

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

Alto Country Club

Ruidoso, NM

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

Nancy introduced the following people seated at the head table:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sue Ferguson, Registrar, gave the following credentials:

- One NM Garden Club President
- One National Garden Club President
- One South Central Regional Director
- Six NM elected officers

- Two appointed officers
- 21 NM Garden Club Presidents
- Five District Directors
- 74 voting members
- 15 guests

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

District Director's Report:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Chairmen Reports:

- Environmental Chairman Report, Mary Ann Moreno: Reported that the next Environmental School will be held in July at New Mexico Tech.
- Scholarship Chairman, Christine Longthorp reported that she has \$40 Life Memberships for sale. Clubs can honor deceased members with a \$25 Book of Memory contribution or any amount in the Book of Appreciation honoring an anniversary, birth, or other occasion. Christine reported that the 2015 scholarship recipient is very appreciative for our help and that the 2016 scholarship, Carolyn Adams, an Engineering student at New Mexico Tech, had been chosen. Christine reported that the 2016 scholarship was based on merit and need.
- Website Chairman, Cindy Hills, reported that the user name and the password for the website are the same as previous. President Andrego honored Cindy Hills with a Presidential Citation and gift for all the hard work she has put into making the website great.
- Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Shirley Tetreault, reported that there are 5 memorials now. Prices for new memorials are attached.
- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman, Mary Ann Moreno, reported that one of the New Mexico posters won both the state award and the South Central Regional Award and had been submitted to the national contest. She said you can Google Lincoln National Forest to see the Woodsy Owl winning poster.
- Bee Chairman, Vicki Frye, was unable to attend so Penni Davey read her report. Copy attached.
- Youth Chairman, Ester Russell, reported that the state has 3 youth clubs and she challenges all adult clubs to promote youth groups. Gifts were presented to Shirley Tetreault, Jo Ann Layden and Renate Reisel, leaders of youth groups.
- Butterfly Chairman, Jo Ann Layden, reported that spraying is causing serious harm to butterflies. She encouraged all members to plant more milk weed and said the Zika virus will likely cause more spraying to get rid of the mosquitos that carry the virus. President Andrego reported that the butterfly brochure that Jo Ann created can be found on the website.

ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT 12:05 P.M.

RESUMED AT 2:15 P.M

- NM Youth Container Gardening Chair, Mary Ann Moreno, reported a pollinator container contest for children with a \$100 prize for 1st place; \$75 for 2nd place; and \$50 for 3rd place.
- Penny Pines and Tree Chairman, Isabel Olsen, reported that this is the 75th year anniversary of Penny Pines and that New Mexico is the top donor to this program. Isabel is available to come to any state club to give a program.

- Flower Show Schedule Chairman, Shirley Tetrault, asked for more schedules to be submitted for competition next year. Report attached.
- World Gardening Chairman, Sue Ferguson, report attached.
- Yearbook Chairman, Agnes Bonham, submitted the report for Kathy Brown.
- Nominating Chairman, Maggie Rubino, reported that our state has the privilege to fill the South Central Region Director for the next two years. Those ladies competing for the position of Director and Alternate Director are Shirley Tetrault and Isabel Olsen. Shirley and Isabel were each given 2 minutes to state their reasons for being the best Director. Afterwards ballots were passed out to voting members. Nominating Committee Chairman, Maggie Rubino, announced the results of the Regional Director balloting. Isabel Olsen is the Director with Shirley Tetrault as alternate.
- Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Juanita Ortega, announced that the drawing for the necklace and sculpture will be after awards on Friday morning. She encouraged members to buy a scarf or more tickets.

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

Barbara Baker, South Central Regional Director, addressed the audience. The SC Region has always had a separate tax structure from the National organization, however, the other seven regions have not and it is now becoming more complicated for the National organization to handle all the paper work so they have suggested disbanding the Regions. All monies from these Regions will be disbursed by May 1, 2017. It will take 2/3 vote to disband, but if we decide to remain a Region we will have to take full responsibility for all jobs and monies. This will be discussed more fully at the Regional meeting in Arkansas.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

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

LEAP INTO LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION:

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

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

President Andrego presented a program on creating a meeting agenda.

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

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

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

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

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

We are adjourned until 6:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Name tag award went to Lincoln County Garden Club.

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Carolyn Bedford, Secretary