries, and personnel department. The dance school offers ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance. They typically end the year with a fully choreographed, costumed recital. Unfortunately, it was canceled this year due to COVID. They were creative and offered zoom classes during this pandemic. In August, they were finally able to reopen, and had a COVID waiver requirement for all participants. The school finances are kept separately from the club finances, but the dance school was able to contribute \$2,000 to the club’s general funds.

8 The Young Artist Gallery (YAG) is a scholarship program created by the *The Woman’s Club of Coconut Grove* in 2000. This is a juried annual event designed to provide exhibition opportunities for talented Miami Dade High School art students; to support and encourage young talent by giving them a venue to show their work to art patrons, sell their art and mingle with art enthusiasts. In March we hosted our 20th Young Artist Gallery (YAG) exhibit, the show was supposed to be a two-day event, unfortunately because of COVID-19 the show had to be limited to one day. However, our scholarship fundraising drive exceeded our goals. A total of \$16,800 was awarded in scholarships, honorable mention stipends and teacher honorariums.

9 “The Voice” *GFWC Rotonda West Woman’s Club* have their own singing group “The Tonettes”. These ladies rehearse and are ready to bring cheer by song thru out the year to so many organizations and facilities. The therapy of song and music has been proven to have health benefits. These ladies visited Englewood Health and Rehab center. They also visited Brooksdale assisted facility and another nursing home. However due to COVID-19 they had to stop their visits in person. They are strategizing and seeing how they can continue to bring music to these elderly people maybe by zoom since they now need it more than ever.

10 “A Word From A Rock “*The Little Women of Fernandina Beach Junioresettes* Painted Rocks with an encouragement word and left them all around their community to bring cheer, joy, and hope to the members of their community during these challenging times.

