Do you want to express yourself, be creative or make an impression? Creative arts is for you!

- Practice self-expression and creativity.
- Learn to follow plans and written instructions.
- Demonstrate puppetry and stagecraft skills.
- Learn to make articles from clay and plaster for decorative or practical purposes.
- Learn about glues and their properties, selecting a glue and glue safety.
- Learn to work with leather stamping and carving tools and a swivel knife, and to finish leather and punch holes for lacing.
- Discover the history of clowning.
- Learn about different mediums used in visual arts.
- Learn about wood and techniques for working with wood as an art form.

Here’s what you can do all year!

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Pass it on!
Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

**Citizenship**
- Try out for a part in a local community theater production.
- Construct props for a school play.
- Present puppet shows at a day-care facility.
- Offer to teach a class on a creative art project for your local community education or parks and recreation program.

**Communication**
- Present a demonstration to your 4-H club on creating an art project.
- Direct a school play.

**Leadership**
- Write a short play for your 4-H club to perform.
- Direct a school play.
- Offer to teach a class on a creative art project for your local community education or parks and recreation program.

**Entrepreneurship**
- Sell your creative arts items at a craft show.
- Start a business teaching classes on a creative art project.

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Here are other opportunities to explore creative arts:

- Write a short story or collection of poems. Make copies for your family and friends.
- Organize making posters for display during National 4-H Week.
- Record a radio ad or volunteer to be interviewed on a local radio station.
- Make an audio file of sound effects to use with a play.
- Create and perform a puppet show for your 4-H club or local library.
- Try out for a role in a school play or community theater production.
- Create an improvisational comedy club/group.
- Interested in a college education in the area of creative arts? Schedule a visit with North Dakota State University, www.ndsu.edu.

Exhibit Ideas

- Construct a puppet theater and puppets.
- Write a short story (or a novel).
- Write and exhibit a collection of poems.
- Make an exhibit showing makeup techniques for clowns.
- Create a scrapbook of a family trip or school activity.
- Build a plastic model.
- Create a flower arrangement.
- Create a clay or plaster item.
- Create a drawing or painting item.
- Create an item from the Glue Solution category.
- Create a leathercraft item.
- Create an item from the Wood Arts category.

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