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Welcome to the **GFWC Arts Community Service Program** where members can participate, create, share, or contribute to the Arts.

The **GFWC Arts Community Service Program** initiates, supports and encourages programs in the arts within local schools and all communities. We encourage art in all forms including drama, dance, theater, literature, music, photography and other art related areas, both traditional and innovative.

There are many ways that we can promote the arts in our clubs and communities:

- 🎨 Organize a bus, train, or cars trips, to a Broadway show, museums, art exhibitions, or country fairs.
- 🎨 Need a program for club meetings invite your club members to showcase their talents. Have a member's art showcase whether it is art, photography, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, singing, playing musical instrument celebrate your members talents.
- 🎨 Invite local artists, musicians and/or writers to speak or perform at to your club meeting. Don't forget to invite the public.
- 🎨 Mentor children and adults through local programs that may need your clubwomen's services - for example help at the local library, art council or museum when they promote art, quilting, music and photo exhibits.
- 🎨 Share your club members talents, enlist their talents setup art shows at assisted living homes, hospitals, rehabilitations centers, veterans' homes.
- 🎨 You could contact the above groups and have your clubwomen help or setup with arts and crafts or hands on projects.
- 🎨 Set up programs where school children go to elderly homes, veteran homes, and hospitals to perform plays, musicals, concerts or do crafts with them. You can reverse that and have the adults teach or preform for the children.

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- 🎨 Enlist clubwomen with arts and crafts talents to visit senior centers, elder housing, hospitals, and libraries to provide hands-on projects. Encourage other clubwomen to assist local groups who may love a helping hand with an existing or ongoing art project.
- 🎨 Sponsor a Children's Creative Arts and/or Writing Event -- Schools now have so much going on they can't incorporate writing, photo and art contests into their curricula. Read the criteria for the 2018 Creative Writing Contests and with those in mind, hold a local contest for the youth in your area. Local winners can then be entered the State contests where they can win prizes and then compete as State Federation entries forwarded to GFWC for National judging.

The following links are to give clubwomen and clubs more information and resources on the Arts and the GFWC Arts Community Service Program.

Links:

The following links are for clubs and clubwomen

GFWC Arts Community Service Program (GFWC Club Manual Pages)

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-20-CSP-Arts.pdf>

Americans for the Arts - Massachusetts

<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-location/massachusetts>

Listing of Museums and Galleries Located in Massachusetts

<https://www.visit-massachusetts.com/state/museums-and-galleries/>

Mass Humanities

<http://masshumanities.org/>

MA Massachusetts

<https://www.massvacation.com/explore/arts/>



GFWC Art Resources: New for 2018-2020

A.R.T. (ARTISTIC REALIZATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.)

has created technologies, studio programming, and training that empowers those who lack the articulate use of their hands to gain perfect individual control of the art-making process start to finish. Contact A.R.T. at a.r.t.lefens@artrealization.org or 908-359-3098.

Watch the following video link that explains the program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vIXCyKSwNY>

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Contests for Your Clubwomen to Enter:

We have many talented clubwomen in our local clubs. Encourage them to enter the following contest sponsored by GFWC and GFWC of Massachusetts.

- 🌀 **Creative Writing Contest:** Can You write poetry? What about a short story? Enter the Creative Writing Contest
Contact: **Nancy Urell**, Chairman at 781-774-9109, N.Urell@icloud.com
- 🌀 **Photography Contests:** Have you ever taken pictures of your children, grandchildren, or pets? Did you go on a vacation? Did you take pictures of the landscapes, flowers, monuments, the sunrise, or sunset? Why not share your talent enter one, two or more into the Photography Contests?
Contact: **Diane Murphy**, Chairman at 617-435-7417, dmm7852@gmail.com

Photography and Arts Contests are held each year and honored at April Awards Day held at the GFWC of MA Headquarters in Sudbury. While the prizes might be small, recognition is a great confidence builder. Check out what's available at www.gfwcma.org.

- 🌀 **Advertise** all the contests and programs available to invigorate your clubwomen's interest in the creative arts by accessing the State Federation website at gfwcma.org and encourage ALL your members to do so as well.
- 🌀 **Publicity** never hurts a club who wants to invite more women to their membership. If your members provide you with enough artwork and writing entries, consider holding an Art Show and Reading Event at your local library, art gallery or your own meeting space. You could combine this with a New Members' Tea and you have a double-barreled publicity event and membership builder. **Photographs** of these and other club activities should be sent to your local newspaper when applicable and ALWAYS to **GFWC of MA Federation Topics** online newsletter as well as to the online GFWC International newsletter **News & Notes**. Those fantastic members of your club deserve to be encouraged and applauded in these great publications!

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Scholarships in the Arts are available through GFWC of MA and open to your town's students, two designed for high school seniors, the third for college students. Be sure to obtain the **Application Forms** and encourage local students to apply by March 1, 2019.

- GFWC of MA Art Scholarship - Pennies for Art
- GFWC of MA Music Scholarships - Nickels for Notes
- GFWC of MA Music Scholarship - Undergraduate Major in Voice, endowed and given in the name of the Dorchester Woman's Club

Support the Arts through these **scholarships** by setting aside club funds and include them on **GFWC of MA Contribution Form** for your end of the year donations.



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