

CALL FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia
(GFWC Virginia)
April 27-30, 2023
The Virginian Hotel, Lynchburg, VA

2022-2024 GFWC Virginia Theme: "Enlighten Our Cornerstone"
CONVENTION THEME: "Cornerstone Compassing Inspiration"

Club Presidents are requested to read the Call to the members and elect 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 using the form 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 \$45 for attendees and must be postmarked no later than **Friday April 7, 2023**. For registration postmarked after April 7th, please add \$10 per attendee for a total registration fee of \$55. **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. **Please bring this Call** with you so that you may follow the discussion on the Bylaws Revisions as proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Monday, March 27, 2023**. After that date, any additional reservation requests will be honored on a rate and space available basis only. Please call the hotel at (434) 329-3200 x0, and ask for GFWC Virginia guestroom group block (code GFWC23). Guest room rates are: single or double per room: \$135 (standard king or double queen), \$145 (king deluxe), \$165 (premium king or double queen), \$205 (king suite) per day, plus taxes.

You can also use this link to reserve your room

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LYHCUQQ&groupCode=GFWC23&arrivaldate=2023-04-28&departuredate=2023-04-30&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Instructions for making electronic payment for Convention

Using your PayPal account, follow these steps:

Send & request money, Pay for goods & service, Enter 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

AND Generals - credentials@gfwcvirginia.org

Juniors & Junioresettes: credentialsjr@gfwcvirginia.org

ADMISSION TO ALL SESSIONS WILL BE BY BADGE ONLY
GFWC VIRGINIA – CONVENTION 2023

April 27-30, 2023

The Virginian Lynchburg, Curio Collection by Hilton
712 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA

Theme: “Cornerstone Compassing Inspiration”

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

Thursday, April 27, 2023

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Dinner
9:45 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Junior Executive Board Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Junior Executive Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting and “Grab & Go”

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, April 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. “Step in Time” Venture Walk (on your own of Downtown Lynchburg)
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pottery Session at the Academy Center of the Arts (sign-up via sign-up genius – [click here](#))
10:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Convention Registration Open
10:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Registration of Art and Crafts
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibitors Open
1:15 p.m. Musical Prelude
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **OPENING SESSION “Enlighten Federation”**
Procession of 2022 – 2024 District Presidents and District Directors of Junior Clubs,
GFWC Virginia Officers and Junior Officers
Announced by Heather Craven, GFWC Virginia Executive Secretary
Call to Order – Bonnie Rosemond, GFWC Virginia President
Opening Ceremonies
Thought for the Day – Linda Beatty, GFWC Virginia Chaplain
Welcome – Hostess District – Alice Kyle
Gwen Hamlet, District President
Blair Trent, District 3rd Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs
Preliminary Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Rules – JoBeth Wampler, Secretary
Presentation of Convention Program – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes – President Rosemond
Introductions – President Rosemond
Greetings – Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary
Reports of GFWC Virginia Officers
Report of Executive Board Action – JoBeth Wampler, Secretary
Report of Executive Secretary – Heather Craven
Reports of Standing Committees and Appointments
Budget and Finance – Kathryn Sowers, Chairman
Endowment Committee – Gloria Worrell, Chairman
Bylaws Committee – Hope Royer, Chairman
Strategic Planning Committee – Kelly Lane, Chairman
Resolutions Committee – Lori Rocker, Chairman
Memorial Service – Linda Beatty, GFWC Virginia Chaplain
Awards of Special Appointments, Facilitated by Susie Mowry, First Vice President/
President-elect, Joanne Dixon, Assistant Director of Junior Clubs
*Legislation and Public Policy – Liz Sabbatini, Chairman
*GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center – Ingrid Sinclair-Day, Chairman
*Fundraising – Faye Bocock, Chairman

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
 Convention Registration Open – Foyer
 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. **Reception Honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents**
ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED~~~Cash Bar
 6:45 p.m. Musical Prelude
 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **“Cornerstones in Time” Alice Kyle Banquet**
(Gatsby Attire or Semi-formal Attire)
 Procession of GFWC Virginia Past Presidents and 2022-2024 Executive Boards,
 Announced by Heather Craven, Executive Secretary
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Entertainment – University of Lynchburg String Quartet “Calabrone”
 Dinner
 Speaker – Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Secretary
 Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Presidents – President Rosemond
 Junior Special Awards honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents, Facilitated by Joanne
 Dixon, Assistant Director of Junior Clubs
 *Corinne Murray Award – Blue Ridge District Juniors
 *Phyllis V. Roberts Award – Northern District Juniors
 *Shelby Paisley Hamlett Award – GFWC Roanoke Junior Woman’s Club
 *Leadership Awards – Susie Mowry, Chairman, Joanne Dixon, Junior Chairman
 Introduction of 2023 GFWC LEADS Participant – Susie Mowry,
 First Vice President/President-elect
 Presentation of Anniversary Certificates, Facilitated by Cynthia Baroody, Chairman,
 Michelle Clary, Junior Chairman
 Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
 9:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits
 10:00 p.m. - ? Districts' Caucus

Saturday, April 29, 2023

7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **AFFILIATE AWARDS BREAKFAST**
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Breakfast
 GFWC Affiliates Awards facilitated by Bonnie Rosemond, GFWC Virginia President
 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Convention Registration Open – Foyer
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors Open
 8:45 a.m. Musical Prelude
 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **“Enlightening our Minds & Bodies”**
BUSINESS SESSSION/AWARDS
 Call to Order – President Rosemond
 Thought for the Day – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Community Service Program Awards, Facilitated by Susie Mowry, Joanne Dixon
 *Education and Libraries – Marilyn Banes, Chairman
 ESO recognition – Wanda Alvis, Chairman
 *Civic Engagement and Outreach – Celeste Corrigan, Chairman
 *Health and Wellness – Mary Driver-Downs, Chairman
 Speaker – Shana H. Canada, Recreation Therapist, Personal Trainer, Life Coach
 Report of Headquarters – Lynn Osborne, Chairman
 Report of Scholarships – Marlene Wine, Chairman
 Report of Community Impact Program Award, Carolyn Fellers, Chairman
 10:00 a.m. Platform Change – Angela Paez, Technical Coordinator
“Juniors Leading the Way” Junior Business Session/Awards
 Introductions – Denise Price, Director of Junior Clubs
 Junior Credentials Report – Tara Widener, Junior Credentials Chairman
 Reports of GFWC Virginia Junior Officers
 Secretary/Treasurer – Lynn Chapman
 Assistant Director of Junior Clubs – Joanne Dixon

Director of Junior Clubs – Denise Price
 Report of Junior Executive Board Action – Lynn Chapman, Secretary/Treasurer
 Reports of Junior Standing and Special Committees
 Budget and Finance – Lynn Chapman, Chairman
 New Business
 Awards of Special Appointments, Facilitated by Susie Mowry, Joanne Dixon
 *GFWC Junior Special Program Advocates for Children – Amanda Paez,
 Chairman
 Junior Honor Society Awards – Joanne Dixon, Assistant Director of Junior Clubs
 Junior Pledge
 Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Convention Registration Open
 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits
 11:45 a.m. Musical Prelude

All Dogwood Society members gather for photo at 11:30 a.m.

(Advance lunch seating for Dogwood Society members who have purchased a luncheon ticket.)

12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **“Natural Cornerstones” Luncheon**
 Welcome – President Rosemond
 Update from Endowment Committee and recognition of Dogwood Society members –
 Gloria Worrell, Chairman
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Lunch
 Speaker – Shannon McCabe, Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
 Awards of Special Appointments, Facilitated by Susie Mowry, Joanne Dixon
 *State Project “Virginia’s Natural Resources Education” – Dale Fisher, Chairman
 *GFWC Signature Program Awards – Amber Holdren, Chairman
 Reports of Districts – Facilitated by Susie Mowry, Joanne Dixon
 50/50 Drawing – Lynne Wherry, Treasurer
 Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. “Step in Time” Venture Walk (on your own, repeat of Friday morning)
 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. State Project Service Project
 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pottery Session at the Academy Center of the Arts (repeat of Friday morning)
 (sign-up via sign-up genius – [click here](#))
 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pick-up Arts and Crafts Exhibits
 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. **Reception Honoring GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs**
ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED ~~~Cash Bar
 6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. **“Leading Others to Sparkle” Marjorie Branch Banquet (Denim & Diamonds Attire)**
 Procession of GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs and 2022-2024 Joint
 Executive Boards announced by Tara Roberts, Junior Courtesy Chairman
 Welcome – Denise Price, Director of Junior Clubs
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Dinner
 Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs – Denise Price
 Junior Special Awards – Introduced by Joanne Dixon,
 Assistant Director of Junior Clubs
 *Marjorie Branch Award – Tidewater District Juniors
 *Shenandoah Award – Shenandoah District Juniors
 *Southside District Award in Legislation – Southside District Juniors
 *Directors of Junior Clubs Award for Outstanding Achievement – Denise Price
 *Junior of the Year Award – Denise Price
 *Junior Lifetime Achievement Award – Denise Price
 Membership Recruitment Recognition – Cynthia Baroody, Membership Chairman,
 Michelle Clary, Junior Chairman
 Membership Cup Award and Extension Cup Award – Cynthia Baroody, Chairman
 *Membership Awards – Cynthia Baroody, Chairman, Michelle Clary, Junior Chairman

50/50 Drawing – Lynn Chapman, Junior Secretary/Treasurer

Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

9:30 p.m. – 11:00p.m. **Junior Fun Night ~ BINGO ~ (All Clubwomen Invited)**

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:15a.m. Musical Prelude

9:30 a.m. - Noon **“Inspired Direction” Brunch/Closing Business Session
(Federation Attire)**

Call to Order – President Rosemond

Sunday Devotion – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Brunch

Final Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman

State Fair Update – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman

Community Service Program and Special Appointments Awards, Facilitated by Susie Mowry, Joanne Dixon

*Newsletter Awards – Barbara LaPrade, *The Virginia Clubwoman* Editor

*Communications and Public Relations – Stephanie Griffin, Chairman

*Website – Amanda Paez, Chairman

*Arts and Culture – Pat Jeffress, Chairman

Recognition of Arts Contests' Winners – Lois Creasy, Camilla Cabaniss,
Arts Contests Co-Coordinator

Report of Historian – Patty Pedrick

Invitation to GFWC Virginia Conference 2023

Amy Riggs, Southside District President

Mary Katherine Steed, Southside District Director of Junior Clubs

Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

Junior Collect

Collect for Clubwomen

Adjournment

CONVENTION MENUS

Alice Kyle Banquet

Strawberry Goat Cheese

Spinach Salad

Pan Seared North Atlantic

Salmon

Hoppin' John

Johnnycake

La Brea Rolls

Bourbon Pecan Pie

Coffee & Tea

Saturday Breakfast Buffett

Seasonal Sliced Fruit & Berries

Farm House Scrambled Eggs

w/parsley & chives

Red Bliss Skillet Breakfast Potatoes

Hatfield's Thick-Cut Applewood

Smoked Bacon

Bakery Muffins

House Made Sharp Cheddar Biscuits

Creamy Butter

Dickinson's Preserves and Jams

Assorted Juices

Coffee and Hot Tea

Saturday Lunch Buffet

Seasonally Inspired Soup

Garden Salad

Deviled Egg Potato Salad

Turkey & Brie Sandwich

Monticello Chicken Salad

on a Multigrain Croissant

Italian Sandwich

Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies

Coffee & Tea

Marjorie Branch Banquet

Shaved Asparagus & Watermelon Radish Salad

Stuffed Chicken Roulade

Roasted Root Vegetables

Garlic Parmesan Orzo

La Brea Rolls

Vanilla Crème Brule

Coffee & Tea

Sunday Brunch

Quiche Loraine (bacon, swiss, & spinach)

Breakfast Sausage

Freshly Sliced Seasonal Fruits & Berries

La Brea Rolls

Orange & Cranberry Juices

Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee

Hot Tea

In accordance with Article IX-MEETINGS, Section 1. Annual Convention, A., the GFWC Virginia Bylaws Committee submits the following proposed amendments to be included in GFWC Virginia business conducted at the 2023 GFWC Virginia Annual Convention.

ARTICLE XII-COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS, ADVANCEMENT PLANS, GFWC SPECIAL PROGRAMS, GFWC VIRGINIA SPECIAL PROGRAMS, Section 1. Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans, Special Programs currently reads: “There shall be Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Programs corresponding to those of GFWC. The Community Service Programs shall be Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment and Health and Wellness.”

Proposed amendment: Delete “The Community Service Programs shall be Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment and Health and Wellness.”

If adopted will read: “There shall be Community Service Programs, Advancement Plans and Special Programs corresponding to those of GFWC.”

Rationale: Clarification

ARTICLE XIII- STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 3, B., currently reads: “It shall be the duty of the GFWC Virginia Bylaws Committee to review GFWC Virginia Bylaws and Standing Rules during each administration and to propose necessary changes. The GFWC Virginia Bylaws Committee shall consider amendments proposed by: the GFWC Virginia Executive Committee; the GFWC Virginia Executive Board; the GFWC Virginia Junior Executive Board; a District; a District Junior membership; or a club. Such proposals shall be submitted to the GFWC Virginia Bylaws Chairman no later than November 15 of each calendar year.”

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Rationale: Continuity

Convention 2023 Speakers



An honor graduate of Longwood University and former therapist at Virginia Baptist Hospital, Shana Canada has always had a heart for rehabilitation and health care. She currently works as a Personal Trainer /Therapist at Elite Fitness in Appomattox, Virginia where she resides with her husband and raised her three children. She is a holistic trainer that believes all facets of wellness are crucial to our quality of life, and that the relationships built through training and life coaching always stand the test of time. Shana has always pursued her love of fitness from coaching the High School tennis team to teaching Senior fitness classes in her free time. She is also a gifted local Praise and Worship Leader and Singer/Songwriter. She is an active member

of Liberty Baptist Church where she serves in Women’s Ministries.

She also serves her community and is on the board of organizations like Carver Price Legacy Museum and Celebration Women. Her greatest joys are serving God and sharing the lives of her family, friends, and clients.



Shannon McCabe is the Marketing Committee Chair and serves on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation (VFEF), a public charity with the mission of financially supporting statewide youth education promoting sustainable forests for the environmental, social, and economic benefit of all Virginians.

Shannon is Executive Director of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc., where she is responsible for the overall administration of the association, including planning and implementing strategies, policies and programs to further the Association's objectives and best serve its 700+ members. Prior to joining the ACF staff in early 2018, she worked for Virginia Forestry Association (VFA), most recently as Deputy Executive Director.

In addition to her volunteer service to VFEF, Shannon is a member and serves on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Society of Association Executives, currently serving as the organization's Treasurer, and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE). She serves on the Advisory Board of the Virginia Tech Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation and as a member of the U.S. Forest and Wood Products Inclusion Council.

Additionally, Shannon is a founding member of the Board of Directors for 4 Paws Animal Rescue, where she also serves as adoption coordinator. An active member of the Society of American Foresters, Shannon has served in several leadership positions at the state and national levels. She earned the Virginia Division's Volunteer Service Award in 2017 and Young Forester Leadership Award in 2018 as well as the APSAF Young Forester Leadership Award in 2019.

She holds a B.S. and M.S. in Forestry from Virginia Tech. A Maryland native, with roots on her family's Pennsylvania farm, she along with her husband James now split time between their home in Williamsburg, Virginia and property in Huddleston, Virginia where they can be among the trees.



Mary Beth Williams currently serves as GFWC Secretary. She has served as International Outreach Chairman, Leadership Committee Member, is a Leads Graduate, and Charter President of Babs' Inspirations.

As International Outreach Chairman Mary Beth traveled to Zambia with UNICEF USA to witness firsthand the work done by this partner. She has attended several of the UN Foundation Shot@Life Summits advocating on Capitol Hill for global vaccine funding.

Highlights of her time as Colorado State President include the start of the state leadership program, reinstating ESO and initiating a state book club. She remains engaged with her local club and state. Mary Beth served as the Western States Region Fundraising Chairman and chaired the 2021 Region

Conference.

Mary Beth says she doesn't remember not volunteering. Her Mother was a community volunteer and brought her to meetings and projects. Mary Beth was a Board member and past Chair for a historic low-income childcare center, key in establishing a friends group for the local senior center, served on United Way, and was a four-time PTA president.

Mary Beth worked in Volunteer Services in a local school district and earned her Certified Volunteer Accreditation. With a graduate degree in Agricultural Economics, she worked for the US Foreign Agricultural Service. Married to Larry for 43 years, their family includes their son, his wife and their two children, and their daughter, her husband, and a baby. She enjoys hiking, reading, gardening, and knitting.