**WIA related to SOAR to New Heights**

**SEEK**: Invite fellow teachers to your arts related programs or to one of the state STAR events. Recruit teachers from art-related fields.

**OPEN**: Open your heart, mind, and attitude through the arts. Include the arts in your chapter programs.

**ACT**: Serve and share with your chapter or area by presenting a program or demonstration showcasing your talent.

**REACH**: Use the arts to renew, respond, and relate to your sisters, both current and future.

**The Arts:**

Architecture, ceramics, drawing, filmmaking, painting, music, photography, sculpting, literature, and performing. **And Crafts:** printmaking, polymer jewelry, painted rocks, pumpkin decorating, leatherwork, metal work, stained glass, needlework, cardmaking, etc. All of these expressions of creativity can be utilized as a chapter program.

**Chapter Membership recruitment**

Consider inviting teachers of the arts at all school levels: music, drama, writing, drill team coaches, architecture professors, local artists, musicians, or photographers that teach classes. Then provide added value for their membership by supporting their shows, collecting supplies, or helping them write an ASTEF grant.



STAR – Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat

* MLK Weekend
* Camp Allen in Navasota
* Over 100 attendees
* No creative talent required
* Relax in a beautiful setting
* Easy art and crafts projects
* Fun, food, and fellowship

Areas 3 and 10 host a one-day STAR event yearly. All areas or regions are encouraged to create their own STAR event. We’re here to help make that happen!

STAR and WIA present arts and crafts classes online via Zoom. Anyone wishing to be notified of upcoming sessions may contact the WIA chair, Cathryn Burke, (cathrynburke@att.net) to be placed on the email list. Most of our Zoom offerings can be found at

<https://lrl.li/8vsc0f>.

LOOK FOR WIA REALATED BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT YOUR REGIONAL AREA WORKSHOP!

Email Cathryn Burke

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TSO Women in the Arts Committee

The Women in the Arts Committee provides opportunities for members to participate in a variety of artistic endeavors, including the annual convention Visual Arts Display, the Student Art Gallery, and the Texas art retreat (STAR).

**WIA Goals**

* Serve as a resource to help chapters develop programs, projects, and recruitment strategies related to the arts.
* Encourage members to submit their creative endeavors to the DKG Arts and Humanities Gallery.
* Celebrate the accomplishments of talented members in the arts.
* Support/sponsor community events related to the arts.

**WIA Online resources** at <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

* Convention Visual Arts Application
* STAR Application
* Arts-Related Program Ideas
* Chapter Visual Arts Display Program

**Using community resources to develop chapter programs**

Contact your local

* Art association
* Photographer
* Dance studio
* High school choir
* HS dance team
* HS drama club
* Musicians
* Artists
* Florist
* Bakery (decorate cookies)
* Author/poet
* Art, music, drama teachers
* Hand Bell Choir
* Chef
* Quilter/ quilt shop
* STEAM teacher

**Denton 2025 Convention**

Visual Arts Display: start creating now! Display your original Fine Arts at TSO Convention in Denton in 2025..

Display paintings, photography, fabric arts, poetry, ceramics, jewelry, etc. All mediums are welcome.

WIA Student Art Show: Students in Denton ISD are invited to create works of art to represent their schools at the DKG Student Art Gallery at the convention.

**Chapter projects related to the arts**

* Adopt an art or music teacher
* Support art/music/drama in a school by providing supplies or volunteering in the classroom
* Make cards or a craft project for nursing home residents or first year teachers
* Members work together to make knotted fleece blankets for a shelter
* Sponsor or provide an art class for children at the local library or after school in a classroom

**Member Involvement via the Arts**

Discuss a quote or a question.

“Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life.” — Pablo Picasso

Which country would you visit to appreciate the arts?

Is graffiti art?

Did Andy Warhol like tomato soup?

What would life be like without the arts?

Teach members a song, a dance, or a quick craft to involve all members during a chapter meeting.

**Program ideas related to the arts**

* Art history: bio and samples of art for a female artist (writer, poet, dancer, actress…)
* Make and take projects (Search easy art projects on Pinterest.)
* Culinary art (Fun Food)
* Chapter visual arts gallery at one meeting: members bring one of the pieces they created, a favorite piece of art, or an item from a collection.
* Poetry appreciation/simple ways to write poetry
* Journaling
* Music appreciation
* Study an architect: bio and samples of buildings created
* Paint and sip painting parties
* “Virtual tours” of famous museums

**Art Fundraisers**

* Make and sell cards made with stamping supplies or photography
* Make and sell crafts
* Host a painting/knitting/card making class for adults. Class fee less supplies would be chapter revenue