

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

# 2021

## Calendar



2020-2022 Administration  
Sherri E. Reid, President

## 2020 - 2022 PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT:

Our theme for the 2020-2022 administration is, *"Do Something today that your future self will thank you for... Plant · Recycle · Pick It Up!"*

Growing up I would spend a lot of time in the woods watching nature, reading against a tree, always enjoying the trees, the leaves on the ground, the solace and peace of it all. My Daddy enjoyed being outside too. He taught me to identify the trees by their bark, the fruit, and the shape of the leaves; all about the trees. My first year of college my biology professor spent the first two weeks of class walking with our class around the campus looking at the bark, the leaves, and the fruit of the trees. I thought everyone knew what a wild cherry tree or a hickory tree looked like. I was amazed that no one knew the name and identification of the trees in the woods. Not everyone was lucky enough to grow up with woodlands to enjoy!

Over the years, this appreciation for the trees and the outside world fostered in me an awareness for the way in which our world is treated. Seeing our creeks, rivers, and beaches littered with trash; trash that is purposefully left by someone is offensive to me. I want to say, "Just pick up your trash!"

Driving around my town and our state, seeing other counties and cities that are littered with trash just makes me so sad. I want to pull over and pick it up.

I hope that over the next two years we can learn about natural habitats and keep them clean by picking up the bottles, plastic, Styrofoam, paper plates, cigarette butts, and food containers. Instead of filling our landfills with more trash, maybe we can make some changes in our lives and make an effort to add less to them. We can learn what will recycle and ask the question for our town, "Is recycling a priority for us?" It may not be but let's ask the question, because "Yes" may be the answer.

We should plant a plethora of trees to populate our forests. There is not one bad thing about a living tree. Trees use carbon dioxide to reduce global warming, provide firewood, release oxygen, furnish timber, stop erosion, provide food for bees, birds, animals, and humans, provide windbreaks, beautify the landscape, supply shade, and offer habitat for birds and animals. Trees make everything better!!

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Sherri



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# January 2021

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## PLANT

Now is the time of year that Cabin Fever and garden catalogs in our mailboxes get us dreaming about getting out into the garden.

- Start plans for changes or improvements in the garden on paper and order seed for early planting.
- Repair and sharpen mowers and tools.
- Order new pots and markers.
- Check condition of sprayers.
- PLANT trees, shrubs, sweet peas, poppies and larkspur. Now is the time to fertilize trees and shrubs.
- Mulch your lilies with compost and protect tender plants during periods of extreme cold.
- Keep bird feeders stocked and provide a water source for birds.
- Camellia, winter honeysuckle, winter jasmine and flowering quince are in bloom now, pick a free flower for your home.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
National Birth Defects Prevention Month	National Poverty in American Awareness Month	National Blood Donor Month	National Human Trafficking Prevention Month		MFWC State and District Dues must be postmarked today	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Human Trafficking Awareness Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Martin Luther King Day		Inauguration Day			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Notes:					
Inspire Your Heart with the Arts Day						

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# February 2021

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## PLANT

- **PLANT** cold weather annuals Nasturtiums, Pansies, Snapdragons, English Daisies, Sweet William, and Calendulas
- Start cold weather vegetables in cold frame Broccoli, Cauliflower, Onion sets, English Peas, Kale, Carrots, Collards, Beets, Radishes, Kohlrabi, and Chinese Cabbage. Start seeds of Herbs indoors for transplant outdoors.
- **PLANT** Asparagus in prepared beds.
- February is an ideal time to **PLANT** Dogwoods. Planting site should be well drained and plants should be planted shallowly. Dogwood prefers acid soil.
- Broad-leaved Evergreens such as Magnolia, Holly, and Photinia can be **PLANT**ed at this time.
- **PLANT** new roses or move old roses soon after February 15.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
American Heart Month, Library Lovers Month Teen dating Violence Awareness Month	1 Postmark today - MFWC Reports, Challenge Grant, Hebron Scholarship & Writing Contest	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 National Wear Red Day 2021 GFWC Success for Survivors Applications Deadline	6
7	8	9	10 Postmark Today - Clubwoman of the Year, Juniorette of the Year & MFWC LEADS Applications	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday Mississippi Arbor Day	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Postmark Today - Scrapbooks & Yearbooks to District Chairman President's Day	16 Mardi Gras Carnival (New Orleans)	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Finance & Executive Committee Meeting	20 Winter Board Meeting and Judging Day (Zoom Meeting)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Notes:					

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# March 2021

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## TOP 7 RECYCLING FACTS TO KNOW:

- Without exception, recycling is the top action society can do to simultaneously improve: the environment, the economy, sustainable manufacturing and to prevent waste from going into oceans.
- Recycling is in a crisis in the U.S. due to public confusion about recycling.
- U.S. recycling levels are currently 21.4% (recent EPA funded Yale University Study).
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will be the environmental and CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of removing 55 million cars from U.S. roads each year.
- When U.S. recycling levels reach 75% it will generate 1.5 million new jobs in the U.S. (net).
- Manufacturers truly want these materials back to reuse in their manufacturing, but they aren't able to reuse the materials if people don't recycle *right*.
- The nonprofit standardized label mission is the #1 solution to help society begin to recycle right and therefore, help recycling begin to thrive.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Women's History Month Youth Art Month	Postmark Today - Sarah Peugh Butterfly Scholarship, Jennie Award Applications and Club History Forms	Read Across America Day				Central District Convention - (Zoom Meeting)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	International Women's Day					Northern District Convention (Zoom Meeting)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Saving Time Starts	Postmark Today - Newsletter & Website entries to GFWC		St. Patrick's Day	Global Recycling Day		Southern District Convention - (Zoom Meeting) Spring Equinox
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	World Water Day					
28	29	30	31	Notes:		
Palm Sunday & Passover Starts	National Vietnam War Veterans Day					

**Conservation Dates:**  
 National Invasive Species Awareness Week - Begins the last Monday of February  
 National Groundwater Awareness Week - First full week in March

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# April 2021

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## RECYCLING FACTS

- Recycling is a \$200 billion industry in the U.S. It generates 7-10 more jobs than landfills and waste to energy plants.
- Recycling conserves finite natural resources - this is critical as population continues to grow exponentially.
- Recycling conserves fresh water up to 95% in the mining and manufacturing process for many materials.
- According to recent Yale University/EPA study, the U. S. recycles less than 22% of its discarded materials.
- The U.S. recycling levels have not improved in 20 years.
- Despite only representing 5% of the world population, the U.S. generates more waste than any other country in the world (World Watch Institute).
- In less than 15 years, worldwide waste is expected to double (World Watch Institute).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Child Abuse Prevention Month National Volunteer Month	School Library Month Keep America Beautiful Month	National Autism Awareness Month Sexual Assault Awareness Month		1 Maundy Thursday April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter						
11	12	13	14	15 Income Tax Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
-----GFWC Volunteers in Action Week-----						
----- National Volunteer Week -----						
				-----123 <sup>rd</sup> Annual GFWC-MFWC State Convention-----		
				Earth Day		GFWC Federation Day Arbor Day
25	26 Confederate Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	
Notes:						

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# May 2021

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## PICK IT UP! LITTER

- Taxpayer in Mississippi are on the hook for \$3 million a year to collect litter and debris along highway in Mississippi according to MDOT.
- In Fiscal Year 2019, MDOT spent 31,621 man hours picking up 5,051 cubic yards of trash from the medians, shoulders and interchanges of state highways and interstates.
- They got help from inmate trustee crews. MDOT used 5,930 man hours overseeing these crews, who picked up an additional 2,851 cubic yards of debris.
- In addition, citizens involved with the volunteer Adopt a Highway program, picked up 9,599 bags of debris in Fiscal Year 2018.
- Picking up roadside litter takes MDOT's approximately 1,500 maintenance workers away from more important jobs like patching potholes, striping lanes and fixing guardrails and shoulders.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mental Health Awareness Month Clear Air Month	National Stroke Awareness Month					1 WHRC 37th Anniversary May Day & Law Day
2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Day	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
----- National Women's Health Week -----						
Mother's Day	National Women's Checkup Day					Armed Forces Day Peace Officers Memorial Day
16	17	18	19	20 World Bee Day	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	Notes:				

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# June 2021

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## PICK IT UP! COST OF LITTER CLEAN-UP IS SUBSTANTIAL IN THE U.S.

- Litter clean-up cost the U.S. more than \$11.5 billion annually, with businesses paying approximately 80%, local/state governments, schools, and other organizations picking up the remaining 20%.
  - Direct Cost of Litter
    - States \$363 million
    - Counties \$185 million
    - Municipalities \$797 million
    - Businesses \$9.128 billion
    - Educational \$240 million
    - NGOs \$769 million
  - According to Keep America Beautiful's latest Litter Study:
    - More than 50 billion pieces of litter are on U. S. roadway each year.
    - The majority of this trash is less than 4 inches, making it difficult to clean-up.
    - That is equivalent of 6,729 pieces of trash per mile of roadway.
    - As you may guess, tobacco products (cigarette butts and packaging) making up about 40% of this litter. Plastic and paper are the next biggest categories.
    - Roadway litter comes from both drivers and pedestrians. Drivers cause (52%), pedestrians (23%) and improperly covered truck load (16%).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Fireworks Safety Month	National Hunger Awareness Month					World Environment Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D-Day						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Flag Day Army Birthday					Juneteenth
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day Summer Solstice						
27	28	29	30	Notes:		

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# July 2021

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## PLANT

Vegetable gardens benefit the environment in many ways. Locally grown vegetables reduce carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels. No plastic packaging is required when you harvest vegetables straight from the garden, which also reduces fossil fuel inputs. Pesticide and other chemical inputs can be much less in a small, well-tended garden than even a small farm.

Planting flowers has environmental benefits. According to Project Green, plants help to remove pollutants from the air. During the process of photosynthesis, the flower's leaves absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. Additionally, planting flowers can help to hold soil in its proper place, reducing erosion and flooding.



## WHY PLANT

- Without plants, humans and animals would have less fresh air to breathe. Through the process of photosynthesis, plants release oxygen back into the atmosphere.
- Plants are important because they provide habitats for wildlife and humans. For example, many species of birds rely on trees and shrubs for habitat, whether they live in the crevices of trees or build nest on branches. They also provide wildlife with roosting cover and shelter from predators.
- Because plants play an important role in feeding the Earth's wildlife and humans.
- About 10% of the moisture in the atmosphere is release by plants through the process of transpiration.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Finance Committee & Executive Committee Meeting	17 Summer Board Meeting & Summer Institute
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Parents' Day	26	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	28	29	30	31 Juniorette Retreat

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# August 2021

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## SIX REASONS TO PLANT TREES TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Trees cleanse the air by removing excessive CO<sub>2</sub> from the air which is one of the most important steps we can take to fight climate change.
2. Trees help excess water to drain away.
3. Trees absorb sound. Trees absorb a fair amount of sounds. If you live near a freeway, planting a row of trees that grow close to the ground can make a huge difference. Southern magnolias grow to a height of about 80 ft. Eastern red cedar, canopied junipers, and white pine are other varieties that are good for absorbing sound.
4. The right tree can add value to your property. In 2010, the US Forest Service said that on average a mature tree added just over \$7,000 to the value of a property. Today, it is probably more. This is an amazing return on your investment.
5. Trees provide shade. In many parts of the world, heat waves and hot summers are becoming more common. So, creating a little shade in your garden is definitely a good idea and trees are particularly good at doing that. The air under a tree is typically 10 degrees lower than it is under a nearby manmade shade structure.
6. Trees can help to keep your power bill down. The right trees can absorb heat and can also divert wind away from your home. If you plant a canopy tree in the right place it can cast a shadow over paved areas and walls. This stops them from absorbing so much heat and keeps the air temperature a little lower. That means that you do not have to have your air-conditioning on for as long.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Friendship Day Juniorette Retrerat	2	3	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5	6	7 Purple Heart Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 National Honey Bee Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Senior Citizens Day Word Honeybee Day
22	23	24	25	26 Women's Equality Day GFWC Pre-Convention Activities	27	28 GFWC 2021 Annual Convention
29	30	31	Notes:  -----GFWC 2021 Annual Convention. Atlanta. GA-----			

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# September 2021

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## RECYCLING FACTS:

### PLASTIC

- Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square feet of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.
- Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
- Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two-person household for one year.

### CANS

- Every three months, American throw enough aluminum in the landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.
- The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in a lifetime.
- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.
- It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it does to create a can from virgin materials.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	National Library Card Sign Up Month	National Preparedness Month				
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day *Carl Garber Federal Lands Cleanup Day
12 Grandparent's Day	13	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day & Citizenship Day National POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 Air Force Birthday World CleanUp Day
19	20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24 Native American Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		
Notes:						

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# October 2021

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## RECYCLING FACTS:

### PAPER

- Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12 foot high wall from Seattle to NY (a new wall every year).
- Making paper from recycled paper reduces the related contribution to air pollution by 95%.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- More than 37% of the fiber used to make new paper products in the U. S. comes from recycle sources.

### CARBOARD

- Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy needed to make new cardboard.
- Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.
- Nearly 80% of all retailers and grocers recycle their cardboard.

### GLASS

- Glass can be recycled and remanufactured an infinite amount of times and never wear out.
- Making glass from recycled material cut related water pollution by 50%.
- Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.
- More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year - that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:					1	2
3	4 Child Health Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day & Indigenous People day	12	13 Navy Birthday	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 -----GFWC Southern Region Conference, Florida ---	22	23
24 GFWC Southern Region Conf.	25	26	27	28	29	30
-----GFWC Advocates for Children Week-----						
United Nations Day						
31 Halloween						

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## PICK IT UP! LITTER

### Litter has costly environmental consequences.

- The environmental outcomes of litter can have economic impacts. This includes lost tourism revenues, expenses for repairing vehicles, boats and ships, restoration of ecosystems, wildlife injury, and eventually the cost to human health.
- Debris may be carried by storm drains into local waterways, with potential for serious environmental contamination. Wind and weather, traffic, and animals all move litter into gutters, lawns and landscaped areas, alleyways, and parking structures.



### Indirect cost of litter.

- 93% of homeowners say a littered neighborhood would decrease their assessment of a home's value and influences their decision to purchase a property. And 40% estimated that litter would reduce a home's value by 10% to 24%.
- 36% of business development officials say that litter impacts a decision to locate to a community.
- 55% of realtors think that litter reduces property values by about 9%. • 60% of property appraisers would reduce a home's value if it was littered.
- The presence of litter in a community decreases property values by a little over 7%, according to the National Association of Home Builders pricing model.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 GFWC-MFWC State Dues postmarked today to be Honor Club	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9	10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15 America Recycles Day	16	17	18 Great American Smokeout Day	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Black Friday	27
28	29 Cyber Monday	30	Notes:			

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# December 2021

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## PICK IT UP! GREEN LIVING: 5 BEAUTIFUL REASONS TO PICK UP LITTER

Cleaning up loose trash is one of the best ways to pitch in for your community and the environment.

1. **Keeping it beautiful:** Litter is an eyesore, plain and simple. Studies show that litter can negatively impact your sense of community and safety. When others pass you as you pick up litter, smile and say hello. It shows pride in community and encourages others to do their part, too.
2. **Protecting children:** Litter can pose health and safety risks, especially to curious children who are more likely to pick items up. Make sure you put litter in a bag or a lined trash can, and not just loosely in an unlined one. Loose trash often winds up as litter again on trash collection day.
3. **Keeping costs down:** According to Keep America Beautiful, litter cleanups cost the U.S. \$11.5 billion a year, and that figure doesn't include indirect costs, such as decreased property values, commerce and tourism. These costs are shared by our government and by local businesses.
4. **Preventing floods:** Litter often makes its way to storm drains, where it can cause serious clogs that lead to flooding. Litter that does pass through the storm drain flows directly into nearby rivers and streams, polluting Rhode Island's beautiful waterways.
5. **Protecting wildlife:** Litter poses a threat to local wildlife when they confuse it for food or nesting materials. If litter gets into our local waterways, chances are it will eventually wind up in the ocean. Marine litter can be deadly to seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11
12	13 National Guard Birthday	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16	17	18 Wreaths Across America Day
19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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