

OFFICIAL CALL

GFWC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.

125th State Convention

Holiday Inn & Suites Tupelo North

923 North Gloster Street

Tupelo, MS 38804

April 20-22, 2023

Theresa Buntyn, GFWC-MFHC President 2022-2024

Bloom Where You Are Planted, "Getting Back To Our GFHC Roots" by promoting public libraries, education, and literacy.

The One Hundred Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the GFHC-Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., will be held in Tupelo, Mississippi, Thursday - Saturday, April 20 - 22, 2023.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

The Convention is open to all members of GFHC-MFHC.

Registration Schedule:	Thursday, 4/20	3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, 4/21	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, 4/22	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Registration Table will be in the Lobby of Holiday Inn & Suite Tupelo North (Gloster Street).

All members attending must be registered. Advance registration is necessary for all meal tickets. Prices and the meal reservation form, along with the Credentials Card, can be found on the following page.

DEADLINES:

- **The deadline for meal reservations to be received is April 1, 2023.**
Meal reservations may not be guaranteed if received after this date.
- **The absolute deadline for hotel reservations is March 20, 2023.**
The group-block room rate is **\$129.00** per night (*not including tax and fees*). You may make your own room reservations by calling **(662) 269-0096** and **referencing the name of the block as "MS Federation of Women's Clubs"**. Check-in is **3:00 p.m.**; Checkout is **12:00 p.m.**

EXHIBITS

The **Exhibit Room** will close at 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 21st. **ALL** Youth Art, Photography, Scrapbook, and Yearbook entries **MUST be picked up** between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. Clubs are completely responsible for retrieving entries from the Exhibit Room.

REPRESENTATION

The Voting Body shall consist of the General Officers; Appointed Officers; Past State Presidents; State Chairmen of Standing Committees, Special Committees and Community Service Programs; District Officers and Chairmen, corresponding with those of the State; and regularly accredited Club delegates. Voting delegates shall wear a special designation on their name badges. Each Federation Club of fifteen (15) members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and one elected delegate. For each additional membership of fifteen (15) or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.

RESOLUTIONS

Emergency resolutions may be presented to the Resolutions Committee. All other resolutions must be submitted in advance, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9 of the GFHC-MFHC Bylaws. *An emergency resolution is one arising from a sudden condition calling for immediate action, which because of its nature could not have been submitted at the designated time.*

Tours

Thursday, April 20th

- **Elvis' Birthplace.** This includes a tour of Elvis's birthplace, museum, church, and theater. The theater shows a 30-minute movie about Elvis's life. The shuttle will leave the hotel at 1:45 p.m. The shuttle bus seats 28 people. The cost of the tour is \$15.00 payable with your registration. Visit <https://elvispresleybirthplace.com/> for more information.

Friday, April 21st

- **Queen Reward** is Mississippi's First Meadery. The tour is free; however, you will have the option to participate in the tasting. The cost for the tasting is \$12.00, payable at the Meadery. The shuttle bus will leave the hotel at 2:30 p.m. Please mark that you will attend this tour on your registration form, as we need to turn in a number of attendees to Queen Reward. Visit <https://queensreward.com/> for more information.

President's Special Project Service Project

Story Time at the Lee County Library located at 219 North Madison Street, Tupelo, MS. between the hours of 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Designated club ladies will dress in costumes and read stories to children. We need five volunteers to attend and pass out happies to the children.

Dress Code

Tours – Casual

Thursday Evening – Business Casual

Business Session – Business Casual

Banquet - In the theme of the PSP, we are asking that each attendee wear black and/or white business casual clothing in honor of a book's printed page. This dress code is not mandatory, just a suggestion.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail to:

Diane Rouse
2323 Tiffany Circle
Florence, MS 39073

Club member: _____

District _____ **Club:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

<u>Event</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Registration (1 day only)	_____	\$15.00 _____
Registration (more than 1 day)	_____	\$20.00 _____
Tour: Elvis Birthplace (See Tour Section for more info 2:00 – 4:00 pm)	_____	\$15.00 _____
Executive Board Dinner, Thursday, 4/20	_____	\$45.00 _____
Gavel Club Breakfast, Friday, 4/21 (Gavel Club Members Only)	_____	\$20.00 _____
Luncheon, Friday, 4/21	_____	\$25.00 _____
Tour: Queen’s Reward Meadery (See Tour Section for more info)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attending <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Service Project (See Service Project section for more info)	_____	_____
Banquet, Friday, 4/21	_____	\$58.00 _____
Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 4/22	_____	\$25.00 _____
*Registration Late Fee	_____	\$10.00 _____
TOTALS:	_____	_____

PLEASE indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

**Per GFWC-MFWC Standing Rule #8, a late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for registrations received after the deadline.*

CREDENTIALS CARD

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Name: _____ **Club:** _____ **District:** _____

_____ **I am a Non-Voting Delegate.**

_____ **I am a Voting Delegate, because I am: (Please mark *only* the highest position you hold.)**

- _____ An elected or appointed State Officer of GFWC-MFWC.
 - _____ A Past State President of GFWC-MFWC.
 - _____ A State Chairman of a Standing Committee, Special Committee, or CSP.
 - _____ A District Officer or Chairman corresponding with those of the State.
 - _____ A regularly accredited club delegate.
- (Each club of 15 members or less shall be entitled to representation by the President or her appointee and 1 elected delegate. For each additional membership of 15 or major fraction thereof, a club shall be allowed another delegate.)*

If voting delegate, please have Club President to sign, and mail this along with your meal reservations.

_____, Club President

Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to:

**GFWC-MFWC 2023 State Convention,
to Diane Rouse at the address above.**

The registration form is also available for download from www.gfwc-mfwc.org.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND FEES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 1, 2023.