



ANNUAL REPORT



New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
68st Annual Convention
Albuquerque, NM

Suzy Andrego, President
"Planting Seeds for Our Future"

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OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Suzy Andrego*

As I sit down to write my last report for the NM Garden Clubs Annual report, I am reflecting on all the wonderful times I have had over the last two years. I cannot believe how fast the time has gone by! It seems like only yesterday that I was installed as your President! Together, every member of New Mexico Garden Clubs has helped me work towards my goal of "Planting Seeds for Our Future"!

My goals were simply to encourage members to plant butterfly gardens, habitat gardens and pollinator gardens. I also wanted members to feel confident as they leaped into leadership positions in their garden club, at their district level or at the state level. I hope we have provided many tools and learning opportunities for members to do this. And, I wanted to promote flowers shows by encouraging garden clubs to hold a small flower show for their members, providing a place to enter designs, enter horticulture that members grow, an opportunity for judges to judge and the experience of writing a schedule, planning the flower show and participating in all aspects.

I have truly enjoyed every minute of traveling all over the state during my term as your President. It has been my pleasure to accept all the invitations to attend garden club meetings, present programs, do installations and be present at all the special events. I think attending garden club meetings and putting faces to names and projects has been my favorite part of being president!

I want to celebrate all the wonderful chairmen we have had during my term! I will mention just a few of the things some of our chairmen have done during my term as president. Our Awards Chairman, Debra Sorrell, has done a fantastic job with the awards! We have added new awards and grown other areas of awards, all with Debra's help! Our Blue Star Marker Chairman, Shirley Tetreault, has had a busy two years. We have dedicated three new markers in the state and rededicated one marker! As your flower show schools chairman, I have seen 5 new judges get through schools, write their flower show schedule and pass their written exam. Our Butterfly Chairman, JoAnn Layden, has done a fantastic job keeping us informed of all the butterfly news around the nation and letting us know how we can help! Vicki Frye, our Bee's Chairman, created a new Bee award! Our Environmental Chairman, MaryAnn Moreno, saw that we completed another Environmental School Series. Our Horticulture Chairman, Ellen Reed, gave us some excellent articles in each NM Gardener to read and think about. Our Habitat for Humanity Chairman, Sonia James, made sure that we helped welcome each new family to a new house by providing a wreath to hang on each front door. Our merchandise Chairman, Kathleen Flanders, kept us spending money on great butterfly and gardening items. Our Penny Pines Chairman, Isabel Olsen, updated and motivated us to support the Penny Pines program, planting many new trees in the forests of New Mexico. Our Symposium Chairs, Christine Longthorp and Mary Ann Moreno, put on a fantastic judge's symposium which keeps our judges updated on the latest judging polies and procedure from National Garden Clubs, so that they are ready to judge your next flower show! Our NM Gardener Editor, Linnea Egbert, has done an incredible job with our State newsletter! She has kept everyone informed of what is going on around the state! Our Yearbook Chairman, Kathy Brown, has helped motivate each club to provide an informative and creative yearbook. Our Water Conservation chairman, John Sorrell, has given us many suggestions to conserve water in our own home and garden. Our Archive Chairmen, Beulah Oyler and Becky Fuller, have kept our history organized and stored for the future! Our personnel chairman, Carol Stomp, has kept our personnel records up to date for our Nominating Committee Chairman, Maggie Rubino and her committee to find us new members to lead our organization. Our recycle and litter chairman, Julie Foster, has given us many tips on how to deal with litter and many more ideas on creative recycling! Our scholarship chairman, Christine Longthorp, has given us a new and updated scholarship form making it easier for applicants to apply for a scholarship. Our Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, MaryAnn Moreno, has given out Smokey bear and Woodsy owl promotional items all around the state and presented many schools and organizations with the tools and

opportunities to make posters! Our ways and Means chairman, Juanita Ortega, has given us some great ways to support my president's projects! Our Website Chairman, Cindy Hills has made our website so easy to use! Our NM Garden Clubs website is filled with great information that each member, club president, district director and chairman can use as a form of communication, the latest state information, copies of our NM Gardeners, by-laws, our awards book, forms, brochures, contacts, sections for each district, and LOTS of photos! And, who can forget all the wonderful energy our Co-Resolutions chairmen, Diane Peterson and Johnese Turri (a.k.a. Ms. Monarch's) put into our creative and inspiring resolutions at the end of each state meeting and convention! A Big Thank you to ALL our state chairmen!

The last place I will represent New Mexico Garden Clubs as your president, will be in May, at the National Garden Clubs Convention in Richmond, Virginia. It is at this convention that President Elect, Barbara Vance will be ratified as your new state President. In addition, our very own Isabel Olsen will be installed as our South Central Region Director, and Shirley Tetreault, as Alternate Director.

Thank you all, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your state president over the last two years. I could not have done it without each and every one of our members! It takes ALL of us to make this organization a great one! Thank you for helping me "Plant Seeds for Our Future"!

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – *Barbara Vance*

This past year has been very busy - visiting Districts – learning about activities in the different areas of our state. Many opportunities to meet members and make new friends. Clubs and youth groups have been very busy with a myriad of projects. Last summer our members were busy keeping their gardens watered and tending to plants and flowers with the goal of entering horticulture and floral designs in county and state fair shows – many earning blue ribbons and awards.

State President Suzy Andrego had an overall theme: **Planting Seeds for Our future**. We received seed packets at meetings - Fall Board and Spring State Convention and planted them in our gardens. Districts planned programs around Term Projects. Some of the programs: "Butterfly Gardens and Habitats", "Birds, Banding and Pollinators", "Best Plants for New Mexico". The greatest reward in attending District and State Meetings – "Planting Seeds of Friendship." We all worked to Continue to "Plant Seeds of Membership Growth."

The 2015-2017 NGC Theme LEAP into Action morphed into many different themes in regions and states. Think about the life cycle of a frog and how it might relate to our experiences these past two years. We started out as tadpoles – floundering around – not quite sure about what we were doing. All the while growing and expanding our knowledge – venturing out – learning new things about our organizations. We jumped around attending meetings – individual Garden Club – District – State – Region. Some members even going on to National – to the "Big Pond". Suzy our State President acknowledged the work of members by presenting them with frog statues – pins – garden ornaments.

The highlight of this time period – the LEAP INTO LEADERSHIP workshop at the NMGC FALL BOARD meeting in Las Vegas by Robin Pokorski. We learned about Parliamentary Procedure – Order of Business - Handling a Motion – Leadership – Public Speaking – how to prepare an Agenda. All of this and more helps us in our daily activities – at home – in other organizations – helping us with leadership in whatever positions we are asked to serve in. This workshop was especially important for me and the members who will be officers and serve in chairmanship positions for the term 2017-2019. Those who attended the Leadership Workshop are full of VIM – VIGOR – VITALITY! We are refreshed and eager to LEAP into the new positions to put our newly acquired knowledge to work. Suzy has been a very active Sate President helping people around the state.

She has been a constant source of information about forms – procedures – what to do – when and where - guiding me and others along the way. All of this is with the goal of helping me to prepare to move up to be the next state president. THANK YOU – Suzy – and others who have been so encouraging and helpful.

In closing – Thank You to all the people who have agreed to remain in their current Chairmanship – and Thank You to those of you who will work in a new Chairmanship position.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Isabel Olsen

As the Immediate Past State President it is my role to give guidance and support to State President Suzy Andrego and all other state officers. I am available to answer any questions and provide advice when requested. For the continued success and growth of NMGC, Inc. it's important that past leaders support the projects and goals of the current administration. As a member of the Board of Directors I attended the 87th Annual Convention in Alto hosted by District V and the Fall Board Meeting in Las Vegas, hosted by District III. It has been a pleasure supporting Suzy's vision of *Planting Seeds for Our Future*.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Sally Warner

As parliamentarian advised the president when asked for help. Checking the Roberts Rules of Order and the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Bylaws I was able to give President Andrego assistance when needed. I attend all meetings during the 2015-2017 administration.

HISTORIAN - Becky Fuller

As your state historian, I want to thank all of you for letting me learn more about our garden clubs through your club histories. It has been great seeing your accomplishments and projects. Our president, Suzy Andrego and I have been putting together a state history to highlight our accomplishments over the past 2 years. We should all be proud of our states garden clubs!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Penni Davey

The NMGC President has written articles and other items for various publications, and I have assisted her with workshops and executive meetings. I have kept the Officers, Chairpersons, District Directors and Presidents list current. I have also gathered reports for the 2016 New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Report, and I prepared, edited and had the report printed to be distributed at the Spring Convention to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 25-27, 2017.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP – Jan Smith

March 2017

District	Club Count	Club Name	2016 Members	2016 Youth
I		Blooming Gardeners		28
I		El Jardin Encanto	21	
I		High Desert Design	29	
I		Moriarity	17	
I		NM Floral Artists	18	
I		Petal Pushers	23	
I		Trailblazers	10	
I		Uptown	37	
I		Valley Gardeners	28	
Total D I	9	includes 1 youth club	183	28
II		Floral Designers	13	
II		Los Alamos	40	
II		Summit	21	
Total D II	3		74	0
III		Angel Fire	65	
III		Ponderosa Pines Junior Club		20
III		Santa Rosa	16	
Total D III	3	includes 1 youth club	81	20
IV		Desert Daubers	11	
IV		Evergreen	12	
IV		Flowering Desert	11	
IV		Mesilla Valley	31	
IV		Socorro	17	
IV		Sunshine Valley	20	
Total D IV	6		102	0
V		Artesia	13	
V		Home	31	
V		Lincoln	37	
V		Morning	32	
V		Mountain	5	
V		Pecos Valley Youth		36
Total D V	6	includes 1 youth club	118	36
Total NMGC	27		558	84

RECORDING SECRETARY – Carolyn Bedford

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. 67th Annual Convention
“Enchanted Legends of Sierra Blanca”
March 31 and April 1, 2016

Alto Country Club

Ruidoso, NM

Nancy Ketchum, District IV Director, stood in for 1st VP Barbara Vance as Presiding Officer presiding over the 67th Annual Convention of the NMGC, Inc.

Nancy introduced the following people seated at the head table:

- Nanette Tanner, President of the Lincoln County Garden Club and convention co-chair.
- Becky Brooks, representing the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce.
- Judy Preston, District V Director and Convention co-chair.
- Mary Ann Moreno, District I Director.
- Gina Klinekole, Mescalero Apache Tribe.
- Ms. Shakespeare, daughter of Ms. Klinekole.

Nanette Tanner, Convention Co-chair, gave the inspirational reading.

Presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America were presented by VFW Post 12071 and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1062.

Judy Preston, substituting for Smokey Bear and Ranger, welcomed all to the Lincoln National Forest.

Gina Klinekole from the Mescalero Apache Tribe welcomed everyone and spoke a few words about the Apache peoples.

Becky Brooks, Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, welcomed all to Ruidoso.

Judy Preston, Convention Co-chair, welcomed all to the Spring NMGC, Inc. convention.

Mary Ann Moreno, District I Director, gave the response to all the welcomes.

President Andrego called the 67th NMGC, Inc. Spring Annual Convention to order at 9:30 a.m.

Sue Ferguson, Registrar, gave the following credentials:

- One NM Garden Club President
- One National Garden Club President
- One South Central Regional Director
- Six NM elected officers
- Two appointed officers
- 21 NM Garden Club Presidents
- Five District Directors
- 74 voting members

- 15 guests

Preliminary credentials report is adopted with a voting strength of 74.

Parliamentarian Sally Warner reported that we have a quorum and then read the general rules of this business meeting. General rules were approved as read.

The Chair appointed Jan Smith, 2nd VP, Becky Fuller, Historian, and Judy Preston, District V Director to approve the minutes of this meeting.

The Chair appointed John Sorrell, Water Conservation Chairman, and Larry Layden, Angel Fire Club Member, as time keepers.

Recording Secretary, Carolyn Bedford, read the minutes from the 2014 Fall Board Meeting. With one correction, as noted on the minutes, they were approved.

Laurie Hixon, Treasurer, passed out copies of her report which was filed for audit. She noted that the prior budget which was in the red is now in the black. The funds total \$58, 675.31 with \$4468.76 in the operating fund and \$1611.94 in the general fund.

Suzy Andrego gave the President's report which is attached. Some highlights:

- Started butterfly awareness program
- Distributed notebooks to each state and local officer
- Celebrated the 3rd junior club
- Implementing "Leaping into Leadership" program to shorten business meetings
- Made two new awards, the Rose Award and the Daffodil Award
- Making new friends and having fun
- Selling New Mexico Garden Journal and Diary written by President Andrego

Penni Davey read Barbara Vance's, 1st VP's report. Copy attached.

Juanita Ortega, Ways & Means Chairman, gave a scarf commercial to promote selling the "Butterfly Scarf" for \$10.

Jan Smith, 2nd VP, reported that she and Laurie Hixon had made a spread sheet for clubs to report members and return reports by email. She stated that the club membership is 547 total adult and 32 youth members and reminded members that dues are due May 1st.

Becky Fuller, Historian, stated that her report is included in the annual report.

Penni Davey, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had updated lists of chairmen and officers.

Isabel Olsen, Immediate Past President, report stands as reported in the annual report.

Sally Warner, Parliamentarian, reported that her job is to tell the President what to do.

District Director's Report:

- District V – Judy Preston, report attached
- District IV – Nancy Ketchum, report attached.
- District III – Colleen Hinker, report attached. Invited all to attend the Angel Fire Garden Tour on July 16.
- District II – Doris Jackson, report attached.
- District I – Mary Ann Moreno, report attached.

Debi Harrington, Registrar, gave the final report of the 2015 Fall Board Meeting as 46 total registrations, with 41 full time and 5 part time for a total income of \$ 646.16 to be split between NM Garden Clubs and NMGC District I for a total profit to NMGC of \$ 323.08.

South Central Regional Director Barbara Baker spoke briefly explaining that the district was made up of 4 states; New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Her duty is to represent those states on the National Garden Club Board. The District has a newsletter online and she is trying to introduce native habitat and public lands to members.

Sandy Robinson, National Garden Club's President, gave a report of her accomplishments. She stated that The Frightened Frog book sold over 6000 copies. Grants of \$200 are available to clubs to work with youth.

President Andrego gave the following chairmen gifts for writing articles for the New Mexican Gardener:

- Jo Ann Layden, Butterfly Chairman
- Shirley Tetreault, Blue Star Memorial
- Mary Ann Moreno, Environmental Schools Chair and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chair and NGC & NMGC President's Project
- Isabel Olsen, Trees & Shrubs Chairman
- Juanita Ortega, Ways & Means Chairman
- Buelah Oyler, Archives Chairman
- Esther Russell, Youth Chairman
- John Sorrell, Water Conservation Chair
- Becky Fuller, Historian
- Vicki Frye, Bee Chairman
- Renate Reisel, Garden Therapy

Committee Chairmen Reports:

- Environmental Chairman Report, Mary Ann Moreno: Reported that the next Environmental School will be held in July at New Mexico Tech.
- Scholarship Chairman, Christine Longthorp reported that she has \$40 Life Memberships for sale. Clubs can honor deceased members with a \$25 Book of Memory contribution or any amount in the Book of Appreciation honoring an anniversary, birth, or other occasion. Christine reported that the 2015 scholarship recipient is very appreciative for our help and that the 2016 scholarship, Carolyn Adams, an Engineering student at New Mexico Tech, had been chosen. Christine reported that the 2016 scholarship was based on merit and need.
- Website Chairman, Cindy Hills, reported that the user name and the password for the website are the same as previous. President Andrego honored Cindy Hills with a Presidential Citation and gift for all the hard work she has put into making the website great.

- Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Shirley Tetreault, reported that there are 5 memorials now. Prices for new memorials are attached.
- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, Mary Ann Moreno, reported that one of the New Mexico posters won both the state award and the South Central Regional Award and had been submitted to the national contest. She said you can Google Lincoln National Forest to see the Woodsy Owl winning poster.
- Bee Chairman, Vicki Frye, was unable to attend so Penni Davey read her report. Copy attached.
- Youth Chairman, Ester Russell, reported that the state has 3 youth clubs and she challenges all adult clubs to promote youth groups. Gifts were presented to Shirley Tetreault, Jo Ann Layden and Renate Reisel, leaders of youth groups.
- Butterfly Chairman, Jo Ann Layden, reported that spraying is causing serious harm to butterflies. She encouraged all members to plant more milk weed and said the Zika virus will likely cause more spraying to get rid of the mosquitos that carry the virus. President Andrego reported that the butterfly brochure that Jo Ann created can be found on the website.

ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:05 P.M.

RESUMED AT 2:15 P.M

- NM Youth Container Gardening Chair, Mary Ann Moreno, reported a pollinator container contest for children with a \$100 prize for 1st place; \$75 for 2nd place; and \$50 for 3rd place.
- Penny Pines and Tree Chairman, Isabel Olsen, reported that this is the 75th year anniversary of Penny Pines and that New Mexico is the top donor to this program. Isabel is available to come to any state club to give a program.
- Flower Show Schedule Chairman, Shirley Tetrault, asked for more schedules to be submitted for competition next year. Report attached.
- World Gardening Chairman, Sue Ferguson, report attached.
- Yearbook Chairman, Agnes Bonham, submitted the report for Kathy Brown.
- Nominating Chairman, Maggie Rubino, reported that our state has the privilege to fill the South Central Region Director for the next two years. Those ladies competing for the position of Director and Alternate Director are Shirley Tetrault and Isabel Olsen
Shirley and Isabel were each given 2 minutes to state their reasons for being the best Director. Afterwards ballots were passed out to voting members. Nominating Committee Chairman, Maggie Rubino, announced the results of the Regional Director balloting. Isabel Olsen is the Director with Shirley Tetrault as alternate.
- Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Juanita Ortega, announced that the drawing for the necklace and sculpture will be after awards on Friday morning. She encouraged members to buy a scarf or more tickets.

At this time, President Andrego, welcomed all first time NM Garden Clubs Convention attendees and presented a small gift to each.

Barbara Baker, South Central Regional Director, addressed the audience. The SC Region has always had a separate tax structure from the National organization, however, the other seven regions have not and it is now becoming more complicated for the National organization to handle all the paper work so they have

suggested disbanding the Regions. All monies from these Regions will be disbursed by May 1, 2017. It will take 2/3 vote to disband, but if we decide to remain a Region we will have to take full responsibility for all jobs and monies. This will be discussed more fully at the Regional meeting in Arkansas.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

District V Ways and Means announced that the Silent Auction will close after breakfast Friday and the NMGC Ways & Means drawing will be held after the awards presentation in the morning.

LEAP INTO LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION:

Barbara Baker, SCR Director, made a presentation on conflict resolution citing a book entitled Dealing With a Person You Can't Stand.

Isabel Olsen, Immediate Past President, presented a program on protocol courtesies.

President Andrego presented a program on creating a meeting agenda.

Jan Smith, 2nd VP, presented a program on taking accurate minutes.

Laurie Hixon, Treasurer, made a presentation on club treasurer reports. Information attached.

Sally Warner, Parliamentarian, taught us how to make a proper motion.

President Andrego presented "Planting Seeds of Friendship & Fun". We played a fun game called "What's Yours Like?" Winners received \$10 Sonic Gift Cards.

President Andrego reminded everyone that the President's Wine Reception is at 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. At 6:15 all former state presidents, current district directors and current club presidents will meet Penni Davey & Jan Smith outside the dining hall for the President's Parade.

We are adjourned until 6:30 P.M.

Following dinner, Christine Longthorp, Scholarship Chairman, gave the Memorial Service. Copy attached.

Debra Sorrell, Awards Chairman, and President Suzy Andrego presented the following top awards:

- NMGC Member of the Year to Dianna Doddridge.
- Mentor of the Year Award to Mary Ann Moreno for her years of meritorious service.
- The Designer of the Year Award was presented to Juanita Ortega
- Horticulturist of the Year Award was announced as Bill Shen.
- Laurie Hixon, Treasurer, was presented with the Silver Medallion Award.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2016

Colleen Hinker, District III Director, presented President Suzy Andrego with a hand-made cross-stitch tapestry of daffodils and butterflies in honor of her programs.

Awards were presented by Debra Sorrell, Awards Chairman, and President Andrego. All are noted in the attached booklet.

Winners for the Ways & Means drawing were Judy Needham, Roswell, the necklace and Judy Handy, Los Alamos, the creative container.

Name tag award went to Lincoln County Garden Club.

Colleen Hinker, District III Director, invited all members and guests to the NMGC Fall Board meeting to be held on October 27 and 28, 2016 at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NM. More information will be forthcoming in the NM Gardener.

Sue Ferguson, Registrar, gave the final credentials and registration report:

There were 74 Full-time registrations, 15 part time attendees. 89 total registered with a voting strength of 74.

Mary Ann Moreno, District I Director, invited all members and guests to the 2017 Annual Convention to be held at the Drury Hotel in Albuquerque on April 25, 26 and 27, 2017.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Diane Peterson and Johnese Turri, Resolution Co-chairs.
Courtesy Resolutions were adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Carolyn Bedford, Secretary

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. 2016 General Meeting
Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, New Mexico
October 27 -28, 2016

October 28, 2016

Officers Attending –

President Suzy Andrego
1st Vice President Barbara Vance
2nd Vice President Jan Smith
Historian Becky Fuller
Parliamentarian Sally Warner
Corresponding Secretary Penni Davey
Immediate Past President Isabel Olsen
Past President Shirley Tetrault

District Directors

District I MaryAnn Moreno
District II Doris Jackson
District III Colleen Hinker
District IV Nancy Ketchum
District V Judy Preston – excused

Others Nominating Chairman Maggie Rubino

President Suzy Andrego called the meeting to order at 9:02am. This is the 67th NMGC Fall Board meeting.

President Andrego thanked the volunteers of Gamma Alpha Omega from the University of New Mexico, Las Vegas for their help during the convention.

Inspirational Reading – Mary Ann Moreno

Pledge of Allegiance – Shirley Tetrault

Welcoming Remarks – Colleen Hinker, District Director III

Credentials Report – Jo Ann Layden, Registrar

Preliminary Credentials Report

1 NMGC President
6 Elected Officers
2 Appointed Officers
4 District Directors
8 Club Presidents
17 New Mexico Garden Club Chairpersons
6 Flower Show Judges
55 Garden Club Members

Parliamentarian Sally Warner reported that there was a quorum present.

The Standing Rules of the convention were read and approved as written.

The 2016 Fall Board Meeting Program was presented by Penni Davey with no changes. It was adopted.

President Andrego appointed the following to approve the minutes of the General Meeting. Barbara Vance, Becky Fuller and Doris Jackson.

Minutes of the 2016 NMGC Spring Meeting – Acting Recording Secretary Jan Smith

The minutes have been approved and distributed. They will stand as approved.

Treasurer's Report - Becky Fuller for Laurie Hixon – attached

State Officer's Reports

State President Suzy Andrego – attached
1st Vice President – Barbara Vance – attached
2nd Vice President – Jan Smith – attached
Historian – Becky Fuller – attached
Corresponding Secretary – Penni Davey – no report
Immediate Past President – Isabel Olsen – no report

District Director Reports

District I – Mary Ann Moreno – attached
District II – Doris Jackson – attached
District III – Colleen Hinker – attached
District IV – Nancy Ketchum – attached
District V – Judy Preston - attached

2016 Spring Annual Convention Final Report– Isabel Olsen reporting for Judy Preston – attached

New Mexico Gardener –

President Andrego acknowledged the chairmen who wrote articles for the New Mexico Gardener.

Chairman Reports - attached

Archives – Beulah Oyler
Youth Container Chairman – Mary Ann Moreno
Butterfly Chairman – Jo Ann Layden
Awards Chairman – Debra Sorrell
Penny Pines Chairman – Isabel Olsen
Scholarship Chairman – Christine Longthorp
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest – Mary Ann Moreno
Youth Chairman – Esther Russell
Nominating Committee – Maggie Rubino
Ways and Means – Juanita Ortega
Blue Star Memorial – Shirley Tetreault
Bee Chairman – Vicki Frye
Environmental School – Mary Ann Moreno
New Mexico Judges Council Symposium – Mary Ann Moreno

New Attendees

President Andrego acknowledged those NMGC members who were attending the Fall Board for the first time.

2017 Annual Spring Convention

Mary Ann Moreno reported on the plans for the 2017 Spring Convention. It will be held at the Drury Inn, Albuquerque on April 25-27, 2017. The South Central Region Annual Convention will be held April 27-28, 2017 at the same venue.

Silent Auction

The silent auction brought in \$512.

Presidential Citation – President Andrego presented District Director III Colleen Hinker with a Presidential Citation for her work on the 2016 Fall Board Convention.

Ways and Means – Juanita Ortega –Marion Butler – won the expenses-paid trip to the NMGC, Inc. 2017 Annual Convention in Albuquerque; Peggy Otero – won the two-strand turquoise nugget necklace and sterling silver earrings and Mary Ann Moreno – won the turquoise rectangles and cross necklace and turquoise earrings.

Final Credential Report

1 NMGC State President
6 Elected Officers
2 Appointed Officers
4 District Directors
17 Chairpersons
8 Club Presidents
14 Flower Show Judges
55 Garden Club Members

Voting Strength – 54

Courtesy Resolutions – presented by Diane Peterson and Johnese Turri
The resolutions were voted on and adopted by the members.

Benediction – John Sorrell

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Jan Smith
Acting Recording Secretary

TREASURER - *Laurie Hixon*

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

	30-Jun-15	31-Jul-15	31-Aug-15	30-Sep-15	31-Oct-15	30-Nov-15	31-Dec-15	31-Jan-16	#####	31-Mar-16	30-Apr-16	31-May-16
Checking	0.00	4,999.47	4,931.33	3,485.27	1,952.87	938.16	793.71	438.77	1,883.11	993.16	760.48	336.82
Savings	2,308.89	1,919.37	1,929.03	1,938.37	1,953.09	20,845.88	20,859.53	40,236.94	5,023.10	4,550.29	4,367.70	4,384.86
Accounts Total	2,308.89	6,918.84	6,860.36	5,423.64	3,905.96	21,784.04	21,653.24	40,675.71	5,023.10	5,543.45	5,128.18	4,721.68
General Fund	(2,378.69)	2,135.09	2,863.54	2,667.92	1,661.18	1,711.88	1,487.52	1,522.32	3,030.81	1,612.41	470.60	471.62
Ways & Means	95.51	95.51	95.51	95.51	95.51	502.67	510.67	365.67	365.67	484.67	981.67	981.67
Awards	(35.00)	(35.00)	(35.00)	(35.00)	(35.00)	(35.00)	40.00	330.00	702.50	312.50	312.50	312.50
Habitat for Humanity	303.91	303.91	303.91	303.91	303.91	303.91	303.91	242.68	242.68	242.68	242.68	242.68
State Conv Programs	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03	1,602.03
Education Interest	(508.04)	(506.95)	(505.86)	(504.80)	(403.13)	(401.92)	(400.66)	(399.61)	1.56	3.51	5.49	7.45
Scholarship Principal	2,030.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	50.00	50.00	70.00	70.00
Scholarship Interest	(495.44)	(489.70)	(483.97)	(1,728.43)	(2,244.67)	(2,018.31)	(3,261.74)	(3,256.20)	47.04	57.29	147.68	157.92
Pres Endow Principal	0.00	3.99	6.02	7.98	11.08	13.33	15.65	17.61	18.69	22.56	26.48	30.34
Pres Endow Interest	85.52	83.92	84.27	84.61	85.15	85.55	85.95	86.29	86.32	86.40	86.48	86.55
Accounts Total	699.80	5,382.79	6,120.45	4,683.73	3,266.05	3,954.13	2,573.33	2,700.80	6,147.30	4,474.04	3,945.61	3,962.77
Outstanding Checks	1,609.09	1,536.05	739.91	739.91	639.91	639.91	1,889.91	(1,756.34)	(1,124.20)	1,069.41	1,182.57	758.91

Previous Balance	44.64	699.80	5,382.79	6,120.45	4,683.73	3,266.05	3,954.13	2,573.33	2,700.80	6,147.30	4,474.04	3,945.61
Income	1,849.34	5,009.13	737.66	137.34	266.72	749.92	144.65	333.70	45,410.65	236.20	814.42	17.16
Expenses	1,194.18	326.14	0.00	1,574.06	1,684.40	61.84	1,525.45	206.23	41,964.15	1,909.46	1,342.85	0.00
Book's Balance	699.80	5,382.79	6,120.45	4,683.73	3,266.05	3,954.13	2,573.33	2,700.80	6,147.30	4,474.04	3,945.61	3,962.77

CD Information												
LANB-30 12 m 2/8/17.35%	17,190.00	17,190.00	17,190.00	17,190.00	17,190.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
LANB-31 24 m 2/8/18 .50%	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
DNCU-321 18 m 9/23/16 .30%	19,851.12	19,856.18	19,861.24	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14	19,866.14
CD Total	39,851.12	39,856.18	39,861.24	39,866.14	39,866.14	39,866.14	39,866.14	19,866.14	39,866.14	39,866.14	39,866.14	39,866.14

Total Bank Funds:	42,160.01	46,775.02	46,721.60	45,289.78	43,772.10	61,650.18	61,519.38	60,541.85	44,889.24	45,409.59	44,994.32	44,587.82
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CD Distribution

	Amount	Percentage	
General Fund	\$ 2,615.00	4.95%	
Education Principal	\$ 6,083.00	11.51%	
Scholarship Principal	\$ 31,892.00	60.33%	
Pres Endow Principal	\$ 12,030.00	22.76%	
Pres Endow Interest	\$ 245.00	0.46%	
	\$ 52,865.00	100.00%	\$ 120.14 (locked up in CD 321; to be distributed when CD matures in 9/2016)

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

DISTRICT I DIRECTOR – *Mary Ann Moreno*

District I has eight Garden Clubs and one Junior Garden Club. Our last District Meeting was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, at Weck's Restaurant located on Louisiana NE. in Albuquerque, NM. We had a wonderful lunch, installation of new Officers, received District I Awards and honored our NMGC, Inc., President Suzy Andrego. Our new District Officers for 2017-2019: District I Director Maple Levine, 1st Vice Director Sonia James, 2nd Vice Director Deborah Sorrell, Secretary Esther Russell, and Treasurer Sarah Bianco. All Garden Clubs in our district were invited to help make both Conventions a success. Starting with the NMGC Spring Convention, April 25-27, 2017, and the South Central Regional Convention, April 28-29, 2017, both conventions being held at the DRURY INN in Albuquerque, NM.

Sarah Bianco and Sonia James, are Co-Chairman's of the NMGC Spring Convention and Jennifer and Mary Ann Moreno are Co-Chairman's for the South Central Region Convention. District II 1st Vice President of NMGC, Inc., Barbra Vance will be installed as President of NMGC, Inc., for 2017-2019, at our NMGC Spring Convention. Our District V member, Isabel Olson, will be installed as 2017-2019, South Central Regional Director at the SCR Convention.

I enjoyed my term as District I Director, and will still be here to help the new crew in any way I can. All our District meetings were well attended and the programs were interesting and very educational.

DISTRICT II DIRECTOR – *Doris Jackson*

Theme: Linking Ecology with an Affinity for Plants

The District II Garden Clubs: Floral Designers GC, Los Alamos GC and Summit GC have representatives of Officers & Chairmen on the District, State, Region and National Boards. They plant trees, apply for awards and have registered habitats. They contribute to civic development, scholarships and practice environmental concerns. District II supported a very successful Standard Flower Show, "The Pulse of Life" held at the Fuller Lodge Art Center in Los Alamos for the opening of the Gallery show "Pulse" on June 17th, 2016. Members also participate in Flower Show Schools, Environmental Schools and Landscape Design Schools. Our 74 members are fulfilling the mission of NGC and New Mexico Garden Clubs objectives.

The 2016 District II Executive Fall Board Meeting was held in Los Alamos with Suzy Andrego, NMGC President and Barbara Vance, NMGC 1st VP in attendance. The Spring District II meeting/lunch was held at Hotel Santa Fe on March 21, 2017. Floral Designers GC was the hostess club and we were honored to have Suzy Andrego and Barbara Vance attend this meeting. Shelby Green installed the officers for 2017-2019 and Pegi Naranjo Smith gave the program on Succulents.

The Rose Award recipients: Dorothy Crawford - Fall 2016 and Pat Copple - Spring 2017

The Daffodil Award recipient: Helen Carpenter - Spring 2017

This clubs are preparing for summer plantings, having educational programs and will be studying the new designs and changes in the 2017 edition of the Flower Shows Handbook.

Laurie Hixson, District II Treasurer, has planned and arranged for the NMGC and SCR tour to Bandelier during the April 2017 Conventions in Albuquerque.

The District II Garden Clubs:

Floral Designers Garden Club is a floral design study club. All members participated in the June 2016 District II Flower Show. Favorite program: Abstract Creative Design - "Whimsical Imagination" with lunch at Dorothy Crawford's home.

Los Alamos Garden Club oversees the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden at Fuller Lodge.

Favorite program: Honored Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday with Trish Spillman showing her collection of African textiles and telling how the textiles were dyed and the meaning of symbols.

Summit Garden Club continues to work on planting and caring for the gardens at Bandelier National Monument. Favorite program: A tour of the NM Consortium in Los Alamos.

District II encourages all NMGC members to attend the 2018 NMGC Convention in Santa Fe next April 2018.

DISTRICT III DIRECTOR – Colleen Hinker

District III is composed of two clubs located in the Northeast section of our state. The combined membership is 81 persons, most of which are active in our various projects, and reflect our theme of 'good to grow- great to share'. Some of our members are active at the State and Regional levels and number around 8 members.

Fifteen plus are life members counting all levels and many receive state, regional, and national publications. We are proud of our 3 flower show judges.

Our clubs are 2 to 3 hours apart, but still work together and support each other's projects. We have an ongoing interest in encouraging new members and new clubs to join us in our activities. Out here in our area of the State, it is sparsely populated, widely spaced, and water is a precious commodity. Our clubs bring design, horticulture and gardening information to our communities by their outreach programs. (such as education programs at senior centers, joining the community in clean-up, maintaining our community garden, and having planting parties) Angel Fire Garden Club's Garden tour in May is very popular and brings in guests from all over the state.

Another good time to educate the public about our activities is at the Santa Rosa Flower Show held for three days at the Guadalupe County Fair in August. Many people participate in the festivities and find a beautiful, cool respite in the flower Show room!! This gives us a chance to advertise our enthusiasm for gardening and designing. Santa Rosa members plant and maintain a medicinal Herb Garden at their local Hospital (complete with signage) and Angel Fire Garden Club maintains three signature gardens. These not only bring beauty, but add to the knowledge of their community and visitors. 26 plus trees have been planted and environmental projects completed. 4 Blue star Memorials are maintained in the District to honor our veterans. Our junior Garden Club in Angel Fire is always busy with fun projects.

We were honored to host the 2016 Fall Board Meeting in Las Vegas at the restored Plaza Hotel. Robin Polskorski gave a great presentation on how to be effective leaders. We learned how to create cooperative floral designs with our fellow designers in the Judges Council programs. We thank all who participated and hope they learned useful information to take back to their clubs. We enjoyed meeting new and old friends in a gracious atmosphere and wish to thank our State president for all her help!

What an awesome year for our Angel Fire Garden Club!! We still have lots of snow on the ground and spring seems pretty far off for us up here in the high country! We started off 2016 with our 1st meeting in March with a wonderful presentation on decorating gourds from one of our newest members. She even brought gourds she grew herself for us to purchase (at a great price)!

May meeting we had a wonderful presentation on blue birds, what type of houses they like, how to prepare their houses and how to attract them. We had the semi-annual village clean-up day this month also. We always have a great turnout of our members. We attended the high school graduation and gave a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a very deserving young lady who is now going to UNM.

For our June meeting we went to a member's garden where she did a presentation on how to envision your garden. We had a very special dedication of our new Blue Star Memorial and ByWay Marker at the Shuter Library along with the dedication of our Butterfly garden. We were so happy to have Suzy Andreggo, Shirley Tetrault and Debra Sorrell here for this occasion. It was great to have so many locals attend. JoAnn Layden

had her Ponderosa Pines Youth Garden group recite butterfly poems and sayings. We also participated in the Go Red day with Keller Williams Realty and worked on our median.

July was creating butterfly feeders, which we all got to make and take home. Our Annual Garden Tour was on the 16th of July. We were all so pleased with the awesome gardens and landscaping on this tour as well as having 7 of our local artists at the host gardens. We included on the tour our newly dedicated Butterfly Garden with JoAnn and her Ponderosa Pines youth group. It was wonderful to have around 200 people viewing it as well as the other 5 gardens. We were so happy to have Suzy Andregio attend as well as several state officers and chairs. Our wonderful tour committee, led by Suzanne Cole, worked so hard to make this a memorable experience. Jo Brennan, besides getting her garden ready for the tour, worked tirelessly on the tour brochures, which were decorated with individual, hand-cut butterflies! Our decorated hat contest is growing and it's so great to see so many compete! We had a great time decorating them to sell at the tour. The silent auction was a great success, with so many donations from our local individuals and business. A new addition to the luncheon was a presentation by Lori Priest from Ace Hardware in Taos. She demonstrated the art of floral design using garden flowers. Over the past months before the tour we had quite a few work nights to get ready for the tour.

The August meeting was at a member's home where we visited her organic garden and green house, which she built herself.

September meeting, we brought in a horticulturist to show us water features. We had a fun "yard party" at one of our members and also participated in the Music From Angel Fire's annual concerts by providing arrangements for them.

Our annual seed exchange was held in October at a local restaurant and we had lots of fun and games. October was also the second clean-up day for the village and we had members come to clean up our mile in town.

We had a wonderful presentation on decorating a Thanksgiving tablescape for our November meeting. We also had a breakfast tail gate party at the Memorial garden

Our annual Christmas party was great!! We had a decorated arch in the entrance to the restaurant. Every table had a very unique centerpiece made from rounds cut from aspen and pine in different diameters and heights with special Christmas decorations from our committee members added to the these rounds. It truly was an enchanting Christmas party! This year, Elliott, the Elk on the median, was decked out with Santa boots, nose & hat and a big beautiful wreath made out of an old Christmas Tree. Was fun to see him all lit up! We participated in the Chamber of Commerce's 12 days of Christmas, a fund raising event where local businesses and organizations donated fun prizes which were given away in daily drawings. The Garden Club made a wreath using dried Mullen and wild irises with pine boughs cut from our properties. We made the poinsettias out of beer cans sprayed with red paint and highlighted with glitter.

We had "fun" work parties on all our signature gardens though out the year. We have such wonderful hard working members!! It has been a pleasure being their club president!!

Submitted by: Johnese Turri, President, Angel Fire Garden Club

Santa Rosa Garden Club – Carolyn Bedford, President

Our 15 members continue to do outreach in our community by working with Senior Citizens to help with their gardening and design. Encourage children in grades 1-5 to enter the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest. Decorate the Blue Star Memorial. Educating the public at the Guadalupe County Fair Flower Show.

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR – Nancy Ketchum

Six clubs with one hundred one members.

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR – Judy Preston

March of 2016 found the four garden clubs of District V working diligently to finalize details for the 2016 New Mexico State Garden Clubs, Inc Convention. The Convention was held at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club in Alto, New Mexico.

My sincere thanks to all committee chairs and members who worked together and created a wonderful mountain experience for the 89 participants who attended the convention. The four clubs: Artesia, Home, Lincoln County, Morning all exhibited their wonderful creativity and diligence in the year long planning and behind the scenes work that was done. As the convention ended, on April 1, 2016, the weather man sent us a snow shower, but all travelers returned home blessed with safe travels, and happy memories of the 2016 Convention.

As spring arrived, the Gardeners of Lincoln County Garden Club planted a new tree at the Ruidoso Elementary School, and continued their work in hospital and library gardens. Members across the district were involved in a wide array of “planting activities”. From containers to various flower beds members were digging, relocating, cleaning out from winters rest and excitedly preparing things for the spring and summer season. The Pecos Valley Youth club also enjoyed a variety of activities during this time. This youth group, lead by Renieta Riesel and her wonderful band of helpers have engaged in work at the Roswell zoo and gardens at Spring River. Digging and fertilizing beds, planting containers with bulbs and studying ladybugs, they have indeed been a busy group excited to be outside and happy to be learning together. Programs given also offered us learning opportunities regarding our native birds.

The special program topic of “Penny Pines” was given by Isabel Olsen, who shared a wealth of information with all of us.

The other adult clubs studied herbs, essential oils, a variety of conservations methods, did arts & crafts with senior citizens, shared luncheons, held plant sales, attended symposiums and classes as well as working in specific local public gardens to make our areas beautiful.

Members enjoyed several field trips....to the Valley of the Fires, a day in Cloudcroft picking cherries, working sessions at Bitter Lakes Refuge, a tour at the Bosque del Apache wildlife area in San Antonio, NM were well attended.

Members of District V also attended the State Fall Board Meeting in Las Vegas and brought home reports of a wonderful time had by all.

Some members also attended the Garden Shop Tea held in Albuquerque.

Our members also gathered items for local food banks, and military packages were sent to our troops for the Christmas season.

Programs about thinning trees, composting, and preparing beds for winter were also interesting and helpful.

The new year found our clubs as busy as ever. Special floral designs were delivered to senior citizens for Valentine’s Day and as the March winds again blew through the the Sacramento Mountain Range, again we were busy working to get ready for spring 2017.

At the end of March 2017 we will gather in Roswell and be hosted by Home Garden Club for the District V Spring meeting where we will celebrate the installation of new officers.

I have learned so much as District V Director during the past two years. It has been indeed a special opportunity to work with the talented, dedicated and caring members of District V.

Artesia Garden Club – Julie Foster, President

Two of our members attended Fall Board in Albuquerque. Floral Design and growing container vegetables.

Home Garden Club – Pamela Davis, President

March 2016 - Meeting held at the Chaves County Extension Office with Sandra Barraza, County Extension Manager, presenting a program on how to set up an herb garden.

April 2016 - Met in the adobe home of Dorothy Torrez which sits in the beautiful Hondo Valley. In the small town of San Patricio the home has been in the family for over a century. With beautiful flower gardens and a large vegetable garden, we spent time touring and then enjoyed a delightful luncheon.

May 2016 - Agnes Bonham opened her home to our meeting with local beekeeper Mike Sudduth. We learned about the plants that attract bees and the care of the hives.

June, July, **August 2016** - No meetings were held. Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge garden, Spring River Park and Zoo garden were maintained during the summer months. Weeding, Feeding and Replanting as needed.

September 2016 - "All You Need to Know About a Flower Show" was our program presented by Peggy Voigt. This was in preparation for the upcoming Eastern NM State Fair and flower show.

October 2016 - "Member's Garden Tour" For our meeting we traveled around town to view the beautiful gardens of four of our members. We saw iris in bloom, ponds filled with qoi and herbs filling the ground.

November 2016 - Elaine Smith gave a presentation on the "Many Uses of Herbs - Soaps and Essential Oils" which informed the club of all of the incredible uses of many plants.

December 2016 - St. Andrews Parish Hall was the location of our annual **Christmas** luncheon and gift exchange. We gathered gifts for the local Youth Challenge teens to be taken to them later that day.

January 2017 - We met at the Roswell Adult and Recreation Center for a presentation on "Our Precious Native Birds" presented by the Spring River Park and Zoo.

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

ARCHIVES - Beulah Oyler

I have taken several boxes of items to be archived at the NMSU library to have them catalogued. They will be available to anyone who would like to access them.

AWARDS – Debra Sorrell

The Awards Handbook was revised at the beginning of my term, with a few minor changes. Those changes were presented at the annual Fall Board meeting in Albuquerque and new handbooks distributed. I have written articles for the New Mexico Gardener, encouraging our members to begin to plan early for entering. I have been soliciting donations for monetary prizes, as well. We are looking forward to a great awards ceremony in the Spring of 2017!

BEES – Vicki Frye

This last year has been fun and busy for me. I wrote articles for our newsletter which I hope were interesting and maybe thought provoking. I gave some talks about the Bees in our world and their importance and plights to different organizations.

I put together an educational display for a Flower Show at the Albuquerque Garden Center. This was my first attempt at something like this. It won a Blue Ribbon and Educational Top Exhibit. No one was more surprised than me. I just wanted to bring Bees into focus for the show attendees. I hope people enjoyed the exhibit and maybe tried to spot a few bees in their garden after they got home.

The Bee Photo Contest seemed to be a success. I got 17 entries. The photos were beautiful. The Winners will receive certificates and prizes at the NMGC Spring Convention. The 1st, 2nd 3rd and Honorable Mention photos will be displayed. The reason for having the contest was to draw attention to the Bees in our gardens.

Sometimes the Bees in our gardens are really not noticed that much. I focused on Mason Bees, Bumble Bees and Honey Bees in the articles for the newsletter. My first love has always been the Honey Bee. My husband Fred and I had Honey bees for many years in the East Mountain area of Bernalillo County. Sometimes these

busy little gals (yes, all work is done by the females) and their work go unnoticed . I hope they are seen and appreciated more now. That was my goal for the year. It was an honor to serve as Bee Chairman for NMGC.

BIRD & BUTTERFLY – Jo Ann Layden

No report received.

BLUE STAR MARKERS/MEMORIAL GARDENS - Shirley Tetreault

No report received.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT – Maple Levine

No report received.

CONTAINER GARDENING for butterflies - Mary Ann Moreno

No report received.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL – Mary Ann Moreno

We have 1 new Environmental Consultant, Jan Smith of Roswell. And, we have 1 new Master Environmental Consultant, Mary Ann Moreno. 1 Environmental consultant recertified.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS - Suzy Andrego

No report received.

FOOD/HERB GARDENING – Colleen Hinker

No report received

GARDENING THERAPY – Renate Reisel

No Application on garden therapy where submitted

Email went out to all garden club presidents to encourage and support Members to send in application for awards

I am happy to talk with garden club member if they need help with their garden project.

Hopefully this coming season we will have more luck and I will send out more emails to club members.

GENERAL HORTICULTURE - Ellen Reed

I have written horticulture articles for each issue of the New Mexico Gardener pertaining to what you need to do in your garden at that time of the year. Watch for my horticulture articles in the coming New Mexico Gardeners.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Sonia James

No report received.

NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL - Christine Longthorp, President

No report received.

JUDGES STATE CREDENTIALS – Mary Gilliam

No report received.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Kathy Flanders

As Membership Services Chairman, I am responsible for selling merchandise at meetings and conventions. The merchandise includes gift and educational items. The District V Fall Board meeting in Roswell was the first time we had a table set up. The members that attended the meeting enjoyed the convenience of having the items to view and take home with them.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK – Rene McCoy

I would like to encourage your clubs to participate and plan projects to promote National Garden Week **JUNE 7-13, 2017.**

It is not too early to start the planning, inviting others to help, and to publish your club projects. Many projects can be promoted during this week. Some ideas are listed below:

- Plant or renew community flower beds (Invite youth groups Master Gardeners or others to help) Work with a 4-H club to plant a garden for their National 4-H Garden Project.
- Host a program at the Library regarding gardening in your area, information on your club, club projects and membership information.
- Ask your Mayor to designate National Garden Week for your town and publish your project together with the designation in your local paper. Be sure and give your contact and membership information too.

Here are some interesting facts about gardening and what it teaches: **Patience.** Waiting for plants to grow and then bloom takes time, sometimes more than a year; **Creativity.** Planning a garden with a color scheme or a bed with companion plants encourages creativity; **Responsibility.** Planting, weeding, watering and general care takes commitment; a **sense of accomplishment.** Seeing a plant grow from a seed or rhizome to fruition gives a feeling of success; and, **Family devotion.** When we spend quality time together by participating in a common interest, we foster love and respect and a continued interest in growing, keeping the earth pollution free, protect our water ways from too much pesticide use and personal serenity too.

I hope that this gives you some ideas and I look forward to getting your club reports so that I can report to the State President and South Central Region on what wonderful projects we are doing to support our area garden clubs in New Mexico. Thank you for supporting National Garden Week and National Garden Club projects.

NEW MEXICO GARDENER – Linnea Egbert

No report received.

PENNY PINES REFORESTATION CHAIRMAN - Isabel Olsen

National Garden Club formed a partnership with the USDA Forest Service in 1941, the year the first Penny Pines Plantation was planted. This year marks 75 years and it has been one of the longest existing projects for National Garden Clubs, Inc.

As chairman of the Penny Pines Reforestation project, I felt my purpose and mission was to inform the garden club members of the project and how they could participate. I did this by writing articles for the NM Gardener, providing information regarding our five National Forests, and displaying an educational exhibit at the annual convention. I have also traveled to various club meetings throughout New Mexico to present an informed talk

about the reforestation project. Each of the clubs that I visited received a Penny Pines Donation Jar, to raise club awareness which ultimately led to increased donations. In 2016, NMGC gave \$1292.00 to our National Forests. This is the highest amount ever donated to date for New Mexico. I would like to recognize and thank the members of these clubs for their contribution and support.

Petal Pushers

District III – Angel Fire

Daubers, Flowering Desert, Hi-Hopes, Mesilla Valley, and from the District IV Officers

District V – Home

These garden clubs have demonstrated in their generous spirit, the importance of supporting the effort of replanting trees in the National Forests of New Mexico for future generations to use and enjoy.

District I –

District II – Los Alamos

District IV – Desert

PERSONNEL - Carol Stomp

No report received.

SCHOLARSHIP/LIFE MEMBER SERVICES – Christine Longthorp

No report received.

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST – Mary Ann Moreno

The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Contest was very successful in having four Elementary Schools and two Junior Garden Clubs participating and sending in posters to be judged in New Mexico. Now the poster winners from all four states in South Central Region will be again judged and the Winners sent to The United States Forest Service for their selection of the finalists. Cross your fingers and hope New Mexico has one of the winners!

TREES AND SHRUBS – Isabel Olsen

Tree & Shrub Award Application – 2016

I. REQUIREMENTS:

A. The application from Home Garden Club was received by state chairman Isabel Olsen on February 20, 2017 by email. And the application from Morning Garden Club was received by state chairman, Isabel Olsen on February 12, 2017 by email.

No other applications were received electronically or by postal service.

B. The award Applications were mailed by postal service and sent electronically to the State Awards Chairman- Debra Sorrell on March 4, 2017.

C. The Application requirements and guidelines on page 2 were followed except the dates of planting were not listed on Morning GC application.

II. AWARDS:

A. 1st place was awarded to Home Garden Club.

B. 2nd place was awarded to Morning Garden Club.

III. CRITERIA:

A. Yes, the clubs and /or individual members collectively reported the planting of trees or shrubs 3 feet or taller during the current award year.

B. The application must state the date, location and species of trees and shrubs planted. Home GC application followed these requirements, but Morning GC was missing the date of planting.

C. An accompanying photograph is required. Home had 29 tree and shrubs represented in the photos submitted. Morning had 15 represented in the photos submitted

WAYS and MEANS - Juanita Ortega

The Ways and Means Committee raffle fundraiser supports the President's Project. Two prizes were given away at the NMGC, Inc. 2016 Annual Convention in Ruidoso, NM on April 1, 2016. All non-winning tickets from the first raffle drawing were placed in this drawing. Member Judy Needham won the Native American lapis and sterling silver necklace and earring set. Member Judy Handy won the black modern design sculpture. Funds raised from March 11, 2016 to April 1, 2016 were \$197.00. **Total funds raised from June 2015 through April 1, 2016 were \$780.**

The 2016-2017 raffle fundraiser offered some new prizes to start off the new year. An expenses-paid trip to the 2017 Annual Convention in Albuquerque and two turquoise necklace and earring sets were offered as prizes for the first drawing, to be held at the Fall Board Meeting in Las Vegas, NM on October 27-28, 2016. Fifty tickets were sent to each NMGC, Inc. member club. Member Marion Butler won the expenses-paid trip to the NMGC, Inc. 2017 Annual Convention in Albuquerque on April 25-27, 2017. Members Peggy Otero and Mary Ann Moreno won the two turquoise necklace and earring sets. **Total funds raised from August 15 through October 28, 2016 were \$641.**

The second raffle drawing will be held at the NMGC, Inc. 2017 Annual Convention in Albuquerque, NM on April 25-28, 2017. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold during the Convention. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on April 28, 2017. All non-winning tickets from the first drawing will be placed in this second raffle drawing.

Four prizes include one outdoor metal wind catcher garden ornament, two handsome sterling silver bolo ties and one Native American sterling silver and turquoise necklace and earring set.

Articles and prize photos were published in the Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2017-2017, and Spring 2017 editions of New Mexico Gardener, the bulletin of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

WEBSITE – Cindy Hills

As discussed at last year's Spring Convention, Suzy Andrego requested that webpages be added for the Districts and Judges Council. The first iteration of the pages are now available in the "Members Only" section, so they are protected from public view.

A skeletal design was developed for the pages, including a sidebar for the district director's photo, theme and mission statement; contact information for district officers, chairmen and club presidents; and a sidebar for clubs' meetings--where and when --and a place for districts' documents such as bylaws.

Each district director contributed information to start populating the pages. Additional types of information submitted included District I's Award Book, District II's Standing Rules, District III's Interesting Information about Its District and Its Clubs, District IV's clubs' themes and District V's clubs' meeting times.

WILD FLOWERS/NATIVE PLANTS – Cynthia Shafer

Nothing to report

WORLD GARDENING - Sue Ferguson

"New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., encourages Club generosity for charitable purposes, with emphasis on New Mexico charities and/or garden related projects in foreign countries" - excerpt from NMGC Award Handbook, WORLD GARDENING.

The following clubs made monetary Contributions to World Gardening during 2016:

Angel Fire Garden Club - Penny Pines

Desert Daubers Garden Club - Penny Pines

Flowering Desert Garden Club - Penny Pines

Home Garden Club - Penny Pines

Los Alamos Garden Club - Penny Pines

Mesilla Valley Garden Club - Penny Pines

Petal Pushers Garden Club - Penny Pines

Summit Garden Club - Heifer International

Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

This chairman submitted a yearly article to the New Mexico Gardener describing National Garden Clubs, Inc., outreach program: Global Partners Running Waters. Their current major project is to bring potable water to 263 families in Los Llanos, Quiche, Guatemala.

YEARBOOK – Kathy Brown

The Yearbooks sent in this year were wonderful and the yearbook committee thoroughly enjoyed judging them. I sent several email messages and talked to some club presidents encouraging them to send in their yearbooks. This year we only had eleven yearbook entries however we learned so much about the club projects and different programs in their area. I would like to encourage all clubs to submit a yearbook next year. Requirements for yearbook submission can be found in the New Mexico Garden Club Awards Handbook

YOUTH THERAPY/ACTIVITIES - Esther Russell

Our New Mexico Youth Clubs began our year on a low note. We had three clubs disband. We did have a new youth club formed in Roswell sponsored by Home Garden Club. The Pecos Valley Youth Club is led by Renata Riesel. The club is in full swing and is planning lots of activities for the coming months. Way to go Home Garden Club.

Ponderosa Pines Garden Club in Angel Fire, led by Joann Leyden, is trying to keep their activities going even with all the low temperatures and cold weather. The Blooming Gardeners in Albuquerque, led by Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore, will begin their spring and summer activities at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds soon.

Please keep supporting our state youth. I would like to challenge other state clubs to sponsor other new youth clubs.