

District-8 Report for GCNC Annual Meeting, May 17-18, 2026

What a wonderful gardening year we have had in District-8! In addition to a very successful Fall Meeting with 37 attendees and all the state officers, we had many exciting events which took place throughout our district. Anderson Creek Club led the way with a great kickoff meeting and increased membership to top 35! They also held several super craft sessions during their meetings. The word is the pinecone wreath was the most fun! They recently connected with Harnett County Extension, hosted a great speaker who offered extensive insight to their programs and club members toured their nearby historical property. Several members from that county joined the garden club. In addition, their club has started a youth program, participated in highway cleanup and <sup>working to establish</sup> established a memorial highway maker on Highway 87. Janelle Nesbit, our Vice Director, established a relationship with military officials at Ft. Bragg to accomplish this. Scotch Gardeners Garden Club held a very successful in-house auction, yielding almost \$300. Members brought gently-used items from their homes to bid on and the auctioneer was their very own club member, Carol Whitehead, a past GCNC District Director. This club was able to make a sizeable donation to the high school Horticulture program which they will continue to support next year. Scotch Gardeners also hosted a plant/flower "Share and Tell" session during which member brought something from their own garden to talk about. The pictures of this fun session were beautiful and will be shared at the local library! Our District Secretary, Tarrah Williams continues to support our district with beautiful event flyers and she assists Janelle with technology needs. We are proud to welcome back Carthage Garden Club with Nancy Phillips helping to re-establish that club. We will assist them with their kick-off meeting in September and give them support throughout the year with ideas for membership retention and programming. Go Nancy! Sheila, and Janelle represented the district by attending the SER (Southeastern Regional) convention in Parkersburg, West Virginia in March. What a great time they had attending interesting workshops and enjoying the company of other areas at luncheons and dinner banquets at the beautiful, historical Blennerhassett Hotel! Janelle also attended the national garden club convention in St. Louis, Missouri. We hope each of the GCNC <sup>members</sup> have enjoyed as much activity and fun as we have had and we wish you great success as we look forward to another year. Happy gardening, everyone!

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