



2018

**New Mexico Garden Clubs
PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS**

BIRD

BUTTERFLY

HORTICULTURE

INSECT

LANDSCAPE

WILDLIFE



Here we are again.....with Volume 2!!

This booklet includes ALL of the entries for the 2019 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. They were given only numbered photographs for each category.....no other information.

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 own words.

Debra Sorrell

Photography Award Chairman

NMGC
2018
PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR
Monarch Butterfly
Jacqui Binford-Bell
Angel Fire Garden Club



Danaus plexippus

I was lucky enough to capture this Monarch Butterfly with my camera while at the Albuquerque Botanical Garden. A few were just emerging from cocoons and were lazily drying their new wings.

BIRD

1st Place

Sandhill Crane on Snow

Bill Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club



It is taken at my backyard

2nd Place

Dark Eyed Junco

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

These little Dark Eyed Juncos come calling every morning. The background of the aspen trees and the light always make their antics and their songs wonderful to witness!



3rd Place

American Kestrel

Sue Ferguson

Morning Garden Club

This American Kestrel is living up to his nickname of “American Sparrow-Hawk”. I took the photo at the Spring River Park and Zoo in Roswell, NM on a cold January day.

4th Place

Wet Tiptoes

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Angel Fire Garden Club



Canada Goose Gosling

Branta Canadensis

Spring mornings are crisp and damp at 8850' elevation, and one might get their feet wet when tromping about early in the day. This fuzzy Canada goose gosling picked its way through the dew-laden grasses near Monte Verde Lake in New Mexico. These geese migrate into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains every spring to mate and raise their brood.

I don't think this gosling minded the dampness so much, as it was concentrating on keeping up with the rest of its family!



Hovering Hummer

Sue Wasson

Petal Pushers Garden Club



Taking Shelter

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Dark Eyed Junco

Junco Hyemalis

Winter hit suddenly and I tossed a dried mammoth sunflower on my bird feeder to see them through the storm. They not only plucked out the seeds but took shelter behind the huge seed head.

It was so cold the flakes of snow clung to their beaks.

Western Tanager Staring Back at Me

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club

The male western tanager lit on the deck railing awaiting his turn for the suet feeder. He watched me carefully to see if I was a threat.



Snow Geese

Millie Sigman

Socorro Garden Club

Snow geese at Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge



Northern Pygmy Owl

Carol Rupp

Angel Fire Garden Club

This adorable fluff ball, about six and one half inches high and just a little over two ounces, ran into a window and crash landed on the deck while chasing Chickadees, for a great photo-op. This is one of the smallest and rarely seen owls. It is diurnal and lacks the asymmetrical ear openings for nighttime hunting, and the facial disks for directing sound. They have false eye markings on the back of the head. After a brief time it flew off unharmed.

Rose Breasted Grosbeak

JJ Huddleston

Angel Fire Garden Club

This male Rose Breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) visited our birdfeeder for about one week the end of April. We have lived in our current home for over 11 years and this is the first time I've seen this species. He would be called a vagrant because the Rose Breasted Grosbeak breeds in the Northeastern United States and Western Canada then migrates along the Eastern United States to winter in Central and South America.



Tails Up!

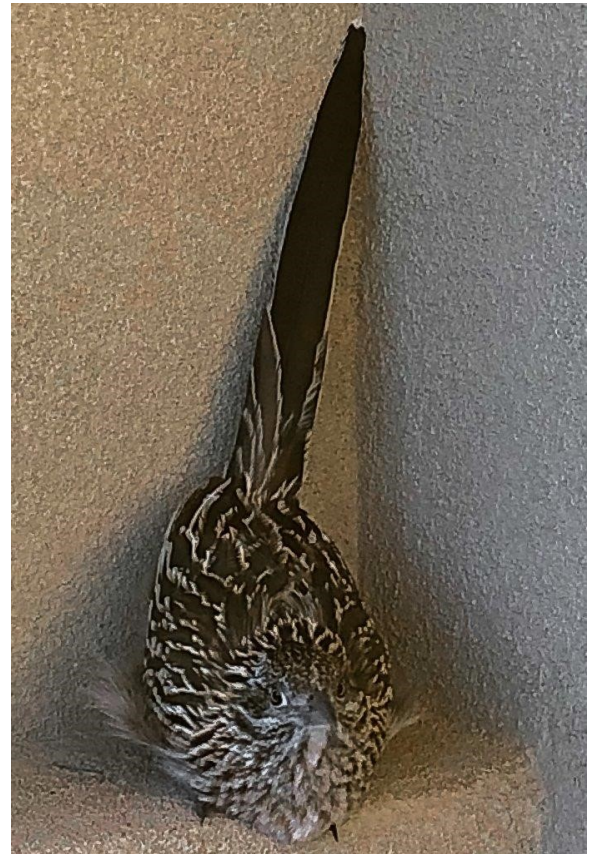
Connie Elkins

Angel Fire Garden Club

Greater Roadrunner

(*Geococcyx californianus*)

A roadrunner was hanging out across the street in my neighbor's yard and on the fence. I watched her for a week, then went over to the neighbor's home and discovered her in the wall niche next to the front door. She was basking in the sun in the niche and let me take her picture while she perched. She was so calm, just looked at me!



Williamson's Sapsucker

Selvi A. Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Both Male and Female Williamson's Sapsuckers visit our yard in fall. They look very different and they come to cherry and pinion trees. As the name indicates these birds to get dap and insects they come to the tree trunk and make holes in rows. They leave and then come back to get the insects and sap. They make several visits and are here for a week.

BUTTERFLY

1st Place

Monarch Butterfly

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club



Danaus plexippus

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2nd Place
Black Swallowtail on Zinnia
Jan Smith
Home Garden Club



3rd Place
Swallowtail on Red Zinnia
Bill Shen
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

4th Place

Monarch Thru Bubble

Sue Wasson

Petal Pushers Garden Club



Nokomis Fritillary

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club

The Nokomis Fritillary is slurping nectar from his thistle bloom, but all 6 blooms have a winged insect in attendance.

**Take a Little Nip from Every Flower
that You Sip**

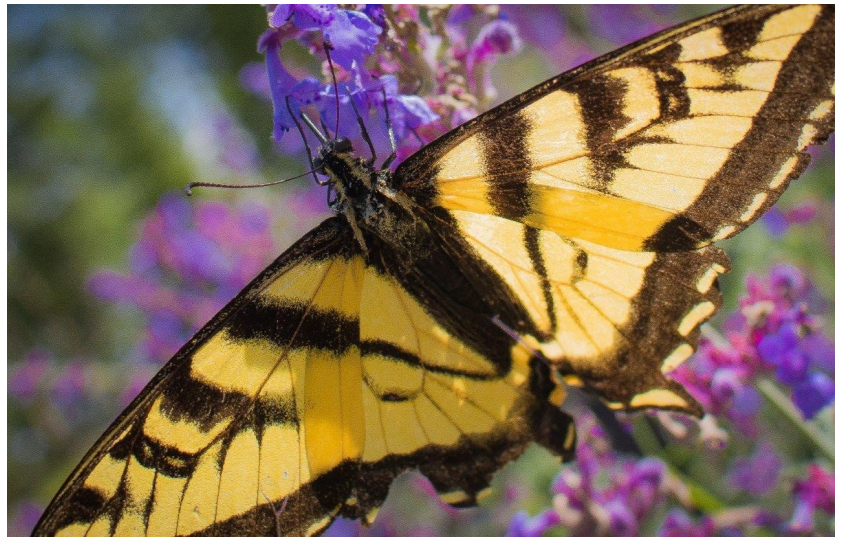
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Angel Fire Garden Club

Tiger Swallowtail butterfly

(*Papilio glaucus*)

This year's garden tour in Angel Fire boasted some magnificent homes and gardens, as well as the bonus of many species of butterflies flitting about. One garden in particular was filled with these tiger swallowtails... and I enjoyed watching them flitter and flutter from flower to flower!



Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

This Painted Lady Butterfly is also known as the thistle butterfly. I was very privileged to catch her on her namesake, a beautiful purple thistle. Taken in Angel Fire, NM.

Millie Sigman

Socorro Garden Club

Butterfly photograph Socorro
County, New Mexico





Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club

Monarch Butterfly
Selvi A. Viswanathan
Los Alamos Garden Club

Monarch Butterflies migrate through our yard during Fall. It is amazing how it takes three or four generations to reach their destination. It is delightful to capture these crown jewels in pictures.



Western Tiger Swallowtail
Cynthia Schafer
Lincoln County Garden Club



Western Tiger Swallowtail on butterfly bush. Photo taken in my back yard.

HORTICULTURE

1st Place

Downpour

Bill Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club



It is chrysanthemum of variety "Downpour"



2nd Place

The Queen of the Night

Eva Zhang

Summit Garden Club

“The Queen of the Night”, the Epiphyllum, only blooms at night and the whole process lasts about 3 to 5 hours. I joined my friends, stayed up late and enjoyed the opening of this extraordinary cactus.

3rd Place

Dandelion

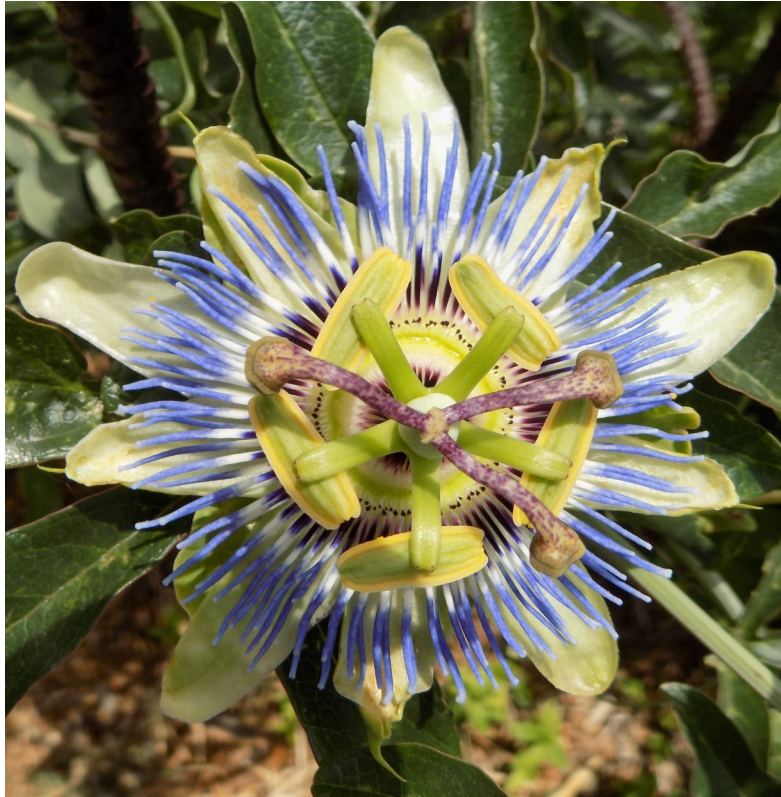
Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

The detail of the dandelion is fascinating! It is a beautiful flower and notorious garden weed. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!



4th Place
Passiflora
Sue Ferguson
Morning Garden Club



The start for this beautiful plant was a gift from our Re-Cycling Chairman. The vine flowered profusely from summer until frost, and the fragrance of the blossoms was delicious.



Red Hot Poker
Jan Smith
Home Garden Club

Red Hot Poker plant taken in my front yard.

Autumn Beauty Sunflower

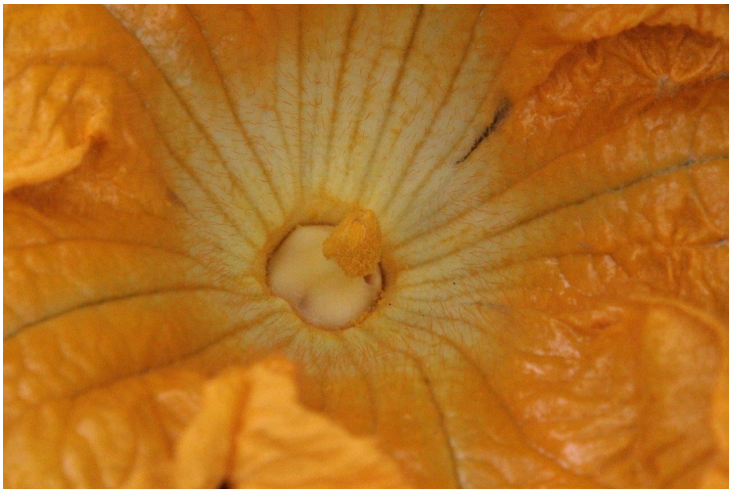
Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Helianthus Annuus

My default flowers are poppies and hollyhocks but last spring I wanted to plant sunflowers and could not find any at my favorite garden store. The Taos season is two weeks ahead of us and they had already emptied a lot of the slots. I put out a call to gardener friends and wound up with a wide variety.

The Autumn Beauty was one of my favorites because of the range of color from yellow to red, and the multiple flowers per stalk. I found myself fascinated with the architecture of the back of the blooms with the buds not open adding to the complexity. It isn't just the flower which is beautiful.



Pumpkin

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club

The previous year's Halloween pumpkin provided seeds which came up in my garden in Angel Fire. We were thrilled with the gorgeous blooms through late summer, but the lush vine never produced a pumpkin.



Sparkle With Dew
Sue Wasson
Petal Pushers Garden Club

“A Rose by any Other Name Would Smell as Sweet”

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Angel Fire Garden Club

Rose *Rosa*

One of the gardens featured in this year’s Angel Fire Garden Tour touted a wide variety of amazing flowers, trees, and grasses, but one magnificent rose bush at the front entry certainly caught my eye! Its blooms were extraordinarily vivid and bursting with color. I could not resist doing a mini photo session with these fabulous blooms.

No one I asked was able to identify the variety of rose planted there.

I was transfixed by the contrast of brilliant red against the darkness between the petal folds. So very delicate and beautiful, and perfectly shaped!





Carol Stomp
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Fall pink Chrysanthemum



Blazing Fall!
Sonia James
Petal Pushers Garden Club



Born To Be RED!
Ginny Longbotham
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Pom Pom Dahlia

Changing Seasons

Carol Rupp

Angel Fire Garden Club

September in the high Sangre de Cristos exhibits a crossover of foliage, with Summer greens, Fall ground cover that has already turned into traditional colors, and fields of purple Asters all set against Aspen groves just waiting for their chance to change color.



Aspens

Lone Krarup

Angel Fire Garden Club

Aspens are the most amazingly beautiful trees. In a grove all the trees come from one mother aspen tree!

Millie Sigman

Socorro Garden Club

Flowers (Gallardia) taken along roadside

Socorro County, New Mexico



**Renate Reisel
Morning Garden Club**

Marigold grown in our back yard



**Kathleen Flanders
High Desert Design Club**

My horticulture photo is of my artichoke plant which is in my herb and flower garden. When it bloomed last summer it had the most beautiful purple color. If you look in the center of the flower you will see a bee collecting pollen and nectar.



**God's Christmas Tree
Barbara Thorne
Angel Fire Garden Club**

I happened upon this snow-laden white fir, which had been wind-decorated with golden aspen leaves. When I returned later, the snow had all melted, but the leaves were still stuck to the tree.





Iris: Goldkist

Cynthia Schafer

Lincoln County Garden Club

Photo taken in my iris garden

Amazing Yellow Salsify Flower

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

This beautiful bloom farmers used to tell time for their lunch I heard. The petals which bloom in the morning closes at noon and I tried to observe. It did. This blooms for a couple of days only then goes to seed.



Julie Foster

Artesia Garden Club

Water Iris





**Kathy Otero
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club**

Hibiscus taken in my yard



"I'm In Full Glory!"

Pat Ledford

Petal Pushers Garden Club

INSECT

1st Place

The Sphinx Moth

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club



I captured this Sphinx while photographing butterflies! What a wonderful surprise and so beautiful with the purple thistle.



2nd Place

The Waltz of Bee

Eva Zhang

Los Alamos Garden Club

I captured this image of two bees playfully dancing within a cherry blossom tree. They embody the liveliness of springtime and energy of the new year.

3rd Place

"Whatsit?"

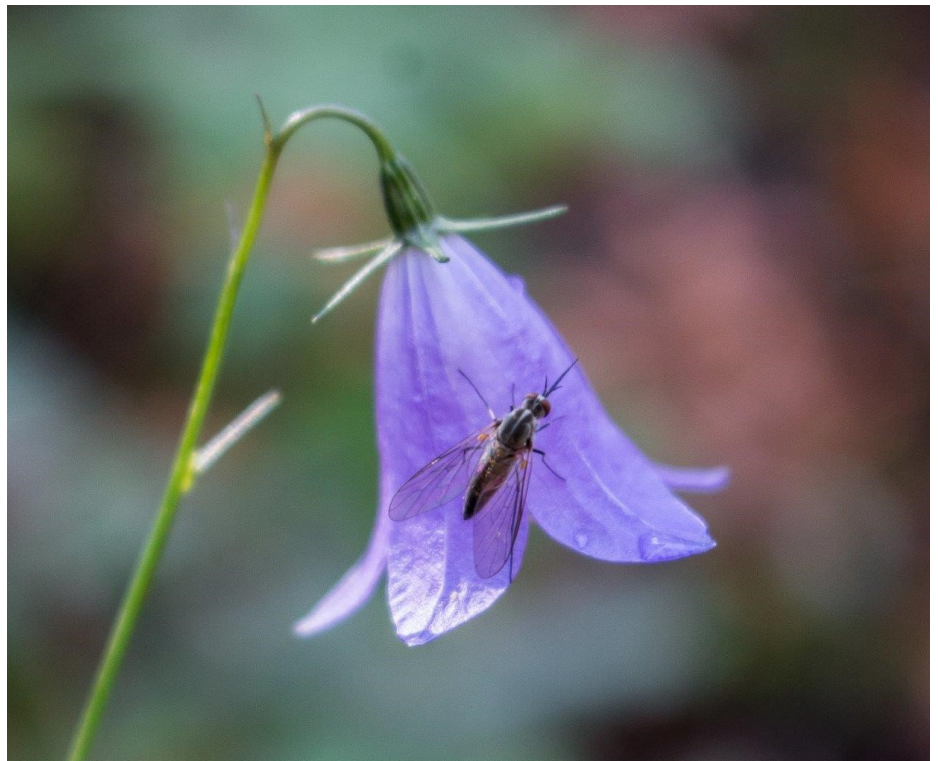
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Angel Fire Garden Club

Unidentified fly on Bluebell
(*Campanula rotundifolia*)

Despite hours of research, I was unable to identify this little forest inhabitant, but I can tell you he was certainly enjoying the nectar of the Bluebells dotting the Clear Creek trail on this August sun-shiny day!

He diligently worked his way outside, inside, and all about these dainty little flowers. I was especially amazed at the shape of his proboscis and the luminescence of his wings in the sunlight.



4th Place

Grasshopper On a Dahlia

Bill Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club



Jan Smith
Home Garden Club
Bee on Echinacea





Flame Skimmer Dragon Fly.

Carolyn Fink

El Jardin Enanto Garden Club

It was taken in our backyard in July, 2018.

Virginia Tiger Moth

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Spilosoma Virginica

One of three white moths common to the United States. I confess to taking pictures of plants and insects for purposes of identification. So much easier to blow their images up large on the computer screen and compare to images I find on Google. I have gradually educated myself as to my environment in Northern New Mexico. And captured some good photographs.



Hummingbird Moth Enjoying Thistle

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club



The white-lined sphinx hummingbird moth looks like a true hummingbird with its rapidly moving wings. As it hovers close, its long proboscis probes the thistle for nectar. The caterpillar form of this lovely moth is commonly known as the tomato horned worm, a ferocious tomato plant eater, a hated scourge of gardeners.



Joan Karrie
Petal Pushers Garden Club

White-lined Sphinx Moth (*Hyles lineata*) in Desert Willow.



Silver Strands

Carol Rupp
Angel Fire Garden Club

Early Spring in the mountains means fresh green foliage. There is also a good chance of heavy frost. When the sun hits the frost everything glitters and shines. This was a fresh spider web with dew on its fine strands giving the appearance of silver thread.



Millie Sigman
Socorro Garden Club

Insect taken in Socorro County, New Mexico

Hovering Hummingbird Moth
Selvi Viswanathan
Los Alamos Garden Club

This amazing Hummingbird Moth visits our yard some years and it came on August 7th 2018 to Salvia Greggii blooms. It went to every bloom and stayed only a couple of days. This is an insect looks like a hummingbird.



Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club

Molting Cicada

LANDSCAPE

1st Place

Bill Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club



Taken at sunset at Los Poblanos Open Space



2nd Place

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

Heavy snow caught in a low sun revealed a fairyland right outside my window. The deer, rabbits and squirrel tracks intensified the wonderland! What fun it is to live in Angel Fire, NM!

3rd Place

Sue Ferguson

Morning Garden Club

**Water Lilies and Cattails
at the J. Kenneth Smith
Bird Sanctuary and
Nature Center,
Roswell, NM.**



4th Place

Chimayo in Blossom

Eva Zhang

Summit Garden Club



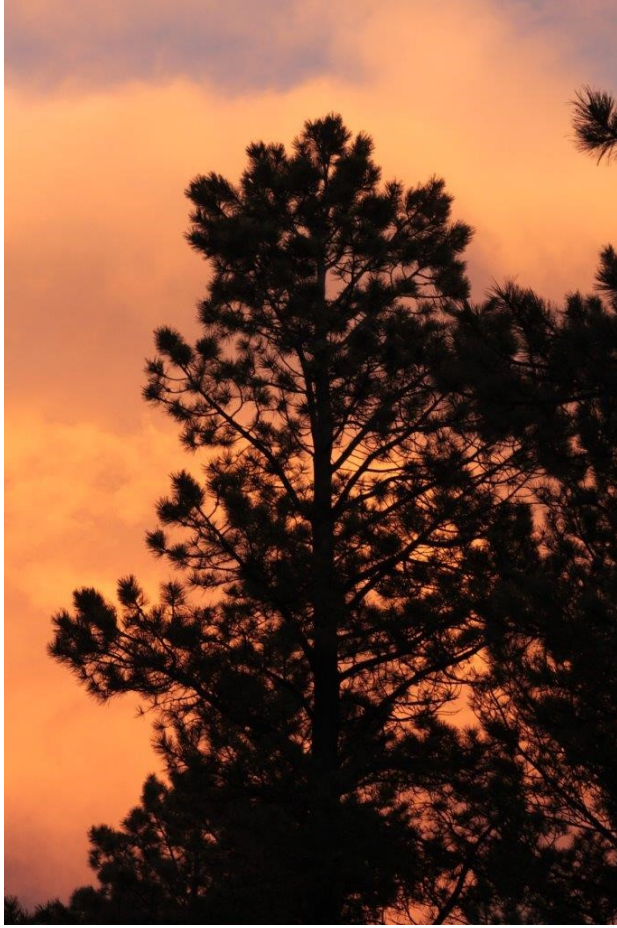
I hiked to Chimayo on Easter weekend. After my long trek, I saw El Santuario surrounded by blooming cherry trees. The church stood amidst the blushing cloud-like flowers and I felt inner peace.



Taos Pueblo

Jan Smith

Home Garden Club



Fiery Pine

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club

A fiery orange sunset makes a pine tree in my yard look like it is on fire.

Hondo Burn Scar

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

**Hondo Fire near Questa and Lama,
May 1996**

The Hondo Fire, 1/2 mile from my house in Questa, was the reason I moved over the mountain to Black Lake. This year with the Ute Park Fire and two others near me on the "wet side," I felt a need to check in on my first forest fire. I was shocked that after 22 years I had expected more recovery. Just because the fire is out does not mean all is well again. I have promised myself to check in more often on the Hondo Fire and the scar of Ute Park Fire of May 2018.



Reach for the Sky!

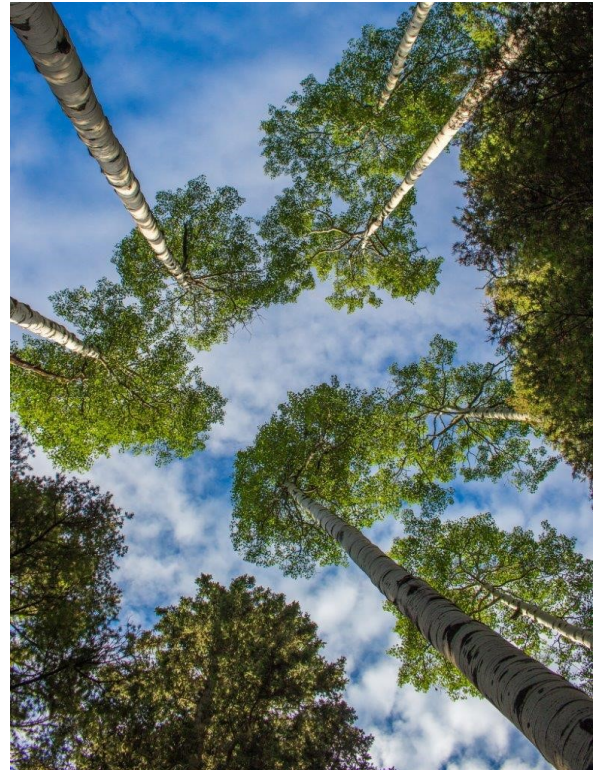
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Angel Fire Garden Club

Quaking or Trembling Aspen

Populus tremuloides

Native to regions with cold winters and cool summers, the aspens of the Carson National Forest grow to heights of up to 100 feet, and each individual tree can live for 40-150 years above ground, but the root system of the colony is even longer-lived. Extensive clonal colonies, or families, of aspens can be found throughout these forests. Each colony is its own clone, and all trees in the clone have identical characteristics and share a single root structure. This old-growth grove we encountered during our hike made me giddy as I gazed upward, watching the treetops sway against the sky.



Peek A Boo

Ginny Longbotham

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Purple Happiness!
Sonia James
Petal Pushers Garden Club



Colorful Foliage
Sue Wasson
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Johnese Turri
Angel Fire Garden Club

**Beautiful fall view from our
front yard in Black Lake
New Mexico.**





Michael Turri

Angel Fire Garden Club

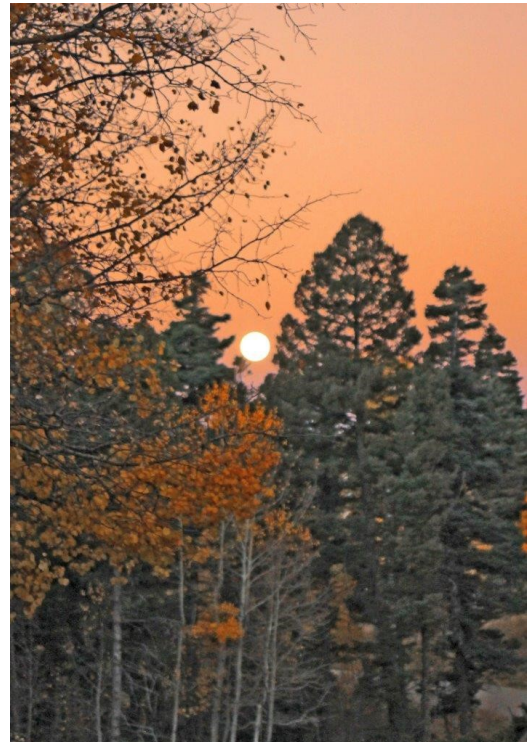
**Fiery fall sunrise in Black
Lake New Mexico**

Night Greet's Day

Carol Rupp

Angel Fire Garden Club

**At my altitude the moon is clearly visible
as it makes its way across the night sky.
I am still able to see the moon at dawn.
This particular October morning had a
fantastic sunrise which colored the sky
in a deep orange hue with the full moon
appearing as a bright white globe above
the trees.**



JJ Huddleston

Angel Fire Garden Club

**A mountain lake with
snow-capped peaks.**





Winter Aspens

Lone Krarup

Angel Fire Garden Club

I love the silver and gray colors of the aspens in winter against the white snow, and I'm so fortunate to be able to see this on my daily walks.

Millie Sigman

Socorro Garden Club

Cornfields for migrating snow geese, sandhill cranes, non-native salt cedar, etc.



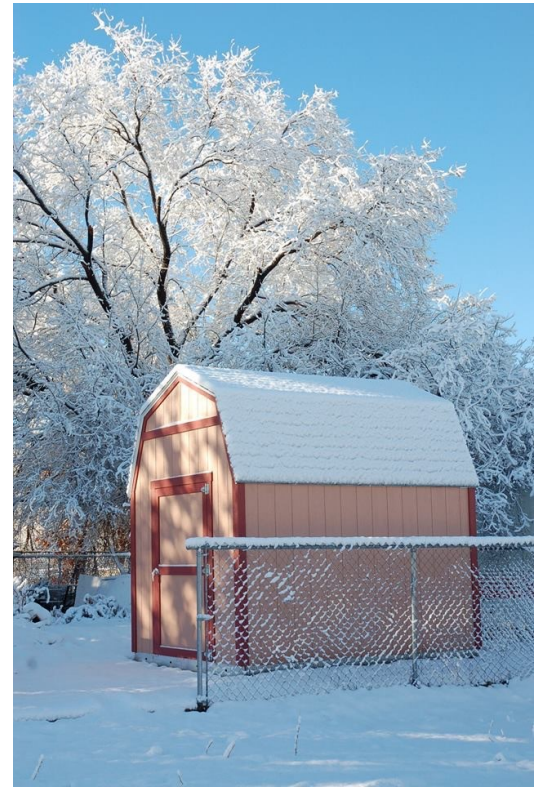
Linda Maxwell

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

A picture I took of our backyard pond before it was removed. We now have a flower garden there. It was beautiful.



Nancy Simma
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club



Carolyn Bedford
Santa Rosa Garden Club

Taken on the Bedford Ranch near
Cuervo, NM

Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club

Pecos River





Nannette Tanner

Lincoln County Garden Club

Field of sunflowers

Kathy Otero
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

Pumpkins and Sunflowers

Los Lunas, NM



WILDLIFE

1st Place

Carol Rupp

Angel Fire Garden Club



My property is as nature intended with Pine and Aspen trees, native grasses and mountain wildflowers which attract a wide range of local wildlife. This handsome Mule Deer buck appeared one late Summer morning with a small group of does and fawns. His posturing was to warn me to keep my distance. I was taking photos from my second story deck and not in danger.



2nd Place

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

This beautiful Abert's Squirrel lives right in my front yard. Taking a picture of this flighty squirrel was difficult but I did manage to get one good one. Abert's lose their ear tufts during the summer but still have a beautiful long tail and are so fun to watch! Taken in Angel Fire, NM.

3rd Place

Call of the Wild

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club



Elk (or Wapiti) on the shore of Eagle Nest Lake State Park

Cervus Canadensis

This was a herd of 200 or more elk safely within the boundaries of Eagle Nest State Park within sight of the highway. I was by no means the only photographer trying to capture the February herd of cow elk...and I certainly took my share of photographs.

But once back at my computer I found it was not the close-ups which I found memorable, but the vastness of the herd within the landscape. These wild animals have a huge impact on where we live.

4th Place

Persisting Abert Squirrel

Selvi Viswanathan
Los Alamos Garden Club



On New Year day we had 3 feet of snow and the platform feeder for birds was covered with a lot of snow. To my surprise I saw a critter digging through the snow and got the piece of apple. So to me how it knew there is a feeder underneath ! It is amazing to me and took picture.



Honorable Mention

Johnese Turri
Angel Fire Garden Club

Taken during the first big snow of the season in our back yard. Pretty cool.



Smokey Breath

Camille Thomason

Angel Fire Garden Club

This deer's breath was a cloud of "smoke" on this cold morning.

Walking Along the Fence Line

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

Coyote

Canis Lantrans

Taken in the Moreno Valley, just north of Angel Fire, New Mexico, along Highway 64

**Walking along the fence line
Hands in my pockets got a million things on my mind I'm not sure what I'm trying to find So I'll just keep walking Knowing it'll come with time Walking along the fence line...**

(-- song lyrics by Wade Bowen)

Here's hoping interesting things come to you, while walking along life's fence line...



**Millie Sigman
Socorro Garden Club**

**Elk taken in Socorro County
New Mexico**



**JJ Huddleston
Angel Fire Garden Club**

**A nice mule deer buck taking a stroll
through the front yard**

A big THANK YOU to all participating photographers!!!

Carolyn Bedford

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Connie Elkins

Sue Ferguson

Carolyn Fink

Kathleen Flanders

Julie Foster

JJ Huddleston

Sonia James

Joan Karrie

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