

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020



*Thank you to our Presidents
who served as leaders and guided us.*

**NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
STATE PRESIDENT LIST**

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1951 – 1953	Mrs. Earl Powell – Ft. Sumner
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1993 – 1995	Lequita Lett (Mrs. James) – Silver City
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1997 – 1999	Mary Ann Moreno (Mrs. James) – Albuquerque
1999 – 2001	Sally Warner (Mrs. Larry) – Los Alamos
2001 – 2003	Donna Betty Turney (Mrs. John) – Alamogordo
2003 – 2005	Elizabeth O’Brien (Mrs. William) – Cloudcroft
2005 – 2007	Sally Warner (Mrs. Larry) – Los Alamos
2007 – 2009	Colleen Hinker (Mrs. Fred) – Santa Rosa
2009 – 2011	Shirley Tetreault (Mrs. Al) – Albuquerque
2011 – 2013	Shirley Tetreault (Mrs. Al) – Albuquerque
2013 – 2015	Isabel Olsen (Mrs. A. J.) – Roswell
2015 – 2017	Suzy Andrego – (Mrs. Tomas) – Albuquerque
2017 – 2019	Barbara Vance – (Mrs. Donald) – Santa Fe
2019 – 2021	Christine Longthorp – Albuquerque

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OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Christine Longthorp

My first year as State President was a lot of fun and very full. After my installation in April at the Plaza hotel in Las Vegas, I was ready to get acquainted with members around the State. The Annual convention was superbly hosted by District III and a great start to my term.

In April I attended the South Central Region Convention in Oklahoma City where Linda Lawson was installed as the new Director followed in May by the NGC Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi where Gay Austin was installed as the National President. These events are so energizing as we meet with all the State Presidents who share the activities of their part of the country.

Back home here in New Mexico I travelled around the State meeting club members entering Flower Shows at County Fairs such as Eddy County, Santa Rosa, and Lincoln County. Angel Fire Garden Club hosted an outreach day in Taos titled “Garden Splendor” held at El Monte Sagrado. It was well attended and we were served a delicious lunch. I gave the design program and hopefully inspired a few to try their hand at some ideas I demonstrated. Plant Societies held beautiful Flowers Shows in Albuquerque also.

Albuquerque hosted the New Mexico State Fair in September with four Flower Shows and two Youth shows. Always a pleasure to see designs and horticulture entered by NMGC members and members of the public. My final meeting of the year was the NGC Fall Board meeting held at NGC Headquarters in St. Louis. It was my first time visiting the Headquarters and I was thrilled to see paving stones donated by NMGC and Uptown Garden club. The Entrance hall has a woven rug with each State logo and our State flower, the Yucca, was beautifully represented.

I attended all 5 District meetings in October beginning with District I superbly run by Debra Sorrell as District I Director. We met at El Pinto restaurant on March 2nd and enjoyed a very professional program on bulb growing by Suzy Andrego. This was followed by District III held in Las Vegas, NM where District Director Johnese Turri let us all know how busy Angel Fire and Santa Rosa garden clubs are. Our program was explaining the Gallinas River project and we completed the day with a tour of the River walk. It is a stunning resurrection of the river with many volunteers cleaning, planting, and redirecting the water flow.

The next day I attended District II meeting in Los Alamos with District Director Sue-Ellen De Beer and then on to District IV held at the Bosque de la Apache Refuge. District Director Ellie Nordgren ran a fun meeting where we all wore Halloween

costumes. A tour of the Refuge was the program and is always a pleasure. District V held in Artesia with District Director Renate Reisel at the helm made a very fun and informative meeting. Julie Foster facilitated a workshop with dried materials creating a plaque. Excellent idea to encourage members to enter in future flower shows.

NMGC Fall Board meeting was the culmination of the District meetings and was held at The Marriott Courtyard in Albuquerque On October 17th and 18th 2019. Flower Show judges Heather White from College station in Texas gave us a truly inspirational program about her experiences in Garden Clubs beginning with her childhood introduction by her mother. District I hosted this meeting and it was flawlessly put together.

It was with much enthusiasm that I turned the corner into 2020 and began attending District meetings. The first was District I on March 2nd at Route 66 Diner with a fifties theme. Steven Hong-Elder gave a program on propagation which was definitely one we need to repeat, District I Director Debra Sorrell created a warm and friendly environment and it was very well attended.

District II meeting was hosted in Los Alamos by District Director Sue-Ellen de Beer who was moving to the East coast and so this was her last meeting. I gave a design program on unusual ways to create flowers both in wearing and decorating. Well attended and enjoyed by those that came.

The last meeting of the year was held in Las Vegas with District III Director Johnese Turri who was full of energy and created a program where we made a mosaic tile. It was a lot of fun and we then followed it up with a visit to the mosaic wall constructed by volunteers on a street corner. Stunning art project with many NM themes depicted.

Within days of this meeting New Mexico was called to shut down to try and contain the Coronavirus called COVID 19. From this point to the present all garden club meetings in the State have been cancelled. SCR and NGC meetings were also cancelled bringing a halt to gatherings this year. NM State Fair has been cancelled also. To keep in touch gardeners from all around the State are showcasing their blooming gardens on NMGC Facebook page. We are doing our best to keep in touch and look forward to 2021 with the hope of being able to meet and once again share our passion of growing and showing the bounty of New Mexico gardens.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Carolyn Bedford

Dear Fellow New Mexico Garden Club Members, I think we are going to think of this time as BCV (Before Corona Virus) and hopefully ACV (After Corona Virus). In the period BCV, your President & I visited District I in Albuquerque for a lovely program and luncheon chaired by Debra Sorrell. The program was given by Suzy Andrego about spring bulbs.

The next BCV meeting we attended was in Las Vegas with District III with the District Director Johnese Turri presiding. After a delightful luncheon under the trees, we strolled through Las Vegas's new river conservation. The Amor de la Tierra Club cooperated with other community groups to work on this program.

The following day Christine & I traveled to Los Alamos to meet with District II under the Directorship of Sue-Ellen DeBeer. They reported on the many projects they had taken part of including the new wreath at the Lodge, some conservation projects they were involved in and many others.

I regret that I had to step down as your 1st Vice President due to health concerns with the high altitude in New Mexico. Debra Sorrell is a great addition to the NM State Board.

Because the COVID-virus has cancelled so many activities I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to hold your current officers over for another term. Here's looking forward to ACV.

Good gardening to you all.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Zaugg

It has been a pleasure serving as your 2nd Vice President this past year. We are experiencing unusual times that affect all of us in many ways, but especially as members of our clubs. The Covid-19 disease has made it a little more difficult for us to recruit and maintain members. We are endeavoring to do the best we can and are exhibiting the utmost patience. I am appreciative of all your efforts.

My responsibilities are to maintain the membership spreadsheet and send updates to NMGC Board members and NM Gardener staff. I am charged with collecting dues from each club and verifying that the dues amount matches the membership. I also give a report at the Fall Board Meeting and annual State Spring Meeting. I write an article for the New Mexico Gardener periodically. I write and submit an annual report.

This past year the youth club Ponderosa Juniors disbanded.

In preparing this report, I searched past Annual Reports on the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. members only section and found the following information that I thought you might find interesting and useful.

Membership Totals Annually

2009: 638

2010: 594 adults and 20 youth = 614

2011: 537 adults and 47 youth = 584
 2012: 532 adults and 46 youth = 578
 2013: 524 adults and 76 youth = 600
 2014: 546 adults and 107 youth = 653
 2015: 562 adults and 32 youth = 594
 2016: 542 adults and 25 youth = 567
 2017: 558 adults and 84 youth = 642
 2018: 561 adults and 84 youth = 645
 2019: 539 adults and 71 youth = 600
 2020: 531 adults and 54 youth = 585

Below is a summary of this year's membership data.

District	Club Count	Club Name	Registration	
			2019	2019 Youth
I		Blooming Gardeners		36
I		El Jardin Encanto	37	
I		High Desert Design	29	
I		Moriarity	15	
I		New Mexico Floral Artists	12	
I		Petal Pushers	21	
I		Uptown	30	
I		Valley Gardeners	33	
Total D I		8 includes 1 youth club	177	36
II		Floral Designers	12	
II		Los Alamos	30	
II		Summit	22	
Total D II		3	64	0
III		Amor de la Tierra	18	
III		Angel Fire	68	
III		Santa Rosa	18	
Total D III		3	104	0
IV		Desert Daubers	11	
IV		Evergreen	7	
IV		Flowering Desert	16	
IV		Mesilla Valley	19	
IV		Socorro	14	
IV		Sunshine Valley	17	
Total D IV		6	84	0
V		Artesia	19	
V		Home	28	
V		Lincoln	35	
V		Morning	20	
V		Pecos Valley Youth		18
Total D V		5 includes 1 youth club	102	18
Total NMGC		25	531	54

RECORDING SECRETARY – Dorothy Duff

**NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
70th FALL BOARD “Bloom Where You Are”
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
OCTOBER 18, 2019
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Officers Attending

1st Vice President - Carolyn Bedford
2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg
Treasurer - Laurie Hixson
Corresponding Secretary - JJ Huddleston
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff
Parliamentarian - Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President - Barbara Vance

Directors Attending

District I - Debra Sorrell
District II - Sue-Ellen de Beer
District III - Johnese Turri
District IV - Ellen Nordgren
District V - Renate Reisel

President Christine Longthorp called to order The 70th Annual Fall Meeting of the New Mexico Garden Clubs at 9:37am and introduced the NMGC State Officers and District Directors. (Listed above)

Johnese Turri delivered the inspirational reading

Shirley Tetreault NMGC Blue Star Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Debra Sorrell District I Director welcomed members and guests to the 70th Annual New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting

Preliminary Credentials Report - Debby Hasse provided the preliminary report:

35 Full time attendees and 11 Part time for a voting strength of 44

Johnese Turri moved that the preliminary report be accepted. There was no discussion and the report was adopted with a voting strength of over 2/3.

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported that a quorum was present and read the Standing Rules of the Business Meeting. The Standing Rules of the 2019 NMGC Fall Board Meeting were accepted as read.

Appointments:

The Chair appointed the following committee members to approve the minutes:

1. Carolyn Bedford - 1st Vice President
2. Joyce Zaugg - 2nd Vice President
3. Doris Jackson - District II

Joan Karrie President of Petal Pushers was appointed as Time Keeper.

Suzy Andrego indicated that there were no changes or additions to the program booklet. There was a motion to adopt the booklet. There was no discussion and there were over 2/3 votes in the affirmative to accept the program booklet for the 2019 Fall NMGC Board Meeting.

President Longthorp presented the NMGC Chairman list for the 2019-2021 term which was ratified at the Executive Board Meeting. Attendees should have a list of the NMGC Chairman and the Club Presidents. Members may contact Joyce Zaugg for copies.

Minutes:

Dorothy Duff, NMGC Secretary read the minutes of the meeting from the 2019 Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, NM. Corrections/Additions included a name correction - Diana Springer not Diane Springer.

Minutes were approved as read with one correction.

Treasurer's Report:

Laurie Hixson NMGC Treasurer provided the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or clarifications. The Treasurer's report will be filed for review and audit.

State Officer's Reports

President: Christine Longthorp provided a verbal report of her time in office thus far. She traveled to St. Louis, Missouri for the National Convention and to Oklahoma for the South Central Region Convention as well as to many NMGC Districts within New Mexico. She has awarded Rose pins to members and has enjoyed meeting and being with members from across the country as well as within New Mexico. She described progress on her President's project for a Healing Garden at the Veteran's Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Master's Level recipient of the Scholarship Award has graduated early but will complete a plan for the garden. The VA will install the hardscape while garden club members will be responsible for planting and maintaining the garden until it is established.

President Longthorp also discussed the many ways in which we can encourage growth in membership and provided 4 specific ways to encourage and support new membership:

1. "100 Ways to Recruit New Members" will be posted on the NMGC website,

2. Members can use flow chart format to explain the organizational structure of garden clubs distinguishing among the various level of National Garden Clubs Organizations, beginning with Local clubs moving to Districts Organizations then to State and Regional organizations and finally to the national level of National Garden Clubs Inc.
3. Clubs can use a Mentoring Program to match long time club members with new members
4. Posey pins can be used to engage people about gardening

Officers Reports:

1st Vice President - Carolyn Bedford - no report

2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg

Membership Update Adults = 517 Youth = 54 Total = 571

Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff - no report

Treasurer - Laurie Hixson - no report

Historian - Julie Foster (absent) - No report

Corresponding Secretary - JJ Huddleston reported that there was a change in the Presidency of the Floral Designers' Club. Current President is Laurie Hixson. Another correction indicated that New Mexico Judges Council Vice President is now Doris Jackson. She requested that Club Presidents apprise her of any changes in the memberships.

Annual Report: J.J. Huddleston reported for Conni Elkins and indicated that the Annual Report is available and has been distributed to District Directors, Club Presidents and will be on the NMGC website. Members can obtain copies from their Club President or by going on the website.

Immediate Past President - Barbara Vance: Past President Vance verbally reported that she was relaxing and enjoying more time with her family but she was "honored" to have represented NMGC. She expressed appreciation for those Chairmen who were willing to continue in their roles.

District Directors Reports (time limit 4 minutes per report):

District 5 Renate Reisel: absent report to follow

District 4 Ellie Nordgren: Attached

District 3 Johnese Turri: Attached

District 2 Sue-Ellen de-Beer: Attached

District 1 Debra Sorrell: Report attached. She reminded us that coffee mugs with the NMGC emblem are available for sale.

Other Reports

Recommendations from Executive Committee: Dorothy Duff recording Secretary reported that there were no recommendations from the Executive Committee

Johnese Turri presented the final report of the 2019 NMGC Annual Spring Convention:

Registrants: 59 Fulltime, 21 Part time for a total of 8
Total Income \$9330 for a profit of \$50.50. The Auction Profit \$1300.88 (for Host Clubs)

President Longthorp called a Brief Recess and the meeting reconvened at 10:59 AM

Chairman reports (limited to 3 minutes each)

Awards Chairman - Nanette Tanner asked members to report you Awards applications by the end of January 2020

Blue Star Memorials - Shirley Tetreault provided a verbal report thanking members for recognizing our veterans. The Petersons “passed a bag” for donations for another Blue Star Marker and collected approximately \$179

Environmental Schools: Chairman – Suzy Andrego - No Report

Gardener Editor – Suzy Andrego will be focusing on the Winter Issue in which Club Presidents will be asked to submit articles. President Longthorp thanked Suzy for stepping in to take over as Editor

Gardening School: Chairman – Debi Harrington (report attached). School completion certificates were awarded to Carolyn Buckland, Suzy Andrego, Laurie Hixson, Doris Jackson, and Jan Smith

Penny Pines: Chairman—Mary Ann Moreno. Provided a verbal report and passed a jar for coin collection. Ellie Nordgren described their project planting seedlings and whips and their collection of over \$720 for tree planting. Isabel Olsen commented that while New Mexico has the smallest population we donate more in the SCR than any other state for Penny Pines.

Scholarship’s Chairman – Nanette Tanner (is this correct) was absent but members were asked to think about possible recipients.

Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl: Poster Chairman - Jennifer Moreno. Attached

Ways and Means - Raffle tickets are available and funds will be used for the President’s Sensory Garden Project. Items include a beautiful Christmas wreath and expenses (hotel) for the Spring Convention (report attached)

Rose Award: President Longthorp announced that a Rose Award for District II will be presented to Sally Warner of Los Alamos. Sally is a Life member NMGC, South Central Region and NGC. She has worked diligently on many projects and donated

hundreds of hours to garden club activities. Doris Jackson was given the pin to take to Sally.

There were no further Committee Reports or Unfinished Business

New Business: Those attending a convention for the first time were presented with a gift.

Debra Sorrell announced that NMGC will be selling coffee mugs with the NMGC logo in the shape of a clay pot and wrist bands saying “water my plants.”

Those attending a convention for the first time were presented with a gift and a group photo was taken

A 60’ nearly perfect tree from the Carson National Forest will be traveling to Washington as the tree to be placed in front of the Capitol along with 71 smaller trees.

Los Alamos Garden Club made a Christmas Tree Skirt that was 11 ft in diameter.

Angel Fire Garden Club made 450 ornaments for the tree.

Announcements

Raffle tickets can be purchased from Kathleen Flanders. Prizes include an all expense paid trip to the 2020 Annual Convention in Las Cruces. Six tickets for \$5.

Debi Harrington reminded members that the deadline for the South Central Region newsletter is December 1.

The meeting was Recessed at 11:13 AM for the Lunch Program with Featured Speaker Heather White

“Get More Bloom Out of Your Club”

11:30 P.M.—1:30 P.M. LUNCH & PROGRAM

“Get More Bloom from Your Club”

Presented by: Heather White, Texas Garden Clubs

Anasazi Room

The General Meeting was resumed, President Christine Longthorp Presiding. Raffle Winners were drawn

Announcements:

Ellie Nordgren District IV Director extends an invitation to the 2020 Annual Convention, April 8-10 in Las Cruces, NM.

Debi Harrington talked about Plant America project that will recognize the state that plants the most native trees (Penny Pines does not count) Rules to follow.

Mary Ann Moreno described as project in which children will plant a container for pollinators and record their work by taking a picture. The child must be sponsored by

Garden Club. More info will be in Communicator. 1st prize will be \$100. Entries must be completed by April 1 for SCR meeting.

President Longthorp reminded members that New Mexico Garden Clubs Annual Convention 2020 will be April 8-12 in Las Cruces.

District I Garden Clubs presented President Longthorp with a gift (seashell bowl) in appreciation of her work as NMGC president.

Final Credentials Report: Debby Hasse reported the final registration numbers 35 Full Time and 11 Part time for a total 46 attendees.

Final Benediction: Pete Peterson delivered the final benediction.

Ellie Nordgren District IV Director extended an invitation to the 2020 Annual Convention, April 8-10 in Las Cruces, NM.

Raffle: Raffle Winners were drawn

Wreath: Linda Rasley

Trip to the Spring Convention: Beth Schneider

Purse: Maple Levine

Painting: Shirley Tetreault

Topiary: Christine Longthorp

Adjournment: President Longthorp adjourned the meeting at 2:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Duff

Recording Secretary

Note: 2020 Spring Convention cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic

TREASURER - Laurie Hixon

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

	30-Jun-19	31-Jul-19	31-Aug-19	30-Sep-19	31-Oct-19	30-Nov-19	31-Dec-19	31-Jan-20	28-Feb-20	31-Mar-20	30-Apr-20	31-May-20
Checking	1,038.57	2,870.59	2,708.53	4,340.56	3,999.50	4,526.84	4,576.88	3,638.60	4,048.63	7,628.33	8,206.39	8,238.46
Savings	1,445.32	1,474.34	1,504.34	1,534.34	1,563.67	1,596.08	1,627.44	1,659.81	1,692.80	1,730.40	1,768.89	1,804.83
Bank Accounts Total	2,483.89	4,344.93	4,212.87	5,874.90	5,563.17	6,122.92	6,204.32	5,298.41	5,741.43	9,358.73	9,975.28	10,043.29
Outstanding Checks	3.50	3.50	0.00	762.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.00	435.00	435.00
General Fund	85.13	1,923.62	1,933.83	2,810.55	623.05	630.34	687.83	(267.77)	(123.92)	2,990.02	3,591.44	3,629.46
Ways & Means	963.68	963.68	761.60	761.60	286.60	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90
Awards	92.50	92.50	92.50	92.50	92.50	92.50	92.50	117.50	391.50	411.50	411.50	411.50
Sensory Garden	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00
State Conv Programs	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37	45.37
Education Principal	638.10	641.64	645.30	648.96	652.54	656.49	660.56	664.76	669.04	674.38	679.84	684.95
Scholarship Principal	1,748.86	1,765.68	1,823.07	1,840.46	1,947.46	1,966.25	1,985.59	2,005.55	2,025.90	2,051.28	2,077.27	2,101.53
Pres Endow Principal	(1,369.25)	(1,367.06)	(1,364.80)	(1,362.55)	1,639.66	1,642.10	1,642.60	1,643.12	1,643.64	1,644.30	1,644.97	1,645.60
Ledger Accounts Total	2,480.39	4,341.43	4,212.87	5,112.90	5,563.18	6,122.95	6,204.35	5,298.43	5,741.44	8,906.74	9,540.29	9,608.30
Bank/Ledger Discrepancy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)

Previous Balance	5,374.69	2,480.39	4,341.43	4,212.87	5,112.90	5,563.18	6,122.95	6,204.35	5,298.43	5,741.44	8,906.74	9,540.29
Income	1,632.00	1,861.04	73.52	0.00	3,783.36	559.75	81.41	57.41	443.02	4,080.64	633.55	68.01
Expenses	745.20	0.00	202.08	0.00	6,333.09	0.00	0.00	963.32	0.00	915.34	0.00	0.00
Book's Balance	6,261.49	4,341.43	4,212.87	4,212.87	2,563.17	6,122.93	6,204.36	5,298.44	5,741.45	8,906.74	9,540.29	9,608.30

CD Information												
EB&T-6541 12m 2/9/21 .80%	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	13,008.54	9,008.54	9,008.54	9,008.54
EB&T-3395 24m 2/9/22 .70%	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50	20,011.50
EB&T-6248 18m 4/20/21 .65%	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,660.00
CD Total	49,680.04	49,680.04	49,680.04	49,680.04	46,680.04	46,680.04	46,680.04	46,680.04	46,680.04	42,680.04	42,680.04	42,680.04

Total Bank Funds:	52,160.43	54,021.47	53,892.91	54,792.94	52,243.21	52,802.96	52,884.36	51,978.45	52,421.47	51,586.77	52,220.32	52,288.33
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CD Distribution	current		10/2019 thru 3/2020		6/2019 thru 10/2019	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Funds	% Int
General Fund	\$ 6,996.44	16.44%	\$10,996.44	23.56%	\$10,996.44	22.14%
Education Principal	\$ 6,069.18	14.22%	\$ 6,069.18	13.00%	\$ 6,069.18	12.22%
Scholarship Principal	\$28,848.48	67.60%	\$28,848.48	61.80%	\$28,848.48	58.09%
Pres Endow Principal	\$ 745.94	1.75%	\$ 745.94	1.60%	\$ 3,745.94	7.54%
	\$42,680.04	100.01%	\$46,680.04	99.96%	\$49,660.04	100.00%

HISTORIAN – Julie Foster

Hello and Happy Spring Everyone, I hope this finds you all Safe and Well. As long as we are tied to home and electronics lets go over a few Awards Points. Being NMGC Historian I have received 12 club histories this year. Thank-you to those who put forth the effort of sending these in, which is wonderful but not half of the clubs in the state of NM. They have been judged by a panel of 6 NMGC members and results follow.

The Most Recent NMGC Awards Book is online every year in the fall with changes and updates. **BUT**, there is no reason to wait until the new year to do these reports. You can keep an email in your drafts and add to it on your own schedule, then it will be ready to ship whenever you are ready to apply. When you send in applications the

first and second things you need to remember are **Due Dates** and the **Entry Cover Page**, required by all award applications. In Club Histories your brief Description of Projects, monthly Programs, and Flower Shows earn 15 points each (a few photos are a plus). Followed by Awards, Achievements, Activities, Publicity, Participation, and conformance at 5 points each. Let's see if we can get histories from the majority if not all of the clubs in the coming year, Pretty PLEASE. I even did a first one in 16+ years for Artesia GC this year. I know shame on me, but better late than never.

Class I

First place – Sunshine Valley Garden Club

Second place – Artesia Garden Club

Third place – Santa Rosa Garden Club

HM – Mesilla Valley Gardeners

Class II

First place – Morning Garden Club

Second place – Home Garden Club

Third place – Petal Pushers Garden Club

HM – High Desert Design Club

Los Alamos Garden Club

Class III

First place – Lincoln County Garden Club

Second place – El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

Third place – Valley Gardeners Garden Club

Class IV

No Entries

Congratulations to Morning Garden Club of Roswell on taking **Overall**.

Please, stay well, and hope to see y'all soon.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – JJ Huddleston

The 2018 - 2019 NMGC, Inc. Annual Report was gathered, prepared, edited, printed, and then distributed at the Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 17, 2019 by the immediate past Corresponding Secretary, Conni Elkins. A big thank you to everyone - Officers, District Directors, Chairpersons for submitting reports to make the Annual Report possible.

Correspondence and emails, such as NGC, Inc. "Keeping in Touch" and the SCR newsletter "The Communicator" were sent as needed. I kept the Officers, Chairpersons, District Directors and Club Presidents list current.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Isabel Olsen

As Parliamentarian, I provide guidance to President Christine Longthorp and assist her by reviewing the agendas she prepares for the Executive Committee Meeting and General Business Meeting for the Annual Convention as well as Fall Board Meeting. I also prepare and disburse voting cards at these meetings. Throughout the year at the request of Club Parliamentarians, I assist with answering questions relating to procedures, the proper handling of motions and voting. I have encouraged all to follow the Bylaws and Standing Rules of their club and state. I use the NGC booklet, “A Parliamentary Procedure Manual” and the most current Robert’s Rule of Order as a guide to conducting a proper meeting, as well as encouraging all clubs and members to do so for continuity and more efficient use of time. I also submit articles for the New Mexico Gardener, to keep our member up to date. It is an honor to serve in this appointed office and to work with this NMGC administration of 2019-2021.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Barbara Vance

According to the NMGC Bylaws/Manual: “The immediate past State President shall serve on the Executive Committee. Shall be a member of the Board of Directors.” I attended the 2019 Fall Board Meetings in Albuquerque and planned to attend the 2020 Spring Convention. It has been my pleasure to support and work on projects as requested by State President, Christine Longthorp. Early this spring I was invited to District meetings. A wonderful opportunity to learn about their projects/plans and enjoy activities, renew friendships, and visit with members.

Thank You to members who sent in photos and articles for the NEW MEXICO GARDENER publications. A special THANK YOU to those who put it together and send out to members. It was a great way for all of us to stay connected – learn about what districts/clubs/members are during this time of social distancing due to the corona virus.

A LIVING GARDEN:

Plant Four Rows of **PEAS**: **P**resence, **P**reparedness, **P**erseverance, **P**romptness.

Plant Three Rows of **LETTUCE**: **L**et us be Faithful, **L**et us Obey Rules and Regulations, **L**et us love one another

Plant Three Rows of **SQUASH**: **S**quash gossip, **S**quash criticism, **S**quash indifference

Last – **TURNIPS**: **T**urn up for meetings. **T**urn up with a smile. **T**urn up with new ideas, **T**urn up on time. **T**urn up with determination to make everything count or something good and worthwhile.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

DISTRICT I DIRECTOR – Debra Sorrell

In March, we had our annual Spring meeting, “You Make Me Wanna Sprout!”, at the Route 66 Diner in Albuquerque. The retro atmosphere and food were really great! High Desert Design Club graciously made “ice cream sundae” centerpieces sitting on old 45 records. They were super cute and added to the 50’s theme. Members from all over the district attended and every club was represented. Our speaker was Uptown GC member Steven Hong-Elder who did an amazing program on propagation.....primarily of bulbs. We learned an incredible amount about how to divide bulbs and other plants to create new plants. There were wonderful ways to get a LOT of bang for your buck when you’re buying new plants!

I was excited at that meeting to hear about all that our clubs were involved in. There was the usual springtime enthusiasm for getting outside again and starting new garden projects. Of course, that was the first week of March. Things, obviously, have changed pretty dramatically since that week. In addition to all club meetings being cancelled, all community based projects have had to be put on hold or figured out under social distancing guidelines. It’s a crazy world for everyone right now and I pray that everyone has been staying safe and healthy.

The good news is.....gardening has never been cancelled!! I hope that everyone has been able to take advantage of all the extra time at home to make your gardens the best they have been in years. I know that’s what I’m trying to do! Thank goodness that we have all been blessed with this hobby of ours! It takes us outdoors, back to nature and fresh air and creativity.....things that are beneficial to a healthy body, mind, and spirit! I hope that we will soon get guidelines on how to go about getting back to our lives’ activities and that we can continue to share our love of gardening with others. I anticipate that we will be able to figure out ways to have our clubs get back together and maintain safety. Until then, HAPPY GARDENING!!

Due to changes on the NMGC board, there will be a change in the leadership of District I. We would like to welcome Sonia James as the new District I Director. She has served as the District I First VP for the past 3 years and is very ready to step into this position with a lot of experience and enthusiasm. Thank you, Sonia, for accepting this responsibility! We know you will do a fabulous job!

DISTRICT II DIRECTOR – Shelby Redondo

No report received.

DISTRICT III DIRECTOR – Johnese Turri

This has been such a different year with the COVID-19! It was so wonderful that we got to have our district meeting in Las Vegas right before this all happened!!

In October, Amor de la Tierra began their service project in partnership with Mainstreet de Las Vegas to improve an existing pocket park. Generous donation of various plants and bulbs were used in an ongoing effort to beautify the space. Their club has not met since February.

Angel Fire Garden Club's meetings have been on hold but the planning continues for work on the gardens. They have had many workdays on their signature gardens with the volunteers encouraged to social distance and wear face masks. On May 11th they had a "drive by dues drive" paying event to encourage members to contribute to the club. They were happy to say hello and see how everyone was doing! They gave their annual \$1000 scholarship to a deserving graduate from the Moreno Valley.

Santa Rosa Garden club reports that they are doing well, are healthy and busy in their gardens. They decided to have their meeting in May which raised all of their spirits. They made succulent dish gardens, shared plants, ideas, and food. They are still planning on making their usual 12 floral designs in June to take to businesses and city offices to celebrate Garden week. They sure hope the businesses can accept their gifts, as a few flowers always give joy!!

My wish to all our gardeners is to be healthy and enjoy your gardens. I sure miss all our wonderful gardeners all over the state!!!

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR – Ellie Nordgren

District IV consists of six clubs located in Alamogordo, Las Cruces (2), Silver City, Socorro, and Truth or Consequences. "We Make Dirt Look Good" is their theme.

Our NMGC State Archives are still being maintained by Beulah Oyler and Becky Fuller. They take papers and volumes to New Mexico State University for safe keeping and as a resource for future generations of gardeners and historians.

Penny Pines has received money for plantations from our clubs with Sunshine Valley outshining all of us in their \$500+ donations and work replanting in the Gila National Forest where many acres were lost in the 2017 Silver Burn Fire near Kingston, NM.

District IV continues to donate to Wreaths Across America.

Desert Daubers Garden Club of Las Cruces continues as they have passed their 53 years of active membership.

Evergreen Garden Club members of Silver City are facing a challenge as members are aging and health issues. They continue to support the Fort Bayard Veterans Cemetery with wreaths.

Flowering Desert Garden Club maintains a community garden and helps with the Alamogordo's city public Rose Garden. A successful special District Meeting was held in March 2020. They also have a Facebook page.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club was organized in 1930 and celebrated 90 years on May 7, 2020. New Mexico State University professors respond quickly to requests for speakers, tours and information and will again be speaking and giving hands on demonstrations. MVGC supports the R. W. Ludwick Memorial Endowment fund (established by Desert Daubers Garden Club in 1991). The Club installed one Blue Star Memorial Byway marker in Las Cruces' Veterans Park and plan to install two additional markers: a Byway Memorial in the small Veterans Park in Mesilla near the Plaza and a large marker on the Bataan Memorial Highway (US70) in 2021. The Club continues with the container project at the Mesilla Plaza.

Socorro Garden Club celebrated their 91st anniversary. They hosted the Fall Meeting on Halloween at Bosque del Apache. The Rose Award was presented to Susan Miller of Socorro. Many wore costumes and a fun time was had by all. In May 2020, a few members made a trip to Ellie Nordgren's home in Hillsboro to tour her gardens. The Club continues to watch over the native plant water-wise garden at the Point of Land turnaround at the Bosque del Apache, the New Mexico mid-state popular migratory bird sanctuary. They also maintain the Socorro Hospital flower gardens. Day trips included the Abiquiu Lavender Farms, Frances Durand's yard, NMSU AG research Center, Los Lunas. Mary Ann Moreno did a judging lecture in July and a design class in November. Julie Johnson created a Facebook website for the group.

Sunshine Valley Garden Club has four annual events, which included: Summer Kick-Off Luncheon in June 2019; County Fair Flower Show in October 2019; Christmas Luncheon in December 2019; and the annual Membership Tea in February 2020. Other programs during the year were a program on canning fruits, vegetables, jams, and jellies; a demonstration on how to paint gourds and pots; and making a wreath. No meetings are held in July or August. Their yearbooks have consistently won State Awards. All meetings and events were cancelled after COVID-19 hit in March 2020. They have a Facebook page.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 virus, the District IV Spring Meeting, "Dabbling in Daffodils" on March 13 had to be postponed. Much planning and preparation went into the meeting by the Sunshine Valley Garden Club, but most important was the health and safety of all members. Also, the NMGC Spring Convention in Las Cruces hosted by District IV was cancelled.

Several clubs have been doing computer sharing during the pandemic.

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR – Renate Reisel

Throughout the year in District 5, four garden clubs have been participating in many different activities, and each club has a unique way of getting involved with gardening.

Artesia club members are very hard at work with their new project at their local museum, by adding new flower beds with a variety of flowers and herbs to attract butterflies there. Their February meeting was all about Valentine's tea at the Artesia senior center, all the guest were enjoying the beautiful flower designs and refreshments on the lunch tables.

Morning garden club members enjoyed their festive Christmas season with their annual Christmas decorations at our local historical museum, each year they are decorating the museum with a different themes, also the club is maintaining the flower bed at the museum Archives building, plus the members are taking turns with maintaining 2 butterfly gardens and a flower bed at the zoo.

The Home garden club is very involved with their monthly meetings and were treated with a special design workshop presented by Isabel Olsen. The club also continues to maintain the flower bed at Bitter Lakes Wildlife Refuge and the flower bed at the local zoo, plus they are involved with the Pecos Valley Youth Garden Clubs monthly workshop.

Lincoln Garden Club members are being busy bees, they are involved with many projects, making garden containers and plant exchange. March programs with plant-a-tree in conjunction with the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation department.

District 5 fall District Meeting went to Gloria Mendiola Home Garden Member

District 5 Nominee for Spring Rose Award Is Linda Bach Artesia Garden Club Member

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

ARCHIVES - Beulah Oyler and Becky Fuller

As Archives Co-Chairpersons Due to COVID-19, the Zuhl Library at NMSU is closed. The library will be open for the fall semester, however, so materials can be brought to the Fall Board and I will be able to archive them. Please do not include any treasurer's reports, checks or bank statements. Remember archived materials are available to the public. **Do not** include anything you do not want the public to see.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Norma Tech

Nothing to report.

AWARDS – Nanette Tanner and Nancy Hartwick

The co-chairwoman submitted articles quarterly to the New Mexico Gardener, explaining the NMGC awards process, and giving encouragement to clubs and members to review the awards handbook and apply for the awards they were eligible for. Award handbooks for NMGC, SCR and NGC were provided electronically to NMGC Officers, District Directors, Club Presidents, and Chairmen, and were also available on the NMGC website.

Award sponsorships were solicited, a spreadsheet was kept with the details, financial awards were determined for each award and thank-you letters were sent to donors and judges.

Entries for NGC and SCR were forwarded expeditiously to the correct contacts.

State, Regional, and National award results will be published in the New Mexico Gardener, and on the NMGC website following the NMGC convention now postponed due to the Coronavirus. The top individual award winners for 2019 will be presented at the 2021 Spring Convention.

Award certificates and certification of commendation certificates were printed, and the awards results handbook was assembled and printed.

BEES, BIRDS, BUTTERFLY GARDENING – Jan Smith

No report submitted.

BLUE STAR MARKERS/MEMORIAL GARDENS - Shirley Tetreault

Below are the Blue Star Memorials and Locations in the State of New Mexico. This list is for your convenience when traveling our state. They are a beautiful sight and it is a wonderful program honoring our Military men and women. Due to Covid-19 our markers have been at a standstill, however our Presidents Project will be starting up as soon as we have been cleared to do so. The price has increased as of July 1, 2020 so

please access the NGC Website for new prices. Please send me pictures of any memorials that you may visit.

- 2018 District I - **Rededication**, Albuq. Garden Center, Saturday, July 28, 2018
- 2017 District V - Ft Stanton Cemetery, Tuesday, September 26th, by Lincoln County Garden Club
- 2016 District IV - Bataan Veterans Memorial Park, Silver City, NM, Thursday, October 6
- 2016 District III - **Rededication** - Clovis, NM, Sunday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. **
- 2016 NM Garden Clubs Inc. - Conchas Dam, Saturday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2016 District III - Angel Fire GC - Angel Fire - Shuter Library - Sunday, June 12th at 3:00 p.m.
- 2014 District V - Home GC - Roswell - Gen. Douglas L. McBride Roswell Veteran's Cemetery
- 2014 Home GC - Roswell - **Rededication** - Court House lawn in Roswell, NM Thursday, September 18
- 2012 District I - Uptown GC - Albuquerque - Veteran's Memorial Garden on Louisiana, June 23
- 2011 District I - Uptown GC - Albuquerque Garden Center, July 11
- 2011 District IV - Socorro GC - Isidro Baca Veteran's Park, November 11,
- 2010 District III - Santa Rosa GC - Park at Guadalupe County Court House, November 11
- 2008 District III - NMGC Inc. - State Highway 60/84 Visitor Center, Texico, November 9
** **Rededicated on August 28, 2016 in Clovis, NM**
- 2007 District II - Los Alamos GC - The Lodge Memorial Rose Garden, July 4
- 2006 District IV - Sunshine Valley GC - Veterans Memorial Park, March 7
- 2005 District IV - Mesilla Valley GC - Veterans Park, Roadrunner Parkway, Las Cruces, NM, June 17
- 2002 District V - Home GC - Chavez County Admin Bldg, Roswell, NM, February 22
** **Rededicated on Thursday, September 18, 2014 in Roswell, NM**
- 2000 District III - Angel Fire GC - DAV Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire, July 4
- 1997 District V - Mountain GC - Library Garden, Cloudcroft, corner of Burro and Swallow St. June 13
- 1996 District IV Robledo Mountains Vista GC - Ft. Selden Cemetery, Radium Springs, NM, October 16
- 1986 District I - Desert Planters GC - Memorial Rose Garden - Aztec, NM, August 21
- 1986 District IV - Sunshine Valley GC - Memorial Highway, Highway 80
- 1986 District IV - Town & Country GC - Gough Park in Silver City, NM
- 1962 District I - Trailblazers GC - Salmon Ruins, Hi way 64 San Juan County Archaeological Center

23 Memorial Markers as of 7/1/2020

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT – Maple Levine

In the last few months we have all been living in exceptional times. We are all looking forward to the time when we can all safely gather, hug our fellow gardening friends, and do our bit to beautify our communities. While it is extremely challenging, some of our clubs in New Mexico are managing to maintain civic projects that were initiated months and in some cases years ago, but just barely. The challenges of social distancing, working in the heat, and wearing a mask while working in the heat are nearly impossible for many of our members who have health risks.

I have called several club members from around the state just to check to see how they are coping and how their gardens are faring. Most have said that they are grateful to have a yard but that they have not been able to start any new civic projects.

There are however, a few silver linings for some of us. No longer can I give an excuse that I am too busy working, attending meetings, and have too many social and civic commitments to give enough attention to my own garden. To be honest, since we have been sheltering, my yard has never looked so good! It has been great talking to people (from a distance) in my neighborhood who take walks. They do ask me about some of

the plants in the front yard and it is great to tell them about the benefits of belonging to a garden club or plant society. Amazingly, it was especially gratifying to inform one lady that my daylilies were not orchids. She didn't know that a daylily could be any other color than orange as she admired my pink, red, and purple lovelies.

So even if most of us are home bound we can still do our civic duty to educate and demonstrate healthy gardening practices even on such small audiences. Who knows? There may be some volunteers from the neighborhood that will help dig when it comes to dividing the daylilies. Of course they will be rewarded!

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

State Sponsored

- **GARDENING SCHOOL – Debi Harrington and Mary Ann Moreno**
The Gardening School Series 2, School 1, for March 2020, was cancelled due to Covid-19 and will hopefully be held sometime in Fall of 2020.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - Suzy Andrego**
NMGC Environmental School was held January 22-23, 2020. We had 12 students attend. And, with the National Garden Club's registration of this class we will have 2 new Environmental consultants.

Environmental School 3 has a focus on Air. We study many interesting things about air from our history, to the present and the future of air.

Our tour was amazing. We went to tour Red Mesa Wind Farm, outside of Grants. It was so fascinating and every question the students had was answered by a group of experts in the profession. We all got to experience being up-close and personal to the wind turbines.

- **LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL – Suzy Andrego**
Nothing to report.

Judges' Council Sponsored

- **FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL - Suzy Andrego**
NM Judges Council had four students successfully complete all requirements to become National Flower Show Judges. These four judges were to be pinned at the NM Judges Council Annual meeting, which was postponed due to COVID-19 Pandemic. We will look forward to acknowledging these judges, with a pinning ceremony and celebrating their accomplishments at the 2021 NM Judges Council Annual Meeting.

- **SYMPOSIUMS - Christine Longthorp**

NM Judges Council held a Judges Symposium, November 1-3, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM

55 Garden Club members and Judges from New Mexico, Arizona, California, Wyoming, New York, New Jersey, and Oklahoma attended.

40 judges attended for Continuing Education credit and 15 members audited the course.

Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture Instructor was Dot Yard.
Penny Decker was the Design Instructor.

All judges attending for credit passed.

A special thank you to New Mexico Judges for horticulture samples and creating designs for point scoring at Symposium.

- **FLOWER SHOW CREDENTIALS – Mary Gilliam**

Judges:

As of July 2020, New Mexico has 31 Accredited Judges.

17 Master Judges

2 Life Judges

12 Accredited Judges

As of July 2020, there are two students who will need to complete FSS Courses to be eligible to continue as students.

- **FLOWER SHOW & FAIR SCHEDULES – Shirley Tetreault**

As you know the main reason for a flower show is to:

1. To educate club members and the viewing public
2. To stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design
3. To provide an outlet for creative expression
4. To communicate NGC goals and objectives

This year I received two schedules (small county fair), one from Santa Rosa Garden Club and one from Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club. These are small shows that stimulate a lot of interest in their communities. These clubs are creative and always offer additional information to the viewing public and many times get new members.

Santa Rosa - "Fairy Tales"

Home/Morning Garden Club - "Our Roots Run Deep and True" (Horticulture show)

FOOD/HERB GARDENING – Colleen Hinker

Nothing to report.

GARDEN THERAPY – Michele Ann Tart

No requests for information or assistance were received during the past year.

Two Garden Therapy awards were received for 2019. Winners were:

Artesia Garden Club	Class 1	1 st Place
Morning Garden Club	Class II	1 st Place

HORTICULTURE - Ellen Reed

Despite the corona virus caused cancellation of most actual plant sales, flower shows and club meetings, the growing season goes on. Nurseries opened on a limited scale and vegetables and bedding plants were available. The hot weather and intermittent showers with some watering have been good for most.

The seasons continue and we can still get out in our own gardens and not feel trapped indoors. There is hope by next Spring that a vaccine will have the virus under control and we can get back to enjoying sharing our gardens in person with friends. Many garden club members have taken the opportunity to give our gardens a little more TLC and are enjoying the results. Observe the birds, bugs, and other inhabitants. Our yards and local environments are treasure troves full of incredible wonders.

The late heat has been hard on my tomatoes and we are all looking forward to cooler weather. Looking forward to seeing you all next spring. Until then share pictures via text, our NMGC Facebook page and Instagram to keep in touch.

LITTER CONTROL & RECYCLING – Julie Foster

Please look for changes in NMGC Awards Book, hopefully we can get it updated to include more than trash pick-up this year. I would love to have recycle/ repurpose/ reuse projects listed, we all do it, those with outstanding ideas/ projects should be acknowledged.

Awards:

I have received 3 applications all shall receive first place in their class.

Class I – Artesia Garden Club

Class II – Morning Garden Club

Youth – Pecos Valley Gardeners

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK – Peggy Voigt

National Garden Week is held the first week in June each year to observe and acknowledge the importance of gardening and to promote knowledge of gardening.

An article was submitted to the New Mexico Gardener to encourage all clubs to participate in observance of National Garden Week, and suggestions were offered of activities and events that would inspire gardeners and promote membership in garden clubs.

NEW MEXICO GARDENER – EDITOR – Suzy Andrego

Three issues of the New Mexico Gardener have been completed and distributed to all members of NM Garden Clubs, all National Garden Clubs Regional Officers, and all National Garden Clubs Officers. These were the summer issue, the fall issue, and the winter issue. Distribution was completed electronically. There are still 40 emails being returned due to errors in email address or change of email address.

PENNY PINES – Mary Ann Moreno

Penny Pines is a National Garden Club project that started in the 1940's. Garden clubs continue Penny Pines program in our state as FIRE is a frequent visitor and devastates our National forests. Summers here in New Mexico are extremely hot and we know more fires will start before cooler weather comes our way. Penny Pines really helps reforest the burned areas and gives wildlife a chance to recover. The baby bunnies and fawns will be grateful, along with birds, butterflies, bees, and the smaller and larger mammals.

Have a Penny Pines jar or basket ready at your next Garden Club meeting and ask for donations. Your goal is \$68.00 which will buy a 200 Tree Seedling Plantation. You need to fill out a form, designate which forest you want the National Forest Service to plant seedlings in. With your check for \$68.00, made out to National Garden Clubs, Inc., and your form, you mail them to National Garden Clubs Headquarters in St. Louis. The address is on the form.

National Forests in New Mexico are: Carson National Forest- Taos, NM, Cibola National Forest - Albuquerque, NM, Gila National Forest - Silver City, NM, Lincoln National Forest – Ruidoso, NM, Santa Fe National Forest – Santa Fe, NM.

I have received two Penny Pines forms, one honoring Christine Longthorp, our NMGC President, from Uptown Garden Club and a second honoring Debra Sorrell, District I Director. I also received another call about a Penny Pines Plantation, but I forgot to write it down!! SORRY!!

Call or email me for a form, I will send it out to you! Jbmamoreno@gmail.com or (505)266-8498.

PERSONNEL – Carol Stomp

My job as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee is to get information to the Nominating Committee so they can start working on a slate of Officers for the 2020 -

2021 terms. I sent an email & spread sheet on August 1, 2019 to the 5 NMGC District Directors explaining the requirements to be eligible to be NMGC President or First Vice President. These two positions require a minimum of 2 years being on the Executive Board in an elected capacity plus an additional 2 years on the NMGC Board of Directors by the time of the elections. They must have attended 2 of the 3 last annual State Conventions.

To be eligible for nomination for 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Historian a member must have served on the Board of Directors a minimum of 2 years by the time of elections.

The Executive Committee is composed of President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, District Directors & immediate past State President.

The BOD consists of all the positions stated in the last paragraph plus all the NMGC past Presidents, Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, resident Chairperson of the National Garden Clubs, elected Presidents of the Judges Councils & member Garden Club Presidents.

I contacted the District Directors & they in turn contacted their Club Presidents to see if any Club members are eligible, willing & qualified to serve as a NMGC Officer for the 2021 to 2023 term. The District Directors send the information they receive from their Club Presidents & get that information to me. I then compile this information from all 5 District Directors & verify this information & present it to the Nominating Chairperson.

I keep records of the attendees of the following conventions - the April 2019 NMGC Spring Convention held in Las Vegas, the NMGC October 2019 Fall Board meeting held in Albuquerque plus the upcoming 2020 NMGC Spring Convention to be held in Las Cruces, etc.

I gave all the needed information to Doris Jackson, Nominating Committee Chairperson for the 2021 to 2023 NMGC at the NMGC October 2019 Fall Board Meeting held in Albuquerque. I will update Doris of any changes or answer any questions she may have pertaining to the Personnel lists.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Debra Sorrell

There were fewer photographs entered this last year but they were terrific! I was so excited about presenting this year's awards but, alas, that got postponed along with EVERYTHING else! Never fear! Those awards are in the waiting and will be distributed as soon as we can get together again. In the meantime, I hope you have all been taking lots of new photos! We have each had more time to be in our gardens or

out for a hike or a walk. I'm sure you have had terrific opportunities to catch some insect or butterfly or bird. Have you had a wildlife visitor? Did you plant an amazing new plant this year? TAKE PICTURES!! And then be ready to share them with us next spring.

PROTOCOL – Judy Laird

Nothing to report.

RESOLUTIONS – Johnese Turri

No report received.

SCHOLARSHIP/LIFE MEMBER – Sue Ferguson

The recipient of the 2020/2021 NMGC's Inc., \$2,500 Scholarship is Jonathan R. Lewis, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM. Jonathan is a senior majoring in Environmental Science, with a minor in Wildlife Biology. He plans to get a master's degree in Hydrology, and work within the USA on water conservation projects. Some of Jonathan's extra-curricular activities at ENMU include President of the Environmental Science Club, President of the Entrepreneurs' Club, and Senior Peer Mentor - TRIO Student Support Services. Jonathan was also the recipient of a \$4,000 National Garden Clubs scholarship.

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL – Jennifer Moreno

No report submitted.

TREES & SHRUBS – Sonia James

The Annual Think Trees Conference was held in Albuquerque on January 30th and 31st, 2020. The speakers were from all over the country. It was a great success.

The 2020 International Society Arboriculture Conference, a tree climbing championship with tree care specialists from all over the world was scheduled for August and was cancelled due to COVID19 pandemic. It has been rescheduled for December 15th - 17th.

There were three applications for the Tree Awards this year.

Morning Garden Club, Roswell, New Mexico won 1st place and the Walter B. Suhr Memorial Tree Award.

Home Garden Club, Roswell, New Mexico won 2nd place.

Julie Foster, Artesia, New Mexico won 3rd place.

WATER CONSERVATION – Fred Hinker

Nothing to report.

WAYS & MEANS – Kathleen Flanders

No report received.

WEBSITE – Cindy Hills

The website continued to be updated as input was received from NMGC board members, garden club members and the *New Mexico Gardener*. NMGC new membership requests that came in through the website were forwarded to the NMGC president, district directors or club presidents, depending on the nature of the request. General questions from the website were also forwarded as appropriate. All district-specific website pages were updated with new officer information.

WILDFLOWERS/NATIVE PLANTS – Karen Smith

No report received.

WORLD GARDENING – Carolyn Bucklen

No report received.

YEARBOOKS – Doris Jackson

The Yearbooks were creative and interesting this year. There was a small number of entries with 2 disqualifications. Hopefully, there will be more entries next year. Please read the requirements and scale of points in the Awards Book that is on the NMGC website. Before entering make sure your yearbook meets all the criteria and Guidelines for Club Yearbooks. There were no entries in Class III (31-49 members). The committee spent a lot of time judging the books carefully. They enjoyed learning about the projects, programs, and various activities that the clubs are committed to promoting in New Mexico.

CLASS I

1st Place Sunshine Garden Club
2nd Place Mesilla Valley Garden Club

CLASS II

1st Place Uptown Garden Club
2nd Place Home Garden Club
3rd Place Morning Garden Club
HM Summit Garden Club

CLASS III No Entries

CLASS IV

1st Place Angel Fire Garden Club

PAT EDMONDS Memorial Monetary Award

Uptown Garden Club

Presented by Summit Garden Club
to the Club whose yearbook scores
the highest.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Lynnette Walker

Our New Mexico Youth Activities with at least three garden clubs specifically geared toward the youth of our enchanting state were going strong and actively participating in gardening projects from Albuquerque down south to Roswell. Planting, designing, and beautifying were among the many activities enjoyed by the youngsters. Many even learned how to create a design and enter it in the local fair with amazing results. Unfortunately, just like everything else this spring, all activities came to an abrupt halt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, I did receive three awards for the youth. 1st place youth award goes to: Pecos Valley Youth Garden. 2nd place youth award goes to: The Blooming Gardeners. 3rd place youth award goes to: Morning Garden Clubs. It was a very difficult decision and all three were in the same division which is based on the number of youth members. Congratulations to all the groups, and I encourage your region to start a club and submit for a youth award next year. I know that activities will be very sparse for the remainder of this year especially with many of the county and state fairs being cancelled, but hopefully youth activities will resume with vigor next spring. Perhaps you can contact your youth members and give them a gardening challenge and have them send you a picture (ex: Who can grow the biggest zucchini?). Lastly, I would like to leave you with the encouraging words of Audrey Hepburn – “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Keep on planting for a better tomorrow.

YOUTH CLUBS – Renate Reisel

The Blooming garden club did not have any meetings due to the Corona virus but throughout the season they participated in drive-through picking up plants with information also keeping in touch by telephone.

Membership about 30 depending upon the coming season.

Pecos Valley youth garden club did not have any meetings due to the Corona virus but planted two flower pots in front of the Historical society museum. The children were siblings and the following day the planting was with a different family otherwise the club communicates by Pecos Valley youth garden Facebook page and drive-by picking up plants.

Membership mostly around 25.