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DISTRICT 1 NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK PARTICIPATION



Clubs across District 1
celebrated National Garden Week
with creativity, community
and pride!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GARNIER BEACH CLUB

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Fort Walton Beach Library
PROGRAM

ANNUALLY SPONSORED BY
**GARNIER BEACH
GARDEN CLUB**

Working together for a
cleaner, greener shoreline
and a stronger community.

Annual Flower Show Schedule Confirmed!

PENSACOLA INTERSTATE FAIR
FLOWER SHOW 2026
Celebrate America 250!

74th NGC Standard Flower Show
"Happy Birthday to U.S."
Start planting and planning

FALL FFGC DISTRICT 1 MEETING



Mark your calendar
for our Fall meeting.

UPDATE YOUR CLUB PAGE



Keep your information
current and visible for your
club and our community.

*Cultivating Friendship, Education,
and Environmental Stewardship
Across Northwest Florida*



Seeds of Inspiration

from Betty White



Hello Garden Friends, I hope you are having a wonderful summer full of family visits, especially grandkids, and great trips! The newsletter is full of pretty pictures, and Stacy has enhanced their enjoyment. Please keep sharing your information, so we may share with other clubs.

Did you know..... First cultivated in Japan, the **hydrangea** takes its name from the Greek words *hydro*, meaning water, and *angos*, meaning jar or vessel—a reference to the plant's need for **plenty of water**.

“Sharing Our Knowledge Plants the Seeds of Tomorrow”



Hydrangeas get their color from the soil, and each color has a different meaning.

- **Blue** - apology, gratitude and understanding;
- **Purple** - pride, royalty; **White** - vanity, purity and grace;
- **Pink** - romance, true feelings and sincere emotion.
- **White** - vanity, purity, grace

Look for this symbol throughout the issue!

When you see **this symbol**, click or tap it to



visit a website, send an email, view directions, register, or learn more.

Blue, underlined text is also a clickable link.

Mark your Calendars!

 Mark your calendar for the **District I's Fall Meeting! Tuesday, October 13, 2026**

 Mark your calendar for the **Annual Flower Show at the Fair – Entry Day is Wednesday, October 21, 2026**



Upcoming Buzz - Events, Deadlines & Opportunities



Fall FFGC DISTRICT 1 Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Harbeson Avenue
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Plan to join garden club members from across District 1 for a day of inspiration, information and friendship!

CALL FOR REGISTRATION COMING IN LATE AUGUST
Watch for an email from Betty White for the registration and more program information.

HONORING OUR MEMBERS

MARJORIE STONE
Army WW2 – Member of PickNPoke PFGC

Marjorie Stone. Age 103. Served in the Army in World War Two.

Highlighting one, our oldest and a newer members of PFGC, of many military service members that will be honored at this meeting.

Sponsored by **Destin Garden Club**

CREATE • CONNECT • GROW

Strengthening our clubs and communities through gardening, education and service.

DISTRICT 1

We can't wait to see you in Fort Walton!

FOUR COUNTIES • ONE DISTRICT • MANY FRIENDS • LASTING IMPACT

Mark your calendar for the District 1's Fall Meeting!

Anne Collins and her committee have planned a great program focusing on America 250.— look for more information from me to come out in late August.. Thank you **Destin Garden Club** for hosting the meeting this fall!



PENSACOLA INTERSTATE FAIR

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6655 Mobile Highway • Pensacola, Florida

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026!

- Horticulture has been reorganized into **five new sections**
 - Annuals • Perennials • Shrubs • Trees
 - **NEW Combination Plantings section**
- Hanging baskets are now judged within container-grown classes
- NEW** High School Youth Horticulture Division
- Streamlined Botanical Arts Competition**
Horticulture and Artistic Crafts (No Botanical Arts Design Division)
- Easy Sunday pickup**
Designs, container plants, and awards
November 1 • 8:00–10:00 a.m.

ENTER YOUR BEST
Flowers, Plants & Garden Creations!

ENTRY DAY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
7:00 – 10:30 a.m.

JUDGING BEGINS
1:00 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Beginning
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
4:00 p.m.
when the Pensacola Interstate Fair opens

The Flower Show remains open throughout the Fair **October 22–31** with Fair admission.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE!
Whether you grow:

- ROSES
- FLOWERS
- FOLIAGE PLANTS
- CONTAINER GARDENS
- TREES & SHRUBS
- FRUITS & VEGETABLES
- COMBINATION PLANTINGS

...there's a class for you! Open to all amateur gardeners and designers.

Sponsored by
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and
PENSACOLA INTERSTATE FAIR, INC.

SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES, HORTICULTURE AND DESIGNS, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:00–10:30 a.m.

 **Mark your calendar for the Annual Flower Show at the Interstate Fair in Pensacola!** Its time to get growing so you can be prepared to enter candidates into the show. Many wanted changes have been implemented so check out the [details here](#).



In Bloom Across District 1-

Focusing on America 250, National Garden Week, and summer activities.

For National Garden Week, **Garnier Beach Garden Club** had activities at the **Fort Walton Beach Library** which the club sponsors annually.

Programs were developed in support of our mission and offered a different hands-on activity each day.

Children learned how dyed water travels through white carnations, baby's breath, and daisies. They painted cherry blossoms, wrote haiku, listened to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and made caterpillar necklaces from dyed pasta.

Other activities included planting flower and vegetable seeds, learning about the limited amount of drinkable water on Earth, and a recycling presentation by Kali from Waste Management about proper recycling in Okaloosa County. We hope you enjoy the pictures!



Teaching technique to dye flowers

Five Blue Star Memorials Erected



Garnier Beach Garden Club has also erected five Blue Star Memorial Markers honoring members of the United States Armed Forces—past, present, and future.

Joanne David



THE BUSY BEE

The **Pick N Poke Circle** celebrated National Garden Week by giving each member a flowerpot, red, white and blue seed packets and an American flag to plant and nurture. Members will share seeds with others and, at their next meeting, exchange photographs of their patriotic flowers celebrating America's 250th birthday.



Pictured: monarch butterfly caterpillars..

Also featured are these beautiful monarch butterfly caterpillars from the garden of **Janet Hays**, President of **Destin Garden Club**. Thank you for sharing them, Janet!

At the May District meeting, **Deanna Gordon**, President of **Pineglades Garden Circle**, received one of the seed pots being offered. She was delighted when this beautiful orange cosmos bloomed among the zinnias she plants each summer. She completed the arrangement with a bloom from her deep pink yarrow. Beautiful –thank you for sharing, Deanna!



Rooted in Service: Oleander Circle's Military Heritage

As we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, it is fitting to recognize the spouses and families whose encouragement has helped our garden clubs grow and thrive.

Oleander Circle of the **Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs** has especially strong ties to our military community. The circle was originally organized as an officers' wives garden club, and many of its members have been military spouses or leaders in officers' and NCO spouses' organizations. Their experience in service, leadership, and community involvement helped establish a strong foundation that continues to benefit Oleander Circle today.

As we reflect on our nation's history, let us also express our appreciation to the spouses, families, and loved ones who have supported our members and their garden club endeavors through the years.

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[Elaine Watley](#) of **Garnier Beach Garden Club** passed away last week. She was a special member to all.



[Gail Pizar](#) of **Green Thumb Garden Club, Inc.** passed away recently; her Celebration of Life was held last week.

We shall remember these ladies with fondness; may they rest in peace.





Update Your Club's Web Page

Let's Get Found!



Did you know that every District I garden club has its own dedicated page on the Northwest Florida Garden Clubs website?

Most people today discover local garden clubs through internet searches. If we want to grow our membership, we need current, inviting information and exciting program highlights that make visitors want to join us.

Your Club Page Should Include:



A WARM INTRODUCTION
to your club and what makes it special



**MEETING LOCATION,
DAY, AND TIME**



CLEAR CONTACT INFORMATION
for membership inquiries or program interest



AN UP-TO-DATE LIST
of upcoming programs and meeting dates

The Good News

Your club's page already exists—it simply needs a fresh look and updated information.

THIS IS YOUR PAGE,
*and your club controls
the content!*



Ready to Refresh Your Page?

Visit:

gardenclubsnwfl.com/local-clubs/

Use the drop-down menu to find your club's page.

Then email your updates to website administrator

Jill Cleaver at **Jill.cleaver@earthlink.net**



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Let's start our garden club year with a bang!



Parting Petals

Some final thoughts from Betty.

Wishing you
Butterfly Mornings
and
Wildflower Afternoons

"Butterfly Mornings and Wildflower Afternoons".....what a beautiful thought and is a "poetic, romantic phrase that evokes a carefree, peaceful and joyful life closely connected to nature." It symbolizes new beginnings, lightness and gentle grace....nature freedom, vibrant life and a sense of peace.

We will be celebrating America 250 at our District meeting in October. It is a time to celebrate our nation and our military, past and present. With FIFA, we have had a resurgence of patriotism, particularly with many of our neighbors across the sea, witnessing the greatness of the USA. Patriotism is alive and well.

We thank and honor our military men and women and those who have supported them. **Freedom Rings!**

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