

Nurture: Support chapters as they develop and present arts-related programs and establish WIA committees.

Serve: Assist chapters as they participate in arts-related programs on the local, area, state, and international levels of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Educate: Keep chapters informed of opportunities in the arts and how to access them.

Wonder: Encourage chapters to create and appreciate the various aspects of the arts as they dream, ask, and reflect.

The Arts include anything created by people: drawing, music, architecture, literature, and needlework, just to name a few. There is a bounty of program topics. Chapter programs that include the arts can be beneficial to members, make meetings more meaningful, and help to recruit new members.

The WIA is ready to assist the chapters with ideas and resources as they incorporate the arts into programs and activities. Questions and suggestions are welcomed by the Women In the Arts Committee.

WIA Online resources on https://www.dkgtexas.org/

- Convention Visual Arts Application
- STAR Registration Form
- Arts-Related Program Ideas
- Chapter Visual Arts Display Program
- Link to STAR Website
- WIA Brochure

WIA sponsors...



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

Area 3 hosts a one-day STAR each spring. Other areas should consider hosting a weekend or one-day STAR. Much help and many resources are available.

STAR and WIA present art and craft classes online *via* Zoom. Anyone wishing to be notified of upcoming sessions may contact the WIA chair to be placed on the email list.

WIA invites you to consider applying for membership on The Women In the Arts committee!

For more information visit:

www.dkgtexas.org
Click – Women In the Arts
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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 TSO Convention Members' Visual Arts Display, the Student Art Gallery, the Texas Arts Retreat (STAR), and Zoom art sessions.

WIA Goals

- Serve as a resource to help chapters develop programs, projects, and recruitment strategies related to the arts.
- Inspire all members to create their own art and to observe art.
- Facilitate the establishment of WIA committees at the chapter level.
- Celebrate artistic accomplishments of talented members.
- Support/sponsor community events related to the arts.

Arts-related Resource Ideas Programs

- 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)
- 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

Projects

- · Adopt an art or music teacher.
- Support art/music/drama in a school by providing supplies or volunteering in the classroom.
- Meet the Masters-funding or teaching.
- 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.



Chapter Membership recruitment

- Consider inviting the art, music, drama, English, and photography teachers, drill team coaches, architecture professors, local artists, and musicians at all school levels.
- Then provide added value for their membership by helping them write an ASTEF grant.
- Collect supplies for them.

Members Create & Observe

DKG offers many creative opportunities for members: STAR, Zoom art sessions, Chapter programs, TSO conventions.

How to Establish a Chapter WIA committee

- Work with chapter rules committee.
- Consult WIA committee page on TSO website for program/project ideas.
- Contact WIA chair or area committee member.

Celebrate Accomplishments

- Online DKG International Art Gallery
- Members' visual art display at state convention
- Chapter newsletter articles
- Chapter visual arts gallery at one meeting: members bring art they created, a favorite piece of art, or an item from a collection.

Support/sponsor Community events

Host a chapter "night out" and attend an artistic production at a local school: a play, a concert, or an art show. Invite students to perform at a chapter meeting. Invite florists, bakers, or authors to present chapter programs.

Lubbock 2022 Convention

<u>Visual Arts Display</u>: Start creating now! Display your original creations at the TSO Convention in Lubbock in 2022. Display paintings, photography, fabric arts, poetry, ceramics, jewelry, etc. All media are welcome.

WIA Student Art Show: Students in Lubbock ISD are invited to create works of art to represent their schools at the 2022 DKG Student Art Gallery at the convention.

Benefits of participating in the Arts

- Relieves stress
- Encourages creative thinking and problem solving
- Promotes whole brain thinking
- Boosts self-esteem
- Provides a sense of accomplishment
- Improves concentration
- Increases brain connectivity and plasticity
- Eases the burden of chronic health condition