

2016 GFWC Florida Conservation CSP Report



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1. **GFWC Lutz-Land O' Lakes Woman's Club** - Spring and Fall Flea Markets - This club had another great year at their Annual Flea Market. They spent many hours sorting and cleaning their treasures, and included their **Juniorette Club**, whose members baked and sold their goods. They say they could not have pulled off this huge project without the help of wonderful members' husbands who were on hand to set up tents and carry furniture. The community support they had was fantastic, with this year's profit being higher than any other year, raising over \$13,000.

2. **GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club** - Butterfly gardens. The club along with the **GFWC Sebastian Junior Woman's Club** planted a butterfly garden in one of the local parks for all of the community to enjoy. As a result, Community members with their children can stroll through the garden and have an educational experience learning about the variety of butterflies. Both clubs are responsible for maintaining this garden and meet several times a year to plant and weed, always followed by good food and fellowship.

3. **GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club** - Halloween at Honeymoon Island State Park - Twenty-eight members, four **GFWC Clearwater Community Juniorettes**, and twelve friends volunteered to help with this annual project for the State Park. They have sponsored the haunted mine for over 10 years, and this time raised about \$12,000 to be used for Honeymoon Island Park necessities. Over 3,900 people attended the two night festivities. The club members designed, decorated and manned the 60 foot long mine on the "scary trail", volunteering over 100 hours. They also donated \$50 to Friends of the Island Parks to support their many projects.

4. **GFWC Florida Fabulous Florida Flamingo Flock** - No Nonsense Panty Hose Recycling Program - Members of the Flock gathered their own recycled hose and frequently were encouraged to ask mothers, grandmothers and friends if they have used pantyhose, knee highs or tights to donate. No Nonsense developed the first Pantyhose recycling program that repurposes those materials and turns them into infrastructures such as park benches and playground equipment. They send the recycled pantyhose products to: No Nonsense, Pantyhose Recycling P. O. Box, Lumberton, NC 28359.

5. **GFWC Woman's Club of Tarpon Springs** - Holocaust Stamp Project - Members collected cancelled stamps from all over the world for the students at Framingham Regional Charter School in Massachusetts. The goal is to collect over 11 million stamps, each representing a victim of the Holocaust. They are helping to provide a true learning experience for students to visualize the enormity of the loss of human life. The stamps will be made into a mosaic artwork. Thus far, members have collected and trimmed over 500 stamps. This is an ongoing project.

6. **GFWC Plantation Woman's Club** - Posies For Pots - The Conservation Committee was excited to present a new recycling project to save the landfill. The project idea was that because plastic plant pots can take a hundred years to disintegrate, the club could help by offering a free flower to everyone that brought in their old pots to be donated at their Fall County Plant Affair. They promoted the project, advertising in: 28,000 city water bill flyers, postcards, news stories and posters. There were 502 pots and 14 planter trays recycled! The

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club Conservation chairman donated pentas (the flower of butterfly lovers) for the give-away. The amazing thing was that only one pot was not useable. The club involved other groups, giving plant vendors and garden club members pots and planter trays, saving costs and helping our environment. What a “win-win” situation! Because it was such a hit with participants and due to their success, they will be repeating the project at their Spring.

7. GFWC Woman’s Club of Panama City- Monthly Water Bill Donation To Support Parks - The club wanted to find a way to help their city defray costs of park upkeep. They worked with the city on their idea to add an optional dollar to each monthly city water bill, advising residents their donation would be dedicated to help defray costs of park upkeep. The program was well received throughout the city, and the club also helped promote awareness of a city dog park by holding a Doggy Halloween costume event at the park.

8. GFWC Woman’s Club of West Broward - Dolphin Research Center - Each year this club’s members are invited to the Dolphin Research Center in Grassy Keys, Florida. The event is closed to the public. This year, nine members traveled to Grassy Keys to attend the event and visit with their adopted Dol-Friend name Molly. Molly loves scarves and hides them in different lagoons. When she feels like it, she will bring them up and play with the scarves. The members always take a new scarf to add to Molly’s collection and the trainer gives them the opportunity to give the scarf to Molly, if she is willing to cooperate. After visiting with Molly, the members visited with the other dolphins (13 in all) and the four sea lions. The event also offers personal group tours, called a “Boardwalk” tour, where the trainers show the different lagoons and talk about the dolphins in that particular lagoon. Just before sunset, all 13 dolphins put on a show with music for everyone. It’s truly a magical experience. Refreshments were served and members are already planning to attend the next event on March 4, 2017.

9. GFWC Treasure Coast Woman’s Club - Hobo Party - This is a social as well as a fundraiser for the Conservation Committee. It is held on a farm outside of town, in a barn. Members cook the dinner in a large, new garbage can, over a fire. The committee brings appetizers and dessert. After dinner there are e horse races and auto races. Participants pay a dollar to have a horse or a car, with winners splitting the pot with the committee. They also play left, right, center. It is a social/fundraiser and the club already has plans in the works for a repeat.