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PINE TREE NOTES



President's Letter

Nancy Ames
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Greetings to all GFWC Maine club women. The 2018-2020 Administration is up and running! I want to personally thank everyone who has taken on a leadership role – what a team we are! We have just come off a very successful Summer Board of Director's meeting, which was attended by the GFWC Maine Executive Committee, Past State Presidents, District Presidents, Club Presidents, Program and Committee Chairman, and the Budget and Finance Committees. We all share the vision of making this world a better place, starting within our own communities and in our great State of Maine.

In June, I was among the delegation from Maine attending the GFWC International Convention in St Louis, Missouri. We had a wonderful time together with friends from all over the country. It's funny how you don't see someone for over a year, but you can pick right up where you left off. Great speakers, food, entertainment – but the most fun of all was the GFWC Project Runway Fashion Show. Over 30 states competed, and although Maine didn't win, I think our "Ole Salty" costume was the most photographed afterwards.

My time has been filled with planning Conferences and Conventions for this Administration, but the "biggie" has been in the planning of the GFWC New England Region Conference, to be held September 28 – 30 at the Grand Summit Resort at Sunday River. GFWC Maine is the host this year; thank goodness it only happens every six years! We have been working on this for the past year, and what fun we have planned for this event – you won't want to miss it.

The theme for this Administration is, "*Be the Change.*" In the spirit of volunteerism, we are the change in the lives of those less fortunate. May we never lose sight of who we are, and what we can accomplish together as a "team."

"*Honoring those who Serve*" is my President's Special Project, which was accepted with open arms at the Summer Board of Director's meeting. Included are veterans, active duty service men and women, first responders and our educators. A challenge was presented at this meeting to support organizations such as Honor Flight Maine, the Travis Mills Foundation, Operation Hope, the Women's Suffragette Memorial in Washington DC, the GFWC Maine Elder Abuse Scholarship and donating Dr. Seuss books to underprivileged children in Maine. You will hear more about this at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference, to be held on Saturday, October 20 at the Maple Hill Farm Inn and Conference Center in Hallowell.

Again, it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your GFWC Maine President for the next two years. Together, let's make things happen!

In Federation and in Friendship,
Nancy Ames
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A Word from your President-elect

WOW! Time certainly has a way of passing by quickly. Seems like we were just together at Spring Convention and it's time to be thinking of attending NER Fall Conference and our own Fall Conference! Hope you have all had a smashing summer, spending time with family and friends and are rested, ready and raring to get back to your club work. I used the time away from club this summer to attend GFWC Annual Convention in St. Louis getting revitalized for the upcoming club year. The energy put forth by 800 women all in one place sharing the same goals and objectives is invigorating.

I am looking forward to the next two years as your president-elect. President Nancy has an exciting and ambitious administration planned and I hope you are as excited about it as I am. She has given us all several projects we can choose to be involved in while we honor those who serve. Her tag line, Be the Change, is one we can all get on board with. GFWC Maine women are the change that makes the difference. You do it every day through your club work.

Hope to see you all soon at Sunday River for NER and/or at Maple Hill Farm for Fall Conference. Till then, I will be

Living the Volunteer Spirit with You –
Carol Jarvais
GFWC Maine President-elect

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Westbrook	GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club
Livermore Falls	Livermore Falls Women's Club
Waldoboro	Waldoboro Woman's Club



Club News

****Northern District****

GFWC Semper Fidelis

We have been quite busy the past few months. One of our meetings was dedicated to sewing for President Mary's Project for the girls at the Nylo Hope School at the refugee camp in Uganda. Members traced, cut, pinned and sewed sanitary pads for female students to enable them to attend school during their monthly cycle. The pads were presented for distribution at Spring Convention.

Members donned their cold weather gear and once again served up s'mores to the children in attendance at the Annual Lake George Winter Carnival. The fire was warm and tasty as were the s'mores! Our Annual Membership Auction was a fun, energy filled event for our members and brought in a whopping \$282!! We outdid ourselves or should I say Outbid ourselves?! The GFWC Conservation Challenge kept some of us at our sewing machines designing and converting reusable shopping bags into a wearable outfit to be worn by our model on the runway at Spring Convention. Our design was a slicker, pants and hat which could be worn by any fashion-conscious lobsterman in the state. Our model, GFWC Maine President-elect Nancy Ames strutted her stuff wearing our creation and won the honor of taking her show on the road to represent the grand state of Maine at GFWC Annual Convention. What a fun time we all had with this project!

On a more serious note, we addressed the opioid problem facing every community across the country by having an emotional and informative presentation by a recovering addict. She spoke openly about

her experience with opioid addiction.

We updated our bylaws and policies and procedures and changed the dates of our fiscal year to coincide with GFWC. We are in the process of applying to be under the umbrella of GFWC as a 501c(3) non-profit. This will make it easier for us when applying for grants and in our fundraising efforts.

And their off... was what was heard at the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser held at the Bigelow Brewery. Festive hats were worn by the ladies and gents in attendance with a fun time enjoyed by all. The best part of the event was the \$1,444 raised which we were able to present to the Canaan Public Library for their building expansion project. This summer we co-sponsored a movie with GFWC Skowhegan Women's Club. The movie "Paddington Bear" was to be shown as an on-going summer series of movies in Coburn Park. Due to the threat of inclement weather the movie had to be moved indoors. We filled goodie bags with teddy grahams and distributed them to the children. We are gearing up for the new club year and look forward to another fun and productive year. We are proud to have three members of our club serving on the GFWC Maine Executive Committee as president, president-elect and corresponding secretary. We wish President Nancy much success during her 2018-2020 administration.

Hoping to see a lot of you at New England Region Conference!

Carol Jarvais, President

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club

Skowhegan Woman's Club: 137th Year

Recently I attended my first GFWC ME Board of Directors

Meeting on July 25, 2018 as incoming President of GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club. Our GFWC Maine President, Nancy Ames, was ready and excited to help us, "Be the Change." One piece of information I appreciated receiving on that day was a **tri-fold highlighting our organization**. I have since focused on my own club's need for a short half page double sided fact sheet about us, GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club. How are others going to know who we are and what good deeds we do for our community if brochures are not at the ready for all of our events to promote our volunteer efforts and possibly find new like-minded community ladies that would like to join such a giving group. When planning for this year's activities for the Skowhegan Woman's Club I asked our *Historian*, **Maxine Russakoff** to delve into past reasons for organizing as a club. It didn't take her long to share with me her pride in the fact that we are the only club existing now that was a charter member of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs-ME established in 1892.

Maxine also shared that club members were originally interested in uniting women to promote the individual and the group: boosting intellectual cultivation, enriching social enjoyment, and assisting the community. During our summer planning many shared their interest in getting back to: nurturing our members. Taking care of ourselves individually and collectively before we care for our community is one of my goals for the year ahead. Our meetings have always been at the Heritage House Restaurant at noon however this year **two** of our meetings will be in a **more**

informal spot, my home for the **December and May** meetings. We will also start our meetings at **11:30** and be able to go through the buffet line instead of a selected meal brought to us. Those needing assistance can still get help. Organizing a few activities outside the formal meeting is a way we will enjoy and connect with one another and learn about our diversity that binds us. Change is an everyday occurrence so we will evaluate our progress in May 2019 as we review our year. GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club has continued our concessions at Coburn Park each Sunday in July and August. The monies earned on these days go into our scholarship fund. These concessions are held in conjunction with Concerts in the Park Series starting at 5:00 to 6:15pm. Local fans and visitors look forward to our snacks, sandwiches, drink selections, and pie by the slice or whole pie. This addition has been a hit. At the same time we are selling our Lobster Raffle Tickets. This includes a complete shore dinner for 2 with the winner to be drawn on August 26th. Monies will go to scholarship fund. Speaking of pies, the Skowhegan Woman's Club held their 3rd annual PIE SALE in conjunction with Run of the River Fest in downtown Skowhegan on August 2nd from 4:30-8:30pm. It was very humid but we persevered together to earn \$400 for the 2018 scholarship fund.

Debra Burnham, President

GFWC Lubec Woman's Club

The Lubec Woman's Club has had a very busy summer. In June, we hosted a scholarship celebration at the Lubec Consolidated School for the 2018 Lubec Students who

graduated from high school. As Lubec no longer has their own high school, this is a way to honor our graduates locally. We presented two \$500 scholarships at the celebration. In addition, we awarded the first annual Leona MacBride \$1,000 nursing scholarship in memory and honor of Leona "Nonie" MacBride who was a very active Lubec community member as well as a past state president of GFWC Maine. This scholarship was given in collaboration with the Regional Medical Center of Lubec. The recipient is a young mother with three young children who will be juggling nursing school as well as family. This young woman hopes to return to the community to practice nursing. The local Lions Club as well as the Firefighter's organization were present to grant their scholarships. For the first time, we presented checks to graduates who participated in our Cash4Careers program. It was a wonderful afternoon. Our annual yard sale was held July 4th. The community generously donated items for the sale. Not only was the sale financially successful but we also made donations of unsold items to various organizations. On our free day, the summer day care program of Lubec Community Outreach Center received craft supplies. A young teacher's assistant was able to outfit her first apartment with kitchen items as well as a gently used chair. Leftover vases were given to a local florist. Plastic eggs were given to a local campground that sponsors an Easter egg hunt for the children of Lubec. What was not sold or given away was given to a nearby church for their upcoming sale.

We donated \$500 to the summer program at LCOC for scholarships for children in their summer camp.

We are now selling our 500 raffle tickets. We have 500

tickets to sell and one winner will have \$500 in gift cards to spend. The local merchants have been very generous in donating gift cards to support this effort, and the community has been very supportive in purchasing the tickets. We will draw a winner on Labor Day. We look forward to a busy Fall and cooler weather!

Julia Brady, President

GFWC Newport Woman's Club

The GFWC Newport Woman's Club has been busy of late preparing for a new club year with a new administration. The Calendar Committee had several meetings and has put together a busy year for its members. The calendars are ready for the press. Club members had their first fundraiser for the New Year on the VERY rainy day....August 4th. Members gathered together a gift card basket to raffle off at Newport's second annual Riverwalk. Members sold tickets throughout the day as folks plodded in the mud.

Several gift cards to area businesses, gas cards, several 'scratch tickets' jar candles, even a stuffed bear, all totaling a value of over \$650. A very excited Newport resident went home with the basket. Members were busy 'recruiting' throughout the day as well. Our September meeting is designated a membership meeting...we hope to see results of our recruiting efforts!

Gerry Richardson, Secretary

GFWC MIOSAC Club

In May, members celebrated the club's 82nd birthday! Hostesses for the special occasion were Betsey Ryan and Barb Austin and they organized a fun, festive time for everyone to enjoy the

bond of friendship and to celebrate the success of another productive club year. Before the evening concluded, the installation of officers for the 2018-2020 Administration was beautifully conducted by club past President Vicki Moschella, using the Heart of GFWC as the theme. Though the club does not meet in the summer, members don't hide away! After much work, July 14th was the day of a very successful yard sale. Since then, one member attended the GFWC Maine Board of Directors Meeting held at Tewksbury Hall in Skowhegan on July 25th. The club's Advisory Committee has been busy organizing the schedule for the upcoming club year; program booklets are nearing completion. This club is looking forward to beginning formal meetings again in October!

Suzanne Raymond, President

GFWC Outlook Club

In April the GFWC Outlook Club had a very special meeting to celebrate Meredith Randlett's 95th birthday and 71 years as a club member!

In May new (and recycled) officers were elected. Just as we were on the brink of folding, members volunteered to step up and keep this 118 year old club going for a bit longer. Earlier in the year it had been voted to move meetings from evening to afternoon and to hold meetings at the library to make us easier to find than in varied homes. May this help us attract new members!

The June outing was a lunchtime event at The Farmer's Table in Corinna, well-attended and with a new member (again recycled after years in FL.)

Summer is usually a quiet spell, but a yard sale will be held August 18 so members have been busy preparing.

Libby Wiers, Secretary

*****Southern District*****

GFWC Research Club of Limerick

On April 3rd The Research club sponsored a night of Music and Art at our Old Brick Town Hall to which the entire town was invited. The art was from Bonnie Eagle High school and judged by Diane Snow and Frank Jedrychowski, local artists. They then explained why they choose the awards. The rest of the evening was dedicated to music presented by the Massabesic High School Band led by Adam Goad, band leader and The Massabesic Chorus, led by Heather Guilfoyle, Chorus leader. The meeting ended with refreshments served by the Research Club members. The hall was full to overflowing and we have decided to have a similar program next year but in a different location!! In April three of our members attended The District I meeting and Art program. May 1st. found us back at the Old Brick Town Hall. This evening we sponsored an Informative discussion about Cannabis, a.k.a. Marijuana. Dr. Mary Callison and wellness coach Sandy Gibson each presented their involvement with Cannabis education of the public. The public was invited to this program and many attended. May 10-11th was the G.F.W.C. Maine Spring Convention and four of our club members were able to attend. Lots of fun was had and three of them won prizes. We were saddened to have Mary Libby leave as G.F.W.C. Maine President but glad to have Nancy Ames installed. We are looking to working together with her as she serves GFWC Maine. In June we had our annual outing at a local restaurant. This meeting was our installation of officers. Sally Manchester conducted the

installation using women from history to inspire each officer. In June we also held our annual yard sale on a very hot day. We cleared a little over \$200.00 to help us with our various projects. Hope you all survive the hot and humid summer.

Lovedy Alexander, President

Castine Woman's Club

Winter, spring, and summer just flew by this year in a flurry of CWC events!

The **Castine Woman's Club** along with the Wilson Museum warmed up the local community with a January and February Dinner-at-Noon. The highlight of the February Dinner-at-Noon was a cake-baking contest... yum!

In spring, the Club co-hosted a fun day-long rug hooking workshop, luncheon, and presentation by expert Judith Burger-Gossart on April 3. In celebration of May Day, CWC Vice President Patty Hutchins led Adams School students in the making of May baskets. CWC monthly meetings are held at and are generously co-hosted with the Wilson Museum. CWC appreciates the extraordinary efforts of VP Patty Hutchins and the Wilson Museum staff in making these meetings and events so fun and successful! The community is invited and always welcome.

The last official meeting of the 2017-2018 year took place at the Wilson Museum on Tuesday, June 5 with an annual Tea. Cipperly Good gave an enlightening presentation on "Women at Sea: Maine's Wives and Daughters Who Went to Sea." The Tea is a great opportunity for members to enjoy using the Club's silver tea service housed at the Wilson Museum. During the year, the Club also collected loose change

for the GFWC Maine President's Sudan Project.

In addition to Club meetings and events, this spring CWC members enjoyed the Appreciation Dinner put on by the Adams School Calvineers for their local supporters. CWC has long supported the Calvineers in their efforts on behalf of the endangered Northern Right Whale.

The Club also co-sponsored a sustainable gardening workshop with the Witherle Library on April 9. As in years past, CWC organized entries for the District 4 Art Contest, inviting participation from five area high schools. On June 6, CWC assisted with dessert for the Maja Trivia contest for Blue Hill peninsula middle schoolers held annually at Wilson Museum.

This summer, the community enjoyed the much anticipated CWC annual July 4 Pie Sale featuring delicious strawberry-rhubarb pies homemade by CWC Secretary Marjie Wheeler. On July 10, CWC co-hosted an evening program with the Wilson Museum highlighting researcher Galen Koch's process of collecting oral maritime history and stories along the Maine coast. CWC was thrilled to close out the summer by hosting the ever-popular Flash! in the Pans Steel Drum Band concert on Monday evening, August 27, at the Castine Town Dock. The Flash! concert is one of the Club's best fundraisers enabling CWC's support of community programs and scholars.

Programs for the upcoming year are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned! Best wishes for a wonderful, crisp, and productive autumn to all clubs!

Val Taub, President

Waldoboro Woman's Club

The Waldoboro Woman's Club's leadership team for the 2018-19 year are Judi Lawrence, president; Carol Hall Perry, Vice President; Charlotte Gulezian, treasurer and Jean Lawrence, secretary. They were installed in May by Linda Curtis Brawn, past president of GFWC Maine. On June 23, the Waldoboro Woman's Club's annual Whale of a Sale, under the leadership of Chair Eleanor Krause, netted over \$3,000 for local graduating high school seniors and continuing education scholarships. The Club also sold chances on a Made in Maine Basket at the Friendship Day Celebration. Next year's Silent Auction profits will be designated for the GFWC Maine Nyolo School Project. The summer months are busy ones for club members. Twelve members volunteered 117 hours as hostesses at the Old German Church in Waldoboro during July and August. Seven members planned and hosted the Annual Service's outdoor reception on August 5, and members contributed food for the refreshment table. Additionally, ten members volunteered 129 hours as hosts at the Waldoboro Historical Society Museum June through September, and the Club gave an annual gift of \$50 in support of the Society. Both outreach projects are vital to Waldoboro, as these non-profit organizations depend on volunteers' support to keep the doors of these vital buildings open during the summer.

Jean Lawrence, Secretary

GFWC Gorham Woman's Club

Gorham Women's Club has been very busy. We ended our year with an Annual Meeting held at a local restaurant. Most of the members attended and a good time was had by all as well as a very productive annual meeting. Our election of officers resulted in Brenda Caldwell being elected President; Wendy Bowler elected Vice President; Brenda Blair re-elected Secretary; JoAnn Means re-elected Treasurer and Betty Files re-elected Corresponding Secretary.

During the last few months and through the summer all members worked on note paper which we will sell as a fund raiser. We have also experimented with making small dog and cat toys which seem to go over very well. We will be continuing doing these as a fund raiser. We participated in the Gorham Market Place where we had a raffle involving a chocolate basket and a donated handmade child's digger toy as well as the fund raising items. This was very successful. Our next meeting, and first for the year, will be September 13th where we will have a presentation on "Old Architecture in Gorham". All our meetings are held at the First Parish Church in Gorham and begin with refreshments at 12:30 followed by a program at 1:00 p.m. and then our meeting. Anyone who is interested is invited.

Brenda Caldwell, President

Livermore Falls Women's Club

We had a very busy spring. Our April meeting we had guest speaker Stephanie Crowe of SEARCH (Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope), speak to us about this program.

The program provides volunteer support services to seniors in Androscoggin and Franklin Counties. Franklin County has the highest need for these services. She explained how to become a volunteer and what some of the support services her agency provides to seniors. The second half of the meeting was the awarding of membership pins. This is the first year, in the history of the Club membership pins have been awarded. The following members received pins: 5-yr. pins, Christine Fournier, Pam King, Bonnie Perkins, Lisa Townsend and Ellen Young; 10-yr. pins, Lucille Lavoie, Barbara Latalien and Gail Slade; 15-yr. pin, Phyllis Antil; 20-yr. pin, Nancy Conant, Betty Forbes and Marjorie Black, 25-yr. pin, Barbara Hathaway; 30-yr. pin, Ruth Gammon; 35-yr. pin Betty Nichols; and 40-yr. pin, Muriel Bowerman. We celebrated the Federation's 128th birthday with a cake made by Christine Judd.



Our May meeting was held at the Harris House in Livermore Falls. The Club adopted this residential nursing facility for 16 individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities as well as significant medical challenges a year ago. The Staff wanted to show their appreciation for all the Club has done for them over the past year and suggested we meet at their facility and they would provide us lunch. The Director of Social Services, Diane Woods, spoke about the history of Harris House and her duties as director. June Allen, Director of Activities spoke about the programs for the residents and how staff gets them to be more visible in the

community by volunteering, attending sporting events, parades and even helping deliver newspapers to patients at the hospital.

Recently elected State President Nancy Ames, and recently elected President Elect Carol Jarvais were in attendance.

Nancy gave an overview of what she would like to accomplish the next two years. One of her programs will be supporting and recognizing Veterans, Fire, Police, First Responders and others who protect and keep us safe. She also mentioned Maine will be hosting the GFWC New England Conference at Sunday River Resort in Newry on September 28-30, 2018.

Marjorie Black newly appointed Chair of ESO gave a brief overview of the reading program and its requirements and encouraged us to participate in this program.

Election of officers for the next term was held. Nominating committee of Bonnie Perkins, Chair; Betty Forbes and Barbara Latalien presented the following candidates for consideration: Parliamentarian, Frances Berry, Treasurer, Christine Fournier; Secretary, Bonnie Perkins; Vice President, Susan Sylvester; and President Ellen Young. The candidates were elected.

The Club doesn't meet during the summer but many Club women will be participating in several events throughout the summer:

The Club will be providing baked goods for the Harris House Family Fun Day and the election bake sale in June. A breakfast basket was made to be raffled off at the fun day and election bake sale as well. Several members of the Club volunteer at the Livermore Library and they will be holding a 100th year celebration in July. A membership meeting is scheduled in July to begin planning a membership campaign for the year and a planning meeting is scheduled

for August. Our summer outing will be September 5th at Lakewood to see "Ann of Green Gables".

We start our monthly meetings again in September.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Ellen Young, President

GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club

Westbrook Woman's Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 17. Our members enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner. The year ending reports were given and our meeting concluded with the installation of officers. Pat Currier installed the following officers: President – Beth A. Turner, First Vice President – Elaine Brickman, Recording Secretary – Susan Franck, Treasurer – Michele Fosnacht, and Assistant Treasurer – Mary Gavin. Our Club will be in recess until our meeting in September.

A good representation of our members attended the GFWC Maine convention held in Waterville on May 10 and 11 to support Mary Libby, the State President and a member of Westbrook Woman's Club. On the last day of Convention (May 11) our members wore our new yellow Club jerseys to show our pride and support for Mary and our Club.

Westbrook Together Days parade was held on Saturday, June 2. Westbrook Woman's Club had 35 members represented at this event between the parade and booth in the park. Our fundraiser at our booth raised \$260.00. We will vote, at our meeting in the fall, to determine how this money will benefit our community. Representatives of Westbrook Woman's Club attended the awards ceremony for Westbrook

NOTES:

High School and Westbrook Vocational School to hand out scholarships to the students receiving them. Three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded to Westbrook High School students and two (2) \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to Westbrook Vocational School students. It is always exciting to be a part of assisting these students as they continue their education toward careers.

On July 26 our member, Sue Franck invited the Club to her lovely home for a potluck lunch and social time. The lunch was delicious and was followed by our hostess treating everyone to ice cream and dessert treats. We enjoyed gathering together to catch up on what everyone is doing during the time we are on recess. A big thank you to Sue for such a wonderful day!! As the summer is flying, we will look forward to lunch at DiMillo's Restaurant on Tuesday, September 4 to receive the Club yearbook for 2018/2019. We look forward to this event before our term officially starts. Westbrook Woman's Club will hold its Welcome Back meeting on Tuesday, September 18 with a make your own italian sandwich lunch with our business meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. Westbrook Woman's Club will be looking forward to "Be the Change".

Beth A. Turner, President



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Epsilon Sigma Omicron



It is with pleasure and anticipation I take on the role of ESO chairman for GFWC Maine. The pleasure comes from encouraging the GFWC Maine members to participate in this honorary educational society for lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. The anticipation comes from looking forward to presenting ESO membership certificates

and pins in the coming months.

The wonderful part of this program is the self-enrichment and personal growth are done at your own speed.

Please contact me, Marjorie H. Coburn Black at MHB770@Outdrs.net or call 207-612-6072 for more information. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Marjorie Black, Chairman | mhb770@outdrs.net

Arts

There has often been changes in the Arts from the simple handprints in a cave in France to computer art we see today, but our High School Art Contest rules will continue as is until the Administration can formulate needed changes.

You will find the rules in the Directory for:

- Scrap Books
- High School Art Contest Rules
- GFWC Creative Writing Contest for Clubwomen
- Photography Contests

If you do not have a Directory contact your District President.

Having two Districts now means there will be only four pieces of art from each District to submit for the 2019 Spring Art Show. Art should be selected from the blue ribbon winners, in any category that is listed in the Directory Art Rules.

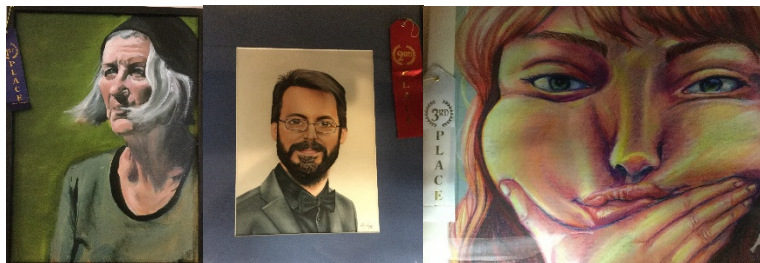
The Creative Writing Contests includes Poetry and Short Stories with \$50 for each first place winner. This is an opportunity to express your talent.

Photography Contests will require you to bring your entry to the GFWC Maine Spring Convention Art Show for judging but notify me by, April 15th of intent to enter.

Keep up with your Scrapbooking and check out some of the scrapbooking inspirations and ideas books for making your scrapbook memories a legacy.

Barbara Hathaway, Chairman | bhaway@myfairpoint.net

GFWC Maine Spring Convention High School Art Contest



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| 1 st Place: Mazie Smallidge of George Stevens Academy |
| 2 nd Place: Libby Knudsen of Gorham High School |
| 3 rd Place: Genevieve Claybough of George Stevens Academy |

“We don’t make mistakes, just happy little accidents.” - Bob Ross

Leadership

Leadership development should be high on the list of priorities for every State, District and Club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It is a fine thing to have ability, but ability to discover ability in others is the true test.

A leader is one who facilitates and guides the work of a group. Leadership is the art of developing people. A leader of a club stimulates every member to share her talents and to accept responsibility so that all may share in the activities of the club and in the pride and satisfaction of its accomplishments.

Greater opportunity for leadership training must begin at the local club level so that we can insure a constant supply of good leadership material for the District, State and National levels of GFWC. Every club has members who are potential leaders. They need the chance, or perhaps a little "nudge" to be on a committee or work on a project. These opportunities will develop or expose their talents.

An excellent tool for club use is a survey of club members or a questionnaire to discover their desires and talents. In this way they may be placed on committees or in activities that best suit their abilities and aptitudes. There are certain attributes and techniques that are necessary for a successful leader.

1. She must have a deep interest, understanding and knowledge of her club and of GFWC.
2. She must be firm, tactful and fair.
3. She must have the ability to prepare an agenda and conduct the business of her club or group in accordance with the organization.
4. She should listen to the voice of the minority as well as to the majority.
5. She should delegate responsibility and recognize the strengths and abilities of those who are appointed.
6. She must learn to accept criticism graciously and above all to have a sense of humor.

If a leader is well prepared, knows what she wants to accomplish, and is responsive to new ideas, she should be able to motivate her clubwomen to achieve the goals set forth. Leadership development is an investment. It requires time, thought and application, but the dividends of such an investment far exceeds the expenditures of effort. When you are called upon to serve your Club, your Federation as an Officer, a Committee Chair or Member, please do accept and give it the best you can. The benefits you will derive will be far greater than all the efforts you will put into it.

Anne H. Cress, Chairman | jkhbranch09@gmail.com

Membership

I would like to introduce myself to all of my Maine GFWC women. I am Linda Lougee of GFWC Newport Woman's Club, (2018 LEADS GRADUATE) and I have many good things to share with you. I have set a goal that all clubs will increase membership! We have a responsibility to our club to make sure it continues and thrives. Why not start a JUNIORETTE Club (school will be starting soon) We are starting one. If you do not have a Junior Club I can help you to get started. I am available and here to help you. I look forward to meeting you and sharing thoughts that will move all clubs forward. I can be reached by phone: 207 341-1538, snail mail [110 North Rd, Detroit, ME 04929](mailto:Linda.Lougee@maineclub.org), email below:

Linda Lougee, Chairman | lindamlougee@gmail.com

Public Issues



The 2018-2020 Administration is going to focus on diversity and legislation. It will feature Seven Grand Initiatives to guide your volunteering. Here is a brief overview of what's in store.

Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service: Goal is to have 1,000 club projects performed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Women in the Military: Goal is to focus on service opportunities at local military bases, especially ones that benefit the women who serve.

Recognize the Red: Goal is for members to sign their name in red when mailing or emailing letters to government officials in support of legislation so they begin to recognize GFWC's advocacy efforts

Arbor Day/Federation Day: Goal is to plant 1,000 trees GFWC-wide.

GFWC's Million Dollar Club: Goal is for 1,000 clubwomen to donate \$1,000 to the Capital Campaign

Dr. Seuss: Goal is for 1,000 children's books to be donated in honor of Dr. Seuss on his birthday to schools in need.

Soles4Soul: Goal is for 1,000 pairs of shoes to be donated by clubs.

Another **Grand Initiative** is that 1,000 members join the Legislative Action Center. Members who sign up for the

Legislative Action Center will receive updates on specific legislation GFWC is supporting. These updates will let members know when they should contact their national legislators about a particular bill. To sign up, go to the GFWC website (GFWC.org), click on the "Public Policy" tab, and then click on the link that says "Take Action". It is my hope that each club in GFWC Maine will have member sign up for the LAC (Legislative Action Center). During this administration, GFWC members will journey together through the legislative process. The Executive Committee will pick two prospective pieces of legislation and ask that GFWC members advocate for the passage of these measures, as part of this focus project, we will track these two bills through the legislative process. Every member who has signed up with the LAC will be notified through email about action GFWC would like to see taken on a bill. You will be hearing more about this process in the days and months ahead. There are many things clubs can do to create awareness of the need for advocacy. With advances in technology we, as women in our communities, need to look at the bigger picture. What is happening elsewhere can soon be happening in our communities; are we prepared to deal with this?...

Marjorie Pfeiffer, Chairman | dmgoodwin2@live.com

GFWC International Outreach Service Program

From the GFWC Club Manual:

"For decades, GFWC Clubwomen have reached beyond their communities to make a lasting difference in the lives of others throughout the world. We are all part of the global community and are not isolated from the issues effecting so many others worldwide. Issues such as hunger, poverty, preventable diseases, human trafficking, the lack of clean drinking

water, and education know no boundaries.

Half of the world's population, more than 3 billion people, lives on less than \$2.50 a day. Twenty two thousand children die each day from easily preventable diseases and over 600 million people do not have safe drinking water. The International Outreach Community Service Program is designed to give members the opportunity to become better world citizens and make an impact throughout the world through education, advocacy, and action to affect change for others throughout the world."

Our resource chairman at GFWC for the International Outreach Service Program:

2018-2020 INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Mary Beth Williams, Chairman

8 Sequoyah Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80906 719-471-8600 mbw2020@msn.com

One idea worth considering in this area - mark your calendars:

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day is a global day of celebrating the achievements of women and a call for gender parity. Its origins can be traced back to the early 1900's when women were demanding the right to vote, shorter working hours, and better pay. It is celebrated throughout the world on March 8.

Join the celebration. Plan a lunch with a program to honor women in your community or about our very own GFWC great women from the past.

Create a display for your library showcasing female authors and books about great women in history.

A new initiative for this administration: 2018-2020 INITIATIVE

In 1994 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January was declared a National Day of Service. Each and every club in GFWC is asked to do a service project on that day. It may be in any area, any type of project. OUR GOAL IS 1,000 CLUBS PARTICIPATING.

Our GFWC Partners continue to be:

Heifer International

Shot@Life

Unicef

Operaton Smile



For more information and ideas from GFWC, type in:

<https://www.gfwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2018-20-CSP-International-Outreach.pdf>

Or go to www.gfwc.org, click on News and Publications, then Club Manual, then International Outreach Service
We are not alone in the world... and even though we have people in this country who need assistance, there are at least some structures still left in place in the US that people can access. In many other parts of the world, where poverty is even greater, the resources are far less than we have here. Consider doing something this club year that reaches out to our brothers and sisters of the world, and helps to make their lives easier and the world better. Make use of our partners, support these organizations, or partner with an organization that is near and dear to your club members. Every little bit helps...

Gloria Leveillee, Chairman | gleveillee@roadrunner.com

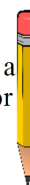
Conservation

The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program encourages awareness of our natural resources and caring for the world around us. It offers information and ideas to promote environmental appreciation and protection. Work to preserve, maintain, and restore our natural resources; protect habitats for plants and animals; and develop sustainable habits. Environmental education; care for our air, land, and water; recycling; litter cleanup; partnerships with community groups, schools, and children; support of wildlife; energy conservation; tree planting; and beautification - this is what the Conservation Community Service Program is all about. Work to become more aware of conservation issues, enrich your communities, and become stewards of the environment. Enjoy the great outdoors! Incorporate any and all of these topics into your conservation plans: • Recycling • Environmental Education and Awareness • Outdoor Exploration • Air and Water Quality • Waste Handling • Natural Resource Restoration • Tree Planting • Beautification • Wildlife Protection • Proper Care for Domesticated Animals • Food Sources • Community Gardens • Preservation of Existing Waterways • Energy Conservation

Vicki Moschella, Chairman | vickialison@live.com

Education

From the 1996 Report of the International Commission on Education for the 21st Century and the 1997 Hamburg Declaration: Literacy, broadly conceived as the basic knowledge and skills needed in a rapidly changing world is a fundamental human right. There are millions, the majority of whom are women, who lack opportunities to learn or have insufficient skills to be able to assert this right. The challenge is to enable them to do so. Literacy is also a catalyst for participating in social, cultural, political, and economic activities, and for learning throughout life.



Mary Libby, Chairman | mklibby@yahoo.com

Home Life

THE GFWC HOME LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INFORM MEMBERS OF ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES by providing opportunities and resources to meet and address needs through volunteering. Through this program, clubs may develop and implement creative projects that promote a healthy lifestyle; increase awareness, prevention, research, and treatment of disease; target personal development; address the issues of hunger, inadequate housing, and homelessness; and/or prevent or correct financial difficulties. Program ideas are endless. Consider projects that address issues such as women's health, theft prevention, service dog programs, individuals with disabilities, healthy lifestyles, life skill classes, healthy food choices, cooking classes, childcare, and preventing prescription drug abuse. Consider a program to help families at risk of food insecurity and health conditions driven by poor diets.

Sally Manchester, Chairman | sallyhcf@roadrunner.com

GFWC Signature Program - Domestic Violence Awareness



The goal of the GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse and violence against women in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC is a powerful voice for those who have no voice.

Katherine White, Chairman | dawklw@gmail.com

GFWC Maine Spring Convention May 2018 wrap-up

Art Club Creativity Award:	GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club 'Winter Craft Series at the Library'
Conservation Club Creativity Award:	GFWC Semper Fidelis Club 'Little Piece of Paradise'
International Outreach Club Creativity Award:	GFWC Research Club of Limerick 'Sole Hope in Uganda'
Education Club Creativity Award:	GFWC Semper Fidelis Club 'Frozen'
Home Life Club Creativity Award:	GFWC MIOSAC Club 'Merry Christmas Children'
Home Life GFWC Maine Award:	GFWC Semper Fidelis Club 'The Longest Day – Alzheimer's Walk'
Public Issues Club Creativity Award:	GFWC MIOSAC Club 'American Legion Post Support'
Domestic Violence Awareness Club Creativity Award:	GFWC Semper Fidelis Club 'Protection from Abuse/Harassment'
Fundraising GFWC Maine Award:	GFWC Semper Fidelis Club 'The Longest Day – Alzheimer's Walk'

Photography 1st Place Awards:

Living Things Category:	Tamara Cox 'Lavender in Bloom – color GFWC MIOSAC Club Sue Ellen Lexier 'The Quiet Fisherman – black & white GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club
Scenes Category:	Sue Ellen Lexier 'Niagara Sunset' – color GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club
Still Life Category:	Nancy Ames 'Colors of Summer' – color GFWC Semper Fidelis Club Tamara Cox 'Footsteps of Angels' – black & white GFWC MIOSAC Club
Volunteers In Action Category:	Sue Ellen Lexier 'The Sewers for Girls' – color GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club
Creative Writing Category:	Maureen Provencal 'The Day Mom Died' GFWC Semper Fidelis Club
LEADS Candidate:	Linda Lougee from the GFWC Newport Woman's Club
Jennie Award recipient:	Sally Manchester from the GFWC Research Club of Limerick
The Carolyn Lombardi Trophy:	GFWC Newport Woman's Club

340 Projects reported \ 20,256.50 volunteer hours reported \ \$65,052.73 donated reported \ \$20,250.50 in-kind donations reported!! This is why we report!!

GFWC International Convention St Louis, Missouri wrap-up

Recognition for St Jude's donation

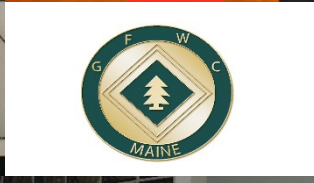
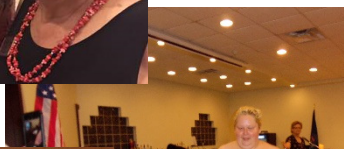
Tamara Cox of GFWC MIOSAC Club 3rd place photography entry

International Outreach State Award – Suzanne Raymond, Chairman Report

Charlotte Emerson Brown Award Excellence in State Leadership – GFWC Maine Past President Mary Libby



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GFWC Maine Fall Conference

Official Call

Saturday, October 20th, 2018
Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center
11 Inn Road Hallowell, Maine
207-622-2708



“Be the Change”

Friday, October 19, 2018

3:00pm

GFWC Maine Executive Committee Meeting

6:00pm

Dinner at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant

*390 Western Ave., Augusta, ME
207-622-7894*

GFWC Maine Executive Committee

All Welcome

Tentative Program

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:00am – 10:00am

Registration and Marketplace
Distribution of GFWC Maine Directories
Collection of GFWC Maine Club Programs

9:00am

Community Service Project:
Filling Veteran’s Welcome Baskets
(suggested items included)

10:00am

Business Opening Session

Call to Order

Nancy Ames
GFWC Maine President

Inspiration

Anne Cress
GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman

Club Collect

Carol Jarvais
GFWC Maine President-Elect

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America**

Wendy Bowler
GFWC Maine Vice President

American’s Creed

Elaine Brickman
GFWC Maine Recording Secretary

State of Maine Song

Marjorie Pfeiffer
GFWC Maine Conference Co-Chairman

Welcome to the Maple Hill Farm Inn	Scott Cowger & Vincent Hannan <i>Proprietors</i>
Report of Registration & Presentation of Program	Marjorie Pfeiffer <i>GFWC Maine Conference Co-Chairman</i>
Conference/Convention Rules	Suzanne Raymond <i>GFWC Maine Parliamentary Advisor</i>
Secretary Report	Elaine Brickman <i>GFWC Maine Recording Secretary</i>
Treasurer Report	Sheri Walsh <i>GFWC Maine Treasurer</i>
Corresponding Secretary Report	Maureen Provencal <i>GFWC Maine Corresponding Secretary</i>
Community Service Programs	Wendy Bowler <i>GFWC Maine Vice President & Dean of Community Service Programs</i>
GFWC Convention Highlights	Mary Libby <i>GFWC Maine Immediate Past President</i>
GFWC Convention Awards	Carol Jarvais <i>GFWC Maine President-Elect</i>
GFWC NER Conference Highlights	Elaine Brickman <i>GFWC Maine Recording Secretary</i>
Presidents Special Project	Nancy Ames <i>GFWC Maine President</i> Joyce Noonan & Karie Watson <i>Presidents Special Project Co-Chairmen</i>
Veterans Welcome Baskets	Melissa Cowing <i>Volunteer Service Specialist</i> <i>VA Maine Healthcare System</i>
<i>Making an impact in the lives of our Veterans through 'Welcome to your New Home' baskets.</i>	
Expression of Thanks	Nancy Kenty <i>GFWC Maine Necrologist</i>
Noon	Luncheon



Operation Hope

Joseph Massey
Chief of Police - Waterville, ME

Operation HOPE encourages Maine residents who suffer from heroin and opiate addiction to seek help and experience recovery.



LEADS

Carol Jarvais
GFWC Maine President-Elect

2018 LEADS Graduate

Linda Lougee
GFWC Newport Woman's Club

Table Talks

Membership	'Be a Member'
Leadership	'Be a Leader'
'Fun-Raising'	'Be Smart'

Final Report of Registration

Marjorie Pfeiffer
GFWC Maine Conference Co-Chairman

Drawings & Announcements

Put A Little Love In Your Heart - Sung by All

Adjournment



HOUSEWARMING BASKET (#1)
(ALL NEW – NO USED ITEMS)



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Broom/Dustpan | <input type="checkbox"/> Mop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet brush & holder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shower curtain | <input type="checkbox"/> Shower rings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dishpan | <input type="checkbox"/> Dish rack/tray |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dish Cloth/Towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning sponge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> All-purpose cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dish soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar soap (pkg of 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid hand soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper (pkg of 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels (pkg of 4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towel/wash cloths (2 to start) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash container/bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small bathroom trash container | |

We request that the entire above list be gathered and donated as one complete set so that we do not have too many of one item and not enough of another. Thank you!



BED, BATH & KITCHEN BASIC NEEDS (#2) **(ALL NEW – NO USED ITEMS)**

(The following items can be donated as individual items at any time, as they are not part of the basic needs “Housewarming Basket”).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Twin Size Inflatable Bed w/air pump | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Twin Size Bed Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Set of Twin Size Bed Sheets | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Bed Blankets (Twin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Twin Size Bed Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Set of Bath Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Non-Slip (inside) Shower Mat | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cloth (outside) Bath Mat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Electric Toaster Oven | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Set of Silverware (for 3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cooking Utensils Container | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Set of Cooking Utensils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Set of Pots & Pans | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Maker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Fan | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Sets Plastic Dish & Cups |

GFWC Maine Fall Conference

Saturday, October 20th, 2018
Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center
11 Inn Road Hallowell, Maine
207-622-2708

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

GFWC Maine Club Affiliation: _____

GFWC Maine position: ☐ GFWC Maine Executive Committee
☐ GFWC Maine Chairman
☐ GFWC Maine District President
☐ GFWC Maine Club President
☐ GFWC Maine Club Member

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$45.00 per person for the entire Conference** ☐ ☐

This includes:

GFWC Maine registration

Morning pick me ups:

Delicious homemade muffins just out of the oven
Fresh ground organic Carrabassett coffee | regular & decaf
Assorted flavored & herbal teas and homemade cocoa

Luncheon Buffet:

Homemade soup of the day
Make-your-own sandwich platter | roast beef, ham & turkey
Assorted cheeses | lettuce & tomatoes
Farm-fresh potato & egg salad | Pasta salad with fresh vegetables
Soft drinks, coffee, tea and milk
Dessert

MEDICAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Who to Contact in an Emergency _____
Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____
Special Medical Needs/ Allergies: _____

PLEASE: Send checks payable to: GFWC Maine
Mail this form by October 10th to:

Marjorie Pfeiffer
PO Box 266
Clinton, ME 04927

Notes:

Please let Maureen Provencal (mrprovencal81@gmail.com) aware that you will be providing a 'Veterans Welcome Basket' - this can be done as a collaboration with another club as well. If you would like to bring certain items, let Maureen know, as not to duplicate. The speaker will be taking them with her that day. Thank you in advance.

Market-place tables will only be available for GFWC Maine committees due to limited space. Sorry for any inconveniences, the Spring Convention will accommodate.



Some of the area hotel information:

The Senator Inn & Spa: (207)622-5804

Quality Inn & Suites Evergreen Hotel: (207)622-3776

Best Western Plus Augusta Civic Center Inn: (207)622-4751

Homewood Suites by Hilton Augusta: (207)622-4077

Hampton Inn Augusta: (207)622-4077

*** (There is another event taking place in Augusta and rooms are booking fast) ***

Conference Venue:

Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center

11 Inn Road Hallowell, Maine

207-622-2708 | www.maplebb.com

From the South:

- Take *I-95 North*. You will then need to take an exit just south of Portland onto *I-295 North* at Exit 44, or north of Portland at Exit 52 onto the Falmouth Spur over to *I-295 North*. Continue taking *I-295 North* which reconnects with *I-95 North* just south of Augusta, and continue on *I-95 North*.
- Take Exit 109, the first Augusta Exit, off *I-95 North*.
- Stay in the left lane on the exit ramp for Route *202 West* (toward Winthrop), then as soon as you get onto Route *202 West*, scoot over into the left turn lane and take a left turn onto *Whitten Road* (at the first traffic light only a few hundred feet from the end of the exit ramp).
- Just watch carefully for our blue and white signs for "Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast" directing you through a series of turns during the next 4 miles to the *Inn Road* (our driveway), a right turn off the *Outlet Road* in Hallowell. (Be careful not to miss the second sign just after you turn off *Whitten Road* which directs you to turn left onto *Town Farm Road*!)

From the North:

- Take Exit 109A, the last Augusta Exit, off *I-95 South*. (Don't take Exit 109B, since this just misses the next turn!)
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Upcoming Events

New England Region Conference

Sept. 28-30, 2018, Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River
Newry, ME

GFWC Maine Fall Conference

October 20th, 2018,
Maple Hill Farm Inn
11 Inn Rd, Hallowell, ME

GFWC Maine Spring Convention

May 2-3, 2019,
Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, ME

Pine Tree Notes

Submission Dates:

- October 31st
- January 9th
- March 1st

Informative Websites:

www.gfwc.org
www.gfwcmaine.org

