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Sending this to you for District 8.
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GCNC District 8 Report

This year, District 8 Garden Clubs have been 'busy as bees' and we are indeed very proud of our accomplishments. We have enjoyed interesting program presentations conducted by horticulture specialists from local extensions and master gardening experts. These visits have yielded us with great information on various flowers, soil testing, caring for native plants, fertilizing and seasonal growing methods. An excellent speaker from the Harnett County Extension Office introduced us to farming techniques and efforts to save historical property which some of the club members in that area were able to visit.

Some of our clubs have established youth clubs or groups and have made regular visits to the schools to keep them active. Anderson Creek youth presented a great interactive skit with props at a recent meeting. The Overhills High School horticulture instructor gave a brief overview of their program and activities. They also participated in highway cleanup and will assist the garden club with the installation of a Blue Star Highway Marker. Janelle, Club President and District Vice Director stated that a date will be announced soon. Scotland High School Horticulture students have spent

time cleaning and organizing their greenhouses and yard spaces. They also received donations of several useful items to help them with projects. Scotch Gardeners Club participated in this effort by collecting containers and watering cans during their meeting. We are still working on recruiting new club members, youth and establishing new clubs within our district.

We're proud to welcome back Carthage Garden Club! Sheila, our District Director will attend their first meeting on September 15 and present program along with information and updates from the GCNC office. These ladies are excited to be rejoining GCNC and our active clubs.

District 8 will host their Fall Meeting on Thursday, October 1st at Anderson Creek, Spring Lake. Registration will be on Jotform or regular mail. Postcards for 'Save the Date' were mailed out. A special thanks goes out to Tarrah for preparing the beautiful postcards and flyer. She and Janelle for their excellent technology skills. Please check email for more information and registration. Again, we are proud of the work each club does to spread the good word and excitement about GCNC in our communities.

Sheila Swift-District 8 Director
Janelle Nesbit-District Vice Director
Tarrah Williams-District Secretary