



# CLUB AWARD ENTRY FORM

## Annual Reporting January 1-December 31, 2017

Program Title: Arts – Community Service Projects  
Name of GFWC Special Programs, Community Service Program or Advancement Area Program

Club Name Somis Thursday Club \*Number of Members: 44  
\*as stated in current CFWC Yearbook

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Begin here with Club description including location, type of community, and club years in Federation & followed by Header and Narrative for each project.

**For over 150 years the Somis Thursday Club has been an important part of the cultural life of the small rural town of Somis, maintaining a clubhouse which is a key historical landmark of the community. Built in 1895 as the first Somis school, it became the clubhouse in 1924. The club draws members from Somis and the nearby communities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Simi Valley.**

Project #1: Round Dancing Classes and Dances  
 Volunteer Hours 825 \$ 1,100 In Kind \$ 13,500

Somis Thursday Club is a significant source of support for the art of Round Dancing, also known as choreographed ballroom dancing. We rent our clubhouse at our lowest rate to two club members who teach Round Dancing. We serve about 100 students in four weekly classes throughout the year. The dancers come from a wide area of Southern California. Without the use of the Somis clubhouse, classes could not be held. Wood floors are rare and school or community centers are both expensive and restrictive.

In return, the club has steady renters who have a great interest in helping us preserve our building. The clubhouse is much more frequently used and monitored. In addition, the dancers provide support and money to the club and clubhouse. They volunteer the labor for various upkeep tasks, and have been generous in their financial donations. The difference between the lower rental fee we offer the dance community vs. a commercial tenancy is reflected under "In Kind Donations."

**Project #2: Club Programs**

**Volunteer Hours** 175 **\$** 750 **In Kind** **\$** 200

A Camarillo City Council member spoke to the club members about the state of the city, and updated us on new businesses and developments in the future.

We enjoyed the singing of the San Fernando Male Chorus.

A cowgirl entertainer regaled us with songs of the old West, stories of mountain travels on horseback, poetry and adventure.

Two members of the Ventura County Grand Jury gave a presentation on the process they employ to investigate potential crimes.

"Carmen Camarillo" reenacted the pioneer days of the Camarillo city.

We learned about the status of the Somis School as it prepares to build a new facility.

The members all built crafts during one meeting for the TAD Boutique.

**Project #3: TAD Fine Arts Festival**

**Volunteer Hours** 425 **\$** 50 **In Kind** **\$** 660

Club members put a lot of energy into preparing craft items to display at the Fine Arts Festival. A number of ribbons were won in the areas of crocheting, knitting, sewing, photography and floral arts.

**Totals:**

**Volunteer Hours:** 1,425 **\$** 1,900 **In Kind** **\$** 14,360