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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 7: **Business Meeting** at The Arbors at 7:00 pm. Come hear Judy Ackerman, a psychotherapist, present to us relaxation and meditation techniques. See page 4.

May 26: 1st Annual Crafts & More Fair in Dighton

May 21: **Board Meeting** at The Arbors at 7:00 pm

June 8 (Friday): Jrs. Social ~ *The Scavenger Hunt*. Meet at Denise Wheeler's home at 6:00. *The Hunt* begins at 6:15.

June 8: Deadline to submit your artwork for our PEACE Art Contest. See page 4.

HOSPITALITY

May 2012: Jane Pittsley (C) and Gail Delgado

Monthly Prize contributor for May:
Nancy Brown

April Happenings

On Tuesday, April 10 we celebrated National Library Week by hand making and delivering dozens of chocolate covered strawberries to 5 local libraries; Rehoboth, Dighton, Taunton, Raynham and Berkley. At each library, the staff was pleasantly surprised and very thankful to us for remembering them.

At our April business meeting we were presented a fantastic slide show of a trip to Cambodia by Bob and Joanne Kowalczyk. The history, the sites, and the food that we learned about were unexpected. A trip to put on your Bucket List.

We also welcomed and installed our newest member, Fran Perry. She is full of enthusiasm and we look forward to putting her to work.

We were also busy in April making Blue Bears for MassSTAR. Big thanks to Vel Bleau, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Darlene Brown and Joan Curran for using their sewing and cutting skills to create these helpful gifts.

Congratulations to both Joanna Alden and Cindy Burch for their Leadership Certificates. See page 4 for more details.



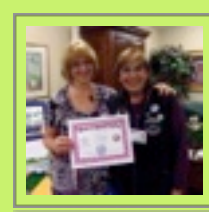
PUBLIC ISSUES

Blue Bears are created with this team's hard work and sewing and cutting talents. See page 3.



LEADERSHIP

Joanna Alden is presented with her Leadership Certificate by Nancy Brown. See page 4.



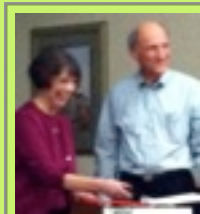
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Cindy Burch is presented with her Leadership Certificate by Nancy Brown. See page 4.



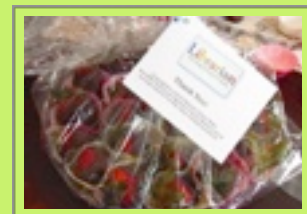
MEMBERSHIP

Vel Bleau installed our newest member, Fran Perry. Welcome!



PROGRAMS

We enjoyed learning about Cambodia last month. Thank you Bob and Joanne Kowalczyk.



EDUCATION

5 Libraries get Thank You gifts from us. See page 4.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8, 2012

Our PEACE Art Contest begins in May. Get your application at May's meeting and take plenty of copies to give to your talented friends and family. Entries must be submitted by June 8. This is going to be lots of fun. See page 4.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8, 2012 (FRIDAY)

Our Annual June Social will be a blast. We will team up and have a Scavenger Hunt starting and ending at Denise Wheeler's house and there will be prizes. Cost per person \$TBD. Soda and Water will be provided. BYOB. Sign up at our May meeting or email Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 26, 2012

The 1st Annual Crafts & More Fair is on Sat., May 26th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lion's Pavilion on Rt 138 in Dighton. More details and sign up to follow. See Denise Wheeler and Nancy Brown for more information.

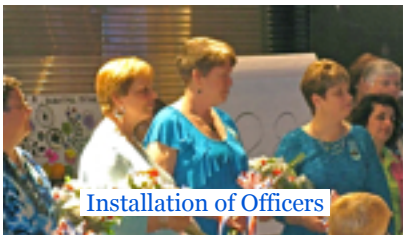
GFWC of MA State News

On May 1st, at the GFWC of MA Artist's Tea and Awards Day, winners were announced for the Art and Photography contests. Taunton and Raynham Juniors won in several categories:

Cindy Brogan	1st	Art Contest	<i>Birches in Winter</i> (watercolor)
Nancy Clark	2nd	Art Contest	<i>Nausett Marsh</i> (oil)
Nancy Clark	3rd	Art Contest	<i>St. Georges Harbor, Grenada</i> (oil)
Nancy Clark	1st	Photography - Scenic	<i>Down to the River</i>
Nancy Clark	1st	Photography - Volunteers in Action	<i>Valentine Kisses for Nursing Homes</i>
Nancy Clark	2nd	Photography - Feature	<i>Thailand Tent at Overlook Farm</i>
Susan Carlson	2nd	Photography - Scenic	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Nancy Brown	3rd	Photography - Feature	<i>Green Door Window</i>

Our Club's Publicity Book took 1st place too and will be sent on to Washington D.C. along with the first place Photography entries.

The GFWC of MA Annual Conference was held at Patriot's Place in Foxboro April 27 through the 29th. Our Club won several awards, including the coveted *Silver Bowl for the 3rd time in 3 years!* We were *2nd runner up for our Water Centric* entry and *1st Place for our Irish International Basket*.



Installation of Officers



Accepting award as State's LEEDS Candidate

Special Recognition Awards

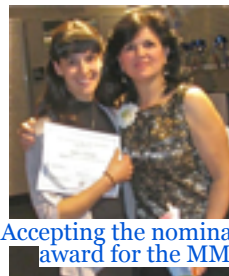
- ~ Community Improvement (Boydon Gardens)
- ~ International Outreach (most donated to Water Centric)
- ~ Education (Prison Book Program)
- ~ Fundraising (Women's Entrepreneurial)
- ~ WHRC donated Brick at GFCW of MA Headquarters



Installation of District Reps



Accepting our 3rd Silver Bowl



Accepting the nomination award for the MM



COMMITTEES

Home Life - Denise Wheeler

- ☹️ Samaritan House and Main Spring House need toiletries.
- ☹️ Pride Inc is requesting board games and craft supplies (see website) for their dayhab center.
- ☹️ Raynham Food Basket is in need of boxes of cereal. ***Please check expiration date on boxes. RFB will not accept expired cereal.***
- ☹️ St. Vincent dePaul is requesting canned goods.
- ☹️ We are collecting spare change for A Women's Concern.
- ☹️ Winslow Farm is in need of flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on their website.

Conservation - Denise Wheeler

- ☹️ We recycle! See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries. www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/conservation.aspx
- ☹️ Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families. She is also collecting yarn except fun fur or eyelash to have Birthright baby sets. Denise is collecting eyelash and fun fur yarn.
- ☹️ We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

Membership - Vel Bleau

- ☹️ ***Happy Birthday to You!*** Jane Pittsley ~ May 10, Judy Riley ~ May 14, Cindy Brogan ~ May 16 and Gail Delgado ~ May 30.
- ☹️ April attendance was an extraordinary 91%, now let's keep it up. We welcome Fran Perry, our newest member. Dolores Costa is having knee surgery at Morton Hospital on May 1st. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Public Issues - ***OPEN***

- ☹️ We are proud to have such talented T&R Juniors who can cut and sew and deliver hand made Blue Bears to MassSTAR. These Blue Bears will be at LaSalle College Leadership conference as a craft for High School sophomores to complete by stuffing the bears, make a face on each and tie neckerchiefs around their necks. The Blue Bears then are provided to emergency vehicles for children who have been in an accident or in a crisis. Special thanks to Vel Bleau, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Darlene Brown and Joan Curran.
- ☹️ In cooperation with the Taunton Emergency Management System and the Taunton Federal Credit Union we have made and collected 55 Teddy Bears since last September.
- ☹️ We are still collecting items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

Publicity - Nancy Brown

- ☹️ If you get the newspaper (Taunton Gazette and Raynham CALL) please comb it for any news of the club, and **save the entire page** so we have the date and newspaper heading. Bring it to the meeting or give it to Nancy Clark. We need hard copies for the press book.

International Outreach - Nancy Clark

- ☹️ Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions.
- ☹️ Our pig – Cha-Ching, has been filled but we will continue to collect for Heifer for this year's donation.

Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066
Please hand in your Newsletter Feedback Questionnaire at the May Meeting.

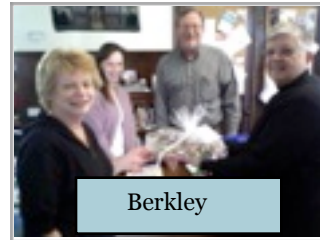
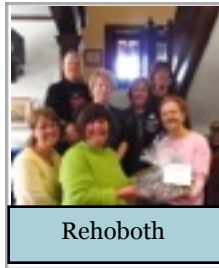
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Arts - Susan Carlson

- 🔊 Congratulations to our 16 winners of our April Funny Bones Trivia.
- 🔊 This month's Funny Bones Trivia clues are as follows: She was born in Detroit in 1946. She was the first performer cast for SNL. She won an Emmy in 1978 for her work on SNL. Her autobiography, *It's Always Something*, was named after one of her SNL created character's trademark complaint for SNL, Roseannadanna. Questions to be announced at May meeting.
- 🔊 Enter the Taunton and Raynham Jrs. **PEACE Art Contest**. This contest is open to all Club members, as well as your friends and family members. Pick up an application form at our May meeting. Your entry must be submitted by June 8, 2012. Winners will be notified by August 1 and officially awarded a dozen chocolate bars with their winning artwork depicted on the wrapper at our September meeting. There are 3 age categories and each category will have a winner. **Encourage your friends and family to enter and have fun creating your 'Vision of PEACE'.**

Education - Cindy Brogan

- 🔊 Donate a paperback dictionary, spanish/english dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. Join us for our next trip to Quincy to help package up these donated books which is either on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We meet at Shaw's in Raynham at 5:30. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org
- 🔊 The Taunton and Raynham Juniors celebrated National Library Week by hand making and delivering dozens of chocolate covered strawberries to the library staff at our local libraries.



Leadership - Nancy Brown

- 🔊 As the Leadership Chairman, I will present a Certificate of Recognition to one or two Club women each month at our Business meeting. At April's meeting, Joanna Alden was recognized for her coming forward and taking a pro active role as Programs Chairman. Cindy Burch, though new to the Board, as well as to the Club, has taken on the challenge of Vice President and is confidently prepared to sit in for the President at our May meeting. Congratulations to Joanna and Cindy!

Fundraising - Jane Pittsley

- 🔊 Joyce and Denise are accepting items to create Fall, Spring, and Easter baskets for our upcoming fundraisers and events. They are in need of Large Baskets to fill.

Programs - Joanna Alden

- 🔊 Our member, Judy Ackerman, a psychotherapist and former High School guidance counselor, will enlighten us regarding "Happiness". She will teach us relaxation and meditation techniques, and if you're not happy she'll teach us ways to put you on the positive trail. Isn't that great that one of our members will share ways to make others feel better?

Community Improvement - Nancy Clark

- 🔊 We will make plans to dedicate our benches at Boyden this Spring.