2026-2028 UNITY PROJECT

THE OCTOPUS CHALLENGE

STRETCH YOUR REACH

GFWC encourages clubs, State/District of Columbia Federations to participate in a challenge encompassing all areas of the Arts & Culture service project area. The Octopus Challenge invites clubs and federations to stretch their reach throughout all areas of Arts and Culture by **completing 2 projects in each of these 4 areas:**

1. **ART**
2. **MUSIC**
3. **DANCE/THEATER**
4. **CULTURE**

But our Octopus isn't finished yet! For ambitious federations looking to expand their reach a little further, there is a bonus challenge. After all, an octopus may only have 8 arms, but we know she can grow another when needed. **For bonus credit and special recognition, complete 2 additional projects celebrating each of these special areas:**

- Affiliate Organizations
- Lesser-known cultural traditions such as Lei Day, Diwali, Dia de Los Muertos, Juneteenth, and more.

By the end of this administration, those who have completed this Challenge will have left a legacy of service to their communities as far-reaching and embracing as an octopus's arms! Let your ideas flow, make waves of creativity and inspiration, and don't forget to brand your artistic endeavors with your club's name, contact information (where appropriate), and the GFWC Emblem.

The **Octopus Challenge Award Certificate** will be given to any State/District of Columbia Federation, or club that completes the project. Special Recognition will be given to those who have also completed the Bonus projects. Recognition for this Challenge will be given at the Region Banquets during the GFWC Annual Convention in 2028. Find the form for this challenge at the end of this section and in the Member Portal Digital Library.

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