



# GFWC – Charlotte

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## SPEAKER, ZACH OLSON CENTRAL MI UNIVERSITY ON FOOD FOREST

### Permaculture is a way of living – interacting with the environment.



A food forest is an agricultural system that is designed to mimic a forest by incorporating fruit and nut trees, shrubs, vines, herbs, perennial vegetables, flowers, and ground covers. It is a sustainable and low-maintenance system of food production that provides an abundant yield for human consumption while also creating a habitat to support wildlife biodiversity.

## TRIBUTES GIVEN TO 2019 DECEASED MEMBERS

Joyce Sparks, Donna W. Johnson, Joy St. John, Kim Bruce

Linda Foster  
did Joyce and Donna's

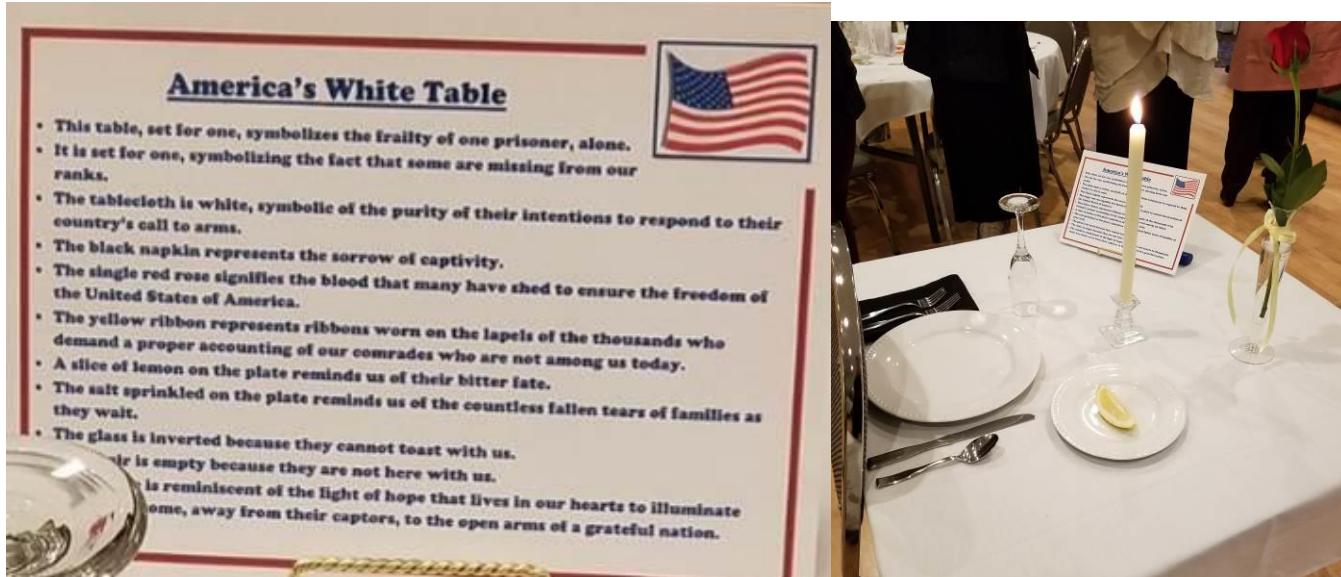


Mary Remenak did Joy's



Chris Reist did Kim's





## Interesting Centerpieces



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Do you know of someone in our club who could use a hand – ride to appointments, meal brought in, receive a card, visitor, listener, shopper, etc.? Contact Lorraine

# Mini Trips Update



The trip to **Eastern Market and Motown Museum** was great. There were only 4 of us, Lisa Starr, Mary Remenak, Sandra Guernsey and Hope Dixon. We arrived at the market about 10:45, found a great parking place and we all took off. The market was bustling with folks, shopping, purveying food, vegetables, teas, spices, plants/flowers and trinkets. I have never seen flattened cabbage over 14 inches across or cauliflower that was at least 12 inches across. Food trucks were available for lunch and I know Lisa and I took full advantage of that. It was great. They even had beignets. Oh so good covered with powdered sugar, which I wore proudly. We gathered at 1:30 and headed over to our tour at Motown. And what

a great tour that was. Our tour guide explained how Berry Gordy started his business with a loan from the family bank. All of this because Berry received a royalty check for \$3.17 and someone said he should start his own business. And he did. The rest is history. It was an upbeat feel good tour, just like the sounds of Motown. Both places are highly recommended by all of us.

**Jim Crow Museum, Ferris University, Big Rapids took place on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bronner's and Lunch at Zehnder's, Frankenmuth**

**Thursday, December 5      Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m & return by 4:00 p.m.**

FRANKENMUTH - AMBLE AROUND - We arrive around 10:30-11:00 and park. Visit the shops and tour the village before meeting for lunch at Zehnder's.

LUNCH-ZEHNDERS NOON (RESRVATIONS REQUIRED)

Enjoy the great chicken lunch meals served family style. Choose your best part of the chicken that you savor. Price ranges between \$13.00 to \$16.00. Then we get to walk it off.

BRONNER'S (ASSEMBLE AT THE CARS AROUND 1:15)

Travel to the fabulous and largest Christmas Store in America. A little tidbit for you, John Wayne ordered a Santa Suit from them in 1972. Bronner's says the average stay there is between 90 minutes to 1 ½ hours. Depending on the group and driver, leave time from there around 2:30-3:00 for the drive home.



**Health Fair at Alive 11/9 – Lori Pray, Sherry Myers, Lorraine Green**



# SIREN HOLIDAY TEA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GFWC-CHARLOTTE

November 10<sup>th</sup>



Linda Lord chaired the event with a lot of help from Club members! Preliminary figures show a profit of about \$ 6,000 each for SIREN and for GFWC-Charlotte. [More photos on Facebook]

Lori Pray was the Emcee and Cal Moulting, musician, the entertainment.



Silent Auction, Elizabeth Siler, Chair; Mary Remenak & Julie Darrt, Kitchen Co-chairs; Sandy Maatsch, helper; Sigma Beta Helpers from Olivet College, Kay Wyszynski, Registration Chair

Planning Meetings





## *Kitchen Crew at Tea - Raffle - Marlene Darin & Sharon Kubica*



### **Board Talk – Julie Dartt**



Congratulations on an excellent SIREN Tea! I understand that it was the best yet! A HUGE Thank You to Linda Lord for keeping everyone on track. Thank You to the chairs, co-chairs, committee members, people who donated, people who attended, and everyone who helped out in any way, Thank You! Look at what we can accomplish working together.

There have been two mini-trips taken, Eastern Market and Hitsville in October and the Jim Crow Museum at Ferris State University in November. Both were successful and educational. We are headed to Frankenmuth in early December. I'm sure it will be a fun filled day. Thank you to Hope Dixon and Lisa Starr for organizing these trips.

Sherry Myers and her wonderful Membership committee hosted new member orientation earlier this month. New members, their sponsors and some of the board members enjoyed lunch and shared information about our organization. A very nice time was had by all.

It is the time of year when I request reports from, well, everybody. Every hour spent on club activities, dollars and items donated that you report get tallied up. Reports are written for all those activities and sent to the state. It is very helpful if you would do your best to write in the numbers that best reflect your involvement. For Tea & Tomes, book discussion time counts, the time you spent reading, does not. Monthly meetings, count only the time spent for the program and the business meeting. If you are a chair of an activity, you count your preparation and planning time. And now for a twist, list on the back of your sheet, all the other volunteer activities you participate in. Don't need to know the number of hours, just a listing of the other stuff you do that doesn't get counted under the GFWC umbrella. These could be activities within your worship organization, school, 4H, scouts, library, community groups, and volunteer boards you may serve on. Anything you show up for and do. The sheets can be emailed to me or printed out, filled out and brought to the December meeting. This reporting period began in January and ends the end of December 2019.

I have a few GFWC Diva pins(rhinestone GFWC). If you would like one, please contact me. The cost is \$10. I also have a bag of shoes that were brought to a meeting(September?) and I don't know the intention of the donor. I would like to get them where they were meant to go so please send me an email. Thank you!

I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful organization. I wish you peace during the upcoming holiday season.

### **Advocates for Children Project**

Thank you for your generous donations of socks and underwear for children in our community. They will be delivered after the next board meeting on November 20th. Additional donations will be delivered after Tea & Tomes on November 26th. (Just in case you still wanted to donate!) Socks (especially medium-sized crew for boys and underwear) and girls/women's appropriate underwear. Will go to local charity.





December is the time to remember our GFWC Partnership with Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer International has been providing livestock and training to bring hope and reduce hunger to families in impoverished communities around the world. Would you please consider making a donation to Heifer this season? Any financial contribution you can make goes a long ways towards improving the living situation for many people. Checks can be made payable to GFWC – Charlotte with Heifer International on the memo line. Honor Cards will be available to those desiring them for donations of \$10 or more. Please see Julie Dartt for cards or if you would like more information regarding Heifer International. Julie will be collecting donations at the Christmas Tea on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. A raffle for a jar of delicious honey will be held during the tea. \$1 buys one chance to win. All proceeds go to Heifer International.

## TEA AND TOMES:

 November 26<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting for Tea & Tomes. Brynda Filkens will lead the discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Lorraine Green and Sherry Pabst will handle the room set up and refreshments. Julie Dartt will take down tables and stack chairs afterwards. Additional help is always welcome.

**Sneak Peek :** January 28th, we will meet to discuss *Among The Heroes* by Jere Longman. Amy Slot has volunteered for refreshments. We are seeking a discussion leader and set up/takedown helpers.



We would also like to invite all of our club members to bring books that they are finished reading to Tea and Tomes and the December Christmas Tea. All books will be sold for \$1.00, with proceeds going toward our annual donation to Charlotte Community Library. A reminder that any books not sold should be taken home or donated to the library for their used book sales.



## GFWC-Charlotte December Tea

### Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, **December 6**, 2019 at the First Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick Ave. We will be honoring our Past Presidents, new members and others. Our chorus will be singing.

No reservations are needed for the tea and there is no cost.  
(Lunch will **not** be served.)

Social time will begin at **12:30 p.m.** with the program starting at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Reist 543-7734

## **\$500 Nursing and \$500 Arts Scholarship Available through GFWC-Charlotte**



Any student in the community, male or female, young or mature, current student or re-entering student is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career either in the field of arts or a nursing degree. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women's Clubs Michigan. These are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. Each year, GFWC-Charlotte donates \$50 to this GFWC Michigan scholarship program. GFWC-Charlotte has been successful in the past in having endorsed several winning applications and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition. If you know someone planning a career in arts or nursing, encourage them to apply.

Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Hayes Green Beach Hospital administration office on the second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. To fill out an application online, click on this link:

The online applications are in a "fillable" format and will need to be saved to your computer, then printed.

[http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts\\_and\\_Nursing\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2018\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts_and_Nursing_Scholarship_Application_2018_fillable.pdf)

Completed applications should be mailed to GFWC-Charlotte; PO Box 464; Charlotte, MI 48813 BY January 15<sup>th</sup>. The current GFWC-Charlotte president will add her signature to completed applications when they are received, provide a letter of affirmation and forward them to the state chairman by February 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **Preparation for Urn Planting ...tree trimming at Linda Foster's, November 2nd**



**Julie Dartt, Linda Foster, Val Reisen, Mona Ellard, Sherry Pabst**



**Urn planting November 16, 2019 9 a.m.**

# *Membership Memos*

## *Remembrances . . .*



Ginny Baxter's 1<sup>st</sup>. grandbaby, Logan Baxter Lee, 11/2/19; 11:14 p.m., 7#9oz (daughter Casey)  
 Death of Ginny (Atkin) Lewis – Past President – 11/4/19  
 Sue Ainslie – health issues

## *Birthdays*

- 19 Carol Little
- 19 Nathalie Weseman
- 19 Val Reisen
- 28 Brynda Filkins

## *Anniversaries*

### Late November

- 01 Chris Reist
- 02 Jane Fortino
- 02 Nancy Gensel
- 04 Lisa Jackson
- 08 LeAnn Green

- 01 Becky & Arnold Dolman
- 06 Okja & Hak Kim
- 11 Sherry & Fred Myers

### December

- 16 Judy MacInness
- 20 Diane Ruswick
- 28 Patty Retzer

- 15 Dyna & Jerry Lehman
- 16 Karen & Jim Elsesser
- 18 Dawn & Tom Sneedenberg
- 19 Sharon & Jerry Kubica

### Early January

- 01 Carol Monroe
- 03 Diana Bosworth
- 04 Fran Rush

- 04 Jessica & Gerald Sommer
- 04 Marianne & Steve Struckmeyer

- 07 Shirley Rann
- 08 Bobbie Kane
- 11 Jessica Sommer
- 15 Beth Wildern
- 15 Elizabeth Siler
- 15 Amy Smith
- 17 Sharon Adams

### **Reading is Fundamental (RIF) in Action**



# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**(CONTACT INFORMATION & BIO ARE IN THE UPDATE ATTACHED.)**



**Diana Bartolacci**



**Marylyn Bernard**



**Tammy Crandell**



**Becky Dolman**



**Jessica "Jess" Doman**



**Sandra Guernsey**



**Sally Sedlar**



**Amy Slot**



**Sue Steinberg**



**Mandy Stewart**



## **ORIENTATION MEETING FOR NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**



Chris & Amy

Tammy & Sherry

Committee: Dawn Sneedenberg, Lorraine Green, Sherry Myers, Chair, Cathy Rudnitsky, Jena Rohrs



Peggy & Diana

Jess and Jane





Please bring any recycling you have collected to our December meeting so the amounts can be included in the Annual Report. Note: If you are electronically recording box tops through the Box Top app, e-mail Sara Biskie ([slbiskie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slbiskie@sbcglobal.net)) with the amount. Any recycling turned in after December 6 will go on next year's report. Thanks to each of you who have participated in our recycling project this year! Sara Biskie

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:

Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;  
[ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)

**REMEMBER, NO ISSUE IN DECEMBER**

**MOS Concert #2 – Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Martin Luther High School, Lansing, MI 48912. Mozart Opera and Holiday music.**



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