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County Festival of Arts

GFWC Pennsylvania policy:

- A. Each federated club shall be entitled to submit one entry in each category to the District Festival of Arts.
- B. Organized counties which hold a separate Festival of Arts shall be entitled to submit one entry in each category to the District Festival of Arts.
- C. A club whose entry is selected as the County entry shall not be entitled to submit an additional entry and such entry shall be considered to be a co-entry from the federated club and county.

Note: A club and/or club member does not have to enter the county contest. The entry will advance from the club to the district.

ARTS CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL 2022-2024 CONTESTS

- The General Rules should be reproduced for member and student contestants and given to school contacts along with rules, Entry Form(s) and *GFWC Creative Arts Waiver* (if applicable).
- Member contests are open to all per capita dues-paying members of GFWC Pennsylvania.
- Members and/or students may only submit entries to one club.
- Students must be sponsored by a per capita dues-paying club of GFWC Pennsylvania.
- A completed Member Entry Form must be attached to each photography entry. <u>Please do not glue!</u> Only use removable painter's tape.
- All Literature entries and Member Photography entries **MUST** have a completed, signed *GFWC Creative Arts Waiver* (page 34) submitted with the entry. **Do not attach to photos**.
- Entries must not have been previously entered in any GFWC club, district, county, state or international Festival of the Arts contest.
- Literature must be original and unpublished.
- Authors and photographers must be amateur status earnings from writings or photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Each contest entry will be judged by at least two (2) judges who are qualified in some aspect of the contest. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to each judge at least one week prior to the contest. Uncontested entries meeting all qualifications based on the rules will advance to the next level of competition.
- Judges may judge at only one level of competition. No clubwoman may judge at any level.
- At each level, disqualification is determined by the particular Chairman based on the rules. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Each entry must be completed in its entirety by the contestant, excluding photography, which may be professionally developed.
- If for any reason a First Place winner cannot advance to the next level of competition, notification to the Chairman must be made immediately. It is the responsibility of that level's Chairman to make arrangements for the Second Place winner to advance.
- The Arts Department Chairman at each level of competition is responsible for assuring that the *GFWC Creative Arts Waiver* (member photography and all literature entries), and **two (2) blank Judging Sheets** are supplied to the next level Chairman within five (5) days following their respective competition.
- A contestant may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have <u>one entry per category.</u>
- Neither GFWC Pennsylvania nor its Chairmen are responsible for loss or damage of any kind to items submitted for competition at any level.
- Entries will advance from Club to District to State to National levels (depending on the category) and will be released only at the conclusion of the last event.
- All GFWC Pennsylvania general rules are in compliance with those of GFWC.
- Completed Judging Sheets will be returned to the student or member after each contest level.

CONTEST DEADLINES - All contests to be completed by the following dates:

Club Deadlines: February 24, 2024
County Deadlines: March 4, 2024
District Deadlines: March 23, 2024

<u>Please Note</u>: Each district may have additional contests in addition to the GFWC Pennsylvania sponsored contests. Any questions regarding district contests should be directed to your District Arts Chairman listed on Page 3.

GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (page 34)
MUST be attached to ALL Literature and Member Photography entries.

2022-2024 GFWC CLUB MANUAL





PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

AWARDS, CONTESTS, and GRANTS

TELL YOUR STORY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS

The GFWC Photography Contests encourage members' artistic expression and visual storytelling, while recognizing originality, visual impact, and technical skill in photography. GFWC offers two opportunities to participate in the Photography Contests. You don't need an expensive camera to take great pictures. Today's cell phones offer a way to take creative pictures that are contest worthy.

THE WORLD IN PICTURES CONTEST

These photographs showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way, as expressed in these three categories:

Our World Up Close—Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world. Macro photography creates photos of small items that are larger than life. Some common examples are bugs or parts of flowers.

Natural Wonders—Use wide angles and panoramas, or changeable landscape images, to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts, or any other magnificent vista.

Reflections—Feature a setting, situation, or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or capture a fleeting image reflected in glass, water, or another mirrored surface.

GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT CONTEST

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one.

RULES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- All contest photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photographs for the first year of the Administration must be taken between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.
 Photographs for the second year of the Administration must be taken between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.





2022-2024 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

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CLUB CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Encourage members to participate in the GFWC Photography Contests.
- Foster participation in the photography contests. Consider selecting a subject for all members to photograph.
- Recognize member contributions by awarding certificates and/or ribbons.
- Remind members of deadlines for judging the local and state contests.
- Forward the submissions for state and national judging as instructed.
- Verify that all rules for the contests have been followed. Entries that do not follow the contest rules will be disqualified.

2022-2024 GFWC CLUB MANUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

Judges will look at the overall creativity of subject and quality of the photograph. Photos may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black/white.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR STATE JUDGING

Printed Photography Submissions:

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Each photograph must be an 8 X 10-inch print.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8 X 10-inch board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mattes, frames, or hangers are to be included.
- Photographs may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black and white.
- Printed photographs will not be returned.
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
 - Ø Contest name: World in Pictures with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
 - Ø Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
 - Ø Name and State of the sponsoring club
 - ø Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph
 - Ø Arrow indicating the top of the photograph

Digital Photography Submissions (if allowed by the State Chairman)

- Digital submissions will be considered but must be a high-resolution digital copy emailed in "actual" size.
 Note: Typically, must be emailed in a large capacity format software such as Dropbox, Hightail, or other.
- High-resolution/300 dots per inch or pixels per inch
- Photographs may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photograph.
- Each photograph must have the following information contained in the email:
 - Ø Contest name: World in Pictures with category or GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit
 - Ø Photographer's Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number
 - Ø Name and State of the sponsoring club
 - Ø Title and a brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph
 - Ø Indicate the top of the photograph

DEADLINES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS

State Level: Clubs must send entries to their respective State Photography Contest Chairman for judging. If Chairman accepts digital format, please be sure to include where to email the photographs. State entry deadlines are determined by the respective State Federation.

National Level: To be eligible for national judging, submit one winner from each State Federation for each contest and category, along with a cover letter from the respective State Photography Contest Chairman listing the names of the winning submissions and the signed GFWC Creative Arts waiver from each state inner.

New: If available, please email the photographs in high-resolution/300 dots per inch or pixels per inch using Dropbox, Hightail, or other large capacity format software to PhotoContestGFWC@gfwc.org.

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If mailing printed photographs, they must be postmarked by May 15 and sent to:

GFWC Photography Contest 1734 N Street NW Washington, DC 20036-2990

National level submitted photographs will not be returned.

* If your State Convention takes place on or about this deadline date, contact GFWC at Programs@gfwc.org or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

AWARDS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The following awards will be presented at the GFWC Annual Convention for the top three national entries in each contest and category:

First Place

\$100

Second Place

\$75

Third Place

\$50

DISCLAIMER

By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sublicense the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER FORM

The GFWC Creative Arts Waiver Form is attached to this Photography Contests program. For further information, contact GFWC at Programs@gfwc.org or call 202-347-3168.

MEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS GFWC Contest

- Members may submit entries in only one club.
- A completed Member Photography Entry Form, <u>two (2) blank Judging Sheets</u> and a <u>GFWC Creative Arts Waiver</u> (page 34) must accompany each entry and be submitted to the Chairman at each level. **Entry Form only** must be attached to the back of the photograph. **Please do not glue!** Only use removable painter's tape.
- Entries must not have been previously entered in a federated Festival of the Arts contest.
- Each contest entry will be judged by at least two (2) judges, who are qualified in some aspect of the contest. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to each judge at least one week prior to the contest. Uncontested entries meeting all qualifications based on the rules will advance to the next level of competition.
- Judges may judge at only one level of competition. No clubwoman may judge at any level.
- At each level, disqualification is determined by the particular Chairman based on the rules. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Completed Judging Sheets will be returned to the member after each contest level.
- Neither GFWC Pennsylvania nor its Chairmen are responsible for loss or damage of any kind to items submitted for competition at any level.
- Entries will advance from Club to District to State to International levels and will be released only at the conclusion of each event with the exception of the entry advancing to the next level of competition.
- All GFWC Pennsylvania general rules are in compliance with those of GFWC.
- **IMPORTANT:** The following statements apply to all Member Photography contests entrants:
- By submitting your photo to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- o All Photographs will all be judged on the Club, District and State Levels according to the stated rules. The First Place State winning photographs in the above categories will go on to the GFWC International level contest.
- o ALL photographs <u>must have a *GFWC Creative Arts Waiver*</u> (page 34) submitted with the photograph at all levels to be judged. **No waiver -automatic disqualification**. Please DO NOT tape or glue to the photograph.
- State level winning photos going on to GFWC will not be returned.
- Photos not going on to GFWC will be available for return at the end of the State Festival of Arts/Convention.
- **Contest runs from January 1, 2023 December 31, 2023**

District Chairman - Following the District contest, first place photographs (along with: 2 blank judging sheets, completed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver and attached entry form), are sent directly to the State Arts Chairman within five (5) days of your District Contest and no later than April 6, 2024:

GFWC Pennsylvania Photography Contest Nicole Clapper-Bettwy 526 S Terrace Drive Altoona, Pa. 16602 814-935-4143; softballswimmer@aol.com

Photography Contest Tips:

Photos can be professionally dry mounted at any local craft/hobby store (i.e. Michaels, etc.) or framing shop at a minimal expense. This is not mandatory but, will result in better presentation of your photo.

Putting photos in a transparent sleeve will help to protect your photo from possible damage from tape, glue and handling.

Please be sure to complete ALL information on the entry form. Chairmen should be making sure that this is complete. GFWC Pennsylvania Arts Chairman will ensure that a label is affixed to the 1st place entry in each category as directed by GFWC. However, the information needs to be properly completed on the entry form in order to do this. Complete/Official Club name is the most important. Especially when there is more than one club in a town or area.

Member Photography Entry Form – Part 1

A contestant may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category.

World in Pictures :	Check one per entry	Title of Photo				
Our World Up	Close					
Natural Wonde	ers					
Reflections						
GFWC Living the Vo	lunteer Spirit_					
Name of Contestant						
Address						
Phone Number		email				
Sponsoring Club		State				
<u> </u>						
:		Phone				
		District				
		Member Photography				
		Entry Form – Part 2				
A contestant may enter	more than one category of	f competition, but may only have one entry per category.				
World in Pictures :	Check one per entry	Title of Photo				
Our World Up	Close					
Natural Wond	ers					
Reflections						
GFWC Living the Vo	lunteer Spirit_					
Name of Contestant						
Address						
Phone Number		email				
Sponsoring Club		State				
Club Arts Chair	man					
County		District				

Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition.

Member Photography Judging Form Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; photos not including ALL of the following must be disqualified. Photo is 8"x10" Photo is mounted on mount board not to exceed 3/8" Photo is not matted or framed Photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following: o Contest name and category o Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number o Name and State of sponsoring Club Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo Arrow indicating top of photo A properly completed Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the back of the photo Each photo must have a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (page 34) attached to the back of the photo Check one per entry: World in Pictures: Our World Up Close Natural Wonders Reflections GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit Entry # _____ Title of Photo Last name of entrant **Points** 1 - 25 Points Originality/Creativity Balance/Composition 1 - 25 Points **Impact** 1 - 50 Points Total Points (Maximum 100) Comments: Judge's Signature _____

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS Grades 9 – 12

- Photographers must be amateur status earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Each entry must be completed in its entirety by the contestant, excluding photography, which may be professionally developed.
- A contestant may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category.
- A completed High School Photography Entry Form Part 2 and <u>two (2) blank Judging Sheets</u> must accompany each entry and be submitted to the Chairman at each level. Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the photograph.
- Entries must not have been previously entered in a federated Festival of the Arts contest.
- Each contest entry will be judged by at least two (2) judges, who are qualified in some aspect of the contest. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to each judge at least one week prior to the contest. Uncontested entries meeting all qualifications based on the rules will advance to the next level of competition.
- Judges may judge at only one level of competition. No clubwoman may judge at any level.
- At each level, disqualification is determined by the particular Chairman based on the rules. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Completed Judging Sheets will be returned to the student after each contest level.
- Neither GFWC Pennsylvania nor its Chairmen are responsible for loss or damage of any kind to items submitted for competition at any level.
- Entries will advance from Club to District to State and will be released only at the conclusion of the last event.

Rules:

- Each submission must be an 8 x 10 inch print. Electronic submissions will not be considered.
- All photos may be mounted on a rigid 8 x 10 inch mount board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch.
- The photo may be matted not to exceed 11"x14".
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following:
 - o Contest name and category
 - Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number
 - o Name and State of sponsoring Club
 - o Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo
 - o Arrow indicating top of photo
- Photos must be taken during the contest year: **January 1 December 31, 2023**.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras. Date stamps should not appear on photographs, nor can digital photos be submitted via e-mail.
- Do not submit photos with frames, and/or hangers on the back.
- Photos will be available for return at the State Festival of Arts/Convention.

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES

GFWC Pennsylvania Contest Grades 9 – 12

The World in Pictures - High School

A contestant may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category.

Living Things: adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife,

- 1. Color
- 2. Black & White

Scenic: city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather,

- 3. Color
- 4. Black & White

Still Life: abstract - any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting such as buildings, monuments.

- 5. Color
- 6. Black & White

High School Photography will be judged on the Club, District and State levels.

This contest is not a GFWC sponsored contest and all photographs will be released after the State Festival of Arts/Convention. A GFWC *Creative Arts Waiver* is **not** required for these entries.

High School Photography Entry Form – Part 1

A contestant may enter more than one categor Check one per entry:		nay only have one entry per category.	
World in Pictures:			
 Color - Living Things Color - Scenic Color - Still Life 	4. B&W	7 - Living Things 8 - Scenic 9 - Still Life	
Name of Contestant			
Address			-
School Contact	email	Phone	-
School		Grade	_
Sponsoring Club			_
Club Arts Chairman			
E-mail			
County		·	
	High School Pho Entry Form -		
A contestant may enter more than one categor	ory of competition, but r	may only have one entry per category.	
Check one per entry:	Title of	Photo	
World in Pictures:			
1. Color - Living Things	2. B&W	V – Living Things	
3. Color – Scenic		V – Scenic	
5. Color – Still Life	6. B&W	V – Still Life	
Name of Contestant			
Address			-
School Contact	email	Phone	
School			_
Sponsoring Club		State	_
Club Arts Chairman			
E-mail	Ph	none	
County	D.	istrict	

Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition.

High School Photography Judging Form

Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; photos not including ALL of the following must be disqualified.				
Photo is 8"x10" Photo can be matted but not framed Photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following: Contest name and category Photographer's name, email address, mailing address, phone number Name and State of sponsoring Club Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other notes about the photo Arrow indicating top of photo A properly completed Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the back of the photo				
Check one per entry:				
World in Pictures:				
 Color - Living Color - Still L Color - Scenic 	ife	2. B&W – Living things 4. B&W – Still Life 6. B&W – Scenic		
Entry #		Title of Photo		
		Last name of entrant		
		Points		
Originality/Creativity	1 - 25 Points			
Balance/Composition	1 - 25 Points			
Impact	1 - 50 Points			
Comments:				
Judge's Signature				







WRITING CONTESTS

AWARDS, CONTESTS, AND GRANTS

EXPRESS YOURSELF CREATIVELY

Do you love to express yourself through writing? Do you enjoy sharing your creative written work with others? GFWC sponsors writing contests in short story and poetry for members and youth to foster community spirit, talent, and growth as writers. Tell a story, express your thoughts, and share your voice while using the elements of presentation, organization, word choice, and sentence fluency. Display your talents with "sparkle and shine" and be rewarded for it!



2022-2024 WRITING CONTESTS

Donna Shibley, Chairman

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GFWC MEMBER CONTESTS

- Authors must be dues-paying members of an active per capita club.
- Entries must be:
 - Ø Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only
 - Ø Have minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides
 - Ø On 8.5 x11-inch paper
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page:
 - Ø Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Ø Name of author's GFWC club and State Federation
 - Ø Category
 - Ø Title of work
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words.
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- One entry per member per category.

YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS

- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
 - Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page:
 - Ø Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Ø Name of the GFWC club and State Federation submitting author's work
 - Ø Category
 - ø Title of work
 - Ø Grade Level Category
 - Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2
 - **Category 2:** Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

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- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission.
- One entry per person per category.
- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- The Six Traits of Writing will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest.

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

STATE LEVEL

- Clubs must send entries to their respective State Writing Contests Chairman for state-level judging.
- State entry deadlines are determined by the respective State Federation.
- State Writing Contest Chairmen shall select judges, who will evaluate submissions and select a first place winning entry in each category.
- State Writing Contest Chairmen should keep in mind the national deadline when arranging for state-level judging.

NATIONAL LEVEL

- One winning state entry per writing contest, per category, must be sent to the national GFWC Writing Contest Chairman, postmarked no later than April 1 each year.
- All entries must be accompanied by a cover letter from each State GFWC Creative Writing Contest Chairman with a complete list of state writing contest winners.
- All entries may be mailed or electronically sent to the GFWC Writing Contest Chairman.

CLARIFICATIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.
- By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry.



Short Story and Poetry Contests

GFWC Contest

Contest Rules

- Three (3) copies must be submitted with two (2) blank Judging Sheets and GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (page 34) attached.
- Manuscripts not proceeding to the National level will be available at the State Festival of Arts/Convention. They will not be returned by mail. Authors should keep a copy.
- By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
 - **1.** Club Chairman Only the First Place Short Story and the First Place Poetry entry from the Club level is sent **directly** to the State Literature Chairman postmarked on or before **March 1, 2024**.

GFWC Pennsylvania Writing Chairman Dorothy Sawyer 1628 Erie Court Effort, PA 18330-9723

Any questions regarding Writing Entries or to request a format sample to be emailed should be directed to Dorothy Sawyer at 610.703.7811 or email at dorothysawyer47@yahoo.com.

- **2.** Club Chairman Please attach the information sheet below and send along with first place entries.
- 3. Must be postmarked or sent electronically on or before March 1, 2024.

Entrant Name:	
s Chairman	Dhone Number
ts Chairman	Phone Number:

Member Short Story and Poetry Contest Entry Form – Part 1

A member may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category. Check one: Short Story Poetry Title ____ Name of Contestant Phone Number email Sponsoring Club _____State ____ Club Arts Chairman _____ E-mail ______ Phone _____ County _____ District _____ **Member Short Story and Poetry Contest Entry Form – Part 2** A member may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category. Check one: Short Story Poetry Title _____ Name of Contestant _____ Address____ Phone Number _____ email ____ Sponsoring Club _____ State

Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition

 E-mail
 Phone

 County
 District

Club Arts Chairman

Member Poetry Judging form				
Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; Poems not including ALL of the following must be disqualified. Poem must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1" on all four sides, one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Three (3) copies must be submitted with Entry Form and waiver. Minimum 8 lines and maximum 50 lines. Each submission must have a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver (page 34) attached. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: - author's name - e-mail address - mailing address - telephone number - name of author's GFWC club and State Federation - category - title of work A properly completed Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the poem.				
Title of Poem Poetry Contest Rules • Entries of poems can be any style, with Entry #	a minimum length of eight (8) lines and a maximum of fifty (50) lines. Last name of entrant			
Award 1-10 points in each area	Points			
Theme Development	Tomo			
Choice of Words/Phrases				
Rhyme/Rhythmic Flow				
Originality of Thoughts				
Impact of Poem				
Total Points (Maximum 50)				
Comments:				
Judge's Signature				

Member Short Story Judging Form

Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; Short stories not including ALL of the follow	ing must be							
disqualified.								
Short story must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1" on all four sides, one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.								
Maximum 2,000 words.								
 Maximum 2,000 words. Three (3) copies must be submitted with Entry Form and waiver. Each submission must have a signed <i>GFWC Creative Arts Waiver</i> (page 34) attached. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page: 								
							- author's name	
							- e-mail address	
- mailing address								
- telephone number								
 name of author's GFWC club and State Federation 								
- category								
- title of work								
A properly completed Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the short story.								
Title of Story								
Entry # Last name of entrant								
Rules: Any Subject – 2000 Words								
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Award 1-10 points in each area	Points							
Beginning: Does writer engage the reader's attention immediately? Are tone, setting and character quickly?	er established							
<u>Characterization</u> : Are characters believable, well rounded? Actions and interactions consistent an motivated?	d well							
<u>Plot</u> : Does progression seem inevitable without being too predictable? Is the story interesting and to read?	compelling							
<u>Conflict</u> : Does protagonist have a problem serious enough for the reader to care about? Is it solve satisfactorily?	ed							
Style: Is writing fresh and free of clichés? Does it reveal writer's own vision and attitude clearly? viewpoint changes and pacing handled smoothly?	Are							
Mechanics: Is grammar and punctuation correct? Spelling accurate? Is manuscript professionally Are historical details consistent and correct?	prepared?							
Total Points (Maximum 60) Comments:								
Judge's Signature								
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Student Short Story and Poetry Contest GFWC Contest

Contest Rules

- Students must be sponsored by a per capita dues-paying club of GFWC Pennsylvania.
- Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1" on all four sides, one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
- Three (3) copies must be submitted with Entry Form Part 1, **two (2) blank Judging Sheets** and the Creative Arts Waiver (page 34).
- Entries must be written during the contest year, January 1 December 31, 2023.
- Writers must be amateurs; earnings from writing must not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- Each submission must have a signed *GFWC Creative Arts Waiver* (page 34) attached to the entry.
- A contestant may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have <u>one entry per category</u>.
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
 - author's name
 - e-mail address
 - mailing address
 - telephone number
 - name of author's sponsoring GFWC club
 - Pennsylvania
 - category
 - title of work
 - grade level category
- Manuscripts not proceeding to the National level will be available at the State Festival of Arts/Convention. They will not be returned by mail. Authors should keep a copy.
- By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- Awards: Student Short Story and Poetry

Club level: To be determined by each club.

State level: Certificate and monetary prize when funds available from Pennies for Art.

National level: GFWC certificates will be presented annually to the top entry in each GFWC State Federation Youth Short Story and Poetry Writing Contests, in each grade level.

Short Story Rules

• Short stories limited to 2,000 words.

Poetry Contest Rules

• Entries of poems can be any style, with a minimum length of eight (8) lines and a maximum of fifty (50) lines.

Student Short Story and Poetry Contest Entry Form – Part 1

A contestant may enter more than one category	of compet	ition, but may only have <u>one entry per category</u> .	
Check one: Category 1: Grades K, 1 and 2 Category 2: Grades 3, 4 and 5		Category 3: Grades 6, 7 and 8 Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12	
Check one: Short StoryPoetry			
Name of Contestant			
Address			
School Contact	email	Phone	<u> </u>
School		Grade	
Sponsoring Club		State	
E-mailCounty		Phone District	
Stude		Story and Poetry Contest y Form – Part 2	
Check one: Category 1: Grades K, 1 and 2 Category 2: Grades 3, 4 and 5		Category 3: Grades 6, 7 and 8 Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12	
Check one: Short Story Poetry			
Name of Contestant			
Address			
School Contact	email	Phone	
School		Grade	
Sponsoring Club		State	
Club Arts Chairman			
E-mail			
County		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	

Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition

Student Short Story Judging Form

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disqualified. Short story must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1" on all four sides, one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Maximum 2,000 words.									
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- author's name - e-mail address - mailing address - telephone number									
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						- category			
- title of wor		1 1 1	1						
A properly comple	ted Entry Form Part 1 must be att	ached to th	e short story.						
Title of Story									
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Rules: Any Subject – 2000	0 Words								
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	Category 1: Grades K - 2		Category 3: Grades 6 – 8						
_	Category 2: Grades 3 – 5		Category 4: Grades 9 – 12						
Award 1-10 points in each	rh area	Points							
Originality of thoughts/ph		T OHIUS							
Content/Originality									
Theme/Plot Development	_								
Grammar/Punctuation/Spe	elling								
Total Points (Maximum 4	0)								
Comments:									
Judge's Signature									

Student Poetry Judging Form

Chairman Checklist to be completed before jud	lging; Poems not including ALL of the following must be disqualified.					
Poem must be typewritten, double-spaced, with minimum margins of 1" on all four sides, one side only, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Minimum 8 lines and maximum 50 lines. Three (3) copies must be submitted with Entry Form and waiver. Each submission must have a signed <i>GFWC Creative Arts Waiver</i> (page 34) attached. Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:						
					- author's name	top right hand corner of each page.
					- e-mail address	
					- mailing address	
					- telephone number	
1	FWC club and State Federation					
- category						
 title of work 						
A properly completed Entry Form Part	1 must be attached to the poem.					
Title of Poem						
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fifty (50) lines.						
Check One:						
Category 1: Grades K – 2	Category 3: Grades 6 – 8					
Category 2: Grades 3 – 5	Category 4: Grades 9 -12					
Entry #	Last name of entrant					
Award 1-10 points in each area	Points					
Theme Development						
Choice of Words/Phrases						
Rhyme/Rhythmic Flow						
Originality of Thoughts						
Impact of Poem						
Total Points (Maximum 50)						
Comments:						
Comments.						
Judge's Signature						

MEMBER ART CONTESTS GFWC Pennsylvania Contest

- The General Rules (page 4) should be reproduced for member contestants.
- Member contests are open to all per capita dues-paying members of GFWC Pennsylvania.
- A completed Member Art Entry Form Part 2 must accompany each entry and two (2) blank Judging Sheets to be submitted to the Chairman at each level. Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the art.
- Entries must not have been previously entered in a federated Festival of the Arts contest.
- Artists must be amateur status earnings of less than 1/3 of the annual income from the medium.
- Each contest entry will be judged by at least two (2) judges, who are qualified in some aspect of the contest. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to each judge at least one week prior to the contest. Uncontested entries meeting all qualifications based on the rules will advance to the next level of competition.
- Judges may judge at only one level of competition. No clubwoman may judge at any level.
- At each level, disqualification is determined by the particular Chairman based on the rules. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Each entry must be completed in its entirety by the contestant.
- Completed Judging Sheets will be returned to the member after each contest level.
- If for any reason a First Place winner cannot advance to the next level of competition, notification to the Chairman must be made immediately. It is the responsibility of that level's Chairman to make arrangements for the Second Place winners to attend.
- The Arts Department Chairman at each level of competition is responsible for assuring that a completed Entry Form Part 2 is supplied to the next level Chairman within three (3) days following the competition.
- A member may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category.
- Neither GFWC Pennsylvania nor its Chairmen are responsible for loss or damage of any kind to items submitted for competition at any level.
- Entries will advance from Club to District to State levels and will be released only at the conclusion of the last event.
- Arts must be done from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023.

Member Art will be judged on the Club, District and State levels.

This contest is not a GFWC sponsored contest and all artwork will be released after the State Festival of Arts/Convention.

A GFWC Creative Arts Waiver is **not** required for these entries.

MEMBER ART CATEGORIES

A member may enter more than one category of competition, but may only have one entry per category.

Division 1: Drawing (pencil, charcoal, pastels, conte crayon)

Division 2: Paint: watercolor, tempera

Division 3: Paint: oils, acrylic

Size: 11" X 14" minimum (including mat)

16" X 20" maximum (including mat)

Subject: Artist choice

Rules:

- No frames or glass covering or plastic or synthetic covering of any kind.
- Pastels should be sprayed with a fixative.
- A paper dust cover for the front and applied to the back may be used.
- An arrow indicating the top of the artwork must be visible on the back of the artwork.
- Entries are two-dimensional only. No sculpture or other three-dimensional medium.
- Display: Contestant is responsible for proper display to include the proper size easel to be labeled with name, etc., at the Club and District levels. Easels will be provided at the State level.
- Entry Forms: A fully completed Entry Form Part 1 must be affixed to the back of each entry.

	-	mber Art Form – Part 1
A member ma	ay enter more than one category of competition	on, but may only have one entry per category.
Check one:	Division 1: Drawing Division 2: Paint: watercolor, tempera Division 3: Paint: oils, acrylic	Title of Art
Name of Con	testant	
Phone Number	er email	
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	ts Chairman	
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A member ma	Entry F	mber Art Form – Part 2 on, but may only have one entry per category.
Check one:		Title of Art
Name of Con	testant	
Address		
Phone Number	er email	
Sponsoring C	lub	
	rts Chairman	
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County		District

Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition.

Member Art Judging Form

Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; art not including ALL of the following must be disqualified. Size: 11" X 14" minimum (including mat)			
Check one per entry:			
Division 1: Draw Division 2: Paint Division 3: Paint	: watercolor, tempera	Title of Art	
Entry #		Medium	
		Last name of entrant	
		Points	
Originality/Creativity	1 - 25 Points		
Balance/Composition	1 - 25 Points		
Impact	1 – 25 Points		
Technique/Skill	1 – 25 Points		
Total Points (Maximum	100)		
Comments:			
udge's Signature			

STUDENT ART CONTESTS **GFWC Pennsylvania Contest**

- The General Rules (page 4) should be reproduced for student contestants and given to school contacts.
- Students must be sponsored by a per capita dues-paying club of GFWC Pennsylvania.
- A completed Student Art Entry Form Part 2 and two (2) blank Judging Sheets must accompany each entry to be submitted to the Chairman at each level. Entry Form Part 1 is attached to the Art.
- Entries must not have been previously entered in a federated Festival of the Arts contest.
- Artists must be amateur status earnings of less than 1/3 of the annual income from the medium.
- Each contest entry will be judged by at least two (2) judges, who are qualified in some aspect of the contest. A copy of the rules shall be supplied to each judge at least one week prior to the contest. Uncontested entries meeting all qualifications based on the rules will advance to the next level of competition.
- Judges may judge at only one level of competition. No clubwoman may judge at any level.
- At each level, disqualification is determined by the particular Chairman based on the rules. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Each entry must be completed in its entirety by the contestant.
- Completed Judging Sheets will be returned to the student after each contest level.
- If for any reason a First Place winner cannot advance to the next level of competition, notification to the Chairman must be made immediately. It is the responsibility of that level's Chairman to make arrangements for the Second Place winners to attend.
- The Arts Department Chairman at each level of competition is responsible for assuring that a completed Entry Form Part 2 is supplied to the next level Chairman within three (3) days following the competition.
- Neither GFWC Pennsylvania nor its Chairmen are responsible for loss or damage of any kind to items submitted for competition at any level.
- New Division 5 is for Digital Art made by the students of grades 9, 10, 11, & 12.
- Entries will advance from Club to District to State levels and will be released only at the conclusion of the last event.
- Awards: Student Art:
 - Club level: to be determined by each club.
 - County level (if applicable): to be determined by each county.
 - District level: certificate and monetary prize when funds available from Pennies for Art.
 - State level: certificate and monetary prize when funds available from Pennies for Art.

STUDENT ART CATEGORIES

A contestant may only have one entry per category.

Division 1 Grades K.1.2 Division 3 Grades 6,7,8 Division 2 Grades 3,4,5 Division 4 Grades 9,10,11,12

Grades 9,10,11,12 (digital art) Division 5

Artist's Choice Medium/Subject:

11" X 14" minimum (including mat) Size:

18" X 22" maximum (including mat)

Rules:

- No frames or glass covering or plastic or synthetic covering of any kind.
- Pastels should be sprayed with a fixative.
- Division 1 & 2 must have a mat. Note: Kindergarten is included in Division 1.
- Division 5 should follow the same rules as the art.
- A paper dust cover for the front and applied to the back may be used.
- An arrow indicating the top of the artwork must be visible on the back of the artwork.
- Entries are two-dimensional only. No sculpture or other three-dimensional medium.
- Display: Contestant is responsible for proper display to include the proper size easel to be labeled with name, etc. at the Club and District levels. Easels will be provided at the State level.
- Entry Forms: A fully completed Entry Form Part 1 must be affixed to the back of each entry. Information should be neatly printed or typed.

Student Art Entry Form – Part 1

A contestant may only have one entry per category.

Check one:	Division 1: Grades K,1,2	Subject		<u> </u>	_	
	Division 2: Grades 3,4,5 Division 3: Grades 6,7,8 Division 4: Grades 9,10,11,12 Division 5: Grades 9,10,11,12			(digital)		
Name of Con	testant					
Address						
School Conta	ct	_ email	Phone	e		
School			Grad	e		
Sponsoring C	lub					
Club Ar	ts Chairman					
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			ent Art orm – Part 2			
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check one.	Division 1: Grades K,1,2					
	Division 2: Grades 3,4,5					
	Division 3: Grades 6,7,8 Division 4: Grades 9,10,11,12			<u></u>		
	Division 5: Grades 9,10,11,12			(digital)		
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Note: Both parts of this form are required for each entry. Part 1 stays attached to the entry at all levels. Part 2 is sent to the Arts Chairman at the next level of competition.

Student Art Judging Form

Chairman Checklist to be completed before judging; art not including ALL of the following must be disqualified. Size: 11" X 14" minimum (including mat) 18" X 22" Maximum (including mat) Division 1 & 2 must have a mat. A properly completed Entry Form Part 1 must be attached to the back of the photo An arrow indicating the top of the artwork must be visible on the back of the artwork.			
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Entry #		Medium	
		Last name of entrant	
		Points	
Originality/Creativity	1 - 25 Points		
Balance/Composition	1 - 25 Points		
Impact	1 - 50 Points		
Total Points (Maximum	100)		
Comments:			

Judge's Signature _____

Member Crafts 2023-2024 GFWC Pennsylvania Contest

☐ General Rules	(page 4) must be followed in addition to the following rules.			
	udged on the Club, District and State level.			
•	☐ Entries must not have been previously entered in a federated Festival of the Art contest.			
	made during the contest year: August 1, 2023 – January -2024			
	ny enter more than one category of competition but may only have one			
entry per cate				
blank Judging	Member Craft Entry Form Part 2 must accompany each entry and <u>two (2)</u> <u>g Sheets to be submitted to the Chairman at each level.</u> Club, County,			
District and St				
☐ Entry Form Par	rt 1 must be attached to the item.			
Decorated Egg Art	Decorate an egg of your choice, (suggestions below)			
	Wooden, Plastic, or Styrofoam egg or real.			
	Members choice of size, materials, and embellishments.			
Upcycling				
Folded Paper Art	Using a paper-back book no larger than (L 7 ½" x 5 ½" W)			
	Design an object of your choice. Members choice of embellishments.			
	Added embellishments can exceed 7 ½."			
Recycled Tin Can	Using a Tin Can create a garden- door pocket. #10 size can max.			
	Members choice of embellishments.			
Primitive	Create an angle maximum size 15" Tall v (wings) 0" wide			
Wooden Angel	Create an angle, maximum size 15" Tall x (wings) 9" wide Members choice of embellishments.			
Wooden Anger	Wembers choice of embernsimients.			
Knitted Scarf	Men's L 70"x W12" or Woman's L 66" x W12."			
Kintted Scari	Members choice of materials.			
	Wellibers enotee of materials.			
Thank you Card	Construct a Thank You card for a Veteran. (7" x 5") must			
Thank you card	Contain a message inside the card with envelope.			
	Contain a message miside the card with envelope.			
Decorated Cupcake	Four cupcakes -Must be displayed on a plate, + recipe card.			
Decorated Supeake	THIS IS FOR CLUB, COUNTY AND DISTRICT JUDGING ONLY			
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We are still collecting Lap Robes for Veterans, take them to your local VA Hospital or care center.

LAP ROBE FOR VETERANS – (TWO-YEAR PROJECT) LAP ROBES WILL BE DONATED TO VETERAN'S HOSPITALS IN YOUR AREA.

Member Crafts 2023-2024	
Entry Form – Part 1	

	Entry Form – Part 1
A member may enter more than on Attached to the entry. Check one per entry:	e category of competition, but only have one entry per category
Decorated Egg Art	Recycled Tin Can
Folded Paper Art	Knitted Scarf
Thank You Card	Primitive Angel
Decorated Cupcake(Club, C	ounty, District only)
Name of Contestant	
Address	
Phone Number	email
Sponsoring Club	
E-mail	
M	Tember Crafts 2023 -2024 Entry Form - Part 2
A member may enter more than on Check one per entry: Decorated Egg Folded Paper Art Thank you, Card	Recycled Tin Can Knitted Scarf Primitive Angel
Decorated Cupcake	_ Club-County-District only
Phone Number	e-mail
Sponsoring Club	

Club Arts Chairman	
Email_	Phone
County	District

Member Crafts

Member Judging I	Form 2023-2024
Check one per entry:	
Decorated Egg	Folded Paper Art
Recycled Tin Can	Knitted Scarf
Thank You Card	Primitive Angel
*Decorated Cupcake	* (Club, County & District only)
Entry # Name _	County
Include 2 judging sheets for each ca	ategory!
Award 1-20 points in each area Points	S
CRAFTS	Cupcake Judging only: Club, County, District
Workmanship	Eye Appeal
Eye appeal	Texture
Complexity	Taste
Originality	Ingredients
Creativity	Maximum points 100
TOTAL POINTS – Maximum 100	
Comments:	
Judge's signature	



CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

With my signature I declare that:			
☐ I have created the submitted work, entitled full copyright. The work has not been public	, and	I own the	
With my work, including pictures, tables, o other persons or entities.	r additional media, I do not viola	te or infringe the co	pyright of
The work in question is (please check one):	☐ Photography ☐ I	oetry S	hort Story
☐ I grant the General Federation of Women's display, create derivative works, sell, licens invented without limitation, for commercial	e, or sub-license the work in any		
I agree that I shall not release the work to a without prior written and explicit consent to			nilar form,
This agreement shall become effective and bind by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.	ling at the date of formal accepta	nce of the work for	publication
Full Name (Print)			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	
Email			
Phone			
Signature		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under	: 18 years of age)	Date	

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Please consider including in your club's annual budget. Any amount is accepted. Certificates are presented to clubs contributing \$60 or more per year. Deadline for recognition at convention is April 1st.

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Thank you.