

# GCNC District 10 Annual Club Report 2025/2026

Good Morning Everyone,

District 10 has had an outstanding year, and our clubs continue to grow, serve, and flourish throughout our communities.

We were delighted to welcome a new club this year, the Triangle Gardeners Guild in Knightdale. President Evelyn Stone had planned to attend today but recently injured her shoulder. We are happy to have other members of the club with us today.

Our clubs have celebrated many accomplishments this year. Two Green Thumbs Garden Club marked its 25th Anniversary and continues to support ten gardens throughout Knightdale while promoting native plants, sustainable gardening, and community beautification efforts with local schools, businesses, and town officials. TCT sent \$1,000 to Lake Lure to help reestablish their gardens, this was 25% of their annual income.

Steel Magnolias Garden Club held its most successful plant sale ever, serving more than 300 customers despite the rain. Their partnership with Zebulon Parks and Recreation allowed the event to move indoors, and the proceeds will help expand their scholarship program next year.

Fuquay-Varina Garden Club received a community involvement award and donation from Raleigh Wealth Solutions, helping fund horticulture scholarships for local students. They also sponsored educational programs highlighting rare trees and the accomplishments of J.C. Raulston and held a very successful plant sale of their own, with proceeds supporting continuing local community projects.

The Raleigh Garden Club completed its 100th Anniversary celebration with a reception at the City of Raleigh Museum and continues work on its anniversary civic project at the historic Raleigh Rose Garden. In addition, their recent plant sale was highly successful, with funds designated to support ongoing local projects and initiatives. Also, RGC along with TGT continue to work on the Martha Frank gardens as reported earlier.

The Cary Garden Club has focused on renewing membership, increasing community awareness, and strengthening leadership. Their annual Signature Auction raised over \$7,300 to support future projects and outreach.

District 10 is vibrant, growing, and committed to gardening, education, conservation, and community service.

Respectively Submitted By:

Marie Martin, GCNC District 10 Director

District 10 is doing extremely well this past year

Info received from the clubs.

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Two Green Thumbs Garden Club just celebrated our 25th anniversary. We support 10 distinct gardens in Knightdale, and we are proud of our newly-launched TGT website. We are a vibrant club, our membership is growing, and we are exploring new ways to connect with the community. Our recent Earth Day Celebration featured a successful cooperative beautification effort between our club, local schools, local businesses, and town officials. We are promoting native plants and sustainable gardening - watch us grow!

Steel Magnolias had its most successful Plant Sale ever on May 2. Despite the rain we served over 300 customers. By partnering with Zebulon Parks and Recreation we were able to relocate inside the Towne Hall. The success of this sale will enable us to increase the number of Scholarships we can award next year. This year we presented Ms. Myra Beasley of Johnston County with a \$1000 scholarship.

Here are the FV Garden Club highlights.

In December we received an award from Raleigh Wealth Solutions for community involvement and received a significant donation that will help fund our scholarships for FV High School and Willow Spring High School graduating seniors who will pursue higher education in a horticultural related field. We also had a Walk Among the Trees in April learning about rare and unusual trees led by Leaf and Limb and in May we have Bobby Ward giving a presentation on the life and accomplishments of JC Raulston. Applications for the scholarship have been received and two scholarships will be awarded shortly.

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The Raleigh Garden Club, in addition to our many member-driven events, completed the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a reception at the City of Raleigh Museum in March. Construction on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Civic Project, a shade garden at the historic Raleigh Rose Garden, is ongoing and should be finished this fall. A time capsule of RGC artifacts will be buried on the property of the Isabel Bowen Henderson house in Raleigh, to be opened in 2050.

Beginning in 2026 Cary Garden Club's focus has been on renewing our Membership, increasing our community awareness and reshaping our Board and Committees. Our significant end of year earnings from our Signature Auction raised \$7,300 and with that we strive to continue and grow our efforts and make a difference. Watch us Blossom!