



February Lawrenceville Woman's Newsletter

Presidents Report Shelia Jones

Goodbye 2020- I want to thank each and every one of you for the great projects that were accomplished and for being a part of GFWC during these pandemic times. Hello 2021 --- thank you to the officers and CSP's chairs for stepping up and agreeing that "We are Stronger Together." -- as Helen Keller said " Together we can do so much!" Thank you to Rosane and Patrick for the awesome logo design. The board will sponsor the February meeting which will be held at the Female Seminary, February 3rd, social 6:30 pm with meeting starting at 7 pm. We will have the Zoom option available for those that don't feel comfortable attending in person. If the CSP hosting the meeting; doesn't have a speaker and would like to do a hand- on workshop- that would be great!!! CSP's are still be responsible for giving the inspiration at the meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting ---Thanks-- S

1st Vice President Marylouise Awana

I look forward to being your 1st VP this year. Janet Hecht has turned in her resignation as an active member and will go sustainer effective immediately. We're going to have to "be stronger together" for Shelia and the future of our club.

2nd Vice President Carolyn Wright

We are excited that our 5 CSPS have chairs and assigned committee members. Committees are already active with meetings, planning, ideas and projects!!Just a reminder that are members are required to serve on at least one CSP. Please sign up for a committee no later than our February general meeting. We don't have a chair for the GFWC Signature project, Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention. If you are interested, please contact Shelia Jones and me. We are researching options for free volunteer reporting tracking software. This would help streamline sign-up sheets at the meeting and would extremely helpful when it comes to end of the year reporting.

2021 Meeting Schedule

General Meetings: Doors open at 6:30 pm; Business meeting begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

February 3rd - Board

March 3rd - Health and Wellness

April 7th - Environment

May 5th - Open

August 4th (if needed)

September 1st – Arts & Culture

October 6th – Civic Engagement

November 3rd – Education & Libraries

December 1st Holiday Party

January 5th, 2022 – Banquet and Installation of Officers

Board Meetings: All Board Meetings Begin at 6:30 unless noted otherwise.

January 20th

February 17th

March 24th

April 21st

May 19th (optional meeting)

August 18th

September 22nd

October 20th

November 17th

Note: Board business in December will be through email discussions and votes. Any board business between board meetings will handled by email

Treasurer

Debbie Jeffries

Ended 2020

CLUB has \$4,939.99

CSP has \$8,165.80

TOTAL \$13,105.79

2021

So far we have had 13 members pay their dues and 1 sustainer

We had some members donate money to the club in the amount of \$180.00

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES PLEASE DO SO

Arts & Culture

Marylouise Awana

A very productive planning meeting was conducted on January 19, 2021 @ 6:30PM and the following was discussed:

1. Nancy Gullickson Third Annual Art Contest – Discussed expanding by a. honoring the 60+ students, who entered the contest and possibly exhibiting their art work and photography at the Hudgens Art Center. B. Preparing booklets containing the literary entries C. adding an additional category such as Performing Arts D. Funding of the contest and possible ways of securing additional funding through grants and/or fundraising E. Janet and Carolyn to prepare a cost budget for the contest and submit at the next Arts and Culture Meeting for further discussion.

2. Arts and Culture challenge for February to celebrate 125 years by creating Valentine Cards for an Assisted-living facility. Gwinnett Extended Care is recommended and Rosane volunteered to check on how many residents are there.
3. Planning 2021: For March, Marylouise discussed membership responsibilities for the month. Debbie Brown suggested Arts and Culture partner with Membership efforts. Will discuss further in February. A fundraiser via Pampered Chef was also discussed, which will be pursued in February with Rosane volunteering to obtain additional information. A membership wide Arts and Culture competition in categories of Nature, Painting, and Photography was mentioned. Arts and Culture will sponsor the September General Meeting. Joann Labbie will ask her painting instructor if she is available then to join us in September.
4. Welcomed our two new members: 1. Joann Labbie, who selected Arts and Culture because of her love of Arts and painting. 2. Theresa Grimsley, because she enjoys a variety of crafts including quilting, crochet, and sewing. All interests we can resource for Arts and Culture.
5. All members indicated that having our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month would work for them.
6. Next meeting is on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Time and place will be determined later.

2nd Annual Nancy Gullickson Fine Arts Award Competition (2020) Janet Hecht

We closed out 2020 on a high note with the conclusion of the 2nd Annual Nancy Gullickson Fine Awards Competition which we co-sponsored with the LONA Foundation. We hosted a virtual Awards Ceremony in December to honor and recognize the wonderful artists at Central Gwinnett High School. Central Gwinnett High School is a Title 1 School and The School for the Arts in Gwinnett County. Our club voted for this to be a signature club project for the year.

Nancy Gullickson is a former member of our club. During her tenure as Arts Chair in the club she helped found the Gwinnett Council for the Arts and went on to serve as their executive director.

The application process for the competition began in January with a submission deadline in March. Unfortunately, COVID closed down the school and along with that the Arts Competition. We were thrilled to reboot the competition virtually in August. The contest information and entry forms were managed with a Google Classroom and Google Docs.

The competition focused on the three categories of creative writing, photography and visual arts with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards and accompanying cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively. LWC donated the 1st prize awards and the LONA Foundation donated the 2nd and 3rd place awards. Entries were due on September 30th. We had 93 submissions from 69 students which was almost a 250% increase from 2019.

The competition was juried by professionals in their respective fields. The judge for the visual arts was Bridgit Taylor of Bridgit Taylor Artworks & Pure Poise Faux Décor. The photography judge was Halthea Hill-Latty, CCO for Captured In Time Productions. Ms. Hill-Latty was so impressed with the students' work that she offered the first through third place winners internships at her company. The Creative Writing Judges were Joselyn Watson and Lisa McNeil. These writers were so impressed with the number and quality of the entries that their nonprofit, Here Two Inspire You, co-sponsored three honorable mention prizes in creative writing excellence: Poetry, Creative Writing, and Creativity & Originality.

As part of the awards reception, the students were treated to performances by their fellow students including the CGHS Chorus singing the school's Alma Mater, and selections in dance, piano and spoken word. It was unfortunate that we couldn't celebrate with an in-person reception which would be a superior way of honoring the students. We were, however, pleased to host a virtual reception.

All students received feedback on their submission(s) from the judge(s) as well as certificates of participation. The winners received feedback, their prizes, certificates and bragging rights.

**1st Place
Visual Arts**

**“One Body
Numerous Roles”**

**Drawing by
Fatima Zahera Momin**



**1st Place
Photography**

**“On a Hike”
Katelyn McConnell**



Civic Engagement and Outreach

Mary Sanders

Projects

Although we have not had our first formal meeting yet, we have discussed some possible projects. One of them is that we are going to make up small bags filled with candy and energy bars and take them to Gwinnett Northside Hospital for the Doctors and Nurses in the Emergency Room. This will be done before Valentine’s Day and will have a tag stating they were donated by the Lawrenceville Woman’s Club. State of the State

Last week Governor Kemp gave the “State of The State” Address. Below are some items which were in his speech.

- * Recommended amending the 20-21 budget to include \$647 million to restore funding to school systems around our state.
- * Work with Dept of Education to set aside \$10 Million in Governor’s Emergency Education Relief to prioritize Special Needs Students.
- * \$5 Million to start pilot program to help up to 10,000 Junior and Senior college students thru University System, to stay in school.
- * One-time \$1,000 to teachers and employees.

Another Item was information about the “Grace Commission” which was created to combat the threat of human trafficking in the state of Georgia. Marty Kemp, wife of our Governor, is one of the three co-chairs of the commission. We will be exploring more facts and information about this in the future.

Education/Library

Debbie Jefferies

First meeting January 23, we talked about collecting paperback books for the Lawrenceville Jail.

Start a club reading project, will have information at the meeting. 100 day of school, capes have been made and a book will be donated on Feb 2. March 2 is Dr Seuss's birthday and we will make hats and donate two books to the preschool and primary classes at the special needs school.

Next meeting February 27 to make the hats.



Environment Cheryl Shaw

The Environment CSP will continue its support of some ongoing partnerships and commitments with the Lawrenceville Garden Club, the Housing Authority's Community Garden, the herb garden at Lawrenceville Community Garden, the pollinator garden at the Isaac Adair House, the G.R.E.A.T. Little Minds Book Exchange, stocking the Little Free Libraries with used books for adults (Creative Enterprises and the Special Needs School), the Food Well Alliance, Trees Atlanta, and the Gwinnett Jail Dogs Program. We will pursue fundraising opportunities by submitting grant applications and continue our recycle efforts. Please consider joining our CSP if you would like to make a **GREEN** difference in our community, and we welcome any new ideas you would like to share. Environment will host the April general meeting in recognition of Earth Day.

Explore the Great Outdoors!

So far, life in 2021 doesn't appear very different from what we experienced in 2020, when parks all across the country welcomed record numbers of visitors looking for fresh air, peaceful scenery, and exercise. The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to start planning future getaways. The newly published "2021 Guide to Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites" is a helpful resource for planning spring break, long weekends, and summer vacations. The booklet is filled with tips on hiking trails, fishing spots, pet travel, golf courses, cabins, and campsites. The Guide is available free in park offices or online at www.gastateparks.org.

A \$50 Annual Pass provides free parking at more than 40 destinations, including Fort Yargo, Tallulah Gorge, and Providence Canyon. A separate Historic Site Pass is \$25 for students and \$50 for families. Purchasing these two passes encourages people to explore parks and sites they've never been to before. Information about National Parks and types of passes can be found online at www.nps.gov

Georgia is home to 13 units of the National Park Service, offering outdoor recreation and glimpses of history across the state. Although most of Georgia's National Park Service sites are fee-free, four require visitors to purchase parking or entry passes. These fees will be waived for special groups and occasions throughout the year: January 18, MLK's birthday; April 17, National Park Week; August 4, anniversary of Great American Outdoors Act; August 25, National Park Service's 105th Birthday; September 25, National Public Lands Day, and November 11, Veterans Day. Fee-free days do not cover amenity or user fees for activities such as camping, boat launches, transportation, or special tours.

Continue to save and bring to meetings: used eyeglasses for the Lions Club, aluminum pull tabs for Shriners Hospitals, rinsed aluminum cans and used printer cartridges for fundraising, gently used children's books (0-8 years), and used towels & blankets for the Gwinnett Animal Shelter.

Health & Wellness **Rosane Sandberg**

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Wear red to the February meeting in honor of Women's Heart Week (first week of February) and also for National Wear Red Day (1st Friday in Feb)

The Health and Wellness Committee planning meeting will be held Thursday, January 28th so will miss deadline for this newsletter. Be sure to check the News and Notes for any updates from this CSP.

Covid -19 vaccines for over 65 are available (when the state has available vaccines). Here are a few websites to check for

availability and to make an appointment: <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine> <https://www.gnrhealth.com/covid->

[vaccine-scheduling/](https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine) <https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine> <https://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/vaccination->

[appointments](https://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/vaccination-appointments) <https://www.ingles-markets.com/pharmacy/pg1/pharmacy-sub/vaccinations>

Prevention tips:

- **Wear a mask** (that covers your nose and your mouth) to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19.
 - **from** others who do not live with you.
 - The more people you are in contact with, the more likely you are to be exposed to COVID-19.
 - for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- **Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths)**
- **Avoid crowds.**
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water

Additional for general news:

We would like to present Phyllis Prunty with an Honorary Membership in recognition for all she did for the LWC. It was suggested that to get her a plaque and several of the board members volunteered to help pay for this. If anyone else is interested in contributing please let Shelia or Janet know.

Sunshine **Nicole Hallmark**

I have been asked to take over Sunshine for the upcoming year. Thank you to Allan Fowler for a job well done. Sunshine is about good news as well as sad news. Please let me know if you have either. You can email me at nlhallmark@aol.com.



To Cheryl Shaw. She just received an email that the grant (\$300) that she applied for last year to purchase garden-theme books for the GREAT Little Minds Book Exchange at the Community Garden has been approved.



Valentine's Day