



### **Executive Officers 2026**

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**Maureen Fraser**

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#### **Membership**

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# GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club

[www.lilburnwomansclub.org](http://www.lilburnwomansclub.org)

**February, 2026**

## **President: Maureen Fraser**

Happy New Year, and welcome to another year of friendship, purpose, and service to our community. I am honored to step into the role of President and grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I would also like to thank Kathy and the past Executive Board for their leadership, dedication, and hard work on behalf of our organization and the many causes we support. Congratulations once again to all award winners who were honored at the January meeting!

We proudly recognize our Years of Service recipients: Lori Harrison and Karen Snavelly for 15 years of dedicated service; Mandy McManus for 20 years; and Janie Dellinger and Pat Shaver for 25 years of commitment to our club.

Additional honors included Lifetime Achievement awarded to Andrea Brannen; Clubwoman of the Year to Wanda Staebell; New Clubwoman of the Year to Barbara Brennan; Garden of Goodwill to Mandy McManus; Unsung Hero to Barbara Tiller; and Clubman of the Year to Wayne Mattox. Thank you all for your outstanding service, dedication, and continued support of our club.

I also extend a warm welcome to our new members, Sandy Ireland and Tanya Morris! We're so happy to have you with us.

Fundraising and volunteering are at the heart of who we are as a club, and the impact we make together would not be possible without your time, energy, and generosity. As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities before us to continue supporting meaningful causes in Lilburn and all that we will carry

I look forward to hearing about the Community Service Program plans being developed by committee members at their first meetings. I am confident that some will continue the programs we have proudly supported in the past, while others will introduce new, creative ideas that we will carry out to further strengthen our positive impact in Lilburn.

One of our first and most major event of the year is the Taste of Lilburn, and I encourage every member to get involved. This event is a wonderful opportunity to highlight our club, raise vital funds, and work side by side with fellow members. Whether you volunteer your time, help with planning, or simply come out to support the event, your participation truly makes a difference.

Thank you for all you do for our club and our community. I look forward to a rewarding and successful year ahead.

Best,  
Maureen



Community Service  
Program ChairsArt & Culture:  
Pam MontgomeryCivic Engagement &  
Outreach:  
Amber CannonDomestic Violence:  
Barbara TillerEducation & Librar-  
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LaJuana RobertsEnvironment:  
Mandy McManusHealth & Wellness:  
Deborah Shields  
Co Chair: Diane  
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Andrea BrannenFinance & Budget:  
Adela Salame-AlfieHistorian: TBDLilburn Daze:  
Susan AllredLittle Free Library:  
LaJuana RobertsNewsletter:  
Dianna CarsonSocial:  
Barbara BrannenSponsorship:  
Wanda StaebellStrategic Planning:  
TBDTaste of Lilburn:  
Andrea Brannen  
Co Chair: Kathy  
Mattox1st Vice President/Membership: Ana Kolb

Welcome to another wonderful year at the Lilburn Woman's club! I appreciate all our members that do so much for our club from volunteering at events, bringing or making food, donating funds, inspirations, sewing, teaching, packing cookies, crunching numbers, meetings, building homes, handing out candy or dictionaries, and so much more that I can't list everything. You've generously volunteer your time and energy which allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve our community each year. The world is better today than it was yesterday, thanks to the efforts of volunteers. I am thankful to be a part of this wonderful group of women and organization.

2nd Vice President: Nadine Bily

2026 is off to a great start. We have six strong and capable members who have stepped forward to lead our programs of service. Please offer your support for these ladies:

Pam Montgomery – Art and Culture  
Amber Cannon – CEO  
Barb Tiller – Domestic Violence  
Jenny Nall – Education and Libraries  
Environment – Mandy McManus  
Deborah Shields – Health and Wellness

A great way to support a CSP chair is to become a leader yourself. Consider taking on a project within a program and seeing it to completion. If this is too much of a challenge at this time, volunteer to help the person in charge by being responsible for a portion of the project.

The Center for Creative Leadership provides us with the core leadership skills you need in every role: self-awareness, communication, influence, and learning agility.

**Self-Awareness.** Simply put, knowing and leading yourself is key to becoming as effective as possible at leading others. Take effort to assess your natural abilities and development opportunities; determine how to maximize your strengths and compensate for your weaknesses. Recognize your own values, biases, and perspectives.

**Communication.** Communication is one of the most basic, across-the-board leadership skills that all of us need to develop and refine during our careers. "Communicating information and ideas" is consistently rated among the most important leadership competencies for leaders to be successful.

**Influence.** Developing your influencing and leadership skills helps you to communicate your vision and goals, align the efforts of others, and build commitment from people at all levels.

**Learning Agility.** To develop as leaders and as people, we need to be active, agile learners. Leaders need to be in a mode of constant learning, valuing and seeking out experiences to fuel leadership development, and recognizing when new behaviors, leadership skills, or attitudes are required – and accepting responsibility for developing those.

Hopefully, all LWC members will develop some level of leadership skills during 2026.



## Art and Culture: Pam Montgomery

Submitted By: Ana Kolb

.Art & Culture encompasses the diverse creative expressions, traditions, and belief system defining human societies, ranging from classical painting and sculpture to, music, dance, theatre, literature, and film. Art & Culture ranges from

- Visual Arts (painting, sculptures, drawings, photography)
- Performing Arts (dance, theatre, music, and cinema)
- Literary Arts (poetry, novels, storytelling)
- Architectural Heritage (ancient monuments, temples)
- Cultural Traditions & Rituals (festivals, local customs, food)
- Functional/Decorative Arts (textiles, pottery, fashion, graffiti)
- Popular culture (film, tv, video games)

So, when you are out and about, I'm sure Art & Culture is in your everyday life. Enjoy it, immerse yourself in it, embrace it, record it in your hours.

The committee is working on the "Spring into Art" context to be held in conjunction with Taste of Lilburn. Schools participating are St. John Neumann, Five Forks Middle and Tricum Middle. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each grade level (6, 7 and 8), as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd for Best of Show overall. Please mark your calendars and attend the Taste of Lilburn on March 7<sup>th</sup> to view the wonderful art.

If interested, here is a production of "Chicken & Biscuits" by Douglas Lyons at Onstage Atlanta Theatre Company, 3041 North Decatur Rd, Scottdale, GA 30079. February 6 – 22, 2026 – with an added Saturday matinee at 3:00 pm on February 21st.



## Civic Engagement & Outreach: Amber Cannon

The GFWC Civic Engagement and Outreach (CEO) Community Service Program reminds us that each of us plays an important role in shaping the world around us. CEO focuses on actions that improve quality of life and strengthen community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. In 2026, we will work to continue to address issues of public concern including citizenship; crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; support for those in need, food-insecure, and unhoused populations; and service to our military personnel and veterans. Together, our collective efforts demonstrate the power of engaged citizens working toward a more caring, informed, and connected society. If you have any communities or populations that you would like to see the CEO CSP work with, please contact Amber Cannon.

### February Focus: Heart Health Advocacy

February is both **American Heart Month** and **Black History Month**, making it an ideal time to shine a spotlight on heart health advocacy. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for women in the United States, responsible for 1 in 5 female deaths. Nearly 45% of women aged 20 or older live with cardiovascular disease, yet only about 56% recognize it as their greatest health threat. These statistics underscore the importance of education, awareness, and action. Advocacy for heart health matters because it shapes the future of healthcare for all women—especially Black women, who face disproportionately higher rates of

heart disease. Advocacy goes beyond awareness; it drives systemic change, promotes health equity, and ensures women's voices are heard in policy and healthcare decisions. Your involvement can make a meaningful difference not only in individual lives, but across entire healthcare systems.

If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, visit <https://heartpowered.org/> to explore advocacy opportunities. You can also learn how advocacy shapes heart health by visiting <https://www.womenheart.org/advocacy-shapes-heart-health/>. Together, we can help create a future where every woman—regardless of race or background—has the knowledge, support, and resources to live a heart-healthy life.





## Education: LaJuana Roberts

Our committee met and are avidly involved in projects we love! Thank you, Tanya Morris, for doing an excellent job of organizing the **Bookmobile Project!** Sign up to support this project. The children's excitement will warm your heart.

Kathy Mattox will need a representative from each CSP in March/April to determine our **Scholarship** winners.

**February is Career and Technical Education Month**, and we will be contacting Gwinnett Tech regarding their scholarships.

Doris Mann is revisiting our **Dictionary Grants** in preparation for ordering dictionaries later this year.

February is **Library Lovers Month** – Please **record time** spent in visits to your library under Education and Libraries each month.

Join our Book Club and read a wonderful new book each month. Whether you are a Book Club member or not, keep track of

the hours you are involved in literature, whether book, Kindle, or Audible.

Mark **February 17<sup>th</sup>** as a day to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness.

Reports are done, and I wanted to share some information from GFWC to show what each of us adds to make incredible information about how we improved our communities. Here are the compilations of 2024 **Education and Libraries** data from each GFWC club, including the Lilburn WC. So, you see that every minute you spent and every dollar and donation you gave really adds up to how **women can make an impact**. Don't forget to keep up with all the time, dollars, and in-kind donations you make. Can't wait to see the 2025 data next year.

Projects-7,675  
Volunteer Hours – 493,104  
Dollars Donated - \$4,841,683  
In Kind Donations- \$1,226,885



### Donation Reminders

**The LWC collects the following items to help those in need. Bring items to club meeting.**

#### Art:

#### Civic Engagement & Outreach:

Soda Pop Tabs  
Fronts of used greeting cards & cancelled stamps (St. Jude)  
Treats for Troops — (cookies, candy, cards, magazines, toiletries,)  
Pajamas for Jambos

#### Education & Libraries:

Books for Little Free Library

#### Environment:

Pill bottles

#### Health & Wellness:

Articles for Brookside Store—lotions, socks, tissues



## Environment: Mandy McManus

Submitted By: Lori Bottens

### JOIN US FOR THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT. February 13-16, 2026

Each February since 1998, for four days the world comes together for the love of birds. In your own backyard you can participate in this important global event and it is so much fun. This is a partnership between Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society and Birds Canada. Whether you count one bird or hundreds participating is easy and fun. How to Participate. Participating is easy, fun to do **alone or with others**, and **can be done anywhere** you find birds.

**Step 1:** Decide where you will watch birds.

**Step 2:** Watch birds for **15 minutes or more, at least once over the four days**, February 13–16, 2026.

**Step 3:** Identify all the birds you **see or hear** within your 15 minutes or more and use the one of the for sharing your bird sightings: If you are a **beginning bird admirer and new to bird identification**, try using the [Merlin Bird ID app](#) to tell us what birds you are seeing or hearing.

[How to Participate – Great Backyard Bird Count](#)  
Here is the link with all the information you will need to participate and submit your count. Take a few minutes to look it over and you will see how easy it is. A great family project.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** On Feb 7 2026 Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful will hold their first Household Hazardous Waste Collection day of 2026. This year the event is at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Follow this link for more information and a list of what you can take. [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful](#)



## 2026 LILBURN WOMAN'S CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

### OFFICERS:

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CHAIRS:

**Arts & Culture** – Pam Montgomery  
**Civic Engagement & Outreach** – Amber Cannon  
**Domestic Violence** – Barbara Tiller  
**Education & Libraries** – LaJuana Roberts  
**Environment** – Mandy McManus  
**Health & Wellness** – Deborah Shields; Co-Chair – **Diane DeGaetano**

### SUPPORTING CHAIRS:

**Communications** – Andrea Brannen  
**Finance & Budget** – Adela Salame-Alfie  
**Historian** - TBD  
**Lilburn Daze** – Susan Allred  
**Little Free Library** – LaJuana Robert's  
**Newsletter** – Dianna Carson  
**Social** – Barbara Brennen  
**Sponsorship** – Wanda Staebell  
**Strategic Planning** - TBD  
**Taste of Lilburn** – Andrea Brannen, Chair; Kathy Mattox, Co-Chair

### 2026 MEETING DATES

**General Meetings:** (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month except January)

January 8 – Installation of Officers & New Member Elections  
 February 5  
 March 5  
 April 2  
 May 7 – Scholarship Awards & Reception  
 June – No Meeting  
 July – No Meeting  
 August 6  
 September 3  
 October 10- Lilburn Daze  
 November 5

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

(Two weeks before General Meeting)

January 22  
 February 19  
 March 19  
 April 23  
 May 21  
 June – No Meeting  
 July – No Meeting  
 August 20  
 September 17  
 October 22  
 November 19

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Taste of Lilburn – March 7 – Parkview High School  
 Lilburn Daze – October 10 – Lilburn City Park  
 Christmas Auction & Dinner - TBD

## SAVE THE DATE

GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club presents

# TASTE OF LILBURN

**March 7, 2026**

**4 PM - 7 PM**



Presenting Sponsor  **Piedmont**  
EASTSIDE

**PARKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

**CAFETERIA - 998 COLE ROAD, LILBURN**

Check out participating restaurants at [www.TasteofLilburn.org](http://www.TasteofLilburn.org)

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Check [www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html](http://www.lilburnwomansclub.org/Calendar.html) for updates.

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4 3PM Taste of Lilburn Mtg.	5 6-8PM LWC Gen.Mtg. at Mtn West Church	6	7 9AM Environment - Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Hazardous Waste Disposal
8	9	10	11 9:15 AM Bookmobile @ Head ES	12	13	14 
15 IPM President's Tea @ Kathy Shepherd's	16	17	18	19 7PM Executive BD Mtg	20 8:30 AM Bookmobile @ Arcado ES	21
22	23 7PM LWC Book Club	24	25	26	27	28

### Happy Birthday!

Feb. 3—Ginnie Childers  
 Feb. 18—Janet Daglis  
 Feb. 19—Dianna Carson

