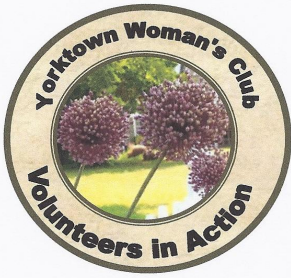


January, 2016



The Town Crier

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 18 General Meeting 10:00 AM Yorkminster Presbyterian Church Old Fellowship Hall

Jan 28 Night Division Meeting 6:00 PM Plaza Azteca, Yorktown

Feb 3 Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, Yorkminster Presbyterian Church

Feb 16 Art Show 6:30 Yorkminster Presbyterian

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President's Corner

Another year has begun! Mine was off to a challenging start with the passing away of my mother, my role model. Before her time, my Mom was a working mother with 5 children who somehow managed to find time to be creative and always make us feel special. Isn't it wonderful that we have women like these strong and loving individuals whom we can emulate. My Mom always had time to share with others. Whatever she had she offered to those in need.



"Together we can do great things, which none of us alone could imagine!"

Isn't the premise of GFWC to share with others that which we have to offer? I think the Joy of our membership is being able to share the work and the rewards with fellow clubwomen. This is how we best remember our foremothers!

Upcoming events:

- **January 6, 2016 All Chairperson Reports are due to Linda Avery for the 2015 year. (January 1- December 31)**
- **January 18, 2016 - Chair Yoga presentation at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, 10:00 AM**
- **January 31, 2016 - Chocolate Wine and Savory Social, originally scheduled for January 31 has been rescheduled for February 28, 2016 at the Hornsby House. Tickets to go on sale soon!!**

Celebrate all that is wonderful about the opportunity to create new memories with those you love!



Linda Avery, President

Together we can do great things, which none of us alone could imagine.

Volunteers in Action

Affiliations:

GFWC



VFWC



Tidewater District



A Relaxing Meeting Planned for January

The next meeting of the Yorktown Woman's Club will be on Monday, January 18 at 10 A.M. We will meet at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church on Route 17. Hostesses will be the HomeLife Committee.

The program will be "Chair Yoga" with instructions given by Tina Holter. She will teach and share information about chair yoga including breathing, yoga moves, relaxation, and laughing yoga. So that we will have plenty of room to "get our moves on" the group will gather in Founders Hall at Yorkminster, the old fellowship hall at the north end of the original church building. Anyone can do this! Wear comfortable clothes and relax after the hectic holidays with us.

Lois Bates, HomeLife

Yorktown Christmas Market a Success

The Yorktown Christmas Market was a great success. In the spirit of the times, our ladies dressed in their finest colonial attire and presented hand-crafted holiday items for sale made by members during the Christmas workshop. Bows, hand decorated cinnamon ornaments, bags of reindeer food and hot chocolate mugs were a few of the items sold. Thanks to our "crafty" ladies raised more than \$500 at the sale. That's more money we can give back to the community next year! Many thanks to all who helped!

Helping Make Holidays Happy

Our club works hard all year on various projects and fundraisers to support our community. Because of your efforts we have been able to bring smiles to many over the past month. The holidays of 35 local children were brighter because of stockings we stuffed for the Salvation Army. Many others were helped by a \$300 donation to the Daily Press Joy Fund. Other families enjoyed holiday meals because of our \$300 donation to **the** York County Food Closet. Funds were also donated to the Red Cross Flood Relief efforts in South Carolina to help those facing loss during the holidays. Together we CAN do great things, which none of us alone could imagine

A Glance Back and a Look Forward

Jane May, 1st VP

We finished the old year with a bang. We sold our "bowtiful" bows at the Yorktown Christmas Market, enjoyed Christmas luncheon at the Arbors and filled Salvation Army stockings. (Note: As I was in my garage packing the bows for the market, my neighbors were buying them! Let's do it again next year.) The year 2016 promises to be an exciting one. The GFWC State Convention will be hosted by Tidewater District. The convention will be at the Williamsburg Doubletree from 6-8 May 2016. As part of the Tidewater District, our club will participate

as hostesses when and as needed. This is an excellent opportunity to make friends in other clubs and learn what they are doing. The GFWC National Convention will be June 27-29 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront in Maryland. In closing I would like to share my favorite old Irish Blessing with you.

*May the roads rise to meet you.
May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again, May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.*

May 2016 bring an abundance of health, happiness and joy to all!



**Handmade Bows
decorate a tree at
Yorktown Christmas
Market (Top)**

**Jane May arranges
handmade crafts for
sale at the market**

Art Show Preparations Underway

For well over 20 years, the Yorktown Woman's Club has sponsored an art show to recognize the creativity and talent of local students of all ages. Invitations for student entries are made through art teachers in each York County school and are judged by independent art authorities. The show is highlighted by enthusiastic participation from students and strong support from both families and teachers. It's wonderful to see the proud smiles as the children see their art on display! Our talented local blue ribbon winners often go on to win at the District and State levels. Last year there were over 80 entries and nearly 200 attending the show and award presentations.

But the show is not only for students. There are also categories for club members. We are excited to see this year's creations – from both students and members. So creative ladies, check out the categories for member art and crafts below and get busy! Below is all the information you need to know to get ready.

Ginny Napier, Arts Chair

Needlework categories

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Crochet -includes afghans and apparel.
3. Embroidery
4. Knitting- apparel, afghans, felted items.
5. Needlepoint
6. Quilts -maximum size 24"x36",
7. Sewing- adult, infant and teenage apparel.
8. Miscellaneous

Crafts categories

1. Ceramics
2. Pottery— wheel thrown and hand built.
3. Holidays- centerpieces, ornaments & figurines.
4. Jewelry
5. Paper

6. Rubber stamping
7. Shell craft- includes eggery and shells.
8. Tole Painting
9. Weaving -baskets & miscellaneous
10. Scrapbooks-Themed Section or book.
11. Miscellaneous category

Visual Art categories for Members:

1. Art- oil , watercolor, and acrylic. Max size 24" x 30" including mat.
2. Photography- portrait, scenic, & human interest. Max size 14"x16" including mat. No frames or glass.
3. Digital photography- portrait, scenic, & human interest. Color only.
4. Miscellaneous includes collages, mixed media, stained glass, graphics, and other.

Important Art Show Dates

This year, the Yorktown Woman's Club Art Show will be held on Tuesday, February 16, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in the New Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. Art Committee members will meet on the following dates to prepare for the show:

January 25nd 10 am: Committee members will meet at Ginny Napier's house (302 Jethro Ln.) to verify that all student art work meets the criteria, and make a list of all art works for the show. This usually takes a few hours.

February 1st 8:30 am: Committee members arrive at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church Old Fellowship Hall to display student art work. The judge will arrive promptly at 10 am. Art entered by members in the visual arts categories of paintings, photography, collages, mixed media, stained glass, and graphics should arrive between 8:30 and 10 am. The judge will also be judging member art on Feb. 1.

February 16th 8:30-9:30 am (**New Fellowship Hall**) All member needlework, crafts, scrapbooks, etc. due at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church to be logged in and displayed for judging. These pieces will be judged by volunteers from the Seaford Woman's Club. Committee members should also arrive at 8:30 to set up the artwork for the show. Setup usually takes a few hours.

February 17, 2014 6:30 pm: the Art Show Begins. All are invited!

A special thanks to the Night Division for volunteering to serve as hostesses. They will prepare a beautiful display of punch and cupcakes!

Please address any questions to Ginny Napier:napiers@aol.com or 880-8115.



Above, Merle Burgess shows off her winning 2015 photograph.

Below, 2015 Best in Show student winners pose with their artwork



Member News



A welcome back to Robin Milewski who is returning to YWC! Robin can be reached at 207 Coinjock Run, Yorktown, VA 23693, phone 757 223-5763 and email vmilewski@msn.com. We're glad to have you back, Robin!



Treasurer's Report

Carol Childs, Treasurer

December 1—31, 2015

Operations Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$5,167.22</u>
Deposits	\$ 590.04
Expenses	\$ 642.71
Ending Balance	<u>\$5,114.55</u>
Operations	

Projects Account

Beginning Balance	<u>\$22,129.91</u>
Deposits	\$ 757.97
Expenses	\$1,295.24
Ending Balance	<u>\$21,592.64</u>
Projects	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,707.19

Court Docents Schedule

Happy New Year ladies! The only docent day we have in January is the 12th with Marianne Edwards. We will have more dates next month. With the New Year come new opportunities to join us as a court docent. If you think you might be interested in this rewarding program that introduces high schools students to the judicial and court processes, or just want more information, please contact Marilyn Staton at 898 8630 We'd love to have you!

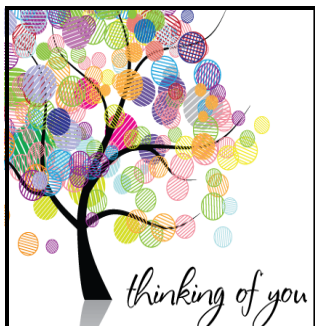
Marilyn Staton and Ellen Raffetto Co-Chairs

Night Division

The Night Division will meet on Thursday, January 28th at 6:00 PM for dinner at Plaza Azteca in Yorktown. We will be making plans for the February Art Show reception which the Night Division is hosting. The Night Division is open to all members. Please plan to come if you can

and join us for an evening of good food, good company and plans for a good reception. Please call Twyla at 988-1006 if you can attend so that we can set a place for you. Happy New Year!

Twyla Oppenhuizen Co-Chair



Heartfelt condolences are extended to our president, Linda Avery, in the recent loss of her mother. It is also with sadness that we report the death of Page Archer who passed on 10-18 and of Gay Knox who passed on 12-23. Page proudly shared her Native American heritage with our club and Gay was a long-time member and supporter of the Night Division. We are grateful for all their contributions. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all members experiencing illness or loss.

The Birthday Girls



Best Wishes to all members celebrating birthdays in January.

Carol Childs	01/01
Pat Sappenfield	01/02
Betty Bailey	01/11
Gail King	01/17
Martha Copes	01/22
Margie Dumas	01/22
Pat Adams	01/24
Dove Barton	01/25
Sharon Stack	01/30



Save the Date

Our favorite winter gathering, The **Chocolate, Wine and Savory Social**, has been rescheduled to **Saturday, February 28th** at the Hornsby House in historic Yorktown. Tickets will be available soon. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this evening!

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