

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022



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

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

STATE PRESIDENT LIST

1950 – 1951	Mrs. John McKnight (Dora Sanders) – Roswell
1951 – 1953	Mrs. Earl Powell – Ft. Sumner
1953 – 1955	Mrs. Harold Edwards (Mrs. Victor Berchtold) – Santa Fe
1955 – 1957	Mrs. Walter Denison – Santa Fe
1957 – 1959	Mrs. Horace Bounds (Ruth) – San Lorenzo
1959 – 1961	Mrs. C. F. McWilliams (Tura) – Carlsbad
1961 – 1963	Mrs. Jeff Good (Myrl) – Ft. Sumner
1963 – 1965	Mrs. Rebecca Vidal – Albuquerque
1965 – 1967	Mrs. Harvey Israel (Lillian) – Los Alamos
1967 – 1969	Mrs. Thomas K. Todson (Margaret) – Las Cruces
1969 – 1971	Mrs. John Burroughs – Portales
1971 – 1973	Mrs. Edward S. Lewis (Mary Frances) – Albuquerque
1973 – 1975	Mrs. Edward Johnson (Margaret “Peggy”) – Santa Fe
1975 – 1977	Mrs. Haskel Smith – Las Cruces
1977 – 1979	Mrs. Alfred Long (Charlotte) – Roswell
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
1993 – 1995	Lequita Lett (Mrs. James) – Silver City
1995 – 1997	Elane McIlroy (Mrs. James) – Hobbs
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. Thomas) – Albuquerque
2017 – 2019	Barbara Vance – (Mrs. Donald) – Santa Fe
2019 – 2021	Christine Longthorp – Albuquerque
2021 – 2023	Christine Longthorp - Albuquerque

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – Christine Longthorp, 2019-2023

New Mexico Garden Clubs began the summer of 2021 by focusing on growing and playing outdoors freely as our COVID pandemic began a slow recovery. Clubs all around the State held plant sales with both home-dug and nursery grown plants. I travelled the State visiting clubs for their summer socials and helping encourage members to return to meeting as life became safer.

Our NM State Fair in Albuquerque in September 2021 was held in a different building and proved challenging. But, as gardeners, we are very resilient. So, it was a huge attraction for the public and as always, a show place for designers and growers alike. Next year, we have been promised our flower building back, so we look forward to that.

This year, both the NGC Annual Convention and Fall Board meetings were held virtually by Zoom, and all of the Sate Presidents were able to hear how the Nation was managing to operate remotely.

October 27th and 28th 2021, NMGC held the long-awaited combined Fall Board and Convention meetings in Las Cruces. The attendance was smaller than usual, but those that came were energized and very happy to meet and share again. The event had a Chile theme with a keynote speech by Dr. Paul Bosland who charmed us with Chile facts. He invited us to a field trip of the experimental fields where members saw multicolored Chiles growing and could purchase almost anything with a Chile motif. District IV hosted that meeting and it could not have been more expertly run. We also held the awards ceremony for the previous two years, and Clubs and Districts went home with their recognitions.

I attended many holiday gatherings around the State to celebrate the season, and I looked forward to the New Year with the promise of an in-person Spring Convention to be held in Artesia as guests of District V. The theme was “Prairie Playground of New Mexico”. It was held on March 23rd and 24th ending with the Awards banquet on the last night. By shortening the Convention, it yielded less work and finances for our members, and will be our model going forward. The Hotel Artesia staff, they were exemplary, and the members of District V could not have made our stay any better, it was a most memorable Convention.

I attended three District meetings in person prior to the Convention, and one Zoom meeting. It is clear that we are losing members due to “aging out” (or just a residual fear of in-person meetings).

These challenges are still ongoing and will be addressed with suggested solutions as I continue to support Directors and Presidents.

Several members have made it their mission to travel around the State giving design programs and showing them how to enter horticulture in our County Fairs and Flower Shows. The evidence of this is when NM Flower Show judges are asked to judge these fairs they are reporting back that the standard of entries has increased, and therefore, educating the public, thus introducing them to a local garden club.

A return to normal also occurred as New Mexico members attended the South-Central Region meeting held in Galveston on April 20th, 2022. To meet with our Regional State Presidents from Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma was very uplifting, and we laughed and shared our State's challenges and successes. Always a pleasure!

The week of May 15th took eight members from New Mexico to the National Garden Clubs Annual Convention in Orlando, where they hosted a Petite and Small design show. It was stunning, and very well entered by NM designers. My own entry was a complete stretch for me, as I decorated a Barbie Doll with plant material. It is always good to accept a challenge, in my opinion. To see people after two years was heartwarming and inspired us all to keep leading our States to fit the changing times.

I ended the year with renewed hope after the shutdown, and though it may be a slow recovery in some areas, planting a summer garden and tending our vegetables, flowers, and fruits is a perpetual cycle. We adapt and seek pleasure and healing in our gardens and will follow the lead of nature in our lives which never disappoints us.

1st Vice President – Debra Sorrell

Looking back over the 2021/2022 year for garden clubs in New Mexico, I think that we are a lot like the plants that we all love to grow. After a “long winter” of Covid and it's worries, we have begun to emerge again. And, activities are blossoming, too. Garden clubs are back to having meetings, people are more comfortable getting out and about and we were able to have our first Spring Convention in 2 years! Thank you to District V and the city of Artesia for making it such a terrific event. I have attended club meetings where just being together was the highlight of the moment. It is good for us to try to get back into the swing of things! We all participate in garden club to learn, share with each other, find ways to be creative and impact and serve our communities. I am so happy to see that many community projects were maintained, even when we couldn't meet together. I have traveled some with President Christine Longthorp to various District meetings and club celebrations. I have been able to help

Suzy Andrego and President Longthorp in a couple of flower design workshops in Grants, NM. It appears that may turn into a new club in the near future! So, even while we were slowed down, Garden Club has been churning away and trying to grow. You are a dedicated group, and I can't wait to see where we are able to go over the next year! Many things may change.....more evening meetings, more virtual (Zoom) meetings, fewer numbers for a while.....but, we are resilient people. The passion we share for our clubs is WORTH spreading to others, any way we can accomplish it!

2nd VP Membership – Joyce Zaugg

It has been a pleasure serving as your 2nd Vice President these past three years. This will be my final year. We're still experiencing effects from Covid-19. Last year we ended the 2020-21 year with 525 members and this year we ended 2021-22 year with 501 members. The National Garden Club Membership Committee has been holding Membership Monday's seminars on Zoom each month. I have been attending those seminars and have reported on what I have learned in my articles for the New Mexico Gardener newsletter. I am appreciative of all your efforts to grow your club membership. 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.

District	Club Count	Club Name	Registration 2021-22	2021-22 Youth
I		Blooming Gardeners		0
I		El Jardin Encanto	27	
I		High Desert Design	36	
I		Moriarty	15	
I		New Mexico Floral Artists	14	
I		Petal Pushers	28	
I		Uptown	32	
I		Valley Gardeners	37	
Total D I	8	includes 1 youth club	189	0
II		Floral Designers	8	
II		Los Alamos	27	
II		Summit	21	
Total D II	3		56	
III		Amor de la Tierra	12	
III		Angel Fire	49	
III		Santa Rosa	10	
Total D III	3		71	
IV		Desert Daubers	9	
IV		Evergreen	5	
IV		Flowering Desert	11	
IV		Mesilla Valley	17	
IV		Socorro	13	
IV		Sunshine Valley	35	
Total D IV	6		90	0
V		Artesia	15	
V		Home	24	
V		Lincoln	31	
V		Morning	25	
V		Pecos Valley Youth	0	0
Total D V	5	includes 1 youth club	95	0
Total NMGC	25		501	

Recording Secretary – Dorothy Duff

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
 2021 FALL BOARD MEETING
 LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO
 OCTOBER 27, 2021
 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 2021 Fall Board Executive Meeting of New Mexico Garden Clubs Incorporated was called to order by President- Christine Longthorp who welcomed members at 9:35 AM

President Longthorp introduced the State District Directors

District Directors:

District I – Sonia James - absent Represented by Debi Harrington

District II - Vacant

District III - Johnese Turri absent and will be represented by Colleen Hinker

District IV - Ellie Nordgren

District V – Julie Foster

President Longthorp introduced the head table

Executive Board

1st Vice President – Debra Sorrell

2nd VP Membership – Joyce Zaugg absent

Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff

Treasurer - Laurie Hixson

Historian - vacant

Parliamentarian - Isabel Olsen

Corresponding Secretary - JVACANT

Ariel Seamon of Valley Gardeners delivered the inspirational reading

Ginny Longbotham of Petal Pushers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Ellie Norgren District IV Director welcomed members and guests to the 2021 Annual New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting

Preliminary Credentials Report – Linnea Egbert of Mesilla Valley Gardeners provided the preliminary report:

32 Full time attendees for a voting strength of 32

Lynnette Walker moved that the preliminary report be accepted. There was no discussion and the report was adopted with a voting strength of over two thirds

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported that a quorum was present and read the Standing Rules of the Business Meeting. The Standing Rules of the 2021 NMGC Fall Board Meeting were accepted as read with voting strength of over two thirds.

Appointments:

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

1. Julie Foster - District V Director
2. Debra Sorrell – 1st Vice President
3. Ellie Nordgren - District IV Director

Gigi Zacharias of Valley Gardeners was appointed as Timekeeper.

Linnea Eggert 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 2021 Fall NMGC Board Meeting.

President Longthorp presented the NMGC Chairman list for the 2021-2023 term which was ratified at the Executive Board Meeting. Attendees should have a list of the NMGC Chairman and the Club

Presidents. President Longthorp indicated that there are vacancies in positions and encouraged members to consider volunteering for those positions,

Minutes:

Dorothy Duff, NMGC Secretary Read the minutes of the meeting from the 2019 Fall Board Meeting held in Albuquerque, NM. 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.

544 members (\$4304 income) FY 2020: 430 members (\$3560 income) FY 2021: 448 members (\$2320 income) FY 2022

There were no additional receipts to be approved

\$4000 was transferred from the CD into the operating account on 3/20/20

Past President was reimbursed \$2136.09 per Board approval

Total current Funds: \$54,359.33

State Officer's Reports

President: Christine Longthorp provided a verbal report reflecting on the past two years and the changes brought on by Covid-19. Positives include an increased interest in gardening which provides an opportunity to "ride the wave" and bring in new members. She also discussed how zoom can provide greater access to learning and bring younger people into garden clubs. She reminded us that if you cannot change the circumstances it is time to change yourself. She provided a positive message to members encouraging them to volunteer for the vacancies in NMGC.

Officers Reports:

1st Vice President – Debra Sorrell - no report

2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg absent no report but it will be online shortly

Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff - no report

Treasurer - Laurie Hixson - no report

Historian – vacant

Annual Report: J.J. Huddleston reported that the Annual Report is available is available on the NMGC website and Suzy Andrego will distribute by email.

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

District 1 Sonia James –Absent Report read by Debi Harrington

District 2 vacant

District 3 Johnese Turri: absent report read by Fred Hinker

District 4 Ellie Nordgren: Report attached

District 5 Julie Foster Report attached.

Other Reports

Recommendations from Executive Committee:

Dorothy Duff recording Secretary read a recommendation presented by Suzy Andregio that the New Mexico Garden Clubs make the annual Fall Board Meeting for Executive Committee members only. The Annual NMGC Convention (spring) will be for all members.

Rationale: 1) Membership s declining 2) Costs are rising 3) fewer members are attending and 4) Fewer members are willing to chair and hold convention in their area

Each District would then be responsible for one convention meeting every five years rather than two meetings. Suzy Andregio moved that this recommendation be accepted. Recommendation was accepted by two third or greater votes. Recommendation statement attached

Dorothy Duff recording Secretary read a recommendation presented by Awards Book Review Committee consisting of Suzy Andregio, Debra Sorrell and Lynnette Walker.

There was discussion about the recommended changes and the recommendation passed with more than two thirds in agreement. Report attached.

Wreaths across America: Judy Laird discussed the program in which wreaths are donated to military cemeteries. NMGC will look into the possibility of providing wreaths for the Santa Fe National Cemetery

Healing Garden Report: President Longthorp reported that after a change in administration at the Veterans administration NMGC may now move forward with donations of plants. The hardscape done by the medical center. Installation and initial maintenance will be by NMGC members.

NMGC Annual convention will be March 23-24 in Roswell or Artesia, New Mexico.

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

Chairman reports (limited to 3 minutes each)

Awards Chairman – Awards Committee _Suzy Andregio, Debra Sorrel and Lynnette Walker – Report Attached

Environmental Schools: Chairman – Suzy Andregio announced that we have a Refreshed Consultant – Debi Harrington

Gardener Editor – Suzy Andregio will be focusing on the Winter Issue in which Club Presidents will be asked to submit articles. She also requested members check to see that their emails are correct as that is how the newsletter is distributed.

Penny Pines Report: MaryAnn Moreno absent. Penny Pine collection jar was passed.

Scholarship's Chairman: Sue Ferguson could not be present. Awardees can only receive funding one time.

Ways and Means: Kathleen Flanders report attached. A reminder that drawing will be after the Banquet

Youth Activities : Lynnette Walker report attached

There were no further Committee Reports or Unfinished Business

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

Announcements

2022 NMGC Annual convention will be March 23-24 in Roswell or Artesia

Raffle tickets can be purchased from Kathleen Flanders. A reminder that drawing will be after the Banquet

Debi Harrington announced that there will be a zoom Gardening School in April 2022.

Linnea Eggert presented the final report of the 2019 NMGC Annual Spring Convention:

Registrants: 32

The meeting was Recessed at 11:37 AM for the Lunch Program with Featured Speaker from the Chili Pepper Institute

11:30 P.M.—1:30 P.M. LUNCH & PROGRAM

“Chili Pepper Institute”

The General Meeting was resumed, President Christine Longthorp Presiding.

Final Benediction: Debra Sorrell 1st Vice President delivered the final benediction.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Duff

Recording Secretary

Treasurer – Laurie Hixson

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

	30-Jun-21	31-Jul-21	31-Aug-21	30-Sep-21	31-Oct-21	30-Nov-21	31-Dec-21	31-Jan-22	28-Feb-22	31-Mar-22	30-Apr-22	31-May-22
Checking	8,302.88	8,302.95	9,373.04	9,363.12	9,267.77	9,780.59	10,363.52	9,401.60	9,095.72	8,137.80	8,048.10	8,048.10
Savings	2,244.50	2,267.87	2,292.02	2,316.17	2,339.54	2,363.69	2,387.06	2,411.21	2,435.36	2,445.66	2,457.06	2,457.06
Bank Accounts Total	10,547.38	10,570.82	11,665.06	11,679.29	11,607.31	12,144.28	12,750.58	11,812.81	11,531.08	10,583.46	10,505.16	10,505.16
Outstanding Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.00	167.15	1,250.00	0.00	(40.00)	89.77	0.00	0.00
General Fund	6,355.20	6,359.16	8,683.27	8,677.37	8,037.91	8,783.60	9,537.57	9,829.67	7,643.87	6,438.37	6,440.87	6,440.87
Ways & Means	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90	813.90	1,110.90	1,110.90	1,110.90	1,110.90	1,110.90	1,110.90	1,110.90
Awards	144.50	144.50	144.50	144.50	144.50	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)
Sensory Garden	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	276.00	326.00	326.00	326.00	326.00
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	747.38	750.69	754.12	757.54	760.86	764.28	767.60	771.02	774.45	775.91	777.52	777.52
Scholarship Principal	511.77	527.52	(706.19)	(689.91)	(674.15)	(657.87)	(1,892.11)	(1,875.83)	14.40	140.87	148.03	148.03
Pres Endow Principal		1,653.68	1,654.10	1,654.52	1,654.93	1,655.35	1,655.76	1,656.18	1,656.60	1,656.78	1,656.98	1,656.98
Ledger Accounts Total	10,547.38	10,570.82	11,665.06	11,679.29	11,059.31	11,977.13	11,500.58	11,812.81	11,571.08	10,493.69	10,505.16	10,505.16
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	5,374.69	10,547.38	10,570.82	11,665.06	11,679.29	11,059.31	11,977.13	11,500.58	11,812.81	11,571.08	10,493.69	10,493.69
Income	74.22	23.44	2,344.24	0.00	23.45	1,084.97	1,061.45	312.23	114.22	130.38	11.47	11.47
Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	643.43	167.15	1,538.00	0.00	355.95	1,207.77	0.00	0.00
Book's Balance	5,448.91	10,570.82	11,665.06	11,665.06	11,059.31	11,977.13	11,500.58	11,812.81	11,571.08	10,493.69	10,505.16	10,505.16

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:	60,227.42	60,250.86	61,345.10	61,359.33	57,739.35	58,657.17	58,180.62	58,492.85	58,251.12	53,173.73	53,185.20	53,185.20
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CD Distribution

	current	
	Amount	Percentage
General Fund	\$ 8,890.44	20.83%
Education Principal	\$ 6,069.18	14.22%
Scholarship Principal	\$ 26,974.48	63.20%
Pres Endow Principal	\$ 745.94	1.75%
	\$ 42,680.04	100.00%

Historian – Ariel Seamon – No report at this time.

Corresponding Secretary- Suzy Andrego

Sent out all correspondence for President Longthorp as requested. Complied the NMGC Annual report for presentation at Fall Executive Committee and posting online by November 1, 2022.

Kept the Officers, Chairpersons, District Directors, and Club Presidents list current.

Distributed the National Gardener newsletter quarterly to the membership along with the tri-annual South Central Region newsletter “The Communicator”.

Parliamentarian – Isabel Olsen

A Parliamentarian tip to all that are chairing a meeting. As you proceed through your agenda and have the recording secretary read the minutes and the treasurer give the financials, you do not have to call for a motion and a second to approve. You simply ask if there are any corrections or additions to the minutes? Then state they are filed as written or with the correction. After a treasury report is given, you ask; are there any questions or receipts that need to be submitted? Then state the treasurers report is filed for record, and if receipts are submitted you call to approve them with the membership. This is the proper procedure according to Robert’s Rule of Order and will save you time in each of your club meetings.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

District I Director – Sonia James

THERE ARE SEVEN ACTIVE GARDEN CLUBS IN DISTRICT 1, Five in Albuquerque , one in Los Lunas and one in Moriarty. Most of the clubs began having in person meetings in May 2021

High Desert Design. Club. President, Shirley Tetrault

Each month the club studied five designs that could be entered in the State Fair Flower Show. Several members entered the shows and won awards. In October the club made chile ristras and ran the cafe for the Harvest Fair. December the club ran the Holiday Festival Cafe and members made all kinds of baked goods and candy to sell there. In 2022 the club studied more designs to be entered in the Flower Shows, had many design entries, ran the harvest Fair Cafe and are getting ready for doing The Holiday Fair Cafe again.

Petal pushers Garden Club. President Ginny Longbotham

In May 2021 Members tided up the patio in front of the garden center and made 14 blankets for the Linus Project. In August. Members baked and made Refreshments for the dedication and renaming of the patio room to Grace's room, a former member who donated part of her estate to the Garden Center. In October the club provided table favors,, small jars of honey, for the fall board meeting. The new year was busy with monthly meetings and preparing for the annual fund raiser which is the Spring Plant Sale in the patio. We sold hanging plants and succulents. Members entered many applications for NMGC awards

Uptown Garden Club. President Mary Ann Moreno

In May 2021 the club held s plant sale in Mary Ann's driveway. The plants consisted of home dug perennials, vegetables, and houseplants. They sold out in three hours. In September members entered horticulture and floral designs in the State Fair flower show. The club also did many hours of volunteer work in the Flower building during the ten days of the fair. Early 2022 we again prepared for a Plant Sale at Mary Ann Moreno's home. Mary Ann's rose garden was quite spectacular, and in full bloom. In September we again participated in all the functions of the State Fair Flower Show. We maintain a flower bed at the Albuquerque Garden Center and one at the Ronald McDonald House.

Valley Garden Club. Presidents. Gigi Zacharias and Dorothy Duff

In June 2021 the club meeting was held in Montgomery Park where Judy Nickell described the various species of trees in the park. For many years, Judy has been the “go to” person regarding trees in the Albuquerque area. Many members volunteered to work at the annual Parade of Garden Tours sponsored by the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs and also helped and participated as judges and exhibitors. In December members gathered to prepare a gift of house plants for Seranam. Seranam is a program that helps families regain stability in their lives after a period of homelessness. The plants went to twenty family apartments. Their PENNY PINES JAR accumulated enough money to purchase three plantations of trees. In March members prepared favors for the District 1 Spring Meeting and Luncheon

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club. Presidents Debby Hasse and Shar Marquez

Club does not meet from May to September. Club met in October to Make beehive center pieces for the District 1 Fall Meeting and Luncheon.. In December members set up a garden Christmas tree at the entrance to Lowes Hardware store in Los Lunas and made decorations for it from recycled products and it was very festive! Zoom meetings were held in January and February of 2022. Our beautification project I to help out Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, possibly planting after the Big Hole fire. Shar has talked with Andrew Hawtzinger, District Director about two possible grants from the National Garden Club. There are two Disaster Relief Grants, one up to \$5000, the second a Community (youth)Garden Grant up to \$1000. We are waiting for input from Mr. Hawtzinger.

Moriarty Garden Club. President Aimee

In 2021 the club was not active. Their biggest project in 2022 was trying to increase membership from four and they now have fifteen members. Their community project for the year was planting donated plants at the DWI Memorial entrance. They were skeptical that the plants would not survive the summer because the club was not responsible for the maintenance of the area. Fortunately, the wet weather kept things going well. The highlight of the year was the re- opening of the Torrance County Fair Flower Show!

New Mexico Floral Artists. President Christine Longthorp

2021 - the club has three new members. In August the members made small floral designs which helps to define design confidence and follow handbook requirements in preparation for entering designs in flower shows. In November centerpieces were mad incorporating fruits and vegetables. The new year 2022 the club studied several different

designs. We have been challenged due to low attendance in the summer and now we will be meeting at the Garden Center.

DISTRICT II Director - Kersti Rock

"Celebrating Nature with Connections, Knowledge and Creativity"

District II has 55 Members in three garden clubs: Los Alamos Garden Club (25) members, Summit Garden Club (20 members) in Los Alamos and Floral Designers (10 members) in Santa Fe. We have officers and chairpersons on State, Regional and National Boards. Some of our members participate in National Garden Club Schools.

District II members have email or web access to The National Gardener, South Central Region Communicator, and the New Mexico Gardener. Members contribute and enhance their communities in many ways - through setting up registered wildlife habitats, contributing to local scholarships, sharing awareness about environmental issues, and supporting community beautification and development projects. Our clubs create social environments in which to pool and share knowledge about plants and wildlife.

District II held its first meeting in nearly two years on June 9, 2022. District II officers are currently in acting capacity and officer elections will be held at District II's Spring 2023 meeting. The current officers are Kersti Rock as Acting District Director, Joyce Zaugg as Acting Recording Secretary, Ann Cooke as Acting Treasurer and Doris Jackson is the appointed Parliamentarian. District II's Fall Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022.

Los Alamos Garden Club LAGC has been meeting in person for the past year, holding 9 monthly meetings, including lunch socials in September, December and April. LAGC heard talks on garden safety, small and side yard gardens, a discussion and sharing on houseplants. The club also enjoyed two floral design programs and two workshops, one on building table top water fountains and another on rock painting. During the summer of 2022, LAGC had 3 field outings: a tour of the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe followed by lunch, tours of two member gardens and a social in the Memorial Rose Garden. LAGC will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Friday, September 9, 2022.

Summit Garden Club Summit met via Zoom during the cold months and outdoors when the weather got warmer. The club enjoyed programs on straw bale gardening, smart phone plant identification, tree pruning. Club members toured the cactus gardens of Sig Ludwig in White

Rock and dedicated a new fountain in the White Rock Community Garden. The club maintains the White Rock Community Garden and three gardens at Bandelier National Monument.

Floral Designers Club Floral Designers feature a specific design each month that is chosen by one of their members. Each member bring their creation based on that design to the meeting where each composition receives respectful feedback and discussion. The club welcomed four new members this year: Suzy Andrego, Lyn Campbell, Debi Harrington, and Christine Longthorp.

District III Director - Johnese Turri

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

DISTRICT: III Number of Clubs: 3 Total Number of Members 65

Director: Johnese Turri Term of Office: 2020 - 20?

District Theme or Focus: Art Gardening/Nature Dates Report Covers: 2022

Number of: Flower Show Judges 1 Environmental Consultants 1 Other 1 Landscape

CHECK AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ALL ACTIVITIES APPLICABLE TO YOUR DISTRICT:

1 NUMBERS OF OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN
1 State
 _____ Region
 _____ National

16 TREES
 _____ Number of trees planted by clubs
16 Number of trees planted by members

2 SANCTUARIES OR HABITATS
 (# registered with Chairman)
 _____ Bird
1 Butterfly
1 Wildlife
 _____ Other

6 CIVIC DEVELOPMENT
1 Historical Site
1 Nursing Homes or School, Library
1 Parks or Roadways
3 Other MFAF, Community Gardens
& Nat'l Garden Week.

2 CONTRIBUTIONS
2 Scholarship
 _____ State
 _____ Other

6 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
1 Water Conservation or Air
 Recycling & Litter Control
5 Other - cleanup Perry Pines, irrigation
for 2 gardens, beautification & planting

7 WAYS & MEANS PROJECTS
Raffles, Farmers Market,
Art on Mimosa on main St,
Trash to Treasures & Tea
Party

2 WORK WITH GROUPS
2 Junior Gardeners OR Other

3 SHOWS/STUDIES
1 ✓ Flower Show School Dinner @ convention
1 ✓ Symposium OR Design Study Units
 _____ Environmental OR Garden
1 ✓ Landscape Design OR Horticulture

11 LIFE MEMBERS
11 State
 _____ Regional
 _____ National

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS
2 Communicator
2 National Gardener

— PARTICIPATE IN PRESIDENT'S PROJECT
 _____ State
 _____ National

— OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS CLUBS IN YOUR DISTRICT HAVE HAD IN LAST 6 MONTHS

AF Community Garden program
AF - Raised Hoop House Involvement
AF - Flowers & More Flowers
SR - Spring Gardening Problems
SR - Friendship Soup lunch
& working on Scrapbook

Bring two 3 copies to the Fall Board or Spring Convention 1 to State President - 1 to Recording Secretary - 1 - State 1st VP (Make a Copy for your file)

You may use the reverse side to write your oral report of activities during this period OR attach this to your typed report

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR – Ellie Nordgren

72 total District IV Members, 5 Clubs. District IV hosted the Extended Fall Board in Las Cruces in October 2021.

Desert Daubers – 0 members. Disbanded two years ago. Disbursed all money. Two members joined Mesilla Valley. Still not cleared with IRS.

Evergreen – Lequita Lett, President

5 members. Conventions, Flower Show, Judges Symposium.

Flowering Desert – Kerry Coleman, President

12 members. Kerry to attend Executive Meetings on September 19, 2022, at IHOP in Las Cruces. Flowering Desert to host District IV meeting in March.

Mesilla Valley – Becky Fuller, President

15 members. Two members from Desert Daubers joined Mesilla Valley. Meeting: Growing avocado trees from seed. Christmas party at member's home.

Socorro – Millie Sigman, President

8 members. Club was very busy with planting, Points of Lands, and flower shows. Decision to break up still on hold.

Sunshine Valley – Linda Brandis, President

32 Members. Celebrated 71st birthday in June. Hosted District IV Fall Meeting in September. Held Annual Membership Tea in February. Had Plant Exchange Party in April. Did Plant Sale at Annual T or C Fiesta in May. Two members had a blast at the NMGC Annual Convention in Artesia in March.

District V Director – Julie Foster – No report

CHAIRPERSONS

Archives – Becky Fuller

NM State University is reopened the Archive Department. We will again take items to take to the Archives Department.

Audit/Finance Committee – Norma Tech

Nothing to Report.

Awards – No report

Bees Birds Butterfly Gardening – No report

Blue Star Memorial, Shirley Tetreault, Chairman

New Mexico Blue Star Memorials and Locations:

Below are the Blue Star Memorials and Locations in the State of New Mexico. This list is for your convenience when traveling the state. They are a beautiful sight, and it is a wonderful program honoring our Military men and women. We have not had a dedication since 2018 but that will change this year. We will have an exciting dedication at the Santa Fe Fort Bayard National Cemetery very soon. Please send me pictures of any memorials that you may visit.

Proud to be an American.

- 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, 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 8/28/2022 Shirley Tetreault - Blue Star Chair
 ammasangels@comcast.net

Civic Development – No report

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS - *State Sponsored*

GARDENING SCHOOL – Debi Harrington

Nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL - Suzy Andrego

No schools were held during this reporting period in New Mexico. We had one student continue her education and credentials via Zoom meetings during this period.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL – Suzy Andrego

No schools were held during this reporting period.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS - *Judges' Council Sponsored*

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL - **Suzy Andrego**

No schools were held during this reporting period in New Mexico. We are looking to hold a new school series with enough interest and commitment from potential students.

SYMPOSIUMS - **Christine Longthorp**

A Judges Symposium is planned for July 29-3, 2022, in Albuquerque NM.

FLOWER SHOW CREDENTIALS – **Mary Gilliam**

Judges:

As of June 2021, New Mexico has 30 Accredited Judges.

17 Master Judges

2 Life Judges

11 Accredited Judges

As of June 2021, there are two students who will need to complete FSS Courses to be eligible to continue as students.

Flower Show Schedules – **No report**

Food & Herb Gardening – **No report**

Garden Therapy – **No report**

Horticulture – **Ellen Reed**

I have been available for questions regarding horticulture and horticulture for flower show schedules. I have also submitted a horticulture article for each issue of the NM Gardner.

Litter Control & Recycling – No report

National Garden Week – No report

NM Gardener – Editor – Suzy Andrego

I continue to publish four issues of the NM Gardener annually.

The link taking each member directly to our website and the most current issue of the NM Gardener is working well. The link is distributed through email. We have approximately 22 returned emails per issue during this reporting period.

Penny Pines Chairman - Mary Ann Moreno

Penny Pines is a National Garden Club project that started in the 1940'S. our NMGC, Inc. Garden Clubs and members, continue the Penny Pines Project, as FIRE, has devastates of our national forests, in New Mexico this summer.

New Mexico Garden clubs raised over \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars), that will plant 1800 trees in New Mexico forests, From 2021-to 2022. We asked for your help, and you all pitched in! We are at present, 517 NMGC members strong! It is impressive when you think about it, that theoretically each member contributed a dollar, (one dollar). So, in the future let's all give two or three dollars so NMGC, inc., can up the number of trees we buy for our New Mexico forests. We will also be helping the people in New Mexico who suffered loss of home, properties and loved ones. Suzy Andrego has kindly bought a Penny Pines container and decorated them for each NM Garden Club District to use at their meetings.

Have your Penny Pines container ready at your next Garden Club Meeting, or event, and ask for donations. Your goal is \$68.00 dollars which will buy a 200 Tree Seedling Plantation. You need to fill out a form, so call or email for a form, and I will send you one, right away. Designate on the form which region the Forest Service will plant the seedlings. Send your check and form for \$68.00 made out to National Garden Clubs, Inc., To: National Garden Clubs Head Quarters, 4401 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

National Forest Regions in NM are Carson NF, Taos, NM. Cibola NF, Albuquerque, NM. Gila NF, Silver City, NM. Lincoln NF, Alamogordo, NM., Santa Fe, NF, Santa Fe, NM.

Personnel - No report

Photography Awards – No report

Protocol – No report

Resolutions – No report

Scholarship/Life Membership Chairman Report, Sue Ferguson

The New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., Scholarship was not awarded this reporting period. Although several applications were received, the applicants either did not qualify because of insufficient GPA, or had already received the scholarship in a prior year.

Laney White, a senior attending New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and majoring in Ag Business and Economics, received a \$4,500 scholarship from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl- No report

Trees & Shrubs – No report

Water Conservation – No report

Ways and Means – No report

Website – No report

Wildflowers/Native Plants – No report

Youth Activities – No report

Club Presidents Reports

El Jardin Encanto

High Desert Design

Moriarty

New Mexico Floral Artists

Petal Pushers Garden Club- Ginny Longbotham, President

Summer 2021

We gathered strength from each other, gradually coming out of covid pandemic. Our first in person meeting was held at our President's home, Ginny Longbotham. We caught up with each other and on business of the club. Late summer we learned to make Kokedoma Balls from Suzy Andrego, a very interesting way to plant. I still have mine a year later! A few members helped at the State Fair flower show.

Fall 2021

The Petal Pushers gathered to make Funkin Pumpkins for fall decorating. Many also volunteered for Fall Harvest event. During the fall, we also learned about Daylilies and Companion Plants from our member Debi Harrington. Members volunteered for Holiday Fair. Our Christmas luncheon was held at Mimi's with a fun ornament exchange. Mary Frances Santistevan decorated the table with beautiful Christmas ornaments and arrangements. Many donations were brought for giving to Barrett House.

Winter 2022

Members learned about Succulents from Penny Hoe and also learned from Mary Frances Santistevan how to make a Ribbon Rose to use to decorate packages, clothing hats and many other items. We met to prepare succulents in used copper jello molds to sell at the Spring Plant Sale.

Spring 2022

Officer installation and luncheon was held at Special Touch. New Officers, President Ginny Longbotham, Becky Gatson, Vice President, Pam Walker Secretary, and Viola Johnston, Treasurer. Many found us working in the Marie Torrens Courtyard Garden. Dead heading, weed pulling and winter cleanup was completed with four large bags going to the dumpster. In

March we had gathered enough pennies for the Pennies Pines Program and got our certificate. Our club, once again, sold hanging baskets, plants, succulents, and miniatures in the Courtyard for the Annual Spring Plant Sale. We found a new source for our plants and the other source is not selling plants any longer. We used La Paloma Greenhouse worked by ARCA members. Parade of Gardens was toured by many members and many members volunteered.

Awards won by Petal Pushers:

- Membership Increase
- 2nd Place Club History, Class II

We look forward and beyond to an active 2022 and 2023, many more field trips and much more fun and learning.

Uptown Garden Club – Steven Hong-Elder, President

Annual Report June 2021 - May 2022

June 16th, 2021

We had our business meeting at Suzy Andrego's home, and our program was Jennifer Moreno demonstrating how to create a summer succulent wreath.

July 21st 2021

This meeting was cancelled due to lack of participation.

August 18th 2021

No business meeting, and our program was presented by Suzy Andrego on creating concrete leaf garden art. It was a hands-on project.

September 2021

there was no meeting due to the state fair.

October 20th 2021

We had a business meeting at Steven Hong-Elder's home, where Steven was installed as the new Vice President. Our program was a Halloween party and a hands-on floral arranging activity.

November 17th 2021

No business meeting, and our program was a field trip to the New Mexico Museum of Art and lunch in Santa Fe.

December 15th, 2021

No business meeting, and our program was a holiday party at Ellen Reed's home with a white elephant gift exchange.

January 19th 2022

No business meeting, and our program was a floral design presentation put on by Kathleen Flanders.

February 16th 2022

Our business meeting was held at the Garden Center in Grace's room, and our program was on a Hinamatsuri doll display by Steven Hong-Elder.

March 16th 2022

Our business meeting was held at the Garden Center in Grace's room, and our program was a garden show and tell.

April 20th 2022

Our business meeting was held at Steven Hong-Elders home, and our program was a planter demonstration.

May 28th 2022

Our business meeting and annual plant sale was held at Mary Ann Morenos home along with the installation of our new officers and a potluck.

- President - Steven Hong-Elder
- Vice-President - Lynnette Walker
- Secretary - Sandy Baca
- Treasurer - Suzy Andrego

Other news

- We presented Christine Longthorp the NMGC President with a Penny Pines plantation in her name at the 2022 convention.
- We maintain a garden bed at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

- We maintain a garden bed at the Ronald McDonald House.
- Our program for 2022 is "Grow & Gather. Teaching members unexpected ways to enjoy the bounty our gardens have to give.
- We currently have 35 members.

Blooming Gardeners (Youth Club) – No report

Valley Gardeners – Gigi Zacharias & Dorothy Duff, Co-Presidents

Valley Gardeners has thirty-seven members including fourteen Flower Show Judges.

In addition to judging members have been actively volunteering at various Council activities including the Garden Council garden shop, Spring Plant Sale, Parade of Gardens, Garden Council library, State Fair flower shows, Harvest Fair and Holiday fair.

We began a new year of activities in June 2021 with a tree tour at Montgomery Park led by Judy Nickell.

In July, Mary Ann and Jim Moreno opened their home for July 4. We experienced their hard work as we wandered by the roses, daylilies, and other large assortment of flowers.

At the New Mexico State Fair flower shows – Twenty members participated as volunteers and judges. Members exhibiting horticulture earned fifty-three first ribbons and many State fair specials. Members won top Design awards including Sweepstakes in the All-Fresh Traditional Design Section.

October was a busy month starting with the District I meeting and lunch with eleven members attending. Our October meeting was a “spooky spiders” presentation given by Jennifer Moreno. Jennifer debunked some myths about spiders and led a workshop where members made spiders out of tootsie pops, pipe cleaners and beads. It was a relaxing activity, and it gave members the opportunity to visit and create something fun.

We had eight members attend the Fall Board Conference in Las Cruces and we all came home with lots of inspiration. Valley won First Place Standard of Excellence, Class III. Debra Sorrell won the Silver Medallion and Dorothy Duff won Member of the Year. Great job ladies, congratulations! Visiting the Chili Pepper Institute was informative and a real treat learning about chilies of every size, shape, color and scoville units.

Regular meetings resumed with Bonnie McLain leading using basic design techniques to make flower arrangements in pumpkins. We celebrated in December, with a holiday luncheon tradition and white elephant gift exchange.

For our holiday donation activity, we gathered to prepare a gift of houseplants for Saranam. Saranam is a program that helps families regain stability in their lives after a period of homelessness providing housing and training.

We began the New Year in January meeting, Debra Sorrell presenting information about NMGC Awards and inspired those who have never submitted for an award to do so.

Steven Hong-Elder demonstrated his creative flair at the February meeting with a workshop on how to make a Botanical Valentine's Day Card. We were all "pressing and stamping" cards to pass on to loved ones. Steven provided lovely paper and envelopes to accomplish perfection. Lots of laughs and fun all around.

Valley gardeners came together in March to make favors for the district meeting. Again, a fun filled session with lots of laughs. Bonnie McClain designed the seed notebook and other members helped assemble the six packs in hopes that District members would try growing from seed.

Being spring, it seemed appropriate to have a speaker that was an expert in both regional plant material and garden design. Wes Brittenham, Director of Horticulture at Los Poblanos Farms engaged us with slides from various landscape projects featuring plants suitable to our area.

Mary Ann Moreno installed our officers at a meeting in May. We celebrated with a yummy potluck and toured the gardens at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

Floral Designers Garden Club – Anne May

*Annual Report May 2021 – May 2022
Santa Fe, New Mexico*

Members: Suzy Andrego, Lyn Campbell, Patricia Copple, Shelby Green, Debi Harrington, Laurie Hixson, Doris Jackson, Christine Longthorp, Anne L. May, Juanita Ortega

For the past year Floral Designers has continued to feature a specific floral design program presentation on a monthly basis. One of our members chooses a specific design type to be featured. She informs the membership of the design type and provides references which details the design criteria. Each member is then responsible for constructing that specific design and bringing her creation to the next meeting.

At our meeting, the presenter reviews the criteria for the design type and provides both photos and arrangements which illustrate the characteristics of the design. Members then take turns presenting their work. With loving respect, other members provide feedback as to the strength of the composition, if it meets the design criteria, how well it incorporates the elements and principles of design, and any components that may detract from the design's distinction. There is no better opportunity to advance one's floral design skills than this this type of experiential learning!

This spring, Floral Designers Garden Club was delighted to welcome four new members, Suzy Andrego, Lyn Campbell, Debi Harrington, and Christine Longthorp. These ladies add to the enthusiasm and creativity that have been a hallmark of Floral Designers.

Los Alamos Garden Club

The Los Alamos Garden Club currently numbers 25 members. Its primary and ongoing community project is the maintenance of the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden. In addition to planting and caring for the plants in the garden, the club works hard on measures to keep the local deer from grazing in the garden. One effort involves placing wire cages over the smaller roses so that they get a chance to grow and blossom. A longer-term effort is working to enlist the County's aid in building an attractive deer fence around the garden. The club also issues some annual awards and scholarships. Earlier this year, LAGC presented awards to three Elementary School participants in the local Science Fair. Later, the club gave two scholarship awards to graduating High School Seniors.

LAGC has been meeting in person for the past year, holding 9 monthly meetings, including lunch socials in September, December and April. LAGC heard a talk on garden safety from expert rosarian Tracey Speyrer and a presentation on small and side yard gardens from temporary Los Alamos County Extension agent Robin Kennedy. Joyce Zaugg and Marke Talley led a discussion and sharing on houseplants. The club also enjoyed two floral design programs, one from Anne May on holiday designs and another from Christine Longthorp on small arrangements for Spring. The club members participated in two workshops, one led by Cindy Hills on building tabletop water fountains and another led by Joyce Zaugg on rock painting using water worn smooth rocks and craft paints. During the summer of 2022, LAGC had 3 field outings. In June, the club enjoyed a docent-led tour of the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe followed by lunch at the La Fonda's La Plazuela restaurant. In July, club members toured two of its members' gardens. Linda Hoffman's garden has many native and xeriscape plants, raised garden beds and fruit trees. Kersti Rock's yard has a very large trumpet vine, fairy garden, bird garden and other differently landscaped areas. In August, the club held a social in the Memorial Rose Garden. LAGC will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in the Memorial Rose Garden on Friday, September 9, 2022.

Summit

2022 saw Summit Garden Club dealing with covid by holding our meetings by zoom in the cold months, and by meeting outside as the weather got warmer.

In February, Alison Grieggs presented a program on straw bale gardening, and in March, Judy Magelssen spoke on smart phone plant identification, with Google lens as an example.

In April, we included the community in our meeting on tree pruning. It was held outside at the demo garden, with Miguel Hoffman with Southwest Fire Defense as the speaker.

In May, we awarded our scholarship to Maya Clausen, LAHS graduating senior. She will attend New Mexico State in the Fall. Also in May, we held our business meeting and installation of officers. Our speaker was the temporary Los Alamos extension officer. She talked to us about the advantages of gardening, one of which was “It keeps you from thinking you can reach perfection.” We all agreed and laughed.

Starting in May, we resumed efforts on our two special projects – the White Rock Community Garden, and three gardens at Bandelier. All are doing well but do require constant work.

In June, we visited the cactus gardens of Sig Lodwig, in White Rock, and on June 16, several of us attended the dedication of the new fountain at the White Rock Community Garden. For eight years, Summit requested that the County provide a piece of art for the garden, and now it is in place. It is a modern onyx fountain titled “Perspective”. It is solar powered and designed and made by Santa Fe sculptor Greg Robertson. Mission accomplished. Thank you, Laurie Hixson.

In July, we held our Summer Social picnic, and the August meeting was held at the home of Alison Grieggs, who showed us her straw bales garden. We are now awaiting Fall and cooler temperatures.

Betsy Comly, Vice-President Summit Garden Club

Amor de la Tierra – No report

Angel Fire- Shirley M. Sheriff, President

The Angel Fire Garden Club currently has 53 **members**.

Club Theme: Gardening in our Enchanted Mountains

AFGC has nine **Life Members**.

Subscriptions 1 Communicator; 1 National Gardener Copies are sent by email and by AFGC's Facebook page to all members.

Trees, Contributions

Our club awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior attending Morena Valley High School.

AFGC has received \$2,600 for Penny Pines.

Members of AFGC planted a tree at the Shuter Butterfly Garden in memory of a young man, Aaron Bear, who lost his battle with Covid.

AFGC Civic/Community Development / Environmental Concerns / Work with Groups / Sanctuaries

AFGC members joined the Angel Fire Beautification Committee for Spring Clean-up.

The Servant Group with Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church worked with our AFGC members in the Shuter Butterfly Garden.

Members of AFGC joined the Angel Fire Rotary Club to construct its Community Gardens. Members also have rented gardens to plant vegetables and fruits for our community.

Workdays for our three Signature Gardens are scheduled twice a month. Our Shuter Library By-Way Certified Butterfly Garden needed a lot of work as few workers, few funds, dry weather, high winds, and wildfires have taken their toll.

Janet Warner is Chair for the "Tear Drop" Veterans Memorial Garden. AFGC donated a patriotic wreath for the Veterans Chapel in an expression of love, thankfulness, and admiration to all those brave individuals who have served our country.

Shirley Sheriff is Chair for our Shuter Library By-Way Certified Butterfly Garden Besides refurbishing soil and pulling weeds, we have worked to restore the irrigation throughout the garden.

Arie Overby is Chair of the Median Garden, the entry to Angel Fire's ski area. The irrigation has been fixed and flowers have been added.

Every year AFGC provides three flower arrangements for performances of Music from Angel Fire, which we did in August.

Shows / Studies / Programs

At our March 14 meeting, Mike Overby spoke about Angel Fire's Community Gardens which is a project of the Angel Fire Rotary.

The May 9 meeting was installation of officers along with information from Boe Lopez, Colfax County Extension Service "High Altitude Gardening & What to do about Invasive Species."

Our June 13 meeting featured Anita Moss, an Artisan from Mora. She shared “The Know-how to Raised Bed Hoop House Environments,” including “plants that make sense to grow in them, pest control, succession planting and companion planting.”

Anita Moss spoke at our July 11 AFGC Monthly Meeting entitled, “Freeze-Dried Foods from Soups to Fruits.”

“Flowers and More Flowers” on August 9 was a presentation by Eagle Nest’s Debbie Dean. Debbie demonstrated flower design with flowers from her own garden. This presentation was followed by a luncheon.

“Giant Tomatoes” from the greenhouses of Arie and Mike Overby was our September 12 meeting, along with a luncheon.

Ways & Means Projects.

Our club set up a booth at two events, Trash for Treasurers (fundraiser for Shuter Library) and the Farmer’s Market to give out information about our club, raffles, and tickets to our upcoming Tea Party.

AFGC fundraiser on July 31, “Tea Party” brought 70 tea-loving enthusiasts. Gift bags for each attendee (including the men) were enjoyed by all. The annual hat contest brought three categories of winners. There were raffles donated by our local businesses, artists, and members. Lots of door prizes brought many smiles to this fundraising event. Carol Rupp, our AFGC Treasurer and artist, brought a presentation about her tea experiences from around the world. A vocalist/guitarist, Johnnie Long, donated his time, talent, and tips. From Celebration Tea to Blackberry Sage Tea; Coronation Chicken, Cucumber and Egg Salad Sandwiches, Salmon Rounds and Tea Cakes; not to forget Carol’s own scones, all were presented on China and tea sets.

In June, AFGC participated in the National Garden Week by having a booth in the Village Grocery and Shuter Library promoting a large hanging basket by means of selling tickets and giving out AFGC information including calendar of events for the coming year.

Mimosa’s on Mainstreet on August 13, 2022 was another fundraiser opportunity by having a booth to display and sell flowerful creations from AFGC members. This was an event by the Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Balloons Over Angel Fire 2022.

Our club has at least one raffle at each meeting.

Santa Rosa Garden Club -Colleen Hinker, President

Our theme this year is “supporting the beauty around us”. We are down to 6 active members who come to most every meeting and participate and learn at every meeting. Half of our members are ranchers with large properties, the rest live in the town of Santa Rosa. We all have a lot to learn and a lot to teach. Most of the members have been busy taking care of their vegetable gardens and some are even growing flowers! We gathered at the Fuch ranch for a

walk-about, studying wildflowers, plants and sharing our ID books ideas. June was a hot month so Diane set up picnic lunch under a juniper so we could enjoy the view across the prairie!

July 24 had most of us busy- we attended the Farmers electric convention and donated the centerpiece for the head table. Colleen was busy judging 2 flower shows out of town.

In August, we studied and prepped our design Ideas for the upcoming festival. We did not participate in the county fair this year as the Convention Center had better facilities for our show. We even put a big ad in the local newspaper. We participated in the first 'Sunflower festival' on September 17-18. We had better lighting and lot better space. We met many who might be interested joining with us!

October 18 had all busy with garden cleanup. District III had a Zoom meeting.

No meeting in November but we participated in the Veterans Day celebration.

We had a lovely Christmas Dinner at Diane Fuch's. The weather was snowy and very lovely.

January 5- after sharing a friendship soup, we shared old memories by working on our scrapbook In February, we met at Eileen's to make Valentine flower designs. Each made 2- one top keep and one to give away. We discussed spring planting and seed ordering.

March23-25 – Colleen Hinker and Katheryn Esquibel attended the Spring NMGC State convention.

April 14-Back to Eileen's to discuss spring gardening problems. Discussed the differences between Traditional and Creative designs. We enjoyed making Easter-spring floral designs. Colleen and Fred drove down to El Paso to judge their local flower show.

May 11- we were getting ready for next month's rummage sale at the Ilfeld building.-Pricing, organizing, repairing. Then June 2 we set up everything (the Masons gave us the left-overs from their sale). June6, we opened up and on the 7th we packed up all the leftovers and took them to Albuquerque thrift stores. It was a lot of work, but we earned enough money for 2 scholarships.

July 28-30 Colleen attended the Symposium and brought a creative design for point scoring. The program was excellent, and she learned a lot about the new changes in our book. Then onto Capitan to judge another flower show!

Evergreen – no report

Flowering Desert – no report

Mesilla Valley – no report

Socorro Garden Club – Millie Sigman reporting

Our membership has dropped down to just a few people Most members have aged out on us. Our treasurer had a stroke and moved to Houston, Texas. I have asked remaining members to run for president and treasurer. I don't get any takers. Others are in poor health and no longer garden and can no longer participate in activities. I have had e-mails, flyers around town and attempted an ad in community events with posters at the Socorro County Fair flower show to advertise our group. I did get 3 people interested and have followed up on them. Younger community members are active in the Socorro community gardens.

Thanks to Millie Sigman, Julie Johnson, Carolyn Ralph, and Stella for setting up the Socorro County Flower Show. Thanks to Mary Gillard Pack for all her wonderful flower entries esp. her dahlias. Thanks to all other participants.

We had 3 people sign our interest sheet for Socorro Garden Club.

We can plan a breakfast get together if anyone is interested. We are looking for a president and a treasurer for Socorro Garden Club.

Mary Gillard-Pack and I continue to weed and maintain the Socorro Hospital flower bed weekly Anyone is welcome to join us this Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

Point of Lands Bosque del Apache is, but I haven't checked on it recently. Hopefully the rains have helped all the cactus donated by Betty Easeley and planted by Carolyn Ralph and I. Other cactus have been planted over time. Tami Ireland has watered it in the past.

I am required to make reports every 6 months regarding the status of Socorro Garden Club. We are inactive at this time; but do not want to die as non-profit status is difficult to obtain.

Please ask friends and neighbors if they are interested in Socorro Garden Club. Many young people work so are not able to join. Also, many are involved in Socorro Community Gardens.

Thanks again to all that worked the Socorro County Fair Flower Show.

Socorro Garden Club Facebook has photos posted. You can post flowers if you want on Socorro Garden Club Facebook page.

Sunshine Valley – no report

Artesia – no report

Home – no report

Lincoln County – no report

Morning Garden Club - Renate Reisel, President

Our clubs' formal meetings are from May-September.

In the Summertime we had some get together decorating small kindness rocks at a member's home also we worked on the yearbook and continue weeding at all the different gardens and containers morning garden club maintains.

September 9th, 2021 meeting, was held at the Historical museum Archives building member guest plus new members were welcome to our first meeting yearbooks were distributed the program was on how to prepare exhibits for the Flower show.

October members attend the District 5 Fall Board meeting at the Roswell county club hosted by Home garden club.

November 11, 2021, Meeting was held at the Historical museum Archives building the program on " Fall Decorations" workshop led by Renate Reisel
Members decorated mini pumpkins with fresh and dried material.

December 9, 2021, Club meeting held at the Historical museum Archives building
Potluck brunch collection for the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults and the club enjoyed entertainment by the Pecos valley Brass Quintet .
Two red velvet heart-shaped ornaments were added to our Memorial tree in memory of past president.

January 13, 2022, Meeting at the Historical society museum Achieve building program on " Roswell Splendid Resources " presented by Jim Burress superintendent for the park and Recreation department

February 10, 2022, Meeting at the Museum Achieve building
program on Garden art presented by Vicki Hobson club member very interesting project on Recycling and Re-use

March 10, 2022 Historical museum Archives building
Program Garden creatures presented by Vicki Burress Roswell Entomologist

April 14, 2022, Meeting place and program had to be changed in last minute, but we were very fortunate to have a Representative from the New Mexico Department of agriculture who gave

us information on different types of programs they offer to clubs and public also about choosing the right trees and shrubs for our area

May 12, 2022, Meeting: we visited 2 Local Nurseries plus a tour to the Zoo's newest Butterfly garden followed by a Sack lunch at our local Zoo

We must wait for insulation of officer as we didn't have a Vince president hopefully this will be done at our first meeting in September

Overall, we had a wonderful year and enjoyed friendship members attend Artesia convention Al's informal district meeting gained new members and sadly had to say goodbye to one condolence went to the Helen Cox Family.

Pecos Valley Youth (Y) – No report.