

# X District NEWS

May 2025 : V.3

Last month, the Community Garden Club of Liberty graciously hosted the District X April Luncheon at the Erie Trackside Manor in Port Jervis. Jeanne Nelson, District X Director (1979-1981 & 1985-1987), installed the new 2025-2027 Executive Board before lunch. The turnout was small but members gathered from around the district to enjoy friends, the plentiful food, raffle baskets (which there were many) and an excellent speaker. Caroline Summers' program was on the use of native plants in gardens and the advantages for pollinators as well as for us. Awards were given out to clubs for yearbooks. The winner of the DX Beautification Grant was Cornwall Garden Club! (click [here](#) and use the password - member)

Thank you again to the Community Garden Club of Liberty for a fabulous day!



Community Garden Club of Liberty Members



Carolyn Summers & Judy Brennan



Just one of the raffle tables!



*Jeanne Nelson, Debbie Morris & Betty Jessup*



*Warwick Garden Club*



*Cornwall Garden Club*

← *DX 2025 Beautification Grant Recipients* ↑



*Garden Lovers' Club - Middletown*



*Pinebush & Clarkstown Garden Clubs*



*District X Past Directors (l-r)*

*Debbie Morris, Jeanne Nelson, Ann Bloom*

*Diane Shliphack, Carol Commando, Jane Madis*



*Incoming Presidents and Co Presidents  
from District X*



*Betty Jessup, Director*

*Jane Madis, Recording Sec*

*Arlene DeSocio, Treasurer*

*Adriane Dillard, Corr Sec*

*Sue Trager, Ass't Director*

***District X Executive Board 2025-2027***

## Upcoming Plant Sales in DX

Cornwall Garden Club: Town Hall Grounds Cornwall, NY

May 10 - Saturday 8:30-12:00 noon

CGC of Liberty: Plant & Bake Sale Liberty Trading Post, Liberty, NY

June 21 - Saturday 9 am



### DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT.....CUCUMBERS?

Cucumbers are a great healthy snack loaded with Vitamins B1, B2, B3, B5, B6 as well as Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc. But did you know....

- Health: They provide a quick pick me up that can last for hours, can reduce snacking urges and eating them before bedtime can replenish essential nutrients
- Beauty: Physiochemicals in cucumbers cause Collagen to tighten and have been used on cellulite and wrinkles. Or cut up an entire cucumber and put in a pot of boiling water - the cucumber chemicals and nutrients will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam creating a soothing and relaxing aroma.
- Household: Use a slice to remove tarnish and clean faucets, sinks or stainless steel, or use to stop a squeaky hinge, polish your shoes or try it on a bathroom mirror that has fogged up.
- Gardening: Keep grubs and slugs away. Place slices in a pie tin and the cucumber chemicals react with the aluminum to give off a scent that drives garden pests away and it's undetectable to humans.



Save the Date      July 8      DX Board Meeting      July 8      Save the date



**“Bee the Change”**  
**June 1-4, 2025**

**CROWNE PLAZA ALBANY - THE DESMOND HOTEL**  
**660 Albany Shaker Road**  
**Albany, New York, 12211**



**Registration available [here](#)**

**May 15, 2025 Final day for Convention Registration**



## **What is the role of a District Director?**

- Vision and Mission:**

The director would likely outline their vision for the club's future and reiterate the club's core mission, such as promoting gardening, floral design, and environmental responsibility.

- Goals and Priorities:**

The message could identify specific goals for the term, such as increasing membership, improving community outreach, or focusing on specific environmental initiatives.

- Community Involvement:**

The message might emphasize the club's commitment to the community, highlighting projects that benefit the local area and foster a sense of belonging.

- Education and Learning:**

The director could emphasize the importance of continuing education and skill-building opportunities for members, such as workshops, seminars, or educational tours.

## From District X Director, Betty Jessup

Dear members of District X Garden Clubs,



It is with great enthusiasm that I step into the role of District Director. I am honored to be a part of this great organization. We are fortunate to have such a strong foundation to build upon. I believe in fostering a sense of community within the district. My theme for 2025-2027 is Communication and Education. I encourage you to participate in events, sharing your gardening experiences and actively contributing to the growth and success of our organization. Providing information about your club and upcoming events should be sent for the District X Newsletter. [The National Garden Club](#) and [CAR-SGC](#) provide links to educational programs to promote gardening, floral design, and environmental responsibilities. Educational tours are encouraged and promoted by District X.

I am looking forward to working with a great executive board. Assistant Director, Sue Trager has many roles. She is the creator and manager of our District X website, publisher of the District X Newsletter and she is also a Flower Show Judge. Our treasurer, Arlene DeSoccio, has served the district in many roles and past FGCNYS treasurer. Our Recording Secretary, Jane Madis, has also served the district in the past in multiple roles as well as on the FGCNYS Executive Board as well as being a Flower Show Judge. Welcome our new Corresponding Secretary, Adriane Dillard from Garden Lovers' Club of Middletown.

I look forward to meeting with your clubs and embarking on this journey together.

*Betty*

**Please be part of our DX Newsletter!**

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Our next newsletter is scheduled for July 2025



*Our own Jane Madis, won the Designers Choice Award and Award of Design Excellence, the two top awards in the Design Division, at the Chappaqua Flower Show "Spring Awakening on the Greeley Farm" with her Cascade Design "First Blooms". Congratulations Jane!*

*Upcoming Flower Shows:*

*Briarcliff Manor  
Germantown*

*June 14  
August 23*