

**CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE**  
**General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia**  
**(GFWC Virginia)**

August 12-14, 2022

Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Conference Center, Natural Bridge, Virginia

2022-2024 GFWC Virginia

**CONFERENCE THEME: "Enlighten"**

Club Presidents are requested to read the Call to the members and elected delegates according to the bylaws of the Federation, Article IX, Section 4. "Woman's Clubs and Junior Woman's Clubs shall be represented by the club President or her alternate, and one or more additional delegates as follows, these delegates are in addition to those entitled to representation by virtue of the position they hold as outlined further in this section of the Bylaws:

- 1-10 members – Club President, or her alternate and 1 additional delegate;
- 11-20 members – Club President, or her alternate and 2 additional delegates;
- 21-30 members – Club President, or her alternate and 3 additional delegates;
- 31-40 members – Club President, or her alternate and 4 additional delegates;
- 41-50 members – Club President, or her alternate and 5 additional delegates;
- 51-60 members – Club President, or her alternate and 6 additional delegates;
- 61-70 members – Club President, or her alternate and 7 additional delegates;
- 71-80 members – Club President, or her alternate and 8 additional delegates;
- 81-90 members – Club President, or her alternate and 9 additional delegates;
- 91-100 members – Club President, or her alternate and 10 additional delegates;
- 101- and more members – Club President, or her alternate and 11 additional delegates;

Advance registration for meals and attendance shall be made by mail on forms included in this publication. Properly completed Registration Forms are to be mailed to the GFWC Virginia Credentials Chairman or Junior Chairman. Registration package fee is \$105 for attendees and must be postmarked no later than **Friday July 22, 2022**. For registration postmarked after July 22, 2022 please add \$10 per attendee for a total registration package fee of \$115. **Electronic registration with payment via PayPal is available again this year.** Please see below for detailed instructions.

Club Presidents and other attendees, please share the information on the speakers and workshops and encourage members to attend. Please indicate on the registration form which members are attending their first state meeting so they can receive special recognition.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Friday, July 1, 2022**. After that date, any additional reservation requests will be honored on a rate and space available basis only. Call the hotel directly at 540-291-2121, for reservations and ask for GFWC Virginia Conference room block – Code: **GFWCVA**. Directions to the hotel are available from the hotel website. Room rates are \$129.00 per day for single or double occupancy plus applicable taxes.

### **Instructions for making electronic payment for Conference**

Using your PayPal account, follow these steps:

Send & request money, Pay for goods & service, Enter [headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org), Click next, Enter amount, Click continue, Click "send money now"

Save the registration form to your computer and complete all the necessary information.

Save the updated file and then email your registration form to:

[headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:headquarters@gfwcvirginia.org)

**AND** Generals - [credentials@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:credentials@gfwcvirginia.org)

Juniors & Junioresettes: [credentialsjr@gfwcvirginia.org](mailto:credentialsjr@gfwcvirginia.org)

**ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE – Tentative Agenda**  
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**Friday – August 12, 2022 – Pre-Conference Meetings**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Joint Executive Board Meeting
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner – Colonial Dining Room (Open to all conference attendees – see instructions conference menus)
8:45 pm – 11:00 pm	Dark Sky Night- Perseids Meteor Shower – Jefferson Point (See below for details)
9:00 pm - until	Junior Executive Board Meeting – Tyler

**Saturday – August 13, 2022**

7:00 am – 9:30 am	Full Breakfast Menu or Buffet – Colonial Dining Room (on your own)
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Joint Executive Board Meeting & Brunch – President's Suite
8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Registration Open
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Service Project
10:30 am – 11:00 am	District Chairmen meet with State Chairmen – Jefferson Ballroom
10:30 am – 11:00 am	District Officers meet with State Officers – Jefferson Ballroom
11:00 am – 11:30 pm	Club Presidents meet with Bonnie Rosemond and Denise Price – Jefferson Ballroom (District Presidents and District Directors may sit in)

11:30 am – 12:45 pm Box Lunch (with Voucher) – Jefferson Ballroom

12: 45 pm – Musical Prelude

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Opening Session – Jefferson Ballroom</b> Call to Order – Bonnie Rosemond, President Thought for the Day – Linda Beatty, Chaplain Opening Ceremonies Introductions – Bonnie Rosemond, President Welcome – Carol Guillems-Mills, President – Blue Ridge District Preliminary Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Credentials Chairman Greetings & Guest Speaker – Ryan Brown, Executive Director – Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources State Project – Education of Virginia's Natural Resources – Dale Fisher, Chairman GFWC Awards received in New Orleans, LA – Dale Fisher and Jenny Hinegardner Introduction of GFWC Virginia Chairmen – Susie Mowry, Leadership Chairman and Joanne Dixon, Junior Chairman Bylaws Committee – Hope Royer, Chairman Budget and Finance Committee – Kathryn Sowers. Chairman Endowment Fund Committee – Gloria Worrell, Chairman
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2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>"Learning Blocks" – Jefferson Ballroom</b> Arts & Culture – Pat Jeffress, Chairman Environment – Carol Pridgen, Chairman Education and Libraries – Marilyn Banes, Chairman Civic Engagement & Outreach – Celeste Corrigan, Chairman GFWC Signature Project – Amber Holdren, Chairman Health and Wellness – Mary Driver-Downs, Chairman
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- 4:10 pm – 4:25 pm      **“Responsibility Block” – Jefferson Ballroom**  
Parliamentary – Sarah Entsminger, Parliamentarian
- 4:25 pm – 5:00 pm      **“Cornerstone Stepping Blocks” – Jefferson Ballroom**  
Membership – Cynthia Baroody, Chairman & Michelle Clary, Junior Chairman  
Leadership – Susie Mowry, Chairman & Joanne Dixon, Junior Chairman
- 5:00 pm – 5:40 pm      **“Apprise Block” – Jefferson Ballroom**  
Legislation & Public Policy – Liz Sabbatini, Chairman  
Communication & Public Relations/Newsletter – Stephanie Griffin, Chairman  
Women’s History and Resource Center – Ingrid Sinclair-Day, Chairman  
Fundraising – Faye Bocock, Chairman
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm      **“Illuminated” Dinner – Jefferson Ballroom (included in package)**  
Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain  
50/50 Drawing conducted by Lynne Wherry, GFWC Virginia Treasurer  
Door Prizes – Carol Guillian-Mills, President, Blue Ridge District  
                         Kathryn Sowers – Conference Host Chairman  
Announcements -Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
- 8:30 pm-‘til              Natural Bridge Drama Creation Light Show (See below for details)  
9:30 pm ‘til              District Caucus
- Sunday, August 14, 2022**
- 7:30 am - 9:15 am      Registration Open
- 7:30 am – 8:45 am      **“Inspirit Breakfast” – Jefferson Ballroom (included in package)**  
Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain  
Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 am- 9:50 am      **“Au courant Block”**  
GFWC Junior Special Program – Advocates for Children – Amanda Paez, Chairman  
Community Improvement Program Award – Carolyn Fellers, Chairman  
Reporting – Susie Mowry, Chairman  
Resolutions – Lori Rocker, Chairman
- 10:00 am              **Closing Session – Jefferson**  
Call to Order, President Rosemond  
GFWC Virginia 2022 GFWC LEADS Participant, Elizabeth Blair Trent  
Reports:  
                         Endowment Fund Committee – Gloria Worrell  
                         Scholarships Committee– Marlene Wine, Chairman  
                         Strategic Planning Committee – Kelly Lane, Chairman  
                         Headquarters – Lynn Osborne, Chairman  
                         Executive Secretary – Heather Craven  
Final credentials report – Linda Holsclaw, Credentials Chairman  
Invitation to 2023 GFWC Virginia Convention, Gwen Hamlett, President and  
                         Elizabeth Blair Trent, Director of Junior Clubs, Alice Kyle District  
Announcements – Teresa Craig, Conference Meeting Chairman  
Junior Pledge  
Collect
- Noon                      Adjourn

## **Conference Menu**

### **Friday Dinner (pay at dining room)**

Choose from the full dinner menu in the Colonial Dining Room, which includes a seafood special for the evening, for your dining pleasure – please call the hotel dining room at 540-291-2121 to make a dining reservation. The Executive Board will also be dining in the Colonial Dining Room Friday evening and look forward to seeing our members as Conference kicks off. We hope you will join us after dinner as we experience nature by observing the Perseids Meteor Shower.

### **Saturday Breakfast (pay at dining room)**

Enjoy a Full Breakfast Buffet or order off the menu in the Colonial Dining Room (Hotel Restaurant) open from 7:00 am to 9:30am for breakfast

### **Saturday Dinner (included in package)**

Mixed Field Greens Salad (Cherry Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots, Herbed Croutons)  
Ranch & Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressings  
House Smoked Pulled Pork with Sauces  
Grilled Chicken Breast with Sauce  
Creamy Cole Slaw  
Baked Macaroni & Cheese  
Fresh Cut Fruit Salad  
Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies

### **Saturday Lunch (\$22)**

#### **Choice of one**

**Deli Sliced Turkey**, Provolone Cheese, Tomato and Onion, Honey Mustard on Ciabatta Roll

**Roast Beef**, Cheddar cheese, Spring Lettuce, horseradish Cream on Grain Loaf

**Grilled Vegetable Wrap**, Roasted Red Pepper Hummus, Spinach and Fresh Tomato

**(please indicate your choice on your registration form)**

Pasta Salad, Chips, Pepsi Canned Beverage or Bottled Water, Whole Fruit, Fresh Baked Cookie

### **Sunday Breakfast (included in package)**

Locally Sourced Smoked Bacon and Sausage Link  
Stone Ground Grits with Cheddar Cheese  
Scrambled Eggs  
Fresh Sliced Fruits with Seasonal Berries  
Buttermilk Biscuits  
Butter, Honey and Fruit Preserves, Chef's house made Apple Butter  
Cranberry Juice  
Freshly brewed Seattle's Best Regular and Decaf Coffee and Tazo Teas

### **Dark Sky Night – Perseids Meteor Shower – Jefferson Point – Friday, August 12th**

8:45 pm -11:00 pm

Cost \$5.00

Join park rangers as they teach you about the night sky, observe the Perseids meteor shower, and discuss the effects of light pollution. Meet the rangers at the Skyline Trail parking lot and either take a relaxing wagon ride or walk our beautiful trail up to Jefferson Point. Be sure to bring something comfortable to sit on and a red light flashlight if you have one.

### **Natural Bridge Drama Creation – Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:15-8:30 pm depart for show, show starts at 9:00pm, show length: 45 minutes

Cost \$3.00

The Drama Creation is a dramatic narration of the Seven Days of Creation, accompanied by classical music and moving lighting effects.

Walk from the hotel to the Natural Bridge State Park parking lot to get onto the shuttle bus to transport from the parking lot to the bottom of the mountain. There is a short flat walk to get to the bridge and seating area. Restrooms are available where the shuttle bus will drop off and pick up. Several lanterns will be provided for individuals to carry for extra light along the path when going to/from the Natural Bridge.

