



A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF JULIETTE

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Juliette Gordon Low loved to express her energy and enthusiasm through the arts and she always thought of herself as an artist. Even as a young girl, she loved to draw and make paper dolls with her cousin to act out plays. In 1880 at the age of 19, Juliette went to New York City to study art. At that time, art was one of the few past times that was considered proper for women to pursue. Juliette had hoped to be able to support herself financially through her art and studied with well-known artists, including Robert Walter Weir, a famous painter at the time.

Throughout her life, Juliette refined her skills in painting with oils and watercolors and explored sculpting in clay, ceramic, and alabaster. She even worked in mediums that required physical strength like woodcarving, sculpting in bronze and blacksmithing. Art was always an important outlet for Juliette's creative energies and that passion is shared through the legacy art badges that have been part of the Girl Scout program since we were founded in 1912. Many of her works of art are on display at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah.

Patches and arcs are available for purchase at the Girl Scouts of Central California South Goldmine stores.

<https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CENTRAL-CALIFORNIA-SOUTH>

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Complete the activities to earn this month's patch.

All Levels Requirements:

-Pick one activity from each category (Create, Demonstrate and Celebrate options) and complete.

-CREATE Options-

-Painting- Juliette was a skilled painter. She experimented with a variety of painting types including watercolors, oils, and acrylics. Pick two of these 3 painting mediums and paint a nature scene using each type of paint (so you will have two nature paintings). This can be done with common materials found at craft stores.

-Sculpture- Learn about the different materials you can use to create a sculpture (clay, metal, stone, or even creating sculpture out of soap). Sculpt an animal or person out of your material of choice. Need ideas for a homemade material? Any play dough type clay will work or salt dough for this project.

-Ceramics- Juliette had a colorful sense of humor! She loved to make art that served a purpose. One of her favorite memories was at the Girl Scout Birthplace. She made hand painted dessert plates that with beautiful wildlife scenes that is still on display today! As part of those plates, she painted some of them to secretly be “Butt Plates”. She painted an animal from their backside and used those plates to serve food to the people she didn’t particularly care for at her gatherings. The painting on the plates were so beautiful, they never noticed. Now it’s your turn! Visit a pottery or ceramic studio to create a piece of art. If a visit in person does not work, try a virtual visit to the Miami University Art Museum.

<https://miamiuniversityartmuseum.omeka.net/collections/browse>

-Choose your own- You may be interested in the different ways to create art: stained glass, textiles, and photographs are just a few. Find a style of art that you would like to try. Visit an art studio, an exhibit at your local museum or try a virtual tour of any of these 12 famous museum <http://mentalfloss.com/article/75809/12-world-class-museums-you-can-visit-online>. After you find a style that interests you, find out what materials you may need to create in that style.

-DEMONSTRATE Options-

-Find a museum in your area that has art education for children. Make a plan to visit and bring a notebook to sketch or take notes on your favorite pieces.

-Find art in the outdoors in your area, this can be art that a person has created or nature created (rock formations, trees, mountains, wildlife etc). Use a camera to capture the pieces or objects that you like the most. Try to get three angles of the object: low or from the ground, from your eye level or angled higher. Use these photos for the next option if you would like.

-Create your own art display by using art that you created in the CREATE or DEMONSTRATE sections. You can also display art that you have made in the past; it is common for artists to display how their work has evolved over time. You can use small sticky notes to include a title and an approximate date for when you created that piece. This display can be at your home, at your troop meeting or in your classroom.

-Look for art as part of your local building's architecture. Ask your parents if you can take a walking tour (weather permitting) or driving tour of a historic or downtown area in your town. Talk to your parents about how the buildings in that area are similar and how they are different. If you do not have a historic or downtown area, you can explore the different churches in your area and how different the churches are built from each other.

-Research the Art in the Outdoor badges; choose one activity from your level to complete. If you have already completed your badge, share what you learned with another Girl Scout. If your troop isn't meeting until after August, share with your parent.

-CELEBRATE Options-

-Coloring books have been linked to improving brain function and relaxation in adults. Create a coloring page or placemat that can be photocopied and donated to local senior citizen services. You may want to expand this to a larger project and collect colored pencils to donate as well.

-Look for areas in your community that has outdoor art on display. Work with the maintenance staff to find out how you can make a difference by offering a day of caring to clean up the area.

-Find a sidewalk area that needs beautification; this can be in front of your home or in your community. Ask for permission to create a chalk mural, ask friends, troop members or family to help you create a large chalk drawing. Take a picture to remember your work.

-If you were inspired by the art in your community guide, share what you found. This can be a brochure, poster or a presentation to your troop or family. As part of her Silver Award project, local Girl Scout, Miranda D., used her love for local art to create a tour for children in Downtown Fresno to learn about the historical and hidden art gems in that area.

-Host an art party with your troop! This could be a “Bring A Friend” event or a kick off to the upcoming Girl Scout year. Plan a hands-on activity. Everyone can help by bringing art supplies for the project you planned. You can present your pieces to your parents at the end of the evening.

Additional Resources

List of museums and links around the country-

<http://www.artcyclopedia.com/museums-us.html>

Julliette Gordon Low Birthplace art work-

<http://www.juliettegordonlowbirthplace.org/en/explore/about-the-collection.html>

Local museums-

<https://www.fresnoartmuseum.org/>

<http://www.maderaarts.org/>

<http://www.kingsartcenter.org/childrens-program.html>

<http://www.artsvisalia.org/education/children-classes/>

<http://www.bmoa.org/kids/>

Miranda D.'s Mads Downtown Art Guide for Kids

https://www.facebook.com/madsdowntownartguideforkids/?hc_ref=ARRhX9OV-cSD0NIa6FLJI9GWzHEsW6TaEqbytjUjPhEhBsN-wcr-2ItIjtKSBKbXPY&fref=nf

If you are interested in learning more about art appreciation, Girl Scouts of Central California South has a partnership with the Fresno Art Museum and there is a docent led tour available. The fee for the tour includes a Girl Scout, Chaperone and an exclusive patch. For more information contact: customercare@girlscoutscs.org or (800) 490-8653.