

District II Report for GCA Annual Convention

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I am very proud of all the clubs in District II. They continue to enrich their communities year after year. I would like to share with you a few updates.

Amaryllis hosted our Fall 2023 meeting and did an exceptional job! They have several recurring activities: The Bird and Butterfly Garden located in downtown Oneonta entertains visitors all year long with beautiful decorations and flowers changed seasonally. They teamed with the Rose garden club to decorate the Amelia Porter building at Palisades Park for Christmas. Additionally, they developed and maintain the Champion Mine and Rail historical marker, delivered poinsettias to the local nursing homes, and are planning to clean out and replant the flower beds around the Amelia Porter building.

Cherokee Rose Club maintains a bird sanctuary at Ethyl Morrison Park outside the county library. They hosted two flower shows for their district, donated canned goods to a local food pantry, participated in Every Light a Prayer for Peace, planted 32 trees participating in Arbor Day. They decorated a Christmas tree at the Cherokee History Museum and donated stuffed animals to the Cedar Bluff Police Department. They maintain 4 parks as an ongoing project.

Colony held their annual Holiday luncheon, participated in the Tablescapes competition which is a fundraising event for Guntersville Ladies Civitan, sold ferns as a club fundraiser, and participated in the city of Guntersville's Arbor Day. They also hosted an Open House for their 70th anniversary.

Greenlawn made Christmas bows for the greenery decorating the poles in downtown Albertville. made and delivered wreaths to the local nursing home for the residents' room doors, and decorated McDonald's which is an annual fundraiser. They held their annual fern sale to raise money for scholarships presented to two Albertville High School students. They maintain Katheryn's Garden at the library on a continuing basis.

Rainsville prepared a wide variety of programs for their members to include: painting toad houses, how to prepare an entry for a flower show, history and growing of pumpkins and designing cornucopias. They assisted in sponsoring a horticulture flower show "Tea in the Garden". They installed Christmas lights at the library and planted an oak tree for Arbor Day. Their big event which funds their Christmas Children project was the annual Jason Powell horticultural event day. Club members planted 14 trees this year.

Rhododendron welcomed 6 new members this year. They participated in Mentone's yearly litter campaign, established a new garden at Moon Lake Village, participated in the annual "Follow Your Art" event, submitted monthly articles for the Groundhog newspaper, published a pamphlet identifying wildflowers that should not be destroyed while clearing properties, planted and maintained flowers at the Mentone Post Office, and provided lunch twice a year for senior citizens with a give-a-way at the end of the table arrangements they made.

Rose Garden Club maintains a flower garden at the Oneonta Senior Center and a flower bed at the Railroad Historical building. They participated in Every Light a Prayer for Peace and are in the process of creating a small garden to supply vegetables for donation to neighbors who need help with food.

Scottsboro Garden Club supports the community all year long with monthly projects of "Garden Therapy" to nursing homes by creating and delivering flower arrangements to the rooms and recognizing residents with "Yard of the Month" awards. We also decorate the Scottsboro Jackson Heritage Center every year for Christmas. The current project is reclaiming a neglected garden at a local assisted living residence to create a "sensory" garden for the enjoyment of the seniors. They have had a busy year filled with programs, speakers and field trips.

Respectfully Submitted,
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