

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019



*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
1953 – 1955	Mrs. Harold Edwards (Mrs. Victor Berchtold) – Santa Fe
1955 – 1957	Mrs. Walter Denison – Santa Fe
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1979 – 1981	Mrs. S. E. Neff (Ginny) – Clovis
1981 – 1983	Mrs. Thomas P Johnston (Betty) Albuquerque
1983 – 1985	Mrs. George Boyce (Oleta) – Santa Fe
1985 – 1987	Mrs. James Knauf (Nita) – Artesia
1987 – 1989	Mrs. Walt Eastland (Betty) – Santa Rosa
1989 – 1991	June Wood (Mrs. Don) – Albuquerque
1991 – 1993	Sue Graves (Mrs. Glen) – Los Alamos
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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

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OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Barbara Vance

Another amazing year traveling, visiting clubs and districts, spending time with members to learn about the work being carried out in our communities. We supported our National President, Nancy Hargroves, and South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen, with their theme PLANT AMERICA and New Mexico's GROW NEW MEXICO. Districts/clubs used the themes to plan informative programs. By sharing ideas and joining together we accomplish goals that benefit all involved. I wrote about our activities/events for the *New Mexico Gardener*, quarterly articles for SCR'S *The Communicator* and NGC, Inc.'s, *Keeping in Touch*. These publications are distributed to members, keeping everyone up to date and connected.

We “Expanded our Knowledge of Gardening and Conservation” through a series of Educational Schools: Environmental, Flower Show, and Gardening. “Thank You” to the members who worked to put on the schools. We learned about how global warming affects our environment, how to conserve water, how to recycle and reuse items. To help our pollinators we planted gardens to attract bees, butterflies. We grew horticulture and flowers for our enjoyment and exhibited at the club, county, and state fairs. Garden tours were educational to show what grows in different soil, climate, and elevation. “Grow Membership” is always important. New members are invited/welcomed to join us for meetings/schools/events. When working together we form friendships that last for many years. Last year a new club formed in District III. This year they added 10 members - a 167% increase in membership. Our Chairpersons did a great job writing articles for the GARDENER, informing us about activities and learning opportunities. The web site is updated with photos, information about schools, symposium meetings and special events.

We were honored to have Nancy Hargroves, NGC, Inc.'s, President, visit our 2018 Fall Board Meeting held in Alto. She served as one of the judges for the “Los Colores de Otoño” Small Standard Flower Show and later presented a program *Witches, Turkeys and Reindeer* (Fall and Winter Container Gardening). During the year, Isabel Olsen, SCR Director, kept us informed about activities in our Region.

The highlight of the year - the 2019 Annual Convention - “High Country Gardening” was held at the Plaza Hotel in La Vegas, and included special speakers, programs and tours of historical sites. One of the most rewarding aspects of my duties – presenting prestigious commendations and awards, to our members - recognizing and acknowledging their accomplishments. Our state Awards Chairman guided those applying for awards and headed up the ceremony. New Mexico clubs donated \$1,496 to Penny Pines – 4,400 tree seedlings planted in New Mexico.

I attended/represented NMGC, Inc., at the South Central Region Convention in Oklahoma City and National Garden Club Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. At the Awards Ceremonies, I was so proud and honored to receive awards for our members. After returning home I was invited to some ceremonies to present members their awards. The conventions also provide opportunities to learn about what other states do to promote gardening, concerns about the environment, how to increase membership and promote the sustainability of clubs. It has been an honor to serve/work with you to make our organizations and projects successful.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Christine Longthorp

I will begin my report as President Elect and end as President so some of my report will mirror President Barbara Vance as we travelled together much of the year.

The annual Daylily Show was held at the Albuquerque Garden Center on June 24th, 2018 and once again made high desert growing look good. This was followed by District I Judges Council hosting Flower Show School III, which was a good time to just come to learn by auditing, if you have chosen not to be a judge.

The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs held a stunning Flower show on July 27th, 2018, which was a great opportunity to showcase all things “green”. Our New Mexico State Fair Flower Shows held in September are always well supported by New Mexico Flower Show Judges from all around the state and local entrants continue to wow the public. My personal favorite each year is the Dahlia Show which was held on September 23rd—perfection!

October 2nd, 2018, I joined President Barbara Vance in Albuquerque to attend the District I meeting where I met many new members. We also visited District IV and V together, enjoying the enthusiasm of each attending club. The culmination of all District meetings was the Annual NMGC, Inc., Fall Board Meeting held in Alto, where we were honored by our National Garden Club President Nancy Hargroves, who judged a mini flower show showing the final bounty of our summer gardens.

Flower Show School IV was held in Albuquerque in mid- November, 2018, and was the final for many student judges. Always exciting to see them graduate and continue the tradition of educating the public. In January I gave a design program to Uptown Garden Club which was followed by Gardening School in early February. March 11th, 2019, I represented our NM State President by attending District I meeting followed by District IV and V where I installed the new Officers and gave a program on “Wearable Flowers”.

March 23rd, 2019, I was a guest of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs at a high tea honoring past presidents of the council. It was very elegant and well attended. April 3rd through 5th, 2019, was our annual NMGC, Inc., Convention expertly hosted by District III in Las Vegas NM. We all had a splendid time and my installation as the new State President was clearly a highlight for me.

South Central Region meeting was held in Oklahoma City's Brick District where our own Past State President Isabel Olsen was outgoing as SCR Director and Linda Lawson from Oklahoma was being installed. Many New Mexico members attended and enjoyed garden club people from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. This was quickly followed by NGC, Inc.'s, Annual Convention held in Biloxi Mississippi, where new National President Gay Austin was installed---wonderful southern hospitality as I was introduced as the incoming NM State President.

When I returned home I travelled to Angel Fire to install their new Officers, while past President Barbara Vance distributed many National awards won by Angel Fire Garden Club. Another Gardening School was held at the Botanic Garden on May 31st which was the most beautiful location.

It has been an honor to shadow Past President Barbara Vance as President elect and now to serve you as State President.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP – Jan Smith

This past year has been a tough one for New Mexico and all of NGC. Clubs are finding it harder to keep and get new members.

NMGC, Inc., has 539 members and 71 youth members. Our newest club in Las Vegas – Amor de la Tierra is going strong – unfortunately Trailblazers in Farmington disbanded due to an aging membership.

I would encourage all of you to think outside the box to recruit new members. Post cards or other recruitment information can be placed at garden centers and included in new homeowner packets. Be visible in your community – put up signs when you are doing work on a garden, participate in community plantings, have a booth at the county fair and even have a float in a local parade.

Joyce Zaugg will be your new 2nd Vice President and will be receiving all of your dues checks and membership list. She will be sending out an email with her contact information and address shortly.

I have enjoyed being your 2nd VP for 4 years and look forward to new beginnings for the future.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Becky Fuller

**69th ANNUAL FALL BOARD MEETING
“CANOPY OF COLOR”
ALTO, NEW MEXICO
OCTOBER 26, 2018**

Officers Attending: President-Barbara Vance
1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson
Recording Secretary-Becky Fuller
Historian-Larry Layden
Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins
Parliamentarian-Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego
National Garden Club President-Nancy Hargroves

District Directors: District I Maple Levine
District II Cindy Hills for Juanita Ortega
District III Jo Ann Layden
District IV Judy Laird
District V Nannette Tanner

1st Vice President Christine Longthorp presided over the opening of the 69th Fall Board meeting. The inspirational reading was given by Nancy Hartwick, President of Morning Garden Club. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darice Ambrose, President of Lincoln County Garden Club. We were welcomed by Nannette Tanner, District V Director.

President Barbara Vance called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. She began by introducing the District Directors, Immediate Past President, Suzy Andrego, National Garden Club President, Nancy Hargroves and the officers at the head table.

Preliminary Credentials Report: Pat Krakauskas, Registrar-The preliminary credentials report showed a voting strength of 52 members. The report was adopted as written.

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported there was a quorum present and read the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules were adopted as read.

The 2018 Fall Board Program was presented by Nannette Tanner with the following changes; the Marine Corp. League Zia 850 were unable to present colors. The program was adopted with changes.

Appointments: Approve the minutes: Christine Longthorp, Larry Layden and Jo Ann Layden
Timekeeper: Johnese Turri.

Minutes of the 2018 Spring Convention: Recording Secretary Becky Fuller read the minutes. They were corrected and approved.

Treasurers Report: Laurie Hixson-attached. The report will be reviewed and filed for audit.

State Officers Reports: President-Barbara Vance-attached

- 1st Vice President - Christine Longthorp reported on her travels around the state to District meetings, State meetings and around the country to South Central Region meetings and National Garden Club meetings.
- 2nd Vice president - Conni Elkins for Jan Smith-attached. There are 508 adult members and 91 youth members.
- Historian - Larry Layden-attached
- Corresponding Secretary - Conni Elkins-attached
- Parliamentarian - Isabel Olsen-no report
- Immediate Past President - Suzy Andrego-President elect Christine Longthorp will continue the Rose Award.

NGC, Inc. Presidents Report: Nancy Hargroves (Virginia) stressed the importance of visibility on social networks, through signage when working in your community and newspapers and being welcoming when meeting new and interested parties visiting Garden Club meetings. Membership is down across the country and garden clubs need seeds to grow new flowers. She spoke of the many programs and grants available through NGC, Inc. which can be found in “Keeping in Touch” newsletter. Nancy informed us that our theme “Plant America” is also the theme for Central and South America and will continue as our theme for two more terms.

SCR Directors Report: Isabel Olsen, theme, “Beautifying Our Communities,” spoke of monies offered each state in the region for a community project. She reminded us we can keep up with the region by reading “The Communicator”. The SCR Annual Convention will be held in Oklahoma, April 12-13, 2019.

District Directors Reports:

- District I-Maple Levine-attached
- District II-Cindy Hills for Juanita Ortega-attached
- District III-Jo Ann Layden-attached
- District IV-Judy Laird-attached
- District V-Nannette Tanner-attached

Other Reports: Nancy Hargroves recognized Renate Reisel as NMGC, Inc., Member of Honor, “The Gardener” was awarded First Place for State Newsletter, Artesia Garden Club won overall for Floral Design Workshop and Morning Garden Club received two First Places, Decoration of a Historic Building and Container Award. 2018 Spring Convention Report Final Report-Cindy Hills-attached

Chairpersons Reports: Awards-Sue Ferguson-attached
Archives-Beulah Oyler-attached
Blue Star Memorials-Shirley Tetrault-attached
Educational Schools-Suzy Andrego-attached
Gardening Schools-Debi Harrington-attached
Penny Pines-Larry Layden-attached
Scholarships/Life Memberships-Christine Longthorp-attached
Website-Cindy Hills-attached
Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl-Mary Ann Moreno-attached
Nominating Committee Report-Suzy Andrego
President-Christine Longthorp
Historian-Joyce Zaugg
Recording Secretary-Dorothy Duff
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson
2nd Vice President-Debra Sorrell
1st Vice President-Carolyn Bedford

Unfinished Business: Shirley Tetrault-Revisiting our consideration for having the NGC, Inc. 2024 Spring Convention in New Mexico was tabled until the 2019 Spring Executive Board Meeting.

New Business: Recognized first time attendees.
Recessed until after lunch.

President Vance resumed the meeting at 1:54 P.M.

Ways and Means: Deb Bellinger, El Jardin Encanto GC-All expense paid trip to 2019 Spring Convention in Las Vegas, NM
Rose Helmke, Lincoln County GC-Calvin Klein Purse
Lequita Lett, Evergreen GC-\$50.00 Lowe’s gift certificate

Final Credentials Report: Pat Krakauskas-Registrar-voting strength of 52-report attached.

Courtesy Resolutions: Presented by Johnese Turri of Angel Fire GC. The resolutions were voted on and adopted.

Citations: President Barbara Vance presented Nanette Tanner a certificate for her exceptional work as the Chairman of the 2018 Fall Board Meeting.

Benediction: Pegi Smith, Morning Garden Club.

Announcements: Invitation by Jo Ann Layden to the 2019 Spring Convention to be held in Las Vegas, NM, April 3, 4, 5, 2019.

Adjournment: President Barbara Vance adjourned the meeting at 2:17 P.M.

**70TH ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION
“HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING”
PLAZA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 4, 2019**

Officers Attending: President-Barbara Vance
1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp
2nd Vice President-Jan Smith
Recording Secretary-Becky Fuller
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson
Historian-Larry Layden
Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins
Parliamentarian-Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego

District Directors: District 1-Maple Levine
District II-Juanita Ortega
District III-Jo Ann Layden
District IV-Judy Laird
District V-Nannette Tanner

1st Vice President Christine Longthorp presided over the opening of the 70th Spring Convention.

The inspiration was delivered by Carolyn Bedford, President of Santa Rosa Garden Club.

The presentation of colors was led by VFW Post #1547, Las Vegas, NM.
Commander Gary Ludi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diane Springer, President of Amor de la Tierra, introduced Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giron, who welcomed us to Las Vegas. She has introduced several ordinances allowing water use for residents who have small gardens during water restriction.

District III Director Jo Ann Layden welcomed us to the convention.

District IV Director Judy Laird gave the response to the 2020 NMGC, Inc., Spring Convention.

President Barbara Vance called the business meeting to order at 9:33 AM. She began by introducing the District Directors, Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego and the officers at the head table.

Preliminary Credentials Report: JJ Huddleston, Registrar-the preliminary report showed a voting strength of 74. The report was adopted as written.

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported there was a quorum present and read The Standing Rules. The Standing Rules were adopted as read.

The 2019 Spring Convention Program was presented by JJ Huddleston with the following changes; Appointments-date change from 2018 Fall Board Meeting minutes to 2019 Spring Convention minutes, a blessing to be given by JJ Huddleston and resolutions to be given by Larry Layden. The program was adopted with changes.

Appointments: Christine Longthorp, Jo Ann Layden and Larry Layden to approve the minutes. Penni Davey-timekeeper

Minutes of the 2018 Fall Board: Recording Secretary-Becky Fuller. They were corrected and approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer-Laurie Hixson-attached. The report will be reviewed and filed for audit.

State Officers Reports: President Barbara Vance-attached

1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp recalled her travels around the state, region and nation.

2nd Vice President-Jan Smith-attached. 550 adults and 71 youth for a total of 621 members. Sadly, Trailblazers Garden Club disbanded.

Historian-Larry Layden-attached

Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins-attached

Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego-no report

District Director Reports: District I-Maple Levine-attached
District II-Juanita Ortega-attached
District III-Jo Ann Layden-attached
District IV-Judy Laird-attached
District V-Nannette Tanner-attached

SCR Director Report: Isabel Olsen brought greetings from former NMGC, Inc., President Elizabeth O'Brien who was attending the Texas State Garden Clubs meeting. Isabel's term will end at the SCR Annual Convention on April 12-13, 2019. She has enjoyed her time in office. Summit, Uptown, Morning and Angel Fire applied for the Directors' Project Award "Beautifying Our Communities."

One club from each state in SCR will win a cash prize of \$200.00 and a grand prize winner will receive a brass marker which was custom made for their garden club project. The theme of the 2019 Convention is "Plantastic!" Isabel thanked all her chairpersons, Shirley Tetreault, Mary Ann Moreno, Doris Jackson and Suzy Andrego, the editor of the SCR newsletter, "The Communicator."

Other Reports: Recommendations from the Executive Committee-Becky Fuller, Secretary.

1. The withdrawal to be considered as a sponsor to the 2024 NGC, Inc.'s Convention in New Mexico. The motion carried.
2. To approve June 1, 2019, to May 31, 2020 budget. The motion carried.
3. Transferring \$2,500.00 to Scholarship and \$1,500.00 to the President's Fund from the CD that matures in October 2019. The motion carried.
4. Transferring up to \$3,000.00 to the Presidents' Endowment Fund from the CD that matures in October 2019. The motion carried.
5. 2018 Fall Board final report by District V Director Nannette Tanner-attached

Chairpersons Reports: Awards-Sue Ferguson-attached
Blue Star-Shirley Tetreault-New Mexico has 23 Blue Star Memorials
Penny Pines-Larry Layden-attached
Scholarship-Christine Longthorp-the 2019 recipient is Masters candidate in landscape design at UNM, Haniyeh Niroomandi.
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl-Mary Ann Moreno-attached
Website-Cindy Hills-attached
Ways and Means-Mary Ann Moreno for Jennifer Moreno-attached
Gardening Schools-Debi Harrington-attached

District Directors 2019-2021: District I-Debra Sorrell
District II-Sue Ellen de Beer
District III-Johnese Turri
District IV-Ellie Nordgren
District V-Renate Reisel

Nominating Committee: Suzy Andreggo-Chairperson
Slate of Officers: President-Christine Longthorp
1st Vice President-Carolyn Bedford, District III
2nd Vice President-Joyce Zaugg, District II
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson, District II
Recording Secretary, Dorothy Duff, District I
Historian-Julie Foster, District V

Election of Officers: President Barbara Vance asks if there are any nominations from the floor. Nominations for the slate are closed. Page Steed moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Recognition of eleven first time attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

President Barbara Vance resumed the meeting at 7:30 PM for the Memorial Service presented by President-Elect Christine Longthorp and the presentation of special awards. Design of the Year-Debi Harrington, Beginner Design-Bunny Mason, Horticulturist of the Year-Dorothy Duff, Member of Honor-Penni Davey, Member of the Year-Julie Foster, Mentor of the Year-Sue Ferguson, Silver Medallion-Cindy Hills.
The meeting was adjourned until 10:00 AM.

President Barbara Vance reopened the meeting at 9:30 AM.

The Walter B. Suhr Tree Award was presented to Morning Garden Club.

Installation of the NMGC, Inc., 2019-2021 Officers was performed by Mary Ann Moreno.

Ways and Means: Turquoise and Silver Necklace and Earrings- Ellen Carpenter
Liz Claiborne Handbag and Scarf- Kathy Otero
Ralph Lauren Handbag- Maple Levine
Black/Gray Glass Flower Design Vase- Colleen Herman

District IV Director Judy Laird (outgoing) and Ellie Nordgren (incoming), gave the invitation to the 2020 NMGC, Inc., Spring Convention to be held Apr. 8, 9 & 10, 2020. Location to be announced.

Final Credentials Report: JJ Huddleston- Registrar- voting strength of 73- report attached. The report was voted on and adopted.

Courtesy Resolutions: Presented by Larry Layden of Angel Fire Garden Club. The resolutions were voted on and adopted.

Announcements: Debra Sorrell, District I Director, invited us to the 2019 NMGC, Inc., Fall Board in Albuquerque at the Courtyard Marriot, October 17-18, 2019. The theme will be "Bloom Where You Are Planted New Mexico."

Benediction: Johnese Turri

Adjournment: President Barbara Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

TREASURER - Laurie Hixon

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

	30-Jun-18	31-Jul-18	31-Aug-18	30-Sep-18	31-Oct-18	30-Nov-18	31-Dec-18	31-Jan-19	28-Feb-19	31-Mar-19	30-Apr-19	31-May-19
Savings	2,936.14	2,945.18	2,964.60	2,963.83	2,972.86	2,962.17	2,991.20	1,400.62	1,409.77	1,418.14	1,427.40	1,436.36
Checking	3,356.49	2,281.69	837.56	1,386.09	785.42	539.54	557.47	2,216.00	429.24	1,662.84	1,554.69	1,763.76
Bank Accounts Total	6,292.63	5,226.87	3,792.06	4,349.92	3,758.27	3,521.71	3,548.67	3,616.62	1,839.01	3,080.98	2,982.09	3,200.12
Outstanding Checks	0.00	1,452.66	0.00	81.00	691.40	0.00	0.00	1,805.28	0.00	92.73	3.80	3.80
General Fund	4,848.57	2,309.26	2,305.53	2,760.80	1,537.87	1,584.13	1,590.20	(168.81)	(162.62)	470.57	56.60	63.09
Ways & Means	387.68	387.68	387.68	387.68	387.68	774.68	774.68	774.68	774.68	774.68	774.68	963.68
Awards	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50	377.50	92.50	92.50
Habitat for Humanity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sensory Garden											276.00	276.00
State Conv Programs	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	245.37	45.37	45.37
Education Principal	300.39	300.39	300.39	300.39	300.39	300.39	300.39	300.39	303.78	307.08	310.74	314.28
Education Interest	299.35	302.63	306.02	309.41	312.68	316.07	319.35	322.74	322.74	322.74	322.74	322.74
Scholarship Principal	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	41.10	276.81	1,549.20	1,566.02
Scholarship Interest	66.50	82.08	98.19	114.30	129.88	145.97	161.56	177.66	177.66	177.66	177.66	177.66
Pres Endow Principal	2.09	4.11	6.21	8.30	10.32	12.41	14.43	16.53	18.62	20.66	(642.09)	(638.90)
Pres Endow Interest	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18	15.18
Ledger Accounts Total	6,292.63	3,774.21	3,792.06	4,268.92	3,066.87	3,521.71	3,548.67	1,811.24	1,839.01	2,988.25	2,978.59	3,196.62
Bank/Ledger Discrepancy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Previous Balance	4,110.09	6,292.63	3,774.21	3,792.06	4,268.92	3,066.87	3,521.71	3,548.67	1,811.24	1,839.01	2,988.25	2,978.59
Income	2,508.86	882.99	27.85	557.86	74.96	454.84	26.96	1,667.85	27.77	1,433.97	1,401.01	218.03
Expenses	326.32	3,401.41	10.00	81.00	1,277.00	0.00	0.00	3,405.28	0.00	284.73	1,410.67	0.00
Book's Balance	6,292.63	3,774.21	3,792.06	4,268.92	3,066.87	3,521.71	3,548.67	1,811.24	1,839.01	2,988.25	2,978.59	3,196.62

CD Information												
LANB-6541 12 m 2/9/20 .80%	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
LANB-3395 24 m 2/9/20 .70%	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
LANB-18 18 m 10/20/19 .65%	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00	16,660.00
CD Total	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00	49,660.00

Total Bank Funds:	55,952.63	53,434.21	53,452.06	53,928.92	52,726.87	53,181.71	53,208.67	51,471.24	51,499.01	52,648.25	52,638.59	52,856.62
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CD Distribution	current	
	Amount	Percentage
General Fund	\$ 10,996.40	22.14%
Education Principal	\$ 6,069.18	12.22%
Scholarship Principal	\$ 28,848.48	58.09%
Pres Endow Principal	\$ 3,745.94	7.54%
Total	\$ 49,660.00	100.00%

HISTORIAN – Larry Layden

New Mexico is the home state of Smokey the Bear and so it's only natural that we participate big time in the Penny Pines Program. Many western states experienced a large number of wildland fires in 2018 and New Mexico was no exception. This last year we had 17 clubs donate \$1496 to the Penny Pines Program which resulted in 4,400 tree seedlings being planted in New Mexico national forests. One club located near the Smokey the Bear park donated money toward the new Fallen Firefighters Memorial to be located at Smokey's home in Capitan, New Mexico.

Many New Mexico clubs maintain one or more community gardens in diverse locations including libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, state parks, and even national parks. Our clubs maintain 23 Blue Star Memorial gardens and we currently have three more in the works.

Most clubs participate in relationships with their local schools and provide one or more scholarships to high school seniors in their communities. We focus a lot on pollinators and planting milkweed for monarch butterflies is one of our priorities along with avoiding plants that contain pesticides. We have many members providing habitat for birds and other wildlife

by not cleaning some of their gardens until spring even though they are dormant. Clubs often invite bee keepers to speak at meetings to educate members regarding the best practices for welcoming bees and other pollinators. We've learned that many other flying insects are also pollinators and we encourage them to share our gardens.

Our clubs often partner with likeminded civic groups in our communities to improve green areas especially during Earth Day. Lastly most small town garden clubs participate in cleaning sections of roadways in their communities at least twice a year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Conni Elkins

The 2018 NMGC, Inc. Annual Report was gathered, prepared, edited, printed and then distributed at the Fall Board Meeting in Ruidoso, New Mexico on October 26, 2018. A big thank you to Everyone-Officers, District Directors, Chairpersons for submitting reports to make the Annual Report possible.

The Spring Convention included selecting and helping with gifts, stuffing folders and helping President Vance with whatever she needed.

The 2018-2019 Annual Report will be distributed at the 2019 Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque. Officers, District Directors and Chairpersons are responsible for submitting reports covering the period June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019, which will be incorporated into the “2018-2019 Annual Report.”

It has been an honor to serve as the Corresponding Secretary for NMGC, Inc. for the past two years and to help and work with President Barbara Vance. Correspondence and emails, such as NGC, Inc. “Keeping in Touch” and the SCR newsletter “The Communicator” were sent as needed. I have kept the Officers, Chairpersons, District Directors and Presidents list current.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Isabel Olsen

As Parliamentarian, I provide guidance to President Vance 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. 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, Inc., 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. It is an honor to serve in this appointed office and to work with this NMGC, Inc., administration of 2017-2019.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Suzy Andrego

No report received.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

DISTRICT I DIRECTOR – Maple Levine

District I is comprised of seven active clubs, most of which are located in the greater Albuquerque area, which also includes the East Mountains, and nearby Los Lunas, and Belen. All of the clubs have adult members with the exception of Blooming Gardeners which is a children's organization.

Blooming Gardeners meet in the summer during a two-week long camp. Last year there were ten children in attendance ranging in ages from 6 to 11. The exciting events that occupied the children last summer included several planting and gardening activities. They learned that insects and other garden denizens can be beneficial as well as that a few that can be destructive. Each child has had unique experiences and hopefully an appreciation for their growing world. This camp will be back this summer due to popular demand.

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club has 27 active members that serve the Los Lunas/Belen area. This club has had a new breath of life with the inclusion of many who are new to the area with little Club experience. They are a lively bunch and have put their enviable enthusiasm to use by building and supporting many civic beautification projects including work at the Good Life Senior Care Facility in Los Lunas and have created a memory garden at the First Methodist Church in Belen. President Adrienne David has guided this club over the past two years and is to be commended for her strong leadership contributions.

Moriarity Garden Club is the only club in District One that meets in the East Mountains. The environment at the elevation in excess of 7,000 feet has its' unique challenges. They were able to meet during the late spring and summer months but once the winter-like weather hit, it was difficult to meet on a regular basis. The members sponsored a beautiful flower show at their County Fair. Each year their designs and horticulture specimens appear to improve and are meeting more of the NGC, Inc., standards for exhibiting. Shari Anaya is the current president with 14 active members.

High Desert Design Club members, with President Shirley Tetreault, have been studying, creating, and critiquing, the newer NGC, Inc., designs. Also that group has discussed ideas for procuring imaginative and inexpensive containers and accessories for these newer designs. Leaf manipulation has been a recent hot topic with hands-on sessions for practice with several techniques including leaf skeletization. There are 32 members in this club.

Petal Pushers has 33 members and the president is Joan Karrie. This club meets at the Garden Center in the winter months and at members' homes in the summer. Ginny Longbothom is the most recent recipient of the coveted Rose Award which was bestowed upon her at the District 1 Spring Luncheon.

Uptown Garden Club has 33 members and Colleen Herman has been the president for the last two years. This club had the honor of celebrating its' 70th birthday in November. In attendance was one of its' founding members, Ms. Dru Hager, who was greatly honored.

Valley Gardeners Garden Club has 31 members and Jennifer Moreno has been president for the last two years. This club has the distinction of meeting at night, the only one that meets in the North Valley and has the most male members.

Unfortunately, Trailblazers the only remaining Club in the Four Corners encompassing the Aztec, Bloomfield, and Kirtland communities, have concluded their affiliation with District I. The few remaining members still meet socially and will continue to decorate the enclosed patio for Christmas at San Juan Regional Medical Center. I have passed by their lovely displays many times over several years and I can verify that they do a fantastic job and bring cheer to all that see their displays. Perhaps the Four Corners area is too far-flung from the Albuquerque environs to feel that they really can attend local events here. The Farmington Club disbanded a few years ago but I know that there are many people that might be interested in an organized garden club. I firmly believe that with guidance and support that once again there could be a vibrant new garden club.

DISTRICT II DIRECTOR – Juanita Ortega

District II Theme: “Gardening Renews our World”

District II has 72 members in three garden clubs: Floral Designers in Santa Fe (10 members), Los Alamos Garden Club (35 members) and Summit Garden Club (27 members). Members serve as officers and chairmen of NMGC, Inc., and South Central Region. District II has eight life members at the State, Regional and/or National levels. Members plant trees, have registered wildlife habitats, contribute to civic development and scholarships, share environmental concerns, support ways and means projects, and work with other groups to help their communities. All members have access to “Keeping in Touch” and SCR “The Communicator”. They support NMGC, Inc. President’s Projects and participate in the NGC, Inc. mission and NMGC, Inc. objectives.

The Fall 2018 District II Executive Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 4, 2018, in Los Alamos, with NMGC, Inc., President Barbara Vance in attendance. A Nomination Committee was formed to select a slate of District II Officers for 2019 – 2021. State President Barbara Vance presented the Fall 2018 District II Rose Award to Doris Jackson, member of Floral Designers and Los Alamos Garden Club.

The Spring 2019 District II Meeting was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. The Spring 2019 Rose Award was presented to Norma Tech of Summit Garden Club. It was with great sadness that we remembered our District II Parliamentarian, Dorothy Crawford, who passed away in February, 2019.

Election of new District Officers for 2019 – 2021 followed. NMGC, Inc. Immediate Past President Suzy Andrego installed the new officers, followed by the business meeting and luncheon and a program on *“Earthwork Gardening as our Personal Love Song to the Earth”*.

DISTRICT III DIRECTOR – Jo Ann Layden

The 2019 Convention was a fitting way for District III Clubs to show off! After 12 months of planning, we had a wonderful NM State Convention thanks to the members of the Planning Committee, with all three Clubs participating. I am very proud of the three Clubs. Santa Rosa, Angel Fire and Amor de la Tierra (Las Vegas) have demonstrated amazing commitment to their communities with the many projects they have developed to help their areas. During our monthly planning meetings, they showed their dedication to the Clubs, offered help in every area, and did an amazing job in all they did. THANK YOU!!

Santa Rosa maintains an herbal garden at the local hospital, and they provide scholarships to students despite being a very small club of usually 10 to 15 members! They teach floral arrangement to their members and provided the floral arrangements to the Senior Center for Valentine’s Day. They continue meeting throughout the winter, doing floral arrangements. Santa Rosa won first place in their Class for a beautiful scrapbook which all the members helped create.

For many years Angel Fire has maintained three Signature gardens and two Blue Star Memorials. Members work diligently year-round to maintain these beautiful gardens and have won numerous awards for the projects in the gardens. Angel Fire works with the local Food Pantry by bagging groceries several times a year and provides supplies to the Taos Women’s Shelter. Water irrigation, composting, and recycling are some of the issues Angel Fire addresses at the monthly meetings and in their own homes and Signature Gardens. AFGC has a yearly Garden Tour or Flower Show that is always loved by the entire State. Again, this year, the number of awards AFGC won was impressive and included National and Regional awards.

Amor de la Tierra, our newest Club in District III, still a toddler at one and a half years old or so, has proven that being brand new does not limit you! Their members are involved in many community projects, including planning, planting and maintaining the median in front of the Plaza Hotel with xeriscape design minimizing water use and the fabulous Gallinas River Project where they have joined the community to plant many grasses, trees and bushes. Amor DLT has raised money for their club through a daffodil sale and after each meeting they donate the flower arrangements they have brought to the church whose building they use. Their meetings are devoted to important subjects such as irrigation projects, hoop gardening and recycling.

It has been an honor and a joy to be District III Director and get to know and work with the members. I have made some amazing friends and am just in awe of their abilities and fervor in all related to gardening and community involvement. They are friends for life, and I plan to continue working with the three clubs.

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR – Judy Laird

District IV of NMGC, Inc. includes all NGC, Inc. Federated Garden Clubs located in Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra and Socorro Counties of New Mexico. Currently, there are six clubs located in Silver City, Las Cruces, Socorro, Truth or Consequences and Alamogordo with a total membership of 84. Four members are NMGC, Inc., State Chairpersons and three are NGC, Inc., Flower Show Judges.

Our District Meetings were hosted by Flowering Desert Garden Club of Alamogordo, and Mesilla Valley Garden Club of Las Cruces. Attendance for each was approximately 32.

Flowering Desert Garden Club maintains a community garden and helps with the Alamogordo's city public Rose Garden. They made concrete hand shaped bird seed feeders to sell for the city's Earth Day Fair. Their membership has increased 56% over the past year. They also have a Facebook page. Congratulations to all their members and Kerry Coleman, their president, who will be continuing in that position for the coming term.

Socorro Garden 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.

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.

Sunshine Valley Garden Club of T or C has raised over \$500.00 for Penny Pines and with the added help of the Soil and Water Department, Forestry personnel, school students on Spring Break, planted many trees in the Gila National Forest near Kingston, NM. Their yearbooks have consistently won State Awards.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club placed in NMGC, Inc., Awards for Yearbook and two of their members, Beulah Oyler and Becky Fuller are NMCG State Archive Chairpersons.

Desert Daubers Garden Club of Las Cruces continues as they have passed their 52 years of active membership.

Flowering Desert, Socorro, and Sunshine Valley continue to help at their county fairs.

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR – Nannette Tanner

As usual, District V was busy with various programs in Ruidoso, Roswell and Artesia. In May, Artesia created gifts for Morning Garden Club. They also decorated the Senior Center with roses from their yards for Mother's Day. June was spent preparing for the Eddy County Fair Flower Show. The "Create and Enter a Design" program at the fair was their best program. They also won a First Place SCR Award for their design program at the Eddy County Fair.

Home Garden Club is proud of the two gardens they continue to maintain. The Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge Garden greets every visitor as they enter the Visitor Center. The Spring River Park and Zoo Garden has been in their care for over 26 years. The members maintain the plants and shrubs to keep the garden looking bright all year long.

Lincoln County Garden Club is busy as always. They received the National Garden Club Award for their Penny Pines program. In December we had a luncheon and donated to the Food Bank of Ruidoso and sent items to the soldiers. We also had a program about Herbs that was very informative.

Morning Garden Club was involved in both new and old projects. The newest project was the presentation to the five Roswell Fire Stations large containers of plants. These containers were recycled from feed containers, were planted with seasonal and low maintenance plant material that will be modified each season and displayed at the entrances to the Fire Stations. They also decorated the Historical Society for the Southeast NM Museum for the Christmas Holidays. One of their best programs was "How to Plant, Grow and Show Iris Flowers."

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

ARCHIVES - Beulah Oyler and Becky Fuller

As Archives Co-Chairpersons we have delivered many boxes to be filed at NMSU Library. NMGC, Inc., makes a donation every year for the time and service of the students in the archives department. This year we received a lovely hand written note thanking us for our donation. Thank you all for your interest in archiving.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Norma Tech

No report received.

AWARDS – Sue Ferguson

This chairman submitted articles quarterly to the New Mexico Gardener, explaining the NMGC, Inc., awards process, and giving encouragement to clubs and members to apply for each and every award for which they were eligible. Award handbooks for NMGC, Inc., SCR and NGC, Inc. were provided electronically to NMGC, Inc., Officers, District Directors, Club Presidents, and Chairmen, and were also available on the NMGC, Inc., website.

Award sponsorships were solicited and thank-you letters were sent to donors. State, Regional, and National award results were published in the New Mexico Gardener, and on the NMGC, Inc., website.

Top individual award winners for 2018 were:

NMGC Special Achievement Award - Cindy Hills, Los Alamos Garden Club

NMGC Member of the Year - Julie Foster, Artesia Garden Club

NMGC Design of the Year - Debi Harrington, Valley Gardeners Garden Club

NMGC Horticulturist of the Year - Dorothy P. Duff, Valley Gardeners Garden Club

NMGC Mentor of the Year - Sue Ferguson, Morning Garden Club

(Application date deadlines for the NMGC, Inc., Yearbook Award, and also the NMGC, Inc., Flower Show Schedule Awards were changed to December 15. This worked out well, and enabled winning entries to be submitted to South Central Region by February 1.)

BEES, BIRDS, BUTTERFLY GARDENING – Jo Ann Layden

My two years as Chairman of Birds and Butterflies and another two years of Bees, Birds and Butterflies have given me such great opportunities to learn more about these beautiful and necessary creatures in our world. Although I always have admired them and loved watching bees, birds and butterflies, I was not always aware of how critical they are for the survival of humanity and our world in general but learned many interesting facts while doing research.

Bees are a critical part of nature's reproductive cycle. They fertilize flowers on trees that provide us fruit, beans, tomatoes, onions, and carrots as well as hundreds of other vegetables and oilseeds; they make honeycomb and honey; and they pollinate forage plants like clover that are consumed by cows and other livestock.

Butterflies are also pollinators, attracted to brightly colored, fragrant flowers. They have been around for at least 50 million years and probably first evolved some 150 million years ago. They are commonly used to teach children about the natural world, fascinating them with the journey from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to adult. Both bees and butterflies have been recognized as being indicators of biodiversity, their presence signifying a healthy environment and a healthy ecosystem.

By pollinating plants and spreading the seeds, birds help keep our systems in balance. Bird watching is a sport enjoyed by millions of people worldwide. The variety of birds is a marvel,

from the tiny hummingbirds that we wait for and miss all winter, to the predators and scavengers that help clean our environment. They all seem to serve a purpose in our cycle of life, plus are a joy to watch!

Our pollinators have been on an alarming decline due to various issues including loss of habitat, growing non-native plants, using pesticides, fungicides and insecticides, (most of which kill pollinators), and climate change.

There are things we as gardeners can do to keep our bees, birds and butterflies healthy and hopefully slow down their terrible decline we have been witnessing the last decade or so. We can start by planting pollinator-friendly gardens with native plants and without insecticides. To help birds we can plant plenty of shrubs and trees that contain seeds and fruits for shelter and assure water is available.

BLUE STAR MARKERS/MEMORIAL GARDENS - Shirley Tetreault

We still have Blue Star dedications in the works for this administration, however, I thought it was a good time to remind our members of our current markers. When traveling the state, it is exciting to visit these areas and see what other clubs are doing and how they respond to our Veterans.

2018 District I - **Rededication**, Albuquerque. 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

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT – Maple Levine

As District I Director, I was given the task of providing a SHORT summary of all nine garden clubs in District I. While gathering the information for the report, it became evident that almost every club had performed at least one and often more than one civic improvement project. Most of these projects could have easily qualified for a Civic Development Award.

To get started here are some basic tips:

1. Pick a project that all or at least a majority of your members can be a participant.
2. Consider becoming a partner with a local business to possibly help out with expenses or provide a discount for supplies and plant material.
3. Draw a concise plan.
4. Take the all-important “before” photo.
5. While actually performing the manual labor, erect a sign that says who you are. Who knows, you might attract a potential new member or two!
6. Take more photos of members having fun while working.
7. Take more photos when the project is completed.
8. Write a summary of your accomplishments and include any obstacles, publicity that was awarded, and plans for maintaining the improvements.

The above information will get you started but please read the Awards Booklet to further guide your club through the whole process. If your club does not have the Awards Booklet, your president can download it from our website: www.newmexicogardenclubs.org (password protected).

Well, there you have it. You are already doing so many cool projects so you may as well get credit for all that you and your club are doing. While you are browsing through the Awards Booklet you will probably notice other projects that are of interest.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

State Sponsored

- **GARDENING SCHOOL – Debi Harrington and Mary Ann Moreno**
No report received.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - Suzy Andrego**
No report received.
- **LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL – Suzy Andrego**
No report received.

Judges’ Council Sponsored

- **FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL - Suzy Andrego**
No report received.
- **SYMPOSIUMS - Christine Longthorp**
No report received.
- **FLOWER SHOW CREDENTIALS – Mary Gilliam**
No report received.
- **FLOWER SHOW & FAIR SCHEDULES – Shirley Tetreault**
No report received.

FOOD/HERB GARDENING – Colleen Hinker

I have communicated with many members on the subject of home gardening. I know there are more members out there who work hard in their garden to produce quality food and herb plants. There are those who support their local farmers market by visiting and purchasing the products produced by local growers.

I was happy to present two Herb Growing Awards at the spring convention along with some special garlic chive plants! I hope to get more applications for the next state award presentations. I am always happy to share information with all interested parties.

GARDENING THERAPY – Renate Reisel

No report received.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Sonia James

No report received.

HORTICULTURE - Ellen Reed

No report received.

LITTER CONTROL & RECYCLING – Julie Foster

Thank-you for all your effort in making our world a nicer place...

This year was another rewarding year for me as chairman. We had wonderful applications for some awesome projects. I love creating awards to be useful to recipients and hope to inspire more applicants by doing so. I know there are many more types of projects that could be entered and hope to see more in the future.

Congratulations to 2018 award recipients, Morning Garden Club, Pecos Valley Youth, and Lucy Humbert of Angel Fire Garden Club. I hope you continue your efforts to make our world a nicer place.

I would like to remind everyone garden club is a learning and informational tool to help the community and likeminded individuals care for and beautify the world we live in. The joy on people's faces brings joy and peace to one's heart, especially when you brighten another's day with something as simple as a flower or a creation of a useful or decorative item that has been saved from becoming just another piece of trash along our roads.

KEEP NM BEAUTIFUL – Connie Elmore

No report received.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES/MERCHANDISE - Kathleen Flanders

No report received.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK – Peggy Voight

No report received.

NEW MEXICO GARDENER – EDITOR - Eva Zhang

No report received.

NEW MEXICO GARDENER – CIRCULATION - Linnea Egbert

No report received.

PENNY PINES – Larry Layden

NMGC, Inc., had a fantastic year with donations to the Penny Pines Program totaling \$1,632 which purchased 24 plantations or 4,800 tree seedlings. Eight clubs participated in the program plus two individual donations were recorded. The following clubs bought plantations:

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Plantations Purchased</u>	<u>Number of Tree Seedlings</u>
Amor de la Tierra	1	200
Angel Fire GC	12	2,400
Home GC	1	200
Lincoln County CG	1	200
Los Alamos GC	3	600
Petal Pushers	1	200
Santa Rosa GC	2	400
Summit GC	1	200
Individual Donors	2	400

The best part about the program is we don't even have to plant the trees. The Forest Service does it for us. For \$68 you can buy a plantation of 200 tree seedlings and designate planting them in any national forest in the country. Plus, you can use them as a birthday present or honor a friend or loved one. In fact, you can designate any person or a group for just about any reason you can imagine.

To the best of my knowledge, our state donated more this year than ever before. One of the factors for the record participation may have been the number of wildland fires during the early summer. At one-point Angel Fire airport had every aircraft in the Forest Service's Southwest Region staging out of their airport. Even though NM is only 25% mountains it seemed like 20% of the state was burning.

Thanks NMGC, Inc. for a record year of participation. Of the four states in our region, we have been the largest donor for many years. This year our donation was more than double our closest competitor Oklahoma at \$816 followed by Texas with \$676 and finally Arkansas with \$340.

PERSONNEL – Nancy Ketchum

No report received.

PHOTOGRAPHY – Debra Sorrell

This year, the Photography Awards' entries increased considerably. There was a total of 93 submissions in the available 6 categories. The previous year were 66 entries. Thirty different photographers participated and 14 were new to entering for photography awards.

The Photograph of the Year winner was given a copy of their photo in a frame with an engraved plaque and a cash award of \$25.

The second annual Photography Awards Book was printed, containing all of the photographs received, and distributed to each participating photographer. The first Photography Award Book (from the previous year) was submitted to SCR and NMGC, Inc., for award consideration and won top awards in each place.

PROTOCOL – Jan Smith

All protocols were followed per President Barbara Vance's requests.

RESOLUTIONS – Shirley Sheriff

No report received.

ROADSIDE BEAUTIFICATION – Debi Harrington

No report received.

SCHOLARSHIP/LIFE MEMBER – Christine Longthorp

No report received.

SMOKEY BEAR/WOODSY OWL – Mary Ann Moreno

No report received.

TREES – Maggie Rubino

No requests for information or assistance were received in 2018-2019.

One of the places to get information is from the County Agent at a County Extension Office.

Awards:

1st Place Class II – Morning Garden Club. The club planted 20 trees and shrubs.

The *Walter B. Suhr Memorial Tree Award* was presented to Morning Garden Club.

2nd Place Class II – El Jardin Encanto Garden Club. The club planted one 15 foot “Texas Red Oak” at the Agricultural Science Center. Members did a great deal of work on the entire center.

3rd Place Class II – Home Garden Club. Five trees and shrubs were planted.

WATER CONSERVATION – John Sorrell

No report received.

WAYS and MEANS – Jen Moreno

The Ways and Means Committee raffle fundraiser supports the NMGC, Inc. President’s Project. Our NMGC, Inc. President Barbara Vance’s Project is GROW NEW MEXICO: GROW/expand our knowledge of gardening & conservation; GROW Membership, GROW in Leadership, GROW Friendships.

The first drawing happened at the 2018 NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting on October 26th in Alto, New Mexico. The prizes for the drawing include an all-expense paid trip to the spring 2019 NMGC, Inc., annual state convention in Las Vegas, New Mexico on April 3-5, a beautiful, brand new Calvin Klein hobo-style bag and a \$50 gift card to Lowes. The second drawing happened on April 6th at the spring 2019 NMGC, Inc., Annual State Convention and included drawings for items including: a beautiful turquoise necklace and earring set, a stunning, brand new Ralph Lauren handbag and many other fabulous prizes! Tickets for the drawings were sold for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Raffle tickets were sent to each NMGC, Inc. garden club president and Barbara Vance sold tickets as she traveled the state for meetings. Thanks for supporting NMGC, Inc. and your state president!

WEBSITE – Cindy Hills

Instead of paying yearly fees to NMGC, Inc.’s, Internet service provider, JustHost, we consolidated three years of service to save NMGC, Inc., \$250 over a three-year period. (Past years, the provider reduced the cost when called and asked for a reduced rate, but they wouldn’t during the last renewal and recommended paying for three years up front to reduce costs). An “Archives” page was added to the website to act as a photo gallery. Lots of information NMGC, Inc.-specific information is under “Members Only.”

WILDFLOWERS/NATIVE PLANTS – Rosemary Maddox

My report will be shorter than the title. I submitted an article for each issue of The Gardener during my two-year term. A parting word: Don't turn your back on a wildflower, Black-eyed Susan's, which have behaved nicely for years, have taken over my back yard.

WORLD GARDENING – Carolyn Bucklen

No report received.

YEARBOOKS – Julie Foster

Awesome work on those Yearbooks, they were a joy to read. What wonderful Yearbooks are being put together with the technology available! There are programs taking place around the state that are truly awesome. Entries were light but very difficult to judge they were all so beautifully done. Congratulations to all clubs who entered and especially those that proceeded to Regional and National NGC, Inc., Awards.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Sonia James

No report received.