

CLUBWOMAN

CALL TO CONVENTION ISSUE

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This is your Call to Conference. Please plan on being in Laramie, Wyoming for the 2021 annual conference to celebrate our state club's accomplishments, have some fun and meet up with old friends. We'll have workshops full of information to take back to your clubs, beginning with a LEADs workshop Friday afternoon. There will be awards recognizing hard work and milestone memberships. Our banquet Saturday night will culminate in the past year's achievements!

Masks will be required and social distancing observed. Zoom options are being researched for those not attending in person.

Please review the attached proposed By Law changes. There will be a discussion on Saturday for questions and voting.

Reminder to all Club Presidents and Board Members:

Please bring 3 copies of a one-page, single sided summary of the past year's accomplishments. Bullet format is fine.

Reminder to all Club Presidents and State Committee/Program Chairmen:

There will be no basket auction as the Fundraising Committee is going to do a raffle for chocolate, jewelry and other goodies. Bring your rolls of dimes!

Reminder to all attendees:

Pack your dimes and support GFWCW Mile of Dimes project to support March of Dimes! We will **Roll Out the Dimes** at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center by creating a giant wagon wheel with rolls of dimes and embellishing it with single dimes

To support the **Interfaith Food Pantry** in Laramie, please bring non-perishable food items, diapers, or cat/dog food in order to show our appreciation to the Laramie Women's Club for hosting this conference.

To support **Nike Grind**, please bring your old sneakers that they may be ground and used as playground material.

Entries for Exceptional Youth Art and Adult Photography:

Please go to the GFWC-Wyoming website, under forms and letters updated forms for the youth art, adult photography and the creative arts waiver. These do not have the year on them; they will be a "yearly" form so they don't have to be changed every year. Please note submittal date but call either Ina Buckner or Phyllis Salzburg if you have any questions. Their contact information is on the form. Photography forms are attached.

GFWC Wyoming is thrilled to announce that our special International Guest this year will be GFWC International Vice President Wendy Carriker!



A dedicated clubwoman since 1985, Wendy Carriker has been involved in volunteer and leadership opportunities throughout her community, state, and region.

Wendy served as GFWC-NC Director of Junior Clubs (2000-2002) and her service to GFWC-NC continued as she served in various positions. Starting in 2004, she was a State Officer, until serving as State President 2012-2014. During her Administration, a new membership video was distributed to clubs across NC and her Special Project's goal was met and exceeded, with over 17 million meals provided to food-insecure children. She led the GFWC Communication and Public Relations Committee as Chairman 2014-2016.

An active volunteer with Victory Junction Camp, a camp for chronically ill children, Wendy volunteers each summer as a camp counselor, is on their speakers' bureau, and helps provide handmade bears that campers take home.

Wendy is highly respected in her community. She was elected to the Mount Airy City Schools Board of Education in 1996, where she has served as Chairman since 2004. She is committed to serving the students of NC through her membership with the NC School Boards Association and the NC Association for Scholastic Activities.

The owner of Wendy Jane Creations and Megan's Mutt Munchies, she stays busy creating and baking. Married for 40 years to her husband Chip, they have two daughters.

Special Thanks! Many, many thanks to the Laramie Women's Club for their time and effort in arranging this conference and making us all feel welcome! We are so proud of these amazing women and it was a true pleasure to work with each of them!

115^h Annual GFWC-Wyoming Conference

April 24th, 2021

Laramie, Wyoming

“GFWC-W: Be the Light

Lodging: Holiday Inn 204 30th St Laramie, WY 82070

(307) 721-9000

Room Reservations: Please make your own reservation.

Accommodations: Rooms available with one King, Queen-size or double beds.

Mention **GFWC-Wyoming** when making room reservation to receive the convention rate. Room rate including tax per night is \$80. Conference rate will be available until **April 8, 2021** after which the room block will be released. Breakfast is available in the restaurant next door (Perkins).

Meetings and Events: Board Meeting. LEADs workshop, conference meetings, and Saturday lunch will take place at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center 603 E. Iverson Ave in Laramie and the banquet Saturday evening will be at the Holiday Inn.

Attire: Friday Board and LEADs will be casual. Saturday Conference will be business casual and Banquet will be business casual or cocktail.

Mail completed Registration form with check payable to **GFWC-Wyoming** by April 12th, 2021 to:

Katherine Van Dell, Registration Chairman

1732 Oxford Dr. Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

E-Mail: kvandell1732@gmail.com

Telephone: (307) 630-5058

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Masks will be required and social distancing arranged

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Name of Club _____

Current or Highest Office Held (Club or State) _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

LEADS Workshop Friday 1pm-5pm (please indicate if attending) \$ 0.00 _____

Conference Registration Fee: \$ 35.00 _____

Meals, beverages: \$ 43.00 _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ **77.00** _____

(Includes Saturday lunch and dinner)

The Laramie Women’s Club has arranged an exclusive private tour of the Ivinson Museum for us at the end of LEADS workshop Friday. Small groups will tour in different directions and tour takes 30-40 minutes. **YES! I would like to be part of this!** \$ 0.00 _____

Please specify any dietary restrictions: _____

Please indicate choice below:

Saturday Lunch: Box Lunch Cobb Salad \$16.00 _____

Box Lunch Vegetarian Salad \$16.00 _____

Saturday Banquet Dinner: Chicken Marsala \$27.00 _____

Served with spring salad, pasta, and vegetable, dessert, coffee and Iced Tea

Vegetarian, gluten-free, and restricted diets \$27.00 _____

Preliminary Agenda – 2021 Conference - Laramie

Friday April 23, 2021

Registration	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Board Meeting	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center (breakfast snacks and coffee available and order-in lunch to follow)
LEADs Workshop	1 p.m. – 5 p. m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Museum Tour	end of workshop	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Dinner on your own	6 p.m.	Local venues – options provided

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Registration	7:30 – 9 a.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Business Session	9 - 11:45 a.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Lunch	12 – 1:30 p.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
(Anniversary Scrolls)		
Business Session	1:30 – 5 p.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Photography Contest	9 a.m. –12 p.m.	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Youth Art Contest	9a.m – 12pm	Alice Hardie Stevens Center
Cocktails	5:30 p.m.	Holiday Inn Bar (no host)
Awards Banquet	6:30 -9 p.m.	Holiday Inn Brown and Gold Room

GFWC-W PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

Entry postmark Deadline: **April 1**

Send entry forms to Phyllis Salzburg, 5021 King Arthur Way, Cheyenne, WY 82009 OR
psalzburg@bresnan.net

Questions: 307-421-1516

Photographers are responsible for delivering their entries to State Conference or to State Chairman prior to conference.

Contest 1

THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST – Showcases 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:

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.

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

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

Contest 2

GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST – 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 BOTH PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC-W club.
- **2021 Photography Contest** entries may be taken between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020 **providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for 2021 contests since the 2020 Photography Contests were not held.**
- **2022 Photography Contest** entries must be taken between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.
- Photographers may enter more than one photograph in all contests. Separate entry form is required for each entry.
- Contestants must be considered amateur photographers.

GUIDELINES

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.

- Each photograph must be an 8 x 10-inch print. Digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-resolution digital copy of the submission is encouraged for winners sent to GFWC.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 x 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. **NO** mattes, frames or hangers.
- Judges will look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Winning photographs sent to GFWC for national contest will **not** be returned.
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to the back with the following information:
 1. Contest name: The World in Pictures with category, or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit.
 2. Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number.
 3. Name and State of sponsoring club.
 4. Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent info about photograph.
 5. Arrow indicating top of photograph.
- State chairman will send one winner for each contest and category by May 15 to GFWC to be entered into the national contest. Winning photographers will be required to sign a GFWC Creative Arts Waiver, provided by chairman, which will be included with the entry when sent to GFWC.
- National contest entries will not be returned.

GFWC-W PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

One completed entry form required for each photograph. Please print clearly.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

GFWC-Wyoming Club _____

Indicate contest.:

Contest 1 THE WORLD IN PICTURES

Our World Up Close _____

Natural Wonders _____

Reflections _____

Contest 2 GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT _____

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 6. The officers shall be elected by ballot **at the biannual convention**, except, in the event there is only one person nominated for any office, either by the nominating committee or from the floor, said person may be elected by voice vote. A plurality vote shall elect. **In the event the convention cannot be held due to national or state emergency; the election will be held by the GFWCW Board of Directors and they will cast the votes.**

RATIONALE: Precedence is set by the GFWC International practice in the 2020 election.

ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. The President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Liaisons and Parliamentarian or Parliamentary Advisor shall constitute the Executive Board to transact the business of the GFWCW subject to its directions. Elected Officers shall make a full report at each annual meeting. The President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the District Liaisons shall each have one vote. The Executive Board shall hold at least three meetings during a club year at the call of the President. **The meetings may be held electronically.** Four members shall constitute a quorum, provided that one of them is President or President Elect. The Executive Board shall establish the agenda for the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: To allow for electronic meetings.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1.

(a) There shall be a Board of Directors composed of all GFWCW elected officers, all appointed program chairmen, project chairmen and special committee chairmen, appointed by the President **and District Liaisons**. Each officer and chairman shall have one vote. The Board of Directors shall have at least three meetings during a club year at the call of the President. **Such meetings may be held electronically.** A quorum shall consist of one more than half of the members, provided that at least one of them is the President or President-Elect. The duty of the Board of Directors is to ratify action proposed by the Executive Board.

RATIONALE: To clarify.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT:

(a)The president of the GFWCW shall be responsible for holding all meetings; she shall supervise plans for extending, unifying, and rendering efficient the work of the GFWCW. ~~She shall be editor-in-chief of the "Wyoming Clubwoman" and may appoint an editor of the "Wyoming Clubwoman" with consent of the Executive Board.~~ She shall serve as the Chairman of the Board. She shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, custodians of the GFWCW Endowment Operating Fund and scholarship and education funds.

RATIONALE: To conform to practice.

SECTION 3. VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice President shall preside at meetings of the GFWCW or of the Executive Board when called upon to do so. She shall be the **editor**, business, and circulation manager of ~~the "Wyoming Clubwoman"~~ **GFWC Wyoming publications. Such publications may include but are not limited to electronic and/or printed newsletters, electronic and/or printed directories, or email blasts. Type and frequency of publication shall be determined by the officer and the GFWC Wyoming President with approval of the Board of Directors.** She may serve as membership chairman at the Executive board's discretion.

RATIONALE: To conform to the current policy and define publication formats.

ARTICLE V

DUES, FISCAL YEAR, AND FINANCE

SECTION 1. Dues shall be set by the GFWC Wyoming Board of Directors and ratified by membership at the annual meeting; and include per capita charges as required by GFWC International. Dues will be used to cover general operating expenses of GFWCW. ~~including the publication of the "Wyoming Clubwoman", Fall Workshop assessments, and annual Convention/Conference assessments.~~

RATIONALE: To simplify.

~~SECTION 3. Each club shall submit with its annual dues, assessments for fall conference and for conventions. Fees shall be established annually by GFWCW Executive Board prior to the annual convention.~~

RATIONALE: To simplify accounting.

SECTION 8. There shall be an Endowment Operating Fund ~~for the purpose of supplementing membership dues for the expenses of GFWC Wyoming.~~ All monies received for this fund shall be placed in such investments as may be determined by the Endowment Operating Fund Custodian and shall be reviewed by the Executive Board for approval or a changed directive. Interest only ~~may be paid to the GFWC Treasurer at least annually.~~ shall be used as needed for GFWCW operating expenses when paid to the GFWCW Treasurer.

RATIONALE: To define the Endowment Operating Fund.

SECTION 9. Custodians:

The GFWCW Endowment Operating Fund and education and scholarship funds shall be under the supervision of custodians for a two-year term of office, with interim appointments for unexpired terms only. Such custodians ~~shall~~ **may** serve no more than two consecutive terms. **The Board of Directors shall approve additional terms.** The custodian for each fund shall report at each annual meeting and shall have an audit at the close of each administration. She shall review the funds quarterly with the GFWCW Treasurer. Said custodians shall give bond, executed by a responsible security company in such amounts, as the Executive Board shall require. This will be done under board scrutiny and paid either from GFWCW funds or respective monies from these funds, to be reviewed by the board annually.

RATIONALE: To clarify the duties of the custodians and the length of service

ARTICLE VI

ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 2. The President **may** appoint a convention/**conference** chairman or chairmen ~~for a two-year term.~~ She shall work with the President to select a meeting site and make all arrangements subject to Executive Board approval. **Meetings may be held electronically in the case of state or national emergencies.**

RATIONALE: To allow for electronic meetings.

SECTION 4. Finances:

- a. Cost of annual meetings. ~~Of the annual dues paid,.50 per member will be designated toward the Conference/Convention budget. It shall be sent to the GFWCW Treasurer.~~

RATIONALE: To conform to the current practice of alternating between a convention and a conference (1 day). To clarify the assessment - to have some seed money before registration comes in - added that charge to the increased dues so there isn't a separate collection

- b. The Convention/**Conference** Fund may be used ~~to meet~~ **for meeting** expenses.
- c. The Convention/**Conference** chairman must submit a final financial report to the state Treasurer for review within 30 days of meeting end.
- d. ~~Cost of Fall Workshop. Each club will pay \$15 annually to cover expenses of the Fall Workshop.~~

RATIONALE: For consistency.

~~SECTION 5. Arrangements for annual meetings:~~

~~Arrangements for annual meetings shall be made by the President, the President Elect, Treasurer, and convention Chairman.~~

SECTION 7. Voting body of annual meetings:

The voting body shall consist of the members of the executive Board, Past State Presidents, District Liaisons, ~~Department and Division chairmen~~, Director of Club Rating, Chairmen and members of standing committees, incoming and out going presidents of clubs in good standing, general chairmen of arrangements for the convention, and members in good standing.

RATIONALE: Redundant.

SECTION 9. Special meetings:

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Executive Board. Notice of special meetings shall be given by e-mailing ~~a copy of~~ the notice of the meeting to all club presidents and GFWCW officers. Delegates at the meeting shall consist of present club presidents and GFWCW officers, and a quorum at such meetings shall be 2/3 of all club presidents and officers combined entitled to vote. **Meetings may be held electronically.**

RATIONALE: Consistency

ARTICLE VIII

REPORTS

SECTION 1.

Each club shall send to the GFWCW President, ~~and President-elect (Dean of Chairman) and its respective District Liaison~~ by February 1 of each year a club president's report setting forth a summary of yearly activities in the format prescribed by the GFWCW. These reports may be submitted electronically

RATIONALE: For consistency and current practices.

SECTION 4. Annual club reports are required for clubs to be eligible for state or national awards or recognitions. Each club shall send a report listing its officers with mailing addresses and phone numbers, by **June 1** of each year to the GFWCW President, ~~and President Elect, and its respective District Liaison~~. These reports may be submitted electronically.

RATIONALE: For consistency and current practices