



Living the Volunteer Spirit

Georgia Style

GFWC is thrilled to welcome you to the 2021 GFWC Georgia State Convention in Savannah, Georgia. We couldn't be more excited to be sharing the successes of the past year with you!

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on us all in different ways, but as clubwomen we have continued to persevere and do what we can to help make a difference in our communities through volunteerism. We hope the world will soon find its way back to some normalcy, but no matter what the future holds, we know all GFWC members will continue to share their volunteer spirit!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GFWC Members,

As Mother Nature shakes off her winter doldrums and springs to life in uncountable expressions of joy—from the unfurling of a fragrant flower bud to the lilting song of a bird—I hope you will relish, as never before, the opportunity to come together and celebrate your success. Whether you meet remotely or in person, use this time to mark a new beginning as you applaud the achievements of an incredibly challenging year. Look to the future with hope and optimism, with confidence in your abilities and eagerness to serve, and with the knowledge that GFWC will foster your work and support your club in every way possible. As this special publication shows, we are better and stronger when we all work together. Congratulations and best wishes to each of you, as you continue to enhance communities at home and around the world and to improve the lives of others.

Yours in *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

Marian Simmons-St.Clair, GFWC International President

2021 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

GFWC invites you to join us for the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention from August 27-30 at the beautiful Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia, to celebrate our accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization. Events on Friday, August 27, include the Group Meetings and Board of Directors Meeting, the 2020 and 2021 LEADS training, the 2020-2022 Installation, and the *Gateway to the World* Celebration Banquet. The Convention will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 28, and will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30. There will be no tours offered in conjunction with the event, but individuals are free to make private arrangements. The room block extends from August 25 to August 31.

To learn more, visit the Annual Convention page on www.GFWC.org.

GFWC AWARDS

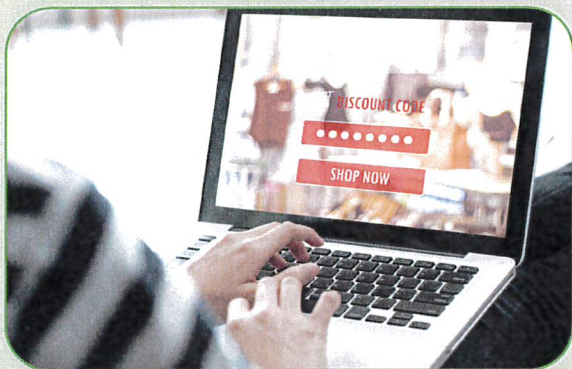
State Federations, clubs, and individual members are eligible to compete for awards, participate in contests, and apply for grants. Complete details for each GFWC competition are listed in the GFWC Club Manual in the Awards, Contents, and Grants sections. Also included in the Club Manual are contest rules, tips for winning entries, and judging criteria.

GFWC Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, representatives of their community, and as members of a family or extended family. Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor.

Community Impact Program Award

The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC clubs financial incentive to implement projects designed to impact a specific problem in their community. This award provides a vision for the future of the relationship between clubs and their communities.



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

GFWC members are eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel. National companies such as Gallagher, Nationwide Pet Insurance, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen. To view the full list of exclusive offers, visit GFWC's website, www.GFWC.org. Click on "Membership" on the home page, then "Membership Discounts" from the drop down menu.

Membership Award

The GFWC Membership Grant Award provides funding to help underwrite membership recruiting efforts at the club level. These grants will be distributed four times annually in advance of the season during which the funded activities will take place. Applications are accepted on a rolling base but will be reviewed four times a year.

GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

The GFWC Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. This tool can be used to track bills, contact your local representatives, and take action on issues relevant to GFWC Resolutions. Find out more about the GFWC LAC by visiting www.GFWC.org and clicking on "What We Do" on the home page, then "Legislation/Public Policy" from the drop down menu.



GFWC is in the home stretch as the 2020-2022 Administration begins the final leg of the "Campaign for the Future!" In our dash to finish line, we are racing towards a spectacular finale and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of GFWC's guardianship of 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC. Every member can stake a claim of pride and proprietorship in our beautiful and historic Headquarters, linking arms with past GFWC sisters who raised more than \$75,000 in 1922 to purchase the magnificent mansion on N Street. The goal for the capital campaign is \$1 million, and we hope every member will take part in this effort to protect and preserve our GFWC Headquarters.

For more information, contact Capital Campaign Committee Chairman Mary Jo Thomas at maryjowv@comcast.net.

GFWC COMMUNICATIONS

Subscribe to receive *News & Notes*

News & Notes is GFWC's free electronic newsletter that is sent every Thursday, right to your inbox! It contains the information you need to stay connected to GFWC such as how to sign up for a Member Portal account, ongoing Chairman projects, GFWC Affiliate Organization events, updates from GFWC International President Marian St.Clair, and more.

Subscribe to the *WHRC Newsletter*

The *WHRC Newsletter* provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter is the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History and Resource Center.

Check Out the GFWC Blog on the GFWC Website

The weekly GFWC Blog features Volunteers in Action stories of how Region, State Federation, District, and club projects throughout the Federation make a difference. Each month, GFWC International President Marian St.Clair selects a "President's Pick" from the Blog entries. All "President's Pick" winners will be entered into a contest at the beginning of 2022. Contact PR@GFWC.org if you have a success story to tell.

GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

GFWC is proud to work with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we work to improve our communities and better our world. The GFWC Affiliate Organizations offer unique and customized services, including materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. These resources are filed under Affiliate Organizations in the GFWC Member Portal Digital Library. Contact the representatives listed below to discover new programs and resources available exclusively for GFWC clubwomen.

United Nations Foundation

Shot@Life Campaign

Contact: Rebecca Maxie

Manager of National Grassroots Strategy

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St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Contact: Beth Perkins

Principal Advisor Partnership Development & Stewardship

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Prevent Child Abuse America

Contact: Kelly Christopher

Chief Development Officer

E: kchristopher@prevent-childabuse.org

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Canine Companions for Independence

Contact: Nancy Murray

National Community Events Manager

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Heifer International

Contact: Melanie Kapinos

Donor Relationship Manager

E: melanie.kapinos@heifer.org

P: 571-459-0421

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Contact: Sandra Shields

E: shiledss@hoby.org

P: 818-851-3980 x 307

March of Dimes

Contact: Meredith Repik

Director, Strategic Volunteer Partnerships

E: Mrepik@marchofdimes.org

P: 914-997-4691 or 914-980-2487

Operation Smile

Contact: Lizzy Plumb

Donor Experience Gratitude Specialist

E: Lizzy.Plumb@operationsmile.org

P: 757-901-4621

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Contact: Kelly Procida

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P: 212-922-2522

GFWC MEMBER PORTAL

To gain access to the many key benefits of belonging to GFWC, from the GFWC Club Manual to event and webinar registration, every member should have an account on the GFWC Member Portal. By creating an account, you will also be able to receive GFWC newsletters, such as the weekly *News & Notes* and *WHRC Newsletter* straight to your inbox.

To sign up for an account, visit gfwc.users.membersuite.com, click on the profile/person icon in the upper right-hand corner, choose "Join," and follow the prompts.

If you are having difficulty accessing the Portal or downloading resources from the Digital Library, please double check that the pop-up blocker of your web browser is turned off to enable the downloads. If you're still unable to log on or access GFWC resources, don't hesitate to email GFWC@GFWC.org.