

**Our Mission**

*The General Federation of Women's Clubs Michigan is dedicated to enhancing the communities, the lives of its members and others through volunteer service.*

*"Living the Volunteer Spirit"*

**We strive for...**

**Achieve-MINT**

**Encourage-MINT**

**Enjoy-MINT**

**Involve-MINT**

**Next**

**General Meeting is: June 10 - Yankee Springs Township Park \*Potluck\***



For news and details of statewide GFWC activities - [gfwcmi.com](http://gfwcmi.com)



President Raeanne Renner

# Convention GFWC 2025

GFWC Gun Lake Area, Inc. had an outstanding showing at the 2025 GFWC Convention. In addition to being named Southwestern District Club of the Year and State Club of the Year, our club earned 12 first-place awards, along with two second-place and two third-place honors. We also received State recognition for four showcase / creative projects.

Among the highlighted projects were Martes' district-wide quilt, our September Mix & Mingle, the large Michigan showcased in our community last summer, and our November Thanksgiving Baskets. I am proud to be a member of GFWC Gun Lake Area, Inc. - Raeanne

A gigantic "Thank you" to Raeanne Renner for being the exceptional leader of the GFWC Gun Lake Area for the past 2 years! Her unwavering dedication to service and community involvement has been the foundation of our club's success, earning us the "Club of the Year" title two years in a row. Her brilliant vision and commitment have driven us toward meaningful impact and growth in the community.



*I want to take this opportunity to express how extremely humbled I was to be nominated and receive the 2026 Woman of Achievement award.*

*When you decide to join something, you never think you would be a member for 22 years let alone receive such a prestige's award, but that is what happened when I joined GFWC/GLA. Just standing at the State Convention with women who accomplish so much for our communities, was absolutely overwhelming.*

*Like you, I always engage in activities that interest me and hope to make a difference. I enjoy whatever project I undertake and give it my best. Looking to the future, I will remain an active participant in working with you to achieve greater things for our club.*

*Thanks to each of you that do so much for our community, it is your effort that makes our club so special. As the saying goes....it takes a village! So, Thank You for YOUR time, energy and dedication! You are appreciated more than you know.*

*I have made lifelong friends and acquaintances through GFWC that will never be taken for granted or forgotten.*

*As we say in our collect: "Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed."*

*Your club sister, Sandy*

## **Installation of Officers:**

At our May General Membership Meeting, the new slate of officers for 2026--2028 was presented to all members present and was approved by a show of over fifty hand-votes. Installation of officers will be performed at the June meeting in the Yankee Springs Township Park on June 10th.

(Change of leadership occurs July 1st every other year.)

The new GFWC Gun Lake Area Executive Board will be:



D.J. Madden, President

Beth Pechumer & Cindi Healey, Co-Vice Presidents

Mina VanElderen, Treasurer

Virginia Norton, Recording Secretary

Ruth Perino, Correspondence Secretary

# REMEMBER!



Keep Collecting..

Aluminum Can Tabs

Old Eyeglasses

Used Batteries

Empty Pill Bottles (with caps)

Ink Cartridges

Plastic Caps



***Dates to Remember***

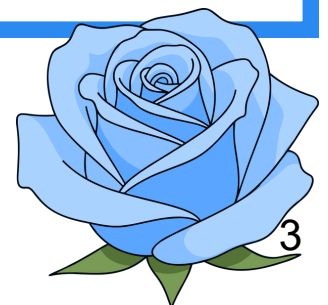
- 6-10 General Meeting 9:00-11:30 AM - Potluck at Yankee Springs Township Park (bring a dish to pass)
- 6/11 Sewing Group 1-5 PM
- 6/12 Golf Outing Meeting 4 PM
- 6/15 Book Club 9:30 AM
- 6/17 Cards & Games 1:00 PM
- 6/19 Club outing to Rockford
- 6/23 Pontoon Progressive
- 6/24 Rain Date Pontoon Progressive
- 6/25 Sewing Group 1-5 PM
- 6/26 Golf Outing Meeting 4PM

**Future Events:**

- 7/18 Adopt a Highway Pick-up 10 AM
- 8/8 Golf Outing/Silent Auction
- 10/3 Walk to End Alzheimer's

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

6/9 Judy Akers  
6/11 Deborah Short  
6/14 Cindy Casserley  
6/22 Valerie Heethuis  
6/26 Lori Beebe  
6/26 Kathy Havens

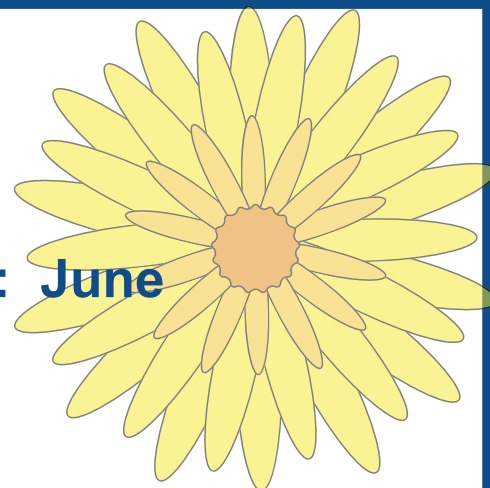


# Arts & Culture



**Chair: Patricia Velie**

## Community Events: June



A little quiet in our immediate area, but if you feel like venturing out a bit:

**Farmer's Markets** feature local artists. To find a Farmer's Market near you: <https://grkids.com/farmers-markets/>

### **Local cultural hotspots:**

Windmill Island Gardens, Holland MI - Downtown Holland - Grand Rapids Downtown Market

### **Hastings Public Library:**

A lot going on! Go to the website for Teas and Treats, Crafting Passions, Chess, & Mahjong and More <https://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org/news-events/hpl-event-calendar#/events/?view=month&jump=2026-06-01T00%3A00%3A00.000Z&keyword=&tag=&ageGroup=&organizations=3uAQFuq2OA&pastEvents=n>

### **Allegan County Event Calendar:**

Aug 3-9 - AAAC Summer Art Camp - Griswold 9-11:30 (Act now for entrance, fills fast)

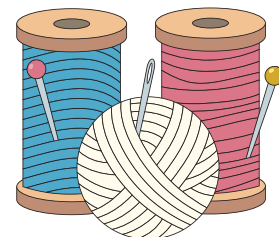
### **Pierce Cedar Creek Institute (outside of Hastings) - Visitor Center**

Chris Cooper Thompson Exhibition

Now through August 31, 2026, Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm

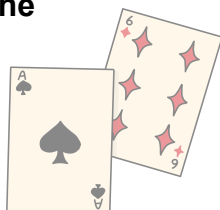
## Knitting Quilting/Sewing Group

- June 11 & 25: 1-5 PM
- Meets every other Thursday at Diane Conley's home
- Call Diane with questions



## Cards and Games

- June 17, 1 PM at Joanie Nichols' home
- Always meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1 PM
- All are invited, come join in the fun!
- Please, let Nancy Molt know if you are attending.





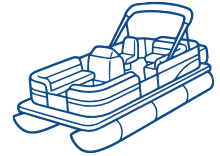
# Civic Engagement

Chair: Rosy Chatterton

## *Drive-thru Baby Shower for Veteran's Families*

We will be collecting baby items for a drive-thru Baby shower in the Battle Creek area in **June** which will provide essentials to Veterans and their family. Adult sweatshirts, pants, tennis shoes and T-shirts will also be collected for the Battle Creek Veteran's Home to support veterans.

## *Progressive Pontoon Event, Tuesday, June 23 2026, 4:30 PM , "Global Flavors, Local Friends"*



Get ready for a whirlwind tour as each stop represents a different country, Greece, Italy, Mexico and France! In case of rain, the backup date is Wednesday, June 24.

Sign up for help with the event and food donations is available. Tickets are \$35.00 each (attendance is limited). Contact Rosy Chatterton.

This event promises not only a delightful time but also a chance to give back, as all proceeds will support veterans, military personnel, and their families. Let's make it a memorable day together!

# Education and Libraries

## *Golf Outing - Scholarship Fundraiser Saturday, August 8*

Golf Outing/Silent Auction: Saturday, August 8, 2026, event which provides high school scholarships. Numerous opportunities to sign to help with this fundraiser.

### **Planning Meetings: 4:00 PM**

June 12<sup>th</sup> @ Chief Noonday Car Park, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ Yankee Springs Fire Barn

July 10<sup>th</sup> @ Chief Noonday Car Park, July 24<sup>th</sup> Yankee Springs Fire Barn

Chief Noonday Car Park - 11899 M-179 Wayland, MI 49346

Yankee Springs Fire Barn - 1425 S. Payne Lake Rd., Wayland 49346

Rose Visscher is asking that donations for the Silent Auction be brought to the meetings or dropped off at her home AFTER Monday, June 15, 2026.



Chair: Marte Roche

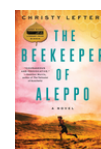
## Book Club



- Meets June 15 - 9:30 AM June 15th - THE THIRTEENTH TALE by Diane Sutterfield at Sue Carlson's home.
- Always meets the third Monday of the month at 9:30 AM
- All are welcome
- Text Ruth Perino with questions.
- See our [Facebook page](#) for more information on the May Bookclub.



- July 20: THE HENNA ARTIST by Alka Joshi
- August 17: THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO by Christy Lefferi
- September 21: THEO OF GOLDEN by Allen Levi



# Environment

Co-Chairs: Ruth Perion & Joan Wire



## National Arbor Day, "Tag the Tree"



Such a successful TAG THE TREE WALK on May 1, 2026 for Arbor Day at Yankee Springs Park. 9 types of trees were tagged. They are already being noticed and commented on.



On May 13, Environment shared a Dandelion Talk promoting their role as a first nectar source for pollinators. Here's our Dandelion crowned Co-chair.



## GFWC-Gun Lake - Adopt - a - Highway

Next clean-up will be **July 18th**, mark your calendars and join the fun!



Please remember to visit our club website ([gfwcgunlake.org](http://gfwcgunlake.org)) for information on scholarships, fundraisers, club events and all things GFWC - Gun Lake Area!

# Health & Wellness

Co-Chairs: Shelly Heijerman &  
Marcia Heroux



For more updates and photos -Visit our  
Facebook page - [click here](#)

For the children in our four (4) community grade schools we are collecting **NEW underwear for boys and girls in sizes medium to X-large. New or slightly used sweatpants, dark colors preferred, in sizes small to X-large.** They will be delivered to the school offices early September.

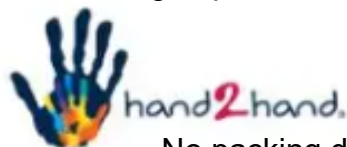
If you have any clothing items, please bring them to Marcia or Shelley as they will find a home for them.

We are now starting our senior citizen focus - Green Acres in Wayland and The Laurels in Middleville.

Once again we are collecting books and puzzles as well as stuffed animals for cuddling!

We are also planning a root beer float party for The Laurels and a cupcakes and crafts for Green Acres...

dates and sign up sheets to follow!



- No packing dates until August
- Shop for prepackaged, shelf stable foods for weekend meals. Check the expiration date to be 2027 or later.
- Call Nancy Molt with any questions

## ***Night of Hope - Wings of Hope Hospice***

On an 80 degree evening on May 16th another successful Night Of Hope was enjoyed by many.

Representing our Gun Lake Women's Club- Audrey Bartlett, Mina Van Elderen, Rose Visscher and Nancy Whitley attended.

Our donation of a Garden Theme basket included a Chihuly glass hummingbird feeder, \$ 100. gift cert. And 2 adult/2child passes to Frederick Meijer Gardens, garden items and 1000 pc flower puzzle.

Many thanks for your donations to Wings Of Hope Hospice.

For more updates and photos -Visit our  
Facebook page - [click here](#)



The mystery "Who am I" person  
for May was Sally Smith

# Membership



**Chair: Katie Ambrose**



At our May meeting we were able to hand out the GFWC-MI sunglasses to those new members and their sponsors for 2025 and through March 2026!

## **Club Outing to Rockford**

In June on the 17th we are going to go to Rockford for our outing. We plan to see the dam overlook and walkway to the shops especially Eric Brown Glassware then to Bridge Street Burger Shack for lunch then on to Rockford Footwear and maybe to St. John Winery.

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## **Officers, CSP Chairs & Coordinators**

**2024-2026**

- President: Raeanne Renner
- Vice President: DJ Madden
- Treasurer: Mina VanElderren
- Recording Secretary: Virginia Norton
- Correspondence Secretary: Ruth Perino
- Arts & Culture: Pat Veillie
- Civic Engagement: Rosy Chatterton
- Education & Libraries: Marte Roach
- Environment: Joan Wire & Ruth Perino
- Health & Wellness: Shelly Heijerman & Marcia Heroux
- Membership: Katie Ambrose
- Sunshine Committee: Rose Visscher & Mina VanElderren
- Public Relations: Marcia Heroux
- Newsletter: Lori Beebe
- Webmaster: Erin Rives
- Memory Book/Historian: Donna Podbevsek



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Please remember to visit our club website ([gfwcgunlake.org](http://gfwcgunlake.org)) for information on scholarships, fundraisers, club events and all things GFWC - Gun Lake Area!



All information intended for the June newsletter should be submitted to Lori at [Loretta.Beebe@gmail.com](mailto:Loretta.Beebe@gmail.com) by June 22, 2026.