



GF WC Mount Dora Woman's Club, Inc.

"Living the Volunteer Spirit"



Suzanne Gibson
President

KEY NOTES

Roseanne Miller
Editor

October 2021

President's Corner

Dear Members,

Welcome back to a new season of friendship, fun and service! The Board and I are doing our very best to make the upcoming months as "normal" as possible. As I sit here at my computer trying to figure out what to write next, The Byrds lyrics of "Turn Turn Turn" popped into the empty spaces of my brain. If you were a child/teenager of the 1960s you may remember them, if not, you may recognize the words are from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, or from the town meeting scene in the movie "Footloose". Some of the lyrics follow.

*'To everything, turn, turn, turn,
There is a season, turn, turn, turn,
And a time for every purpose under heaven.*

*A time to build up, a time to break down,
A time to dance, a time to mourn,
And a time to cast away stones, a time to
gather stones together.*

*A time to gain, a time to lose,
A time to rend, a time to sew,
A time to love, a time to hate,
A time for peace, I swear it's not too late."*

In these uncertain times I am hoping that this season brings us a time to build up, to celebrate, to gather stones together, to gain, and to love. I think it is within our reach if we remain positive and flexible.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 6 for our first luncheon meeting!

Suzanne Gibson

October Dates to Remember

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| Oct 6 | General Meeting & Luncheon
<i>County Club of Mt. Dora Clubhouse</i> |
| 11:30 am | Registration |
| 12:00 p | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Meeting |
| Oct 11 | Columbus Day |
| Oct 29 | Executive Board Meeting |
| Oct 31 | Halloween |

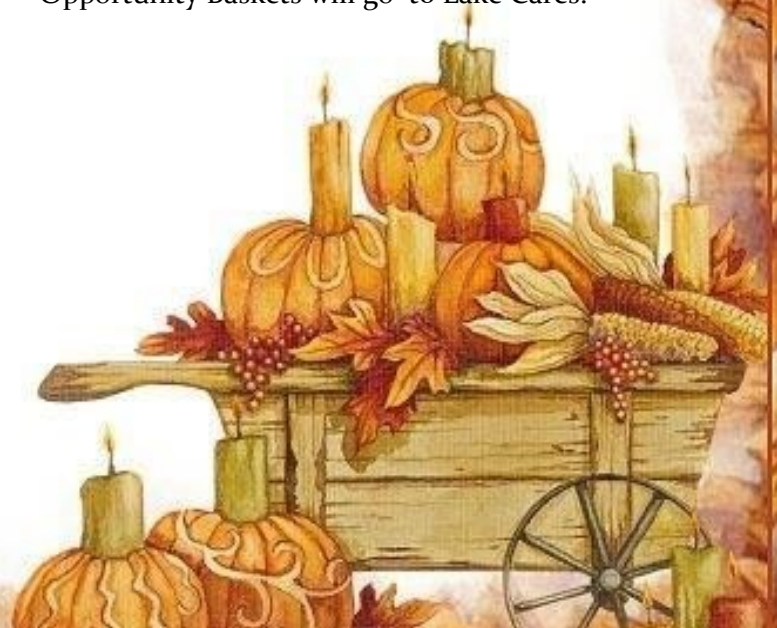


OCTOBER PROGRAM



*This month's Guest Speaker
will be Irene O'Malley,
Executive Director of Lakes
Cares Food Pantry.*

All proceeds from the
Opportunity Baskets will go to Lake Cares.





Community Service Programs



Arts and Culture Delores Deen, CH

The art world is slowly emerging as the threat of the pandemic is lessening its hold. Broadway is even reopening! Hopefully we'll be able to immerse ourselves in the arts and culture available in our communities and neighboring counties as we feel more comfortable.

Events on the horizon include The Ice House Theatre productions in Mount Dora, The Bay Street Players productions in Eustis, Mount Dora Fall Craft Fair in October, The Stetson Mansion Christmas Tour in Deland, a road trip to the Appleton Museum in Ocala, The Mount Dora Christmas Tour of Homes in December, the Annual Christmas Walk in Mount Dora, our club art contest in January, and The Mount Dora Art Festival in February.

I'm hoping that you talented ladies have been busy creating wonderful masterpieces for our club art contest while quarantined. Photography, painting, needlework, sewing, and all things artsy are welcome.



Education and Libraries Alison Horvath, CH

We held our first official committee meeting (since March 2020) with six members and welcomed back Judith Shepp, our former President, as one of them. We are actively looking into more associations with the W.C. Bland Library as soon as volunteers are welcomed back. The book scanning project is continuing. Look at the Library's Facebook page for results of this project. Our focus this year will continue to be supporting the Applemart project which gathers teaching supplies to be donated to teachers. We will have a collection of supplies at our general meeting in April. Many ideas were discussed at our committee meeting and we are, once again, rolling along!

Alison



Health and Wellness

We are in need of a Chairperson for Health and Wellness. If you would consider filling this position please contact Roseanne Miller.



Civic Engagement & Outreach Gina Conway, CH

The Civic Engagement & Outreach Committee would like to take on several projects this coming year.

-One very worthy activity would be to distribute "Vials of Life", provided by the Sheriff of Lake County. Vials of Life bottles contain a document that asks for a name, medications, any medical conditions, doctor etc. It is kept in the refrigerator (to easily find important information). A sticker is also provided for the front door to alert first responders.

-Another project would be the support of our police and fire department personnel. Quarterly thank you gift bags containing treats, necessities or gift cards.

-We can make Christmas cards and include a small gift like an ornament to distribute to nursing home residents.

-I would love to show our appreciation to medical workers somehow as well. We delivered lunches to Advent Hospital in the past but they had to stop those deliveries due to Covid. They were not permitted to accept homemade food. Any different ideas that you could share so we could show our support?

-The Mount Dora Senior Center is looking for volunteers.



Environment Community Irene Rosenberg, CH Gail Goldberg, CO CH

This season we would like to focus on **Bee Action**. The crisis facing the world's bees gets worse every day. Over 700 North American bee species are now at risk with beekeepers reporting their worst summer losses on record this past year, and second worst overall.

You may have heard that disease, pests, and climate change have all been implicated in the global bee die-off, but the truth is that a growing body of science points to a key contributing factor of the world's most widely used insecticides, neonicotinoids, or mnemonics. Saving the bee population in other countries has been successful, but the US has neglected to act.

If you want to save the bees, and ourselves, we must act NOW!!



Standing Committees

Communications

Roseanne Miller, CH

We are working on updating our Website and Facebook Page. You will soon receive, via email, a form permitting us to post your picture in the Newsletter, on the Website, and on Facebook. Names, phone numbers, and email addresses will **NOT** be posted on these sites. Please email the form back or bring it to the October Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Roseanne

Remodeled Library Space for Teens & Tweens!

Thanks to the generosity of the GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, the Young Adult Room at the W.T. Bland Public Library has been remodeled and updated. In addition to the life-size replica of a T-Rex dinosaur from Mount Dora-based Planet Earth Sculpture, the room now features new displays, furniture and artwork. **Mount Dora Education and Libraries Committee Chairman, Alison Horvath**, says that the partnership between the two organizations is important to the community: 'Our Woman's Club has always had a strong collaborative partnership with the Library, even in its earliest days, when the Club was responsible for its operation.' Woman's Club volunteers help the Library sort through its donations, seeking high dollar value resale items, which funded this sponsorship.

Ways & Means

Vivian Mcguire, CH

The Ways & Means Committee met on Sept. 24th. They brainstormed on several different events that could be held during the 2021-2022 season. Be prepared to have some fun!

A Yard/Craft sale is being proposed for Saturday, Oct. 16th. More information will be given out at the General Meeting and Luncheon on October 6th.

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Cathleen Airecno, CH



The next Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17th, 1:30 pm, at the W.T. Bland Library. This is a group read, the book is "We Begin At The End" by Chris Whitaker.

Welcome
New Members!

Diane Denise Pamela
In Memory of Maria

Cathy
October 23rd

Have you signed up for the GFWC Florida Members Center?

This private area is where you will find GFWC Florida resource materials, forms, and manuals. GFWC Florida wants to make it as easy as possible for members to access and navigate information from GFWC Florida and GFWC.

Log onto www.gfwcflorida.org to join.

We are getting some donations from smile.amazon.com and many thanks to those of you that have signed up. It's easy, it costs nothing and the offerings and prices are the same as if you were shopping at amazon.com. Here are the steps BUT REMEMBER, YOU ONLY HAVE TO SELECT OUR CLUB ONE TIME BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO DO THE SHOPPING EVERYTIME AT <https://smile.amazon.com> and NOT amazon.com.

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*Select "GFWC Mount Dora Womens Club" as the organization to receive the donation.

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