

GFWC Virginia Statistical Form – Annual Club Record – 2022

Activity Summary

Previously, our Club's normal meeting place was closed due to Covid restrictions, so our meetings had been held via Zoom. In the early part of this year, they eased their restrictions, so we were able to get back to a more normal routine.

January of 2022 started with a bang! We inducted a new member and had a guest at our January meeting who joined us in February. Also in January, our membership committee used the display case at a local library to attract new members using a very attractive and colorful display.

Monarch Butterflies were the subject of our February meeting. Our environment committee chairman spoke about the plight of the Monarch and its dependence on milkweed to survive. She also distributed packets of milkweed seeds so that our members could do their part in this conservation effort. Two members went to the GFWC Legislation meeting in Richmond and visited the state capitol.

The celebration of art was also apparent at our February meeting. We used a large table to display many art projects from crochet to photos to watercolors. There were art stations for members to try their hand at Valentine card making or decorating tiles with hearts and passing out goody bags.

We supported Woodlawn Mansion's Needlework Art Show in March by volunteering as docents.

April started on a sad note with the sudden death of our dear friend and legacy member Susan Edson. She had been a member of the Woman's Club of Springfield in good standing for 26 years. April also found us at our annual Spring Faire where we hosted 24 vendors and earned money to support Bethany House, a shelter for battered women and their children. Also, in April Our President and Fundraising and Development Chairman went to the GFWC Northern District convention in Virginia Beach.

One of the highlights of our club year is the presentation of our annual scholarship. In June we awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to deserving young woman in our community. The selection is made based on recommendations from their school and our interviews.

In May 12 members enjoyed our Hospitality committee outing to a nursery where we all stocked up on plants for the spring followed by lunch. We continued to stay in touch through the summer with help from our Hospitality and Good Cheer committees and our 1st Vice President, Carol Barron. On August 28th 10 members and two guests enjoyed an ice cream social on the patio at our president's home.

Before the start of our first meeting after summer break everyone enjoyed a rousing few games of Bingo with prizes!

On October 12th Fairfax County Public Library held its annual Friends Choice Awards ceremony. It was an honor for the Woman's Club of Springfield to be included. The Friends of

Richard Byrd library nominated our club "for its steadfast, generous support of the library and the greater Springfield community.

In November Second Vice President /Membership Chair Karen Paris came to our club meeting to speak about the importance of bringing new members into our clubs and retaining the ones we have. AND She brought cake!

In December, our Hospitality committee planned a lovely progressive luncheon for our holiday celebration. Three members opened their homes to the membership for appetizers, main dish, and dessert. Everyone enjoyed the festivities which included a gift exchange and a model train display.