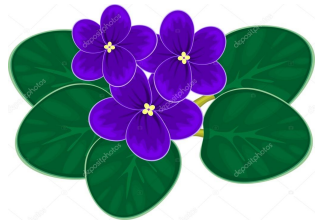


## Presidents' Message

WE HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU WELL AS WE ENTER THE BEAUTIFUL MONTH OF OCTOBER. AS THE LEAVES CHANGE COLORS AND THE AIR BECOMES CRISP, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW CONTEST. EVERYONE LOVES TO WALK MAIN STREET AND SEE HOW CREATIVE OUR NEIGHBORS ARE. OUR OCTOBER MEETING IS NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT. JOYCE AND SUSAN HAVE A FUN NIGHT PLANNED. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO THE MEDFORD WOMAN'S CLUB.

~ SHAWN AND ELLEN

VISIT OUR WEBSITE [MEDFORDWOMANSCLUB.COM](http://MEDFORDWOMANSCLUB.COM)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 12 ~ GENERAL MEETING  
MEDFORD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
7:00 PM

OCTOBER 24 ~ BOOK CLUB  
SUSAN'S HOUSE  
6:00 PM

OCTOBER 32 ~ HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS AND DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

WINE PRESENTATION FROM TAUNTON  
FORGE WINE AND LIQUORS



# Things to Consider

WE NEED FULL PARTICIPATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR MANY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THE OPTIONS BELOW AND CHOOSE ACCORDINGLY.

**NOVEMBER** – THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR POLICE ON DUTY. NANCY VOLUNTEERED TO COOK TURKEY HOWEVER SIDE DISHES ARE STILL NEEDED.

**DECEMBER** – SANTA LETTERS. NEED HELP WITH ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION.

**DECEMBER** – DECORATE TREE AT POLICE STATION FOR THEIR KIDS PARTY.

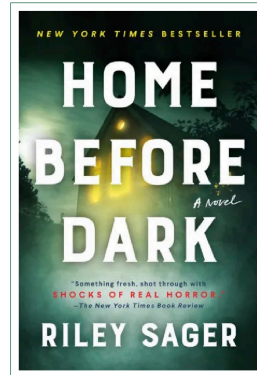
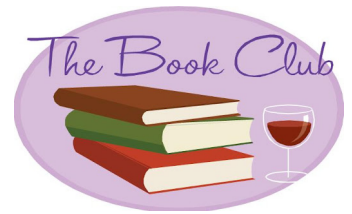
**JANUARY** – SPELLING BEE. WORK STARTS IN OCTOBER, NEED 10 VOLUNTEERS. ELAINE IS WILLING TO CHAIR AGAIN, BUT SOMEONE NEEDS TO STEP UP TO BE TRAINED

**JANUARY** – NEED A CHAIR FOR SCHOLARSHIP FOR SENIORS FOR WRITTEN ESSAY'S.

**FEBRUARY** – TEA. JOYCE AND SUSAN WILL CHAIR AGAIN HOWEVER MUCH MORE HELP IS NEEDED. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

**OCTOBER 2024** - KATHY NEEDS SOMEONE TO BE TRAINED. WE WILL BE USING DIGITAL SIGN UPS NEXT YEAR SO IT SHOULD RUN SMOOTHLY BUT HELP IS STILL REQUESTED.

WE ASK THAT EACH OF YOU VOLUNTEER FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THESE PROJECTS.



**HOME BEFORE DARK**  
BY RILEY SAGER

EVERY HOUSE HAS A STORY TO TELL AND A SECRET TO SHARE.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, MAGGIE HOLT AND HER PARENTS MOVED INTO BANE BERRY HALL, A RAMBLING VICTORIAN ESTATE IN THE VERMONT WOODS. THREE WEEKS LATER THEY FLED IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, AN ORDEAL HER FATHER RECOUNTED IN A MEMOIR CALLED HOUSE OF HORRORS. HIS STORY OF SUPERNATURAL HAPPENINGS AND MALEVOLENT SPIRITS BECAME A WORLDWIDE PHENOMENON, RIVALING THE AMITYVILLE HORROR IN POPULARITY—AND SKEPTICISM.

SUSAN'S HOUSE  
OCTOBER 24 ~ 6 PM



## Scarecrow Contest 2023

AFTER A SOMEWHAT ROCKY START ~ RESCHEDULING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER THAT NEVER ACTUALLY MATERIALIZED ~ WE HAVE 26 SCARECROWS LINING MAIN STREET. A VOTE HAVING BEEN TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER



MEETING, THIS MEANS WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION OF \$520 TO THE EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION - THE NJSFWC SPECIAL STATE PROJECT.



# NJSFWC NEWS

## NJSFWC ECONNNECTION

### NJSFWC is busier than ever!

Shirley A. Holly, NJSFWC President | October 5, 2023

**Fall Conference October 23<sup>rd</sup>** cost is \$50 with a choice of 4 entrees; you pick tableside. Speakers will be Day of Service Chairman Mary Lou Bak, International Past President MaryEllen Brock and Marci Hopkins, award winning TV personality and host of the talk show "Wake Up With Marci". We will work on two one-and-done projects. Membership Awards will be given along with GFWC Convention Awards.

Want to stay the night before? Contact the East Windsor Hampton Inn for an NJSFWC price and then join us for a Paint & Sip party cost is \$20.

Please contact Fall Conference Chairman, Vivien Finn at [finn@njsfwc.org](mailto:finn@njsfwc.org).

### Report Writing Workshop

At each Workshop we review all you need to know about Annual Report Writing. These reports are used to generate the awards that are given out on Achievement Day and at Convention. Make sure your club is represented for all they do.

An in-person Report Writing Workshop will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Headquarters from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and a Zoom Workshop on November 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Register for one today! Contact First Vice President, Susan Chambers at [chambers@njsfwc.org](mailto:chambers@njsfwc.org).

### Open House Festival of Trees is November 30<sup>th</sup>!

Join your sisters for this new event. Clubs and members are donating trees decorated using the Community Service Program themes. Clubwomen are also creating wreaths with not only holiday themes but any theme! All these items will be available for purchase at our silent auction! Come join the fun, see your Headquarters House beautifully decorated as we kick off the season. There are two sessions available. Please contact Headquarters Chairman, Laurel Dobalo at [dobalo@njsfwc.org](mailto:dobalo@njsfwc.org) to register for this new event.

**Operation Holiday Stocking Collection Dates:** Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Headquarters. Contact [brown@njsfwc.org](mailto:brown@njsfwc.org) for times.

**Bus Trip to GFWC Headquarters in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** Join your sisters as we visit GFWC Headquarters for this day trip to view GFWC Headquarters decorated for the holidays. Contact Annette Bortone at [201-873-1913](tel:201-873-1913) to reserve your seat. Cost is \$85 per person (if 50 people attend).

Mark your calendars for the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Monday - Wednesday, May 6-8, 2024. More details to come!





# GF WC NEWS

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## National Day of Service

® SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

*Living the Volunteer Spirit*

[www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org)

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### Thank You!!

It's fantastic to hear that the Inaugural GFWC National Day of Service was a tremendous success! The engagement of over 880 Clubs, 24 Districts, 29 State Federations, 5 National Clubs, 1 Region (Middle Atlantic Region), and 1 International Affiliate Club (Aruba) demonstrates a remarkable commitment to making a positive impact on the serious issue of Food Insecurity.

The diversity of projects, ranging from supporting food banks and soup kitchens to backpack programs, the collections of food, and gift cards, reflects the dedication and creativity of GFWC members. Seeing the effort towards addressing such a crucial issue is heartwarming.

Your GFWC International President is proud of each of you for making a significant difference in your communities. The spirit of service and collaboration showcased during this event is a testament to the power of collective action in addressing important social challenges.

Congratulations to everyone involved in organizing and participating in the GFWC National Day of Service. It's a wonderful example of the positive change that can be achieved through community service. Well done!

You are truly *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

Deb Strahanoski

GFWC International President 2022-2024



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