



# GFWC of MN

February 2023

President Linda Blue Bi-Monthly Newsletter

## Important Dates

- April 23-29 – Volunteers in Action Week
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – West Central District Convention (Madison, MN)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – North District Convention (Blackduck, MN)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – South East District Convention (Silver Lake, MN)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – South West District Convention (Tracy, MN)
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – GFWC Federation Day
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – East Central District Convention (Edina, MN)
- May 5-7 – GFWC MN Convention Alexandria, MN
- June 10-12 – GFWC International Convention
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Workshop St. Johns, MN

## Congratulations!

GFWC Library Club is celebrating 110 years!

## Find Us Online!

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

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

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## ***2023 State Convention***

### Greetings from Linda Blue

We are getting excited over the Minnesota State Convention in Alexandria on May 5, 6, & 7<sup>th</sup> this year. We have a fantastic team of women working really hard to make this a fun and meaningful experience.

Friday morning May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM we will have our Mini Minnesota Leads class. If possible, we would like at least 1 person from every club. We thought it might be more fun for that person to bring a friend, or maybe more than one. We have a great set of presenters and topics. If you are not familiar with LEADS, it is a Leadership and Development seminar, to help you in your work in GFWC as well as in other areas of your life. They discuss skills on leadership, membership, conflict resolution, our GFWC resources as well as other topics. The purpose is to help give you confidence (or maybe more confidence) to take a leadership role. Each attendee must fill out the registration form.

Then early Friday afternoon we have arranged a tour of Carlos Creek Winery. We will have a shuttle bus take you from Arrowwood Resort to the Winery and back. For an additional charge, they will offer a flight of their wines. If you do not want to walk the vineyard part of the tour, you can just tour the winery and then relax on their grounds until the others get back.

Friday afternoon after the tour we will work on our Community Service Project which ties into our speaker on Saturday morning from Hope for Justice, they are an affiliate of GFWC. They rescue victims of human trafficking. The Community Service Project will be filling backpacks for them to give to their survivors. I will be sending a list of items we need to your District Presidents soon, and they will notify your club how to help. If you want to find out more about Hope for Justice refer to [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) under the Member Portal and look in the club manual. You can also view their website [www.hopeforjustice.org](http://www.hopeforjustice.org)

Friday evening, we will call the Board Meeting into session. In addition to the board members, any member is invited. Friday after the board meeting, we will find a spot where everyone can just get together and visit. Feel free to bring beverages/snacks. The Meeting will start Saturday morning at 9:00. and Saturday evening our banquet will celebrate our Empowering Women.

Sunday morning, we will continue with our unfinished business and then we will adjourn.

We have several things on the agenda that we hope you will find informative and beneficial.

### Club Fundraiser Shout Outs!

*This is a NEW section to our newsletter! Have an upcoming fundraiser?? Let me know and I will shout it out! Let's support each other!*

**Golden Valley Federated Womens Club** – they are hosting a fashion show on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-3pm. Location: Cavalry Center Cooperative 7600 Golden Valley Rd. Golden Valley, MN Contact Shirley Kramer at 763-588-5739 for tickets – only \$25

**Convention  
Hotel Deadline!!**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>!**

My Mother  
always told me,  
no matter  
what they ask  
you, always say  
Yes, you can  
learn later.

Natalie Wood

Just as a reminder:

- **District Presidents:** Bring your District Baskets and District Flags
- **Program Chairman:**
  - Remember to bring your information to set up your booth with information on your Program.
  - If you have any bills, bring your receipts. The treasurer will have the form for you to complete, and then she can get you a check.

### **Club Presidents:**

- This is the year we will be honoring our Empowering Women. Please send your nominations to me. The nominations should include a picture of your member as well as less than a page, of why you consider this member an empowering woman.
- Send me your milestone Anniversaries, for your clubs and/or your members.
- Send your memorials to Kay James.
- If you are going to submit someone for the Jennie Award, the rules for that are on the GFWC website under the club manual. These submissions must be to me by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Now I have a question for you. Does anyone have access to getting printing at a reduced rate? For years we have been lucky to have great access to a really great rate to get our printing done. We have lost that access. Does anyone have any suggestion or a connection to a printing facility? If so, please contact me. We need to get our Book of Accomplishments as well as programs printed for the State Convention.

All Hotel reservations must be made no later than April 6. The Resort set that deadline so please get your registration in by then.

There are some changes in the ART Categories this year. The ART categories are:

Sculpture – clay, wood, wire, paper, stone, mixed media

Drawing – pencil, charcoal, pastels, ink, printmaking

Painting – oils, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media

Fabric wall hanging – quilted, appliqued, painted, combinations

Applique only – a) decorated clothing; b) towels, runners, etc.

Crochet

Knitting

Needlepoint, cross-stitch, bargello – canvas or plastic

Embroidery – crewel, duplicate stitch, candle wicking, mixed

Decorative painting – on fabric, tin, glass, wood, etc.

Sewing – a) heirloom sewing, b) general clothing, c) all other types of items

Handmade Jewelry

Soft Sculpture – Dolls stuffed animals, decorative pieces

Bead-work – other than jewelry, beaded purses, etc.

Quilting – a) hand quilting b) machine quilting

Paper Crafts

Basketry

Miscellaneous – Any Original Items that will not fit into the above categories

Then there is the Photo and Writing Contests, rules and categories are in the Club Manual on the GFWC Website.

**Thanks for all that you do! Linda**

# Have an idea for an article or a club fundraiser?

## Please send to Laura Bergman

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## Dress for Less!

By Laura Bergman

Our wonderful president Linda had a great fundraising idea for our State Convention this year! Dress for Less! How many of us have semi-formal, formal or business clothes that we have been wearing FOREVER or maybe things don't fit the way they used to? Linda thought it would be cool to have members bring **priced** clothes to sell to other members. We are going to have a Minnesota GFWC Boutique! We can all shop each other's clothes all weekend! At the end of the convention all the clothes that are left will be donated to the Dress for Success organization (more info on them below).

We get to combine two of our favorite activities! Donating to others and Fundraising! So fun! I can't wait to see what new clothing items I can score and my hubby can't give me a hard time because I'm donating to a GREAT cause! 😊

Here are all the details you need to know!

**What to Bring:** Semi-Formal, Formal or Business Attire that is **PRICED**. I can't stress enough that I need the items priced – we won't have time at convention to get everything priced. If you can spare a few hangers that would be awesome also. If you have some clutches/purses/jewelry those will be welcome also.

**Pricing:** Please price things reasonably – if you have an expensive item that you feel strongly about, it might not be the best spot to sell it. Please also be aware that the money collected will go to GFWC Minnesota.

**When:** We will be working hard to get the clothes set-up as quickly as possible and as long as someone is there we will be open for shopping! If anyone has a clothes rack they could bring to use that would be awesome – let me know!

**Dress for Success:** They believe in Empowerment through Employment and I can't think of a better place to bring any clothes/accessories we have left over. Not only do they provide women from low-income backgrounds with a new fabulous outfit to interview in, they also provide the training and skills needed to succeed. They also accept technology items (smart phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) nothing can be older than 5 years or have a cracked screen.

## Empowering Women

By Linda Blue



This year is when we celebrate our Empowered Women of GFWC Minnesota. Please think about your fellow clubwomen and who you might feel deserves this honor. Each member submitted will be honored at our 2023 Convention in Alexandria. Please submit a paragraph or three highlighting your Empowered Woman and a picture. Please have all the submissions to me by April 15<sup>th</sup> you can send them by email or mail. My email address is [lblue1982@yahoo.com](mailto:lblue1982@yahoo.com) and my address is: 29972 293<sup>rd</sup> Street Waubun, MN 56589.

## Obituaries – Memorial Ceremony

By Kay James

This will be the procedure when a member of your club passes away between July 1, 2022 and April 1, 2023

Send the obituary to Kay James at 31321 Forest Trail, Park Rapids, MN 56470 or [kaydon@paulbunyan.net](mailto:kaydon@paulbunyan.net) before April 10, 2023.

The Memorial ceremony at the state convention will be the deceased member's history as a GFWC club member. Please include years as a member, any offices they held in the club, district, state, or higher plus major activities and chairmanships. Our state convention begins on May 5, 2023.