

CALL FOR THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Virginia (GFWC Virginia)

April 18 – April 21 2024

Hotel Madison 710 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia



2022-2024 GFWC Virginia Theme: “*Enlighten Our Cornerstones*”

CONVENTION THEME: “*Cornerstone Journey in all Directions*”

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 \$55 for attendees and must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday March 27, 2024**. For registration postmarked after March 27th, please add \$10 per attendee for a total registration fee of \$65. One day registration is available at \$50. **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, and proposed changes to our Resolutions.

Hotel reservations may be made by individual call-in no later than **Sunday, March 24, 2024**. After that date, any additional reservation requests will be honored on a rate and space available basis only. Please call the hotel at (540) 564-0200, and ask for GFWC Virginia guestroom group block. Guest room rates are: single or double per room: \$124 per day, plus taxes. Self-parking is available for \$5.00 per car per day for both overnight and day guests. You can also use this link to reserve your room.

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=3853053>

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**ADMISSION TO ALL SESSIONS WILL BE BY BADGE ONLY
GFWC VIRGINIA – CONVENTION 2024**

April 18 – April 21, 2024

Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center
710 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Theme: “Cornerstone Journey in all Directions”

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

Thursday, April 18, 2024

1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting – Madison Board Room

5:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Dinner – Meet in Hotel Lobby

9:00p.m. - til Junior Executive Board Meeting - Madison Board Room

Friday, April 19, 2024

9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. Executive Board/Junior Executive Board Meeting & “Grab & Go” Madison Board Room

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday, April 19, 2024

10:00a.m. – 1:15p.m. Convention Registration Open – Conference Area Lobby

10:00a.m. – 1:15p.m. Registration of Arts and Crafts – Appalachian Ballroom B & C

11:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. Vendors and Exhibitors Open – Shenandoah Ballroom A

9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Nature Walk – Edith J. Carrier Arboretum and Botanical Garden, JMU

1:15p.m. Musical Prelude

1:30p.m. – 5:00p.m. **OPENING SESSION – Shenandoah Grand Ballroom B & C**

Procession of 2022-2024 District Presidents and 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

Presentation of Colors – Fishburne Military School

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – Led by

Liz Sabbatini, GFWC Virginia Legislation and Public Policy Chairman

Thought for the Day – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Collect – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Welcome – Joyce Jolly, Northern District President

Welcome – Dr. Timothy Miller, Vice President of Student Affairs,

James Madison University

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 – Bonnie Rosemond, President and Denise Price, 3rd Vice

President/Director of Junior Clubs

Reports of GFWC Virginia Officers

Treasurer – Lynne Wherry

Secretary – JoBeth Wampler

3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs – Denise Price

2nd Vice President – Cynthia Baroody

1st Vice President/President-elect – Susie Mowry

President – Bonnie Rosemond

Report of Executive Secretary – Heather Craven

Reports of Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee – Kathryn Sowers, Chairman

Bylaws Committee – Hope Royer, Chairman

Endowment Committee – Gloria Worrell, Chairman

Resolutions Committee – Lori Rocker, Chairman

Scholarships Committee – Marlene Wine, Chairman

Strategic Planning – Kelly Lane, Chairman

Report of Nominating Committee – Lori Rocker, Chairman

Report of GFWC Virginia Emblem Redesign Committee, Dale Fisher, Chairman

Reports/Awards of GFWC Advancement Plans, Facilitated by Susie Mowry
and Joanne Dixon

*Communications and Public Relations – Stephanie Griffin, Chairman

*Legislation & Public Policy – Liz Sabbatini, Committee Chairman

*GFWC Women’s History and Resource Center – Ingrid Sinclair-Day, Chairman

*Fundraising – Faye Bocock, Chairman

Guest Speaker – Ally Shaw, Author

Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

Ally Shaw – Book signing

5:00p.m. – 5:45p.m. Convention Registration Open

6:00p.m. – 6:45p.m. **Reception Honoring Past Directors of Junior Clubs**

ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED (Cash Bar)

6:45p.m. Musical Prelude

7:00p.m. – 9:30p.m. **“Royal” Marjorie Branch Banquet** *Formal/ Semi Formal 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, Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs

Grace & Dinner

Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Directors of Junior Clubs presented by Denise Price,
Third Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs

Junior Special Awards – Introduced by Denise Price

*Marjorie Branch Award – Tidewater District Juniors

*Shenandoah Award – Shenandoah District Juniors

*Southside District Award in Legislation – Southside District Juniors

Director of Junior Clubs Awards – Denise Price

*Junior Club Outstanding Achievement Award

*Junior of the Year Award

*Junior New Clubwoman Award

*Junior Lifetime Achievement Award

*Leadership Awards – Susie Mowry, Chairman Joanne Dixon, Junior Chairman

Introduction of 2024 GFWC LEADS Participant – Susie Mowry

Presentation of Anniversary Certificates, Extension Cup, Membership Cup

– Facilitated by Cynthia Baroody, Membership Chairman, Michelle Clary, Junior
Membership Chairman

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

Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

9:30p.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits – Appalachian B & C

10:00p.m. - ? District Caucuses

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7:00a.m. – 9:45a.m. Convention Registration Open

9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Vendors and Exhibitors Open

7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. **AFFILIATE AWARDS BREAKFAST (See Dogwood Luncheon Attire)**

Grace – led by Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Breakfast
 GFWC Affiliates Awards facilitated by Bonnie Rosemond, GFWC Virginia President
 8:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. **“Volunteer Journey”**
BUSINESS SESSION/AWARDS
 Call to Order – President Rosemond
 Report of Executive Board Action – JoBeth Wampler, Secretary
 Report of Historian – Patty Pedrick
 Community Service Program Awards, Facilitated by Susie Mowry and Joanne Dixon
 *Arts and Culture – Pat Jeffress, Chairman
 *Civic Engagement and Outreach – Celeste Corrigan, Chairman
 *Education and Libraries – Marilyn Banes, Chairman
 ESO recognition – Wanda Alvis, Chairman
 *Environment – Carol Pridgen, Chairman
 *Health and Wellness – Mary Driver-Downs, Chairman
 Updated Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
 2024-2026 State Project Proposal – Susie Mowry, President-elect
 9:30a.m. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
 Platform Change
 10:00a.m. **“GFWC Virginia Juniors Leading the Way” Junior Business Session/Awards**
 Introductions – Denise Price, 3rd Vice President, Director of Junior Clubs
 Junior Credentials Report – Tara Widener, Credentials Junior Chairman
 Report of the Junior Nominating Committee – Michelle Clary, Chairman
 Election of Junior Officers
 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, Junior Secretary/Treasurer
 Reports of Junior Standing and Special Committees
 Budget and Finance – Lynn Chapman, Chairman
 Standing Rules – Angela Paez, Chairman
 New Business
 Award of GFWC Special Program, Facilitated by Susie Mowry and Joanne Dixon
 *GFWC Junior Special Program Advocates for Children – Amanda Paez,
 Chairman
 Junior Honor Society Awards – Joanne Dixon, Assistant Director of Junior Clubs
 Announcement of Junior Election Results
 Junior Pledge
 Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
 11:00a.m. – 11:45a.m. Convention Registration Open
 11:00a.m. – 11:45a.m. View Arts and Crafts Exhibits

All Dogwood Society and 1907 Society members gather for photo at 11:30 a.m.

11:45a.m. Musical Prelude
 12:00noon – 2:45p.m. **“Enlightening Garden” Dogwood Luncheon** *Spring Floral Attire*
 Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain
 Lunch
 Guest Speaker – Amanda Nicholson, Senior Vice President, Wildlife Center of Virginia
 Announcement of Election Results
 Update from Endowment Committee and recognition of Dogwood Society Members
 – Gloria Worrell, Chairman

Membership Recruitment Recognition – Cynthia Baroody and Michelle Clary

*Membership Awards – Cynthia Baroody and Michelle Clary

Awards of GFWC Special Program /GFWC Virginia Special Appointments,
Facilitated by Susie Mowry and Joanne Dixon

*GFWC Signature Program

Domestic and Sexual Violence and Prevention – Amber Holdren, Chairman

*Community Impact Program Award - Carolyn Fellers, Chairman

*GFWC Virginia State Project - Dale Fisher, Chairman

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

*Website – Amanda Paez, Chairman

Reports of Districts – Facilitated by Susie Mowry and Joanne Dixon

50/50 Drawing – Lynne Wherry, Treasurer

Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

3:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. View Arts and Crafts – Appalachian B & C

View District and Club Vendors – Shenandoah Room A

3:00p.m. - 4:15p.m. Virginia Quilt Museum Tour – Meet in Hotel Lobby

4:15p.m. – 5:00p.m. GFWC Virginia State Project – Service Project – Allegheny Room C

4:15p.m. Installation Rehearsal – Shenandoah Ballroom

5:00p.m. – 5:30p.m. Pick-up Arts and Crafts Exhibits

6:00p.m. – 6:45p.m. **Reception Honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents**

ALL CLUBWOMEN INVITED (Cash Bar)

6:45p.m. – 7:00p.m. Musical Prelude

7:00p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **“Timeless Cornerstones” Alice Kyle Installation Banquet** *Formal/Semi Formal Attire*

Procession of GFWC Virginia Past Presidents and 2022-2024 Executive Board –

Announced by Heather Craven, Executive Secretary

Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Dinner

Speaker – Patrick Henry Jolly, Fifth Generation Grandson of Patrick Henry

Presentation of Junior Special Awards honoring GFWC Virginia Past Presidents,
facilitated by Denise Price, 3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs.

*Phyllis V. Roberts Award – Joyce Jolly, Northern District President

*Corinne Murray Award – Carol Guilliams-Mills, Blue Ridge District President

*Shelby Paisley Hamlett Award – Carol Guilliams-Mills

Tribute to GFWC Virginia Past Presidents – Bonnie Rosemond, President

Remarks of the 2022-2024 GFWC Virginia President and Director of Junior Clubs

Bonnie Rosemond and Denise Price

Procession of Incoming Officers, Executive Board and Junior Executive Board –

Announced by Hope Royer

Installation of 2024-2026 GFWC Virginia Officers by Martha Matthews

Pin Ceremony

Remarks of 2024-2026 GFWC Virginia President and Director of Junior Clubs

Announcements – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman

9:45p.m. Installation Dessert Reception

Sunday, April 21, 2024

8:45a.m. Musical Prelude

9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. **“Tenacious Journey” Brunch/Closing Business Session**

Call to Order – President Rosemond

Grace – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Breakfast Buffet

GFWC Virginia Memorial Service – Linda Beatty, Chaplain

Health and Wellness “Step N Time” Awards – Chairman, Mary Driver Downs

GFWC Virginia State Project “Education of Virginia’s National Resources”
“Forest Drawing” – Dale Fisher, Chairman
Virginia Quilt Museum – Raffle Drawing – Sarah Entsminger
Civic Engagement & Outreach, “Sweats 4 Vets” Quilt Drawing
– Celeste Corrigan, Chairman

Remaining Business
Virginia250 – President Rosemond
Results of the Arts Contests Winners – Lois Creasy and Camilla Cabiness
HOBY Update – Carol Outten, Coordinator
Dogwood Drawing – Gloria Worrell, Endowment Chairman
Final Credentials Report – Linda Holsclaw, Chairman
Invitation to 2024 Conference – Eleanor Armes, Southwestern District President &
Heather Dunn, 3rd Vice President/Director of Junior Clubs
Announcements/Door Prizes – Teresa Craig, Meetings Chairman
Collect for Clubwomen
Adjournment

12:15a.m. – 2:00p.m. Post-Convention 2024-2026 Executive Board Meeting

CONVENTION MENUS

Friday Marjorie Branch Banquet

Roasted Panko Crusted Chicken Piccata
w/ Lemon Caper Sauce
Market Fresh Greens (salad)
Green Bean Casserole w/
Roasted Almonds
Whipped Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Flourless Chocolate Torte w/Raspberry
Sauce (gf)
Coffee, Decaf Coffee & Tea

Saturday Breakfast Buffet

Sausage Gravy and Biscuits.
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Fluffy Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Fruit
Orange Juice and Cranberry Juice
Coffee, Decaf Coffee & Tea

Saturday Lunch

Downtown Deli Buffet
Smoked Turkey, Roast Beef &
Honey Ham
Pepper Jack, Swiss and Cheddar
Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles,
Mayonnaise, Whole Grain Mustard
Sliced Hearth Breads
Potato Salad and Potato Chips
Cookies and Brownies
Iced Tea and Lemonade

Saturday Alice Kyle Banquet

Beef Medallions w/House Chimichurri Sauce (gf)
Wedge Salad - Iceberg lettuce, Bleu Cheese Crumbles,
Tomatoes and Creamy Cheese Vinaigrette
Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille
Whipped Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Cheesecake Topped w/Seasonal Fruit Compote
Coffee, Decaf Coffee & Tea
Dessert will be served at the Installation Reception

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

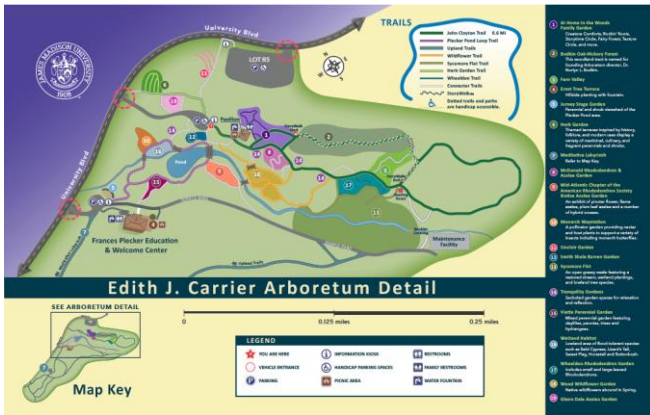
Main Street Breakfast Buffet
Fluffy Farm fresh Scrambled Eggs
Applewood Smoked Bacon
Country Pork Sausage
Fresh Fruit
White and Wheat Toast w/Butter and Jam
Orange Juice and Cranberry Juice
Coffee, Decaf Coffee & Tea

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2024 Convention Activities/Speaker Bios



On **Friday morning**, take a “step in time” to explore the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum, a woodland sanctuary located on the James Madison University campus. The arboretum is a public, urban garden and forested greenspace that preserves native species, provides opportunities for research, and promotes knowledge of the botanical and natural world for people of all races, religions, orientations, identities, ages, and abilities. The arboretum groundbreaking took place April 1985, under the direction of Dr. Norlyn Bodkin who is credited the first scientific botanical discovery along the Eastern Seaboard of Virginia since the 1940s,

Trillium- Shenandoah Wake Robin, can be found at the arboretum. This is the only arboretum located on a Virginia state university campus. Exhibits include a developed trail through 125 acres of mature Oak-Hickory Forrest, with two identified century specimens and species on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Threatened Species list protected at the arboretum: *Betula uber*, Round -Leaf Birch. The Arboretum is located at 780 University Boulevard. More information on the arboretum can be found here - www.jmu.edu/arboretum/

Opening Session - Dr. Tim Miller is the Vice President for Student Affairs at James Madison University and has served in this role since June 1, 2018. He is a Double Duke, having earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice in 1996 and his Master’s Degree in College Student Personnel Administration in 2000 from JMU.



He earned his Doctorate in Executive Leadership from the George Washington University and his research focused on the decision-making of University Presidents. He has served at James Madison University, the University of South Carolina, and the George Washington University during his over 20-year career and has managed a wide range of university functions in these roles. Dr. Miller believes that his role at JMU is to create and manage communities where individuals are guided and supported in becoming their best possible selves.

Opening Session - Amy Shaw – Author, Speaker, Survivor – Amy is a fierce survivor who had reinvented herself multiple times after devastating loss. She is a cancer survivor who became an opera singer and most recently her professional titles include entrepreneur, speaker and author. Ally earned a bachelor’s degree from Elon University and a Master’s degree from Loyola University New Orleans. Ally and her husband Kevin own a 17 store multi-unit Domino’s Pizza franchise in Virginia and West Virginia. In 2022, Ally became a first-time author of the narrative non-fiction book “Chasing Tigers in the Dark”, and she is represented by library tales publishing in NYC. Ally launched an adjacent career as a motivational speaker in 2016. Ally and Kevin share a blended family of seven children and split their time between Blacksburg, Virginia and Sunset Beach, North Carolina.



Saturday Lunch - Amanda Nicholson first became involved with the Wildlife Center of Virginia when she attended Bridgewater College – first as a volunteer, then as an animal care preceptorship student in 2000. After graduating with a degree in biology in 2001, Amanda joined the staff as the weekend receptionist and part-time rehabilitator. Over the years, Amanda has held several different positions at the Wildlife Center; currently she serves as the senior vice president for outreach and education. In this position, Amanda oversees the department responsible for public education, training, and community involvement. Amanda manages the Center’s ever-changing website; manages the “Critter Cam” and moderated discussion; organizes the annual Call of the Wild conference; co-produces Untamed: Life is Wild, the Center's television program; helps plan various events; and oversees the care and training of the Center's team of education ambassadors. She also serves as the program coordinator for the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association's annual symposium. Amanda loves the dynamic nature of the ever-changing activities going on at a wildlife hospital and sharing the Wildlife Center’s mission and stories with others.”



Saturday Afternoon – Alicia Thomas, Executive Director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, will welcome members of GFWC Virginia at the museum on Saturday afternoon for a tour and introduction of the current exhibits. She will also introduce the museum’s ambitious project, Stitching Together History, which will culminate in an exhibit of 250 quilts illustrating the Commonwealth of Virginia as part of Virginia’s 250th celebration.



The mission of the Virginia Quilt Museum is to cultivate and preserve the quilting arts in Virginia. Founded in 1995, the museum is the Official Quilt Museum of the Commonwealth of Virginia and will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2025. Nestled in the heart of picturesque Shenandoah Valley in Harrisonburg, Virginia, the museum promotes a unique blend of art and cultural heritage. With three floors of gallery space the museum celebrates the beauty of quilts through exhibitions that change at least three times a year. Historical, modern, art, and traditional quilts are featured simultaneously, allowing visitors the opportunity to explore the variety of styles, techniques, themes, and artistry found in quilts. The Virginia Quilt Museum is lucky to call the Warren-Sipe House home. Built in 1856 the Warren-Sipe House has had a long and varied history, from family home, Civil War Hospital, to a temporary courthouse with jail cell, among other uses. The museum is located at 301 S. Main St. Sarah Entsminger, is donating a quilt, which will be raffled off during Convention to cover the cost of GFWC Virginia members wishing to visit the museum. The museum is a 10 minute walk from the Hotel Madison. www.vaquiltmuseum.org

Saturday Evening – Patrick Henry Jolly is a fifth great grandson of the American Patriot, Patrick Henry. Splitting his time between his native Ohio and Virginia, Patrick has been speaking on a variety of topics related to the personal and professional life of his ancestor, since 1992. His presentations, which include “Liberty or Death”, are often in character as Patrick Henry. He can often be found at Red Hill, the last home and burial spot of Patrick Henry, located in Charlotte County, Virginia. He can be reached via email at patrickhjolly@gmail.com.

