



**GFWC Massachusetts Awards**  
**Presented at the Combined Annual Convention**  
**April 30, 2022**



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

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

**Marisa Jablanski, Dean of Chairman for Junior Membership**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club ~ Halloween Mask/Lanyard Project
- Special Recognition: Junior Woman's Club of Walpole ~ Holiday Meals
- Creativity Award: GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club ~ Advocates for Children's Week

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

- GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ collection of foster care travel bags, backpacks, and suitcases
- Hopkinton Women's Club ~ donated vocabulary recognition cards and carrying cases to Hopkinton Public Children's Library

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

**Trisha Rusco, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: Needham Women's Club ~ Speaker at October Meeting
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ How Domestic Violence Affects Children and How to Show Them Empathy
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ NOW SAVE: Domestic Violence Resources for Northboro

**Bernadette Bennett, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- GFWC Boston Parliamentary Law Club ~ purchased items for clients at RIA House (Ready, Inspire, Act) for the holidays
- Braintree Women's Club ~ working with Braintree Public Schools BASHY Group (Braintree Alliance for Safe and Healthy Youth)

**Arts and Culture**

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

- Special Recognition: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ deCordova Museum Picnic
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Pumpkins for a Nursing Home
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Crafts for the Library

**Mary Barnes, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- The Holly Club of Wrentham, Inc. ~ Senior Center Valentine's Day cards to residents
- Ousamequin Club ~ picture of the seasons, autumnal equinox and winter solstice

**Civic Engagement and Outreach**

**Marisa Jablanski, Dean of Chairman for Junior Membership**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Suitcase Stories Presentation
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton & Raynham Juniors ~ New Food Pantry in Town
- Creativity Award: Hanover Woman's Club, Juniors ~ Candidates Night

**Diane Murphy, GFWC Massachusetts Chairman**

- GFWC Boston Parliamentary Law Club ~ support of Johnathan, a seventeen-year-old boy leaving foster care
- Lunenburg Woman's Club ~ assembled baskets for shut-ins in the community, partnered with the Turkey Hill Lions Club and a local Girl Scout Troop

## **Education and Libraries**

### **Nancy Martin, Junior Membership Chairman**

- Special Recognition: GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club ~ Read Across America Day
- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ High School Senior Encouragement Cards & Gift Bags
- Creativity Award: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Women in STEM-From SARS to STARS

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

- Dennis-Yarmouth Woman's Club ~ support of a high school student going to a technical school and students getting an associate degree at a Community College
- Ousamequin Club ~ scholarships to three high school students

## **Environment**

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

- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ T-shirt Bags
- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Challenge - Make Haste to Minimize Waste
- Creativity Award: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Native Plant Project

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

- GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ closet clean out and donations for SAVERS
- Ousamequin Club ~ Iron Works Park beautification project plantings

## **Health and Wellness**

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

- Special Recognition: Sandwich Women's Club ~ Chicas for Change
- Special Recognition: Westford Women's Club ~ Volunteer Help for Craft Days at Bridges by Epoch
- Creativity Award: GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club ~ Comfort Pillows for Breast Cancer Patients

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

- Millbury Women's Club, Inc. ~ pansy plant sale for Pancreatic Cancer Alliance
- Westborough Woman's Club ~ support of the Community Harvest Project, a farming project for hunger relief

## **Communications and Public Relations**

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

- Special Recognition: GFWC Auburn Junior Woman's Club- ~ Duck Race Modifications w/Facebook Live
- Special Recognition: GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club ~ All Inclusive Media to Increase Awareness of Projects
- Creativity Award: Needham Women's Club ~ Video, Signage, and Relationships

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

- Westborough Woman's Club ~ use of social media/Facebook to communicate with the community

## **Fundraising**

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

- Special Recognition: Junior Woman's Club of Walpole ~ Festival of Trees
- Special Recognition: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Suffrage Centennial Tea
- Creativity Award: Needham Women's Club ~ Holiday House Tour
- Hopkinton Women's Club ~ girl's night out cocktail party
- Westborough Woman's Club ~ online treasured goods auction with 50 items for sale

## **Leadership**

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

- Special Recognition: Needham Women's Club ~ Program Committees and Leaders
- Special Recognition: GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club ~ Hybrid Club Business Meetings
- Creativity Award: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ Past President's Leadership Video Presentation

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

- GFWC Past Presidents' Club ~ update of bylaws and electronic voting

## **Legislation/Public Policy**

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

- Special Recognition: GFWC Dedham Junior Women's Club ~ Candidate Forum
- Special Recognition: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ GFWC Legislative Alerts
- Creativity Award: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Promoting Awareness of GFWC's Legislative Priorities

## **no women's club entries**

## **Membership**

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

- Special Recognition: Westford Women's Club ~ How to Have a Zoom Tea Party!
- Special recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ Club Member Bingo
- Creativity Award: GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club ~ Monthly Hospitality

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

- Ousamequin Club ~ various speakers at Zoom club meetings
- Woman's Club of Newton Highlands ~ invitational open house for prospective members

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

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

- Special Recognition: GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club ~ Member Yearbook
- Special Recognition: GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club ~ Organizing/Storing Club Records
- Creativity Award: GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors ~ Women We Admire
- GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ 1898 Society celebration organization of reception

## **STATE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

### **Marilyn Perry Leadership Award**

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

**The winner is: Denise Ryan, GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club**

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

**Marisa Jablanski, Junior Membership Membership Chairman**

**The winner is: Barbara Waible, GFWC Northborough 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.

**The winner is: Robin O'Connor, GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club**

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

**Katie Robey, Director of Junior Clubs**

**The winner is: Marva Walting, GFWC Wilbraham Junior Women's Club**

**Julia Ward Howe Club President Award**

**Donna Shibley, President**

**The winner is: Mary Ann Pierce, President GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club**

**STATE OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Presented by Marisa Jablanski, Assistant Director**

**Barbara S. Baker Tray ~ GFWC Randolph Junior Woman's Club**

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

**Division I (31+ members) ~ Small Bowl ~ GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club**

**P & A ~ Large Bowl ~ GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors**

**Presented by Donna Shibley, President**

**2021 Club Performance Award Bowls**

- **GFWC Bay State Contemporary Club ~ MaryAnn Pierce, President**
- **Pepperell Woman's Club ~ Darlene Coutu, President**
- **Westborough Women's Club ~ Renee Hatherley, President**

**Congratulations to ALL the winners**

