

## OFFICIAL CALL

*To the 101st ANNUAL*  
**WESTERN STATES REGION CONFERENCE**  
**SEPTEMBER 13-15 2019**

**Boise, Idaho**

**Hilton Garden Inn Boise Spectrum**

**“Celebrate the Magic”**

*“Magic is all around, you just have to believe.”*

Dear Western States Members,

It is my honor and privilege as WSR President to personally invite all clubwomen in our region to the 101st Annual Western States Region Conference to be held in Boise, Idaho, September 13-15 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn Boise Spectrum.

We will be joined by GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock and GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair to bring us important information and GFWC inspiration.

The Idaho Clubwomen have prepared a fun and exciting start to the conference with tours both Thursday and Friday. We will learn about the history of Idaho at the Idaho Historical Museum. We will have the opportunity to tour the Boise Art Museum and to have self-directed tours. The tours will be followed by the conference itself.

If you are a L.E.A.D.S. graduate, there is an opportunity to reconnect with your fellow classmates. Please indicate your intention to attend on the registration form.

On Friday evening, September 13, 2019, the Conference will officially open with the Idaho State Night Banquet. Expect a magical evening of food and entertainment where GFWC Idaho is celebrated.

Saturday, September 14, WSR business sessions will be filled with valuable information about GFWC programs, State Presidents' reports, and platform workshops. In addition we will recognize the Jenny June Award nominees at lunch. We will elect the 2020-2022 officers. We will also have some fun with the region skit challenge. Marian St. Clair, GFWC President-elect will be our guest speaker at lunch on Saturday.

Saturday evening will be the “Celebrate the Magic” banquet. Our speaker will be Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President. Prior to dinner there will be an opportunity to support Idaho's charity of choice – “Shoes That Grow.” There are no donation items to pack - just be willing to purchase a magic trick.

Send in your registration quickly – before August 31, 2019. I'm looking forward to a very magical 2019 WSR Conference.!

*Patty Benskin, President*  
Western States Region

# GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION

## 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2019

Boise, Idaho

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### **REGISTRATION:**

Wednesday, September 11, 2019	4pm-7pm
Thursday, September 12, 2019	8am-11am & 2pm -5pm
Friday, September 13, 2019	8am-11am & 2pm -5pm
Saturday, September 14, 2019	8am-10am

### **Thursday, September 12, 2019**

8:30am – 4:30pm - All Day Tour to Mission Aviation Fellowship and Winery Tour  
2:00pm - 6:00pm Fundraising Room Open  
6:00pm - “Western States Stars” Dinner Off-Site by Invitation (WSR Officers, GFWC Guests, Past GFWC International Presidents living in Western Region, and GFWC Montana State President)  
6:00pm - No Host LEADS Graduates Dinner – Open to all LEADS Graduates

### **Friday, September 13, 2019**

8:30am - 1:00pm - Half-Day Tour –Boise City tour  
2:00pm - 6:00pm Fundraising Room Open  
2:30pm - Executive Committee Meeting  
2:30pm - Incoming 2018-2020 Leaders meet with GFWC President-elect Marian St. Clair  
2:50pm - 3:50pm Workshop  
4:00pm - Board of Directors Meeting (WSR Officers, State Presidents, WSR Committee Chairmen and Members, GFWC Chairmen from Western Region)  
6:00pm - Social Hour  
6:45pm - Formation Of Processional (WSR Officers, GFWC Guests, GFWC Intl Past Presidents living in the Region and GFWC MT Officers)  
7:00pm – Idaho State Night Banquet: “Celebrating the Magic of Idaho”  
Official Opening of the 2019 WSR 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

### **Saturday, September 14, 2019**

9:00am -11:30am Business Session  
11:15am -12:30pm Polls Open  
12:00 Noon -1:30pm “WSR Luncheon”  
Recognition of Jenny June Nominees  
Speaker: Marian St. Clair, GFWC President-elect  
1:45pm - 4:45pm Business Session  
5:00pm Skit/Cheer Presentations  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Social Hour Reception Hosted by GFWC Wyoming  
7:00pm - WSR Banquet  
Speaker: Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC International President  
*Fundraising Room will be open between business sessions.*

### **Sunday, September 15, 2019**

8:30am -11:00am Inspirational Breakfast  
Business Session  
Adjournment of the 2019 WSR Annual Conference  
Safe Travel Home!

### Questions about what to wear?

Tours: Comfortable clothing and walking shoes. You may want a jacket or sweater.  
Friday State Night Banquet: Cocktail Attire  
Saturday Business Sessions: Business Casual  
Saturday WSR Banquet: Cocktail Attire  
Sunday Morning: Casual Dress for Travel - Suggestion: GFWC emblematic wear

# 2019 GFWC Western States Region Conference

September 12-15, 2019

Conference registration deadline: 08/31/2019, No refunds after 08/31/2019

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME ATTENDEE: (  ) YES (  ) NO

FEDERATION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** Early Registration \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **TOUR REGISTRATION:**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm Mission Aviation and Wine tour (max 80 people) \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am Idaho Historical Museum \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am Boise Art Museum 'Sarah Sense' Cowgirls & Indians' \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm Self-directed options (Zoo, Lunch, etc..) bus pick up at Museum at 1pm sharp! Check out your registration bag for maps and great ideas. **Note: guests can join members on the tours.**

**MEAL REGISTRATION:** *Please indicate special dietary needs:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** special diets need to be noted with your registration. It is difficult for the hotel to adapt the menu at the time of the meeting.

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Prime Rib Plated Dinner \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Idaho Trout Plated Dinner \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Idaho Potato Bar Luncheon \$30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

London Broil Buffet Dinner \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Parmesan Buffet Dinner \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sweet Sesame Salmon Buffet Dinner \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Farewell Breakfast Buffet \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a LEADS graduate and plan to attend the no-host dinner on Thursday? (  ) YES (  ) NO

Make checks payable to: GFWC IDAHO. One member on each registration form. Mail registration form and check to: Cindy Biesemeyer 1097 W Tanzanite Dr. Kuna, ID 83634 [acbiese@ymail.com](mailto:acbiese@ymail.com) Ph# (831)524-1631. Any questions please contact Paula Miller (208)863-7912 [paula@iconicidaho.com](mailto:paula@iconicidaho.com) or Alice Tryon (208-938-4252) [calgalal@yahoo.com](mailto:calgalal@yahoo.com). Hotel Reservations: Hilton Garden Inn Boise Spectrum, (208) 376-1000, GFWC Group or Hampton Inn & Suites Boise Spectrum, (208) 323-2500, GFWC Group.

WESTERN STATES REGION  
Boise, Idaho Conference  
PROPOSED ADMENDMENTS TO WSR STANDING RULES

2018-2020 Sanding Rules Committee  
Jeanette Jester (Chairman) Patty Witzel, Mary Sprague, Joan Reed (Parliamentary Advisor)

**Article V. Board of Directors**

**Proposed change**

A. Insert WSR Past Presidents after Special Project Chairman appointed by the President and before and GFWC Officers and Chairman.

**If adopted would read**

A. Board of Directors, The WSR Board of Directors shall consist of Elected and Appointed officers, Presidents of member State Federations, Standing Committee Chairman, Committee Members, Special Project Chairman appointed by the President, Past WSR Presidents, and GFWC Officers and Chairman residing within the Region.

*Rational: Update and clarify*

*Presented by WSR Standing Rules Committee: Jeanette Jester Chairman, [JeMaJester@aol.com](mailto:JeMaJester@aol.com), Patty Witzel, [witzelp@hotmail.com](mailto:witzelp@hotmail.com), Mary Sprague, [misprague@sbcglobal.net](mailto:misprague@sbcglobal.net), Joan Reed Parliamentary Advisor, [jreed@astound.net](mailto:jreed@astound.net)*

**GFWC WESTERN STATES REGION  
SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR WSR OFFICE 2020-2022**

The WSR Nominating Committee: Chairman: Lois Fitzhugh, CA: Members: Joann Wheeler, OR, and Ann Norwood, WY; have submitted the following slate of candidates for office. All the candidates have met the requirements to run for office, according to the WSR Standing Rules.

WSR President: Kate LeMere, GFWC Colorado

WSR Vice President: Sandi Conrady, GFWC Montana

WSR Secretary: Pam Briggs, GFWC Oregon  
Nancy Jones, GFWC Washington

WSR Treasurer: Pam Crochet, GFWC Wyoming

The election will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019, during the conference.



## Hotel information

### Western States Region GFWC Conference

Boise, Idaho September 12-15, 2019

#### Hilton Garden Inn Boise Spectrum (Conference site)

7699 W. Spectrum Street, Boise, Idaho 83709

(208) 376-1000 Group Discount: GFWC-0

*Wednesday, September 11* \$139

*Thursday, September 12* \$109

*Friday, September 13* \$99

*Saturday, September 14* \$99

The above rates do not include taxes that total 13%. To book within this block call the hotel directly, at 208-376-1000. Use discount code GFWC-0. Reservation deadline is Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Hampton Inn & Suites

7499 W. Overland, Boise, Idaho 83709

(208) 323-2500 Group Discount: GFWC-0

Same rates as above apply.

This is within walking distance, and the hotels will have shuttles. The Hampton Suites does include a continental breakfast. To book a room at the Hampton Suites, call **hotel directly**, at 208-323-2500, extension 0, which should take you directly to the front desk. Do not use the link to central reservations. Use discount code GFWC-0. Reservation deadline is Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Casual restaurants, food stalls with bar, movie theater are across the street from both hotels.

Easy access from freeway. Airport transportation.

For further information, contact Alice Tryon, [calgalal@yahoo.com](mailto:calgalal@yahoo.com), 208-938-4252, or Paula Miller, [paula@iconicidaho.com](mailto:paula@iconicidaho.com), 208-863-7912.

