



GFWC Environment

September Newsletter-

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September is Environmental Awareness Month

Every September, environmental organizations around the Nation come together in recognition of Environmental Awareness Month, with a goal to raise awareness about environmental issues that need our attention, including human overpopulation, global warming, pollution, and conservation.



Some examples of green consumerism.

- Save energy consumption
- Research before you purchase
- Use solar products and renewable energy sources.
- Read energy labels on utility products and purchase accordingly.
- Recycle and use eco-friendly products.
- Buy locally grown products.
- Purchase a hybrid car or electric car.

16th September	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
28th September	Green Consumer Day
1st – 7th October	World wild life week
4th October	World Animal Welfare Day
First Monday of October	World Habitat Day
13th October	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

Plan ahead for

America Recycles Day November 15, 2021

Help support our Challenge Project –

Each member in every club please keep track of how many plastic bottles and how many plastic bags you recycle, reuse or upcycle during the month of October.

Just for one month!!!!



For one month let's keep track of our GFWC impact on recycling of these plastics.

We will put our information and pictures out on facebook to celebrate

National Recycling Day

Let's make a difference with total participation

October Plastics Counting Project-



Each State President please ask each of your clubs to have all members count how many plastic bags and bottles they recycle during the month of October.

Give each club time to plan for this event.

Please count bags and bottles separately.

Count by either numbers or pounds.

Have members take pictures of their collections or have club projects that you can photograph. If you already participate in projects with TREX, terracycle or some other collection organization, count these plastics donated and send photos. Count bags and bottles you return to stores, put in your individual recycle boxes, take to your recycle center, or any other means of recycling or upcycling of your plastic.

Each club should send their stats at the end of the month to their state President who can forward those stats on to me. Also send me your project photos to: karengfwc@gmail.com

Fill Your individual, club and state facebook pages with your work on or before November 15th

Celebrate

National Recycling Day / America Recycles Day
15, 2021

November

With Recycling Projects

Let's Educate and promote Awareness in communities.

1. Have a club scavenger hunt- Send members out in teams to find recyclables. A possible scavenger hunt tally sheet is attached. Feel free to change the hunt to any items you prefer to collect. Help keep plastics out of our sewer systems, lakes, rivers, all water and food sources.
2. Write an article for your local newspaper asking citizens to participate. Every home and business can walk to the front of their homes/businesses and pick up trash and recyclables in the ditch or roadway or on the curb or the street.
3. Have a program or speaker on upcycling by crocheting with playn or reusing other plastic items.

Save the Planet- National Recycle Day

Scavenger Hunt

Rules: You have 1 hour. Teams can go anywhere in the _____ area, up to the team.

The team with the most recyclables- correctly separated, of course- wins. Points will be subtracted for minutes late. Winners will receive prizes.

Plastic Caps or Lids - 3 points each _____

Plastic bottles- 5 points each _____

Plastic bags- 5 points each _____

Styrofoam- 5 points each piece _____

Cigarette butts, boxes, tips- 3 points each _____

Minimum of 10 (often found in parking lots or outside businesses)

Other plastic item- 5 points each _____

Pop tabs- 1 point each _____

Glass bottles- 3 points _____

Cardboard- 2 points _____

Paper- 2 points _____

Aluminum cans- 3 points _____

GFWC International Convention Results

[Environment Resolutions were Updated](#)

[GFWC Environment Awards Presented](#)

Category 1 Florida

Category 2 Georgia

Category 3 Michigan

Category 4 Arizona

Category 5 Wyoming

Category 6 Oregon

Club Creativity Honorable Mention- GFWC Northboro Junior Woman's Club Massachusetts

Club Creativity Award- GFWC Woman's Club of Clayton- North Carolina

All awards are listed on this GFWC website.

<https://www.gfwc.org/membership/awards-contests-and-grants/2019-awards/>

All GFWC Environment Club Award Entries were **Tree**-mendous!

All GFWC Clubs and their Communities are the Winners!

Natural Disasters

(GFWC Environment Resolutions- Climate Change- updated 2021)

WHEREAS, Scientific studies indicate that emissions of greenhouse gases are depleting the earth's stratospheric ozone layer and adding to global warming; and

WHEREAS, The ozone layer acts as a shield against harmful solar radiation that can negatively impact individuals and biological processes in nature; and

WHEREAS, Greenhouse gases contribute to changes in the world's climate resulting in substantially altered weather patterns, increases in sea levels, loss of soil moisture, and dangerous tropical storms, droughts and floods, adversely affecting agriculture, forests, wetlands, water resources, and coastal areas; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs to:

- Encourage actions by lawmakers and private industry worldwide to:
 - Reduce emissions of harmful greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide;
 - Research and develop economically feasible alternative energy sources;
 - Enter into, enforce, and comply with international treaties relating to ozone depletion;
 - Promote international cooperation to address the effects of greenhouse gases and changes to the climate;
 - Promote efficient use of energy;
- Educate individuals about:
 - The dangers of greenhouse gases and their effect on ozone depletion and global warming;
 - Personal choices that reduce this effect including personal transportation, electricity usage, and waste recycling.

Remember our States suffering from Natural Disasters.

Wildfires and Floods have damaged our Parks and Forests-

Help with Reforestation.

Contact one of the following agencies and/or organizations of your choice.

Penney Pines – California Reforestation Program

[Penny Pines - USDA Forest Service](https://www.fs.usda.gov/stelprdb5280793) [https://www.fs.usda.gov > stelprdb5280793](https://www.fs.usda.gov/stelprdb5280793)

HOW THE "PENNY PINES" PLANTATION WORKS Briefly, the plan is this. Under a Conservation Agreement, you or your organization contributes \$68 toward the cost of planting seedlings on about one acre of National Forest land in California. Using your donation together with Federal funds, the Forest Service will do the planting on the National Forest nearest you or the forest of your choice. (Refer to the enclosed map for National Forest locations). The plantation will be marked with a standard Forest Service sign that names the contributing individual or organization. Contributions must be in multiples of \$68 or more. For each \$68 contribution, you will receive a PENNY PINES certificate from the Forest Supervisor, who will inform you of the location of the plantation at your request. MEMORIAL PLANTATIONS You may request a memorial plantation for which you will receive a special memorial certificate with the deceased person's name. Duplicate certificates are available upon request. The deceased person's name will be placed on the sign at the plantation site as follows:

"Friends of " _____
"Family of " _____
"Relatives of " _____

Arbor Day Foundation <https://www.arborday.org/>

<https://www.arborday.org/members/news/reforestation>

Nature Conservancy - <https://www.nature.org/> and <https://preserve.nature.org/donate>

US Forest Service- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/>

Trees Forever- <http://www.treesforever.org/>

Why is Riding a Bike, Jumping off, then Riding a Bike again good for the Environment?

Because it is Recycling

There was a debate suggesting that the environment isn't that important after all.

It was pretty anti-climatic

What farm animals are good for the environment?

Recyclebulls

Happy End of Summer!!!!

