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# PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC/MFWC Newsletter  
September/October 2009



"It Is Better to Give than Receive"



## President's Letter

A year has gone by since I took office as your GFWC/MFWC President. It has been a very busy year and a lot has been done. Since the last newsletter, we have had our GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention at the Holiday Inn in Ellsworth. Many great speakers were there. We gave food or monies to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Ellsworth. Also, we gave sheets and flashlights to the local Domestic Violence Shelter.

I had a tumor removed from my pituitary gland at Tufts Medical Center in Boston and everything is fine. I can see again. Thanks to all of you for the lovely cards. I really enjoyed them and they kept me going.

A group of us went to the 118<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. There were Jane L. Shaw, President; Suzanne T. Raymond, President-elect; Gloria P. Leveillee, Treasurer; Libby G. Wiers, Corresponding Secretary; Katherine L. White, Parliamentary Advisor; and our LEADS Candidate Barbara M. Austin. Maine is

lucky to have four women of their federation serving on the GFWC Board of Directors.

Our summer meeting was held at the Margaret Chase Smith Library. The second year it is a smaller group than the first year -the GFWC/MFWC State Officers, Finance Committee, Internal Audit, and the Nominating Committee.

This fall is going to be busy. I am on the road again. Our GFWC/MFWC Fall Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston, the NER Conference will be held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center. I will be visiting many clubs this fall.

All the clubs will be working to help their communities. I hope you all have a wonderful year. See you in Lewiston.

Yours in Federation,

*Jane L. Shaw*

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## President's Schedule

August 27-30 - GFWC BOD  
Lexington, KY  
Sept. 1 - GFWC/Research Club  
of Limerick  
Sept. 10 - GFWC/Newport WC  
Sept. 15 - Patten WC  
Oct. 1 - Hancock WC  
Oct. 7 - GFWC/MFWC BOD  
Lewiston  
Oct 8-9 - Fall Conference  
Lewiston  
Oct. 16-18 - New England Region  
Framingham, MA

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# Officers



## President-Elect

I cannot *begin* to tell you what an exciting time I had in Cleveland

attending the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual GFWC Convention. I was in a beautiful city with good friends, while making new friends, in addition to the wonderful opportunity to hear some great speakers, attend some workshops and be an active participant the important business sessions. I consider it quite privilege to have had my "say" in some pertinent bylaw and resolution amendments. Perhaps I was not one who stood up and expressed my opinion, but I was seriously listening and evaluating what I was hearing, and in the end, it was the vote of the members that was the deciding factor. I loved it! Things even got heated up on occasion, but there was freedom to express what members thought was best for the future of GFWC.

I personally am very happy that there was a bylaw change in the wording from "Departments" to "Community Service Projects." That change will be put forth in the next administration. Yes, it will take awhile for us to get used to the new wording, but when telling prospective members about the volunteer work we do, it just seems clearer than telling someone "our work is divided into six departments." Generally that brings out a rather strange look from the listener. Has that ever happened to you?!? The same

thing happens when we mention "Public Affairs" or "International Affairs." Again, I am pleased that in the near future these two departments (soon to be "community service projects") will be "International Outreach" and "Public Issues" respectively.

It may have been my first time to attend a GFWC Convention - - but I am thrilled to say it will not be my last!!

We hope to see you in Lewiston! Please be making plans to come to our fall conference. Great things are being planned and it so wonderful to stay connected. I do have a favor to ask of you -- when you see me approaching, please don't run?!?!? As you know, I am in the beginning stages of making appointments for the 2010 -2012 administration. **GFWC/Maine needs you -- *this officer needs you* -- and I am very interested in how you would like to serve on the 2010 leadership team!** If you are unable to attend our conference, please know I do know how to use a telephone (leave a message - I will get back to you!) and email is great! Please share your thoughts and ideas with me.

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New directories will be available at Fall Conference in Lewiston. It is not too late to order a Directory.- deadline is September 10. The cost remains \$5 and order forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.gfwcmaine.org](http://www.gfwcmaine.org).

While we try to be accurate, errors (and changes) do occur. Please get all address, phone or email changes to me in writing (email is fine) as promptly as possible so we can keep the data base up to date. Corrections will be printed in a subsequent issue of this newsletter.

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# District News



## District 1

The **21 Club of Kezar Falls** wrapped up its '08-'09 club year with its annual pot luck dinner. For the second year they honored three community members who have shown exemplary service to the community by inviting them to dinner and by placing a "21 Club Salute" in the local shopping guide. They have found that this "pat on the back" is powerful recognition for these hard working folk and much appreciated! The club is looking forward to welcoming our district and state presidents in the fall and holding our first art show in the spring in hopes of a better turn out for the MFWC High School Art Contest. The Community Improvement Contest Committee has taken on landscaping at the 85 year old Kezar Falls Library. It is a John Calvin Stevens Design library and the grounds have been sorrowfully neglected. To support this project they will be selling Springhill perennials and shrubs. This project continues the 21 Club's long commitment to literacy and to the library.

On June 6th the **GFWC/Westbrook Woman's Club** marched and rode in the annual Westbrook Together Days Parade which they started 30 years ago. Some rode in a decorated convertible and others carried the banner. Their annual summer outing was enjoyed outside and inside (due to our frequent summer showers) at Elaine Spiller's home

with much camaraderie. Some members provided light refreshments for the Rudy Vallee Day Reception, sponsored by the Westbrook Historical Society on July 25<sup>th</sup>, where his bust was dedicated and placed in Vallee Square. They are looking forward to MFWC Fall Conference for which they are helping to make table favors and decorations.

The **GFWC/Cosmopolitan Club of Bath** has had a busy summer! In May they participated in a community-wide yard sale event, hosted their annual Senior Tea for Morse High School, and in June prepared for their annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival held on July 4. The proceeds from the various events are used to support certain organizations and the renovations on their beloved Club House. In September they will hold their annual pot luck and have a program from the Musical Wonder House which is in Wiscasset. It is a showplace for mechanical musical instruments and a beautiful house filled with antiques and restored music boxes etc. It should be on your list of places to visit.

The **GFWC/Gorham Woman's Club** executive committee met in June to plan meetings, fund raisers and events for the coming year. To get them off to a good start, they have invited the District 1 President to be their guest speaker. They also decided that their Christmas ornament auction was such a success that they wanted to do the same thing again this year. They have lined up several community speakers and are planning to in-

vite guests to a pot luck luncheon meeting with hopes of attracting new members and they will continue to fill a basket with non-perishable food staples at each meeting to give to their local food pantry and have several ideas of other ways to help in the community through volunteering and monetary aid. They will also continue their annual spring luncheon; although a lot of work, it is a very profitable endeavor.

The **GFWC/Research Club of Limerick** enjoyed a program on wood turning, given by one of its member's husband. He shared his very interesting hobby and brought many of the beautiful things he has made for us to see (including a wooden cowboy hat). Each member also brought a handmade item to show. At their annual meeting in May, program suggestions were solicited from the members for the coming year and they enjoyed their annual outing at the Stoneridge Restaurant in Cornish. July brought a program called "Interesting Reads" where each member shared what book or books she had been reading along with a book to swap. This is always a fun program. In August they are looking forward to a program on "WASPS: Women Pilots & Their Role in World War II"

We hope to see a great turn out from District 1 at fall conference since it will be so close to home!!

Sally E. Manchester  
President





## District 2

I am very happy to report that the Clubs in **District 2** have been busy!

Prior to the MFWC Spring Convention in Ellsworth, the **GFWC/Livermore Falls Women's Club** visited the "Green Ladle Restaurant" in Lewiston. This is part of the culinary arts program at the Lewiston High School. Members were given a tour of the facilities and an explanation of the program which prepares the students to enter a culinary arts College or University... a fantastic program and they served fantastic food! This club also hosted the MFWC State President, Jane Shaw, and District 2 President, Marjorie Black, as they toured the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. At the end of lunch, they presented the Food Bank with a donation. An additional project started is the "tabletop boxes of lettuce and greens" to be distributed to house bound folks who especially missed gardening." These will be delivered to the local food pantry in hopes of providing some fresh produce for those in need. The Original Weathervane Restaurant in Readfield was the site of their May meeting. After lunch, Attorney, John Nale, spoke on Elder Law, the importance of planning, and how to handle some issues that may arise due to lack of planning. In June they held an Ice Cream Social (at Nancy Conant's) and a garden tour (of Becky Gould's garden). Members then stopped at the Livermore Public Library to present the Librarian

with two large jars of money as they continue their "Pennies for Penny" campaign.

The **GFWC/The Dove Society**, after holding a week long Longaberger basket drawing, held their annual spring banquet at the Heritage House Restaurant, at which time they initiated three new members... Congratulations! At the banquet, to "keep our club's history alive for current and past members", a Membership Ledger was purchased and presented to the membership. They also awarded three \$500 scholarships to Skowhegan High School graduates. In June they held a membership brunch for their "membership incentive bingo" and held a yard sale as a fund raising activity.

The **GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club** held their annual Spring Banquet at the Kel-Mat Café where 20 pairs of sunglasses were collected for the District 2 "Shades in the Sun Project" for Senegal, Africa. The club has again participated in the Skowhegan Riverfest, and member, Linda Smith, participated in the American Lung Association "Trek Across Maine", a 3-day/180 mile bicycle trip! They also have 8 members participating in the "Step For The Roses Program" through the GFWC. As of July 30<sup>th</sup>, they were ranked 16<sup>th</sup> nationally with 8,130,378 steps logged! Keep on trekking!!! They are currently working on the 53<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Community Birthday Calendar. Along with the **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** and

the **GFWC/The Dove Society**, they are preparing for a HUGE yard sale to benefit the Skowhegan Library.

The **GFWC/Skowhegan Woman's Club** held their installation of officers and board members and initiation of new members, at the Heritage House Restaurant with MFWC Past President, Davida Barter, presiding over the special events. During the meeting, Virginia Jordan was presented the Enid Currier Volunteer of the Year Award and a report was given to the membership regarding the many awards received at the MFWC Spring Convention. The recipients of the two scholarship awards to graduating seniors were announced. Every Sunday during July and August, you will find members of the club at the community Concerts in Coburn Park. They sell homemade bake goods, drinks, and fruit as fundraiser to earn money for scholarships and other community projects.

May was also a very busy month for the **Waldoboro Woman's Club**. Their annual meeting was held at the 995 Maine Street Restaurant which was recently opened by club members Linda Gagnon and Korby Clements. (When in the area, be sure to come by...the food is excellent and the décor is charming!) During the meeting, the following members were honored for their service to the club, each was presented with a 25 year GFWC pin and flowers: Alice DePatsy (45 yrs), Judi Lawrence (38 yrs), Jean Travers (28 yrs), and Jane Seidel (27 yrs). Anne

Morlan was given special recognition as she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations! They held their annual Senior Tea for the Medomak Valley High School senior class, with over 100 in attendance from the school. They also presented five scholarships to local high school graduates. In addition, they helped provide transportation for students from the Medomak Middle School to attend the "Confidence Factor" workshop which promotes the development of a positive self image, decision making skills, and self-esteem. In June, they held their annual "Whale of a Sale" fundraiser which includes a bake sale, plant sale, book sale, Treasures from the Attic, a Jewelry Boutique, a raffle, and a silent auction. In all, they earned over \$3,000 for scholarships. They will continue this summer as volunteer docents for the Old German Church in Waldoboro and as volunteers at the Sea Thrift Cottage at the Lincoln Home in Newcastle.

You may remember how proud we were of the many awards received by the District 2 Clubs. Our clubs are very active and the awards were all well deserved! For more details...come see us at the Fall Conference and we will willingly "brag" a little! We hope to see you all at there. Be sure to drop by our table to see what "goodies" we have made and take a minute to look at pictures from our "Shades in the Sun Project" for Senegal, Africa.

Wilma (Billie) Sherman  
Marjorie Black  
Co-Presidents



## **District 3** **(and 5!)**

**Patawa Club** of Bangor does not meet in the summer but they are planning a social tea for the first meeting in September.

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** of Hartland likewise takes a break for the summer. Something new - they will start up in September this year, meeting Sept-Dec and Mar-June to accommodate the many members who go south in the winter.

The **GFWC/Dexter Women's Literary Club** was please to announce at their April meeting that a student from the local high school came in 2nd place at the District Art Contest, and later at the state level came in 3rd place. A club member presented the 11th grade student, Catherine Strauch, with her certificates and check at the high school's end-of-year assembly. It was also announced at this meeting that Mary Flynn, who has been a member for well over 50 years, was honored at the Hall of Flags in Augusta by the Nursing Home Association, and she even got to speak personally with Gov. Baldacci! This event was broadcast on the evening news and was submitted to local papers. Four members attended the MFWC Spring convention. Nina Speed won 1st place for her butterfly photo, the club took home \$75 in commissions for ads sold for the Directory, and 6 more sashes were sold. At the May meeting, members noted that they were making individual

donations in support for the local food cupboard, which the club is keeping track of, and club members learned a better way to keep track of their volunteer hours so that reporting would be done much easier. [Editor's note: you should share this great idea with the rest of us!] Guest speaker was Raejean Hersey, District 2 Co-President, who encouraged members to attend State and District meetings. The June meeting was held at Corrine Neal's cottage where members brought their own brown bag lunch. Members went over details for selling directory ads for next year and did some brainstorming on ideas for fundraising. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all.

The **GFWC/Miosac Club** of Dover-Foxcroft held their 3rd annual Longaberger Basket Bingo in May and, though the turnout was less than hoped for, it was a successful fundraiser. Seven members of the club attended the Spring Convention in Ellsworth in early May and all members except one attended their Birthday Dinner held at Schoodic Lake at the Wildwoods Lodge and Restaurant. President Barb Austin attended the GFWC International Convention in Cleveland as the LEADS candidate in early June and was proud to represent our State. Many new friends were made and wonderful information was shared. The club is busy with preparations for the Homecoming events in Dover-Foxcroft in August. A raffle will be held during the Dover Days celebration for two Longaberger Baskets. The Advisory committee is meeting in August to set the Club schedule

for 2009/2010 and a pot luck supper is planned in September to kick off the new club year.

Sadly we said goodbye to a beloved member, Frannie Glover, who passed away in June. She was one of our older members, but also one of our most active. Her sense of humor, willing spirit and eagerness to help will be missed, as will her ever present smile.

**The Pittsfield Tuesday Club** met in Clinton for their annual meeting in May. The Fireside Chapter OES put on a delightful luncheon for them. In June, a Brunch was enjoyed by members at the home of Raejean Hersey, District 3 Co-President. Ideas for programs during 2009/2010 were discussed and follow-up will be done at the August "Tea" to be held at the home of Barbara Jones.

The GFWC/Newport Woman's Club held a yard sale this summer. The first \$500 earned goes into a scholarship fund for a Nokomis student. The Club is participating in the Newport "Sparkle" event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. They are donating items for a Silent Auction as well as the usual auction. Funds raised at "Sparkle" are given by the Chamber to various participating organizations in the community. Several members joined the Garden Club in a project to tidy up the Paul Burke Park. Members are looking forward to a visit by President Jane Shaw at their September meeting.

Marjorie Goodwin  
Raejean Hersey  
Co-Presidents



## District 4

**The Castine Woman's Club** will begin their meeting schedule on August 4<sup>th</sup> with a meeting held at the home of Beverly Bishop which has a lovely view of the water. This is a new meeting schedule to help involve their members who are summer residents. The club has decided to offer an "associate membership" to members who pay dues but are unable to attend meetings. This has been working well for the women who are summer residents.

**The Hancock Women's Club** held an open house for the community following the annual Memorial Day parade and festivities on the Village Green. Tables with brunch-type foods and beverages proved very popular and a number of people looked at Club Scrapbooks and learned about club activities. The regular June meeting was devoted to planning speakers, programs, fundraising and special events for the upcoming calendar year. In July it was standing-room only as they welcomed Hancock native Shenna Bellows, Executive Director of The Maine Civil Liberties Union as speaker for the monthly meeting. She presented a program covering the workings of MCLU as well as current "hot-button" issues in the Pine Tree State. They also heard a presentation by three local Scouts working on their Eagle project. Jeremiah Burch, Evan Fortier, and Ben Wildes will be constructing a nature and walking trail for public use and

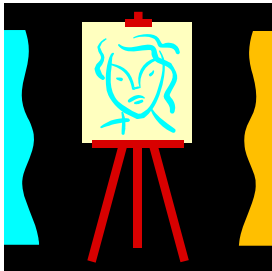
asked for help in saving returnable bottles and cans to raise funds for supplies. Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> was the yearly Chicken Barbeque lunch. With sunshine and blue skies, the club served a record 140 lunches to happy crowds making this a very successful fundraiser. The August meeting will host Antonio Blasi, a registered Maine Guide and Master Sea Kayaker, as speaker. The owner of Hancock Point Kayak Tours, Antonio has given tours of Frenchman's Bay from Gouldsboro to Blue Hill. Labor Day weekend they will hold their annual Lobster Feast held at scenic Tidal Falls.

**The GFWC/Lubec Woman's Club** had their annual "Fourth of July Yard Sale" with The Lubec Historical Society and did much better than expected in these tough economic times. They continue to hold their monthly "Senior Socials" for the nursing home residents and the public. Billie Ingall's son, Wayne, played for them in June and they held their yearly "ice-cream social" with root beer floats. They hosted their annual Bingo social in July. Monthly singing at the nursing home continues to entertain the elderly.

Sherri Walsh  
President

A hug is like a boomerang.  
You get it back right away.  
- Bil Keane, Cartoonist

# Departments



## Arts

Now, more than ever, support for the Arts is needed. Each MFWC club and each member can play a part to encourage, promote and participate in the Arts at membership level and student and community levels as well. Please continue your District Student Art Shows. Please continue support of your talented members in photography, short stories and poetry. Please continue art related programs and projects to benefit your clubs and communities. Most of all, please enjoy the arts in your life and share your experience with club members. Let's make 2010 an Art Celebration. Act the part, look the part, do your part. Email this MFWC Arts Department chairman and tell what your club is doing and how it effects your members or your community.

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## Education

Wonderful summer... for reading. Who hasn't looked up something to learn what to do with: - massive rain? - slugs? - plants, veggie and flowers? - how to entertain a house full of kids and company? It's called life-long learning. My research has been dog training, as we have just adopted a 9 week old Shih Tzu.

Remember to list all the books you've read this summer for credit in ESO, the special reading program sponsored by GFWC. I need book title, author, and a small review.

Isn't it a wonderful feeling, knowing that we are helping to send so many young people off for further education? Congratulations to each and all of us...do a back pat!!

Many of you have been involved in summer activities with children and libraries. These are special experiences... be sure to write down your hours for reporting.

And let's hope for a long Indian summer.

Maxine Russakoff  
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# Committees



## Delegate's Fund

From September 2008 to May 1, 2009, the Delegates fund received donations totaling \$120 from 8 clubs. At the Fall Conference, the raffle raised \$73; and the GFWC Commemorative Bicentennial Plates Silent Auction raised \$50. At the Spring Convention in Ellsworth, \$128 was raised from the raffle. Total receipts for the year were \$371. "Thank you" to all who contributed.

I look forward to seeing you at Fall Conference and hope you are having a wonderful summer.

Juanita Pressley  
Chairman

Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty - they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.

- Martin Bux







## Endowment Fund

I'd like to offer a special thanks to rest of the Endowment Fund committee of Pat, Betty and Cora for carrying on for The Endowment Fund at Spring Convention. They raised a nice \$100.00 for the Fund. Thank you to all that contributed to the cause. This Fund is an important part of what helps to keep things operating in our state federation. Our grand total for the year was \$435.70. Let's see if we can top that this year!

Since April I have received donations to the Fund from: GFWC/Semper Fidelis Club of Skowhegan, the 21 Club of Kezar Falls, and one from Gloria Leveillee "In Memoriam" of Francis Glover (Libby's Mom) and member of the GFWC/Miosac Club. Thanks you to all.

Look for our table at the Fall Conference. Hope to see you all there!

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### REFLECTION

Thank God  
Every morning  
When you get up  
That you have  
Something  
To do that day,  
Which must be done,  
Whether you  
Like it or not.

- James Russell Lowell



## Fundraising

The cookbook is at the printers and we expect it to be ready for sale at the Fall Conference. As this is a big endeavor and payment needs to be done within 90 days, we are asking all members to "think Christmas" and support this project.

We will have the Domestic Violence t-shirts available for sale at the Fall conference. This project is done in conjunction with the Newport Women's Club. We still have some Maine pins and Rose note cards to sell that the Skowhegan Woman's Club have made. Many thanks to these clubs who have supplied us with items to sell during this Administration.

Marjorie Goodwin  
Raejean Hersey  
Co-Chairmen



## Membership

Welcome back everyone. Hopefully you all have had a restful summer in spite of the disappointing weather. As we approach the new club year, I hope you are planning a special membership program for October. "ACT in OCT". Welcome new members and cherish the old. Be sure to report any special programs you have planned. I look forward to hearing how successful you all are and seeing you in Lewiston.

Nancy Kenty  
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## MFWC President's Project

**"The Food Pantry: Partnering with Good Shepherd Food Bank"** is the President's Project for 2008-2010.

The raffles and change jars at Spring Convention raised \$235.44 for the project. Several clubs and members also donated an additional \$230, which brings the total collected to date by this chairman to \$1,347.44. Much has been donated both directly to GSFB and locally as well. Our needy neighbors thank you!

Are you aware that you, or friends and family, can donate to GSFB directly to our project online, safely and securely? Paste this address into your web browser to find 'our' page at the GSFB website: [http://gsfb.org/how\\_to\\_help/donate/MFWC](http://gsfb.org/how_to_help/donate/MFWC).

**NOTE: We are no longer collecting Shaw's receipts.** The Shaw's receipts program has been replaced with the Community Rewards Program. You can now link your Shaw's Reward Card to the Food Bank, so that when you shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, Shaw's will donate a percentage of your purchase to good Shepherd Food Bank. Just visit [www.shaws.com/communityrewards](http://www.shaws.com/communityrewards) and enter the Food Banks' ID number 49001018743. These donations will not be tracked as from MFWC, but it continues to be a worthy cause. We appreciate your support of this activity to date and

hope you will continue to support GSFB in this new way.

For Fall Conference in Lewiston, bring money for the 50/50 raffle and change for the jars on the tables. Remember the catch: the raffle winner is honor-bound to donate 50% of her winnings to her local food assistance program. Alida Coates was our Spring Convention winner (\$84) and she donated \$42 to the Crossroads Ministries food pantry.

See you all in Lewiston!

Libby Wiers  
Kendra Chubbuck  
Co-Chairmen



## **Public Relations & Website**

Check out what's new on the MFWC website. As I'm writing this, a new look is being created to make the home page more "Maine-like", and hopefully will be done by the time this newsletter gets out to everyone. It's quite a process, but worth the wait! For all of you who are working on your club's programs for the upcoming year, take a look at the new CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ MEETINGS on the website. This lists the dates, places, and times of conventions, conferences, district meetings, and officer's meetings. There is also a new PHOTO GALLERY that will showcase members' photos they have taken at conventions, meetings, or special events. As soon as you have a news item or photo, please e-mail

it to me so I can get it on the website for everyone to view. To district presidents: as soon as you know when and where your district meeting will be, please let me know as well.

Don't forget GFWC's website, either! There is valuable information there for you, too. You can get great ideas for future speakers or special projects from the GFWC programs, you can apply for certain grants, awards, and contests (make your club some money!), and you can even brag about your club by submitting club news to GFWC. We would all love to see a Maine club story in the GFWC Club Woman magazine. The best part about GFWC's website is that you can have all the latest news sent to you directly through their e-GFWC newsletter...simply sign up and join their mailing list today. Oh, by the way, grants are also announced in the e-GFWC newsletter!

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## **Tidbits**



### **Meeting Dates**

#### **2009**

October 8-9 - Lewiston  
Fall Conference

October 16-18 - Massachusetts  
New England Region

#### **2010**

May 6-7 - Orono

Spring Convention  
June 12-15 - Omaha, NB  
GFWC Convention



## **Subscriptions**

There seem to have been a lot of clubs and individuals who forgot to renew for Directories and Pine Tree Notes for 2009-10.

- 1) If you get only the E-version of PTN, you are still on the list.
- 2) If you would like to receive this free version of PTN, just send me your email address.
- 3) If you get the print version but forgot to renew, you will be getting this ONE ISSUE ONLY unless the renewal is received before Nov. 1.
- 4) Directory orders are possible until September 10, the printer deadline.

The form for these is available on our website: [www.gfwcmaine.org](http://www.gfwcmaine.org)

Thank you to all who were prompt!

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## **Appreciation**

Many thanks to my Federation sisters who sent so many lovely cards after my Mom's death. You have no idea how much they meant! Your support in a difficult time helped to remind us that we should cherish all the good memories and be grateful for the many years she shared with us.

Loving hugs to you all,  
Libby Wiers

# ELECTION RESULTS!



Congratulations!

Katherine L. White  
NER President  
2010-2012

## Spring Convention WINNERS!

### High School Art Contest

1st place : Charcoal  
N. Reese, Ellsworth  
2nd place: Pencil  
C. Howe, Penquis  
3rd place: Blockprint  
C. Strauch, Dexter  
Honorable Mention  
J. Cundiff, Maranacook

### Creative Writing Contest for Club Women

Poem: You Are Important  
Wilma "Billie" Sherman  
GFWC/Skowhegan  
Woman's Club  
Short Story: Heartsonance  
Claire Tanner

GFWC/Livermore Falls  
Woman's Club  
Clubwomen Photography

The World in Pictures:

Natural History:  
Nina Speed  
GFWC/Dexter Woman's  
Literary Club  
Scenic:  
Joyce Noonan  
GFWC/Skowhegan  
Woman's Club

Feature :  
Barbara Austin  
GFWC/Miosac Club

GFWC/Volunteers in Action :  
Wilma "Billie" Sherman  
GFWC/Skowhegan  
Woman's Club

### Carolyn Lombardi Award

1sr - GFWC/Westbrook  
Woman's Club  
2nd - GFWC/Lubec Woman's  
Club

### Membership

under 25 members:  
The Arts Club, Pittsfield  
over 25 members:  
GFWC/Research Club of  
Limerick

### Scrapbook

under 35 members:  
1st: Patawa Club, Bangor  
2nd: GFWC/MIOSAC,  
Dover-Foxcroft

Over 35 members:  
1st: GFWC/Skowhegan  
Woman's Club  
2nd: Livermore Falls Women's  
Club



## GFWC 118<sup>th</sup> International Convention WINNERS!

### ARTS

Creative Arts,  
Volunteers in Action Photography  
Contest  
Billie Sherman, GFWC/  
Skowhegan Woman's  
Club

### CONSERVATION

Beautification in the Community  
Livermore Falls Women's  
Club

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

United Nations  
Patten Woman's Club  
GFWC/Maine Federation  
of Women's Clubs

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Citizenship in Action  
GFWC/Maine Federation  
of Women's Clubs



## E-mail Corrections

Don't forget to substitute  
**myfairpoint** in any email address  
that still says **verizon**, at least un-  
til we are notified of some other  
address.

Another recent change:

Alida Coates is now:  
coates.alida@gmail.com

With any luck, the data  
sheets are correct and thus the Di-  
rectory will be accurate for at least  
a short while. (smile...)



## 118th GFWC International Convention

Jane, Suzanne, Libby, Gloria and Kathy at the - all dressed up and places to be!



Photo courtesy of The Photo Group.

## GFWC/MFWC Spring Convention

Photos courtesy of Anne Cress

### FRIENDSHIPS -



Jane and Ethelyn



State Officers - Anne, Jane, Kathy, Minnie, Gloria, Libby, Suzanne



Past State Presidents - Gloria L., Sally, Kathy, Gloria T., Nonie, Betty, Davida, Libby

### ANTICS -



Ruth D.

### GREAT SPEAKERS -



Libby, Jackie Thurber, Jane, Kendra



Peter Loiselle



**GFWC NEW ENGLAND REGION CONFERENCE**  
**October 16-18, 2009**  
***“Celebrating 100 Years of GFWC New England Region”***  
**Sheraton Framingham, Massachusetts**

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**GUEST ROOM RATES:** Room rate for double, triple or quad occupancy is \$129 per night plus local and state taxes. Please call 1-508-879-7200 to reserve your room. Rates are applicable from Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday morning, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out time on Sunday is 12 noon. Please mention “General Federation of Women’s Clubs-New England Region” when making your reservation. The hotel is a member of the Starwood Hotel and Resorts, Inc.

**ROOM DEPOSIT:** A deposit equal to one night’s stay is required to hold each room and will be charged at the time the reservation is made. Upon check in this will be applied to the first night of the reserved stay. The deposits are refundable if notice is received at least 72 hours prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained.

**DIRECTIONS:** The hotel is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 90 (Mass Turnpike) in Framingham, Ma. It is exit 12- Marlboro, Framingham on the turnpike, both directions. Detailed directions will be in the “Call to Conference.”

Sheraton Framingham  
1657 Worcester Road  
Framingham, Ma. 01701

1-508-879-7200

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Dear Federation Friends,

This is your personal invitation to attend the 2009 GFWC New England Region Conference to be held October 16-18 at the Sheraton Framingham in Massachusetts. It will not only be an opportunity to enjoy time with and meet new friends, but also to gain knowledge on GFWC International issues and departments from your officers.

There will be workshops that you will not want to miss on many topics. We will, also, be sharing our clubs histories from the beginning to the newest club in the region. Dress according to the decades if you like. More information will be forthcoming on each meal’s theme and decade represented.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the fall.

Mary Baird  
GFWC 2008-2010 President  
Massachusetts

Martha Michalewich-Conference Co Chairman  
Judith Wilchynski-Conference Co Chairman

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs  
Call to Fall Conference – Thursday & Friday, October 8 & 9, 2009  
Ramada Inn – Lewiston, Maine**

*"It Is Better to Give than Receive"*

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 7, 2009	2:00 PM	GFWC/MFWC Executive Board Meeting Good Shepherd Food Bank
Thursday, October 8, 2009	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea Marketplace
	10:00 PM	Business Session / Committee Reports Speaker: Jason Ball, Good Shepherd Food Bank
	12:00 PM	Federation Pride Luncheon (wear GFWC logo items) Honoring our District & Club Presidents & Jennie Award Nominees
	1:15 PM	Business Session Reconvenes Speaker: Fannie Gabriel, NER President Workshop: How to Write Your Club History  Marketplace open following workshop
	6:00 PM	Social Hour/Processional
	7:00 PM	Lyda Rose Banquet Honoring our GFWC/MFWC Past State Presidents  Entertainment - \$1800 Shoes, HS Barbershop Quartet  Reception in President's room following the entertainment
Friday, October 9, 2009	8:30 AM	Registration / Coffee & Tea Marketplace
	9:30 AM	Business Session Committee Reports
	12:00 PM	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Luncheon Honoring our Departments, Programs and Committees
	1:15 PM	Business Session Reconvenes Speaker: Sophie Towle, Composting (and other 'green' initiatives) Committee Reports Final Reports
	3:00 PM	Adjournment

**NOTE:** We must rent tables, so Marketplace tables will be \$10.00 for clubs and individuals. Call President Jane (368-4642) to reserve yours! MFWC committees should share if possible, and there is no charge for this, but Jane does need to know how many tables to reserve, so do let her know if you need space. Thank you.

## **Ramada Inn Conference Center**

### **GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs Fall Conference - October 8 & 9, 2009**

**"It Is Better to Give than Receive"**

**Ramada Inn Conference Center - Lewiston, Maine**

**Guest Room Rates**

**\$96.20 (tax included)/night/room (1-4 occupants)**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE HOTEL NO LATER THAN  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

Requests made after this date will be subject to room availability. To receive contract rates, you must refer to "GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs" when making your reservation. Early reservations are encouraged. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR, so if mobility is an issue please specify a first floor room.

Rooms must be guaranteed to an individual credit card or by advance deposit. Individual cancellations must be received by 4:00 PM on arrival date in order to avoid a no-show charge of one night's room and tax.

To expedite check-in, you should give the hotel the following information:

Arrival and departure dates  
Estimated time of arrival  
Room preference (first floor/second floor, single, double/double, all non-smoking)  
Credit card type to be used for payment, including number and expiration date  
Home address

Hotel facilities include: High Speed Wireless Internet, cardio fitness center, and pool

In-room amenities: 27" televisions, refrigerators in all rooms, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, free local calls

**Check-in time 2:00 pm - Check-out time 11:00 AM**

**Ramada Inn Conference Center, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240  
(207) 784-2331**

**Visit [www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com) for more information on this hotel.**

### **Directions to Ramada Inn from Interstate 95:**

1. **From North:** Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 80. Continue straight ahead. Follow signs for Industrial Park. At traffic light go straight, Hotel is on the left hand side.
2. **From South:** Take Interstate 95 North into Maine. Get off at Exit 80. At stop sign make a left. Follow signs for Industrial Park. At traffic light, go straight, Hotel straight ahead on the left.

**GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs  
Fall Conference - October 8 & 9, 2009 - Ramada Inn - Lewiston, Maine**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for nametag: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Club/Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GFWC/MFWC Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee - ☐ Thursday \$15.00 ☐ Friday \$15.00 ☐ Both days \$25.00  
**(Register early for Early Bird Discount - see below...)**

**IMPORTANT**

1. Make check payable to GFWC/MFWC for total of meals and registration fee.
2. Please complete **a separate registration form** for each attendee.
3. Mail registration form and check **by September 24, 2009** to:  
 Sally Manchester, 221 Watson Hill Road, Limerick, Maine 04048  
 Phone 793-8554, Email sallyhcf@roadrunner.com
4. Please note that **no refunds** will be possible **after October 1st, 2009**
5. **Early bird discount** - Mail registration form and check postmarked **on or before September 17th** and qualify for a \$10.00 discount for two day registration, or a \$5.00 discount for a one day registration!



**Thursday Lunch:**

Sandwich Bar (create your own) with soup \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Dinner:**

Home-style Buffet \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Lunch:**

Luncheon Buffet \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee**

I qualify for **Early Bird Discount!** (deduct \$10 or \$5) \_\_\_\_\_

(see above)

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate any special dietary need and we will try to accommodate you:**

**Please note: Meal prices include tax and gratuity!**



# GFWC/Maine Federation of Women's Clubs



117 years of Volunteer Service



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**Pine Tree Notes  
Next Deadline  
November 1, 2009**

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