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## **Artists Look Back - Part 3: MCAA Turns 60**

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As we approach the "Season of Giving," I realized that over the past 60 years our members did much more than take workshops and create beautiful art. Both individually and as a group, they worked hard to give back to their community.

Some of their many events included the "Art for the Parks" auction in 1969, which was organized to provide funding for beautification of McGarvey Park.

The First Ukiah Art Pageant in 1971 gave a portion of its proceeds to the Community College Fund.

And, for more than 10 years, the Taste of Grapes & Art Show was held to benefit the Easter Seals. One year, more than 300 people signed our guest book!

Dorothy Buck's beautiful watercolor was donated for a raffle that helped support the group's College Scholarship program, and even our furry companions were not forgotten by the artists as they painted 26 birdhouses for an auction to benefit the local humane society.

Besides helping build the Grace Hudson Museum, most recently the members were called upon to help keep it open.

I like to think these are all examples of the "Art of Giving" and something that goes on yearlong.