



GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



October, 2021

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

Hello Ladies,

Happy Fall! When I think of fall, I think of Pumpkin spice, caramel apples, and colorful leaves. Hope you get to enjoy them all.

We were presented with some great ideas from the CSP's at our last meeting. We should have another successful year. Please

be sure to put on your calendars the NWD Meeting on October 16th and the 4B's fund raiser on October 28th. There will be lots going on in the next few months so please read your emails and newsletters.

Let's support each other in helping our community.



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General Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 12th
Elks Lodge
Program starts at 6:30pm

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**Sending our care,
concerns and hugs to:
Jennifer Houttiker
Katelynn Bechaz recovering
from auto accident**



Sue Bean 10/2

Dee Van Horn 10/14

Northwestern District Official Call
100th Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 16, 2021

The meeting is hosted by GFWC "Mecosta Heart of the Lakes"

Chapel of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 9407 90th Ave., Mecosta, Mi

Meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM.
Registration and Social time will begin 8:30AM
Continental Breakfast will be served

GFWC MI NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
2021 Registration Form



Club Name: _____

Club President: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Registration including Lunch is \$17.00 (\$5 reg. +\$12 lunch)
A late fee of \$3.00 must be added if postmarked after October 5th

Name Amount Paid

_____	_____
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Amount carried from additional form: _____

Check Total: _____

Make checks payable to: GFWC Northwestern District
Mail Payment and registration form to: Denise Allen NWD 2nd Vice President 21304 One Mile Reed City 49677



Tuesday, October 12

6:30pm at The Elks

**The business meeting will begin at 6:30,
there will be no refreshments.**

**Our Program will be Jane Currie, Executive
Director of WISE via ZOOM**

Wearing a mask is suggested

We are continuing to collect:

- * 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
- * Quarters or check for Heifer International

SPECIAL DONATIONS NEEDED

Please bring to our meeting if you are able.

****Guiding Harbor Grandparents Gift Basket items.**

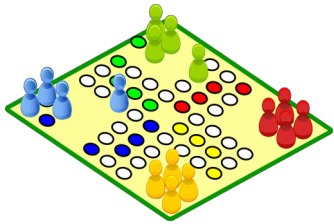
****Specific clothing for Our Brother's Keeper**

** More information on the next page.

****BAGS, BAUBLES, BON BON & BITES: Please bring any donations of
purses, jewelry, and scarves.**

GUIDING HARBOR ANNUAL AUCTION MAGICAL MASQUERADE

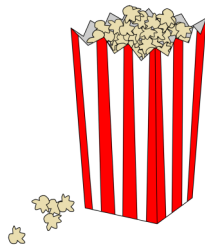
November 20, 2021



At our last meeting, our club decided to create a **Grandparents Gift Basket to donate to the Guiding Harbor Auction.**



We would like to fill the basket with items that a grandparent would enjoy having when entertaining their grandkids. We could fill the basket with games, coloring books or sketch pad and crayons, books, snacks, or anything else you can think of. Please bring the items to our meeting on Tuesday.



CLOTHING NEEDED FOR Our Brothers Keeper

Civic Engagement & Outreach is collecting specific clothing for OBK over the next few months. We hope to give the items to OBK in January. OBK is need of new:

- * **Socks and underwear for children and women**
- * **Underwear for men (they have lots of men's socks)**



If you see any sales in coming months and are willing to pick up any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a tote at each meeting to drop items off. Thanks so much.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Now
collecting:**

**All the pretty things for
BAGS, BAUBLES, BONBONS,
AND BITES 2021**



**DONATE YOUR NEW & GENTLY USED JEWELRY,
PURSES, AND OTHER ACCESSORIES**

**Collection happening October 1st through
October 26th . Please place donations in
the bin located in the front lobby of
Artworks.**

Proceeds benefit Artworks Children's programs &
Meceola Currie Comfort Home

GFWC- Big Rapids

Michigan has seven National Parks

Isle Royale National Park, Houghton
Keweenaw National Historical Park, Calumet
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Munising
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Empire
Motor Cities National Heritage Area, Detroit
North Country National Scenic Trail, Lowell
River Raisin National Battlefield Park, Monroe

The National Park Service, which oversees more than 450 park sites in the United States is over 100 years old. I am highlighting Isle Royale National Park, in Houghton, MI. Isle Royale is closed all winter and you need to take a ferry or flight to get to the island in the middle of Lake Superior waters. The resulting isolation has kept this one of the few spots in the country with true wilderness, a spot with stunning vistas and even more striking quiet.

In a study on soundscapes, The National Park Service determined Isle Royale to be one of the country's quietest National Parks, and it's likely to stay that way as visitors get around only by foot, kayak or canoe and have little company other than the island's resident moose, loons and other wildlife.

Most opt for backcountry camping at sites spread along the island. The Rock Harbor Lodge offers 60 lodge rooms along the shoreline in Rock Harbor and two rustic camper cabins on the other side of the island. There's also a restaurant, store for hiking and camping provisions and a way to book boats and fishing charters. For the ultimate adventure, join a Moosewatch Expedition and participate in a hands-on way in the country's longest running predator-prey study, in this case, the interplay between the island's wolves and moose.

On six days in 2021, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

January 18: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

April 17: First day of National Park Week

August 4: One year anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act

August 25: National Park Service Birthday

September 25: National Public Lands Day

November 11: Veterans Day

Annual Pass: Cost: \$80 annual pass (with a number of different fee options including:)

Military Pass: no charge (current military and their dependents, US military veterans and gold star family members)

Senior Pass: \$80 for Lifetime pass or \$20 annual pass (age 62 and over, US citizens)

Access Pass: Permanent disabled US citizens, Free Lifetime Pass.

Day hiking is an excellent way to explore Isle Royale National Park. There are a number of short and long hikes available in both the **Rock Harbor** and **Windigo** areas. The distance between Rock Harbor and Windigo is 40 miles and can take 4-6 days. The terrain at Isle Royale is rough and uneven; be sure to wear sturdy boots or tennis shoes that are broken in.

Don't have enough time for an overnight visit to Isle Royale National Park? Visit for the day! Some ferries offer day trips to Rock Harbor on the northeast end of the island, and Windigo on the southwest end.

Isle Royale has 36 campgrounds located across the island. Campsites are accessible only by foot or watercraft. All campgrounds offer tent sites, a water source, and outhouses. Some campgrounds on Lake Superior offer shelters and picnic tables. For boaters and parties of 6 or fewer, overnight permits are free.

Many programs are available being led by park rangers before you roam the trails of this beautiful island. Resource: www.nps.gov/state/mi.
www.michigan.org/nationalparks.

ENVIRONMENT CSP IN ACTION!



Check out the New Vests that Ann made for the girls to wear as they work on the gardens. They say GFWC AT WORK! How cool is that?



Riverwalk garden now has beautiful pavers to define the garden.



Another fall Highway Cleanup is completed thanks to Carrie, Ann, Celeste, Linda, Jerena and Beth. Thank you girls!

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

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. Sue Bean is collecting donations.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



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

Mana Pantry: Needs volunteers . If you can help once a week or once a month, it would be appreciated. Contact: Bonnie Clark at 231-408-2940

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.