



**GFWC Massachusetts Awards**  
**Presented at the Combined Annual Convention**  
**May 1, 2021**



**SPECIAL PROGRAM, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AND ADVANCEMENT PLAN AWARDS:**

**Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children**

**Elaine Oppenheimer, Chairman for both Junior Membership and GFWC Massachusetts**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Agawam Junior Woman's Club ~ Festival of Trees
- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ Feminine Hygiene Kits
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Virtual Holiday Ho Ho Ho
- GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ Hats and Blankets to March of Dimes
- Dennis-Yarmouth Woman's Club ~ Baby Center Collection for Cape Cod Residents

**GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention**

**Trisha Rusco, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Dinner at Abbey's House
- Special Recognition: Sandwich Woman's Club- Adopt a Family ~ Teenager in Tow
- Creativity Award: GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club ~ Jasmine Grace Bags of Hope

**Bernadette Bennett, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- Dennis-Yarmouth Woman's Club ~ Safe Harbor gift cards for the holidays
- Ousamequin Club ~ Penelope's Place Food Collection

**Arts and Culture**

**Nancy Coughlin and Mary Kemp, Junior Membership Chairmen**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ Blankets for March of Dimes
- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ Festival of Trees
- Creativity Award: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Hearts of Hope Gift Project

**Mary Barnes, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- GFWC Bourne Women's Club ~ Christmas Tree library themed Auction w/ funds to library
- Hopkinton Women's Club ~ painted sign sale

**Civic Engagement and Outreach**

**Eryn Ryan Clavelli, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Hanover Junior Women's Club ~ Making COVID-19 Masks
- Special Recognition: GFWC Walpole Junior Woman's Club ~ Habitat for Humanity
- Creativity Award: GFWC Needham Women's Club ~ Dignity Project

**Diane Murphy, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- Braintree Women's Club ~ teen transition program giving duffle bags filled with items
- Millbury Woman's Club, Inc ~ Snack Pack Project

**Education and Libraries**

**Nancy Martin, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Learning About the Library
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Reaching Out to School in El Paso, TX
- Creativity Award: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ Stories with Mrs. Claus

### **AnnMarie Bielenin, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- Dennis-Yarmouth Woman's Club ~ Teacher Supply Baskets
- Ousamequin Club ~ Speaker - Journey of the Pilgrims with Richard Nichols

### **Environment**

#### **Marisa Jablanski, Dean of Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club ~ Habitat for Humanity ReStore
- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Support of Environmental Efforts
- Creativity Award: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Milkweed

#### **Jen Nowak, GFWC MA Dean of Chairmen**

- Dennis-Yarmouth Woman's Club ~ KIND News Subscriptions for PreK-4th grade
- Ousamequin Club ~ Wands for Wildlife

### **Health and Wellness**

#### **Brenda Geary, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: Sandwich Women's Club ~ Sandwich Virtual Run 5K
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Prime Time Senior Day Care Center
- Creativity Award: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ The Front Porch Project

#### **Mary Baird, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman,**

- GFWC Pepperell Woman's Club ~ made phone calls to seniors in town to connect during COVID-19
- Holly Club of Wrentham, Inc. ~ Delivered 250 roses to nursing homes for Valentine's Day

### **Communications and Public Relations**

#### **Kathleen Goneau, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: Hanover Woman's Club ~ A New Look for 2020
  - Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Zooming Right Along
  - Creativity Award: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ Social Media Outreach to Community
- no women's club entries**

### **Fundraising**

#### **Mary Ann Pierce, Chairman for both Junior Membership and GFWC Massachusetts**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club-Father's Day Dinner
- Special Recognition: Needham Women's Club-Holiday Drive-By House Tour
- Creativity Award: Junior Woman's Club of Walpole-Heart and Soul Event
- Braintree Women's Club ~ book donation sale
- Holly Club of Wrentham, Inc ~ Giving Tree raffle baskets for scholarships

### **Leadership**

#### **Beth McKeon, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Shot@Life Leadership Training
- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Think Tank
- Creativity Award: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Past President Leadership

#### **Alicia Sheridan, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- GFWC Bourne Women's Club ~ ESO Chairman updated ESO list/kept track of the members entries

### **Legislation/Public Policy**

#### **Marisa Jablanski ~ Dean of Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Human Trafficking
  - Creativity Award: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Promoting GFWC Legislative Priorities
- no women's club entries**

## **Membership**

### **Marisa Jablanski, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club ~ 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Special Recognition: Needham Women's Club ~ 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ The COVID-19 Connection

### **Pat Furtado, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- Westborough Woman's Club ~ Holiday Greetings to Members, delivered cookies to each member

## **Women's History and Resource Center**

### **Laurie LaBrecque, Chairman for both Junior Membership and GFWC Massachusetts**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ Judith Black Presents Lucy Stone
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Iced Tea Social to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 19<sup>th</sup> amendment
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Town Common Celebration of Suffrage 100
- GFWC Bourne Women's Club ~ Town Scarecrow Competition

## **STATE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

### **Marilyn Perry Leadership Award**

#### **Beth McKeon, Junior Membership Leadership Chairman**

Nominees:

- Cheryl Carlos, GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors
- Theresa Frias, GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club
- Neeta Karanjikar, GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club
- Jean Lyons Martens, GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club
- Lynne Merceri, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club

**The winner is: Lynne Merceri, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club**

### **Martha Michalewicz Clubwoman of the Year Award**

#### **Marisa Jablanski, Junior Membership Chairman**

Nominees:

- Nancy Clark, GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors
- Brenda Derby, GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club
- Julie LaBarre, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club
- Kyla LeConti, GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club
- Mary Lou Wofford, GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club

**The winner is: Brenda Derby, GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club**

### **GFWC Massachusetts Clubwoman of the Year**

#### **Pat Furtado, GFWC Massachusetts Membership Chairman**

This award is based on a Nomination essay submitted by a club.

Nominees:

- Joyce Clark, nominated by the GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club.
- Leslie Dorr, nominated by the Ousamequin Club

**The winner is: Joyce Clark, GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club**

### **Sheila E. Shea Junior Club President Award**

**Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs**

Nominees:

- Kathryn Rucker, GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club

**The winner is: Kathryn Rucker, GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club**

### **Julia Ward Howe Club President Award**

**Donna Shibley, President**

Finalists:

- Mary Ann Pierce, President GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club
- Leslie Dorr, President Ousamequin Club

**The winner is: Leslie Dorr, President Ousamequin Club**

### **STATE OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Presented by Marisa Jablanski, Assistant Director**

**Barbara S. Baker Tray ~ Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors**

**Division II (6-30 members) ~ Small Bowl ~ GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club**

**Division I (31+ members) ~ Large Bowl ~ GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors**

**P & A – Large Bowl ~ GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club**

**Presented by Donna Shibley, President**

**2020 Club Performance Award Bowls**

**GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ MaryAnn Pierce, President**

**Ousamequin Club ~ Leslie Dorr, President**

**Braintree Women's Club ~ Maureen Crowley, President**

**Congratulations to ALL the winners**

