

2024 GFWC OHIO CONVENTION ~ APRIL 24- April 27, 2025

Registration, Meal Reservation, and Credentials Form

This form must be filled in and mailed, postmarked by March 28, 2025.

(Make a copy of this completed form for your records and bring it with you to the Registration Desk to receive your credentials.)

<p>SEND FORM AND FEES TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joyce Bates</p> <p>Registration Chairman 407 Riverdale Drive Eastlake Ohio 44095 jmbates@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cancellation Deadlines: April 1, 2025</p> <p>No refunds will be issued until after the Convention closes. Make checks payable to GFWC/OFWC 2025 Annual Convention. Payment for all fees must be enclosed with this form</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOTEL RESERVATIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Booking Link: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/2025gfwc-ohstateconv-92w/ Central Reservations:1-800-220-9219 Group Name: GFWC-Oh State Convention Group Code: 92W2</p>
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NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF CLUB or CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION _____

Check one: GENERAL JUNIOR JUNIORETTE CITY/COUNTY FEDERATION DIRECT MEMBER

VOTING STATUS Check one – not sure, use page 33 to determine your voting status:

NON-VOTING MEMBER DELEGATE Club _____

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE Office/Chairmanship _____

REGISTRATION FEE/ 4-16 is the FINAL cut-off for meals

Fee for Three Days \$50.00 \$ _____

Saturday Morning

Fee for One Day Only \$25.00 \$ _____

• If one day, check which day

Friday _____ Saturday _____

“A Garden of Gratitude” \$30.00 \$ _____

Juniorette Fee for All Three Days \$10.00 \$ _____

MEALS

Friday Banquet \$50.00 \$ _____

Saturday Luncheon \$35.00 \$ _____

Saturday Banquet \$50.00 \$ _____

Table club fundraising \$10.00 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION MEALS FEES \$ _____

Meals: _____ ALL Vegetarian _____ Food Allergy _____

Are you a first-time Convention attendee? _____ 25-year member? _____ 50-year member? _____

Workshop details are inside this issue.

Friday 4:00 p.m.

_____ Growing our Membership, One Petal at

_____ Time (Hands-On)

_____ Cards for Freedom Flight Veterans (Hands-On)

_____ Recognizing the Difference Between

_____ Alzheimer’s and Dementia

_____ Pre-Convention Thursday evening – Nina Lowery

Saturday 4:00 pm

_____ Human Trafficking

_____ Magic Yarn Project

_____ Check if you are a Veteran

**GFWC OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
2025 CONVENTION**

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

(Include with your Convention registration)

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

In case of Emergency Notify:

NAME _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____ Cell _____

Medicines Currently Taking: _____

List any Health Problems for Doctor: _____

Allergies: No _____ Yes _____ If yes, list them _____

Medication to be taken in case of emergency, where it can be found and instructions for use:

Fill in below - Medical Insurance Company, Coverage Verification Telephone Number and Policy Number:

Your Legal Signature _____

Complete this information; place it in a SEALED envelope. Write Medical Emergency Information and your name on the front of the envelope. Mail it with your convention registration or bring it to the Convention registration desk when you pick up your packet. Envelopes will be shredded after the Convention.

NOTE: IF you are attending the Convention with another club woman, please list her name:

2025 OFWC CONVENTION

Can I Vote?

Am I a Delegate or Delegate-at-Large?

Clubwomen attending the State Convention are participating in the yearly business meeting of the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs. Each club has at least one vote on the issues that are presented before the assembly. Know if you are a delegate or a delegate-at-large and may vote.

DELEGATES

1. Each per capita club of 25 members or less is entitled to ONE delegate (or her alternate).
2. Each per capita club of 26-50 members is entitled to TWO delegates (or their alternates).
3. Each per capita club of 51-75 members is entitled to THREE delegates (or their alternates).
4. Clubs with more than 75 members are entitled to ONE delegate for each additional 50 members up to a membership of 1,200.
5. Direct members may meet at each Convention and elect ONE delegate who is also a Direct Member to represent them.
6. Each City-County Federation of 10 clubs or less is entitled to TWO delegates and ONE additional delegate for every 20 additional member clubs.

DELEGATE -AT -LARGE

1. OFWC Board of Directors and Junior Board.
2. Those members who have served in ELECTIVE offices at the state or district level.
3. Officers and chairmen of GFWC residing in Ohio.
4. ALL CURRENT State and District Community Service Program chairmen.
5. ALL members of Standing and Special Committees.
6. Trustees of all funds and *The Buckeye* staff.

NOTE: It is possible that members are in both categories, but only one vote per member is allowed. Have clubs decide before registering who will be the club delegate and vote on the club's wishes.

*If you are not a delegate or delegate-at-large, you will check the "**Non-Voting Member**" line on the registration form.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Hotel Complimentary Reception: snacks and drinks

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration Open – Collection of “Fieldstone Items”.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Art Exhibits set up/entries

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Vendors set up

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Chairman Displays Set-up

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A Garden of Gratitude Hand-on Workshop

Friday, April 25, 2025 Pre-Convention Activities

6:30 am – 9:30 am Enjoy the Hotel Breakfast Buffet

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Vendor area set-up

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Chairman Display’s setup

9:00 a.m. - Vendors Open for Business

8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Registration Open Collection of “Fieldstone Items”.

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Art Exhibit Room opened for entries

9:00 a.m. Photography and Communication/PR entries deadline

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Pioneer Workers Meeting (Invitation Only)

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Color Guard set-up

10:30 a.m. Direct members meet to elect a delegate

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 127th CONVENTION OF THE GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS “Grateful Hearts See Many Blessings”

10:45 a.m. Musical interlude

11:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (doors will remain closed until after the posting of the colors)

Presiding-Esther Gartland, 2024-2026 GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration Carol Christy, Southwest District President

Presentation of Districts- Esther Gartland, OFWC President

Presentation of the Colors – Introduced by Yvonne Ford, GFWC Ohio Convention Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America – Yvonne Ford

Playing and Singing of the National Anthem – Harriett Groh

Welcome to the 127th Annual Convention by Hostess Lake Erie District-Pat Groble

Response – Lisa Hedrick, Southeast District President

Appointment of Tellers and Timekeepers-Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President

Pre-registration Report – Joyce Bates, LED Registration Chairman

Convention Rules- Barbara Whitaker, Parliamentarian PRP

Convention Program- Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

Host District Chairmen Introductions – Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President, and Pat

Groble, LED General Arrangements Chairmen

Presentation and Introduction of those at the Head Table, District Officers,

Aides– Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President

Greetings from the GFWC Executive Board- Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer

Approval of the 2024 GFWC Ohio Convention Minutes – Pam Vines, OFWC Secretary

Club Awards –Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen, and Madeline Crish, GFWC

Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen, Environment, Health and Wellness,

Leadership

11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Break

Noon There is no lunch on Friday

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Peggy Hickenbottom, OFWC Second Vice President

KEYNOTE ADDRESS -Maureen Foster, Fieldstone Farm

Commercial Break – Cheryl Taylor, GFWC Ohio Fundraising Chairman; and our Vendors

Bylaws and/or Resolutions- Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, Kathy Fink, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Recognition of GFWC Ohio LEADS Graduates

Announcement of the 2025 GFWC Ohio LEADS Candidate – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President and 2024 LEADS Graduate Janie Surman

Club Awards –Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen, and Madeline Crish, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

Education, Civic Engagement, and Membership

Jennie June Award – Mary Beth Allan

Recognition of First-Time Attendees, 25- & 50-Year Members, City County Federation Members, Recognition of 2025 Club Anniversaries, Acknowledge Clubwomen Veterans

1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Reconvene, Endowment Fund Report, Deidra Devore, GFWC Ohio Treasurer

The Buckeye Magazine Report – Rose Logston and Peggy Hickenbottom, Co-Editors

Website Report – Pat Groble, LED President

OFWC Directory Report – Stephanie Furano

Facebook Report – Rose Logston, Chairman

Loyal Jonquils Report – Corky Nosek, Chairman

Strategic Long-Range Plan Report – Marjean Sizemore, LPR Chairman, SED

Memorial Forest Shrine Report – Rose Logston, Memorial Forest Shrine Trustee Chairman

Bylaws – Barbara Whitaker, PRP, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, SED

Introduction of Speaker-

3:15 p.m. Platform Workshop - Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer

Workshop Introductions – Barb Savarin, GFWC Ohio Dean of Chairmen

Announcements- Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

3:45 p.m. RECESS

VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. WORKSHOPS

1. Growing our Membership, One Petal at a Time (Hands-On) - Jackie Lang and Linda Jones

2. Cards for Freedom Flight Veterans (Hands-On) – Carol Christy

3. Recognizing the Difference Between Alzheimer's and Dementia - Misty Rouse, Alzheimer Foundation Program Director

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration is open if needed

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Hotel Complimentary Reception: snacks and drinks

VISIT THE VENDORS AND EXHIBITS (UNTIL 6:00 P.M.)

6:00 p.m. Vendors close for the day

7:05 p.m. Musical interlude

7:00 p.m. Processional Participants assemble – Dublin A/B

7:20 p.m. Processional

7:30 p.m. GFWC OHIO JUNIOR BANQUET “Empowering Change ~ Stronger Together”

Presiding- Linda Jones, 2024-2026 GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

~Dinner ~

GFWC Ohio Junior & Juniorette Award Presentations

GFWC Junior Special Project -Advocates for Children Awards

Madaliene Crish, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Club/Junior Dean of Chairmen

Arts Photography Contest Awards

Closing Thoughts – Linda Jones, GFWC

Announcements – Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

“Volunteers in Full Bloom” Hosted by the GFWC Ohio Juniors.... Everyone invited

SATURDAY, April 26, 2025

7:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. *the Hotel Breakfast Buffet*

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. - Exhibits and Vendors Open

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Musical Interlude

9:15 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION Presiding – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration-

Registration Report-Joyce Bates, Registration Chairman

Club Awards – Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Madeline Crish, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen:

Health and Wellness, Communications/PR, Fundraising

Platform Program: Protocol – Barbara Whitaker, PRP

Parade of Presidents

Announcements- Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio Second Vice President

11:45 a.m. Recess

Visit Vendors and Exhibit Room

LUNCH -

12:10 p.m. Inspiration Marjean Sizemore, Past OFWC President

~Lunch~

Introduction of Speaker – Joyce Bates, LED

Speaker~ Carolyn Kinkoph, LED, Alliance Against Human Trafficking

Club Awards –Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen and

Madeline Crish, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/ Junior Dean of Chairmen

WHRC, GFWC Signature Project, Leg/Public Policy/Resolutions

Commercial Break- Cheryl Taylor, GFWC Ohio Fundraising; and Vendors

2:15 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. RECONVENE

President and Director of Junior Clubs Special Emphasis “A Season of Gratitude”, Special Project Fieldstone Farm, Chairman and, Junior Chairman

Scholarship Winners Announced, Harriett Groh, Scholarship Committee

Bylaws/Resolutions- - Barbara Whitaker, GFWC Ohio Bylaws Chairman, and Kathy Fink,

LED, GFWC Ohio Resolutions Chairman

Club Awards – Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen, and

Madeline Crish, GFWC Ohio Assistant Director of Junior Clubs/Junior Dean of Chairmen

ESO, Writing Contest, Arts & Culture

Parade of Presidents

Introduction of Afternoon Workshops –Barbara Savarin, GFWC Ohio First Vice

President/Dean of Chairmen

3:45 p.m. RECESS

VISIT VENDORS & EXHIBIT ROOMS

4:00 p.m.– 4:45 p.m. Workshop “**Magic Yarn Project**”

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Workshop “**Human Trafficking**”

5:00 p.m. ESO members and prospective members to meet

LAST CHANCE TO VISIT EXHIBITS AND VENDORS

5:30 p.m. Exhibits, Displays, and Vendors CLOSE

All Art exhibits should be picked up by 5:30 pm

Craft and auction items should be picked up immediately following the Banquet

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm *Hotel Complimentary Reception: snacks and drinks*

7:00 p.m. Musical interlude

7:00 p.m. Processional participants assemble, Leadership

7:15 p.m. Processional -

BANQUET- “Run for the Roses”

Welcome –Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President

Inspiration – Linda Crish

Guest Speaker Introduction–

Speaker - Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer

~Dinner ~

Final report of the Credentials Committee – Joyce Bates, Registration

Craft Auction Report – Sue Adams, SWD

District Presidents’ Fundraising Report – Pat Groble, LED

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Past Presidents Awards

Top Twenty Honor Roll Clubs

Ruth Miller Memorial Bowl

Jessie June Magee Junior Achievement Cup

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Recognition of Past GFWC Ohio Jennie Award Recipients

INVITATION to the 2026 GFWC Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual

Convention – Lisa Hedrick, NED President

April 23-26, 2026 Embassy Suites, Dublin

Announcements – Peggy Hickenbottom, GFWC Ohio 2nd Vice President

Parting Words –Juliet Casper, GFWC Treasurer

Closing Thoughts – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President

Junior Pledge - Linda Jones

Club Collect - Pam Vines

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Adjournment – Esther Gartland, GFWC Ohio President joined by Linda Jones,

GFWC Ohio Director of Junior Clubs

POST CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, April 27, 2025

7:00 am -10:30 am the Hotel Breakfast Buffet

9:30 a.m. - GFWC Ohio Executive Committee Meeting

10:30 a.m. - GFWC Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SAFE TRAVELS HOME



CONVENTION CORNER – What to bring?

Wish List Items~ Fieldstone Farm

- Epsom Salt
- Duct Tape
- Disinfecting wipes
- Double end snaps
- Gift Cards- Big D's, Schneider's, Tractor Supply
- HP 61 (black and color)
- HP 65 (black and color)
- Post-It Notes
- Laminating Pouches 3Mil 9x11.5 (FEL52454)
- Laminating Pouches 3Mil Legal (FEL52226)
- Oxford Twin Pocket Folders Light Green (OXF57503)
- Cutlass Folders (SMD10341)
- Cardstock Paper – White
- Cardstock Paper – Assorted Colors
- Copy Paper



Accessorize with your beloved large hat, fascinator, or hair bow on Saturday Night for the “Run for the Roses” theme

“NEW TO YOU” BOUTIQUE please limit your donations to accessory items only such as above listed jewelry, scarves, purses/handbags, and come ready to search for a new gem or two at our boutique table.

Bring your entries for the “Photography” contests and check them in by 9:00 a.m. Friday morning



Bring any handmade arts and crafts items you wish to donate to the “Arts and Crafts” auction



**THE PIONEER WORKERS
OF THE GFWC/OHIO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
THE BLUE BOOK OF DISTINGUISHED WOMEN**

I/We wish to enter the name of: _____ into
The Blue Book of Distinguished Women. Enclosed is my/our \$10.00 fee.

Address of Honoree: _____

Honoree is a Member of _____
(Club Name)

Name/Club Entering Honoree: _____

Name/Address/Phone/Email of Contact Person: _____

Why this individual should be listed in *The Blue Book of Distinguished Women* (club work, community work, GFWC/Ohio work, leadership or other reasons.) Please feel free to use the back of this form or use an additional sheet of paper.

Please make check payable to "The Pioneer Workers" and mail to the address below.

Kathy Combs, Blue Book Chairman
8007 Witts Mill Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45255
danlcombs@yahoo.com

Come and create a beautiful wreath with Nina Lowery on Thursday evening.

Craft Theme: “A Garden of Gratitude”

Please join us on pre-convention night (Thursday) of OFWC Convention for a little crafting and a lot of fun!

We will be making a 14-inch artificial floral wreath decorated with sunflowers, a variety of other floral pieces and a “Gratitude” sign. This will be the perfect accent for your spring and summer decorating. Snacks, beverages and sisterhood camaraderie are a bonus with this activity. The cost for this fun and creative event is \$30, and includes refreshments.

You must register so supplies will be available for all.

Sign-up for this fun kick-off event is located on the Registration form. This example may be altered slightly, but this is the basic idea.

