



**2018**

**New Mexico Garden Clubs  
PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS**

**BIRD**

**BUTTERFLY**

**HORTICULTURE**

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**LANDSCAPE**

**WILDLIFE**



**This booklet includes ALL of the entries for the 2018 Photographic Print of the Year. Each entry was submitted in one of 6 available categories—Bird, Butterfly, Horticulture, Insect, Landscape or Wildlife. Every individual photographer was allowed one entry in each category. The award was judged by a panel of professional photographers outside the world of garden club.**

**Many photographs are entered with imaginative titles and with interesting, and sometimes educational, descriptions. Where those were included, I have added them.....in the photographer's words.**

**Debra Sorrell**

**Photography Award Chairman**

**NMGC**  
**2018**  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR**

**“Ravenous Hunter”**

**Page Steed**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**Ladybug Larvae on Chamomile**

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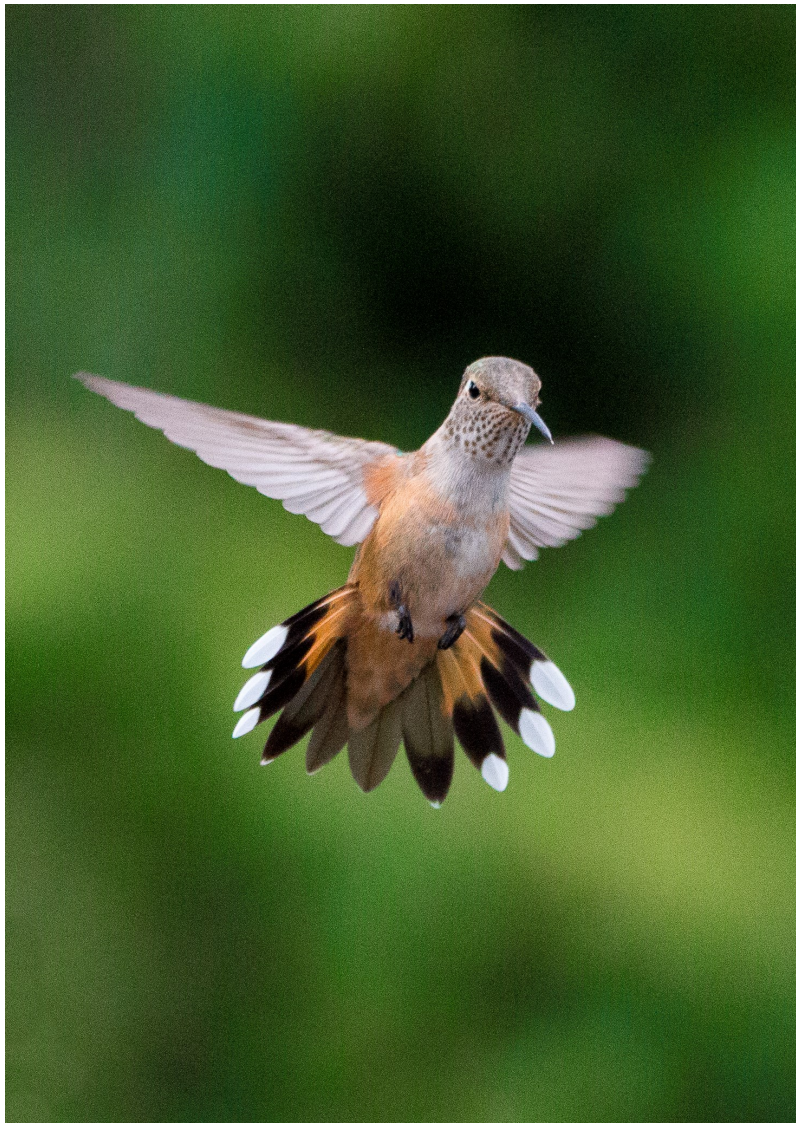
# **BIRD**

**1st Place**

**“Mid-Flight”**

**Page Steed**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**Broad Tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*)**

These delightful, delicate creatures grace us with their presence during the summer, exiting in the fall to head south to the more hospitable temperatures of Mexico and Guatemala. We eagerly anticipate their return each spring and enjoy their humming, darting and buzzing about throughout the summer months.

What does it take to get a shot like this? Patience.....TONS of patience! Capturing this delicate female broad-tailed hummingbird in mid-flight required days of quiet observation and diligence. Totally worth the effort!



## 2nd Place

“Turkey on the Make”

Wild Tom Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

I have so many pictures of wild turkeys which I have taken, uploaded to the computer and then deleted. Good pictures of wild turkeys but boring pictures of turkeys. They are so perfectly camouflaged to their habitat or dashing off to hide in the undergrowth. But a spring snow turned the habitat white and the turkeys had other things on their minds. So I tried yet again to get the definitive turkey photograph. And got it. His bright mating colors against the white background was worth the effort.



## 3rd Place

“Pygmy Nuthatch” *Sitta pygmaea*

Susan Stokes

Angel Fire Garden Club

A full time resident in Angel Fire, New Mexico, the Pygmy Nuthatches are itty bitty birds not more than four inches long, that live in the pine forests near my house. Moving from Texas into a new house in the mountains, right on the edge of Carson National Forest, I was excited to begin to learn about the birds here. One of the first visitors to my seed feeder were these precious little guys.

Being one of the first also meant being the first victim of our new 7 month old kitten. This photo was taken with my iPhone after rescuing it from our kitty that has since lost her privileges to be on the deck with the feeders. The little Nuthatch was stunned but after a brief rest on my fingers, went on its merry way.



**“A Bird in the Hand”**

**Shirley Tetreault**

**High Desert Design Club**

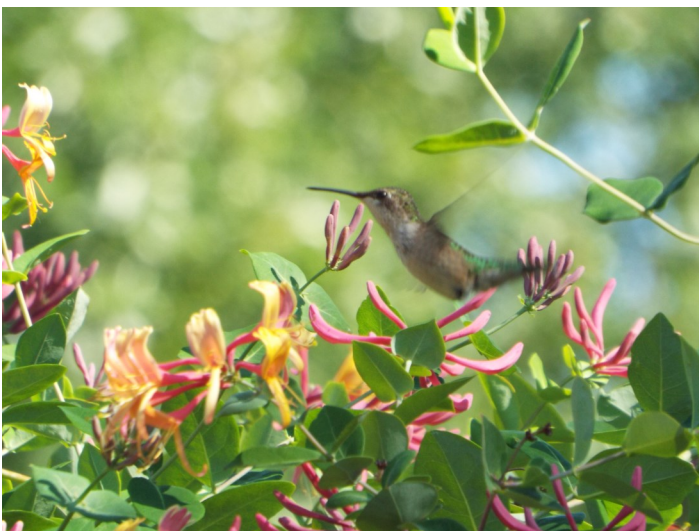


**“Amazing Acorn Woodpecker”**

**Selvi Viswanathan**

**Los Alamos Garden Club**

Acorn woodpeckers are residents in Los Alamos and one of the favorite birds. These birds rely on snags for nesting and food storage. A family of up to twenty adults and young select a couple of snags for their granaries. They make thousands of holes on the snag and then tightly wedge acorns and pinon nuts so others can't steal. When the acorns dry they move them to the smaller holes! It has a nickname, Clown bird, because of the way the eyes look.



**“Fluttering Flower Kisser”**

**Broad-Tailed Hummingbird**

**Diane Peterson**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

I am fascinated by these whimsical creatures. When I lived in Illinois I saw exactly one in the 59 years I lived there. In the Land of Enchantment, however, I have seen dozens and dozens of them. I am charmed by these tiny feathered Tinkerbells!

**“Winter Birds”**

**Sonia James**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**



**Linda S Hughes**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**“Hummer Watching!”**

**Ginny Longbotham**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**





**JJ Huddleston**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**This Paula Jane Fuchsia was covered with blooms this past summer so this Rufous Hummingbird spent a lot of time gathering its nectar.**

**“Life in the Fast Lane”  
Dianna Doddridge  
High Desert Design Club**





# BUTTERFLY

1st Place

“Showoff”

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club



Painted Lady Posed on Cone Flower

*Vanessa viiginiensis*

*echinaea paradoxa*

The mist below a cascade on Clear Creek in Cimarron Canyon seemed to seduce the butterflies into a state of euphoria. Normally flighty and hard to capture this Painted Lady lingered on the Cone flower as if I was not pointing my camera in its direction, stumbling over rocks to get closer and wiping the mist off my lens.

## 2nd Place

“Probing for Nectar”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

Swallowtail Butterfly (*Papilionidae*) on  
Lantana (*Lantana camera*)

Although we planted a wide variety of butterfly- and bee-attracting plants in our flower beds, this Swallowtail seemed to prefer the potted lantana/geranium mixes on our deck in Angel Fire, New Mexico.

This photograph only provides a partial glimpse of the full colorful splendor of its wings, but I loved the close-up view it reveals of the butterfly’s eyes and head, of the delicacy of its antennae, and of its proboscis tenderly probing for the sweet nectar of this lantana flower.



## 3rd Place

“Breathtaking Black Swallowtail”

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

This picture is very special personally. This picture captures the swallowtail laying eggs on the Rue herb plant in my mother’s memorial butterfly garden in our yard on my mother’s birthday, May 17<sup>th</sup> this year. I saw the eggs and the several stages of caterpillars; two survived out of 20. After 6 weeks two beautiful Black Swallowtails started coming to the same plant. I missed the chrysalis stage. This was a very thrilling experience for me.

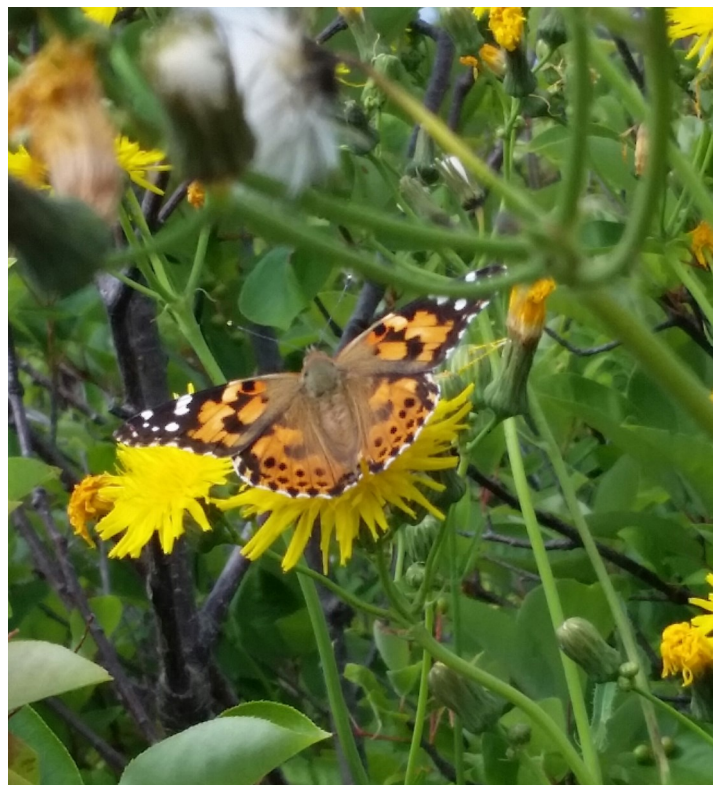




**Linda S. Hughes**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**“Painted Lady Butterfly in our front yard”**

**Penni Davey**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**“Butterfly Enjoying Life”**

**Sonia James**  
**Petal Pushers Garden Club**



# HORTICULTURE

1st Place

“Mushroom Snuggles”

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Angel Fire Garden Club



Fly agaric or Fly Amanita (*Amanita muscaria*)

Most mushrooms growing on the forest floor are intimately linked to trees by **symbiosis**. This association, called *mycorrhiza*, occurs between the root ends of a tree and the vegetative system of a mushroom. Mycorrhiza benefits both organisms: there is an exchange of nutrients, one providing to other what it cannot synthesize or extract from the soil itself. The mushroom helps the tree extract minerals and water from the soil; in exchange, the tree supplies the mushroom with sugar compounds (carbohydrates).

Following a particularly wet summer, hikes in the Carson National Forest revealed a lush growth of fall flowers, grasses, lichens, algae and fungi on the forest floor. This past September, we encountered an amazingly wide variety of mushrooms and toadstools on our hike to Middle Fork Lake. This particular grouping reminded me of a little mushroom family all snuggled together on the forest floor.

**2nd Place**

Jan Smith

Home Garden Club



**3rd Place**

“Stunning Lady”

Pat Ledford

Petal Pushers Garden Club



**Juanita Ortega**

**Floral Designers Garden Club**

This is a photograph of **Rosa 'Red Intuition'**. It is a red blend Hybrid Tea rose. This intensely colored rose is a festival of color. It has 31-39 petals which are clear red with darker red streaks, stripes and flecks. Each bloom is a standout and a masterpiece in the garden. Its blooms are approximately 5 inches in diameter and are borne mostly one to a stem with high-centered bloom form.

It is one of my more vigorous bushes in a south facing garden bed. It is a sport of the Hybrid Tea rose 'Bell Rouge', also known as 'Delego'. It was discovered by Guy Delbard in France in 1999 and introduced in France by Delbard/Georges Delbard SA in 2004.

**"Burst of Cactus"**  
**Dianna Doddridge**  
**High Desert Design Club**



**“Sticky Stuff”**

**Jacqui Binford-Bell**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**Bristlecone Pine Cone**

*Balfouriana*

A beautiful summer day on Surrey Ponds in the Valle Vidal and me with a new camera. What could be more perfect? An opportunity to find out why the Bristlecone Pine is named bristlecone?

In truth the cones seem no more bristly than other pine cones but they are definitely more sappy and sticky. And I made the mistake of touching one. No industrial cleaner on the picnic and new camera.

Solution was to glue a bit of napkin to the offending finger for the rest of the day.



**“Colorful Rocky Mountain Columbine”**

**Selvi A. Viswanathan**

**Los Alamos Garden Club**

*Aquilegia caerulea*

This Columbine has 2 to 3 inch flowers with 2 inch spurs, summer blooming, perennial, very attractive to humming birds, bees etc.

**Michael Turri**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

While walking the Ocate stream, I came across this cluster of yellow flowers in a unique mix of sun and shade.





**“Pop Out Poppy”**

**Sonia James**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**

***Dahlia* - Formal Decorative “ Sweet Thing”**

**Penni Davey**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**Shirley Tetreault**

**High Desert Design Club**

**Purple and White Iris blooming at the lake**





Linda S. Hughes  
Angel Fire Garden Club



Johnese Turri  
Angel Fire Garden Club

Just found this tomato too interesting  
to pass up.

“Yellow Roses and Purple Lisianthus”

Diane Peterson  
Angel Fire Garden Club

*Eustoma Grandiflorum*

These sweethearts caught my eye right  
away. The combination of the purple  
with the yellow roses looked like deli-  
cious candy ready for me to eat!



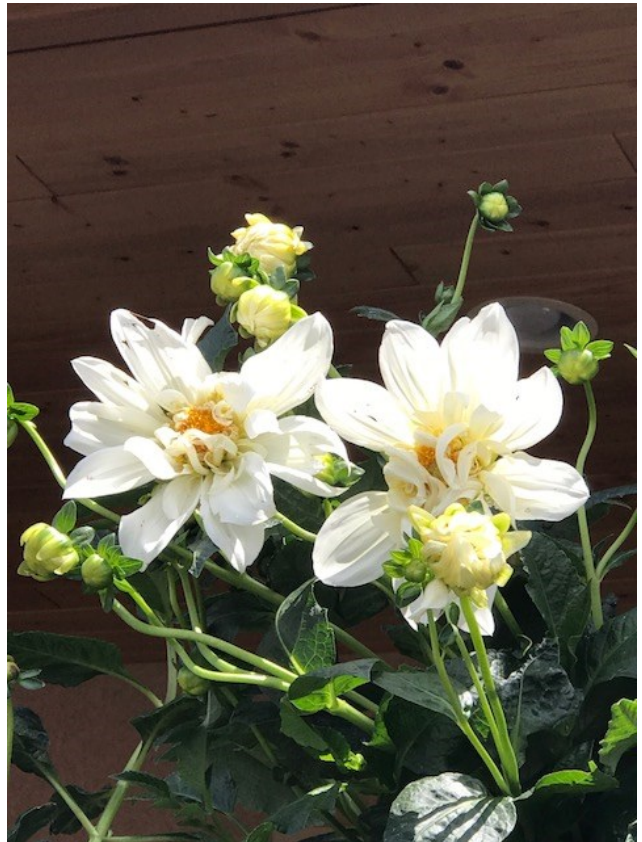


**JJ Huddleston**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

When I bought this Hollyhock (*Alcea rosea* L.) from the nursery a few years ago I don't think I knew what color it was. I'm more partial to pinks and purples so when yellow blooms appeared I was not too excited.

However, when I saw the sun shining on it one afternoon last August and how it just seemed to absorb the light, I had to take a picture and try to capture its beauty.



**"Dancing Dahlia"**

**Ginny Longbotham**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**



**"Drops of Loving Moisture On Rose"**

**Linda Rasley**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**

# INSECT

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“Ravenous Hunter”

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Ladybug Larvae on Chamomile

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## 2nd Place

“Wood Nymph Reflections“

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Small Wood Nymph on Cone Flower Leaf

*Cercyonis Pegala*

Not a colorful butterfly, the Small Wood Nymph gets overlooked often. I confess I snapped this photograph of the brown butterfly basically for identification purposes. This is a strategy I have used for birds and flowers I cannot immediately identify. Easier to see the details once it is loaded up on my desktop computer and enlarged, and where I can Google images to compare it with. Who knew there were so many brown butterflies? But I will never forget the Small Wood Nymph now. Such a good model. And accidentally a great composition.



## 3rd Place

“Thread Waisted Wasp”

(*Sphecidae* family)

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

This wasp is named for its long narrow abdomen giving the impression of a thin waist. It is native and uncommon.

**Jan Smith**  
**Home Garden Club**



**“Globemallow Leaf Beetle “**  
**Linda Maxwell**  
**El Jardin Encanto Garden Club**

**Dragon Fly in the Back yard**  
**Penni Davey**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**“Don't Let Time ‘Fly’ Away.....  
Stop and Smell the Roses”  
Diane Peterson  
Angel Fire Garden Club**



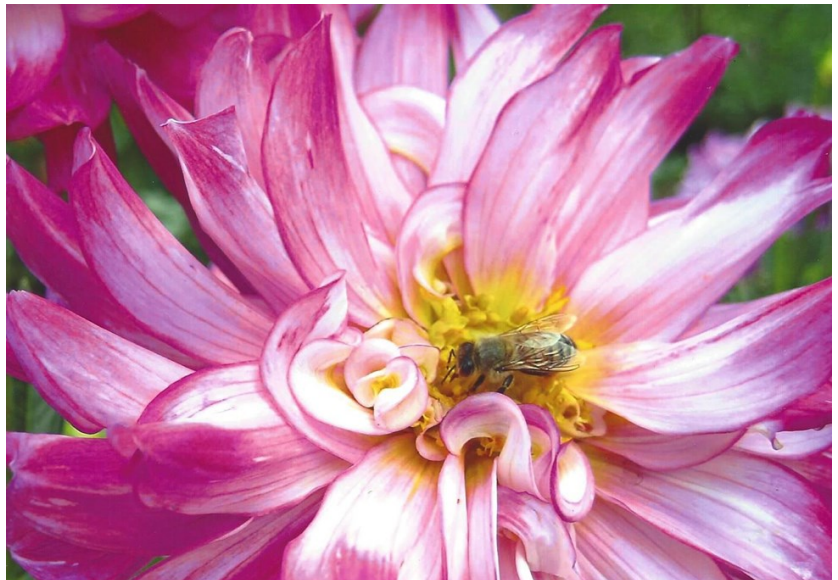
When I took this picture I didn't realize the fly was on the rose. However, I found it interesting he didn't take flight when I snapped the picture, proving that even this fly was finding pleasure with the rose.



**“Enjoying Artichoke Pollen!”  
Ginny Longbotham  
Petal Pushers Garden Club**

**Juanita Ortega  
Floral Designers Garden Club**

This is a photograph of a bee collecting pollen from the center of a colorful pink and white dahlia. It was taken on a visit to the home of one of our garden club members who grows hundreds of dahlias at her summer home in Taos, New Mexico. We all enjoyed the beautiful gardens, which are a summer habitat for many pollinators in the northern New Mexico area.



# **LANDSCAPE**

**1st Place**

**Michael Turri**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**



**A very ethereal, wide angle shot of a stand of aspens after a snow storm.**



## 2nd Place

“Wheeler Peak“

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Angel Fire Garden Club

Fall in the Carson National Forest provides seasonal displays of color, light, and a sublime representation of America’s purple mountain majesty. Wheeler Peak is New Mexico’s highest elevation mountain at 13,159 feet.

This view of Wheeler Peak was taken from its eastern face in October of 2017, during the peak of golden aspen color and following an early, crisp fall snow. Azure blue skies and shadows from the hovering clouds provide this photo with depth and striking appeal.

## 3rd Place

“Cowpen Daisies”

Barbara Thorne

Angel Fire Garden Club



In August this past year, my friend and my dog Charlie and I were walking the Sendero del Sol trail in Angel Fire, New Mexico, when we came across an immense field of “Cowpen Daisies” (*Verbesina enceloides*), back-dropped by the Wheeler wilderness.



**Juanita Ortega**

**Floral Designers Garden Club**

This is a photograph of Black Mesa. It is visibly darker than the surrounding area due to the volcanic soil and rock of which it is composed. It is a sacred mountain for the Native American people of the San Ildefonso Pueblo, which is located at the foot of this mesa, about 22 miles north of Santa Fe.



It played an important part in the great Pueblo Revolt of 1680. The San Ildefonso Pueblo people and other Tewa and Tano Native American groups climbed to the top of the Black Mesa and entrenched themselves there until 1694-1695. After nine months, they were starved into compliance by Spanish forces, led by General Diego de Vargas.



**“Good Morning America!”**

**Dianna Doddridge**

**High Desert Design Club**

**Jan Smith**  
**Home Garden Club**



**JJ Huddleston**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

Jarosa Creek meanders through our property south of Angel Fire. This past summer a profusion of wildflowers grew along the stream. Three of the wildflowers that can be seen are Cutleaf Coneflower (*Rudbeckia laciniate*), Monk's Hood (*Aconitum columbianum*), and White Checkermallow (*Sidalcea*).



**"Rainbow over Deer Trap Mesa"**  
**Selvi Viswanathan**

**Los Alamos Garden Club**

This rainbow is spanning the north side of Deer Trap Mesa, going west to east at noon. I usually see rainbows in east or west in the morning or afternoons and spanning north and south. But in December I saw and felt strange seeing this rainbow at noon on the north side. This is taken from my upstairs room.



**“Morning Mist”**

**Diane Peterson**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**I captured this beautiful picture at an early morning breakfast waaaaay up, atop Hidden Lake, at an altitude of 10,000 feet exactly. The beauty took my breath away that mid-July morning.....I felt totally blessed indeed.**

**“Backyard Landscape”**  
**Sonia James**  
**Petal Pushers Garden Club**



**“Dreaming of White Wisteria”**

**Ginny Longbotham**

**Petal Pushers Garden Club**



**Penni Davey**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**This Gargoyle sits in our front yard protecting all the little creatures that visit. At the end of the summer the Russian Sage graced her.**

**Linda S. Hughes**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**On March 2, 2017, I went for a 5 mile round trip snowshoe hike to Williams Lake, which is a far bit from mid-point to New Mexico's tallest peak—Wheeler Peak.**

**The tiny snowshoers trudging through the previous night's 3 foot snow dump and the jet contrail above are diminished by the majestic landscape of the mountain range.**



**Johnese Turri**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**This picture was taken just after the snow stopped right around sundown. The pinkish cast set the whole scene.**





**“El Vado Lake”**

**Shirley Tetreault**

**High Desert Design Club**

**“In Search of Pond Eleven”**

**Jacqui Binford-Bell**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**Stubblefield Reservoir**

**Outside Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge**



**I am a frequent visitor to the Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge outside Cimarron, New Mexico. As a mountain person I find the flat plains relaxing, and if I am lucky I get photographs of migratory birds and waterfowl. My first visit was during the drought and of the many lakes only one really had water: Lake Thirteen. Fourteen was mud puddle. This summer with the rains Lake Twelve began to refill. Maps I found on Google showed a Lake Eleven outside the refuge boundaries. And so began my search. Not easy on flat plains with few land marks. Haven't found Lake Eleven but I found Stubblefield Reservoir which was smooth as a mirror. Search for Lake Eleven continues and then Lake One to Ten.**

# WILDLIFE

1st Place

“Picnic Thief”

Jacqui Binford-Bell



Least Chipmunk of Northern New Mexico

*Tamias minimas*

I know not to feed the animals. But the chipmunks at Surrey Ponds in the Valle Vidal had strategies to get around that. They worked as a team diverting our attention and then dashing up on the picnic table and running off with some tidbit. We had dates that day which seemed to be a real favorite. And once they got their prize they never went far away before stopping and eating. This one always went to the old log. And my goal became to get a picture before he finished eating and returned to the effort to get more loot.



**2nd Place**

**“Winner”**

**Page Steed**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**Male Bighorn Sheep**

*(Ovis Canadensis)*

Native to North America, male Bighorn sheep can reach up to 150 pounds, their horns alone reaching up to 30 pounds. We encountered this massive male during rut season in the Arroyo Hondo near Taos, New Mexico. He was breathing hard, and judging by the cracked tips of his horns, snagged with twigs and grass, it appears that he had just engaged in combat with another ram over an estrous ewe in an attempt to establish his dominance.

By the gleam in his eye, I think he was the winner.

**3rd Place**

**Linda Maxwell**

**El Jardin Encanto Garden Club**

**Small box turtle hitching a ride on a  
large desert turtle.**





**JJ Huddleston**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

Last winter I noticed this elk herd along the country road a 1/2 mile or so from my house. It was so nice of them to stay and say “hello” when I stopped the car!

**“Read the Sign”**

**Shirley Tetreault**  
**High Desert Design Club**



**Michael Turri**  
**Angel Fire Garden Club**

This shot was taken at a long distance, thus causing compression of the whole scene. I never would have gotten the shot trying to get any closer as those elk would have taken off.





**Johnese Turri**

**Angel Fire Garden Club**

**Right as the snow started, these two came into my front yard looking for some dinner.**

**“Brave Brown Bear”  
Selvi Viswanathan  
Los Alamos Garden Club**



**On September 11th, this bear was hanging around in our area the whole day, from morning until evening, garbage day. I noticed at noon that the bear came to my back pond and took a bath for almost 20 minutes. I took this picture from upstairs and the bear was looking at me. This bear was taken and released later.**

**A big THANK YOU to all participating photographers!!!**

<b>Jacqui Binford-Bell</b>	<b>Angel Fire Garden Club</b>
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