About the Cultural Arts By: Mary Lou Anderson

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The cultural arts are happiness. Happiness is drawing, dancing, finger painting. Happiness is modeling with clay, making music or a poem, performing in a play.

The cultural arts are discovery. Art, music, literature are airlifts to the life experiences and life ways of other people, other races, other cultures, other times. They lead to understanding oneself and others.

The cultural arts are wisdom. They are mankind's commentary on the human conditionits comedy and tragedy. They are insights into the anguish and ecstasy, the conflicts and triumphs, the failures and aspirations of humanity.

The cultural arts are breathing room and growing space. Creative activities air feelings, frustrations, tensions. They nurture growth and self-realization. They are healthful and healing.

The cultural arts are sense-expanding, mind-expanding, spirit-expanding. They amplify and intensify the capacity to see, hear, feel, think, understand, and communicate.

The cultural arts are power-moral and social. They awaken man's conscience. They move men to compassion, to social action and justice.