

9. Youth Art Month

March is Youth Art Month and was founded by the Crayon, Water Color & Craft Institute in 1961, in cooperation with the National Art Education Association. Originally called Children's Art Month, it was developed to highlight the importance of art participation for all children. In 1969, the observance was renamed Youth Art Month and expanded to include secondary school students. The Crayon, Water Color & Craft Institute later became the Art & Creative Materials Institute (ACMI). In 1984, ACMI created the Council for Art Education and assigned its members the task of overseeing the annual observation of Youth Art Month. Each year activities are planned on a national, state, and local level to promote interest in art among children of all ages.

10. American Red Cross Month

The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton in 1881. Its purpose remains to assist people around the world during times of crisis, such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters. The Red Cross also prepares and equips ordinary individuals to help when there is a health emergency by providing training in CPR and First Aid. In addition, it plays a vital role in maintaining our nation's blood supply by coordinating and receiving donations. The organization is dependent upon volunteers and contributions. Originally, they conducted several major annual fund raisers. During World War II, Red Cross representatives and then honorary chairman President Franklin Roosevelt made a decision to conduct only one annual fund raising campaign. The whole month of March was declared "Red Cross Month" for the first time in 1943. This tradition continues today and highlights the hard work, dedication, and sacrificial giving of all Red Cross workers, donors, and volunteers.