

## WOMEN'S HISTORY SUPPLEMENT 2022-2024

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### NJSFWC

- Become a member of the NJSFWC 1894 Society. Annual donations of \$18.94, \$189.40, \$1,894.00 or any amount greater than \$18.94 are used to augment funding for the annual rent paid to Rutgers University. Contact NJSFWC Headquarters Chairman for more information. (moved from second page)
- Document and record your club's present-day activities through articles, interviews, scrapbooks and photographs.
- Identify and preserve the history of your club by collecting your archival records, finding a local repository and allowing your records to be made available for research. Your local library or historical society building, or museum might be considered.
- Interview individual club members and former club members, to record oral histories of club/community work in the past. Examples might include interviewing a woman who has been a club member for the longest time, a member who was particularly active in certain projects benefiting the community or a member who was a pioneer (i.e., started local Historical Society, spearheaded an environmental effort, established a Domestic Violence shelter, first woman on Board of Education, town mayor, and/or Borough Council member.)
- Research the history of local public buildings, such as libraries or schools, studying architecture, funding, and renovations. Arrange for a club tour or invite a speaker for a club meeting.
- Become a patron of the NJSFWC Headquarters Library. Clubs or club members may send the purchase price of a book to the NJSFWC Federation Headquarters. Please contact the Historian.
- Purchase a copy of the latest edition of NJSFWC Club Histories, **From the Beginning: A Page of History, Volume II**. Donate a copy to your local library and have a reference copy for your club. Cost is \$10.00 (add \$5 for shipping) and can be obtained through NJSFWC Headquarters or at NJSFWC State and District Events. (Women's History and Resource Center)

### GFWC

- The GFWC Women's History and Research Center (WHRC), founded in 1984, consists of an archival collection containing the records of GFWC since 1890. The archives contain GFWC International Presidents papers, photographs, and program records, as examples. To access the archives, see [gfwc.org/what-we-do/whrc](http://gfwc.org/what-we-do/whrc) and click on the online catalog.
- Become a member of the GFWC 1734 Society, which maintains the GFWC Headquarters, a National Historic Landmark. Annual donations of \$17.34, \$173.40, \$1734.00 or any amount greater than \$17.34 are used for the upkeep, maintenance and preservation of the building and entitle the donor to specific levels of membership. Send to 1734 Society, GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N Street NW Washington, D.C. 20036-2990.

### Women Have a Story to Tell

- Nominate prominent clubwomen to the National Women's Hall of Fame. For \$250, an extraordinary woman can be honored in the National Women's Hall of Fame online **Book of Lives and Legacies**. Each woman honored is given a page in the book. A one to three-page letter, including pictures, is submitted citing accomplishments. This will be a permanent, enduring electronic record, also available for all to view at the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca, NY. A commemorative plaque will be sent to the recipient, as well as a gift of one year's membership in the Hall of Fame. Application procedures are available online at [www.greatwomen.org](http://www.greatwomen.org). Arrange for a group visit to the Hall of Fame on the website or contact National Women's Hall of Fame, PO Box 335, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Telephone 315-568-6060.
- Research the lives and accomplishments of local community or state women of the past. An example would be to learn more about "Mabel Smith Douglass", and the work of the NJSFWC in founding the New Jersey College for Women, later to be renamed Douglass College. Hold a public ceremony honoring the researched women and their achievements.

- Acquaint your club with the accomplishments and Federation endeavors of Past NJSFWC & GFWC Presidents,
- Purchase a copy of *A Century of Challenge, New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs First 100 Years*, through the NJSFWC Federation Headquarters.

#### **Women's History Month/National Women's History Project**

- Celebrate National Women's History Month (March) in your club. Contact the National Women's History Alliance for project ideas and materials at 730 Second Street #469, P.O. Box 469, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Telephone: 707-636-2888, [online www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

#### **Preservation and Awareness of Women's History Landmarks**

- Visit NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ, our federation home built in 1965. Each club is encouraged to hold a meeting at Headquarters once a year. Contact the NJSFWC Executive Assistant at 732-249-5474 to arrange a date.
- Visit and/or donate towards the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial at 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22036. Email: [suffragistmemorial.org](mailto:suffragistmemorial.org) for information.
- Visit Jane Cunningham Crowley's gravesite, located at the Evergreen Cemetery, Route 9, Lakewood, NJ.

**Review the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual Women's History and Resource Center section for additional project ideas and resources.**