

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.



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GFWC-MFWC President
2020 - 2022**

**One Hundred Twenty-third Annual
Convention**

**April 24, 2021
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Clubwoman Collect

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment
And always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences,
That in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not
To be kind.

Mary Stewart, April 1904

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2020 - 2022 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

Our theme for the 2020-2022 administration is, *"Do Something today that your future self will thank you for... Plant · Recycle · Pick It Up!"*

Growing up I would spend a lot of time in the woods watching nature, reading against a tree, always enjoying the trees, the leaves on the ground, the solace and peace of it all. My Daddy enjoyed being outside too. He taught me to identify the trees by their bark, the fruit, and the shape of the leaves; all about the trees. My first year of college my biology professor spent the first two weeks of class walking with our class around the campus looking at the bark, the leaves, and the fruit of the trees. I thought everyone knew what a wild cherry tree or a hickory tree looked like. I was amazed that no one knew the name and identification of the trees in the woods. Not everyone was lucky enough to grow up with woodlands to enjoy!




Over the years, this appreciation for the trees and the outside world fostered in me an awareness for the way in which our world is treated. Seeing our creeks, rivers, and beaches littered with trash; trash that is purposefully left by someone is offensive to me. I want to say, "Just pick up your trash!"

Driving around my town and our state, seeing other counties and cities that are littered with trash just makes me so sad. I want to pull over and pick it up.

I hope that over the next two years we can learn about natural habitats and keep them clean by picking up the bottles, plastic, Styrofoam, paper plates, cigarette butts, and food containers. Instead of filling our landfills with more trash, maybe we can make some changes in our lives and make an effort to add less to them. We can learn what will recycle and ask the question for our town, "Is recycling a priority for us?" It may not be but let's ask the question, because "Yes" may be the answer.

We should plant a plethora of trees to populate our forests. There is not one bad thing about a living tree. Trees use carbon dioxide to reduce global warming, provide firewood, release oxygen, furnish timber, stop erosion, provide food for bees, birds, animals, and humans, provide windbreaks, beautify the landscape, supply shade, and offer habitat for birds and animals. Trees make everything better!!

Do something today that your future self will thank you for! - Plant 🌱 Recycle ♻️ Pick It Up 

Sherri

Dear GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Club Members and Guests,

Welcome to our 2nd and hopefully our last virtual Zoom State Convention. I appreciate you all being able to be with us today on such beautiful spring day, at least it is here in Hattiesburg, MS. I want to thank Carolyn Tedford, Theresa Buntyn and Terrie Whitehurst for answering all my calls and questions that I have had over the last couple of weeks pulling our convention together. It is easier in some instances but then more difficult in others.

I am so excited for you to get to hear from Deb Strahanoski our GFWC President-elect. She was planning on being Zooming from her home in Joliet, Illinois. I wish that she could be Zooming with us, I really wanted her to experience Mississippi with us and enjoy all of your Southern Hospitality. I also wanted each of you attending to get to know her, she is so much fun and so funny. Not just her Northern accent – but her fun personality. We will have to make sure that Theresa Buntyn will be able to have her back when times will be safer to celebrate in person.

I hope you all were able to attend Friday's Fun Night. Cynthia Geis, our Southern Region President and her First Gentleman hosted our fun night for us. I am so delighted because they are the perfect host and hostess. I am forever grateful to them for offering and then accepting to assist Mississippi in having a wonderful night with lots of fun.

Of course, we all look forward to the club awards and special recognitions. See the program for specific details as to when those "secrets" will be announced.

I have been so excited to share with you all our clubs have accomplished in such a precarious time. MFWC clubwoman are truly amazing. This time last year we had no idea what we could really do during an unheard-of pandemic but as I have been known to say, "You cannot keep a clubwoman down – we rise up!"

Love in Volunteer Service,

Sherri



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You For! Plant > Recycle > Pick It Up!***



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GENERAL FEDERATION
of WOMEN'S CLUBS



February 16, 2021

Dear Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Mississippi,

I'm honored and excited to send a message on this important occasion, the 2021 GFWC Mississippi State Convention! All of us have been challenged to new heights in the past months and now have an opportunity to recognize and celebrate each other's accomplishments, and enjoy a well-deserved pat on the back.

I'm tremendously proud of each GFWC member and all that you and your club have undertaken in your local communities, as well as in communities around the world. I know it has not been easy. From learning to conduct remote meetings and fundraisers, to championing health care workers, first responders, teachers, and students, and assisting those in dire circumstances – you have done it all – while also embracing a wide variety of GFWC Special, Community Service Program, and Advancement Plan projects.

One of the greatest benefits of belonging to a state and international volunteer organization such as GFWC is the opportunity to come together as friends, remotely or in-person, to exchange ideas and learn from one another. After such a difficult year, I hope you will find your upcoming event to be the most meaningful ever.

Congratulations to President Sherri E. Reid and the many other Mississippi leaders who have paved the way to success. Well done!

I send my compliments and best wishes to each of you, as you continue your efforts to enhance communities and improve the lives of others.

Yours in ***Living the Volunteer Spirit!***

Marian Simmons-St.Clair
GFWC International President

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. 123rd Annual Convention

Zoom Video Conferencing April 24, 2021

Convention Theme

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Pre-Convention Activities

April 18, 2021	Finance/Executive Committee Meetings
April 20, 2021	Audit Committee Meeting
April 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m.	Fun Night
April 23, 2021, 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting

Executive Board Meeting

***“The good news is that real-world hands-on conservation is alive and well and
catching on across the America I travel.” ~Ted Nugent***

Executive Board Meeting

Call to Order.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
Roll Call, Minutes and Correspondence	Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary

Officer Reports

President.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
President-elect.....	Theresa H. Buntyn
Vice President.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Treasurer	Belinda Peachner

Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee	Darlene C. Adams, Chairman
Executive Committee	Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Recording Secretary

Unfinished Business

New Business

Nomination of Southern Region Officer Candidate	Suzanne Byrd Poyner
	GFWC-MFWC Past President 2012-2014
Nomination of GFWC Officer Candidate.....	Janae Winter, Dean of Chairman
	GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
Awards Procedure.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Dean of Chairmen
Collect	Ada McGrevey, Central District President
Adjournment.....	Sherri E. Reid, President

Official Opening Ceremonies of The 123rd Annual Convention GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

9:00 Opening Ceremonies and Business Session

Call to Order.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
Invocation	Penny J. Barr, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor GFWC-MFWC Past President 2012-2014 and Historian
Recognitions	Sherri E. Reid, President
Appointment of Tellers	Sherri E. Reid, President
Preliminary Credentials Report.....	Terrie Whitehurst, Credentials Chairman
Presentation of Convention Standing Rules.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Protocol Chairman
Presentation of Convention Program	Theresa H. Buntyn, President-elect
Appointment of Reading Committee.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
Report of the Executive Board.....	Dr. Deana Pittman, Recording Secretary
Report of Officers.....	Sherri E. Reid, President Theresa H. Buntyn President-elect Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Vice President
Report of the Audit Committee	Belinda Peacher, Treasurer
Report of Headquarters Committee	Miranda Vaughn, Headquarters Chairman
Introduction of GFWC President-elect.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
Greetings and GFWC Message	Debra "Deb" Strahanosk, GFWC President-elect
State Nomination Committee Members.....	Sherri E. Reid, President
Nomination of Southern Region Officer Candidate	Suzanne Byrd Poynor GFWC-MFWC Past President 2012-2014
Nomination of GFWC Officer Candidate.....	Janae Winter, Dean of Chairmen, GFWC-MFWC Fine Arts Club of Bruce
Awards	
GFWC-MFWC Special Emphasis Programs:	
President's Special Project.....	Mikayla Shelton, Chairman
State Institutions	Jeannie Pittman, Chairman
Mississippi Public Broadcasting	Libby E. Everett, Chairman
GFWC Special Programs	
GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention	Dr. Deana T. Pittman, Chairman
GFWC Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children	Kaye Wright and Tammy Griffin, Co-Chairmen
GFWC Community Service Programs	
Arts and Culture.....	Amy A. Jacobs and Abby May, Co-Chairmen
Civic Engagement and Outreach	Theresa T. Berryhill, Chairman
Education and Libraries	Meri F. Newell, Chairman
Environment	Pamela R. Maxwell, Chairman
Health and Wellness	Bethany Flint, Chairman
GFWC Advancement Plans	
Communications and Public Relations.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Dean of Chairmen
Leadership	Melba Watkins, Chairman
Legislation/Public Policy	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Dean of Chairmen
Membership.....	Theresa H. Buntyn, Chairman

Fundraising and Development	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Dean of Chairmen
Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)	Laura Ann Trigg, Chairman
Women's History and Resource Center	Miranda Vaughn, Chairman
Federation Day Moment	Miranda Vaughn, WHRC Chairman
GFWC Contest	
Community Impact Program	Penny J. Barr, Chairman
Photography Contest	Dawn Vosbein, Chairman
Writing Contest	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford, Dean of Chairmen
GFWC-MFWC Contest	
Youth Art and Youth Challenge Art Contest	Eleanor J. Bayless, Chairman
Scrapbooks and Yearbook Contest	Becky W. Watkins, Chairman
GFWC-MFWC Scholarships	
Hebron Memorial Scholarship	Belinda Vowell, Committee Member
Challenge Grant	Sherri E. Reid, President
Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship	Carolyn C. Huey, Chairman
GFWC-MFWC Juniorette Awards	Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
GFWC-MFWC Recognitions	
MFWC Club Histories	Suzanne Byrd Poynor, Chairman
MS LEADS Delegate 2021	Melba Watkins, MS LEADS Chairman
GFWC-MFWC Jennie Award Winner	Frances H. Brown, Chairman
Juniorette of the Year (JOY AWARD)	Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
Juniorette Club of the Year	Connie Johnston, Juniorette Director
Announcement of Clubwoman of the Year	Sherri E. Reid, President
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Memorial Service	Penny J. Barr, Chaplain
Final Credentials Report	Terrie Whitehurst, Credentials Chairman
Invitation to 2021 GFWC Convention	Sherri E. Reid, President
Invitation to 2021 Southern Region Conference	Theresa H. Buntyn, President-elect
Invitation to 2022 State Convention	Meri F. Newell, Southern District President
Closing Remarks	Sherri E. Reid, President
Collect	Lisa A. Harris, Media/Communication & Technology Coordinator and Mississippi Clubwoman Magazine Circulation Editor
Adjournment	Sherri E. Reid, President

Official Closing of the 123rd Annual Convention
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Credentials Report

	Preliminary	Final Report
GFWC Officers		
State Officers and Board Members		
District Officers and Board Members		
Past State Presidents		
Club Presidents and Other Voting Delegates		
Club Members/Non-voting Delegates		
Visitors and Guests		
Total Number of Voting Delegates		
Total Number in Attendance		

Speakers and Guest

Deb Strahanoski – *GFWC President-elect for General Federation of Women's Clubs*

Deb Strahanoski has been a dedicated GFWC Illinois clubwoman for 33 years and is regarded as a great mentor to many. Deb's boundless energy has been apparent during her Federation journey; she has served GFWC Illinois in various roles on the Board of Directors including Director of Junior Clubs 2000–2002, President Elect/Dean of Chairmen, President 2008–2010, and currently serves on the Strategic Planning Committee.



Her GFWC leadership positions have included Membership Chairman, Community Improvement Program Chairman, Capital Campaign Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Second Vice President, and First Vice President. Currently Deb serves as GFWC President-elect, where she enthusiastically and effortlessly leads the GFWC Region Presidents.

Deb is also a highly respected volunteer and leader within her community. She has served Easterseals and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois at both the regional and state levels and has been honored with the coveted Friends of Children Award by PCA Illinois.

A member of the National Easterseals Development Leadership Network and Brand Marketing Council, Deb has been employed with Easterseals for the past 17 years, managing all annual fundraising activities and events for the Joliet Region. She credits much of her professional success to all she has garnered through Federation.

Deb also continues to assist her husband Bill in his public accounting office, which they have owned since 1984. Married for 39 years, they have two children and three grandchildren.

Her visionary leadership, extensive experience, and infectious enthusiasm have inspired new and veteran members alike.

Standing Rules of The Convention

1. Delegates will please turn off cell phones or place them in silent mode during all functions.
2. Delegates will mute their microphone until ask to unmute them.
3. Delegates will please be prompt, being in your seats at the hour for beginning the meeting.
4. A delegate wishing to speak, shall raise her hand, address the chair and give her name and the name and the location of her club.
5. No delegate shall speak more than twice to a question; the second opportunity being granted only after every other delegate desiring the floor for the first time has spoken.
6. Debate shall be limited to two minutes per person. Extension of time may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
7. Speakers shall adhere to the time limits.
8. All motions from the floor shall be presented to the Recording Secretary in writing when so required by the chair.
9. Resolutions and recommendations shall be in the hands of the respective committees at the opening of the morning meetings.
10. A resolution or recommendation cannot be debated until it has been referred to the proper committee and reported by that committee. No resolution can be voted upon until it has been read twice. A resolution with a minority report can be passed only by a majority of the convention.
11. A motion shall be carried by the majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting, except that a motion requiring a two-thirds vote shall be carried by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting.
12. The right to the floor may be granted to non-voting delegate members by the chair.
13. All questions concerning those entitled to vote shall be referred to the Credentials Committee.
14. The Convention shall be one meeting, recessing from session to session within the meeting.
15. Reports shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.
16. The President shall appoint a Reading Committee to approve minutes of the entire Convention.
17. These rules shall be adopted or suspended by a majority vote, rescinded by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, a quorum being necessary.

2021 Convention Chairmen and Committees

Protocol Chairman	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Registration and Credentials Chairman	Terrie Whitehurst
Program Committee	Sherri E. Reid
.....	Theresa H. Buntyn
.....	Lisa A. Harris
.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Tellers.....	Lisa McGee
.....	Ada McGrevey
.....	Meri F. Newell



Living the Volunteer Spirit *Mississippi Style*

GFWC is thrilled to welcome you to the 2021 GFWC Mississippi State Convention. Although you are meeting remotely this year, we couldn't be more excited to be sharing the successes of the past year with you!

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on us all in different ways, but as clubwomen we have continued to persevere and do what we can to help make a difference in our communities through volunteerism. We hope the world will soon find its way back to some normalcy, but no matter what the future holds, we know all GFWC members will continue to share their volunteer spirit!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GFWC Members,

As Mother Nature shakes off her winter doldrums and springs to life in uncountable expressions of joy—from the unfurling of a fragrant flower bud to the lilting song of a bird—I hope you will relish, as never before, the opportunity to come together and celebrate your success. Whether you meet remotely or in person, use this time to mark a new beginning as you applaud the achievements of an incredibly challenging year. Look to the future with hope and optimism, with confidence in your abilities and eagerness to serve, and with the knowledge that GFWC will foster your work and support your club in every way possible. As this special publication shows, we are better and stronger when we all work together. Congratulations and best wishes to each of you, as you continue to enhance communities at home and around the world and to improve the lives of others.

Yours in *Living the Volunteer Spirit!*

Marian Simmons-St.Clair, GFWC International President

2021 GFWC ANNUAL CONVENTION

GFWC invites you to join us for the 2021 GFWC Annual Convention from August 27-30 at the beautiful Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia, to celebrate our accomplishments, learn about new initiatives, and participate in the advancement of the organization. Events on Friday, August 27, include the Group Meetings and Board of Directors Meeting, the 2020 and 2021 LEADS training, the 2020-2022 Installation, and the *Gateway to the World* Celebration Banquet. The Convention will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 28, and will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30. There will be no tours offered in conjunction with the event, but individuals are free to make private arrangements. The room block extends from August 25 to August 31.

To learn more, visit the Annual Convention page on www.GFWC.org.

GFWC AWARDS

State Federations, clubs, and individual members are eligible to compete for awards, participate in contests, and apply for grants. Complete details for each GFWC competition are listed in the GFWC Club Manual in the Awards, Contents, and Grants sections. Also included in the Club Manual are contest rules, tips for winning entries, and judging criteria.

GFWC Jennie Award

The GFWC Jennie Award is named in honor of GFWC's founder, Jane Cunningham Croly, who wrote for national newspapers under the pseudonym "Jennie June." The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize Jennie's spirit of independence, courage, and persistence through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, representatives of their community, and as members of a family or extended family. Club members are nominated by their clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor.

Community Impact Program Award

The GFWC Community Impact Program Award offers GFWC clubs financial incentive to implement projects designed to impact a specific problem in their community. This award provides a vision for the future of the relationship between clubs and their communities.

Membership Award

The GFWC Membership Grant Award provides funding to help underwrite membership recruiting efforts at the club level. These grants will be distributed four times annually in advance of the season during which the funded activities will take place. Applications are accepted on a rolling base but will be reviewed four times a year.

GFWC LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

The GFWC Legislative Action Center is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. This tool can be used to track bills, contact your local representatives, and take action on issues relevant to GFWC Resolutions. Find out more about the GFWC LAC by visiting www.GFWC.org and clicking on "What We Do" on the home page, then "Legislation/Public Policy" from the drop down menu.



MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

GFWC members are eligible to receive discounts on goods and services, insurance, and travel. National companies such as Gallagher, Nationwide Pet Insurance, and Office Depot are offering significant price reductions to GFWC clubwomen. To view the full list of exclusive offers, visit GFWC's website, www.GFWC.org. Click on "Membership" on the home page, then "Membership Discounts" from the drop down menu.



GFWC is in the home stretch as the 2020-2022 Administration begins the final leg of the "Campaign for the Future!" In our dash to finish line, we are racing towards a spectacular finale and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of GFWC's guardianship of 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC. Every member can stake a claim of pride and proprietorship in our beautiful and historic Headquarters, linking arms with past GFWC sisters who raised more than \$75,000 in 1922 to purchase the magnificent mansion on N Street. The goal for the capital campaign is \$1 million, and we hope every member will take part in this effort to protect and preserve our GFWC Headquarters.

For more information, contact Capital Campaign Committee Chairman Mary Jo Thomas at maryjowv@comcast.net.

GFWC COMMUNICATIONS

Subscribe to receive *News & Notes*

News & Notes is GFWC's free electronic newsletter that is sent every Thursday, right to your inbox! It contains the information you need to stay connected to GFWC such as how to sign up for a Member Portal account, ongoing Chairman projects, GFWC Affiliate Organization events, updates from GFWC International President Marian St.Clair, and more.

Subscribe to the *WHRC Newsletter*

The *WHRC Newsletter* provides an in-depth look at the celebrated history of GFWC on the national, local, and individual levels. A publication primarily written by clubwomen, the newsletter is the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest events and happenings in the Women's History and Resource Center.

Check Out the GFWC Blog on the GFWC Website

The weekly GFWC Blog features Volunteers in Action stories of how Region, State Federation, District, and club projects throughout the Federation make a difference. Each month, GFWC International President Marian St.Clair selects a "President's Pick" from the Blog entries. All "President's Pick" winners will be entered into a contest at the beginning of 2022. Contact PR@GFWC.org if you have a success story to tell.

GFWC AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

GFWC is proud to work with a number of dynamic and impactful organizations. Together, we work to improve our communities and better our world. The GFWC Affiliate Organizations offer unique and customized services, including materials, speakers, kits, and/or additional information specifically designed for GFWC clubs. These resources are filed under Affiliate Organizations in the GFWC Member Portal Digital Library. Contact the representatives listed below to discover new programs and resources available exclusively for GFWC clubwomen.

**United Nations Foundation
Shot@Life Campaign**
Contact: Rebecca Maxie
Manager of National Grassroots
Strategy
E: rmaxie@unfoundation.org
P: 202-854-2364

**St. Jude Children's Research
Hospital**
Contact: Beth Perkins
Principal Advisor Partnership
Development & Stewardship
E: Beth.Perkins@stjude.org
P: 901-288-1253

Prevent Child Abuse America
Contact: Kelly Christopher
Chief Development Officer
E: kchristopher@prevent-
childabuse.org
P: 312-663-3520 x819

**Canine Companions for
Independence**
Contact: Nancy Murray
National Community Events
Manager
E: NMurracy@cci.org
P: 707-577-1781

Heifer International
Contact: Melanie Kapinos
Donor Relationship Manager
E: melanie.kapinos@heifer.org
P: 571-459-0421

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership
Contact: Sandra Shields
E: shiledss@hoby.org
P: 818-851-3980 x 307

March of Dimes
Contact: Meredith Repik
Director, Strategic Volunteer
Partnerships
E: Mrepik@marchofdimes.org
P: 914-997-4691 or 914-980-2487

Operation Smile
Contact: Greta Boyd
Donor Experience Manager
E: gfwc@operationsmile.org
P: 877-240-7196

U.S. Fund for UNICEF
Contact: Kelly Procida
E: kprocida@unicefusa.org
P: 212-922-2522

GFWC MEMBER PORTAL

To gain access to the many key benefits of belonging to GFWC, from the GFWC Club Manual to event and webinar registration, every member should have an account on the GFWC Member Portal. By creating an account, you will also be able to receive GFWC newsletters, such as the weekly *News & Notes* and *WHRC Newsletter* straight to your inbox.

To sign up for an account, visit gfwc.users.membersuite.com, click on the profile/person icon in the upper right-hand corner, choose "Join," and follow the prompts.

If you are having difficulty accessing the Portal or downloading resources from the Digital Library, please double check that the pop-up blocker of your web browser is turned off to enable the downloads. If you're still unable to log on or access GFWC resources, don't hesitate to email GFWC@GFWC.org.

GFWC–MFWC 2020-2022 Directory

GFWC-MFWC Elected Officers

GFWC-MFWC President	Sherri E. Reid
President-elect	Theresa H. Buntyn
Vice President	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
Recording Secretary	Dr. Deana T. Pittman
Treasurer	Belinda Peacher

GFWC-MFWC District Presidents

Northern District	Lisa McGee
Central District	Ada McGrevey
Southern District	Meri F. Newell

GFWC-MFWC Appointed Officers

Immediate Past President.....	Becky C. Wright
Parliamentarian.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
Historian	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
Chaplain	Penny J. Barr
Juniorette Director	Connie Johnston
<i>Mississippi Clubwoman</i> Editor	Sharon Hudson
Media/Communications and Technology Coordinator and Circulation Editor	Lisa A. Harris

GFWC-MFWC Special Appointments

President's Special Assistant.....	Leahne B. Lightsey and Nadine Coleman Gay
Meetings Coordinator/Board Receptionist	Terrie Whitehurst
MS LEADS Chairman.....	Melba Watkins
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Chairman.....	Libby D. Everett
HOBYS Board Member.....	Sherri E. Reid
Mississippi Library Commission Board Member.....	Becky C. Wright

President's Special Project – *Heifer International*

GFWC-MFWC President's Special Project, Chairman	Mikayla Shelton
Committee Members.....	Jana Jarrell Owen

GFWC-MFWC Standing Committees

Constitution and Bylaws, Chairman.....	Jo Anne Reid
Committee Members.....	Jane McArthur
.....	Theresa H. Buntyn
Finance, Chairman	Darlene C. Adams
Committee Members.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
.....	Sherri E. Reid
.....	Theresa H. Buntyn
.....	Dr. Carolyn S. Tedford
.....	Dr. Deana T. Pittman
.....	Belinda Peacher

Hebron Memorial Scholarship, Chairman	Nancy Smith Griffin
Committee Members.....	Belinda Vowell
.....	Sandra Pope
Long Range Planning, Chairman	Becky C. Wright
Committee Members.....	Lisa McGee
.....	Miranda Vaughn
.....	Shirley Wiltshire
.....	Ada McGrevey
.....	Belinda Peacher
Membership, Chairman	Theresa H. Buntyn
Committee Members.....	Sharon Hudson
.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
.....	Laura Ann Trigg
Resolutions and Recommendations, Chairman.....	Celia C. Fisher
Committee Members.....	Carolyn Long
.....	Jeanette Thrash
State Headquarters, Chairman	Miranda Vaughn
Committee Members.....	Nancy Moore
.....	Laura Ann Trigg
.....	Gail Mitchell
.....	Rose Mary Shelton
State Institutions, Chairman	Jeannie Pittman
Committee Members.....	Dianne Smith
Ways and Means, Co-Chairman.....	Lisa McGee
Committee Members.....	Belinda Vowell
.....	Pollyanna Robelen

GFWC-MFWC Special Committees

1935 Society

Committee Members.....	Ivovs Sisk
.....	Sue Thompson
.....	Jo Anne Reid
.....	Tommy Rosenbaum
.....	Celia C. Fisher
.....	Deborah Dickens
.....	Judy T. Martin
.....	Carolyn C. Huey
.....	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
.....	Suzanne Byrd Poynor
.....	Darlene C. Adams
.....	Tinker Forrester
.....	Becky C. Wright
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Trustee	Darlene C. Adams
.....	Belinda Peacher

.....	Celia C. Fisher
Challenge Grant, Chairman	Melissa Carleton
Committee Members.....	June Vaughn
.....	Cherry Moon
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Committee Members.....	Lynn Smith
.....	Meri F. Newell

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GFWC Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children	Kaye Wright and
.....	Tammy Griffin
Arts and Culture	Amy A. Jacobs and Abby May
Civic Engagement and Outreach.....	Theresa T. Berryhill
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Fundraising and Development.....	Diane Rouse
Legislation and Public Policy	Annajeral Knight
Women's History and Resource Center	Miranda Vaughn
Membership.....	Theresa H. Buntyn

GFWC-MFWC Contest Chairmen

Community Improvement Contest	Penny J. Barr
Jennie Award.....	Frances H. Brown
Photography Contests.....	Dawn Vosbein
Writing Contests	Jane McArthur
Youth Art	Eleanor J. Bayless
Scrapbook and Yearbook Contest.....	Becky W. Watkins

GFWC-Southern Region Officer/Board/Committee Members

Southern Region Board Member	Sherri E. Reid, MS State President
Southern Region Treasurer	Dr. Tammie M. McCoy
GFWC Signature Program Committee Member	Becky C. Wright
GFWC Membership Chairman	Darlene C. Adams

Southern Region Past President (1982 – 1984) Peggie Herrington
..... (1988 – 1989) Gladys Jackson
..... (1996 – 1998) Ivous Sisk
..... (2006 – 2008) Rowena Drinkwater
..... (2016-2018) Jo Anne Reid

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GFWC Signature Program Darlene C. Adams, Committee Member
GFWC Membership Becky C. Wright, Chairman
GFWC Strategic Planning Committee Dr. Tammie M. McCoy, Committee Member

GFWC-MFWC Past State Presidents 1898 - 2020

President	City	Term
* Elizabeth Hebron	Vicksburg	1898-1900
* Daisy Weems	Meridian	1900-1902
* Josie Frazee Cappleman	Okolona	1902-1904
* Mattie Lott	Meridian	1904-1906
* Elizabeth Jones	Crystal Springs	1906-1908
* Etta Mills	McComb	1908-1910
* Daisy Lampkin	Friars Point	1910-1912
* Anne Wright	Jackson	1912-1914
* Emily Price	Magnolia	1914-1916
* Marjorie McGehee	Como	1916-1918
* Janie Saunders	Swan Lake	1918-1920
* Katherine Covington	Summit	1920-1922
* Mrs. J. C. Hardy	Gulfport	1922-1924
* Blanche Ralston	Coahoma	1924-1926
* Susie V. Powell	Jackson	1926-1928
* Catherine Haley	Okolona	1928-1930
* Rosabel Foreman	Meridian	1930-1932
* Mrs. O. B. Taylor	Jackson	1932-1934
* Lillian Coulter	Columbia	1934-1936
* Mamie Wilson	Hazlehurst	1936-1938
* Gladys Nash	West Point	1938-1940
* Birdie Ellis	Meridian	1940-1942
* Willie Beckett Howorth	West Point	1942-1944
* Orell Pitard	Jackson	1944-1946
* Corrine Mitts	Enterprise	1946-1948
* Hattie Gautier	Pascagoula	1948-1950
* Effie Neal	Jackson	1950-1952
* Zou Eddie Pierce	Greenwood	1952-1954
* Doris Patterson	Pontotoc	1954-1956
* Anna Mary Davis	Hattiesburg	1956-1958
* Evelyn Davis	Union	1958-1960
* Fannie Lois Kilpatrick	Fulton	1960-1962
* Evelyn Burson	Long Beach	1962-1964
* Mary Lou McKie	Pickens	1964-1966
* Effie Perry	Philadelphia	1966-1968
* Miriam Simmons	Columbia	1968-1970
* Kitty Grafton	Picayune	1970-1972
* Jonnie Riley	New Hebron	1972-1974
* Elizabeth Powers	Greenwood	1974-1976
* Peggie Herrington	Natchez	1976-1978
* Jean Brett	Laurel	1978-1980

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President	City	Term
* Rachel Malone Jackson	Cleveland	1980-1982
Betty Jo Dulaney	Tunica	1982-1984
* Gladys Jackson	Jackson	1984-1986
Ivous Sisk	Fulton	1986-1988
* Julia Algood	Jackson	1988-1990
* Mary Arndt	Ocean Springs	1990-1992
* Rowena Drinkwater	Clinton	1992-1994
Martha Fisher	Blue Mountain	1994-1996
Sue Thompson	Meridian	1996-1998
Jo Anne Reid	Ackerman	1998-2000
Tommye Rosenbaum	Walnut Grove	2000-2002
Celia Fisher	Okolona	2002-2004
Deborah Dickens	Prentiss	2004-2006
Judy Thomas Martin	Raleigh	2006-2008
Carolyn C. Huey	Picayune	2008-2010
Tammie M. McCoy	Pontotoc	2010-2012
Suzanne Byrd Poynor	Florence	2012-2014
Darlene C. Adams	Picayune	2014-2016
Tinker Forrester	Ackerman	2016-2018
Becky C. Wright	Bruce	2018-2020

*deceased