

# GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

## BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER



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*"Working for a Better Community"*



### President's Note

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

As we start gearing up for our club year, it is wonderful to see the CSPs planning for this coming year already. We should hit the ground running. YEAH!!!

Linda Telfer, Club President & Newsletter Editor  
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Deadline for submission is the 25th of the month.

P.S. Can you find this flower in the newsletter?



**August 8**—Annual GFWC Potluck Picnic 6:00 p.m.—School Section Lake Park

**August 18**—Community Gardens Ribbon Cutting-10:00-noon-BR Library

**August 23**—Wine Tasting @ The Winery at Young Farm, **5:30 p.m.**, Mecosta

**August 26—September 19**—Mum Fundraiser—\$15 for a 8" mum (see page 4)

**September 23**—Mum pick up at Joyce Iltis' house—9:00-3:00

**September 30**—GFWC Day of Service

**October 13-15**-Bay Cliff 90th Birthday Bash

**October 21**—Northwestern District Meeting in Big Rapids

**October 26**-4B's Fundraiser @ Artworks 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**November 4**—"Michigan LEADS" in Midland

**November 11**—Guiding Harbor Auction-Novi Sheraton

**May 2-5, 2024**—GFWC Michigan State Convention—Menominee, MI

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

**31—KARIN MCKEAN**



**Club Members—Cares and Concerns**

**Everyone is happy & healthy.**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### BOOKS NEEDED

All types of books are needed. If you have any books you would like to donate for men, women and/or children, please get them to an Education and Libraries CSP member. These will need to fit in the Little Libraries (no bigger than 6x9 inches).



**WE NEED YOU!!** Is there any reason why you can't help our club by serving on the board for the 2024-2026 year? The slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting with the election being held in March. I know it is a little early, but be thinking about how you can help and who you would like to see in the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year. A nominee for the office of the President must have been a member of the Executive Board at least one year before their name is placed in nomination. The offices of President, 1st VP and 2nd VP shall be held for no more than one two year term.



**Personal Care Products**—As you travel this summer, would all club members save the unused personal care products from the hotels that you are staying in (shampoos, lotions, soaps). The club will be putting those items in special bags at our September meeting. ALSO, if anyone would like to donate full size personal care products, the pantries are really in need of them. Just bring them to the September meeting.

**Meal Bags**—It has been suggested that members put together a “Meal Bag” as part of our Day of Service for September 30. This would entail a complete meal for those who are food deprived. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 8**

## **GFWC Picnic**

Annual GFWC Potluck Picnic, 6:00 p.m.—School Section Lake Pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass as hot dogs, sloppy joes, paper products, water and lemonade will be provided. Carpooling is encouraged as cars will need to purchase a park day pass (\$10 per car) if you do not have a park pass.



**August 18**

## **Ribbon Cutting**

The GFWC Community Gardens Ribbon Cutting ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Big Rapids Library.



**August 23**

## **Wine Tasting**

The Winery at Young Farm in Mecosta at **5:30 p.m.** with dinner following.



**September**

## **Education & Libraries Fundraiser**

This CSP will be selling \$15 mum plants with pick up on September 23. Mums will be pre-ordered and paid for with proceeds going to furnishing the GFWC-Big Rapids Children's Education Corner at the Elks as well as other activities for this CSP.



**September 12**

## **First Meeting of the Club Year**

**6:00—Social Time**

**6:30—Meeting**

**Location: The Elk's**



# **GFWC-BIG RAPIDS, INC.**

## **ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Join in on the fun at the annual picnic and invite a friend who might be interested in GFWC.**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 8, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** School Section Lake Park

**COST:** It's free! You will need to buy a day pass to the park (\$10 per car). Car-pooling is encouraged.

**WHAT TO BRING:** A dish to pass.

(Hot dogs, sloppy joes, water, lemonade and paper products will be provided.)





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

## Gwin Girls Winery—July 13



Five members attended the social event at Gwin Girls Winery on July 13. The cooler evening was enjoyed in an igloo out of the sun but a breeze was still felt. Conversation was mostly about GFWC and where we have come in the last several years. Joan Boroff and Mary Bechaz were planning to attend but due to unforeseen circumstances could not attend. They were surely missed!!

**NEXT SOCIAL EVENT IS THE ANNUAL PICNIC ON AUGUST 8TH.**



# COMMUNITY GARDEN BOXES

July 8, 2023





# Community Garden Boxes— Day 2

## July 15, 2023



The ten Garden Boxes are done! Thank you to everyone who assisted with this project and a special thank you to DeLores Simpson and her committee in making this project come to fruition. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be August 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the BR Library.

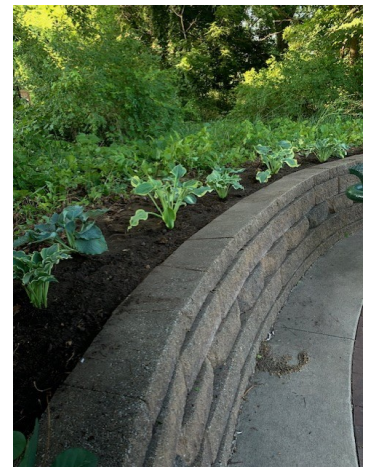
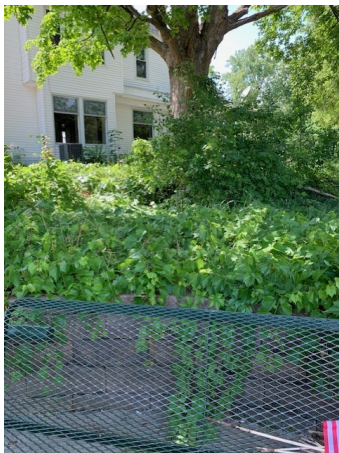


# GARDENS ARE LOOKING GREAT

## Post Office Garden



## Riverwalk Garden



**Transformation!!!** Fifteen hostas were donated (3 at the Post Office and 12 at Riverwalk).



## THIS MONTH'S WALKERS



**“Someone” always seems to be hiding!!**



## THE NEW STREET SIGNS ARE UP!!!



The new street signs are up. MDOT approved the above street sign and I must admit that I thought that they would be bigger; however, they are bigger than what we had. You will see these at the main intersections in town. Another one of your projects completed.





# The Puzzle



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Allium Alyssum Aster Coneflower Daffodil Daisy Geranium Hosta  
Impatient Iris Larkspur Lily Marigold Mum Petunia Rose Sedum  
Tulip Verbena Zinnia

