

NEWS & NOTES

LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THROUGH GFWC

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Spreading Creativity with Arts and Crafts Festivals

In addition to being committed volunteers dedicated to improving their community, clubwomen are talented and creative, holding a true passion for promoting the arts. Many clubs are demonstrating their artistic side by hosting arts and crafts festivals. Whether selling items created by members or hosting vendors from the community, these fairs serve as a great fundraising and marketing tool.

Fall is just around the corner, which means clubs are preparing for their annual arts and crafts festivals. For over 40 years, the **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club** (Georgia) has hosted the [Lilburn Daze Arts and Crafts Festival](#), showcasing the work of over 150 vendors. This year's festival on October 8 will feature a kid zone with free art activities for children. The **GFWC Floyd County Woman's Club** (Virginia) has been sponsoring the [Annual Floyd County Arts and Crafts Festival](#) since 1983,

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and it has since grown to attract visitors from all over. This year's festival takes place October 1-2 and will include over 180 vendors. In Wisconsin, the **GFWC Hartford Women's Club** organizes [two craft festivals](#) each year, this year hosting "American Accents: A Festival of Fine Arts and Craft," on August 13 and "The Great Hartford Craft Exposition" on November 12. The **GFWC Suburbia Women's Club** (Tennessee) even had crafts from their 54th Annual Lenoir City Arts and Crafts Festival [featured on the local news!](#) If your club is also hosting a festival in the next few months, be sure to share photos on your club's Facebook page.



Community Improvement Project 5th Place Winner—Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club

Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club (Florida), in partnership with the local Chamber of Commerce and the city government, constructed a walking trail and nature preserve to honor Colonel George "Bud" Day and his wife Dorie. The trail's official title is the Bud and Dorie Day Patriots' Trail. Colonel Day served as an Air Force fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. After being shot down behind enemy lines, he survived five years imprisonment in the notorious "Hanoi Hilton," alongside Senator John McCain, and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism. Dorie Day, a member of Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club for over 30 years, supported her husband and the wives of other war prisoners throughout the ordeal.

our partners, and our work on a national and local scale.

Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to GFWC Membership Services Manager Kate Garlick at kgarlick@gfwc.org and you're all set!

Cares & Concerns

It is with heavy hearts that we must share the sad news that **Mable Westbrook**, Past President of GFWC Tennessee (1982-1984) passed away on July 24. Mable joined GFWC in 1953 and was an outstanding leader who was known to Tennessee clubwomen as their "Federated Fairy Godmother." Although Mable's legacy of volunteerism will live on in Tennessee, she will be truly missed. To read Mable's obituary, please visit <http://bit.ly/MableWestbrook>.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Oconto Woman's Club (Wisconsin) President **Susan Cross**. Mrs. Cross passed away on August 7. To express your condolences, please visit <http://bit.ly/SusanCross>.

Mrs. Day stated it best when she said, "It is an opportunity for our town to take an unused natural trail and carefully design and develop the tract recognizing the charitable and historic accomplishments of an American Patriot, my partnership with him, and the tears and years of dedication to bring our Prisoners of War home."

We thank the clubwomen of Fort Walton Beach for recognizing the contributions of two exemplary Americans with a living monument that will better the lives of all citizens in their community.



Honoring Marge Nelson, GFWC Great Lakes Region Jennie Award Winner

Marge Nelson, a member of Jackie's Bow Ties Club and a resident of Westchester, Illinois, is the 2016 Great Lakes Region Jennie Award

Winner. GFWC was proud to present Marge with this award at the 2016 GFWC Annual Convention. Learn about Marge's dedication to supporting American Indians and Veterans on the GFWC blog: <http://bit.ly/MargeNelson>



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Marketplace: GFWC Bling Pin

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Celebrate the beginning of GFWC International President Sheila Shea's administration by downloading the 2016-2018 *GFWC Club Manual*! President Shea is excited to kick off her administration by releasing this valuable membership tool, which is filled with hands-on projects and ideas that your club can implement on a local level. Visit <http://bit.ly/GFWCClubManual> to download the manual and to view the log of recent changes.

In The News

GFWC Escanaba Woman's Club

(Michigan) received recognition for their annual Wishes on Wheels project which provides underprivileged children with the supplies essential to succeed in school. The project will enable 150 local students to attend their first day of school with confidence and a brand-new

backpack. Read more about the program by [clicking here](#).

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