

PHOTOGRAPHY AND WRITING CONTESTS
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As we face new challenges, what an appropriate reminder from our CFWC President Barbara Briley Beard with her theme "CFWC is Blessed, Bright and Bold." With this positive perspective in mind, we welcome you all to channel your creative energy and share it with everyone. Step up and encourage your members to capture all the poignant moments with creative writing and visual storytelling. Please note that the due dates at the State level are based on ensuring we meet the National deadlines.

ALL ENTRIES (Creative Writing AND Photography) **MUST** INCLUDE A SIGNED **GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER FORM**.

ADDITIONALLY, FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18: A SIGNED **MINOR' S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM AND a MINOR' S PUBLICITY RELEASE FORM** MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH ENTRY.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:
ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

There are two main categories (there are subcategories for "The World in Pictures") for the photography contest:

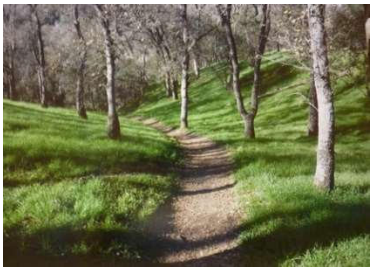
I. THE WORLD IN PICTURES: These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

a. Our World Up Close—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.

b. Natural Wonders—Use wide angles and panoramas, or moody landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.

c. Reflections—Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.









II. GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one- on-one.

- **RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST:**
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph;
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC Club;
- Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.

- **Artwork Guidelines for Photography Contest:**
- Photographs may be vertical/portrait OR horizontal/landscape;
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo;
- Each photograph must be an 8" x 10" print; digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-resolution digital copy of the submission is encouraged.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8" x 10" board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. NO mattes, frames, or hangers.
- Photographs taken may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black/white;
- Photographs will NOT be returned;
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
    - Contest Name: The World in Pictures with category OR GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit;
    - Photographer's Name, email address, mailing address, and phone number;
    - Name and State of the sponsoring club;
    - Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph;
    - Arrow indicating top of the photograph.

- **DISCLAIMER:** By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

- **CFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Write the description and contact information for the yearbook in July of every year and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- Send out an information packet to District Presidents in September.
- Support and answer all questions from District Photography Contest Chairs.

- Collect & Categorize entries for the CFWC Photography Contest by Monday, April 24, 2023
- Find Photography Judges for the CFWC Photography Contest to prior to May 2023.
- Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC by May 15, 2023.

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Photography Contest Packet (during the month of September)
- Encourage your District to participate!
- Collect all photography and submit with all required documents per aforementioned instructions.
- **Send all 1st place photography winners in your district to Olma O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at P.O. Box 681, Pescadero, CA 94070. DUE TO CFWC BY APRIL 17, 2023. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**

SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

September – October 2022: Photography Contest packet is sent by email from the CFWC Photography Contest Chair, to the District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Photography Contest Chairs.

Monthly, November 2022 – March 2023: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Photography Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

April 2023: Collect all Photography Contest entries ***(DUE DATE TO CFWC: APRIL 17, 2023)*** for judging at the CFWC level.

April 26 – May 14, 2023: Photography Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. *Note: If you need help finding judges, think about contacting a local Facebook/Meetup Camera Club; they do judging all of the time. The other suggestion would be a local camera store.*

May 2023: Olma O'Neill, CFWC Photography Contest Chair will turn in entries, by May 15, 2023, to GFWC for judging at the national level.

Awards will be presented at the 2023 CFWC Convention awards ceremony. After the awards ceremony, all photography will be returned to the Districts/Clubs.

WRITING CONTEST:
ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2023



RULES FOR WRITING CONTEST:

- Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC Club;
- Authors must be amateurs (earnings from writing may not exceed $500 annually);
- Entries must be written during January 1 – December 31;
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author;
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission;
- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words;
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of 8 lines, and a maximum of 50 lines;
- One entry per member per category;
- Entries must be:
    - Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only;
    - Have minimum margins of one inch on all four sides;
    - On 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page:
    - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number;
    - Name of author's GFWC Club and State Federation;
    - Category;
    - Title of Work.
- Please contact CFWC Writing and Photography Chair, Olma O'Neill, for Youth Writing Contest rules and guidelines.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND DISCLAIMER:

- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy;
- By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes;
- A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry.

CFWC WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Write the description and contact information for the yearbook in July of every year and send it to the appropriate CFWC Yearbook contact person.
- Send out an information packet to District Presidents in September.
- Support and answer all questions from District Writing Contest Chairs.
- Collect and Categorize all entries for the CFWC Writing Contest by Monday, March 11, 2023.
- Find Writing Judges for the CFWC Writing Contest. All entries will need to be judged before Monday, March 18, 2023.
- Send 1st place winners in each category to GFWC by April 1, 2023.

DISTRICT WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Writing Contest Packet (during the month of September)
- Encourage your District to participate!
- Collect all writing entries and submit with all required documents per aforementioned instructions.
- **Send all 1st place Writing winners in your district to Olma O' Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at P.O. Box 681, Pescadero, CA 94070. DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2023. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**

SUGGESTED TIMELINE:

September – October 2022: Writing Contest packet is sent by email from the CFWC Writing Contest Chair, to the District Presidents, for distribution to their respective District Writing Contest Chairs.

Monthly, November 2022 – February 2023: Encourage District Presidents to announce the Photography Contest in district and club newsletters, as regularly as possible.

March 2023: Collect all Writing Contest entries ***(DUE DATE TO CFWC: MARCH 1, 2023)*** for judging at the CFWC level. Writing Contest entries will be judged at the CFWC level. All entries are judged by non-club members. *Note: If you need help finding judges, think about contacting a local Facebook/Meetup Writing Club; they do judging all of the time. The other suggestion would be a local bookstore.*

April 2023: Olma O' Neill, CFWC Writing Contest Chair will turn in entries, by April 1, 2023, to GFWC for judging at the national level.

May 2023: Awards will be presented at the 2023 CFWC Convention awards ceremony. After the awards ceremony, all entries will be returned to the Districts/Clubs.

PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of: _____. I am legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Child and, furthermore, I am legally entitled to provide this release.

I hereby grant and assign the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish my child's name, voice, image and/or likeness for editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media and internet. I understand and agree that neither me nor my child will be paid for any use described above at any time.

By signing this form, I hereby release the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to the use of my child's name, image and/or likeness for the above purposes.

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Publicity Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Publicity Release.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____