

# GFWC Illinois 10<sup>th</sup> District

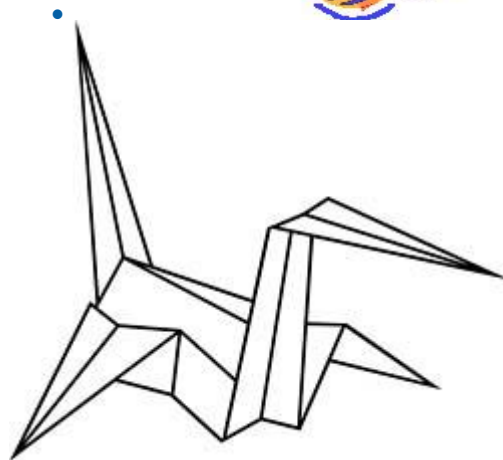
January 28, 2015 Wednesday,

## Midlane Country Club

455 West Yorkhouse Road ~ Wadsworth, IL 60083

847-360-0550

Whether it be painting, knitting, origami or photography  
check out the rules and categories and get your entry ready.



## President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year my Federation Friends. A new year and new beginnings. Hopefully things will iron out and run smoothly.

For those of you who attended the November meeting, may I extend my apology. The manager assured me that the room would hold 40 adults. They were still professing that as I was leaving. Maybe 40 very small children, but not 40 adults. In addition, we had additional attendees. It is extremely important that everyone make a reservation as some restaurants would not be able to accommodate additional attendees.

In the GFWC spirit, you accepted the close quarters and did not complain. Thank you so much. In fact, some called it "cozy" and enjoyed being able to talk to everyone. As we were leaving, Judy Haga said she had a suggestion -- "We should get a smaller space for our next meeting." That made me laugh -- really laugh -- which I desperately needed. You are such wonderful women. (At least the food was delicious!!!)

And I would like to apologize to Margaret Cole for not introducing her at the November meeting. She is the Past District Director of Junior Clubs.

All the excitement of the holidays is over, and now we must prepare our yearly reports. Yes, we will have a report writing seminar on January 7th at Panera in Gurnee at 2:00 - 4:00.

Please don't forget our Art and Craft Show is this month. I hope you all intend to submit your work.

I would like to introduce our new Public Issues Chairman -- Evelyn Dill. I was so excited when she called and volunteered. Evelyn was the past State Chairman of Public Issues. I feel so honored she has agreed to accept the chairmanship for us.

See you all at the Arts and Crafts Show.

Yours in Federation,

*Linda Anne*

## Report Writing Seminar

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Panera Restaurant; 6557 Grand Avenue;  
Gurnee, Illinois (phone 847-856-1549)

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Those who have not signed up yet please email or call Linda Valentino

[lindaannev@gmail.com](mailto:lindaannev@gmail.com)

or

262-862-9228

We want to be sure we have sufficient materials for everyone.

Thank you.

## Remembering

We will hold a memorial service at the District meetings for those members from our clubs that have passed away. A club candle will be lit for each member for remembrance.

Please send me the name/s of your club members and a little information on their duties and activities with your club along with how long they have been a club member.

Carol Johnson

Vice President – Membership

847-842-0422

[monacj35@hotmail.com](mailto:monacj35@hotmail.com)

## Yearbook Corrections

Please be advised that we will be posting corrections to the 10th District Yearbook in the newsletter. If you have any corrections or new information, please send it to Margaret Cole at [gfwcild10@gmail.com](mailto:gfwcild10@gmail.com) and she will put your corrections in the newsletter. Also send your corrections and changes to the Corresponding Secretary.

# Arts and Crafts Show Rules

Regina Orawiec and Judy Haga

- Each entry must be by a current club member, completed in **2014**, and include two 3" X 5" cards with the following:
- On one side: Name, mailing address, phone number, Club name, Category, title of entry
- On reverse side: Category~ indicate if item is a kit or original design, plus a brief description
- Please have these cards ready when submitting entry
- Only one entry per category
- Signed works need to be presented with the name covered
- Decisions of the judges are final
- **Entries must be presented by 10:00 a.m.**

# Arts and Crafts Show

## Categories

**Category 1** Oil Painting, Water Color, Acrylic, Pastel and Tempura

**Category 2** Colored Pencil, Pencil, Etching, and Charcoal

**Category 3** Decorative Painting, any Media-China, Ceramic, Wood, Glass, Metal

**Category 4** Needlepoint, Cross Stitch, Plastic Canvas, Latch Hook, Rug Hook, Weaving

**Category 5** Embroidery, Tatting, Quilting

**Category 6** Wall Hangings

**Category 7** Crochet, Knitting

**Category 8** Holiday Decor

**Category 9** Floral Arranging, Wreaths

**Category 10** Paper Art, Albums, Stencil Stamped Cards

**Category 11** Jewelry, Beading

**Category 12** Sculpture

**Category 13** Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Wearable Art

**Category 14** Photography-Living Things, Scenes, Still Life, GFWC Volunteers in Action

# Public Issues Community

## Service Program

Evelyn Dill, Chairman

It's time to think about **REPORTS** and there is something in **Public Issues** that all clubs can report: Did you say the pledge to the American Flag at meetings? Did you encourage your members to vote, did you share safety tips, did you honor veterans or make a donation to a veterans facility, Donate to USO, donate to the American Indian Center? Check you minutes for this year and start working on reports and planning projects for next year.

**Mail report to: Evelyn Dill, 810 Audubon Way, T-18, Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

I will be looking forward to reading about all the good deeds you did for you community. Here are some ideas that were reported by clubs for 2012 and 2013.

### CITIZENSHIP:

**1)** Celebrate patriotism, by flying the flag, have program on American Flag Etiquette and Protocol. ([www.usa-flag-site.org](http://www.usa-flag-site.org)).

**2)** Visit, volunteer and help preserve historic sites, monuments, and homes.

**3)** Promote classroom lessons on American heritage symbols.

**4)** Take an active role in the election process.

**5)** Encourage schools to engage future voters with innovative programs on elections. Some clubs registered students to vote, others held mock elections with voting booths.

**6)** Encourage qualified women to seek elected and appointed office.

**7)** Participate in the legislative process.

**8)** Help someone study for the U. S. Citizenship Test. **Visit [www. USCitizenship.Org](http://www.USCitizenship.Org)**

**9)** Create and support ways to observe the National Day of Remembrance and Moment of Remembrance at 3 P.M. on Memorial Day.

**10)** Hold a Nation Issues Forum.

### SAFETY:

**1)** Work with local fire departments to provide fire safety awareness.

**2)** Establish an awareness campaign to remind community members to change batteries in smoke detectors when clocks are changed.

**3)** Sponsor community programs on home fire drills, safe storage of combustibles, and safety concerns for children and older adults.

**4)** Get in involved with National Night Out events. Register at no charge and receive the NNO resource kit.

**5)** Work with local law enforcement officials, neighborhood coalition, and civic groups on crime prevention programs.

**6)** Promote vehicle safety, work with local officials and schools to encourage driver training and safe driving seminars for young and mature drivers.

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:**

**1)** Partner with local health organizations to sponsor First Aid and CPR classes and programs.

**2)** Educate the community on the need for emergency provisions.

**3)** Build a kit for disaster preparedness.

**4)** Learn about opportunities to get involved and expand resources for first responders.

**5)** Provide assistance to disaster victims. Consider supporting GFWC Disaster Relief-Library Refurbishment Fund.

#### **VETERANS AFFAIRS:**

**1)** Invite returning men and women who have served overseas to speak at club meetings and community forums. Recognize their dedication and patriotism with a small token of appreciation.

**2)** Promote the hiring of returning veterans.

**3)** Assist and advocate for severely wounded, ill or injured soldiers, veterans and their families.

**4)** Promote legislation in support of veterans' issues.

**5)** Conduct programs and projects to recognize and honor all veterans.

**6)** Seek volunteer opportunities at community veteran facilities such as Hospitals and Fisher House.

**7)** Provide resources to support military families such as Cards (Christmas, birthday and

thinking of you) to troops and hospitals, send care packages and Coupons to military bases.

#### **Support our GFWC Partner Programs USO and Sew Much Comfort.**

**USO** is an all-volunteer program that serves the troops in the US and all around the world. Programs included:

**1)** Operation Phone Home,

**2)** Operation USO Care Packages,

**3)** USO2GO,

**4)** With you all the Way,

**5)** Talk, Listen, Connect, and my favorite **United through Reading's Military Program** where USO centers are available to deployed parents to record them reading a book to their child. The book and DVD are sent home to be enjoyed by the family, bringing the loved one into the home on the TV screen. **For just \$20.00 you can bring happiness to a family through this program. For information check [www. USO.org](http://www.USO.org). My challenge is for every club to donate \$20.00 to the USO reading Program (Send donation to: Lisa Ferrari Carter, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22201. Phone 703-740-4938.**

**Sew Much Comfort** provides custom-made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to all wounded service members from current conflicts and from all branches of the Military and National Guard. The clothing accommodates their medical devices and situations, provides ease of use, and increases independence and minimizes the visual impact of their injuries. You can make donation of men's t-shirts and boxers shorts. Have workshops to teach how to cut and sew Velcro to make the clothing. More information check: **[www. SewMuchComfort.org](http://www.SewMuchComfort.org)**

**NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER:** The **American Indian Center** located **at 1630 West Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL 60640** can use food as well as cash to purchase food. They need school supplies and books as well as clothing of all types. All monetary donations should be sent to the district Treasurer. All other donations go directly to the center.

## Conservation

*Darlene Rayner, Chairman*

Christmas is here and so are the lovely evergreen trees and wreaths. After Christmas contact your local township to have your greens recycled.

Remember your clubs conservation projects are due February 1, 2015.

## Education *Carol Behm, Chairman*

To all Presidents and Education Chairman:

This is a reminder about the GFWC ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIP application deadlines. All of these must be postmarked by the dates listed.

Poetry writing and short story - February 2

Library Science - February 15

Vocational - February 15

Cultural Exchange - February 15

Education - February 15

All of the information is on the application form. If you need copies or more information, please contact me. Remember all applications must be signed by a GFWC Illinois Club President.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Antioch Woman's Club!

Yes, Virginia, There IS A Santa Claus!



The Antioch Woman's Club celebrated their annual Silent Auction and Christmas

Luncheon at McHenry Country Club. Our President, Jean Johnson did a marvelous job overseeing our largest fundraiser of the year. Betty Chornoby and Karen Wehrheim did an amazing job right down to the smallest details. Plenty of service and consideration. The event was attended by 124 of our members along with friends from other Clubs. The bidding, fellowship, wonderful food, as well as, libations were all fantastic.

I too, would like to talk about several of our Santa's. First, to my super-secret Santa's, Karen Floeter and Jane Frazer, these girls are very special and always cover my butt! Thank you!! To Linda Anne Valentino, for all of her hard work and diligence; along with Marlene Fernandez (our dynamic duo). Candy Lazar and Cindy Erexson with help from others assembled most of the beautiful baskets you purchased. Anna Stornello was an especially hard working Santa being everywhere we needed her to be.

Our Secret Santa's.....Nancy Andritech for all her knowledge and expertise and making sure everything ran so smoothly on the cash end. I can't wait until Nancy retires from her current job for her next job! This woman is undervalued and greatly appreciated by us. Sherry Burke canvassed all of Gurnee and collected over \$500.00. Sherry Kerkman canvassed Antioch. She likes to cold call (being a former AVON Lady) and was very cognizant of the relationships our members have with some of our downtown businesses. Sherry brought in donations of over \$1500.00. Both of these women apologized that they didn't do as well as last year!! I think they both did a wonderful job given the mid-term elections!

In total we made over \$4,000.00 for us to be able to continue doing the wonderful things we do with the wonderful friends we have made. Well done Ladies. May your Christmas be merry and bright.

*Lynne Fletcher, Linda Anne Valentino*

# Legislation and Public Policy

*Margaret Cole, Chairman*

The following information is copied from the GFWC.org web site.

## GFWC and Public Policy Advocacy and Lobbying

Advocacy is similar to lobbying, and involves influencing legislation by contacting your legislators or gaining grassroots support on an issue or specific piece of legislation. GFWC must be nonpartisan in our outreach efforts. It is perfectly legal for a nonprofit to lobby, as long as lobbying is not a substantial part of the organization's activities

## The GFWC Legislative Action Center

GFWC's Legislative Action Center is an exciting policy tool that allows members to take action on current national issues and legislation right from GFWC's website. Research current legislation, read about GFWC's stance on national issues, and take action on issues that matter to you—right from GFWC's website!

GFWC's Legislative Action Center is an exciting policy tool that allows members to stay informed on legislation, spread the word on important issues, and take action by contacting your elected officials. In addition, GFWC is able to track and promote national legislation that is relevant to the mission and scope of GFWC Resolutions and member interests. This is a vital piece in promoting GFWC as a national leader on the major issues that face our nation. To access the Legislative Action Center, visit **www.GFWC.org** and select 'Take Action' under the Public Policy tab.

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You can report on Legislation & Public Policy even if you do not have a Chairman or committee. In the reporting envelope there was a booklet titled "Resolutions 2014-2015.

Did you send letters to or talk to elected officials about GFWC and GFWC Illinois

Resolutions and public policy? Then report on the letters and responses.

## Dates & Locations for 2014 – 2016

**All meetings start as indicated on the meal reservation form. Break for lunch about noon. Meeting continues after lunch if necessary.**

**February 25, 2015 Wednesday**

### Program Bureau

Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
847-913-9112

**March 25, 2015, Wednesday**

### Club Awards

Dover Straits; 890 Us 45, Mundelein, IL  
847-949-1550

**April 22, 2015, Wednesday**

### Club Awards

Lambs Farm; 14245 W. Rockland Rd.  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
847-362-5050

## Newsletter News

**Newsletter submission deadlines for 2014 – 2015 are as follows.**

For the February 25 meeting ~ January 30.

For the March 25 meeting ~ February 27.

For the April 22 meeting ~ March 18.

**Please send all submissions for the newsletter to the District email address:**

**gfwcild10@gmail.com**

By virtue of their office, the following receive the newsletter District Officers and Committee persons: Club Presidents; Past District Presidents and Past Directors of Junior Clubs.

Subscriptions for the print version are \$5 per year (September to May issue). Send check made out to GFWC IL District 10 and mail to Margaret Cole; 285 Chestnut Street; Antioch IL 60002 (phone 847-395-0172)

If you have an email address you may receive the eVersion of the newsletter at no charge. Just send an email to **GFWCILD10@gmail.com** requesting to be added to the email list.

**GFWC Illinois 10<sup>th</sup> District**  
**Art and Craft Show Luncheon**  
**January 28, 2015 (Wednesday)**

**Midlane County Club**  
**455 West Yorkhouse Road -- Wadsworth, IL 60083**  
**847-360-0550**

**Menu**

**Open-Faced Home-Style Turkey Platter**  
**Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Veggie.**  
**Hot Apple Pie for Dessert.**  
**\$22.50**

**Registration for the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.**

Reservations must be made by January 20, 2015

Make checks payable to *GFWC IL 10<sup>th</sup> District* and mail to:  
Joan Foss; 342 Sequoia Ct; Antioch IL 60002

**A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION TO BE PAID**

**Please, ladies, make your reservations in a timely fashion.**

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Please make checks payable to: GFWC IL 10<sup>th</sup> District **\$22.50 per person**  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Joan Foss, 342 Sequoia Ct., Antioch, IL 60002

DEADLINE DATE: January 20, 2015

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