



General Federation of Women's Clubs Massachusetts

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The GFWC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support arts and culture programs in their clubs and communities, and to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place.

Chairman Project: A Friend and a Book Just for YOU ~ Arts and Culture helping Domestic Violence Shelters. What you will need: a children's book (new or very gently used), a new doll, a new stuffed toy, or a new hand puppet and make an outfit for the doll/stuffed toy/puppet to represent a character in the book. Donate to a local Domestic Violence Shelter.

Massachusetts Cultural Council has many programs close to your community. See www.massculturalcouncil.org for suggestions and ideas your club can use.

Arts supplies for elementary age children are losing funding, reach out to your local schools and ask for a wish list that your club could collect. This also is a great collection to be given to after school programs, senior centers, or veteran's facilities.

Virtual Art Shows are becoming the new norm, your club could organize one in conjunction with other town organizations and plan one in your community.

Performing Arts Theater are a great way to support local talent. To show support your club could purchase an ad in the program book. To find the current shows available and ticket information go to: <http://www.masshome.com/theater.html>

Live Music Performances is ideal for the soul. There are many ways to support music in your community. Scholarships for High School graduates, attending school performances, support financially a music program, or host a talent night.

When your club donates to an Art program locally, please ensure your club's name is listed as a **sponsor of the event**. Possibly offer to help that evening by collecting tickets, usher guest to their seat or working the concession booth. If allowed wear your club's name tag or shirt.

Reach out to a local nursing home, assisted living facility or senior center, and offer to do a **monthly craft project** with the clients. Plan the project, gather supplies, and send a few volunteers each month. This is a great opportunity to build a relationship and get to know the seniors in your town while working one on one with them.

Plan an **outdoor movie night**, invite other volunteer organizations. This activity is a perfect way to social distance while having fun.

Consider having your club purchase a **Museum Family Pass**, then donate it to your library or share within your club. This is a great way to let families enjoy a day together.

For many more ideas check out the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual pages on the GFWC Massachusetts website by going to the **ABOUT** tab and click on **What Do We Do?**