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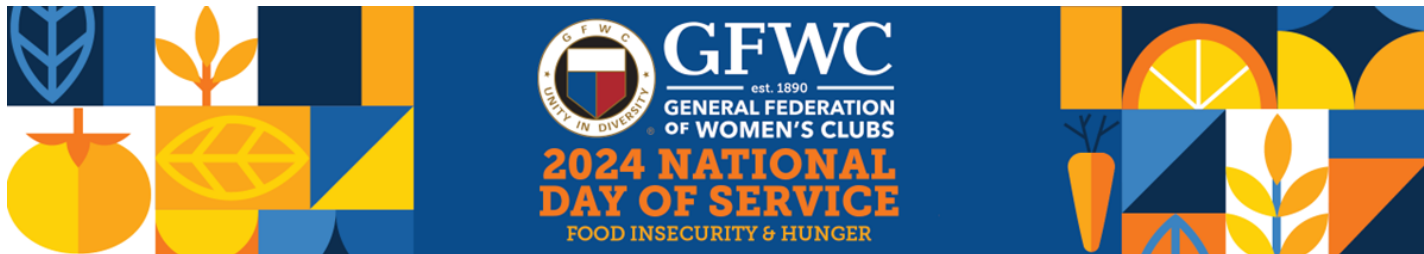
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**Top Left:** GFWC Battle Ground brought grab-and-go packaged foods for the local food bank as a part of GFWC's "Day of Service". The club supports the food bank on a year 'round basis.

**Middle Left:** GFWC-WS Peninsula District organized an activity for all clubs in the district to participate in for the National Day of Service. They packed 2800 pounds of apples at the Emergency Food Network in Tacoma.



**Below:** GFWC Kitsap Peninsula held a food drive outside a local grocery store and donated the food to Backpack Brigade that provides weekend food to school children in need.



**Left:** Members of GFWC Camas-Washougal shopped for food to donate to the domestic violence shelter in Stevenson.



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**Kimberly Skagen**  
**GFWC Washington State**  
**President**  
**2024-2026**



Hello!

In case you've missed the turning of the calendar page, a few things are upon us! We have dropped into November with a bang, Daylight Savings time has ended, and we are in the run-down to the holiday season—no matter what holidays you celebrate! Hard to believe there are less than 60 days left in 2024!

I spent the last three weekends of October attending Fall Conference meetings in Columbia District, Peninsula District, and King County District. Unfortunately, the Northeastern District meeting overlapped with Columbia District, and I wasn't able to be in two places at once. Next meeting in May, I will be there! Your first meeting is now behind you and the remaining should flow much easier. We completely understand having to "get through the first one"—well done!

Although all three meetings were smaller in attendance than past years, almost all clubs reported new members!!! This is exciting! We are a fun bunch and the more members we ask to join, the stronger our message and the better commitment to our communities! Nancy Burdick has been working very hard to recruit new members, take a cue from her Facebook posts and maybe your club will be able to add a member or two as well. This first weekend of November, I will be joining her at an informational meeting with 5 prospective members in Covington. This could add a new club for King County District which could certainly use the addition. All she had to do was ask, and then follow through with setting up the first meeting. Welcome to all ladies who have joined and especially those of you in Moses Lake! WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

Recently I was asked to explain my President's Project. To clarify, it isn't so much a project as it is a heightened focus on projects under the Advocates for Children banner. I'm not asking for everyone to do the one same thing; I'm asking for all clubs to do anything you normally do, and more, that benefits children and families—and then report on it! And share it via the website, our Facebook page, and here in our newsletter! There are no wrong choices—only happy babies! #flat MABEL is just a sharing tool, a way to get our state and others talking about our projects.

If you haven't seen yet, Mabel has several adventures posted on the state website - [gfwcws.org](http://gfwcws.org) Our webmasters have been hard at work sharing her stories and updating our information for this administration. More will be added in the near future. All form type documents that have in the past been imbedded in the handbook will be posted directly to the Forms page for ease of find and printing.

We're still putting the final touches on the state admin handbook, but I was pleasantly surprised to hear many chairmen sharing information from the GFWC Club Manual available from the Member Portal. That is my ultimate hope, that we not merely repeat and publish duplicate information, but

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we utilize the resources available to us directly. Thank you, ladies, for your excellent example! All dues-paying members are invited to visit the [Home - General Federation of Women's Clubs](#) website and utilize anything posted behind the Member Portal. Make yourself a new log-in and explore to your heart's content—it's there for your benefit!

I'll be posting some suggestions via Facebook soon, more ways to do things together through the 'quiet' months. And I hope to have the details of Spring Convention finalized shortly. Unless something happens, we will be heading to Longview, WA! Keep the last weekend of April open and plan to attend.

Thank you all for attending meetings, paying your dues, supporting your newsletter and website, reaching out to your neighbors, and being a part of GFWC-Washington State!

—xo Kim

## **Our Purpose:**

**We advocate because there is a need;  
We volunteer because we are needed.**



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Dawn Faith Magden, 72, loving wife, mother, sister and friend, passed away September 23, 2024. Born to Robert and Virginia Remington, Dawn was the first of eight children. She excelled in school and earned her BA degree in three years while working two jobs. She also became immersed in the Upward Bound program, a service set up to support students who needed help. There she met Roy Magden, the love of her life. They later married. She later earned her MA in School Counseling at the University of Washington.

Her cup runneth over when their daughter, Megan was born, and later when Roy reunited with his sons, John and Brad, she embraced them as her own. She carried her love of education and service through her years as School Psychologist and with family and friends. Dawn was the Washington State President of her General Federation of Women's Club and was active in her church. She enjoyed precious time with her family, crafting, reading, and embracing nature and life. Dawn is best remembered for her generous spirit, commitment and fantastic smile.

Preceding her in death were Roy, her father, mother, and brother Carter. She is survived by her daughter, Megan (Damon) sons, John and Brad, five sisters, Dacotah, DeeAnne, Cindy, Gwen, Charity, brother Barnabas, twelve nieces and nephews, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mass for Dawn will be held November 22, 2024 at 11AM at St. Andrews Church, 1401 Valley Avenue, Sumner WA 98390. Reception to follow in the Meeting Space on the St. Andrews campus. She will be interred at Mt. Tahoma National Military Cemetery with her loving husband, Roy.



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## Aug 17 GFWC-WS Summer Planning/Fall Board/WSR Planning

### Meeting GFWC-WS Summer Bash

Sumner VFW was a busy day preparing for WSR by sorting meal tickets, putting candy in table favors, filling "goodie bags". With all the many hands, we got things wrapped up around 2:30 p.m.



“  
VOLUNTEERING IS AT THE VERY  
CORE OF BEING A HUMAN. NO ONE  
HAS MADE IT THROUGH LIFE  
WITHOUT SOMEONE ELSE’S HELP.  
”

– HEATHER FRENCH HENRY



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Martha Curwen shown organizing the registration table before WSR attendees arrive.



Julie Thompson, along with flat Mabel, is busy setting up the Country Store.



Friday Night Theme: Washington State Home of Bigfoot & Big Imaginations



Saturday during the daytime tables were decorated with a forest theme and speaker was Sam Wotipka from WA State Parks who shared brief history of Federation Forest



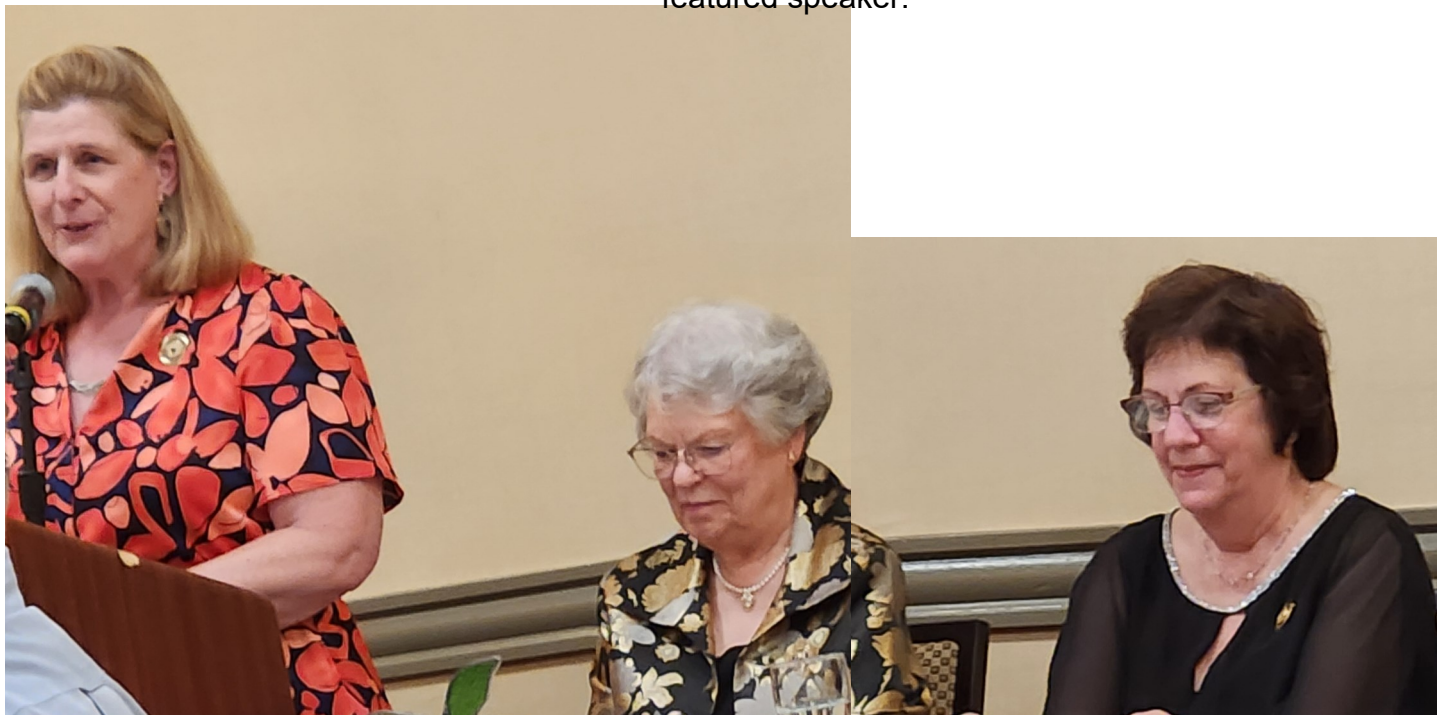
Saturday night was President's theme, "Reach for the Stars" and centerpieces were star potholders made by Cheryl Holman. 3-D Yellow star favors held taffy.

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GFWC International President Suellen Brazil was a featured speaker.



Mary Beth Williams, GFWC 2nd Vice President addresses the attendees as Carlene Garner, WSR Parliamentarian and GFWC Past International President 2010-12 and Wendy Carriker, GFWC President-Elect listen.

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## WSR—Final Thoughts

One more giant THANK YOU to everyone who supported our hostessing efforts for the 2024 WSR meeting! This was the biggest meeting our state has hosted in 10 years and we could not have done it without all of YOU! All the work ahead of time within your own clubs, and at the WSR prep day in August made registration and check-in for 121 attendees process through with little to no extra effort. I think we found one bum meal ticket and one goofy name badge, pretty incredible!

For our fundraising efforts, we sold 155 raffle tickets at \$10 each for a total of \$1550 which we had to split with WSR. Our profit from the raffle tickets was \$930! Thanks to the many crafty members in our state, our Country Store made a profit of \$1630.50! That's a combined fundraising total of \$2560.50...GREAT JOB everyone!

Between the start-up hostess fund we held from 2014, and some designated donation funds, we began our planning and spending with approximately \$10,000. After tallying the ins and outs, and paying for the items we are required to, our balance is \$6300~ish!

What a hugely successful event! We are so incredibly proud of all of us for making this happen!!

— Kim and Nancy



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# MEMBERSHIP

**You need to have fun and worthwhile projects in order to retain and gain members. You need members so you can do more projects to help your community.** Working on membership is a continuous process. If you need to, adapt your meetings for your members. Change the date or time or even the location. Make sure everyone feels welcome and included in activities. They may not be able to participate in everything but give them the opportunity to do things. Be open to new ideas.

One of the best ways to find new members is on Facebook. If your club doesn't have a Facebook page, create both a Facebook page and Facebook group. GFWC Washington State has both. Use Facebook and other social media to promote your club. A simple post of "we are looking for women that are interested in being a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to improve their community and make new friendships". I have seen numerous posts of women looking to make friends and be involved in the community. We can fill that need.

Helpful resources can be found by using the GFWC membership portal. Download the GFWC Club Manual. There is information on membership, leadership, fundraising, and community service programs as well as a wealth of information to help you with your club. On the portal you can also download the "Membership Tool Kit" which has information about starting a new club.

I have been working on forming a new club and/or expanding the Moses Lake club. Through several Facebook posts on Moses Lake community group pages, I found several women who were interested in a GFWC club. Martha Curwen, Nancy Gladstone and I went to Moses Lake and held an informational meeting about forming a new GFWC club in Moses Lake. We had 5 ladies attend. All 5 are very interested. I also have another 15 ladies who are interested. Nancy Gladstone and her daughter talked to Margaret Schiffner after the meeting. Some of the ladies will be joining GFWC Moses Lake and others are interested in forming a new club. Flat Mabel found her way to the meeting.

We would also like to pursue forming a new club in both the Anacortes area and Toledo areas. Is there an area near you that we could start a club? Are you willing to help?

Nancy Burdick  
GFWC-Washington State Membership Chairman

## GFWC-WS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (LEADS)

Contact Cindy Bassage, 253-564-3304 or [clbassage@comcast.net](mailto:clbassage@comcast.net)  
2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual  
See pages 145 through 156

Club women are encouraged to apply as a LEADS candidate. Below you will find all the information you need. But should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to assist you in finding answers to your questions.

### -LEADS-

Leadership, Education and Development Seminar

Turning today's clubwomen into tomorrow's leaders.

In 2001 GFWC conceived the idea to begin a training program for leaders. Today many "future" leaders have gone through the LEADS training, and many are now serving in leadership roles for their clubs, districts, states and even GFWC.

From the beginning of the program, GFWC Washington State has had several candidates attend each of the seminars. I was a proud graduate of the LEADS Seminar in 2021. What an enjoyable experience. Currently, as our state ages, we are running out of members interested in participating in this great seminar. Think about who in your club is a secret leader and encourage them to complete the application. Applications are due December 15, 2024.

GFWC suggests the following criteria for those interested in applying for this "one in a life time adventure". The Seminar is held on the day prior to the opening of the GFWC Convention, which is scheduled for June 7-9, 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Demonstrates leadership capabilities at the club level as an active club president, club officer, or club project or committee chair

Exhibits a commitment to the Federation

Exhibits an understanding of the GFWC mission of community service, illustrated by programs and projects in which she is or has been involved

Demonstrates leadership skills, including, but not limited to, organization, responsibility, trustworthiness, enthusiasm, and flexibility

Exhibits an interest in and willingness to pursue higher leadership positions in GFWC

Agrees to share information gained from participation in LEADS with others in GFWC-WS and try to attend and share at the Fall GFWC WSR region conference.

Has not held elected positions at or beyond the state level

Is a current dues paying member and has not attended a previous LEADS program.

LEADS attendees are expected to be responsible for a portion of their expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment and are responsible for making their own travel and lodging arrangements.

LEADS attendees receive:

- Transportation and lodging stipend of \$325.00 from GFWC, checks are distributed to attendees at the completion of the seminar.
- Lunch during the LEADS program (no registration fee is required).
- Additional travel stipend of \$250 from GFWC-WS.

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# GFWC-WS LEADERSHIP EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (LEADS) APPLICATION FORM

If you desire to further your contributions to our District or State, LEADS training is for you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible: (Attach separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List of all local club offices and/or chairmanships held:

\_\_\_\_\_

List of all District offices and/or chairmanships held:

\_\_\_\_\_

List of GFWC club/District programs/projects in which involved:

\_\_\_\_\_

List positions at the District, State Federation, and/or national level in which you are interested:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to:

Cover costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? Yes, \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state's members? Yes, \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Share what you have learned at LEADS at your Region Conference? Yes, \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to Cindy Bassage by December 15, 2024.

## **Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse-GFWC Signature Program**

Domestic violence is a pattern of learned behaviors used to control and terrorize another human being. Physical abuse is a tool that abusers use to maintain control over their victims. Other forms of abuse, such as emotional, verbal, and financial abuse are also considered Domestic Violence.

Abuse can happen to anyone regardless of gender, sexuality, race, religion, age, income or any other demographic.

There are 8 areas GFWC focus' on:

Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, Campus Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Violence Against Native American Women, Military Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking for Sexual purposes.

Clubs can help by advocating for survivors of domestic and/or sexual abuse and educate the public in your local communities. Contact your local domestic violence programs and shelters to see what their needs are.

Let me know if you have any questions on the above.

I look forward to seeing the different projects your clubs have supported in this year.

Diana Cunningham, GFWC-WA Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Chairman

## **Jr.'s Special Project—Advocates for Children**

Washington Clubwomen support so many programs and projects that affect children and families. As your club finishes out this club year, and for years to come, I hope you will include our GFWC Affiliate Organizations and how they fit into Advocates for Children.

The March of Dimes—March for Babies program helps support mothers and premature babies and raises awareness of the research needed to find solutions and advocates for policies that promote mom and baby health.

Operation Smile—provides necessary equipment and medications to deliver the safest surgeries.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital—provides ideas like creating waiting room fun bags. Your club could fill sealed zippered plastic bags with fun things a child or teen can do as they wait to visit the doctor.

UN Shot@Life campaign—encourages young people to enroll in Shot @ Life's Student Advocacy Program. Students can build leadership skills and learn about global health issues to support vaccination efforts.

UNICEF USA—November 20 is World Children's Day. On this day, UNICEF advocates and raises awareness to protect the rights of every child without discrimination.

Heifer International—adopting cows and goats and chickens helps not only to provide nutrition for children, but also allows children to go to school in countries where funds might not be available for schools.

Kathie Jorgensen, Advocates for Children Chairman



Since the Federation's founding in 1890, GFWC members have understood the historic significance of the organization's mission to improve communities through volunteer service. To preserve and better document GFWC history and member's work on local, state, national, and international levels, the Women's History and Resource Center of the Federation of Women's Clubs officially opened at GFWC Headquarters in Washington DC on May 1, 1984.

The GFWC WHRC Advancement Guide encourages every club to investigate and document its history by learning about GFWC's past and its own club's history. It is recommended that each club has a historical chair. This member will work with the secretary and treasurer keeping a file of the monthly agenda and treasurer reports. These documents are beneficial for future reference when reporting yearly. When, as a chairman, you receive those reporting forms from district clubs, add them to your file. Those give activity stats.

For many years, we have had the University of Washington Suzzallo Library in Seattle. I have the contact information, but you must contact this chairman for an appointment. The library is short on space, so I suggest photographing any awards, documents of agendas, and treasurers' reports and placing them in a file for presentation to the library. As of this date, contact with the library has not been made, but as soon as I have contact, I will update you.

Please go on the GFWC portal and read under the WHRC articles published on new ideas you may bring forward for your club. Let's always remember our past accomplishments will show our strength for our future mission.

We have the pleasure and opportunity to be a member of this vast GFWC organization. With all we do to help those in need, we stand proud of our accomplishments through volunteerism. We are following a great many women who came before us and worked very hard to bring our world to more significant achievements. Let us keep historical progress moving forward. Without our history, we have no substance to follow.

Please feel free to contact me at any time but for now, until I can acquire the information needed keep moving forward with your records so your club history is not lost.

Lynn Cline

GFWC/WS WHRC Chairman 2024-2026





What do M&Ms, buttons and measles have in common? The first two are great fundraising tools to defeat the third!

Shot@Life tasked GFWC to raise \$80,000 in this administration to defeat measles, and WSR members stepped up to meet that challenge. Measles is one of the most contagious diseases and kills more than 136,000 people, mostly unvaccinated children, each year. With routine vaccination programs disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of children in low-income countries have been left vulnerable and unprotected. Global measles cases doubled between 2021 and 2022 and are continuing to surge in 2024, putting children's health and futures at risk.

At the WSR conference in Tukwila, Washington, members were given the opportunity to purchase special M&M packages for \$5.00 or Measles Mission buttons for \$5.00...they also had a chance to purchase both at the conference only special price of \$10.00!

The response was phenomenal – we raised \$500.00 in two days – enough to vaccinate 100 children against measles! As a long time Shot@Life champion, it was especially moving to see so many of our members embrace this mission, making sure that children who live in a corner of the world most of us will never see have a shot at a healthy life.

I hope everyone will embrace the Shot@Life measles mission and put their own creative spin on fundraising.

Susan Tyler  
Shot@Life Champion  
Washington State

## OUTSTANDING CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR

This award, the GFWC-WS Clubwoman of the Year, honors and recognizes the state club woman and volunteer who demonstrates the GFWC philosophy of community improvement through volunteer service; "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

Each club may select one member to be honored. A report must be submitted no later than March 1, 2025, describing the candidate's activities from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2024.

The report must include the following:

### Cover Page:

Candidates Name  
Club  
District  
Club President's Signature

**A narrative** containing no more than two typed pages should include:

Brief description of Federation activities prior to last year  
Detailed description of current GFWC activities  
Brief description of State, District, and club activities  
Brief description of community activities outside of a GFWC club  
Brief description of family and professional life

### Eligibility:

The candidate must be a dues-paying member of the GFWC-WS to be considered. Currently-elected GFWC-WS Officers and past GFWC-WS Presidents are not eligible for this award.

Please put your thinking cap on and consider nominating a member of your club for this award.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Cindy Bassage  
GFWC-WS President-Elect

## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN GFWC-WS ART ROOM FOR 2025-2026**

### **Photography Competition:**

To enter the GFWC Photography Competition, please bring your mounted photos and waivers to the GFWC-WS Convention in April. You may find a copy of the waiver at the Washington State website: <https://www.gfwcws.org/manuals-forms/ws-manuals-handbook---forms-.html>

The complete competition rules are available in the 2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual, found in the Member Portal on the GFWC website: <https://www.gfwc.org>

Photographs will be voted on by GFWC-WS members attending the State Convention in the following areas:

**GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST** - These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they actively meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one.

**OUR WORLD UP CLOSE** - Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that appear to be larger than life-size. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.

**NATURAL WONDERS** – Use wide angles and panoramas, or landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista. The emphasis is on NATURAL.

**REFLECTIONS** – Feature an object, setting, situation, or landmark that is reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

Consider one of the above categories, an aspect of your meeting room, a project you are volunteering for, or a specific subject or shape for members to photograph and share at a meeting.

We have discontinued the Arts & Crafts competition for GFWC-WS for members and youth.

### **Writing Contest:**

If you submit a poem or short story for the GFWC Writing Contest, your submission and waiver must be received by Arts Chair Vicki Connor **by February 15, 2025** (or February 15, 2026). You may find a copy of the waiver at the Washington State website: <https://www.gfwcws.org/manuals-forms/ws-manuals-handbook---forms-.html>

The complete competition rules are available in the 2024-2026 GFWC Club Manual, found in the Member Portal on the GFWC website: <https://www.gfwc.org>

We have discontinued the youth writing competition for 2025-2026.

Vicki Connor  
GFWC-WS Arts Chair  
[Connorsplace50@comcast.net](mailto:Connorsplace50@comcast.net)

# SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATION

**Sandra Groves, Chair**

**Tina Bair, Committee**

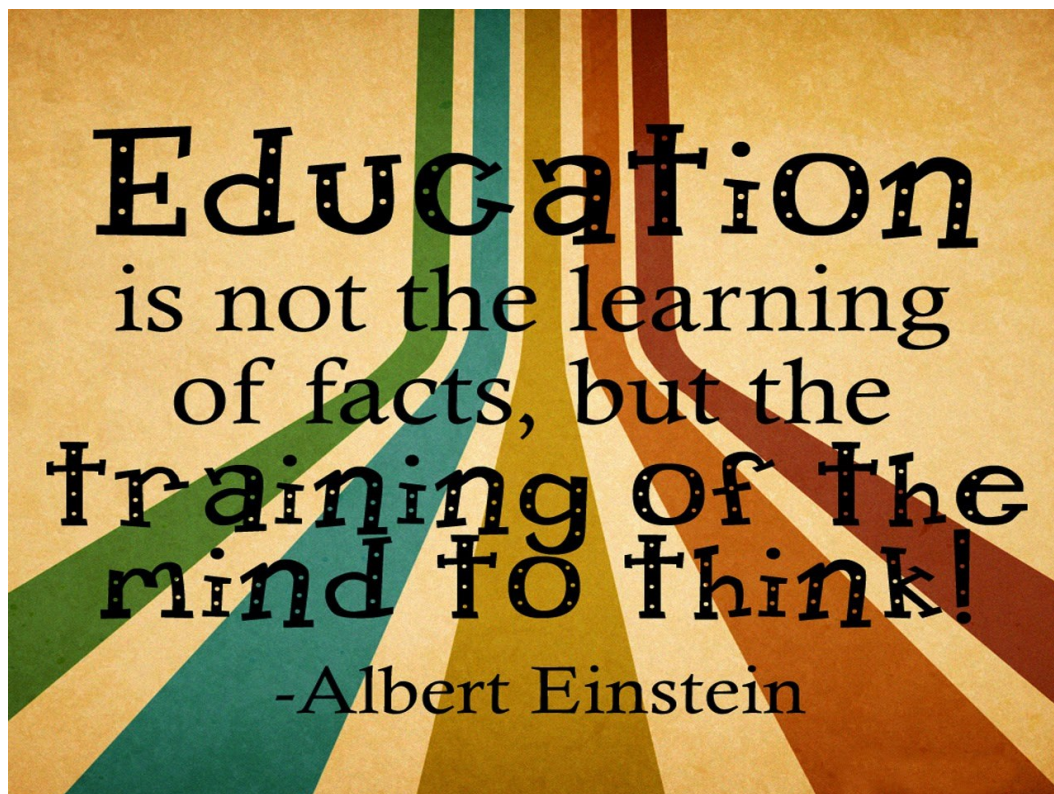
**Nancy Larson, Committee**



With today's high cost of college tuition, scholarship awards play an important part for many deserving students who anticipate receiving a scholarship to help finance their college education. There are commendable and worthy students in every local school who deserve a hand-up to meet their tuition needs. Get the word out about GFWC-WS Scholarships by reaching out to your communities and local schools to recruit candidates for this year's scholarship awards.

The Educational Scholarship Committee encourages each member, club, and/or district to consider making a monetary contribution to the scholarship fund for future funding for the state's scholarship candidates.

The Scholarship Application for 2024-25 years remains much the same as last year. We have removed the requirement to provide Social Security Numbers and will use the student's identification number instead. The Application will be provided in the GFWC-WS Handbook. The Committee expects to make some changes to next year's application form and requirements which we anticipate discussing at the Spring Convention.





# Community Service Program Reports

## Environment

Sally Larson, Chair



Fall is here and it is time for planting native trees and perennials. With the GFWC's new administration, I am again challenging each club to plant at least 2 native trees over the next two years. Let's help all of our urban areas in Washington get to the healthy 40% tree canopy. To that end, I will be giving a Zoom presentation on native trees in Western Washington as a fundraiser for Tahoma Bird Alliance (TBA) on December 3 at 6 PM. The cost is \$10.00. Register for the talk on the TBA Website. All proceeds from the talk will go towards the 10,000 Trees for Tacoma project that Chambers Bay Women's Club is assisting. With the help of Chambers Bay Women's Club, this project involves TBA, giving away 3000 native bare-root trees in March. Anyone can get the trees, and if members are interested, visit the Tahoma Bird Alliance website in mid-December to place an order. Plan on being home at the time the tree delivery because the trees must be planted when received.

### Spotlight tree: Douglas Fir

Grows in both eastern and western Washington

Height up to 300 ft. Lives as long as 1000 years

Needs deep, acidic to neutral, well-drained soil

Thrives in sunlight but shade tolerant.  
Needs water frequently until established.

Attracts birds: chickadee, evening grosbeaks, juncos, red crossbills, flickers, song sparrow, hummingbirds, northern spotted owls

Attracts mammals: Douglas squirrels, deer, elk, Townsend chipmunk

Pollinators: bees, butterflies



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# Update

## Federation Forest Shed to Housing Project

Converting an unused historic shed into housing.



Old ceiling and insulation has been removed.

Water, waste and electrical lines are in place.

The remodel project is still a work in progress. The permitting process is progressing and is expected to be finalized and approved by the end of October. All materials have been purchased, and are stationed on site inside the shop.

The maintenance supervisor who is leading the project will be off work this winter due to a family medical situation, but he and his team plan on finishing it by April 2025.



Addition will be on this side of shed.

Old interior walls have been removed.

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## **Clubs in our State**

### **GFWC Battle Ground**



Gail Martinson enjoyed the Battle Ground Education Foundation's "Destination Graduation" dinner-auction October 9. Several members helped with table settings the afternoon before. GFWC-Battle Ground and Louise Tucker, former board member, were given extra recognition for supporting the foundation for many years. Other members also attended the event.

Right: Club speaker Heather Erwin shared her experiences as a woman owner of a small business. Keep-

ing your eye on your goal was one of her mantras while building up the failing book store she had purchased.



**Ladybug  
Bazaar**



**Local Crafts & Art!**

**191 Spaces!**

**Snack Bar!**

**BGHS - Both Gyms—Downtown Battle Ground**

**Sat - Nov 2**

**9 - 4**

Sponsored by GFWC- Battle Ground, a nonprofit group of caring women who turn Ladybug Bazaar profits into funding for community service.

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## GFWC Camas

GFWC Camas Washougal members participated in the GFWC National Day of Service 2024. Partnering with Washougal IOOF #194 and OES-MW, we donated our efforts to the domestic violence shelter in Stevenson WA, about 50 miles away, received our joint efforts. Food pantry was restocked and other items donated. Two cars full valued at over \$1350 was delivered. Included was food, cleaning supplies, coats, underwear, clothing, bedding just to name some of the items.

We shopped at Grocery Outlet and Dollar store. All other items were donated by members, friends and participating groups. We thank everyone for all the hard work.



Flat Mabel accompanied club members on this service project

Jeannette Jester, President



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# **Clubs in Our State**

## **GFWC Chambers Bay**

Chambers Bay Club members have been busy with club, district and state projects. We recently hosted the Fall Peninsula District Conference and had twenty Chambers Bay members attend. Our theme was "Bee Kind" and bees were everywhere: on coffee cups, on all the tables, on balloons, on T-shirts and on the program. We had members attend the August WSR work party. Three of our members attended the WSR Conference in Tukwila.

**Days for Girls:** Club members continue to cut material for menstrual pads, and we provided over 4,500 9" x 9" squares and 6" x 24" rectangles for the latest group of reusable menstrual kits to go to the Days for Girls [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org) headquarters in Salt Lake City. Club members also donated 177 pairs of women's underwear to be used for Days for Girls kits.



**Crystal Judson Family Justice Center:** We had a speaker from the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center [www.familyjusticecenter.us](http://www.familyjusticecenter.us) talk to us about their services for victims of domestic violence at our October meeting. Chambers Bay members donated a carload of non-perishable food for the Justice Center's stop-gap emergency care for domestic violence victims.

**Caring for Kids:** The club is collecting food for Caring for Kids ([carekids.org](http://carekids.org)) through My Sister's Pantry [www.mysisterspantry.org](http://www.mysisterspantry.org) food bank one to three days a month. We give Caring for Kids 20 to 25 cases of food each time that they then distribute to three local school districts. Three members helped at the Caring for Kids back to school Ready to Learn Fair over three days. At the fair, school supplies and clothing are given to anyone who comes with no limit on what is taken.

Our next project with Caring for Kids will be to go shopping for Christmas gifts for eight hundred families at their Holiday Fair. It is a huge job, but a lot of fun.

**Emergency Food Network:** For the GFWC Day of Service, six members of our club along with five other members from various clubs worked at the Emergency Food Network [www.efoodnet.org](http://www.efoodnet.org) culling 2,800 pounds of apples. When we



went to work at My Sister's Pantry, we saw some of our apples being given to the Pantry's clients. Speaking of My Sister's Pantry, the staff invited Chambers Bay volunteers to a Halloween dinner, costumes required.



As the holiday season approaches, we are preparing to sponsor three local families with food and gifts.

Wishing you all a joyous season.

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## Clubs in Our State

### GFWC Chewelah

Members from GFCW CHEWELAH joined with women of the ladies group at the church where we meet for the Chewelah BOO-FEST.

As you can see, our basket was getting low on supplies.



### GFWC Kitsap Peninsula



**GFWC Kitsap Peninsula members** met for their September meeting. Flat Mabel joined them!

**GFWC National Day of Service** – The food drive for Bremerton Backpack Brigade went very well. We collected 665.6 pounds of food and \$130 plus our donation of \$175.



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# **Districts in our State**

## **GFWC-WS Peninsula**



GFWC Chambers Bay hosted the Peninsula District Fall Conference October 19 at the Baker Condominiums in Tacoma. They selected the theme “Kindness” and the tables were decorated in a yellow and black theme with centerpieces of vases of sunflowers and bees scattered around.

For a service project, attendees were asked to bring new coloring books and small toys to be donated to The Crystal Judson Center to be given to children the first time a kiddo visits. The Crystal Judson Center in Tacoma provides services to those experiencing domestic violence.



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## **Events & Special Days**

Nov 1	Dues are due 
Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day
Dec 1	Dues are delinquent
Dec 4	GFWC Holiday Open House— HQ
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 1	New Year's Day
<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>WA Clubwoman Articles Due</b>
Feb 17	Presidents' Day
June 7-9	GFWC Convention—Atlanta, GA



### **DUES ARE DUE**



Dues should be mailed to GFWC-WS Treasurer Jeanette Jester by November 1. They become delinquent if not paid by December 1.

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