



Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



Ladies,

Listed below is information about how Southern District will handle District Youth Art, Youth Art Challenge and Member Photography Contest for 2021.

Youth Art:

- Youth Art and Youth Art Challenge is touch-free this year. All Youth Art entries (two per category) and Youth Art Challenge entries are to be photographed by the art teacher with a photograph of the accompanying Youth Art or Youth Art Challenge card (sent by the Arts Chair) with Student Name, Grade, School, and Category attached to the back of the artwork:
- If there are entries from children who are homeschooled, not working with an art instructor, the Club Arts chair will need to photograph the student artwork, fill out the Youth Art card with the student's information, attach it to the back of the artwork, and photograph it.

Youth Art Classifications and Divisions:

- Classification A: Private Instruction
- Classification B: School Curriculum
- Classification C: No Art Instruction
- Grade Division:
 - Division I (K-1)
 - Division II (grades 2-3)
 - Division III (grades 4, 5& 6)
 - Division IV (grades 7, 8 & 9)
 - Division V (grades 10-12)

For additional information about Youth Art, go to GFWC-MFWC.org, Click on Club Resources, Click on Contests, Go to Youth Art. Youth Art Identification Cards are found on our website at the above link.

Youth Art Challenge:

- **Divisions for Youth Art Challenge:**
 - Division 1 – Ages 3 – 5
 - Division 2 – Ages 6 – 8
 - Division 3 – Ages 9 - 12
 - Division 4 – Ages 13 – 15
 - Division 5 – Ages 16 – 21

For additional information about Youth Art Challenge, go to GFWC-MFWC.org, Click on Club Resources, Click on Contests, Click on Youth Art Challenge. Youth Art Challenge Identification Card can be found at the above link.

Youth Art and Youth Art Challenge Judging Deadlines

- Art teachers will email photographs of entries to the Arts and Culture Chairman of the sponsoring club by March 1.
- Club Arts Chairman will then email their club's entries (please send all together) to District Art Chairman Jodie Brickson at Brickson@hotmail.com no later than March 8th in order for artwork to be placed in category PowerPoints and judged.
- First place winners will be sent to Eleanor Bayliss, state Youth Art chair, to be judged for State Competition.

Mississippi Arts and Crafts:

Arts and Crafts will be postponed to next year's Convention.

GFWC Member Photography:

For more information about member photography, Photography Entry Cards and the GFWC Photography Contest, go to GFWC-MFWC.org, Click on GFWC, Click on Awards and Contests

- Please email all photography entries with the accompanying Photography Card (Can be found at the site listed above) to District Photography Co-Chairman Janis Sita at mrsjsita@gmail.com. Please include name, club, and in what category (World Up Close, Natural Wonders, Reflections, GFWC-Living the Volunteer Spirit) you are entering the photograph.
- Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for the 2021 contests, since the 2020 Photography Contests were not held.

For District Photography Winners:

- First Place winners will be notified and will need to mail their mounted entries to State Photography Chairman Dawn Vosbein in order to be judged at State Level.
- Quick Tip, you may want to try out the pre-cut board sold at Michael's ([use this link](#)) or from Amazon.com ([use this link](#)). This is the number one reason that entries are disqualified.
- See the GFWC Photography Contest guide for a complete set of rules on the GFWC Portal. Please verify that you have followed all rules for the contest. Entries that do not follow the contest rules will be disqualified. You may want to pay close attention to the thickness of your mounting board.