

Call for 129th May Convention

May 16, 2026

We Finish Strong!

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Hilton Garden Inn

555 Corporate Drive, Windsor, CT 06095



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OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut is honored to have Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary as our guest for this Convention.

Friday May 15, 2026. Optional

1:00PM

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1:00 PM Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Ave, Hartford

Although the GFWC CT archives are not available due to construction – we will have the opportunity to visit the library, CT Museum of History and the Supreme Court Building. Walk across the street to visit the State Capitol or walk down into Bushnell Park for a ride on the Carousel



Friday Evening – dinner on the town – TBD – supporting women owned restaurants

Saturday May 16, 2025

9:00 AM

May Convention Check In – Coffee will be served

9:30 AM
Morning
Session

Call to Order of the 129th GFWC/CT Annual Convention

Opening Ceremonies – Color Guard – Brownie Troop 10160

Joanne Sullivan - Preliminary Credentials Report

Welcome to Windsor - Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke

Representative Jane Garibay – Highlights from the 2026 Connecticut General Assembly Session

Kind Hearts, Brave Minds, Fierce Spirits – Our members make a difference!



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Memorial Service – Maddy Marzullo, GFWC CT Veterans Chairman

Reports of GFWC/CT Officers

Greetings from GFWC – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary



Proposed By-Laws and Standing Rules Changes – Eileen Driscoll, By-laws Chairman

Sheila McCauley Walking Contest Awards – Ginny Chulkovs, Health and Wellness Chairman

Community Service Program and Special Projects Awards: Arts and Culture, Education and Libraries, Veterans, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Environment, Health and Wellness, Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention, Advocates for Children

11:30AM

Recess for Friendship Time, Fundraising, Photos and Exhibits

12:00 PM

Garden Lunch Buffet: New England Clam Chowder, Garden Salad, London Broil, Baked Salmon, Seasonal Vegetables, Chef's Choice dessert

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Susan Gettys, GFWC Secretary

Afternoon
Session

Memorial Scholarships

Advancement Plan Awards: Fundraising, Leadership, Membership, WHRC, Communications and Public Relations, ESO



Service Project: Kind Hearts give us Strength, Brave Minds show our knowledge, Fierce Spirits are driven by our passion. Gratitude is our gift. A service project based in gratitude for what we have accomplished in the 2024-2026 Administration.

Special Recognition and Awards

Raffles and announcements

3:30PM

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4:00 PM From Finish Line to Future: a celebration of our Federation moving past the finish line of one administration and starting the 2026-2028 administration



Greetings from the Past State Presidents

Installation of 2026 – 2028 GFWC CT Executive Committee



Reception to follow featuring signature mocktails: The Wendy (Madame President) and The Kathy (Madame Past President), as well as a selection of non-alcoholic beverages. A drink ticket will be provided at check in. Fruit, cheese and cracker display, and fresh vegetables Crudites and dipping sauces display

6:00 PM Adjournment

Hotel: Reservation deadline is 4/16/26 GFWC CT May Convention Hilton Garden Inn – Windsor, CT.
Hotel Registration Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bdlwhgi-90q-ecf9bf32-4205-4b4c-af1d-06a811811155/>

Friday Tours: Optional but please indicate your interest on the reservation form. There will be quite a bit of walking included, parking is on your own. Please indicate on the reservation form if you will be attending this tour.

Memorial Service: Club Presidents are asked to submit the names of members who have passed away since May 2025 to Maddy Marzullo at maddymarz2@gmail.com or 860-689-0594. Please submit the member's name, her passing date, the name of her club, and the year she joined or the approximate number of years in the club. Please submit the information by May 8, 2026.

Hotel Note: We will not have a bar at lunch or installation. The Hotel Pantry has beer, wine and hard seltzers for purchase. Signature mocktails and other non-alcoholic beverages will be served during our reception. It is against CT State Law to bring outside alcohol into the public areas of the hotel.

Proposed changes to the GFWC CT By-Laws are in a separate document attached to this email.

Candidate Biographies are in a separate document attached to this email.

Members with additional business to bring to the floor, please contact GFWC CT President at gfwc.kathybarnes@gmail.com no later than May 5.



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May Convention GFWC/CT Reservation Form 2026

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE: April 30, 2026

Reservations for payments received after this date will be placed on a waiting list

(NOTE: THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 30)

Name:	Phone Number:
Club:	District:
GFWC Board of Directors Position:	Email:
2024-2026 Club President? Y N	
Visit the Connecticut State Library? Y N	Display tables are \$20 - limited number available
Send me info on Friday night dinner Y N	

	Check if attending
May Convention Lunch \$65	
Meeting Fee \$10	
Installation and reception \$20	
Total	

Allergies and food sensitivities: _____

Guest names for Installation: _____

Mail Meeting and Tour Registrations and Request for Tables to:
 Joanne Sullivan, 237 Kings Landing, Windsor, CT 06095

Contact Info: Phone: 860-402-1076
 or sullivanjl1028@gmail.com
 Checks made out to: GFWC/CT