

GFWC California — Photography and Writing Contests

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As we reflect on the year behind us, and look forward to the one ahead, we have a prime opportunity to take inventory of all the images and words that helped us get to where we are today. These inspirations can propel us forward in new, and possibly different directions.

One of the most rewarding things for me as a GFWC member has been discovering and exploring all of our different walks of life – some of us have decades of years as GFWC members (and many starting as Juniores!), while some are in single digit years of experience in federation. For those of you with less than a year under your belt, I am so inspired by the eager, positive energy you bring. Whatever our profession or background, we all share in our common desire and need to **serve our community** and **share our experiences**, if only to let others know they are not alone.

2020 was an incredibly challenging year. It was also however, an incredible time to slow down and really contemplate, reflect, and reassess values. Take a moment with your fellow club members and really think about the new ways you experienced things in 2020. Did you take a photo of a beautiful sunset, or that mystical spider web on your morning walk? Did you experience something so intensely that you felt compelled to write an essay about it, or a short story? Did you capture a poignant moment at one of your volunteer events? Now is the time to share all of that creative energy with everyone!

Here are a few important dates and guidelines to keep in mind (detailed notes are attached):

- ALL ENTRIES (Creative Writing AND Photography) **MUST** INCLUDE A SIGNED **GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER FORM**.
- ADDITIONALLY, FOR MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18: A SIGNED **MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM** **AND** a **MINOR'S PUBLICITY RELEASE FORM** MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH ENTRY.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

- Photographs must be taken between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for the 2021 contests, since the 2020 photography contest were not held.

WRITING CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

- NOTE: ***There is NO judging of Student work at the GFWC California (State) level.***

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As we face new challenges and new contest rules and guidelines, what an appropriate reminder from our CFWC President Pam Ament that "Change is Beautiful." With this positive perspective in mind, we welcome you all to channel your creative energy and share it with everyone. Step up and encourage your members to capture all the poignant moments with creative writing and visual storytelling. Please note that the due dates at the State level are based on ensuring we meet the National deadlines.

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There are two main categories (there are subcategories for "The World in Pictures") for the photography contest:

I. THE WORLD IN PICTURES: 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:

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



II. GFWC LIVING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT: 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 CONTEST:

- 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 must be taken between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for the 2021 contests, since the 2020 photography contest was not held.
- Contestants must be considered an amateur photographer.

Artwork Guidelines for Photography Contest:

- Photographs may be vertical/portrait OR horizontal/landscape;
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo;
- Each photograph must be an 8" x 10" print; digital submissions alone will not be considered, but a high-resolution digital copy of the submission is encouraged.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid 8" x 10" board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. NO mattes, frames, or hangers.;
- Photographs taken may be taken using film or with digital cameras and may be color or black/white;
- Photographs will NOT be returned;
- Each photograph must have a label affixed to its back with the following information:
 - Contest Name: The World in Pictures with category OR GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit;
 - Photographer's Name, email address, mailing address, and phone number;
 - Name and State of the sponsoring club;
 - Title and brief caption giving location, date, and other pertinent information about the photograph;
 - Arrow indicating top of the photograph.

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.

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contact your District President to get the CFWC Photography Contest Packet (during the month of September)
- Encourage your District to participate!
- Collect all photography and submit with all required documents per aforementioned instructions.
- **Send all 1st place photography winners in your district to Olma M. O'Neill, CFWC Photography Chair, at P.O. Box 911, El Granada, CA 94018. DUE TO CFWC BY APRIL 19, 2021. REMINDER: Please submit only one winner, per category, per district.**

WRITING CONTEST: ENTRIES DUE TO CFWC BY MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

RULES FOR WRITING CONTEST:

- Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC Club;
- Authors must be amateurs (earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually);
- Entries must be written between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020, providing a special allowance for two years of photographs for the 2021 contests, since the 2020 writing contest was not held.;
- 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;
- Entries must be:
 - Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only;
 - Have minimum margins of one inch on all four sides;
 - On 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number;
 - Name of author's GFWC Club and State Federation;
 - Category;
 - Title of Work.
- Please contact CFWC Writing and Photography Chair, Olma O'Neill, for Youth Writing Contest rules and guidelines.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND DISCLAIMER:

- 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.

DISTRICT WRITING CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES:

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CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled _____, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs 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.
- I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding at the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name (Print)		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Email		
Phone		

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

Date



MINOR'S CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

The "Undersigned", _____, is/are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of _____ ("Child"), whom is under 18 years of age. The Undersigned is/are legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Child and, furthermore, is legally entitled to provide this consent and release.

The Undersigned and the Child acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. We have read and agree to the _____ [contest name] rules and requirements ("Contest") and knowing full well the rules, terms and conditions of the Contest, we consent to the Child's participation and submission of _____ [describe - i.e. artwork, photography, creative writing, music] ("Work") to the Contest.
2. The Work was created by the Child, and has not been published before. The Child owns the full copyright to the Work, and the entire Work does not violate or infringe upon the copyright of any other persons or entities.
3. We provide our consent for the Work to be published and/or displayed to the public in its original format, as well as in other formats, including, but not limited to editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media and internet. For this purpose, we hereby assign, transfer, or otherwise convey to the GFCW California Federation of Women's Clubs, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives (collectively "CFWC") 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. Furthermore, we agree that Work may be used, edited, reproduced, distributed, and presented in any way deemed proper by the CFWC without any additional consent, or payment to us.
4. We agree that we will not release the Work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form without prior written and explicit consent from the CFWC.
5. We hereby release and hold the CFWC harmless from all claims, demands, liabilities, suits and proceedings, whether in law or in equity, from any and all expenses related to the Contest, arising therefrom on account of, or due to the use of the Work, and/or arising from a third party's unauthorized use of the Work.
6. There is no time limit on the validity of this Release nor is there any geographic limitation on where the Work may be used, distributed, or presented by the CFWC.

By signing below, you acknowledge that (i) you have read, understand and fully agree to the terms herein; and (ii) you understand and confirm that by signing this form you have given up considerable future legal rights.

Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Child's Signature: _____

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Minor's Consent and Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Minor's Consent and Release.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____



PUBLICITY RELEASE

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of: _____. I am legally entitled to the complete custody, care and control of the Child and, furthermore, I am legally entitled to provide this release.

I hereby grant and assign the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish my child's name, voice, image and/or likeness for editorial, trade, advertising and/or any other purpose and in any manner or medium, including print media, website, social media and internet. I understand and agree that neither me nor my child will be paid for any use described above at any time.

By signing this form, I hereby release the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs, together with its member clubs, its districts and its legal representatives from all claims and liability relating to the use of my child's name, image and/or likeness for the above purposes.

By signing below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed above and consent to this Publicity Release by my signature below, and I am mentally competent to enter into this Publicity Release.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address/Phone Number: _____