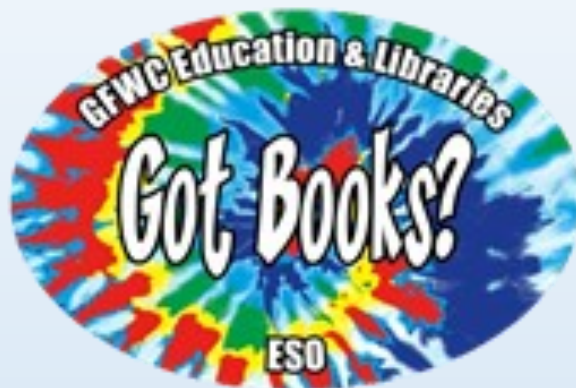




Newsletter



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STATE AWARD ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 15, 2023

- * Entries may be no more than three (3) pages single spaced (excluding cover sheet) and include:
- * Up to two (2) pages describing no more than ten (10) specific projects completed by clubs that have made the most impact in a community or club. Include information that describes the “who, what, when, where, how, and why” of the project as well as pertinent statistics for that project.
- * One (1) additional page, single spaced, describing the activities at the State Federation level initiated and organized by the State Federation/State Chairman.

CLUB CREATIVITY ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 15, 2023

- * Send a one (1) page narrative of the most creative project by one club from your State for consideration of the \$50 creativity award (this is judged separately and may also be part of the ten (10) projects listed on the State Federation entry form). Judging based on creativity of the project.

ENTRIES FORMS AND ADDITIONAL ENTRY INFORMATION ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

EMAIL ENTRIES TO sandygfwc@outlook.com

or mail to Sandy Hauenstein, 376 Stonehedge Lane, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

ESO MEMBER CONTEST

Will your state be the one that increases ESO membership the most?

The state with largest percentage increase between July 1, 2022 and May 1, 2023 will be recognized at the 2023 GFWC Annual Convention ESO Breakfast.

Send me how many members in your state as of July 1, 2022.

On or before May 1, 2023 send me how many new members joined ESO.

ESO BREAKFAST - GFWC CONVENTION

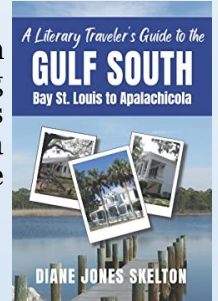
Join us Sunday, June 11, 2023 to hear guest speaker Robin Yocum, GFWC Education & Libraries Honorary Chairman, the announcement of awards and share time with friends.

Member Author Featured

Diane Jones Skelton is a member of GFWC Santa Rosa, Florida. Diane is a retired student publications adviser and mass communications instructor. As an active member of the writing community of Northwest Florida, she facilitates critique groups for the Pensacola area. Her work has appeared in *The English Journal*, *Mississippi Magazine*, *Mississippi Genealogy*, *Gulf Breeze News*, *Florida Hockey Life*, *The Legend*, *Emerald Coast Review* and various fraternal and professional publications. She holds a master's in journalism from University of Kansas and a BS in English and Journalism from University of Southern Mississippi. From her home in Gulf Breeze, she writes the blog, the gumbo diaries. She has written two memoirs, *The Gumbo Diaries: Mississippi and Beyond* (2015) and *Thank You for Asking* (2020). When not writing, she enjoys shopping estate sales, visiting literary sites, and collecting gumbo recipes.

A Literary Traveler's Guide to the Gulf South; Bay St. Louis to Apalachicola - From high-rise casinos to sleepy fishing villages, from sandy beaches to swamps and sprawling oaks, explore where writers lived and wrote and visit the places that inspired them. This travel guide highlights more than fifty towns along the Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida coasts popular with over a hundred writers, poets, and playwrights, including Pulitzer Prize winners, a U.S. Poet Laureate, and bestselling authors.

Follow Diane on Facebook.



From a Facebook post on February 25, 2023

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs Fine Arts Club of Bruce

Join us at noon TODAY for the ribbon cutting for the Reading Corner! It's [#LaundryandLiteracy](#) y'all! And the Fine Arts Club of Bruce will be serving cookies and lemonade!

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc. has been getting back to our roots by promoting libraries, education, and literacy— and this collaboration with Jesse Yancy Memorial Library checks ALL those boxes! Our local librarian, Janice Vaughn, applied for this Laundry and Literacy grant through the Mississippi Library Commission and Institute of Museum and Library Services AND Bruce won!

The Reading Corner will feature an area complete with a table, chairs, bookshelf, and of course BOOKS!

The Reading Corner will provide opportunities for kids to read (and be read to) while parents do their laundry — what better way to promote literacy!

Way to go, Jesse Yancy Memorial Library! And thank you to Dream Clean Laundry for providing a corner for learning!

Education & Libraries - Scholarships

Establish a scholarship for a local student using these steps:

- * Determine the purpose of the scholarship (reason for awarding it and the target audience, for example—the scholarship could be in honor or memory of a club or community leader, or it might help a student with a special need). Consider a scholarship for a trade school.
- * Set a timeline (including development, fundraising, advertising, application evaluation, award presentation, etc.).
- * Create the application (incorporating components that fit the purpose of the scholarship, such as essay, resume, transcripts, financial need information, letters of recommendation, etc.).
- * Determine the duration of the award (one or multiple years).
- * Determine the funding source.
- * Select the recipient and plan the award presentation.

GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook—Welcome to all.

This group of more than 1,500 members belong to this online book club and features

Education and Libraries project ideas and ESO.

It is a private group and you must ask to join. See GFWC ESO BOOK CLUB on Facebook.

Literary Calendar

March 2023

National Reading Month

1 – International Hug a Librarian Day
2 – Read Across America Day
2 – Dr. Seuss's birthday
4 – National Grammar Day
5-11 – Read an E-book Week
5-11 – Return Borrowed Books Week
20 – World Storytelling Day
21 – World Poetry Day
26 – Robert Frost's birthday
30 – Pencil Day

March 2023 New Releases

[Hello Beautiful](#) - ANN NAPOLITANO

[Stateless](#) - ELIZABETH WEIN

[Evil Eye](#) - ETAF RUM

[Hang the Moon](#) - JEANNETTE WALLS

[What Have We Done](#) - ALEX FINLAY

[I Will Find You](#) - HARLAN COBEN

<https://www.booklistqueen.com/march-2023-book-releases/>

From Karen Kaler GFWC Photography Contest Chairman

The GFWC Photography Contest encourages members artistic expression and visual storytelling. You don't need an expensive camera to take great pictures! Today's cell phones offer a way to take creative pictures that are contest worthy.

The World In Pictures Contest

These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, way, as expressed in these three categories.

Our World Up Close- create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole, new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that are larger than life. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.

Natural Wonders- Use wide angles and panoramas, or changeable landscape images to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts or any other magnificent vista.

Reflections- Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

GFWC Living The Volunteer Spirit Contest

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one on one.

Awards for the top three national entries in each contact and category are First Place \$100, Second Place \$75 and Third Place \$50.

What did Andrew Carnegie do with libraries?

One of 19th-century industrialist Andrew Carnegie's many philanthropies, these libraries entertained and educated millions. Between 1886 and 1919, Carnegie's donations of more than \$40 million paid for 1,679 new library buildings in communities large and small across America. He believed that libraries added to the meritocratic nature of America. Anyone with the right inclination and desire could educate himself. Second, Carnegie believed that immigrants like himself needed to acquire cultural knowledge of America, which the library allowed immigrants to do. About 750 are still functioning as libraries today .

GFWC LIBRARY REPLENISHMENT FUND

In order to assist GFWC communities affected by man-made and natural disasters, GFWC established the GFWC Library Replenishment Fund. GFWC clubs have a long history of founding, maintaining, and promoting libraries. Grants will be provided to GFWC clubs to help replenish affected libraries in their communities.



Check out the 2022-2024 Club Manual in the "C" Resources folder of the [Member Portal Digital Library](#) for many *sparkling* ideas.