



Newsletter – January 2015

January Meeting

Happy New Year!

We'll kick off the new year at our **January business meeting** on **Tuesday**, January 13th, at **1 pm** at the Non-Profit Building on Clifton Boulevard in Westminster. Our hostesses will be the **Arts CSP**. Refreshments and mingling start at 1 pm and our meeting begins at **1:30 pm**. Don't forget to wear your **name tag**!

Here are two reminders for you in preparing for our January meeting:

Changes to Our Bylaws?

Jackie Herring (wjHering@hotmail.com) urges all members to **review our Club's bylaws** before we meet on January 13th. You'll find the bylaws at the **back of your yearbook**, on the pages printed on blue paper. We've also **attached a version** of the by-laws to this email, which might be easier for you to read and that you can print out to make notes on without messing up your Yearbook!

We ask you to bring any questions about the bylaws or changes that you feel should be made to our January meeting. Our President, **Ginny Houser**, will appoint a **Bylaws Committee** to study your suggestions and make recommendations for changes.

Year-End Reports Due in January

Norma Jean Swam asks that each **Community Service** and **Committee Chair** submit a year-end report to her by **Friday, January 16th**. You can send them to her electronically at njSwam22@aol.com. Norma Jean gave all the Chairs sample reports and expectations at our November Business Meeting.

Why the Year-End Reports are Important

Norma Jean will make copies of the reports for our President and also include them in our official files for March at the Historical Society. She'll then send the reports to the District, State, and International Headquarters. The reports will further be used at our State Convention in April to determine which of the various Clubs in Maryland should be recognized for their performance during the prior year.

Arts

Festival of Wreaths

We hope many of you were able to enjoy the 17th Annual Festival of Wreaths and see our Woman's Club entry, **Glorious Greens**, a beautiful year-round wreath. The wreath also included a Bowman's gift card.

We thank **JoAnn Barlow**, **Mary Lou Poirier**, **Martha Wiseman**, and **Barbara Gunther** for their cooperative effort. It sold for a whopping **\$125** to benefit the Carroll Arts Center.



New Art Exhibit

Our next art exhibit, going up on **January 20th**, will be **Seniors at Work**. All the artists will be from the watercolor class at the North Carroll Senior Center. The works will all be in watercolor and will have been painted by a number of artists.

Before we hang the paintings at the Non-Profit Center, the **Senior Center** in Westminster will display them there on **January 10th**. The **Arts CSP** will sponsor a reception for the artists on that day.

Many thanks go to **Clare Berent** for coordinating these exhibits.

Maryland Art and Photography Exhibit

Barbara Humbert wants to call our attention to the **Maryland Art and Photography Exhibit**. that was outlined in the December issue of *The Maryland Clubwoman* magazine, on pages 18-19. The contest **deadline** is coming up soon, **March 1st**.

Art entries must have been completed within the last two years. **Photography** entries must have been taken during the contest year, January 1st to December 31st. (There is no needle art contest this year.)

We gave some talented artists and wonderful photographers in our Club – wouldn't it be great if one or more of our members were honored in this contest? Please consider entering a piece of work you are proud of!

Book Browsers

Location Change for January 19th:
Cup Tea Bar and Café

Book Browsers will meet on **Monday, January 19th at 10 am** at **Cup Tea Bar and Café**, located at 1 East Main Street in downtown Westminster. We will discuss *My Beloved World* by **Sonia Sotomayor**. **Gini Bosse** will lead the discussion.

Our meeting in a restaurant means we should each expect to purchase something to drink and eat. Carol Quinn has checked the website for the café and the reviews were almost all very positive about the restaurant's offerings. The management has kindly offered to push a few tables together to accommodate us.

Education

[No Report]

International Outreach

[No Report]

Home Life

[No Report]



Public Policy

[No Report]

Fundraising

[No Report]

Publicity

[No Report]

Member to Member

[No Report]

Yearbook Updates

[No Report]

- NOTE -

*We'll provide a list of the changes in membership for our Club in each newsletter in this section, **Yearbook Updates**. This includes (but is not limited to): new members; resignations; changes in eMail addresses or phone numbers; changes in or additions to Committees and CSPs – and any other information that our members should know about our fellow GFWC members.*

Just send Debbie Schaeffer an email at M-Dschae@comcast.net by the newsletter deadline so all of us can update our Yearbooks and other Club lists.

Thank you!

Reminder: Newsletter Deadline

- ✓ Our deadline for submitting items you'd like to have included in our February 2015 newsletter is **Sunday, January 25th**.
- ✓ Be sure to read our little **Fine Print Box** at the end of each Newsletter!

The Fine Print: About Our Newsletter

Our **GFWC Westminister Newsletter** editors are **Debbie Schaeffer** (assemble submissions, initial draft) and **Becky Barbour** (final editing and formatting, email distribution). We publish the newsletter **ten times per year**, with a break during the summer months of June and July. We **distribute** the newsletters to our members on or about the **first Tuesday** of the month, or one week before each of our meetings. **Submissions** of information or articles for an edition of our newsletter are **due** to **Debbie Schaeffer** (M-Dschae@comcast.net) by the **25th of the month** preceding publication.