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Co-Directors: Mary Ann Moreno, Debra Sorrell, Jennifer Moreno  
and all the campers

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ SUZY ANDREGO



I can hardly believe how the summer has flown by. Before we know it, the night air will begin to cool, the crickets and cicadas will be heard all night long, and the butterflies will start their journey south. Hopefully, we will keep this moisture around the state for a bit longer. I find it funny how no one has mentioned the word “drought” at all this summer. All of the wonderful plants, I once thought were gone from my garden have showed their faces this summer, as our whole state has enjoyed the delightful abundance of rain. As my friends and neighbors wonder what it is in the rain that just makes things grow better, I cannot help but smile and enjoy the abundance I have been blessed with in the garden this year.

It has been a busy summer as President. I have been actively promoting NMGC at public events and several butterfly awareness days in Albuquerque. My daughter, Miranda, and I helped Mary Ann Moreno, Jennifer Moreno and Debra Sorrell, Sunflower Camp Co-Directors, for a morning during the much anticipated youth summer camp. We had a marvelous time with the children creating butterflies and “pretending to pollinate”. Jennifer Moreno read the campers the new children’s environmental book from National Garden Club entitled ‘The Frightened Frog’. The children loved the story.

I was able to succeed in getting to several of our NMGC Garden Club tours and events listed in the June issue of the New Mexico Magazine. Our New Mexico Garden Clubs’ Flower Show School had a great write up in the Sunday issue of the Albuquerque Journal’s new “Life in New Mexico” magazine. The article generated some interest and a few new faces even attended the design portion of the school. Our South Central Regional Director, Barbara Baker, came from Fort Worth and taught *Flower Show Procedure* for the students, our very own Shirley Tetreault taught *Design* and Sue Kirkman, of Kentucky, taught *Horticulture*. The High Desert Design club and NM Floral Artists catered all the food for the flower show school. What a wonderful treat that was!

In June, High Desert Design Club and Uptown Garden Club hosted a tea in my garden to celebrate Shirley Tetreault’s new National Garden Club position as Recording Secretary. It was a delightful day, great conversation and successful tea party. If you need a high tea expert call up Esther Russell, Jayne Pilley, Kathleen Flanders, Jewel Cutter, Joann Case or Diana Doddridge. They did a wonderful job!

I also had the pleasure to travel up to Angel Fire for the Angel Fire Garden Clubs 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour, with Debra Sorrell, our state awards chair. It was a beautiful day and a great tour! Johnese Turri and the Angel Fire Garden Club did a fabulous job!

The Artesia Garden Club, lead by President Julie Foster, held a flower show at the Eddy County Fair and there were many wonderful entries. I was fortunate enough to head down to Ruidoso for the Lincoln County Fair, where the Lincoln County Garden Club and Chairman Cynthia Schafer and club President, Nanette Tanner, put on a wonderful flower show. I have heard many wonderful things about this fair and was excited to attend in support of the club. From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, I have the honor to host the NM State Fair Flower Shows, with the clubs of District I, Albuquerque plant societies, Bernalillo County Master Gardeners, and the Albuquerque Garden Center. We will have six flower shows for all New Mexican’s, young and old, around the state to enter and view. This year’s theme for the State Fair is “A Bug’s Life”. A “bug” of a time will be had by all including the Flower Show Judges who come from all around the state to help and judge the exhibits.

August 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Environmental School III, held in Albuquerque at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Mary Ann Moreno, the Environmental School’s Chair, has many great speakers to help educate us on the environment. And, if all goes well, we might be heading down to NM Tech in Socorro, NM next summer for the Environmental School IV.

In October, I am looking forward to heading off to National Garden Clubs fall board meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. And before I know it, I will be attending the District Fall board meetings around the state and ending the month with our Fall Board meeting in Albuquerque on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. I will be presenting my President’s project “Planting Seeds for Our Pollinator’s and Monarch Butterflies” in more detail at the District Fall board meetings and challenging all clubs to participate. Our Fall Board meeting will be hosted by District I, in Albuquerque; we will have a fun interactive program titled ‘Planting Seeds of Friendship’. Our Awards Chairman, Debra Sorrell, will be presenting changes to our awards book. Juanita Ortega, our Ways & Means Chair, will have tickets to purchase for all the great raffle items, which will be available to see. And Christine Longthorp, our Scholarships Chair, will have the new “NM Garden Clubs” pin to purchase with all profits going to our scholarship fund. So, I hope you are planning to attend the fall board meeting. Everyone will be leaving with a BIG smile!

Last, but Not least, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our new NM Gardener editor! Miss Linnea Egbert, you are doing a FANTASTIC job! THANK YOU!!

## Barbara Vance ~ 1st Vice President



The theme for 2015-2017 "Planting Seeds for Our future" has been a challenge for some of us in our gardens. Mother Nature had a few surprises for us this year - at least here in Northern New Mexico. We had a warm inviting Spring and the fruit trees started to blossom. One night we went to bed and next morning awoke to a freeze that killed the blossoms - so no apples this year. Undaunted we took extra care with the Iris, Lilies and flowering plants. Soon the rains arrived - a gentle sprinkling - but alas - it suddenly changed and we had ½" hail beating down on the gardens. Not just one storm but three within one month. The hardier plants survived and we were fortunate to have a decent display for our enjoyment and surrounding neighbors.

One of the advantages of knowing gardeners - is sharing what we grow. We were able to share flowers for designs at shows and now that the vegetables are developing we share what we have in exchange for items from one another's gardens. Recently we were presented with some zucchini - our friends had a bumper crop in their garden! We've had zucchini bread, soup, vegetable bake dish - etc. There are endless possibilities for using zucchini. A number of years ago I gave a program on gardening and related a story by Carol Smith of Texas:

Zucchini is God's sense-of-humor vegetable. It either grows in abundance or not at all. If you plant one seedling, it will die. If you plant sixty seedlings, all will flourish. If you arrive at garden club with a bulky paper sack in your hand, people scatter like bugs when the light is turned on. And sick friends hope you won't find out they're ill, for fear you will bless them with another zucchini casserole or two more loaves of bread!

Club members have been busy these past months - working in gardens - helping with Flower Show School IV - pampering flowers and vegetables with hopes of entering them in upcoming County and State Fair shows. There were/are shows for Iris, Roses, Cacti/Succulents, Orchids, Dahlias, Daylilies, etc. Members opened their home/garden for a tour. In July there was a Sunflower Camp in Albuquerque and August 21-23 Environmental Studies School III will be held in Santa Rosa. We have new NMGC Officers, District Directors, and Committee Chairmen. You are invited to attend District and State meetings to learn about programs/plans for the rest of this year and next.

The NMGC Fall Board Meeting, October 29-30, will be hosted by District I at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Albuquerque. New Mexico Judges Council will meet and offer a banquet and program prior to the NMGC General Meeting. A Schedule of Events and registration forms are in this newsletter. What a wonderful opportunity to greet friends - meet and make new friends - enjoy learning about the many activities that take place around our state. This year's Ways and Means fund raiser has four offerings at two drawings. The first drawing will be at the Fall Board Meeting. 1. A fully paid package reservation to the 2016 Annual Convention in Ruidoso. 2. A yellow "Lightning Bolt" wrought iron Creative Design sculpture. The non-winning raffle tickets will be added to the second drawing at the State Convention in Ruidoso.

3. A Native American jewelry item. 4. A Square metal sculpture. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Garden club presidents received a packet of tickets, photos of the gifts. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to win one of the prizes.

Looking forward to visiting with you at the State Fall Board meeting.

### NGC Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest - Jennifer Moreno, Chairman



Jennifer Moreno reading the NGC Children's Environmental Storybook "The Frightened Frog".

This past year has been historic! Smokey Bear celebrated his 70th Birthday as the national icon for wildfire prevention, and I celebrated my second year working as the National Chairman for this wonderful contest. What an honor it has been! Many thanks go out to all of the state and regional chairmen who got the word out about the contest and helped promote poster entries. Your hard work has really payed off as our total number of participants reached a record high of 33,797. Speaking of hard work, every year we recognize the region and state with the highest number of poster entries. This year, South Atlantic Region won with a total of 1,441 entries. Virginia was the winning state with a total of 1,283 entries. Congratulations go to State and Regional SBWO Poster Contest Chairman, Barbara S. Ohmsen, for all of her dedication and hard work. Way to go Barbara!

Audry Morga sponsored by the West Valley Garden Club, CA. The National Grand Prize winning poster was submitted by 5th grade student Audry Morga, whose artwork depicting Woodsy Owl (below) is beautiful and educational. Audry comes from a family of talented artists as is evident by her brother's poster which also won nationally at the 3rd grade level. Congratulations to Audry and to all of the winners! As we look ahead to next year's contest, please help us spread the words of Smokey Bear -- *Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!* and Woodsy Owl -- *Lend a Hand Care for the Land.*

## National Garden Clubs, Inc., Awards Ceremony

Louisville, Kentucky - May 16, 2015

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Certificate,  
NGC Award #12-4 Di,  
Publication for Bulletin  
New Mexico Gardener

Lincoln County Garden Club  
2013-2015 President's Project  
"Making a World of Difference-  
Choices Matter" –  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Medium Club,  
Natural Resources - Water.  
\$200 cash award.

Certificate of Commendation –  
NGC Award #48-Aii,  
Horticulture Therapy

Certificate of Commendation –  
NGC Award #16-A-3, Yearbook

Home Garden Club  
Certificate of Commendation –  
NGC Award #44-Aii, Press book

Selvi Viswanathan  
Los Alamos Garden Club  
Certificate of Commendation  
NGC Award #6C, Conservation

Summit Garden Club  
Runner-Up NGC Award #73-Ai  
Operation Wildflower Project with Native  
Plants. \$300 cash award.

Angel Fire Garden Club  
Certificate of Participation,  
2013-2015 President's Project  
"Making a World of Difference-  
Choices Matter"

Los Alamos Garden Club  
Certificate of Participation  
2013-2015 President's Project  
"Making a World of Difference-  
Choices Matter"



### NGC Youth Container Gardening Chairman for Bees and Butterflies – Presidents Project - Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

#### PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS -"Bee's – Butterflies – Birds"

What a wonderful way to start our new administration with a Youth Container Contest for First to Fifth Graders. Our youth will have an opportunity to plan a pollinator friendly container by choosing plants that encourage our threatened pollinators to eat, drink, pollinate and possibly reproduce.

Elementary students in first through fifth grades who plant a container must be sponsored by a Garden Club. Containers must be placed in a public place. As with any contest there are rules to follow. A book of evidence compiled with pictures of the project and finished container, what plants the student chose for their container, and where the container was placed. The rules are listed in the awards section of The National Gardener. We will award \$100.00 to the first place winners, Second prize winners \$75.00, Third prize winners \$50.00, and Honorable mention winners \$25.00. We encourage the students to be creative and to research the wonderful plants that attract pollinators. The NGC WEB site has information you can use to research plants, growing conditions and pollinators in your area or region.

We need garden club members to help children get involved with planting Pollinator Containers. For some children it will be a brand new experience. Equip the children with trowels, containers and potting soil. Take them shopping for those pollinator plants and seeds. Give the children the ABC's of how to plant the container, nurture the plants and then the pleasure of watching it grow. This could also be done by adopting a classroom or youth group and involve your own children or grandchildren. What a joy it is to see the caterpillars on my own container, munching away on Dill, Fennel and Milkweed. I get excited and call the neighbors, to see the event. Please join us in giving children the opportunity to plant a pollinator container, Let them be an EVENT PLANNER. Share the happiness.

P.S. We are accepting donations of any amount to help us cover the cost of awarding these \$ prizes. Please make out your check to National Garden Clubs, Inc. and put notation of: Youth container contest. All donors will receive a named Daylily at our NMGC, Inc., Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Thank you for your generosity. Mary Ann Moreno

### Sun Flower Camp - Cover



Sun Flower Camp was held in the mornings at the Albuquerque Garden Center July 6 – 10, 2015. A total of 11 campers enjoyed Gardening projects, crafts, and making Wild Flower Mud Balls, which were distributed in the Children's Garden at the Garden Center.

Debra Sorrell, Jennifer Moreno and Mary Ann Moreno were in charge of the boisterous and happy kids aged three to eleven. We enjoyed a special rock session with Debra Sorrell with Geodes, (every child received one), Petrified wood, and the history and science on how every thing formed. We also made Bugs, caterpillars, and Butterflies, (courtesy of Miranda and Suzy Andregio), and made and ate "Dirt Cake", GORP, and fresh fruit cups.

A very important Container Pollinator Garden was planted by the Campers. They mixed the soils together, potted up the soil in their containers, and enjoyed picking out and planting their own Dill, Fennel, Parsley, Tomatoes, peppers, mint and flower plants. It was cute to watch their concentration. "Some plants for Butterflies – Caterpillars to munch," and which vegetable plants they liked to grow and eat. All the parents and counselors joined in the fun and made a container Garden, lots of happy smiles and dirty hands. Our last day was spent at the pool, in the gated community where Jennifer Moreno lives. Lots of food and swimmers. Our three year old camper had the best time learning to swim with her water vest on to keep her afloat. The camp is for regular education and Special Ed Children.

Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

# NMGC CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

## Awards - Debra Sorrell, Chair

As I work in my own garden throughout the summer, I often see something that makes me say "Wow!" and grab my cell phone from my pocket to take a picture. Sometimes it's a flower whose blossom wasn't there yesterday and has caught me by surprise. Or the way the sun shines on just a little part of the garden. There are roadrunners and hummingbirds - bees and butterflies and beetles - dahlias, daisies, dogwoods and daffodils! All the things you do in your gardens throughout the year will make great photos! As you spend time in your gardens, remember to take pictures. They serve so many purposes - they remind you of all your achievements in the garden, they document your progress from year to year AND they can be submitted in the spring for one of our annual Photographic Awards! Take pictures!! Submit them for a chance to be recognized at the Spring Convention in Ruidoso. Who knows? You may turn out to be the next world famous wild-life photographer!!!

## Bird & Butterfly Garden - Jo Ann Layden Chair

Summer has been crazy with hummingbirds, probably due to the large amount of moisture we've received here in Black Lake (just south of Angel Fire). The plants and grasses are the highest I've seen in many years, so I am sure the birds are happy, lots of bugs and worms, plus lots of nesting material. This month (July), the hummingbirds are at their peak. I have six feeders up and we fill them three to four times a day! The sugar consumption is at its highest point and I believe we'll probably easily go through 75 pounds this summer! Some people have said "You're spoiling them too much; just fill them once a day." But the surge lasts such a short time and usually by September they're gone and I'm missing them, so I sure don't mind. I have not been feeding bird seed, however, because we don't like to encourage bears. They've left the hummingbird feeders alone,



but usually if we put out bird seed they must smell it and it's too tempting for them to stay away. The birds have enough to eat this time of the year, so we'll wait until October or November to put out sunflower and thistle seed. I do miss seeing all the birds at the feeders and will be welcoming them again in the fall.



I have been concerned about the butterflies though, despite having plants that attract them and providing watering areas (shallow dishes filled with sand and watered down), there have not been many of them this year. There were more in spring, but even then only one Monarch came through. I have ordered Milkweed seed and plan to order plants also, but in the spring. The caterpillars like the milkweed, although I think most of the Monarchs that go through here are really only doing that - passing through. We are making a concerted effort to plant butterfly-friendly plants at the Butterfly Garden located at the Shuter Library and at the Girl Scout Camp. I have white and pink phlox that they are very attracted to. Those will be blooming soon, so maybe we'll get more butterflies in August. They also like the columbines and purple cone flowers. I'm anxious to see if the milkweed attracts more butterflies and in particular the Monarchs.

The photo shows hummingbirds swarming the feeders early in the morning (and at dusk also).

## Gardening Therapy - Renate Reisel

On our vacation to Germany early this summer, my husband and I enjoyed seeing all the different kinds of plantings in parks and homes, including plentiful potted plants and balcony boxes. Flying back into Roswell from Dallas, we were welcomed home by an amazing view of a carpet of yellow wild-flowers extending as far as the eye could see.

Roswell is also working to beautify the city through flower containers and public gardens. Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club participated in the "Roswell Community Planting Day" on May 30. Together with volunteers from other civic groups, they planted large ceramic pots along Main Street with colorful annual and perennial plants. Now in full bloom, the flowers are enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

The two clubs maintain plantings at the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge, Spring River Park and Zoo, the Historical Museum for SE New Mexico, and 2 roadside "Butterfly Gardens" in Cahoon Park.

We look forward to keeping our community beautiful, and in bloom, and hope to encourage our next generation in a love of gardening. Have a nice summer, and remember that many weeds have a flower.



Angel Fire post Garden Tour luncheon and Decorated Hat Contest.

Photos submitted by Johnese Turri

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Horticulture - Ellen Reed Chair

### Fall Planted Spring Bulbs

Bulb catalogs are out now with their tantalizing pictures and it is the time to order for the best selection. Conditions around most of New Mexico are well suited to the growth of spring flowering bulbs.

Narcissus (daffodils and jonquils) are very happy in our sunny, cool spring weather. They usually persist and multiply for many years if they are fertilized regularly and divided when too crowded. Groups of three's to groups of hundred's make the best display. The many varieties will provide blooms from February through late April.

Certain tulips are successful here in New Mexico, especially those derived from *T. greigii*, *T. fosterana* and *T. kaufmanniana*. Many of the tall Darwin hybrids will rebloom for several years and the species *T. batalinii* may even multiply. In the garden tulips may be scattered among perennials or clustered in clumps of at least three. The species may be used in rock gardens, at the front of beds or among low growing ground covers such as thyme or buffalo grass. *T. clusiana* "candy stick tulip" and *T. saxatilis* tend to spread widely by underground stolens and become ground covers of leaves. Keep them out of rock gardens and perennial beds. Tulips can be grown at the base of deciduous trees and shrubs where they are kept dry when dormant since the tree roots use any excess water.

Snow drops (*Galanthus* sp.) thrive in cooler shadier positions. *G. elweisii* tolerates our heat and dryness better than *G. nivalis*. Many of the smaller bulbs i.e.: crocus, muscari, (grape hyacinths), scilla, pushkinia and reticulata iris may be naturalized in low ground covers. Many will self sow, some viciously (muscari, scilla and species crocus).

Most bulbs thrive in well drained soil containing humus. Dig a high phosphate fertilizer into the bottom of a planting hole to encourage strong roots and blooms. Start planting daffodils in September. Tulips prefer cooler soil and may be planted in October and until ground freezes. Set bulbs at a dept about two times their largest dimension. Basal plate goes down. Water after planting, during the fall and during the winter when soil is thawed. Scatter a balanced fertilizer around the clumps as leaves emerge in the spring. Keep leaves healthy and watered until they mature naturally.

Deer avoid narcissus and alliums. But, they are fond of tulips and lilies. Evergreen or other prickly branches or chicken wire spread over the newly dug beds will discourage digging cats. Mark clumps to prevent their being dug when dormant.

Bulb Companies I have personally ordered from:

McClure & Zimmerman (800) 883-6998

Brent & Becky's Bulbs (White Flower Farm) (877) 661-2852 -[www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com](http://www.brentandbeckysbulbs.com)

John Scheepers, Inc. (860) 567-0838 – [www.johnscheepers.com](http://www.johnscheepers.com)

## Penny Pines - NGC Chairman, Isabel Olsen

As the National Garden Clubs Penny Pines Chairman, I'm excited to share information about the program with all of our clubs in New Mexico. Many of our clubs have supported the Penny Pines Reforestation program over the years, but for those that would like more information let me give you a little history.

- The program started in 1941. California was the first Penny Pines Plantation sponsored. Seedlings could be produced for one cent each. Approximately 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. For \$68.00 seedlings for 10 acres could be purchased. Site preparation and planting costs were met through regular Forest Service appropriations. I
- In 1964, the original cooperative agreement was rewritten to provide that funds contributed under the Penny Pines program be used for reforestation, rather than solely for purchasing seedlings.
- Today \$68.00 will purchase approximately 200 seedlings.

The plantations are a part of the regular National Forest reforestation program with seedlings planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the Supervisor of each National Forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation. We have 4 National Forests in New Mexico, and you can select the forest of your choice with your minimum contribution of \$68.00. For additional information and to download the form, go to the National Garden Clubs website at: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

I will gladly come and give a presentation at your garden club meeting to provide your members with more detailed information and fund raising ideas. You can contact me at (575)420-3548 or by email: [issyolsen@yahoo.com](mailto:issyolsen@yahoo.com)

## Ways and Means - Juanita Ortega

The Ways and Means fundraising raffle is in progress. The purpose of the raffle is to support the NMGC, Inc. President's Projects. Letters and 50 tickets were mailed to all NMGC, Inc. Club Presidents in June. There are two prizes that will be raffled at the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting, to be held in Albuquerque, NM on October 29 - 30, 2015. The first prize is an expenses paid trip to the 2016 Annual Convention, to be held March 30 – April 1, 2016 in Ruidoso, NM. Paid expenses include full-time Convention registration, hotel stay for two nights, and gasoline money for the round trip. This is a *fabulous* prize and a great incentive to attend the Convention, which is a fun-filled and educational event. The second prize is a "lightning bolt" wrought iron ornamental piece, about 24 inches tall, which is suitable for Modern floral designs or for indoor/outdoor display. Keep in mind that one of these two valuable prizes could be yours for only one (\$1) dollar! The non-winning tickets will be eligible for a second drawing at the NMGC, Inc. Convention in Ruidoso next spring. The first prize will be a beautiful Native American jewelry piece (photo not yet available). Second prize will be a creative, curved wrought iron ornamental piece, also about 24 inches in height and width, and suitable for modern floral designs or indoor/outdoor display. **Thank you for showing your support for our NMGC, Inc. President's Projects by participating in the raffle and good luck to all!**

# NMGC CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

## World Gardening - Sue Ferguson

### *Give the Gift of Water*

Working with other philanthropic or civic organizations or national initiatives is one way National Garden Clubs members make an indelible impact. National Garden Clubs offers an impressive variety of national outreach programs that promote civic and environmental responsibility. One such outreach program is: **Global Partners Running Waters**

NGC has partnered with **Global Partners Running Waters Inc.**, a nonprofit organization working in cooperation with the United Nations, to increase access to safe water in Latin America. 1.1 billion people around the world currently get their water from rivers, ponds or other sources subject to contamination. Donations made through NGC will help to bring safe drinking water to villages.

Past NGC contributions helped complete a project at Ojo de Agua Quiche. Clean drinking water was brought into this village. Hours that villagers spent walking miles to fill jugs with water can now be used to plant food and raise animals. Global Partners Running Waters current major project is to bring potable water to 263 families or 1,578 individuals, in Los Llanos, Quiche, Guatemala.

Donations may be made in any amount and will be acknowledged with a printed tax receipt. **All donations over \$25 will be acknowledged with a recognition certificate.**

- Make checks payable to: National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Indicate "Global Partners" on the memo portion of your check.
- Please include the name that should appear on the recognition certificate.
- Mail checks to: National Garden Clubs, Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110-3492

Please also let me know of your donation ([ferguson@rt66.com](mailto:ferguson@rt66.com)) so I can report to our Awards Chairman. Many thanks. (The above information can be found on National Garden Clubs website, [www.gardenclub.org/projects/outreachprojects](http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/outreachprojects).)

## Youth Activities Chairman - Esther Russell

I have received reports from two of our youth garden clubs. Uptown Garden Club's youth club, The Blooming Gardeners lead by Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore, have been planting at the State Fair Grounds, learning about bees and butterflies. Our State President, Suzy Andrego and her daughter Miranda helped the children with activities for Smokey Bear and Woody Owl.

The Angel Fire Ponderosa Youth Club lead by Jo Ann Trujillo Leyden have been learning about bees and butterflies. They have also helped the Girl Scouts and with the Angel Fire Garden Tour. They made cards and sold them at the Garden Tour and made a little money for their club.

Congratulations to the Blooming Gardeners and to the Ponderosa Youth Club. Keep up your wonderful work. I would like to ask all club presidents to try to organize new youth clubs. Remember, the youth of our state are the **FUTURE** of our state.



Blooming Gardener Miranda Deaton and leader Shirley Tetreault as the youth club works on Woody Owl and Smokey Bear posters.

## Recycle/ Litter Clean-Up Julie Foster

Recycle, recycle . . .Blue Ribbon Candy Dish

This is a simple craft project made from soda/water bottles.. It can be fancy for wedding or simple for football/kids party.

1. Cut bottom off bottle at line just below label, cut top off bottle just above label.
2. Hot glue top (thread end) to bottom
3. Spray paint outside, hot glue trim on
4. No worries, no breaking, can be washed reused, or given away.



## District I - Mary Ann Mareno, Director

### Uptown Garden Club - Debra Sorrell, President

Uptown Garden Club is excited to be joining the National, Regional and State themes and projects with a new theme of our own called "A Garden With Wings". We are planning programs and projects for the next year that will concentrate on pollinators and the gardens that attract them. On August 19 will feature Tatia Veltkamp from Wings of Enchantment Butterfly Farm. She will talk to us about planting gardens that specifically provide food for either adult butterflies or for their caterpillars in a program called "Let Them Eat Your Garden!"

September, of course, brings the New Mexico State Fair. Many of our members are volunteers, growers and designers so there is always a lot of participation for these annual shows. On October 21st we are going to make grapevine wreaths with dried flowers (that members have dried themselves) and with butterflies, bees and hummingbirds for decorations.

The biggest news from Uptown is the new garden we have voted to install at the Albuquerque Garden Center! Our club has had a garden space for many years which was originally put in with a beautiful design. As the years have passed and the membership has changed (and aged), the garden has lost its luster. Our project to renew the space begins on August 28th. Our hope is to turn it in to a place that any self-respecting pollinator would be proud to visit!

## District II - Doris Jackson, Director

The Clubs in District II have been very busy this summer with members tending their own gardens as well as public gardens. **Summit GC** is working hard planting and pruning the gardens at Bandelier National Monument and **Los Alamos GC** works weekly in the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. Many members have taken advantage of club pilgrimages this summer. **Floral Designers** meets monthly studying designs and sharing ideas from the "Designing by Types" book published by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

### Floral Designers - Juanita Ortega, President

Floral Designers members study and create modern floral design types. Our guides are the Handbook for Flower Shows and Designing by Types, both published by National Garden Clubs, Inc. We meet monthly in Santa Fe or Los Alamos and our programs feature a modern design type. A short presentation on the design type is given by two of the members and then we all discuss the designs that the members have made, using the NGC, Inc. Point Scoring Evaluation Form for All Designs. "Stretch your Imagination" was the title for a Stretch design that was selected for May. In June, we studied a Synergistic Design, titled "United We Stand (Divided We Fall)". July's design was an Exhibition Table, Type I, titled "Table Talk". Congratulations to our member Shelby Green, for her two designs that have been selected for the 2016 Vision of Beauty Calendar and Planner.



Synergistic Design-Shelby Green, Stretch Design-Trisha Stammberger, Exhibition Table, Type I - Barbara Vance.

### Summit Garden Club - Betsy Comly

The beautification committee has been very busy this spring and summer. Our two main projects have been going exceptionally well. About a dozen of our members (plus an honorary member Barry Carter), planted over 100 plants in the two main courtyards at Bandelier Visitor's Center area. We planted in early June, and with the heat and sun soon learned the tender plants needed watering a minimum of 3 times per week. A calendar was established so people could water as their schedules permitted. With such great care, the plants are thriving. The local ground squirrels have nibbled on some of the hollyhocks and butterfly weeds, but the majority of the plants are doing just fine. Both Park staff and visitors have complemented us on how well the courtyards look. If you get a chance to go to Bandelier, take a look at our gardens. They are located in the courtyards outside the Snack Bar and the Gift Shop.

The White Rock Community Garden is also thriving. In early spring, the garden was overgrown with so many weeds, it was debatable if we would have a true garden this year. But with the help of some dedicated people, the garden is looking great! We again have quite a few volunteer plants, including a rose bush. It will be fun to see its flowers. We have a lot more plants in the garden this year—thanks to several donors. We now have plants in all of the seven planting areas! We also received and used a load of large boulders as hardscape material, thanks to the new library that was just finished in White Rock.

Summit also contributed to the community by providing a beautiful and informative display at the Los Alamos Public Library for National Garden Clubs Week. In June, members were treated to a tour of the redone Ashley Pond in Los Alamos and a talk on wetlands in general by Dick McIntyre, retired director of Los Alamos Parks.

We continued our celebration of summer with our July social, where members brought produce from their gardens to share. This year, the Club received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award from National for our Civic Project with Native Plants, and individual members received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for Wildlife photography.

We continue to enjoy the rains and what they do for our gardens!



Flicker Reflection by Nancy Nunnolley



White Rock Community Garden



Bandelier Visitor Center

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District III - Colleen Hinker, Director

Both our clubs have been busy maintaining civic projects around our areas. Angel Fire Garden Club sponsored an excellent Garden Tour in July. The weather was cool; the gardens were lovely- actually amazing for the rest of us coming from the heat in the Pecos Valley! Even the drive up through the Mountains was peaceful and beautiful. Much thanks to Johnese Turri for her excellent management of the whole event. The Country Club lunch was tasty and the silent auction has so many exciting things to bid on! Joanne and Larry Layden are busy helping the Girl Scout camp put in a garden and learn more about gardening too.

The **Santa Rosa Garden Club** has been taking their expertise to the Puerto de Luna Senior Center. They are holding sessions to teach floral design to the ladies and men there. We hope that some will feel brave enough to put a few designs and Horticulture in our Flower Show held the first weekend in August. We are now busily preparing for this big event. We are also proud of being able to give a \$300 scholarship to a deserving High School Senior in June. Meanwhile, we are all fighting the drought times and the flooding times here in Eastern New Mexico.



Angel Fire Garden Tour workers

## Santa Rosa Garden Club - Carolyn Bedford, Co-President

Newly elected officers were installed for the Santa Rosa Garden Club in May. They are: Frances Speight and Carolyn Bedford, Co-Presidents; Rita Ferrell, Secretary, Ruth McCormick, Treasurer and Colleen Hinker, District III Director.

Some of our recent programs included a meeting at the Porta de Luna Senior Citizen Center with Rita Ferrell giving a program on dried arrangements. Club members then furnished dried material for Seniors to make their own arrangements. The July program, also held at the PDL Senior Center, demonstrated Traditional Line Designs, Traditional Mass Designs, and Parallel Designs. After the demonstration members and guests made a design of their choice. The club met with Senior citizens as an outreach program in an effort to inform them of flower design principles and recruit new members.

August finds our club busy with the Guadalupe County Fair. We set up and have a standard flower show which includes both design and horticulture. This year our schedule was entitled: "Gardening with the Elements" fitting for most of our members in our rural setting. We welcomed two new members to our club recently, Katherine Esquibel and Susan Tanner.

## District IV - Nancy Ketchum, Director

**Evergreen Garden Club** toured Ginna Heiden's garden in June and learned about day lilies. In July we met at the home of Tresa Berridge and took a walk through her lovely garden as she described each "critter-resistant" plant. After each tour we enjoyed a potluck brunch. A flower show is planned in December with a Christmas theme. Two of our members attended the Flower Show School IV in Albuquerque where Nancy Ketchum created an Exhibition Table Type One for point scoring.

## Mesilla Valley Garden Club

### GOODBYE BRUNCH

One of our long time members, Barbara Gerherd, is leaving our area for greener pastures of Washington state. On June 24, members of the Mesilla Valley Garden Club gathered for a brunch and to wish Barbara safe travel to her new home. She will be living with her daughter near Seattle and has already researched a new garden club in that area. No doubt that she will fit right in with all her experience.

Barbara was an active garden club member in Las Cruces for 35 years, was treasurer of MVGC for many years, a Certified Flower Show Judge and also was a member of High Hopes Garden Club. She has been the inspiration and advisor for local flower shows as far back as anyone can remember. She was always happy to share her knowledge and we look forward to the tri-club flower show on September 19 with supreme confidence that she taught us well.

As a memento of her years here in Las Cruces, MVGC presented her with a necklace of the silver crosses on a silver chain. She will be missed.



Mesilla Valley & Desert Daubers in association with High Hopes Garden Club present

### Weather or Not

a Small Standard Flower Show  
**Saturday, Sept 19**  
**Noon to 5 pm**  
Good Samaritan Village Social Center  
2011 Buena Vida Circle,  
Las Cruces

Info: 521-0947,  
virginiapod@aol.com

Charlene Brock and Rosemary Maddox

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## District IV

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**Socorro Garden Club** attended the tour of gardens in the Albuquerque Four Hills area this spring. Point of Lands is our third public garden located just south of the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Between the soil and the wildlife it is a challenge in getting the plants established. Our Flower Show will be at the county fair. The annual plant sale will be at the Hammel Museum, an old ice and bottling plant. It's also October fest and there will be food, live music and drinks available. so it's really fun. If you're in the area, please stop by

**Sunshine Valley Garden Club** was treated to a wonderful tour of long-time member, Inez Maier's property in Las Palomas in May. She has an extensive variety of roses, native plants and flowers, as well as a small man-made lake and fish pond. There is something interesting everywhere you look, including lots of yard art, sitting areas, a tiki bar, and pots just overflowing with plants and flowers. Inez and her husband Ron have spent many hours of love and hard work in creating this breathtaking oasis. After the tour we had a delicious potluck lunch followed by our meeting.

In June the Club had a Hawaiian themed luncheon on the Bamboo Terrace at the Elephant Butte Inn. We all dressed up in luau attire and were given leis and favors. Everyone had a really fun time. No meetings are held in July and August. However, Doris Adams had a Pressed Flower workshop at her home in July. She showed us how to press fresh picked flowers, gave us ideas for design and taught us the type of paper to use, how to glue the flowers to the paper and frame them. It was very educational and we will continue in a second workshop in August.

## District V - Judy Preston, Director

Hello Gardeners!

We are off to a busy and creative beginning, planning for the 2016 New Mexico Garden Clubs STATE Convention! As you will remember, Smokey the Bear issued the invitation in Silver City for all of you to mark your calendars for March 30, 31, April 1, 2016. I hope you are looking forward to traveling to the cool mountains of Ruidoso for this special event. The five clubs in District V have been busy with county fairs, flower shows and gardening projects in each respective locality. Have a productive and happy summer! We are looking forward to seeing all of you next Spring for the State Convention.

"Planting Seeds ~Pulling Weeds . . . Cultivating Garden Relationships"

## Artesia Garden Club - Julie Foster

The lovely "Jewels of the Desert" convention theme was greatly enjoyed by all. The arrangements were fabulous and all of the food was great. Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard to make it so awesome for us to enjoy!

In May we cleaned up a stretch of Hwy 285 south of Artesia, in conjunction with Artesia Clean and Beautiful. We collected 18 large trash bags full, as well as two car bumpers, numerous buckets, several tires, and various other car, truck, and trailer parts, which we hauled to the transfer station instead of leaving along side road. June was spent prepping for the up coming Eddy County Fair in July. Our Eddy County Fair basically kicks off fair season in NM.

Colleen Hinker conducted a workshop for beginners that was open to the public. Nine non garden club people attended, all of whom were impressed by the ease of her arranging skills. Thank-you Colleen, also Pegi (N)Smith, and Sue Ferguson. We greatly appreciate all you do for us. We are working towards getting design added into our fair. Ms. Suzy Andrego has agreed to do a program on horticulture and judge for us. We had 127 entries, less than one fourth were from garden club members, which is awesome. Julie Foster won "Best of Show" with a peach branch, Isabel Olsen won two container section sweeps, *Flowering and Foliage*.



## Home Garden Club - Jan Smith

Even though Home Garden Club does not meet from June to August, we have been busy. For National Garden Week, members set up a display at the Roswell Public Library. We included flyers and information about our garden club. The library provided books about Xeriscaping to finish off the display. During June, we helped Main Street Roswell re-plant the large planters that line downtown. Teams were formed of volunteers, Girl Scouts and garden club members. Planting mix and plants were dropped off at each planter, so the groups could get right to work. The Main Street businesses have agreed to keep them watered. During the annual UFO Festival the public commented how nice they looked.

We worked with the Roswell Spring River Zoo and planted a crab apple tree to honor long time members Joanne and Hans Gottlieb who both passed away earlier this year. Joanne and Hans spent many hours weeding and watering the corner planting area that greets visitors to the zoo.



## Home Garden Club



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Every Saturday morning from July through September, members man an informational booth at the Roswell Farmer's Market. We provide information to the public and try to answer any gardening questions they may have. The information table lets Roswell know that there are garden clubs in town.

Members are busy this summer preparing their horticulture and design displays for the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. We are also preparing our booth for the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuges Dragon Fly Festival which is held in September. Our first meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Lincoln County Garden Club - Marilyn Barnes

Looking forward to a new garden club year, our theme is "The Land of Enchantment-Preserving the Past-Presenting the Future" and we have new officers. Serving as President is Nannette Tanner; 1st Vice President is Sandy Park; 2nd Vice President is Judy Peterson; Secretary is Cynthia Shafer; and Treasurer is Lisa Peake. Sacred



Lincoln County GC Plant sale

Grounds Coffee & Tea House was the setting for the installation of officers and lunch.

As spring approached the Sacramento Mountains, garden club members began preparation for the annual plant sale by pampering plants, planting herbs and flowers, making gardening art, packaging wildflower seeds and much more. The successful sale was June 13 on the parking lot in front of the Ruidoso Public library.



New officers: Sandy Park, Judy Peterson, Lisa Peake & Nannette Tanner. Lincoln County

Imelda Horne received from National Garden Club, Inc. the Member of Distinction Award. She is a Master Gardener; has served as president of Lincoln County Garden Club; judges the Lincoln County Fair Flower Show; assists with revisions to High Altitude Gardening for the Sacramento Mountain Area; co-chairs planning and implementing work in the Hospital Courtyard garden and the water-wise garden at the Ruidoso Public Library; is instrumental to the success of an annual plant sale; advises the Smokey Bear Cedar Creek Ranger Station on the community garden. Congratulations, Imelda!

Lincoln County Garden Club received the National President's Award for the water wise demonstration garden at the library and the therapy garden award from NMGC, Inc. for the Lincoln County Medical Complex garden. These certificates were presented to the library and the hospital, respectively.

In June, Garden Club ventured out to the Callwallader Mountain Cherry Farm in High Rolls to pick cherries. Lunch followed at Rebecca's at the Lodge and a brief meeting in the garden. July brought an informative and fun meeting at Otero Electric when Pegi Naranjo Smith presented an excellent program on succulents, offering suggestions for centerpieces and more.



Nannette Tanner, Sandy Park & Betsy Ross judging at the Lincoln Co Fair

## Morning Garden Club - Janice Dunnahoo, President



Morning GC members planting the Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park, Roswell. L-R: Deana Bozarth, Renate Reisel, Pegi Naranjo and Judy Parham

Members of Morning Garden Club, Roswell planted this garden at Delaware and Riverside in Cahoon Park on April 25 and now it is blooming profusely. The club is trying to provide plants that attract pollinators, specifically butterflies. As members of National Garden Clubs, they are also supporting the national president's project to help Monarch butterflies. The flowers look best in the morning.

We have been very excited to help our district in planning for the state convention this Spring in Ruidoso, New Mexico, as well as planning for our Fall and Spring district meetings, and hosting the Flower Show at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair.

Looking forward to our new year with lots of exciting programs ahead, as well as working in our community to help and educate!



### Porcelain Planters

Submitted by Carolyn Bedford, Santa Rosa GC. Photo taken in Mountainair with permission from the gardener, who has a unique design style for her cactus collection and a wonderful sense of humor.



## New Mexico Fall Board Meeting

October 29 & 30, 2015

*"Planting Seeds Of Friendship"*

Crown Plaza Hotel

Albuquerque, NM

Why should you come to the Fall Board meeting? *"Planting Seeds of Friendship"* is the theme for the NMGC Fall Board. There will be LOTS of information given out at the Fall Board meeting. Debra Sorrell, Awards Chair, will have some updates for 2015 awards. Juanita Ortega, Ways and Means Chair will have all the items for the raffle drawings available for your viewing. The President's Project *"Planting Seeds for Our Pollinators and Monarch Butterflies"* will be explained in detail; NMGC Chairman, District Directors, Club Presidents and members from all around the state will be there to visit with share ideas! And the best reason: the program will be *"Planting Seeds of Friendship"*. This program will provide plenty of smiles, laughter and fun! Surely a program you do not want to miss!

The New Mexico Judges Council Program will be *"A Circle of Friends."* Six types of Table designs will be displayed and explained by our NMJC Student Judges. If you ever wanted to learn more about Function Tables vs. Exhibition Tables, or cannot figure out the difference in an Exhibition Type I and Exhibition Type II, attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program and you are sure to learn a lot! **REMEMBER:** You DO NOT have to be a NMJC Judge or student judge to attend the dinner and program!

### NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

2015 Fall Board

***"Planting Seeds of Friendship"***

October 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Print Your Name as you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark either a Package or Part-time Registration:**

Package includes: \$25.00 Registration fee, President's Reception, Plated Breakfast, and Lunch.

**EARLY PACKAGE**

(Postmarked on or before **10/15/15**) \$ 75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE PACKAGE**

(Postmarked after **10/15/15**) \$ 90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** No refunds on registration after registration close **10/15/15**.  
*Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.*

**PART-TIME REGISTRATION**

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

Registration fee \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

President's Reception \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NMGC, Inc. Plated Breakfast \$ 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NMGC, Inc. Lunch/Program \$ 25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**NM JUDGES COUNCIL:** (not in package plan)

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program

Dinner & Program Judges Fee \$ 35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner & Program Non Judges Fee \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Program Only \$ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All NMCG Members and Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend the NM Judges Council Dinner and Program.

Special Dietary Needs: Please contact Mary Ann Moreno, (505)266-8498 or jbmamoreno@gmail.com

**HOTEL:** Crown Plaza, 1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (866) 384-4934 -

Single or Double Rate: \$89.00 (plus tax)

When making your reservations use the name:

***"New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board"***

***Deadline for special rate reservations is October 1, 2015.***

Please make check payable to:

**District I, NMGC 2015 Fall Board** and mail to:

**Debi Harrington, 1228 Landman Dr. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87112**

**Calendar  
2015**

**Aug 21-23**  
Environmental Studies School III,  
Santa Rosa

**September 9-20**  
NM State Fair  
Flower Shows 9/9, 9/11, 9/15.  
Exhibit only day 9/18.  
Youth shows 9/12 & 9/19.

**October 5-10**  
Eastern NM State Fair Flower Shows  
Horticulture – October 5-7  
Design Show – October 8-10

**September 19**  
“Weather or Not”  
Small Standard Flower Show  
Las Cruces

**September 27**  
Dahlia Festival  
ABQ Garden Center

**October 6**  
District V Fall Board  
Ruidoso

**October 7**  
District I Fall Board  
Albuquerque

**October 8**  
District IV Fall Board  
Silver City

**October 13**  
District II Fall Board  
Los Alamos

**October 15**  
District III Fall Board  
Las Vegas

**Oct 29 & 30**  
NMGC Fall Board Meeting,  
Hosted by District I  
Albuquerque Crown Plaza Hotel

**2015**

**March 30, 31 & Apr 1**  
NMGC Annual Convention  
District V, Ruidoso

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**Garden Tea Party honoring Shirley Tetreault,  
NGC Recording Secretary  
in the garden of President Suzy Andregio**



Left: Mary Ann Moreno and Suzy Andregio.



Previous NMGC Presidents, Colleen Hinker, Isabel Olsen, Shirley Tetreault, President Suzy Andregio, and Mary Ann Moreno



Suzy and Isabel



Suzy with Debra Sorrell, NMGC Awards Chairman



Garden Tea Party Hostesses  
Jewel Cutter, Joann Case, President, Suzy Andregio, Esther Russell, Jayne Pilley, Diana Doddridge, Kayla Russell & Kathleen Flanders



Dianna Doddridge