



GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



May, 2021

"Words have no meaning until they are put into Action."

Hello Ladies,

May has arrived and along with it the end of our club year. I am looking forward to our May banquet and 50th Anniversary celebration. I thank all of you for helping to make this a successful year. A special "thank you" to the board for all of your long hours and hard work. Hopefully, we can come up with some new ideas to keep growing and serving our community. We are planning to have a couple get together over the summer and hope you will be able to attend.

Enjoy your summer!

Ann



Our 50th Anniversary Banquet

Tuesday, May 11th

6:00pm

We will have a fun celebration reminiscing about our many accomplishments.

Royal Grille, Canadian Lakes

9775 Clubhouse Dr.



**Sending our care, concerns
and hugs to:**

Jennifer Houttiker

Mary Sue Hansen

Joan Boroff

**Joe, Celeste's son in law who
is recovering from COVID
hospitalization**

**Amy, Mary O's daughter who is
recovering from a stroke**



There are No June Birthdays

Congrats to Beth Martz on the arrival of a new grandchild!



GFWC Michigan 126th Annual Convention

took place on Saturday, April 24, 2021

**The Board has exciting news on ALL the awards that were
presented to GFWC Big Rapids. The "Big Reveal" will be at
our banquet next week.**





Tuesday, May 11th 6:00pm
dinner served 6:30pm

Royal Grille

9775 Clubhouse Dr., Canadian Lakes

We will be practicing Covid safety measures by dining at tables of 4 and 6 people per table.

We'll reminisce about the many fun times and projects that we have had through the years as we have volunteered in our community. If you have any interesting memories of our club we would appreciate you sharing them with us that evening.

Along with celebrating our past, we will also celebrate our accomplishments for 2020/2021. We have such a fabulous, creative and generous membership!

FOSTER CARE SUITCASES



Sue Bean confirmed that they will have 12 suitcases filled and ready to deliver next week to the Foster Care program. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this ongoing project. Thanks to everyone for helping to provide foster children a place to carry their personal items.

Our **GFWC Big Rapids website** is up and running thanks to Carrie Franklund and Linda Telfer. It is beautiful! Our website address is **[GFWC-BigRapids.org](http://www.GFWC-BigRapids.org)**. Thank you Carrie and Linda!



There is a "member only" password. Ann will send it to you via email.

FROM A BagTO Sleeping Mat



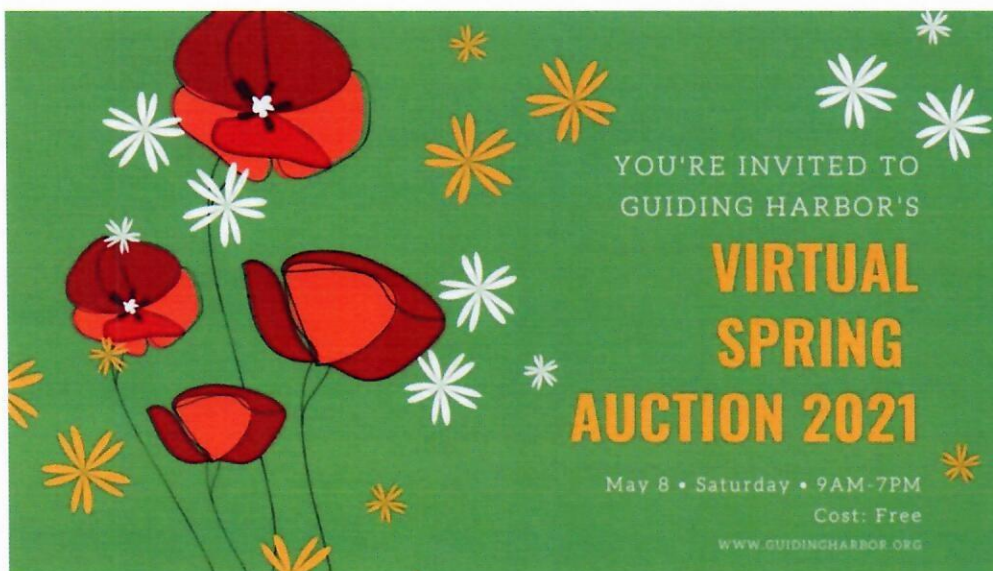
We now have 13 Mats for Homeless People

Thank you to all who have been preparing the bags for crocheting and all those who have used their creativity for crocheting the much needed mats. Pat Rossi reported that we now have 13 completed mats! Keep them coming because this is going to be an ongoing project for the next year, too. Once you have completed any mats or cut and looped bags to be ready for crocheting, please get them to Pat and report your hours. We have received a big donation of bags that have been cut and are ready to be looped together. Anyone interested in helping with this, let Pat know at 972-0700. She will happily supply you with the strips.

If you would like to see a tutorial on making the mats, please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yr_WHW_tGSE

Six members cleaned the M-20 highway. Well done ladies! What a wonderful service to our community.

Thank You!



Please
Consider
Supporting
Guiding
Harbor
Auction

Tickets are FREE!

Register here: <https://one.bidpal.net/ghspring2021>

ONGOING DONATIONS :

Greeting Cards for all occasions

Children book donations of nearly new books

Bottle and Cans for BR Scout Fund

Pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Used batteries for recycle

Foster Child Suitcase items

Used shoes for Soles for Souls

Quarters or check for Heifer International

Plastic grocery bags to be crocheted into sleeping mats for the homeless



YEARLY PROJECTS:



Foster Child Suitcase project: Collecting books, flashlights, night lights, plush animal, blanket, suitcases or duffle bags.

Creating mats from plastic grocery bags for the homeless . Get your finished mats to Pat Rossi.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

Project Starburst : Looking for a volunteer to pick up a weekly Friday evening donation of breads, etc. from Panera

Contact Diane Long at 231-79-5342
br@projectstarburst.org

DRIVERS NEEDED: John Klever from DHHS expressed the need for the volunteer transportation program they have for individuals who need transportation to medical appointments and for CPS and Foster Care visits. Volunteers can work as many days a week as they choose and are reimbursed \$.56 a mile.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering for this, you should contact John Klever at 231-796-4312 and leave a message. This is his office number and he is still working from home.