



Photographic Memories 2021

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PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ah... the diversity and magnificence that is the State of New Mexico!

This year's submissions for Photographic Print of the Year Award were as diverse and magnificent as the four corners of our state. Our garden club photographers snubbed their noses at COVID, got out there, and brought their best to the table.

While this booklet identifies the top winners in each category, it also includes all submissions for the 2021 Photographic Print of the Year. Contestants could submit one image per category, being (i) Bird, (ii) Butterfly, (iii) Horticultural Specimen, (iv) Insect, (v) Landscape, and (vi) Wildlife. Each photograph was submitted together with a description of that image, and these descriptions are included in this booklet in the photographers' own words for your enjoyment.

The best out of each category were then considered for the prestigious NMGC 2021 Photographic Print of the Year.

Our panel of judges based their selections on proper focus and exposure, taking into consideration overall composition and relevancy to category. They were provided solely with numbered photographs, with no additional information or identification.

Congratulations to the selected winners, gratitude to our participants and judges, and Photographic Memories and *felicidades* to all!

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2021 NMGC, Inc., Photographic Print of the Year Award Chairman



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2021 Photographic Print of the Year



**Beverly
Cooper**

*Summit Garden Club
Los Alamos, New Mexico*

Bird Category

1st Place

Bird Category

Beverly Cooper

Summit Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

I went to the Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex in Bosque, New Mexico. Since it was a full moon that evening, I decided to capture Sandhill Cranes flying past the full moon in early evening on their way to roost.

It was a fun but difficult shoot to capture the bird right on target as they usually flew above or below the intended target.





2nd Place

Bird Category

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Western Pewee. This small flycatcher has been described as “drab.” But look at those eyes! Every spring they sing, nest and raise their family under my eaves! Spring comes with the Pewees. They are anything but drab!



3rd Place
Bird Category

Selvi Viswanathan – *Los Alamos Garden Club* Los Alamos, New Mexico

This curious male Downy woodpecker is always a welcome sighting for me. I have a suet feeder nearby on my pinion tree! So it comes. This was in May.



Ginny Longbotham

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

During Covid my husband and I would go out for sunset and watch the hummers feed. We have kept up this habit for two years.

Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club
Artesia, New Mexico

Give a Hoot.
Resident Horned Owl.





Shirley Tetreault

High Desert Design Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

This Roadrunner came to visit us at the Harvest Fair at the Albuquerque Garden Center in the Fall.

Sonia James

High Desert Design
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This picture is of two baby mountain blue jays on the porch of a cabin in the Jemez mountains.



Debi Harrington

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

An Accomplished Fisher

A Black-Crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) catches a late dinner at Tingley Beach in Albuquerque.

The shocked fish may appear quite small, but it was almost half as long as the young heron.

This became apparent when the heron flew away to the nearby golf course to enjoy his dinner.





June Gandert

Uptown Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Two cranes posed perfectly in the Los Poblanos Open Space field on this fall day. I spotted them the day before Thanksgiving and the photo brings to mind the scent of pumpkin pies and hot apple cider!



Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Female Allen's
Hummingbird at rest

The sunflowers in my garden towered to 10 feet. The hummingbirds used their stalks and leaves as a place to rest from feeding on the nectar.



Margie Lappin

Uptown Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

I just happened to catch this Western Screech Owl napping in the sun at Los Poblanos Open Space.

Pamela Stern

High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sandhill cranes at the Bosque del
Apache in San Antonio, New
Mexico



Shar Marquez
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club
Los Lunas, New Mexico

This pheasant is just walking
thru our pasture with his hens in tow.



Butterfly Category



1st Place

Butterfly Category

Shar Marquez

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

Los Lunas, New Mexico

This is a very friendly male Monarch butterfly from the New Mexico State Fair.



2nd Place

Butterfly Category

Debi Harrington

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

A Prolific Pollinator

A single Painted Lady Butterfly (*Vanessa cardui*) is busy gathering nectar and pollinating 'May Night Salvia' (*Salvia sylvestris*), a prolific Sage. In mid-May, these beautiful creatures arrive by the hundreds to feast in my mostly native and xeric garden.

3rd Place

Butterfly Category

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

This variegated butterfly visited on my container garden for Monarchs I have on my deck. The bloom is purple coneflower and rare for me. I had a pair of them but could get only one. Hummingbird came so one left but luckily this one spent quite a bit of time.





Shirley Tetreault
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Black Swallowtail

Sonia James
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This photo was taken at my son's
home in Ranchos de
Albuquerque.



Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club
Artesia, New Mexico

7" Black Witch moth



Susan Schultz
Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, New Mexico

Western Tiger Swallowtail
Butterfly. With blooms come
butterflies! So beautiful!





Judy Gandert

Uptown Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

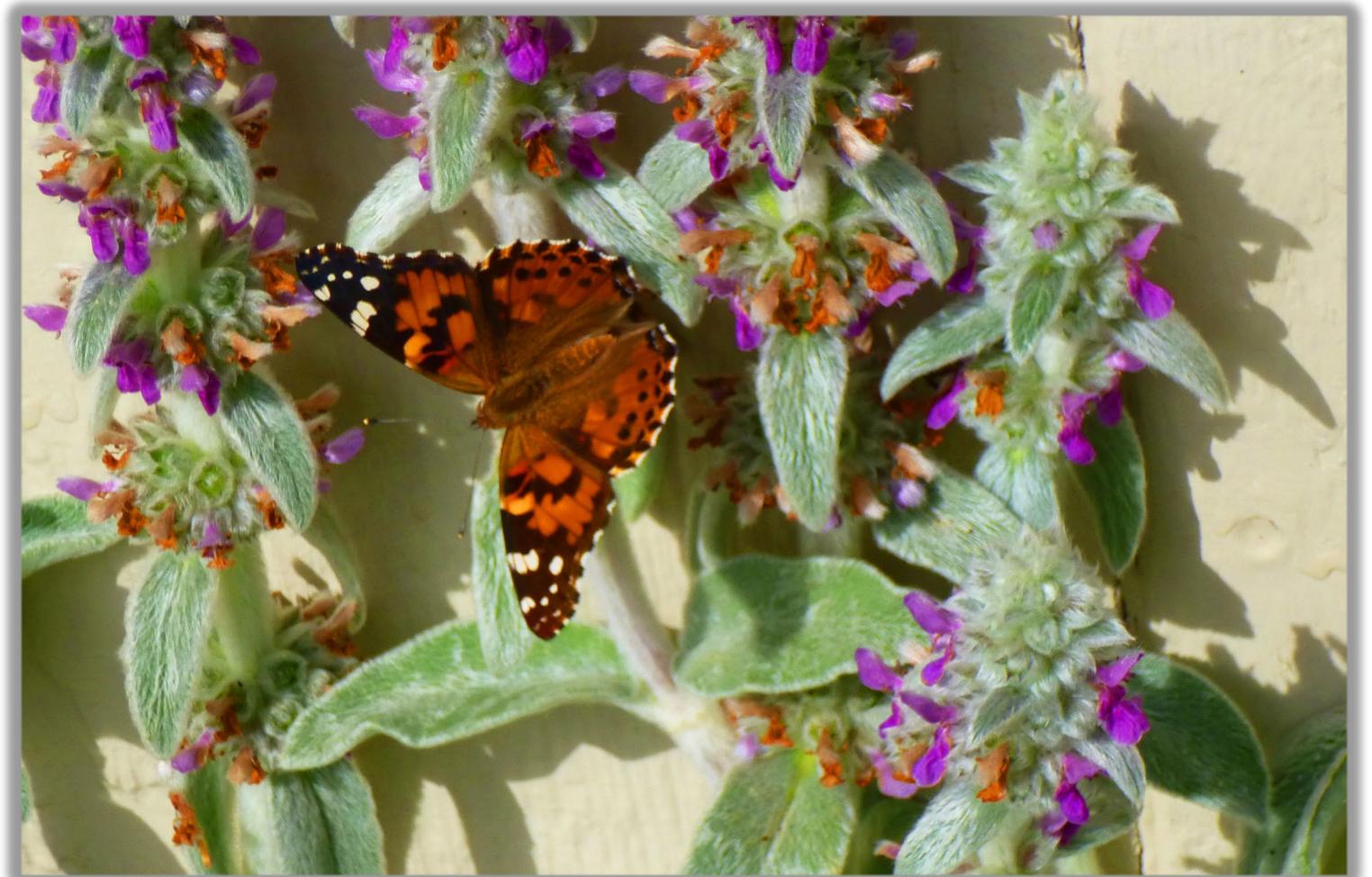
The butterfly delighted in flitting about my pink dahlia. The butterfly arrived moments after the sky cleared following a sudden hard rainstorm.

Nancy Lieppe
Amor de la Tierra
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Painted Lady butterfly on Lambs
Ear, *Stachys byzantia*, is native to
Iran but grows very well in Las Vegas
and self seeds. I do not water it.

This plant attracts butterflies!

If butterflies like it, then I love it.





Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

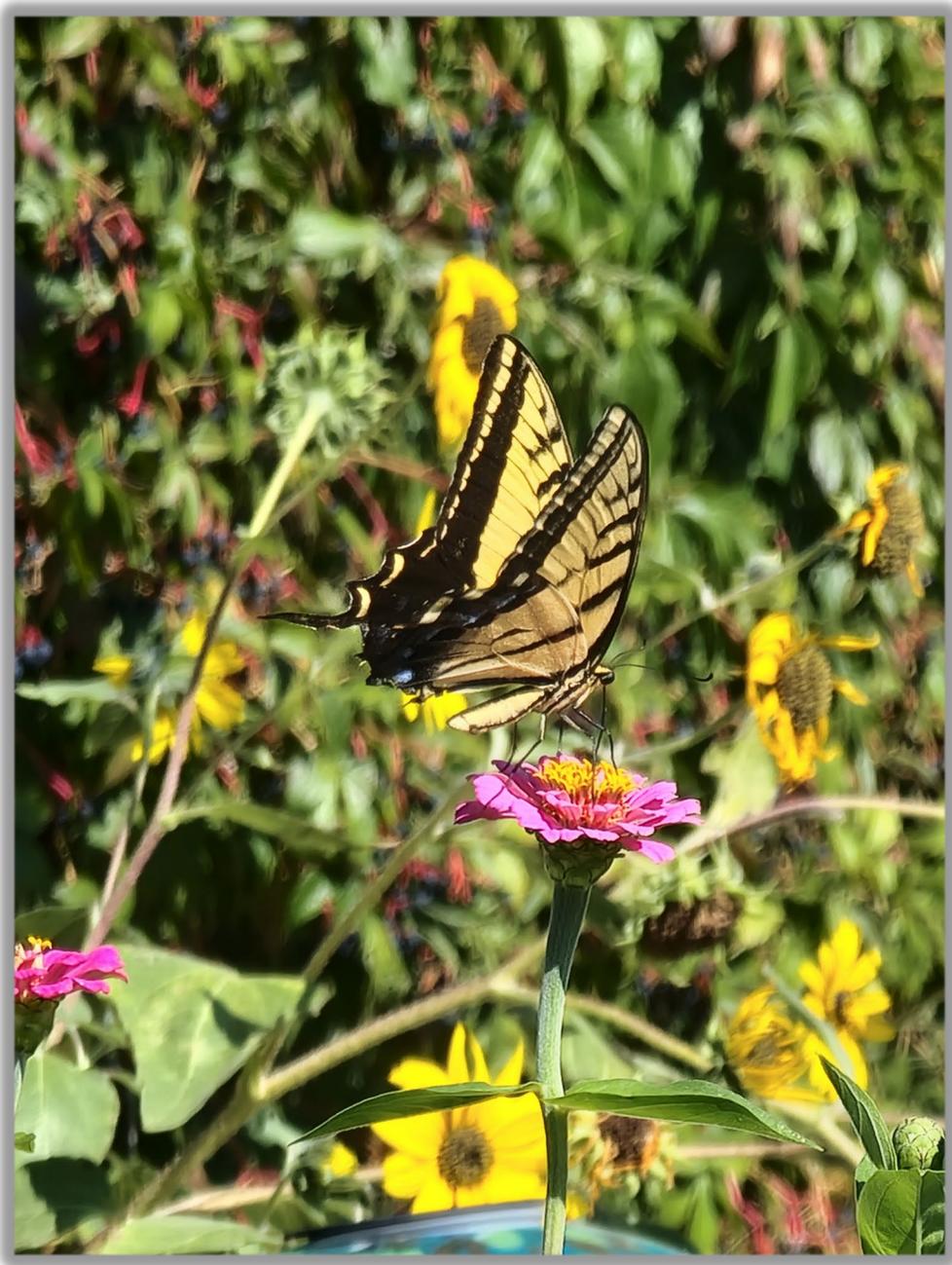
Angel Fire, New Mexico

Painted Lady and Bumble Bees

The painted ladies were late this year and seemed to spend a lot of time in the sunflowers with the red banded bumblebees sleeping.

Pamela Stern
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A beautiful hungry yellow
swallowtail butterfly
enjoying my garden of
zinnias.





Margie Lappin
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Swallowtail butterfly playing in the
baby's breath.

Horticulture Specimen Category

1st Place

Horticulture Specimen
Category

Beverly Cooper

Summit Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

These are the plumes from my front yard Pasque flowers which bloom in early spring in four different, lovely colors. After they are finished blooming, they produce the most interesting seed pods which captured my interest to photograph.



2nd Place

Horticulture Specimen
Category

Juanita Ortega

Floral Designers

Garden Club

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This is a
photograph of
“*Grande Amore*,”
a medium red
hybrid tea rose.





3rd Place

Horticulture Specimen Category

Julie Foster

Artesia Garden Club

Artesia, New Mexico

All hail to peppers.



Shirley Tetreault
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Iris in the wild.

Shar Marquez
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club
Los Lunas, New Mexico

Late-blooming Lilies and
Black-eyed Susans
flourishing on the irrigation
ditch.





June Gandert

Uptown Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The peaches are growing on a semi-dwarf peach tree that is over 30 years old. The tree was well-established in our backyard when we bought the house. The peaches are truly delicious, and I wish I knew the variety of the tree!

Ginny Longbotham
Petal Pushers Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Pre-COVID I took a trip to
Hondo Iris Farm and
purchased these beauties.
Took them two years to
bloom, but here are my
Hondo Specials.





Sonia James

High Desert Design

Albuquerque, New Mexico

This photo was taken in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque in my son's garden.

Debi Harrington
Petal Pushers Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Standing Proud

Take a walk through New Mexico's prairies and you will find Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium pulcherrimum*) standing tall and proud, but down low among the taller prairie grasses and other wildflower companions.

Occasionally a sunny spot within a forest will become home to these unusual blue flowered specimens. Their name comes from the pinnately compound leaves which resemble a ladder. In the Victorian language of flowers, their presence in a bouquet was to ask the receiver to let go of their pride!





Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

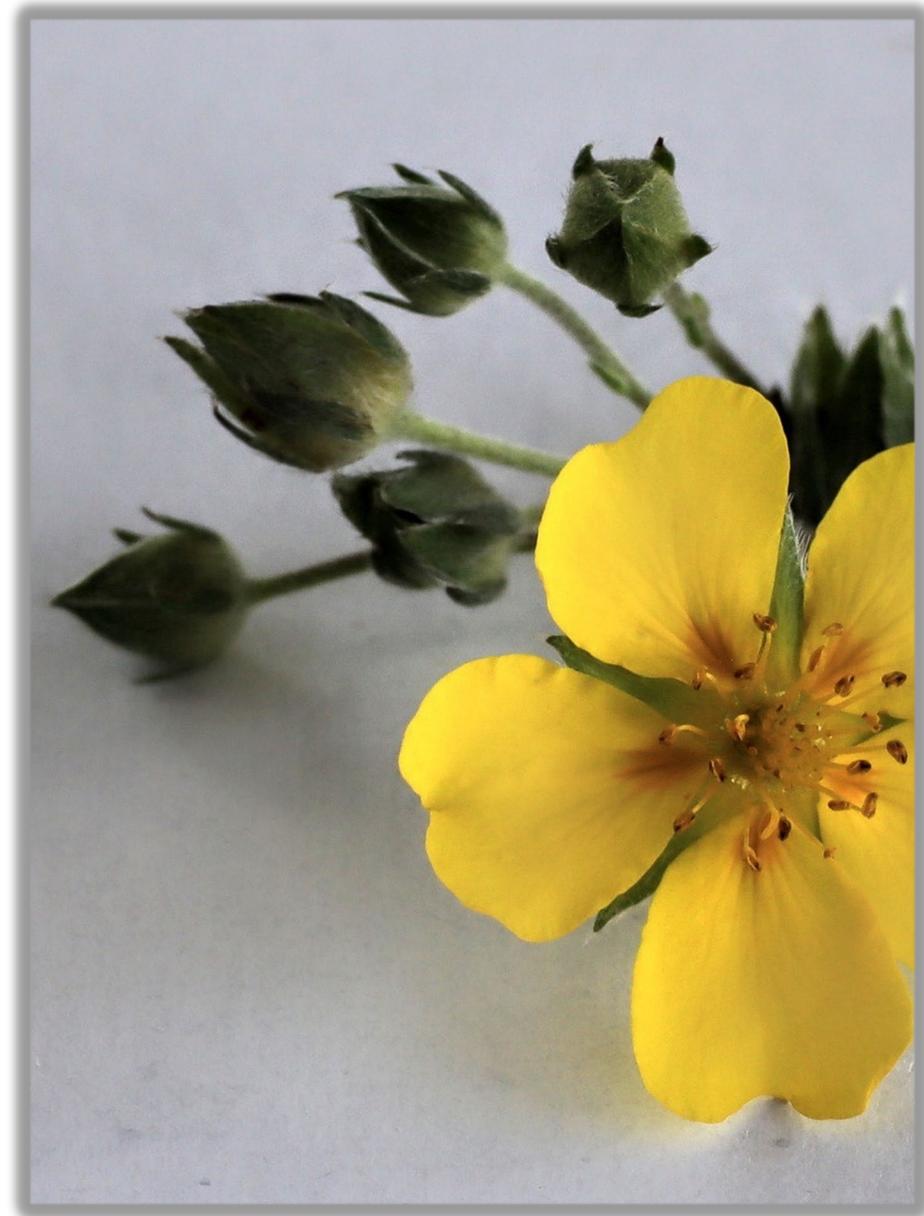
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Taken on July 25th, 2021. I have containers on my deck and my gardener fills with nice soil and somehow got lucky this plant grew! I had bees different even bumble bees, hummingbirds feasting on these blooms. Interesting to watch tiny bees hanging at the edge and bumblebees using the other parts of the bloom. The blooms lasted long time and a joy to see these spectacular blooms.

I feel it attracts bees which is very important to me.

Susan Schultz
Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, New Mexico

Cinquefoil. This small yellow flower adorns Angel Fire in the summer. The blossoms are only half to one inch across but are stunning in their abundance!



Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Iris up close and personal.

I finally thinned my iris in the front bed. They came with the house and were neglected. But they bloomed for me.





Margie Lappin
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Canna lily was chosen for its name, the same as my daughter's.

Pamela Stern
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A beautiful field of lavender in
Albuquerque, New Mexico





Melissa McMillan

Lincoln County Garden Club

Ruidoso, New Mexico

I took this photo while on a field trip with the garden club to the Iris Farm in Hondo, New Mexico. The Iris Farm had been having trouble with their well, so they were unable to water as they normally would. The iris suffered and so they were sparse and not as beautiful as in the past.

I found this particular iris to be outstanding and hardy in spite of the conditions.

Insect Category



1st Place

Insect Category

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

Hummingbird Moths are frequent visitors around this time of year. But lucky I got this time showing how its long proboscis just getting into the Mary-gold bloom to get its nectar! When I shared with groups and friends all are surprised how long the proboscis is to me the best picture I took.

Hummingbird moths are also called Hummingbird Hawk Moth!

2nd Place

Insect Category

Debi Harrington

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

My Wings Need a Rest!

In mid-morning, at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, a lone Widow Skimmer

Dragonfly (*Libellula luctuosa*)

pauses for a BRIEF break on a broken twig of Coyote Willow, (*Salix exigua*) which thrives in New Mexico's wetlands.

The Widow Skimmer is distinctive with large black areas surrounded by white patches on the wings. The body is a pale chalky blue. The species lives around ponds, lakes and marshes throughout Canada down into Northern Mexico. I find that dragonflies are quite challenging to photograph!





3rd Place

Insect Category

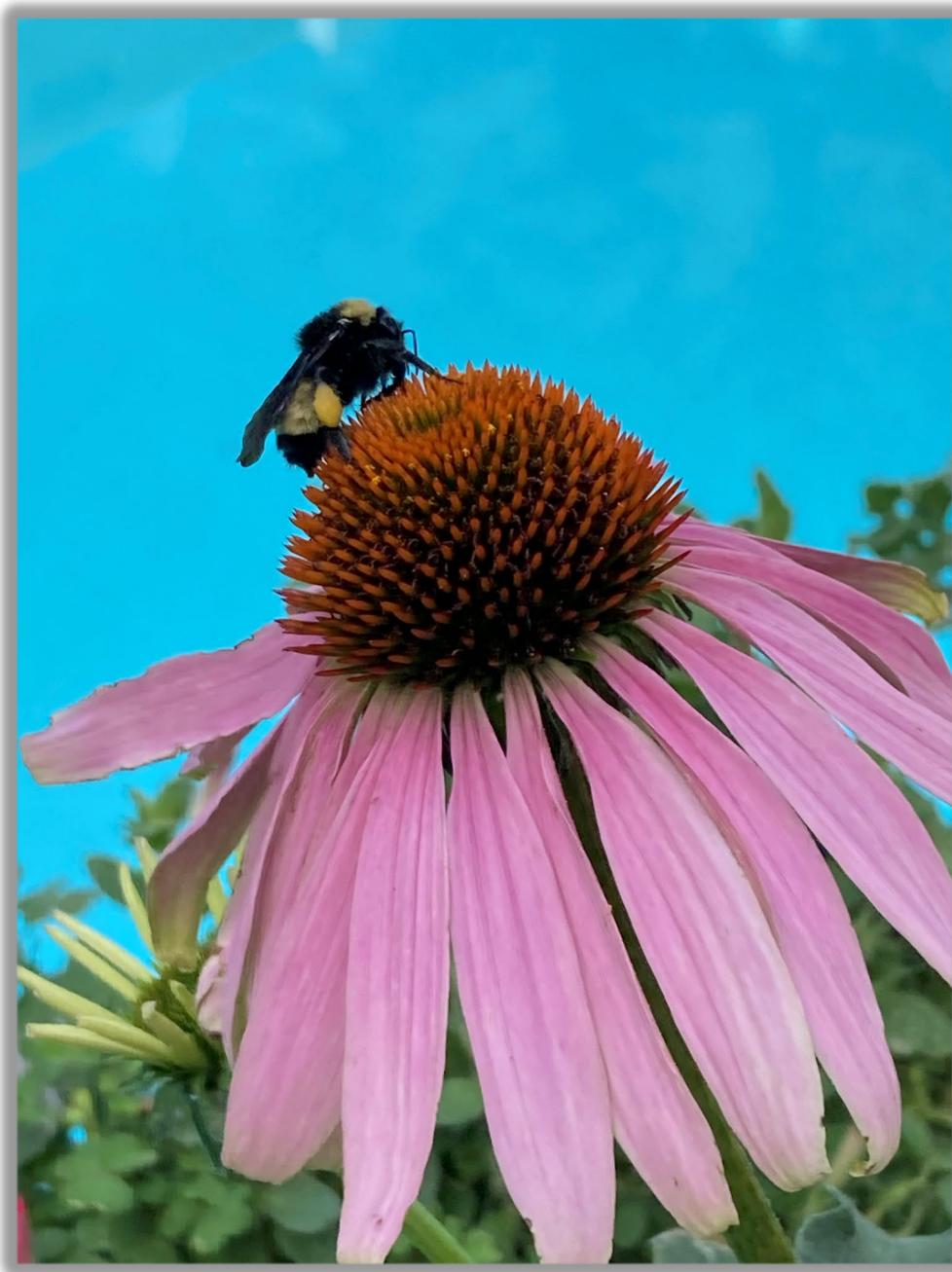
Margie Lappin
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This little grasshopper found a colorful hiding spot in a canna lily.

Shirley Tetreault
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Two bees in a squash.





June Gandert

*Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico*

This bee happily gathered pollen from this pink Echinacea plant in my back garden. It patiently worked on pollen gathering while I ran back inside for my camera!



Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club
Artesia, New Mexico

Resident tarantula hiding from rain.



Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

**Red Banded Bumble Bee
in Sunflower**

I went crazy planting sunflowers this year. Winter had killed off two flower beds previously planted with hollyhocks and I needed something to fill them up. The red banded bumble bees were crazy about the sunflowers. And perfect models.

Pamela Stern
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A leaf bug on my granddaughter's
repurposed garden tire.





Shar Marquez

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

Los Lunas, New Mexico

Not sure if he is friend or foe but he is
cute as a button and just as round.



Nancy Leippe
Amor de la Tierra
Las Vegas, New Mexico

Poppy, *Papaver orientale*, is a wonderful pollinator. Flowers are 3” wide. The 5 bees in this photo love poppies.

I wonder if the honey is a ‘controlled substance’?

Juanita Ortega

*Floral Designers Garden Club
Santa Fe, New Mexico*

This is a photo of a *Mantis religiosa*, commonly known as a praying mantis, eating a tender rose leaf in my back yard on a sunny morning.



Landscape Category



1st Place

Landscape Category

Beverly Cooper

Summit Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

I went to the Bisti Wilderness in Bloomfield, New Mexico to photograph the surrealistic landscape the area encompasses. I stayed there a short time before sunset so I could capture the colors of the setting sun on the red rocks. I was lucky to get a good evening with great color from the sun reflecting on the imposing structures.



2nd Place

Landscape Category

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Off the beaten trail.

Beautiful, historic New Mexico.

3rd Place

Landscape Category

Debi Harrington
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Winding Westward Towards Santa Fe

Headed down from the Santa Fe Ski Basin, the vibrant Fall Day reveals a myriad of beautiful, analogous colors among the deciduous and evergreen trees. In the foreground, dried mullein and grasses provide interest to the otherwise gilded spectacle of aspen, birch, cottonwood and Gambel oak, while the dark evergreen firs, pines and spruce contrast beautifully. The stark white contrails make me sad for the passengers who were only able to fly over New Mexico!





Shirley Tetreault
High Desert Design Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Chama River below Abiquiu Lake in the fall.

Michael Turri
Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, New Mexico

This shot is a fiery fall sunset that really personifies the name Angel Fire.





Julie Foster

Artesia Garden Club

Artesia, New Mexico

Spirit Haven Ranch porch view.

June Gandert
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Even though I have lived in Albuquerque for decades, I had not explored the area by Tingley Beach Park. I was delighted to discover ponds surrounded by trees in the bosque.





Ginny Longbotham
Petal Pushers Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Beautiful summer sunset.

Sonia James
High Desert Design
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This photo was shot at a home in
Ranchos de Albuquerque.





Johnese Turri
Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, New Mexico

This shot is an early morning Moon Set. Just the right amount of light.



Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

I have a Memorial Garden in our yard for my mother. The flowers shown are chrysanthemums (mums) which my mother grew in our home in India when I was growing up! These flowers bloom late October and in November. So when the native flowers are done our gardener did cutting them down readying for winter.

But felt to plant these colorful flowers brightening the landscape.

Gardener's daughter modified my Butterfly made with marble chips by painting yellow and black.

This I shared on my local online paper and many liked it!

So this is landscaping part of my butterfly garden.

Shar Marquz
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club
Los Lunas, New Mexico

Here is a beautiful sunset in early
spring in Los Lunas.





Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Deep in the High Grass

Out with camera taking photos of the lush grasses and flowers of August and did not realize I was being watched by a pregnant Mule Deer Doe. She was so still she became a part of the landscape.

Melissa McMillan

Lincoln County Garden Club

Ruidoso, New Mexico

This photo was taken at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. It was very cold but the sky was truly on fire. The trees looked so stark and black, the contrast was breathtaking.





Nancy Leippe

Amor de la Tierra

Las Vegas, New Mexico

This is a picture of *Wisteria floribunda* in my yard. I purchased the 14" seedling in 2000 and watered it for the first four years. It seems to tolerate alkaline clay soil which is not amended. I do use leaf mold which I make for mulch/fertilizer.

I like vines because they become "a garden in the sky." This *Wisteria* flowers before it leafs out, about the same time as *Iris*, in early spring. The benefit of early flowering plants is to increase my motivation to go out and 'play in the yard' as my mother used to say.



Pamela Stern

High Desert Design Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Battleship Rock in the fall,
Jemez, New Mexico

Margie Lappin
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Backyard scene



Wildlife Category



1st Place

Wildlife Category

Susan Schultz

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

Bunny in the snow. Angel Fire's wildlife is so diverse!

2nd Place

Wildlife Category

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, New Mexico

The Conversation

Tom Turkeys in full display

Genus: *Meleagris*; *Linnaeus*

It isn't often you can catch the males in a "conversation" over the females. I got lucky while tending a house they frequented due to the bird food.



3rd Place

Wildlife Category

Shirley Tetreault

High Desert Design Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Wildlife at Pinon Ridge





Julie Foster
Artesia Garden Club
Artesia, New Mexico

Javelina bath day.

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Los Alamos, New Mexico

We have chipmunks throughout the year.

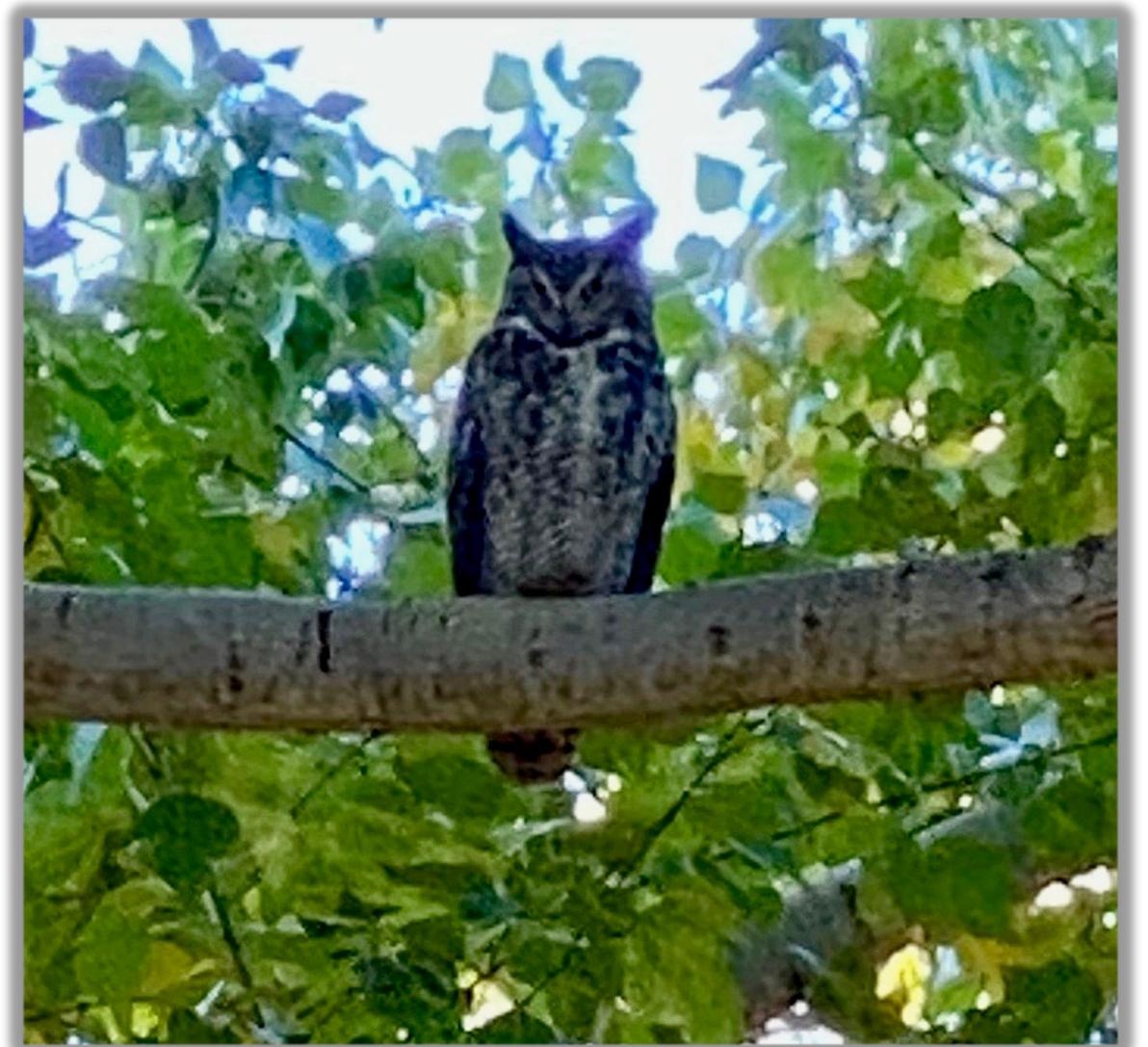
So never paid much attention to take pictures. But on 20th October 2021 I had an interesting sighting at our Warbler Pond we made for wildlife. I saw juncos taking bath suddenly one chipmunk came so the bird left. Then I noticed another chipmunk joining and both drank water together and so took five pictures. Here is the best one. I shared with Naturalist group and heard this was the favorite!

Chipmunks are intriguing. They build tunnels to store not only their food also sleeping chambers, bathrooms and where they give birth.



Sonia James
High Desert Design
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This photo was taken by Rio Grande
River in northwest Albuquerque.





Shar Marquez

*El Jardin Encanto Garden Club
Los Lunas, New Mexico*

A javelina at the Bosque del
Apache National Wildlife
Refuge eating with the
sandhill cranes and turkeys.



Michael Turri
Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, New Mexico

Leaving home one fall morning and came across this HUGE herd of elk!



Debi Harrington

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Save Us a Spot!

On a COLD winter evening in Bosque del Apache, thousands of Snow Geese (*Anser caerulescens*) are vying for a spot to roost for the night. From October through February, New Mexico provides their wintering range, mostly at Bosque del Apache and Bitter Lake. Snow Geese choose larger bodies of water and must move about all night in order to prevent the water from freezing.

Margie Lappin
Uptown Garden Club
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Open Space at Los Poblanos.



Garden Club	Photographer
Angel Fire Garden Club	Jacqui Binford-Bell
	Johnese Turri
	Michael Turri
	Susan Schultz
Amor de la Tierra	Nancy Leippe
Artesia Garden Club	Julie Foster
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club	Shar Marquez
Floral Designers Garden Club	Juanita Ortega

*THANK
YOU*
to all our
participating
New Mexico
garden clubs and
photographers

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High Desert Design Club	Sonia James
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Lincoln County Garden Club	Melissa McMillan
Los Alamos Garden Club	Selvi Viswanathan
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Copies of the Photographic Memories 2021 presentation are provided to each of the participating photographers and their respective garden clubs. It will also be posted on the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., website, and is made available not only to the 497 members within our 25 affiliated garden clubs but is also readily available to the general public for viewing and enjoyment... free of cost.

Besides being made available to the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., membership, Photographic Memories 2021 is also readily available to be shared amongst garden lovers, nature lovers, and photographers alike. It is our hope that these wonderful photos and the associated descriptions from each of the photographers helps portray and create an appreciation of New Mexico's natural world, its environment, and the immense diversity of gardening, geology, topography, and amazing variety of nature that is ... the glorious State of New Mexico.

We are New Mexico True...*Bienvenidos!*

SINCERE APPRECIATION

(muchisimas gracias)
to our distinguished panel of judges!

- **Dallas Mayer**

a/k/a “The Ranch Lady,” Dallas hails from Hooker, Oklahoma. She is a renowned artist, painter and photographer throughout the Southwest. Dallas has participated in innumerable exhibitions and has judged many competitions. She has a keen eye for composition and a flair for straightforward constructive criticism!

- **Cheryl Ritcherson**

Cheryl calls herself a “spur of the moment photographer” but her work is nothing short of classic. Her passion for the outdoors is apparent in her wildlife, nature, and outdoor images. Cheryl’s technical knowledge, skill, and expertise with cameras is humbling. She has immense appreciation for the challenges of photography and a keen eye for composition. Her home sits near Black Lake, New Mexico, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo mountains.

- **Shawna Cory**

A past judge of NMGC Photography Contests, Shawna brings her expertise and photography know-how to the judging table. Shawna received her B.A. in Art History (with a focus on the history of photography) from the University of New Mexico in 2008. From 2010-2020, she served as the Art Show Director for Albuquerque’s renowned Guerrilla Photo Group - a free, weekly, creative collaborative founded in 2006. In that role, she led the curation and production of over 30 group shows. In her own photography, street shooting is her primary passion.

- **Jacalyn Hollabaugh**

Now settled in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Jackie moved there in 2017 from Houston, Texas, after practicing civil appellate law and working as a development editor for a legal practice guide. She enjoys and has studied photography for many years, bought and sold photography equipment, and is an avid amateur backyard photographer.