



## ARTS AND CULTURE MONTHLY INSPIRATION

*" Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time."*

Thomas Merton's quote suggests that engaging with art allows us to simultaneously discover our true selves and transcend our individuality, immersing us in a profound and transformative experience. It speaks to arts capacity for both self-reflection and transcendence.

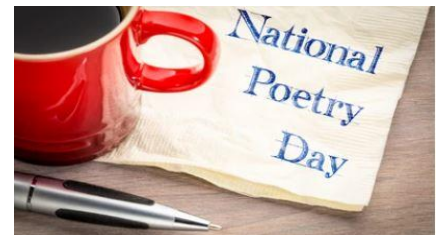
This is a great time to start educating your members, your community and your schools on the contests that GFWC sponsors with cash awards for some projects.

October is  
National Arts and Humanities  
Month (HAHM)

This is the largest annual celebration for the arts and humanities in the nation. It was initiated to encourage Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and to begin a lifelong habit of participating in the arts. No matter where you are or where you live, you can celebrate the arts every day. You might consider planning a club outing to an event in your community.

October 15 is  
International Artist Day

This day has been dedicated to celebrating all the contributions artists have made to society.



October 1 is  
National Poetry Day

It is a day to celebrate poetry and its importance in our culture. People write poems on a given theme every year on this day. (In the US and Canada, National Poetry Month is celebrated in April.)

## OCTOBER SUGGESTIONS

If your Club plans to participate in any of the 2024 art competitions, the time to make plans is now. We have included sample flyers to help you with your planning. Also attached is a sample section from the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Yearbook with the rules and forms.

### GFWC Writing Contests

GFWC sponsors member and youth creative writing contests for both poetry and short stories to foster talents and growth. Encourage your club wordsmiths to share their talents by entering and consider producing a youth writing contest as a club project. State winners go forward to compete in the GFWC competitions summer 2025.





### **GFWC Georgia Student Art**

To recognize and reward student's artistic expression to tell their story through art, GFWC Georgia sponsors a Student Art Competition.

### **GFWC Georgia Member Crafts**

Do your Club members love to create? Do they quilt, sew, knit, make nature crafts, design jewelry or have other amazing talents? Remind them to share their talents by entering the Member Craft Competition.

### **GFWC Photography**

Photography encourages members artistic expression and visual storytelling. GFWC invites Club Members to tell their story in photographs with two photography contests:



#### **THE WORLD IN PICTURES**

This contest showcases the people, places and things that impact our lives in a meaningful way as expressed in three categories.

Our World Up Close – Offer a viewpoint or macro image that takes the viewer into a new, tiny world.

Natural Wonders – Showcase mountains, meadows, waterfalls, oceans or any magnificent visits.

Reflections – Feature a setting, situation or landmark that reflects back on poignant memories, or captures a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

#### **GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT**

Capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC club women as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer or celebrate in groups or one-on-one.

