

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OF VIRGINIA 2024-2026  
**GFWC VIRGINIA JUNIOR SPECIAL AWARDS**

**MARJORIE BRANCH AWARD**

**Chairman**..... Ann Schultz  
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The Marjorie Branch Award, named for the first GFWC Virginia Junior Director, is given annually by the Tidewater District Junior Clubs. It is the privilege of the GFWC Virginia Director of Junior Clubs to select the subject of the award. For the 2024-2026 administration, this award will be presented to clubs for their work in promotion of membership in their club. Clubs are encouraged to share the benefits of becoming a member of their club and GFWC. Utilization of social media, web sites, GFWC branding, and unique membership drives will be considered in reviewing nominations. Rotating brass handbells and certificates will be presented. Two awards will be presented, one for small clubs and one for large clubs.

**SHELBY PAISLEY HAMLETT AWARD**

**Chairman**..... Camilla Cabaniss  
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The Shelby Paisley Hamlett Award is presented annually to a Junior club in the state by the GFWC Blue Ridge District in honor of Mrs. Shelby Paisley Hamlett. Mrs. Hamlett was a Past President of GFWC Virginia (1980-1982) and Past President of GFWC (1998-2000). A cash award will be presented to the Junior club with the best single project dealing with children at risk. Clubs entering are asked to describe their project, indicate if this is a new or ongoing project, and describe how this project involves the club members.

**CORINNE MURRAY AWARD**

**Chairman**..... Camilla Cabaniss  
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The Corinne Murray Award is presented annually by the GFWC Blue Ridge District in honor of Mrs. William S. Murray (Corinne). Mrs. Murray is a past GFWC Virginia Junior Director (1944-47). She also served as GFWC Virginia President (1956-58). Mrs. Murray has had a life-long love of reading and has spent many years promoting public libraries and the cause of literacy. She established the ESO Society for GFWC Virginia. A \$25 cash award and certificate will be presented to the Junior clubs showing the most outstanding service in promoting reading and literacy in their community. Two awards will be presented, one for small clubs and one for large clubs.

**PHYLLIS V. ROBERTS AWARD**

**Chairman**..... Jaclyn Francis  
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This award is presented annually by the Northern District Juniors in honor of Mrs. Phyllis V. Roberts, who served as the GFWC Virginia President during 1970-72. She also served as GFWC President during 1986-88. This award will be given to the Junior clubs promoting interaction with General clubs (cooperative efforts in programs, fundraisers, meetings, projects, etc.). A monetary award will be presented to each of the two winning Junior clubs, one for small clubs and one for large clubs.

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**SHENANDOAH AWARD**

**Chairman**.....Allie Surratt  
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The Shenandoah Award is presented annually to two Junior clubs in the state by the Juniors of Shenandoah District. It is the privilege of the District Junior Director to choose the subject of this award. For the 2024-2026 administration, the Shenandoah Award will be based on project/projects focusing on Enhancing Junior Leadership in our clubs and communities. Any project promoting junior leadership can be submitted. This can be a new or ongoing club project. A \$25 cash award will be awarded. Two awards will be presented, one for small clubs and one for large clubs.

**SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT JUNIOR AWARD IN LEGISLATION**

**Chairman**..... Mary Katherine Steed  
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Southside District Juniors would like to continue a tradition started several years ago to honor two very special Juniors from Southside: Mary Grant Jackson and Pam M. Comstock. Both of these women have served their club, the District and State with unwavering dedication and commitment for almost two decades. A rotating gavel and a \$25 cash award will be presented to the Junior club demonstrating the most innovative programs and activities in the field of legislation. One award will be presented.