

# Council Patches

Grant Wood B J C S A

This program is designed to help girls learn about the life and work of Iowa artist Grant Wood.

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Complete at least six activities, including the starred activities.

## **Discover:**

1. \* Learn about Grant Wood's life. Find out where he was born, where he went to school, where he lived, what types of jobs he held and where he is buried.
2. \* Learn about a few of the styles of Grant Wood's paintings. What are the styles called? Visit the Cedar Rapids Art Museum and/or the Grant Wood Studio, in person or on-line at [www.crma.org](http://www.crma.org) and [www.grantwoodstudio.org](http://www.grantwoodstudio.org), to see other examples of Grant Wood's art. Paint, draw or color your own work of art in a similar style.
3. \* Find out about the history of the "American Gothic" painting. Who are the models in the painting? Where is the house located? Where is the original painting now? Visit the house site and/or the art museum, if possible. Find a parody of this painting.
4. One of Grant Wood's paintings is depicted on a US postage stamp. Find out about this stamp. Which painting is shown? What is the process for submitting a design for a US postage stamp? Who selects the designs for the US postage stamps?
5. One of Grant Wood's paintings is depicted on a US quarter. Find out about this quarter. Which painting is shown? What is the process for submitting a design for a US coin? Who selects the designs for the US currency?
6. Learn about Stone City, Iowa, and the artist colony and school that was there in the 1930's. Attend the Grant Wood Festival in June, if possible.
7. Learn about the life and work of Grant Wood's friends, Marvin Cone and J. Sigmund. Who were some of the other artists associated with Grant Wood? Learn about their life and work. Visit the art galleries at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, if possible.
8. Tour the Veterans Memorial Building in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in person or on-line at [www.cedar-rapids.org/vetsmemorial/window.asp](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/vetsmemorial/window.asp). Learn about the design and construction of the veterans' memorial stained glass window there.

## **Connect:**

1. Have an artist/art teacher visit your troop and help you learn about art techniques.

## **Take Action:**

1. Plan and carry out an art-related service project at your local art museum, school, place of worship, library, hospital, nursing home or community center.
2. Plan and host a "Grant Wood" party for younger Girl Scouts. Wear overalls, have a picnic outside and paint pictures.