



Report from District 4
September 5, 2026

The clubs in District 4 take a break from meetings at the end of May and resume meetings in September.

All new presidents in the district were invited to attend a (new) presidents meeting on September 3. The Garden Club Council (GCC) President and advisory board members as well as the Director and Vice Director for District were present. The presentation included the committee structure of GCC and the planned activities and programs. GCNC District Director and Vice Director covered the dates reports are due, new presidents tool kit, upcoming district meeting, schools scheduled at J.C. Raulston Arboretum and how District 4 relates to other districts. The chairperson for judging D4 yearbooks was announced and the clubs were advised the yearbooks are to be sent to her by October 1.

The presentation was sent to all presidents in the district. The distribution of the presentation provided a complete briefing to all clubs.

The Carolina Classic Fair is scheduled for Oct 2-11. The flower shows at the Carolina Classic Fair showcases the beauty and artistry of flowers grown and arranged by local gardeners. Clubs in District 4 have been sent entry forms and encouraged to participate. Volunteers have been solicited from the district to be judges and clerks.

Flower Lore Garden club will celebrate their 70th year anniversary with a luncheon at a local restaurant in September.

There are a number of worthwhile projects in District 4. This report highlights one.

**OLD SALEM GARDEN CLUB'S COMMITMENT
TO
CROSSNORE (FKA THE CHILDREN'S HOME)**

Thirteen years ago Old Salem Garden Club agreed to establish and maintain a garden area beside the Crossnore Chapel for use by the residents, students and staff at Crossnore (formerly

The Children's Home). This area is referred to as the Meditation Garden. Since that time the garden has been a "safe haven" for teacher/student counseling sessions, a play area for the young residents and simply a quiet refuge.

As Crossnore has grown and developed over the years – with the addition of the Anderson Academy, the Jim and Betty Holmes Food Bank Garden and the wonderful barnyard area with a multitude of animals – the Old Salem Garden Club has renewed our commitment to Crossnore by implementing an outdoor classroom in the barnyard area. This covered area will provide opportunities for motivational, educational and recreational experiences for the Crossnore/Anderson Academy students, residents and staff. Once completed with landscaping, this area will provide another lovely area for higher learning and contemplation within the Crossnore community.

Respectfully submitted by:

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