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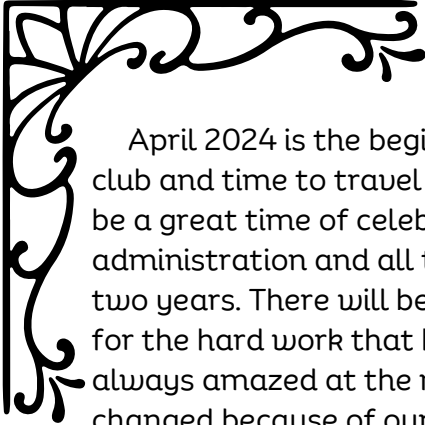


The Cherokee Rose

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April 2024 is the beginning of another great month for our club and time to travel to Orlando, FL for Convention. This will be a great time of celebration for the 2022-2024 GFWC Florida administration and all that has been accomplished in the past two years. There will be plenty of awards given and they are for the hard work that has been done to help others. I am always amazed at the number of lives that were enriched and changed because of our dedication to serve our communities and make the world a better place. Convention is a place to greet old friends and make new friends of GFWC sisters from all over Florida. I enjoy seeing everyone and learning what other clubs have been doing. What fun will be had by all!

Election and installation of the 2024-2026 GFWC Florida Officers will take place this weekend as well. We'll be there to support our own Elizabeth van Rensburg, who is running for GFWC Florida Recording Secretary.

Tiffany Iniestra is our 2024 LEADS graduate and will be included in the 2024 LEADS graduates recognized this weekend. Congratulations Tiffany, we're proud of you.

It's amazing that so many talented women from across the state will participate in the GFWC Florida Arts and Crafts competition. We are proud to be taking Randi Heise's 1st place entry to compete in this competition. I look forward to seeing each of you at the April meeting and giving you a convention update.



Lucy May, President

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Elected Officers

President Lucy May

President-Elect Erin Hewes

1st Vice President Vicki Smith

2nd Vice President Tiffany Iniestra

Recording Secretary Kay Hope

Corresponding Secretary Carol Lutter

Treasurer Edna Rivers

Auditor Vacant

Club Motto

"Why Stay We On This Earth Unless to Grow?" – Robert Browning

Our Theme

"Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers (sisters) dwell in unity" – Psalm 133:1

March Luncheon



This month's meeting was all about the history of women who have shaped the future. The tablescapes represented various accomplishments by GFWC women near and far. Our special guests included Mary Powell, Past GFWC Florida President 2016-2018, May Mann Jennings, former first lady of Florida and president of Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, and Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of GFWC. Several members joined in by dressing in costume from various time periods.



TWO new members joined the club this month! Cindy Teski and Jenny Raulerson are our newest members. We welcome new faces, and hope fellow members give a warm welcome.



Another successful cleanup!
Members met up for the quarterly cleanup at Brown's Landing public boat ramp. A huge thank you goes to the ladies who weren't afraid to get dirty and remove trash and debris from getting into our waterways and into the trash can!



At the City of Palatka Commission meeting held on March 14th, club members came forward to accept the proclamation for Women's History Month.

You don't want
to miss this!

**April Speaker-
Ramicha Johnson**

**May Speaker -
Phylicia Perry
Sisterhood of
Servants**

We are now accepting credit cards for lunch and dues. With an additional fee to offset the cost of the charge card program.



April Menu

- New Orleans Jambalaya
- Roasted zucchini
- Lovely Salad
- French Bread
- Various scrumptious desserts



This process for becoming a 501c3 is long and hard. One part of approval is updating the club's Articles of Incorporation that are 40 years old. The Articles have been drafted and will be presented for ratification at the upcoming monthly member meeting. Please keep watch your emails for a copy to review prior to the meeting.

**501c3
Update!**



The reporting workshop has been rescheduled for April 23rd at 10 AM due to services needed to be scheduled for the clubhouse. This workshop will cover essential information for reporting. All interested members are welcome to attend. Board members are highly encouraged to attend. Reach out to Erin at eandmplusallofthem@gmail.com to RSVP. Anyone unable to attend can reach out for notes by emailing Erin.



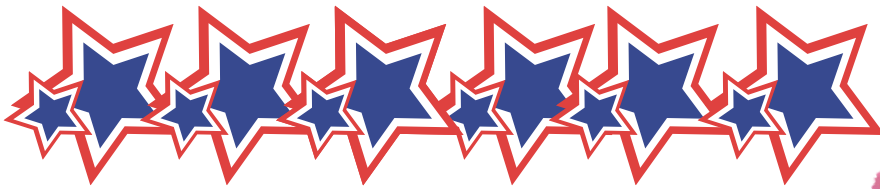
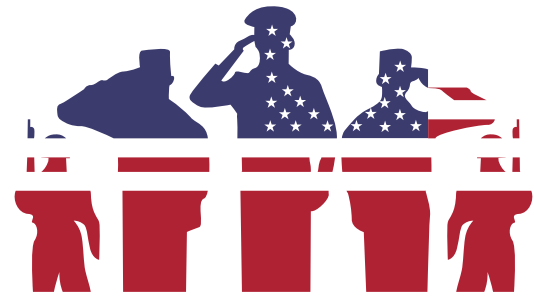
Bugging Out

The clubhouse will be undergoing the tenting process to remove termites from the Little House and main clubhouse. Beginning April 24th, Sentry will setup everything to treat the pest problem. There will be no entry to the property once they begin.



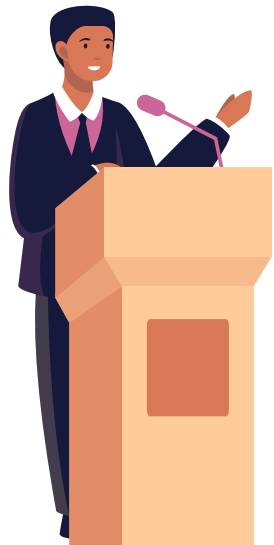
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

We will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade held on Monday, May 27th. This event is organized by American Legion Bert Hodge Post 45. Lineup will be at the post office located at 1105 St. Johns Avenue, beginning at 9a. The parade begins at 10a down St. Johns Avenue to the riverfront. Please contact Diane Wolfe if you are interested in participating.



Candidate Forum

The Palatka Woman's Club will be hosting a candidate forum for the candidates on the ballot for the upcoming 2024 elections. The first forum will be held Thursday, July 25th for the primary election, and the second will be held on Tuesday, October 8th for the general election. Please reach out to Diane Wolfe or Erin Hewes if you would like to volunteer for setup, greeting, finger foods, or clean-up.



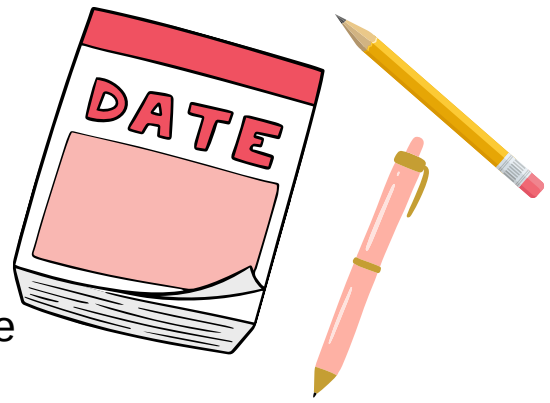
Crape Myrtle Sale

The annual crape myrtle sale will be blossoming into your inbox soon! This is the time of year we start promoting plant sales for crape myrtles. The annual fundraiser contributes towards supporting our work with scholarships and other community projects. Be on the look out for more information on how to spread the word and help support this fundraiser! Contact Dee Parker if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time or garden wagon.

Calendar

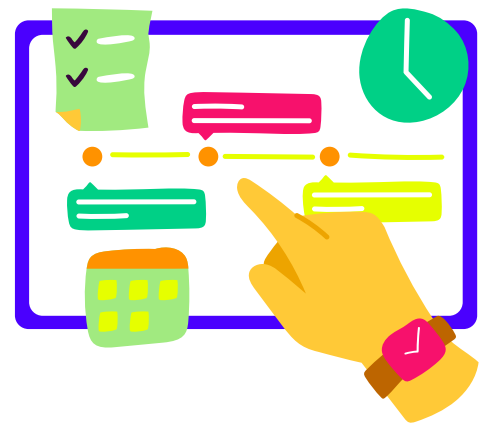
April 2024

- 4-GFWC Palatka Board Meeting 9:30a
- 9-Arts and Crafts meeting 10a
- 11- Club Grounds Cleanup and Workday 10:00a
- 12-15 GFWC Florida Convention – Celebration Time /Change of Administration
- 18- GFWC Palatka General Meeting/Program-Sisterhood of Servants- Meet and Greet at 11:30am, Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 19- District 4 Meeting held at VIA Green Cove Springs, FL – Federation Day meeting-Meet and Greet 10am-10:30am, Meeting and Lunch 10:30-2pm
- 23- Arts and Crafts meeting 10a
- 24- Federation Day
- 27-the 25th Annual Blueberry Festival in Bostick, FL



May 2024

- 2-GFWC Palatka Board Meeting 9:30a
- 9-Club Grounds Cleanup and Workday 10:00a
- 12- Mother's Day
- 14-Arts and Crafts meeting 10a
- 16-GFWC Palatka General Meeting/Program- Meet and Greet at 11:30am Luncheon 12:00 noon
- 28- Arts and Crafts meeting 10a
- 27- Memorial Day/ Parade



June 2024

- 6- GFWC Palatka Board Meeting 9:30a
- 8- Brown's Landing Cleanup 10am
- 11-Arts and Crafts 10am
- 16-Father's Day
- 19- Juneteenth
- 20- GFWC Palatka General Meeting



Newsletter deadlines: Friday, May 3rd
Newsletter distribution date: May 7th
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