



# ARTS and CULTURE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



The study of art and culture enriches the human experience. Art education improves problem solving and critical thinking skills, builds focus and perseverance, and nurtures creativity, confidence, and collaboration. Cultural awareness promotes effective communication and profoundly increases the ability to appreciate and enjoy a variety of new people and experiences.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVE**  
*Creating a Path for Community Gems!*  
**What is the sparkle that makes your community special?**

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## Resource Organizations



Google Arts & Culture



## Be Inspired and Get Creative!

- Create kits for children that contain all the pieces they need to create an art project. Put them into a bag so that kids can pick them up from your porch or teachers can pick them up for a class. Have them send you pictures of the completed projects to share on FaceBook or your website.
- Make cards for people in homes who cannot get out or have visitors due to the pandemic. Create a card kit and instruction worksheet for members to pick up.
- Support GFWC-NC Annual Arts Festivals at Club, District & State level.
- Host an art supply drive within your club.
- Be creative – design and decorate a garden or help build, paint, and decorate a Little Free Library.
- Hold a recycled art contest for art projects made using recycled materials. Pictures can be posted on social media.
- Make homemade holiday cards for nursing home residents or Meals on Wheels recipients.
- Provide artwork and help decorate a reading nook at the library, a local laundromat, or other location in your community.
- Donate books with an art theme to the public library, a school library, or a Little Free Library.
- Donate seasonal and holiday themed coloring sheets for children at schools and libraries.
- Develop an art scavenger hunt at a local or online museum for your members or students. Select items for participants to find and snap photos (if allowed) or document the location in a notebook. Discuss the art pieces after the hunt
- “Hire” student jazz combos, string quartets, or even the whole band to perform at club events.
- Host an international cooking class on zoom. Choose a country or region as a theme. Send recipes out ahead so members and friends can participate and enjoy the dish in their own home at the same time.
- Use an artistic event to raise funds to sponsor local community art and cultural programs.
- Feature art or art forms that are indicative of another culture at monthly club meetings—origami, Faberge Eggs, Ukrainian Easter Eggs, Russian icons, and others.
- Volunteer at a school to teach a lesson from your cultural heritage to students. Include information about the food of the culture and provide samples for the students to taste.
- Present a few interesting facts at club meetings to acquaint members to a variety of international, regional, and local cultures.

Please sign up for the Member Portal at [WWW.GFWC.ORG](http://WWW.GFWC.ORG) for access to the Club Manual for additional project ideas, Resource Organizations information and the list of GFWC Affiliate Organizations.