



Dedicated women taking the time to make a difference in the home, community, and the world one project at a time.

GFWC-SC Officers Looking Ahead



Photo by Jackie Boland

Highlights from Sizzlin' Summer Sessions

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Progress Foundation Grants are due Nov. 15th

Linda Rodgers
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New Members & Clubs

Southern Region In Mississippi October 23-26

Caroline Brown
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Take Time To Make a Difference with every Club

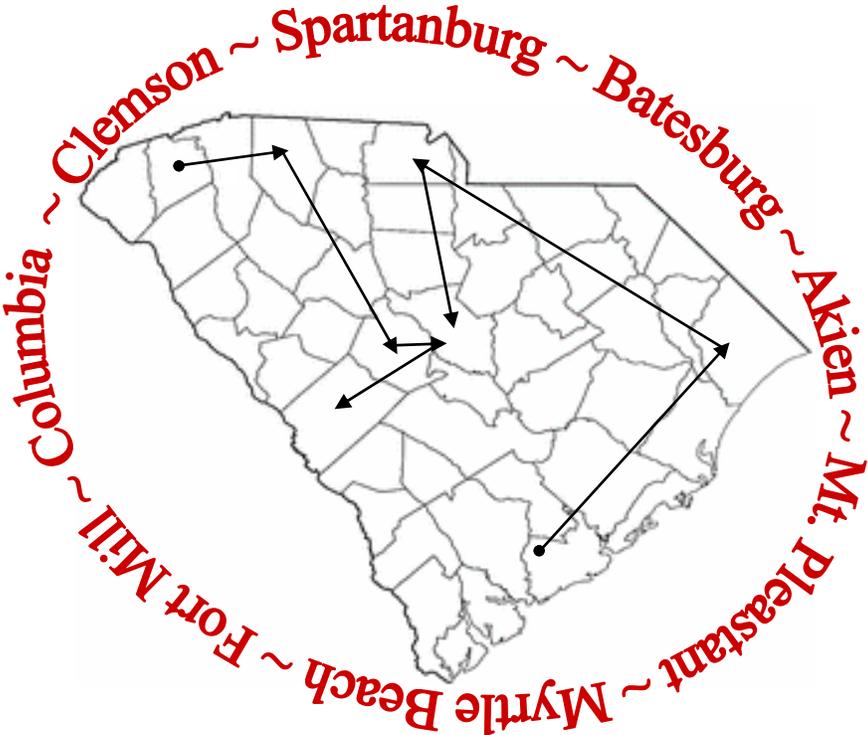
Tammy Garland
President

Your hardworking GFWC-SC officers on the steps of Headquarters in Columbia at the July 12th "Tweak Retreat"

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



Clubwoman



**Around our State in 6 Days
 Seeing Almost 250 of You**

~ PRICELESS ~



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July 2, 2008

Dear GFWC Members,

Thank you for the privilege and honor of serving as your GFWC International President for this 2008-2010 Administration. I can tell you that there is renewed enthusiasm and dedication among all levels of our membership for improving communities. I genuinely want you to know that this is not just “my” administration; it is “our” administration, for together we can continue to achieve phenomenal strides in enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

The theme for this 2008-2010 Administration is “GFWC—A Vision of Possibilities.” We are a richly diverse organization, and yet almost everything we experience in life is addressed in our GFWC programs and projects. Please take the time to carefully review the 2008-2010 Club Manual, for there are new visions and new possibilities within each section. I especially want to call your attention to the Home Life Department: Focus on Health Program, which includes the study of healthy self-worth. In all that we do, we can benefit from understanding of how our attitudes, behaviors, leadership, and membership participation are related to individual self confidence and commitment.

During this administration, we will place a priority on increasing Federation membership. We must not only continue working to retain and gain members in our clubs, but also organize new clubs. Volunteers are needed in all communities, and we must help those communities understand that they need GFWC! Just as Rosie the Riveter became a symbol during World War II that women needed to become involved in the work force, she will be our symbol to become involved in a membership campaign. There will be incentives and tools to inspire and encourage you, so please stay informed through our GFWC publications and website at www.GFWC.org.

As we increase our circle of influence, we will increase the wellbeing of our clubs and communities. Together, “We Can Do It!”

Love,

Rose M. Ditto, Ph.D.
GFWC International President



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~Proud President Tells All~

*If you don't like to hear someone brag,
then don't read this article.*

I am having a really good time being your President and I am not surprised. You are a fun bunch of people. After traveling around with your officers to the eight district conferences, we now know a lot more about each other and you. It was hard work, but I am so very proud to have been part of the group.



Tammy M. Garland

Laurie O'Kelly shared information about membership, presented an excellent session called "Don't Get Emotional about Motions", and was the chief navigator (*she does not trust my GPS*). Jo Ann Bolchoz did a really good job of sharing what is new with GFWS, helped organize and inform our club presidents in a session called "Behind the Gavel", and she was an excellent passenger (*she ended up riding with everyone*). ShirLee Alfors presented a very informative session for club secretaries called "Just the Facts, Ma'm", hosted us at her home, and let her husband cook us dinner (*we want to go back for more*). Linda Rogers helped club treasures see clearly the duties of their office with a session called "It All Makes Cents", hosted us in her beautiful home (*well her cats hosted us*) and led the way in her little Corvette (*if she didn't get a ticket then none of us would*). Caroline Brown shared with us information about GFWS and GFWS-SC Juniors and was always quick with a laugh (*she was laughing with us - not at us*). Last but not least, Jackie Boland. She has done it all! She sold coffee and pins. She loaded, unloaded, loaded, and unloaded the car. She rode in the back seat with a projector screen by her head. She left little treats on the table for us. She wrote notes that made us smile. She took pictures at meetings. Most of all, she has been a true friend to all of us at GFWS-SC.

At the district conferences, your presidents out did themselves. Here are just a few highlights from the meetings.

- *Club members donated to the Red Cross*
- *Interesting speakers*
- *Cotton candy for dessert*
- *Beautiful mother and daughter music*
- *Exquisite Train Depot*
- *New club members from Florance*
- *Juniorettes*
- *To die for pie*
- *Door prizes about time*
- *Printed ink pens*
- *Heavenly Ham lunch boxes to go*
- *Cold refreshing beverages*
- *Excellent projects shared*
- *Flexible meeting agendas*
- *Well run meetings*
- *Time to share with friends*



My favorite part was seeing almost 250 clubwomen from South Carolina this summer.

Don't miss the fun again! We would all love to see you at Winter Board or you could go with us to Southern Region in Jackson, Mississippi. All of us will do our best to make sure you enjoy yourself. I always learn something new when I attend GFWS meetings. Sometimes it is from the people that I know best ~our own South Carolina Clubwomen.



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First Vice President ~ Laurie O'Kelly

It was fabulous to see almost 250 clubwomen at the Sizzling Summer Sessions! I saw so many new faces. Thank you for giving your time to attend your district session.

The District Presidents did an outstanding job planning and hosting their district conferences. If you were absent, you missed a fun time. It was clear by the success of each meeting that they spent many hours preparing.

It seems that many of you took President Garland seriously when she challenged us to double the membership! Several District Presidents are already working to federate new clubs in their districts. I hope I will have several charters to hand out at Winter Board and Convention!

The Membership Task Force is active again in this administration. Members of the task force include the 8 District Presidents, Director-elect Michele Hood, Junior Membership Chair Melanie Johnson, Juniorette Chair Caroline Mahaffey, and past State Presidents Jackie Boland and Marian St. Clair. GFWC is holding a membership meeting at the Southern Region Conference in Jackson, Mississippi on October 24, and I hope all task force members will attend with me. Look for us to share information with you at Winter Board.

Get out there and invite your friends to join your club and become a member of the Star Recruiter Club! We will award stars to members who recruit new members (see chart below). This program is cumulative, so if you recruited 3 new members in a prior administration and you recruit 2 new members this year, you will receive a white star. These stars attach to any pin (GFWC, GFWC-SC or Tammy's pin).

Email me the names of each new member you recruit to LLOK385@aol.com or mail me a postcard to 1608 Willow Creek Lane, Columbia, SC 29212. I look forward to ordering your stars.

Members Recruited	Star
5-9	White
10-14	Red
15-19	Blue
20-24	Silver
25+	Gold

“4 More Would be GREAT in OCTober ‘08”

Presidents: Mail ACT in OCT card by November 25th.

Caroline L. Brown

GFWC-SC Director of Junior Clubs



Dear Juniors!

I hope you have had a wonderful break and are refreshed and ready to jump into your GFWC projects this fall! I am certain that your club presidents have been working very hard to put together fun and interesting events for you to put your efforts into this coming year. Please feel free to share with me what special fundraisers you are working on so that I can share the themes and dates with everyone! Plus, don't forget to be forwarding me your digital pictures displaying the fun you have had and the hard work that you are doing!!

I want you to know my theme; "It's Not Easy Being Green!" has started taking a larger role in my household. My family and I have started picking up the slack of being more aware of what we are and are not recycling. We have also changed out our light bulbs where we can to help save energy and lower our electric bill. Plus, we are more aware of making sure our electrical appliances and lights are turned off when they are not being used. Of course, that comes with a little help from my learning 4 year old son, Michael. He is constantly reminding... Just by doing these few things has opened our eyes to more that we can be doing in our home and beyond. I hope you are finding this project not only knowledgeable, but also fun! There is just so much out there in the world that we can do to better educate ourselves and help our communities.



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I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the coming months!

In Junior Spirit!

GFWC-SC ~ Clubwomen...

Q P S K X M H C I P S O Z E I
M L R Y Q S R T H E L T X N E
R E E T N U L O V A T E S E C
O D L Y G R E R F C N P H R N
F G A I E X E K O S I G T G E
N E V D C S R M E R N T E I U
I E A I I O M T E R M A C Z L
T E T X W I A I Z T A O R E F
L E B N T R G D E V O L D T N
G I U M E K X C V K B V C E I
C P E D D M A R G O R P E E L
Q N E C F R I E N D C K G D D
T F N E T S I L I T E A C H O
Q B T X J E B L O O G X T C J
D E D I C A T E J R K M U E X



...work puzzles!

This is Emily Pusser from the Charleston Jr. Woman's Club. She worked the crossword puzzle in the June Magazine.

These were the answers.

- Across-*
6. Sims-Stackhouse
7. three
8. time
Down-
1. Junioresettes
2. Charleston
3. thirteen
4. Mississippi
5. double

I knew I could make you look!

ADVOCATE
CHANGE
COMMITMENT
DECLARE
DEDICATE
DEVOTE
ENERGIZE

EXCITE
FEDERATE
FRIEND
GIVE
HELP
INFLUENCE
INFORM

INSPIRE
JOIN
LEADER
LISTEN
LOVE
MODEL
PLEDGE

PROGRAM
SERVE
TEACH
TRANSFORM
VOLUNTEER
WORK



Chicago ~ GFWC International Convention



So much to celebrate!

Junior Director ~ 1st Place
Membership ~ 1st Place
Resource Conservation ~ 1st Place
Dollars & Sense ~ \$50 Jubilee Club
2008 Canines for Companions Award
~ Rock Hill Woman's Club~
2008 Paula Cutler Award
(Operation Smile Donation)
Women's Health ~ 1st Place

Found recycled dress ideas
Jackie Boland was installed as
Southern Region Treasurer
Networked with old Federation friends
Made new friends
Learned some new dance moves
Went to the "Taste of Chicago"
Had fun while celebrating being a
VOLUNTEER



Busy Work

Janet Smalley, GFWC Poet Laureate

She left work at 5:00 PM, shopped for new jogging shoes at Macy's
No Time
To think about the seven year old
Whose new tennis shoes came from Goodwill.



At 7:00 PM, she unlocked the door of her lake home
No Time
To consider the family whose nightly shelter
Was a cardboard box underneath the overpass.

She zapped the Healthy Choice dinners and threw a load of clothes in the washer -
Wanting to lie down on her Posturepedic by 10:00 PM.
No Time
To think about the teenager who shook out and smoothed out
The jeans and T Shirt she wore to school and work today,
Hoping no one would remember them tomorrow.

The next day at 7:00 AM, she ran down to the kitchen, poured out the Lucky
Charms,
Tossed around the cereal bars and poured the OJ
No Time
To be thankful that her family would go to work and school
Without empty, growling stomachs.

At noon, she scowled at the slow waitress at Applebees
Ate without grace
No Time
To empathize with the single mother
Who had skipped lunch to draw an extra hour of minimum wage pay.

Finally 5:00 PM came; she left work and headed home.
Plenty of time to think about the unpleasant hours she would spend there
And at work the next day.

And a child cleans mud off his tennis shoes,
Ashamed that she got her new shoes so dirty.
And a family pulls out their cardboard home from underneath the bridge support,
Grateful that the road crew did not toss it into the trash.
And the single mother smiles with hope,
For the extra overtime that will buy notebooks and pencils.
And the teenager closes her eyes and dreams
Of the prom dress that she believes will miraculously dance into her life

But she just shakes her head and pops 2 Advil and lies down on her Posturepedic
And wonders why all her hard work and the time she spends make no difference.
None.

~Apartment for Rent~

One of the apartments in the Mansion is in need of a good tenant. It consists of a large bedroom, large living room, tile bathroom with tub and shower, and a small kitchen furnished with range, refrigerator and microwave. Central heat and air, electricity, water and sewer are included in the rental of \$530 per month for this spacious apartment with private entrance. Call Princa Wright at 803-787-4297 for further information and appointment to see.

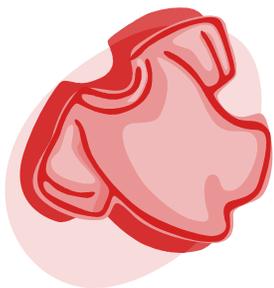


GFWC-SC Headquarters
Sims-Stackhouse Mansion

~Headquarters Work Days~

The Headquarters Committee has selected October 4 and October 11 (no home games for Gamecocks or Tigers) as work days at GFWC-SC Headquarters, 1511 Laurel Street, Columbia. Time is from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon to work in the yard or in the house. There are plenty of supplies to clean inside. We request that you please bring items such as trimmers, rakes, shovels, "Roundup" or similar spray and ALSO male-type relatives and friends for yard work. The more workers we have, the more will be accomplished. Please put these dates on your calendar and meet us there one or both mornings.

Princa Wright, Chairman



The WC of Rock Hill has a project to make diapers for Honduras from recycled t-shirts. We cut and sew the diapers here and mail them off to Minnesota for a national organization to ship them to Honduras. There is such a need for these children to have diapers.

This is our 3rd year with this project and we are running short of shirts. We would appreciate any donations of shirts from our sister clubs. The shirts can be colored, not black, and must not have any raised letters on them. We would need them by early September as we will be sewing them on September 16, 17 & 18th. Tammy, maybe we could have members bring them to Winter Board or Convention for 2009 since we are short of time for this year and shipping is costly. We would be grateful for any help you could give us.

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Northwestern ~ Friday, July 25th in Clemson

- Once-A-Week Club Award** – Seneca Jr. Woman’s Club
- Northwestern District Cup** – Easley Woman’s Club
- The Walhalla Junior Woman’s Club Community Spirit Award** – Walhalla Woman’s Club
- Making Time for Others Silver Award** – Walhalla Jr. Woman’s Club
- Northwestern District Easley Junior Women’s Club Arts Award** – Easley Jr. Woman’s Club
- Beulah Higgins Conference Attendance Award** – GFWC Foothills Woman’s Club



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Northern ~ Saturday, July 26th in Spartanburg

- Northern District Award** – GFWC Jubilee Club
- Northern District Photography Award** - GFWC Jubilee Club
- Jolene W. Bryant Award** - GFWC Jubilee Club
- Mary Renfro Memorial Award** – Hillcrest High Juniors
- Spartanburg Council of Federated Women’s Clubs Award** – Palmetto Jr. Woman’s Club



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Midlands ~ Saturday, July 26th in Batesburg

- Becky M. Clark Silver Award** - Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- Ruby Crook Silver Award** - Jr. Woman’s Club of Lexington
- Junior Woman’s Club of Lexington Silver Award** – GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club
- Connie B. McFarland Silver Award** – Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Midlands Conservation Award** - Jr. Woman’s Club of Lexington
- Christie C. Addy Education Award** - Jr. Woman’s Club of Lexington
- The Annie Laurie George Silver Award** - Jr. Woman’s Club of Lexington
- Pamela Abikhaleh Community Improvement Program Award** Jr. Woman’s Club of Lexington
- Lexington Woman’s Club Legislation Award** - Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Midlands District President’s Spirit Award** - GFWC Saxe Gotha Woman’s Club
- Mabel J. Bonnette Award:** Lake Murray-Irmo Woman’s Club
- Midlands District Conference Attendance Award:** Woman’s Society of Batesburg-Leesville
- Midlands District Membership Award:** Chapin Woman’s Club



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Western ~ Sunday, July 27th in Aiken

- Sissy Brodie Award** – Aiken Jr. Woman’s Club
- Joan Marine Award** – Aiken Woman’s Club
- Peggy All Award** – Aiken Jr. Woman’s Club
- Ginnie Samsel Award** – Aiken Woman’s Club
- Betty Thomason Award** - Aiken Woman’s Club
- Western District Conference Attendance Award** – not awarded



Southern ~ Friday, August 1st in St. George



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- Myrt Riggs Award – St. George Women’s Guild
- Southern District Award - Charleston Jr. Woman’s Club
- Jean L. Pearce Award - St. George Women’s Guild
- Virginia Baxley Silver Award – Charleston Jr. Woman’s Club
- Charleston Junior Woman’s Club Community Improvement Program Award – not awarded
- Jo Ann Thornhill Bolchoz Award – Woman’s Club of Charleston
- Brenda Kiser Silver Award - Woman’s Club of Charleston
- Sissy Welch Award - Woman’s Club of Charleston
- Southern District President’s Spirit Award – Charleston Jr. Woman’s Clubs
- Annie Utsey Award – Charleston Federation of Women’s Clubs



Eastern ~ Saturday, August 2nd in Myrtle Beach



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- Mrs. Rufus H. Cain Award – North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Pat Estep Community Service Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Sue Burgess Education Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- The Ruth Fairchild Memorial Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club
- Mrs. Grady Vickers Award - North Myrtle Beach Woman’s Club



North Central ~ Saturday, August 2nd in Fort Mill



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- North Central Project Award – Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- North Central District Award I – Jr. Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- North Central District Award II - Woman’s Club of Rock Hill
- Essie Mae Eller Arts Award I – not awarded
- Essie Mae Eller Arts Award II – not awarded
- Perry W. Cathcart Arts Award - Woman’s Club of Rock Hill



Central ~ Sunday, August 3rd in Columbia



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- Somerset Silver Award – Jr. Woman’s Club of Columbia
- Dotsy L. Boineau Silver Award – not awarded
- Palmetto Club Award – Palmetto Woman’s Club
- Central District Award – St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Judy Keating International Affairs Children’s Award – St. Andrews Woman’s Club
- Debbie P. Alexander Award – Jr. Woman’s Club of Columbia
- Ethel M. Wismer Memorial Award – Palmetto Woman’s Club





GFWC-SC Department Program Chairmen...

Express Yourself! Creative Arts Program: Janet R. Smalley
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That's why the Creative Arts Program of GFWC exists... Whether you are a budding photographer, poet, dramatist or short story author, use this program to motivate you to explore your talent and to grow. You can also provide an outlet for youth from Grades 1 - 12 to stretch their creative energies through poems and short stories. Here's how:

Great States Update Color Photography Contest – This is a 2-year program at the end of which the winning SC matted and framed photo will be ready to hang in the GFWC Washington Headquarters. Photos entered should be “SC representative,” no larger than 20 x 18 horizontal (including frame). Our winning SC photo will also be displayed at the GFWC International Convention in 2010. GFWC-SC deadline to Creative Arts Chair is February Reporting Deadline 2009, 2010, with SC 1st and 2nd places recognized at Annual Convention. Our SC Great State Winner will be selected from these entries and must be sent to GFWC by March 31, 2010. *

The World in Pictures BW/Color Photography Contest – This annual contest seeks amateur entries from natural history, scenic vistas and/or human interest, with awards made in each category and the top photo in each submitted to GFWC for national competition. Matted photos must be between 10x12 to 14x16 size, (including matting), no frames or glass. GFWC-SC deadline to Creative Arts Chair is the February Reporting Deadline. SC Winners in each category must be post-marked to GFWC by March 15. Places 1,2,3 in GFWC win \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively. *

GFWC Volunteers in Action Photography Contest – The name says it all for this contest judged on creativity and quality. Size, stipulations, submission and deadlines same as “The World in Pictures.” Places 1,2,3 in GFWC win \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively. *

A Year in Pictures Calendar Photography Contest - Want to make your mark in history? Then shoot some flowers, fauna, vistas and more – all appropriate for the GFWC Calendar. Size, stipulations, submissions and deadlines same as “The World in Pictures.” No GFWC monetary prize *

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GFWC Short Story Contest – Amateurs of self expression are encouraged to write a fictional short story limited to 2000 words, typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on 8.5 x 11 paper. Top right hand must have author, email, mailing address, phone, local club and club category, title. Submit to Creative Arts Chair by the February Reporting Deadline; SC Winner must sign a release to compete in GFWC national contest.

GFWC Poetry Contest – Amateurs with poetic persuasion are tempted to write an entry of any style, between 8 – 50 lines. Formatting and submission rules are same as Short Story regulations.

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GFWC YOUTH Short Story Contest – Amateurs of self expression in grades 1 – 12 are encouraged to write a fictional short story limited to 2000 words, typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins on 8.5 x 11 paper. Top right hand must have author, email, mailing address, phone, youth category, sponsoring local club and club category, title. Submit to Creative Arts Chair by the February Reporting Deadline; SC Winner must sign a release to compete in GFWC national contest. *

GFWC YOUTH Poetry Contest – Amateurs with poetic persuasion in grades 1 – 12 are encouraged to write an entry of any style, between 8 – 50 lines. Formatting and submission rules are same as Short Story regulations. *

**Youth entries compete in 3 categories: Category 1 - Grades 1-3; Category 2 - Grades 4-6; Category 3 - Grades 7-9; Category 4 - Grades 10-12. Manuscripts sent to GFWC can not be returned and become the royalty free property of GFWC.*

Grab a pencil, pen, tablet, back of an envelope, computer, PDA, box top...anything and start writing! Use a digital, traditional or disposal camera and go photo-shooting! You will expand your mind and amaze everyone, especially yourself. Be everything you were meant to be; explore the GFWC / GFWC-SC Creative Arts!

Beautification Program: Let's get (our communities) beautiful!

If your community needs a LANDSCAPING or façade FACELIFT:

Explore the ideas the SC Wildlife Federation offers: a Carolina Fence Garden, Schoolyard Habitat, or Backyard Wildlife Habitat would be a super project! (www.scwf.org)

Find out about America in Bloom (www.americainbloom.org) Check out the “Best Ideas” page!

Peruse the fantastic project ideas at Project Learning Tree (www.PLT.org)

Invite a Master Gardener to present a program!

Develop a “Yard of the Month” award or present “Golden Broom” awards to local businesses that clean up or improve their storefronts or surroundings. (talk about good P.R.!)

How about a garden or fix-up project at a Hospice or Nursing home, or a Shelter?

Your local library or community center might need some TLC on their grounds!

Is there a low-income Housing Project that could use some sprucing up?

Sponsor a mural on a downtown building or school wall.

Is there a historical building that needs some repair or improvement?

Does your town have a “Welcome” sign, or welcoming landscaping?

If you're into TREES:

Could your town receive Tree City USA designation? (www.arborday.org)

Plant a tree (or trees!) in a public park, school or building in honor of Arbor Day or someone in your community.

Is there a tree where you live that needs to be on the National Registry of Historic Trees?

Plan an Earth Day program in a local school.

If it's LITTER that lights your fire:

Organize a litter clean-up of highways, parks, or your downtown.

Participate with other groups in shoreline, stream, and waterway clean-ups.

Organize disposal and recycling options for your community.

Get your club to participate in Keep America Beautiful's “Great American Clean-Up” in April.





As a club:

- **Make every effort to reduce the use of plastic.** Example: do not use plastic ware, bottles, etc. at a club function or meeting. Worldwide 2.7 million tons of plastic are used to bottle water each year. (OneWorld) 1.5 million barrels of oil are used annually to produce plastic water bottles for America alone - enough to fuel some 100,000 U.S. cars for a year. (Earth Policy Institute) Like all plastic, these bottles will be with us forever since plastic does not biodegrade; rather, it breaks down into smaller and smaller toxic bits that contaminate our soil and waterways. 8 out of 10 bottles are not recycled. Plastic forks and spoons are made from petroleum and will remain in the landfills for over 1000 years.
- **Make a pitch to lawmakers to make South Carolina the first state to tax plastic shopping bags.** According to The Wall Street Journal, the U.S. goes through 100 billion plastic shopping bags annually. (Estimated cost to retailers is \$4 billion) In 2001, Ireland consumed 1.2 billion plastic bags. An extremely successful plastic bag consumption tax, or **PlasTax**, introduced in 2002 reduced consumption by 90%. Approximately 18,000,000 liters of oil have been saved due to this reduced production. (reusablebags.com)
- **Persuade your favorite stores to offer bag credits bringing your own bag** or if that does not work, persuade the management to ask consumers who bring one or two items to the counter "Would you like a bag?"
- **Reduce your carbon footprint:** The average American emits 22 tons of Carbon dioxide every year compared to the worldwide average of 5 tons/year. Electricity is one of the biggest producers of carbon emissions-at meetings turn the thermostat up or down to match the season, meet in a park, turn on fewer lights. In businesses where members are cold in the summer (restaurants, movie theaters, etc.), the club could write letters to the management to persuade them to adjust the temperature. According to the National Conservancy, automobiles produce over 20 percent of total carbon emissions. Car pool to all meetings and events. Lobby for foot and bike paths that connect major working and shopping areas.
- **Become a paperless club**-print as seldom as possible
- **Support public lands.** Hold meetings, events, take nature tours in public green areas such as local and state parks or federal forest. Stay attuned to legislation regarding land use. Become as activist club.
- **Become educated and educate others.** Give a "do now" idea at each meeting, in your newsletter, and in the local papers. (exp: change to energy saving light bulbs, buy recycled Christmas wrapping paper.) Evaluate the use of your ideas.
- **Complete the recycling chain.** Buy and use recycled products. Recycle. Start a recycling program where none exists.

Resources for Education Projects: Linda Grant / blgrant@comporium.net / 1728 Heatherhill Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732 / 803-366-6034
Epsilon sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society and a permanent part of the GFWC Education Department. Members can participate in ESO as part of a reading group or on their own. ESO provides clubwomen with a structured reading program that is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. The 2008 Reading List should soon be available on the GFWC website.

Friends of Libraries U.S.A. provides resources, services and networking opportunities for friends, trustees, and foundations across the country. One of their focus areas is "Books for Babies."

Each year the South Carolina Association of School Librarians encourages students to read quality literature by compiling annotated lists of age-appropriate, contemporary literature for K-12 students.

The AARP Foundation's Women's Scholarship Program provides funds to women 40+ who are seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families.

Talbot's Charity foundation awards \$100,000 in scholarships to women. These scholarship awards are based primarily on financial need and previous achievements for women who earned their high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago and are seeking an undergraduate degree from an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school.

Educate members and others about rates of low literacy and stimulate citizen action to address impact and concerns related to literacy.

Is your Club looking for a great Education project? Then check out some of these websites

www.ProLiteracy.com - for qualifications on becoming a tutor

www.FamLit.org - the National Center for Family Literacy

www.DictionaryProject.org - participate in the Dictionary Project

www.DropEverythingAndRead.com - celebrate Drop Everything and Ready Day (D.E.A.R.) on April 12, the birthday of Beverly Cleary

www.FirstBook.org - support First Book

www.ALA.org - the American Library Association sponsors Teen Read Week the third week of each October

www.HeartOfAmerica.org - Participate in the Heart of America's Books From the Heart program.

Register your club's book drive on their website and receive a certificate.

www.NEA.org/ReadAcrossAmerica.com - become a member of NEA's Read Across America.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2 by volunteering to read to children at your local library or local school.

Contact Reading Rockets at www.AskRR@ReadingRockets.org with any questions regarding information that would assist a tutor in teaching a child to read.

www.BookAdventure.org - a free resource to motivate kids in grades K-8 to read

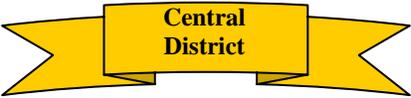
www.FOLUSA.com - become a member of your local library's Friends of the Library program

**Remember to "Take Time to Make a Difference" in a child's life or an adult's life...
teach them to read. It is one of the greatest gifts you could give!**

****Look for more ideas for projects or programs in the December issue.***

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Dear Club Member,

We have room for 15 more clubs to be listed in this section this

year. Can you help us with this problem?

We want to use all the space in the magazine.

*Sincerely,
Tammy*

- Renaissance Woman's Club**
5 Years
- Roper Mountain Woman's Club**
5 Years
- Upstate Woman's Club**
15 Years
- Jr. Woman's Club of Lexington**
20 Years
- Sand River Woman's Club**
25 Years
- GFWC Jubilee Club**
35 Years
- Seneca Jr. Woman's Club**
35 Years
- Woman's Club of Charleston**
40 Years
- Woman's Club of Darlington**
40 Years
- St. Andrews Woman's Club**
45 Years
- Easley Jr. Woman's Club**
50 Years
- Lexington Woman's Club**
50 Years
- Woman's Society of Batesburg-Leesville**
50 Years
- Lexington Literary Club**
70 Years
- Monetta Woman's Study Club**
80 Years
- Once A Week Club**
110 Years
- Over the Teacups**
110 Years
- Paul Hayne Circle**
110 Years
- Perihelion Book Club**
110 Years

Happy Anniversary
Clubs



Let's go to Jackson, Mississippi

What: 2008 GFWC Southern Region Conference

When: October 23-26

Where: Jackson Marriott®

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Plans: Thursday, October 23 is the Executive Board Meeting

Friday, October 24 Tour of the City, Membership Workshop, and Mississippi State Night

Saturday, October 25 Workshops, Business Meeting, Domestic

Violence Luncheon, LEADs Reports, Dinner with Rose Ditto

Sunday, October 26 "Strength In Knowing" Eli Lily Speaker with Cancer Updates, reports,
invitation to come to South Carolina for the 2009 Southern Region Conference

Registration for 2008 GFWC Southern Region Conference

Hosted by: GFWC of Mississippi

October 24-26, 2008

Deadline is October 10, 2008

Name _____ Address _____
City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____ State Federation _____

Check the Following: Registration fee per person is \$10

GFWC Officer ~ Title _____
 Southern Region Officer ~ Title _____
 State Federation Officer ~ Title _____
 GFWC Chairman ~ Title _____
 Southern Region Chairman ~ Title _____
 Member or Guest

Thursday, Oct. 23: 7PM dinner ~ \$44
 Friday, Oct. 24: 7PM dinner ~ \$32
 Saturday, Oct. 25: 12:30 luncheon ~ \$29
 Saturday, Oct. 25: 7PM dinner ~ \$33
 Sunday, Oct. 26: 8AM breakfast ~ \$24

Friday, Oct. 24 9:15-3:15
City Tour ~ \$30

Total meals and tour _____

Registration Fee _____

Total Due _____

Please mail registration and check made payable to Mississippi Federation of Women's Club to:

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By October 10th

2009 GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting
Saluda Shoals Park
~ Environmental Education Center~
 January 10, 2009

All members please plan to attend the GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting on Saturday, January 10th. We have read your suggestions from the Exit Slips at your District Conferences and we plan to give you what you are asking for.

1. *How can we honor our club members?*
2. *How should we write our club reports?*
3. *How do we write reports that go to GFWC that win us some money?*
4. *What are some successful fund raisers and club project ideas from each district?*
5. *What did the Membership Task Force learn at the Southern Region Conference that will help increase and retain our membership?*



Saluda Shoals Park
 5605 Bush River Rd.
 Columbia, SC 29212



Let's meet at 9:00,
start the meeting at 9:30
and have lunch with
our friends at 12:30.

GFWC-SC 2008-2010
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| <p>September 4-7
 October 24-26
 November 1
 November 1
 November 15
 January 9
 January 9
 January 10</p> | <p>GFWC Board of Directors Meeting ~ Washington, DC
 Southern Region ~ Jackson, Mississippi
 Dues to GFWC-SC Treasurer
 Club Yearbook due to GFWC-SC 1st VP & District President
 Progress Foundation Grant Application due from Clubs
 GFWC-SC Executive Committee Meeting ~ Columbia, SC
 District Presidents Dinner ~ Headquarters ~ Columbia, SC
 GFWC-SC Winter Board Meeting ~ Columbia, SC</p> |
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