



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

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 ~ 35th Anniversary Celebration
- Special Recognition: Needham Women's Club ~ 85th 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 100th Anniversary of 19th 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

