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✨ GFWC Georgia November Monthly Connections

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GEORGIA

*Let's Stay Connected!***November 2024****The GFWC Georgia****Monthly Connections**

November is undoubtedly a time of transition. We say our final farewells to summer, embrace the crisp air of fall, and get ready to usher in the holiday season. It allows us to embrace the changing seasons with cozy, quiet evenings, comforting foods, a warm fire, hot cocoa, and general elections. It's a month to spend time with family and friends and to reflect on all that makes us grateful -- the many veterans who have kept our safety and rights intact, the many strangers and caring Americans who reach out to one another in times of despair and natural disasters, and the many federation sisters who each day make their communities, our nation, and our world a better place for all. We are a blessed nation and a blessed federation of caring sisters! Sending good wishes to you this Thanksgiving! Good food that fills your table, good health as you work hard, and good times with family and friends. May you have all the best delights in life. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

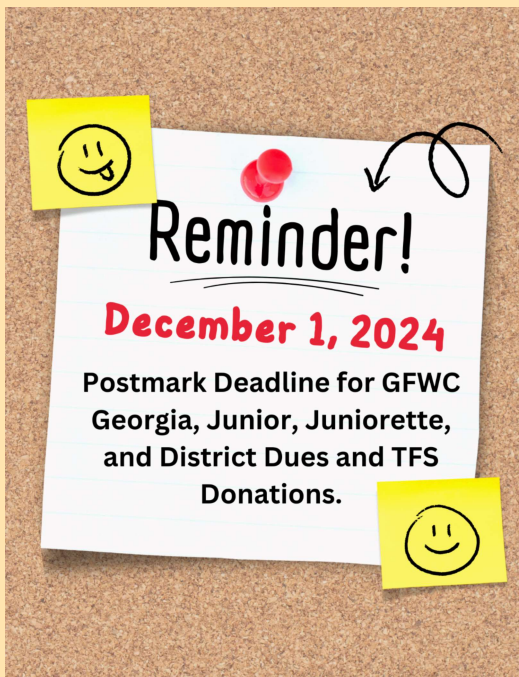
Treasurer's Forms

All the Treasurer's 2024-2026 Administration Forms can be found in the 2024-2026 GFWC Georgia Yearbook and on the GFWC Georgia website > Club Resources > Reporting and Forms (Password Protected).

- *GFWC GA State Dues Voucher (Woman's and Juniors)*
- *Tallulah Falls School Voucher*
- *GFWC GA District Dues Voucher*
- *GFWC GA Juniorette Clubs Dues Voucher*
- *GFWC GA Junior Conference Dues Voucher*

Addresses are on each voucher.

[Click Here for All Treasurer's Forms](#)



Club Events



Thanksgiving Can Drive
November 1-18, 2024
GFWC Locust Grove Woman's Club



Friendsgiving
November 5, 2024



Membership Meetup
November 6, 2024

GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club

Save
the Date

Women & Wine Night
Thursday, November 7th
5:30PM
Don't forget to wear green!
Membership Orientation
Saturday, November 9th
9AM - 11AM
*Location to be announced
Please RSVP via Facebook or email
CandaceHCallaway@gmail.com

Women & Wine
November 7, 2024
Memberships Orientation
November 9, 2024
GFWC Dallas Woman's Club



SWC Bake Sale
November 22, 2024
GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club

GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club



Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
National Collection Week
November 18-25, 2024



Glow Run
November 22, 2024
GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club

GFWC News and Events



Thank You!

Together, we feed our communities

I am absolutely amazed by the tremendous impact of the 2024 GFWC National Day of Service, as reflected on social media and other communication channels. Your

strong dedication to volunteering and your generous donations of food, assistance in food pantries, work in soup kitchens, obtaining proclamations, and more are truly remarkable!

With over 1000 clubs, districts, states, regions, National Clubs, and International Affiliates collaborating on this unified focus for one day, GFWC has made an extraordinary difference in the battle to end hunger and food insecurity.

Congratulations GFWC! We are GFWC proud!

Suellen Brazil
GFWC International President



GFWC recently announced its newest partnership with the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation. The mission to establish a national monument in Washington, D.C., to commemorate women's fight for the vote and honor the pioneers of women's equality is one of which GFWC is delighted to be a part.

In honor of the partnership, GFWC has established the goal to raise \$150,000 for the monument, with a \$26,000 founding gift for the fund to be contributed by Colonel Carol A. Habgood, USAF Retired, GFWC Parliamentarian.

Ways You Can Contribute:

- 1) By Mail. Please include GFWC on the memo line
Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation
[1201 Connecticut Ave NW Ste 531](#) PMB 668856
Washington, District of Columbia 20036
- 2) Online. Click the button below to access the dedicated site for online donations.

[Click to Donate Online](#)

GFWC Chairmen Updates & Handouts

During each administration, the GFWC CSP, Advancement Areas, and Special Programs Chairmen publish a quarterly newsletter to further inform the members about their respective areas. So you know, these will be shared as they are received. Six newsletters are available, thus far, for the 2024-2026 Administration: Advocates for Children, Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Program, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Education & Libraries, Health & Wellness, and Legislation & Public Policy. Click below to access these newsletters.

**Advocates
for Children**

**Domestic &
Sexual
Violence
Awareness
&
Prevention**

**Civic
Engagement
& Outreach**

**Education &
Libraries**

**Legislation/
Public Policy**

**Health &
Wellness**

November Observances

- Military Family Appreciation Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National COPD Awareness Month
- National Native American Heritage Month
- Aviation History Month
- Epilepsy Awareness Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Adoption Month
- National Alzheimer's Disease Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- National Home Care, Hospice, and Palliative Care Month

- National Georgia Pecan Month
- National Gratitude Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Long-Term Care Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
- National Family Literacy Month



The Month of November

The word November is derived from the Latin *novem*, meaning nine. On the Roman calendar, November was the ninth month of the year, but when January and February were added to more accurately reflect the length of a year on Earth, it became the eleventh month.



Stone = Topaz

Flower = Chrysanthemum

November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually yellow to amber. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

November's birth flower, the chrysanthemum, generally thought to represent cheerfulness, finds its glory this time of the year with its fall colors. The word chrysanthemum comes from the Greek prefixes *chrysos*, meaning "gold," and *anthemon*, meaning "flower."

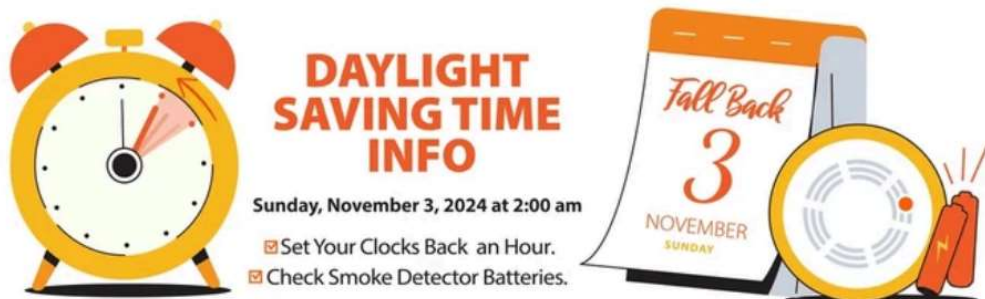
Native to Asia, it dates back to the 15th century B.C. China, where it was grown as a flowering herb and used in salads and teas. It has been used in China for a long time as a remedy for headaches, to reduce blood pressure, and as an anti-inflammatory. It is the national flower of Japan, and each year, the Festival of Happiness is held on September 9 to celebrate the chrysanthemum. It has long represented royalty and nobleness in Japan and is used on the emperor's official seal and crest.

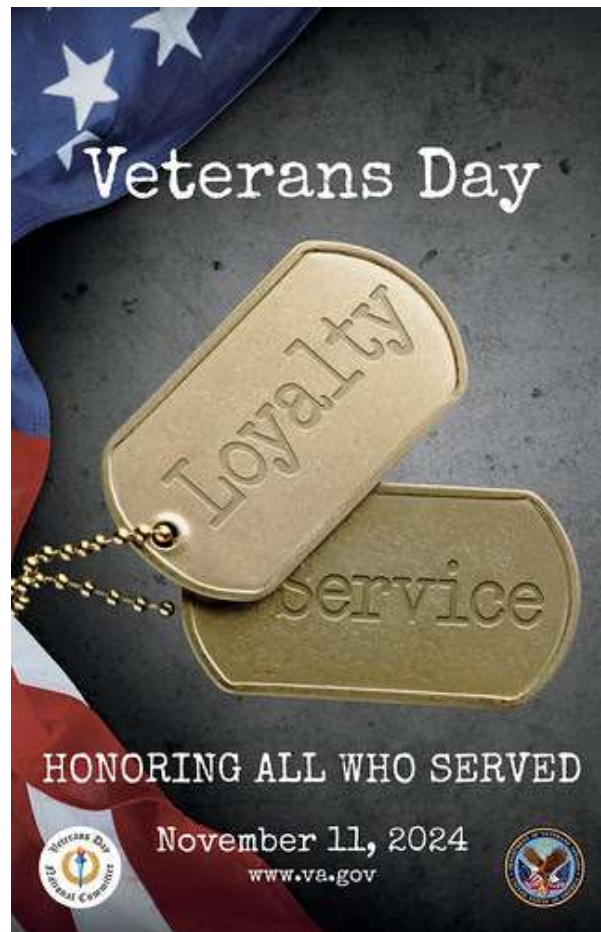
The original color of the chrysanthemum was golden, but through cultivation, the flower now comes in a range of colors—yellow, orange, white, purple, pink, and red. Chrysanthemums, also known as "mums," symbolize loyalty, friendship, and joy, but each color conveys a specific meaning. For example, red represents true love, white signifies innocence and honesty, and yellow symbolizes a wounded heart or neglected love.

A member of the daisy family (Asteraceae), the chrysanthemum is one of the most widely cultivated flowers.

"In November, let gratitude be your guide and thankfulness your constant companion."

Unknown





A Veteran of the United States is someone who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces, Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or Environmental Science Service. The Veteran must have earned any character of discharge other than dishonorable. On Veterans Day, we honor the service and sacrifice of all Veterans – living and deceased.

Veterans Day, however, was first known as Armistice Day as a celebration of the resolution of World War I, a peace recognized historically on the date and time of that event, November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m., and salutes surviving service members as well as those who have passed away since their service.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to re-dedicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a presidential order directing the head of the Veterans

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. At 11:00 a.m. E.T., a color guard made up of members from each military branch, honors America's deceased veterans during a tradition-rich ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The President or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb, and a bugler sounds "Taps." The balance of the ceremony, including a "Parade of Flags" by Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), takes place inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb.

On October 7, 2016, President Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The law requires that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day at 2:11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs) to form a Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day.

In 1968, in keeping with the Monday Holiday Bill, Congress briefly moved Veterans Day to the 4th Monday in October, but it became quickly apparent that the American public held fast to the historical significance of the First World War armistice on November 11, and in 1978 Veterans Day was returned permanently to its traditional date.



Thanksgiving

November 28, 2024

Before the formal establishment in the United States, harvest festivals had been celebrated for centuries by Native Americans, with colonial services dating back to the late 16th century. The autumnal feasts celebrated the harvest of crops after a season of bountiful growth.

1) Eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Most must-haves for the day are roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, and Brussels sprouts. Green bean casserole is a popular dish as well. And then, of course, completing the meal is pumpkin pie for dessert and, in Georgia, also a pecan pie.

The most widely known early harvest feast was in 1620 with the Pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts, who shared a 3-day feast with the Wampanoag Native Americans. This is considered the first Thanksgiving celebration in the colonies. After the Pilgrims, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individuals and states.

The first national celebration of Thanksgiving was observed for a slightly different reason than a celebration of harvest -- it was in honor of the creation of the new United States Constitution. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26 of that year as a "Day of Publick Thanksgiving" to recognize the role of Providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution. No further presidential proclamations marking Thanksgiving were issued until the Civil War. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise."

Today, Thanksgiving, a national holiday celebrated on the last Thursday of the month in November, is a season for reuniting, sharing a meal, and giving thanks.

People across the country gather to share a meal and reflect on everything they're grateful for. But there's much more to do during this beautiful time of giving thanks than just eating. From parades to shopping, running, and volunteering, Thanksgiving is celebrated in a wide variety of ways.

2) Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, known for its giant inflatable balloons that float between the skyscrapers, is one of the most famous holiday traditions.

3) Watch an American football game. The idea of games played on Thanksgiving Day actually dates back as early as 1876, shortly after the game was invented. Friends and families gather around the TV to watch their favorite team compete. Or, to burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories, some families split into teams and play a game of football themselves.

4) Take a nap. After a caloric-filled meal, many retreat to the couch for a mid-day nap. Turkey is well known as the culprit for this sudden onset of sleepiness, with its high levels of the amino acid tryptophan. But it's not entirely the turkey's fault, as eating other foods that are high in sugar can cause tiredness.

5) Break the wishbone for good luck. It may sound silly, but this is a real thing! After carving the turkey, the wishbone, a Y-shaped bone that carries much superstition, is set aside to dry. Once the meal is over, two people make their wishes and break the bone. Whoever ends up with the more significant piece is said to have their wish come true and good luck for the upcoming year.

Calendar of Events

(Events in **Bold** are GFWC/GFWC Georgia events.)

November 1	National Authors Day
November 1	National Family Caregiver Day
November 1	National Family Literacy Day
November 2	Sadie Hawkins Day
November 3	Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 3-9	National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

November 4-10	Children's Book Week
November 5	Election Day
November 5	GFWC Bremen Junior Woman's Club Friendsgiving - 6:00 PM -- Sewell Mill Event Center, Bremen
November 6	Membership Meetup - GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club - 6:00 to 8:00 PM -- Fair Street Neighborhood Center, Gainesville
November 6	National Eating Healthy Day
November 6	National Stress Awareness Day
November 7	International Day Against Violence & Bullying at School
November 7	Wine & Women - GFWC Dallas Woman's Club - 5:30 to 7:00 PM - Vintage Wine
November 8	National S.T.E.M. and S.T.E.A.M. Day
November 9	Gold Star Father's Day (Georgia)
November 9	World Adoption Day
November 9	World Freedom Day
November 9	Membership Orientation - GFWC Dallas Woman's Club - 9:00 to 11:00 AM - TBD
November 10	Marine Corps Birthday
November 10-16	World Kindness Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 11	Origami Day
November 12	World Pneumonia Day
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 13-16	Dermatology Week
November 14	National Seat Belt Day
November 14	World Diabetes Day
November 15	America Recycles Day
National 15	National Philanthropy Day

November 15-19	National Young Readers Week
November 17	World Prematurity Day
November 17-23	National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week
November 18-22	American Education Week
November 18-25	National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child
November 19	Equal Opportunity Day -- Gettysburg Address Day
November 19	Women's Entrepreneurship Day
November 20	National Educational Support Professional Day
November 20	COPD Day
November 20	Universal Children's Day
November 21	Great American Smokeout
November 22	Substitute Educators Day

November 22	Last day to submit materials for the December issue of <i>The Georgia Clubwoman</i>
November 22	10th Annual Glow Run - sponsored by GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club
November 22	SWC Bake Sale - sponsored by GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club - 5:00 to 7:00 PM
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Black Friday
November 29	Native American Heritage Day
November 30	Small Business Saturday
November 30	Computer Security Day

Reminders

2025 GFWC Convention

The Countdown Has Begun!

GFWC Georgia is honored to be the Convention Host for the 2025 GFWC Convention, which will be held June 6-10, 2025, in Atlanta, GA, at the Omni Hotel. June will be here before we know it!

How Can You Help?

- **Business Meetings and Door Pages**

You will greet everyone with a warm smile and say hello to ensure that everyone entering the meeting has a name badge.

- **Georgia Welcome Table**

You will Welcome ladies, offer them snacks and drinks, and help replenish this table with donated items.

- **Meal Event Door Pages**

You will greet everyone with a warm smile, say hello, and take meal tickets at the door.

- **Tour Hostess and Bus Captains**

You will help ensure the ladies taking the tour are on the bus. You will help distribute the



Want to Help?

All the positions and times needed are listed on the Sign-Up Site. Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

**Sign-Up
Here**

Questions?

drink/snack totes.

- **Table Hostess**

You will be the Georgia representative at the meal function. You will help keep the conversation going during dinner and make everyone feel welcome.

Convention Chairman
Tina Neese
tinadaniel1224@gmail.com

Convention Co-Chairman
Cimi Douglass
cimi.douglass@gmail.com

Shoppe for the Greater Good

Did you know that clubs can list their fundraising activities on the GFWC Georgia website? It's especially helpful for extended fundraising events.

Just Remember:

- items cannot be similar to those offered by GFWC Georgia.
- items must benefit the club's fundraising needs and not for personal gain.
- items must be approved before being posted to the website.

So, if you have fundraising activities, you wish to share:

- Contact Cathy Jones to get your items approved.
- Once approved, send the details to Cimi Douglass at website@gfwcgeorgia.org for posting on the website.

Current Club Fundraising Items

GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club

Personalized Translucent Plastic
File Totes

GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club

Handmade bowl koozies, aprons,
kitchen totes, etc.

GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club

*Under the Dome: How to Navigate
the Georgia State Capitol
and Legislative Advocacy*

Click on the Button Below for ordering
information on these and other items in
the GFWC Georgia Marketplace.

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Good**



The GFWC Georgia Monthly Connections is a monthly e-bulletin supplementing *The Georgia Clubwoman*, our state newsletter. It offers more in-depth monthly information on GFWC and GFWC Georgia events, projects, programs, deadlines, issues and includes monthly observances and a calendar.

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