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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Educate, Communicate and Leave a Legacy!”

It has been a long, hot summer here in New Mexico. I am really looking forward to the cool days of fall and the smell of green chile in the air. Of course, that brings on the State Fair here in Albuquerque which has a few date changes this year. The new dates are 9/10, 9/15, 9/17, 9/22, 9/24 and 9/26. I am hoping that you are all in the process of preparing your horticulture and designs so that the public can be educated by your efforts. This is a great opportunity for New Mexico Garden Clubs to be seen.



“Atlanta Abloom” was the theme for the National Convention this year and it was wonderful. Joe Lamp’l did a program called, “Through the Garden Gate.” He is a master gardener and TV personality, “Joe the Gardener.” Joe had several new garden items to show us and afterward gave them away. Al Elliott was the recipient of the leaf blower. Fannie Mackie and Al Elliott won most of the table decorations. It is a good thing that Fannie had her car because she carried a load home for us.

Suzy Andrego did a wonderful educational project with poster board and pictures of our Daffodil Days around the state. Several of your pictures were on display as you planted containers at the fall board last year. Mary Ann Moreno had a great project at the Ronald McDonald House in Albuquerque. The world saw us in color.

Do you remember pulling out all those dollar bills from your pockets in an effort to raise \$1,000 goal for WAFA? Well, you did it! At the National Flower Arrangers Banquet I was asked to sit next to our national president, Renee Blashke. She is so wonderful and I really enjoyed our conversation. It was very exciting when Claudia Chopp, President of NFA, said “will the New Mexico president please come to the platform for a presentation.” I introduced our table located in the center of the room and said how proud I was to be able to present the \$1,000 to World Association of Flower Arrangers on behalf of our state. New Mexico was the only state to raise the goal of \$1,000 and we are listed in their donor book. I also received a beautiful note of thanks from Ruth Crocker, WAFA President, for our donation. We made a difference! Way to go New Mexico Garden Clubs!

Connie Elmore and I have worked all summer with “The Blooming Gardeners.” I am convinced that these children are the “future” and we are planting seeds, watering and watching them grow. These kids meet every two weeks at the fairgrounds to plant chile, corn, tomatoes, snapdragons and a tree. They work hard and Connie always has hot dogs and lemonade for them. You will see the fruits of their labor this year when you attend the state fair. Some of you may have seen the interviews on the news. Brooke Tetreault is a great president

and always acknowledges the strengths and efforts of other members. She never forgets to write a note of thanks to those who help make this garden club a reality. Dru Hager purchased green shirts for the club with “Blooming Gardeners” written on the front. Hopefully they will be able to show them off at the Fall Board Meeting. Educate...Communicate.....Leave a Legacy.

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New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
2010 Fall Board
“Children – Gardening’s Future”
October 21 & 22, 2010
Albuquerque, NM

NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Program

Pearl Sunrise will speak on “Native American Basketry & Plants/Materials/Techniques” following lunch at the 2010 NMGC Fall Board meeting. Pearl is a recognized Navajo weaver with a B.A. and master’s degree in education and has taught textile arts at numerous colleges and universities. Pearl lives in Albuquerque—where she still dyes wool in her backyard. She teaches fiber arts and the Navajo language at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.

NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Workshop

Doris Jackson will present a workshop in Pine Cone Ristras. Doris has given many workshops and lectures on the use of dried materials and crafts at UNM-LA Continuing Ed, various Garden Clubs and her Church. She is a member of Floral Designers Garden Club, Los Alamos Garden Club, Ikebana International Chapter 41, an NGC accredited Flower Show Judge and is 1st VP of NMGC, Inc. Materials needed for this workshop are wire cutters and a bag (3 doz.) of Ponderosa pine cones. Please sign-up in advance for this workshop. A sign-up form is at the end of the Fall Board Registration Form.

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____
 Garden Club(s): _____

BEST CHILDREN’S GARDEN CLUB CRAFT IDEA CONTEST!

Bring a sample of the Children’s Garden Club Craft idea and the directions, place it on the display table, at breakfast, and every member present will vote on the winners. Prizes will be given, following the afternoon workshop, for creativity, simplicity and originality.

Please mark either a Package or Part-time Registration:

Package includes: \$25.00 Registration fee, Breakfast Buffet, Lunch and Workshops.

EARLY PACKAGE

(Postmarked on or before 10/8/10) \$ 66.00 _____

LATE PACKAGE

(Postmarked after 10/8/10) \$ 86.00 _____

NOTE: No refunds on registration after registration closes 10/8/10. Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.

NM JUDGES COUNCIL (Not in package plan)

Thursday, October 21, 2010

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program
 Dinner/Program Judges Fee \$ 30.00 _____
 Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee \$ 35.00 _____
 Program Only \$ 5.00 _____

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

PART-TIME REGISTRATION

Friday, October 22, 2010

Registration Fee	\$ 25.00	_____
NMGC, Inc. Breakfast Buffet	\$ 16.00	_____
NMGC, Inc. Lunch/Program & Workshop	\$ 25.00	_____
Workshop Only	\$ 15.00	_____

Special Dietary Needs: Please contact Shirley Tetreault, ammasangels@comcast.net

HOTEL: Courtyard by Marriott Journal Center, 5151 Journal Center Blvd., Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 823-1919. Single or Double Rate: \$82.00 (plus tax)

When making your reservations use the name: **New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board.**

Deadline for special rate reservations is October 1, 2010

Please make checks payable to: District I, NMGC 2010 Fall Board and mail to:
Charlotte Williams, 7201 San Benito NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120



Workshop Sign-up:

If you plan on attending Doris Jackson’s workshop, Pine Cone Ristras, please submit your name when you register for the Fall Board Meeting.

Name: _____

Materials needed: 3 dozen Ponderosa pine cones and wire cutters. If you live in a forested area and have access to pine cones, please bring extras.

OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chairperson

I am pleased to report the following recipients of 2010 National Garden Clubs, Inc., awards:

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.: 1st Place Publication Award for the
New Mexico Gardener

Angel Fire Garden Club: 1st Place Publicity Press Book

Morning Garden Club: 2nd Place, South Central Region "Golden
Days" President's Project for Mass Plantings of Daffodils

NGC, Inc., Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation

NGC, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation

Lincoln County Garden Club: NGC, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation

Flowering Desert Garden Club: NGC, Inc., Certificate of
Appreciation

Home Garden Club: NGC, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation

Uptown Garden Club: NGC, Inc., Certificate of Appreciation

Albuquerque Council of Garden Clubs: Certificate of Appreciation

Many congratulations to all. So much time goes into your entries, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please note that the NGC, Inc., Awards Committee has made the following changes in preparing books of evidence for National awards:

1. Page numbering and table of contents are not needed in your books of evidence. This also includes publicity press books. (Flower Show Achievement Awards follow a different set of rules.)

2. Operation Wildflower Awards: (#71, #73, #74) - Following the words "native plants" - Please add the phrase "to your region."

3. Concerning all Yearbooks: A budget does not have to be included.

The due date for New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., award applications is February 1, 2011. National award applications are due to me by January 1, 2010, and South Central Regional award applications should reach me by January 15, 2011.

I am always available to help with your questions on applying for awards. Please keep me busy.

Daffodil Golden Days – Suzy Andregio, Chairperson

WOW! I can hardly believe one year has past so quickly. And, here it is again, time to think about planting all those bulbs for the spring.



Your area garden centers nurseries will start to have all those daffodil bulbs that you can plant outdoors for spring bloom.

A few reminders for you:

- ✿ Remember if you purchase your bulbs from the box stores to be VERY careful of what you are buying.
- ✿ Plant your bulbs a minimum of three times the height of the bulb and for daffodils 10-12 inches is GREAT!
- ✿ Use some bulb food in the hole and mix it into the soil before you plant the bulb.
- ✿ Water the bulbs in well and don't forget to water them periodically during the winter if you do not get precipitation.
- ✿ More is ALWAYS better when it comes to daffodils. Plant 5-11 bulbs in each hole for a bigger bang in your spring garden.
- ✿ And, send me photos of your bulb pots or garden plantings for our state, regional and national Daffodil Golden Days Project

Exhibit!

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II – September 11-12, 2010

Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM

National Garden Clubs Schools Program provides an opportunity for garden club members to enrich their knowledge of horticulture, design and flower show procedure. Interested members may become accredited flower show judges. Come join us for interesting and informative lectures in the relaxed atmosphere at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Classes are open to anyone wishing to attend at any time. For further information and a brochure/registration form, contact local chairman, Mary Gilliam (505) 344-0233, e-mail: mvgilliam@peoplepc.com OR State Flower Show Schools chairman, Barbara Vance (505) 983-6000, e-mail: dbvance@cybermesa.com.

FSS II starts on Saturday, September 11 with a lecture on flower show procedure followed by horticulture lectures on chrysanthemums and needled evergreens. Sunday, September 12 will begin with the final hour of flower show procedure and then design lectures reviewing all the elements and principles of design and color, study of American creative designs, abstraction, discussion of

general requirements of all top exhibitor awards, ethics, etiquette and procedure when judging design.

Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture Instructor – Nell Denman

Nell Denman is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with minors in psychology and communications. She has taught in public schools, conducted flower arrangement workshops and given horticulture and design lectures for over sixty years in Texas, Oklahoma and Virginia.

She had an hour-long women's radio program in Brownswood, TX at KBWD and while living in Richmond, Virginia she was the radio and TV committee chairman of the Piedmont District of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and presented a garden club segment of a morning TV program. Also while living in Richmond, she compiled the *Piedmont Garden Guide for Eastern Virginia*, an 86 page publication that sold 1,000 copies. Horticulture articles written by Nell have been published in the *Lone Star Gardener*, the *National Gardener* and the *Texas Horticulturist*.

Nell has been active in Oklahoma, Virginia and Texas district and state organizations and has been on the board of NGC for 22 years and is currently chaplain of NGC, Inc. She served as president of seven garden clubs as well as president of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and director of South Central Region. She is a master flower show judge, Texas design consultant, a landscape design consultant as well as a NGC symposium and flower show instructor. She has taught in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Washington State, San Paulo, Brazil and Monterrey, Mexico. Nell is one of the founders of the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society, Inc. and was honored by the State Fair of Texas as Garden Club Woman of the Year. In 1995 she served as chairman for the National Garden Clubs' Annual Convention.

Design Instructor – Shirley Tetreault

Shirley is an accredited-life judge and a certified design instructor for National Garden Clubs, Inc. She teaches a basic design class at the Albuquerque Garden Center. A master gardener since 2004, she is also a member of the Rose Society, the Dahlia Society, the Day Lily Society and the Daffodil Society. She mastered the art of growing, drying and designing with micro roses and has given many programs on miniature and small designs.

Shirley joined Uptown Garden Club in 1997 and served as a treasurer and president. She served as president of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs as well as the supervisory chair, and tour chair. At this time Shirley is serving as the president of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. (2009-2011). Previously, she was a District I director and served as state recycle chairman and local symposium chairman (2006 and 2009).

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II
Approved by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2010

Albuquerque Garden Center
10120 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
1 (505) 296-6020

INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE
HORTICULTURE
Nell Denman

DESIGN
Shirley Tetreault

DAILY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 11 – SATURDAY

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Flwr. Show Procedure
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45am – 12:15 pm	Horticulture Lecture
LUNCH	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Horticulture Lecture Practice Pt. Scoring
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Point Scoring Test

SEPTEMBER 12 - SUNDAY

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Flwr. Show Procedure
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am – 12:15	Design Lecture
LUNCH	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Design Practice Point Scoring
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:15	Point Scoring Test

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II
CURRICULUM

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

Review: Six basic requirements of all categories of Standard Flower Shows. Duties of the Flower Show Chrm. and Committees. Judging procedures. Review purpose for the NGC Standard System of Awarding.

HORTICULTURE

Selected Plant Groups to be studied along with two representative plants/plantings for detailed study. Exhibiting and judging procedures. Etiquette, ethics, procedures for judging Hort. and horticulture comments. General requirements for all Hort. Top Exhibitor Awards. Practice Point scoring of the two representative plants/plantings.
Study: Chrysanthemums – Needled Evergreens

DESIGN

Review Elements & Principles of Design with emphasis on line, color, space, balance and rhythm. (Chapter 8)
Color: Qualities, pigment system, visual aids, harmonies.
American Creative Design. Creative Designs, clarify terms, dynamic balance, plastic organization, juxtaposition, abstraction. Instructor's American Creative Designs having minor to moderate abstraction. Stage designs with backgrounds and free-standing. Clarify restrictions associated with each. Examples must include a Creative Mass Design. General requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards. Discuss ethics, etiquette, procedure when judging. Design commenting vocabulary. Review design point scoring qualities. Practice Point Scoring of designs.

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE, DESIGN AND HORTICULTURE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 IN STUDENT'S HOME TOWN OR DESIGNATED PLACE.

THERE WILL BE NO OPEN-BOOK TESTING IN ANY OF THE FOUR COURSES IN THE SERIES. A STUDENT MUST EARN A MINIMUM GRADE OF 70 ON THE WRITTEN AND POINT SCORING EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL SUBJECTS.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II
National Garden Clubs, Inc.

September 11-12, 2010

ALBUQUERQUE GARDEN CENTER
10120 Lomas Blvd., NE
Albuquerque, NM

Sponsored by:
NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
NEW MEXICO FLOWER SHOW
JUDGES COUNCIL

STATE PRESIDENT
Shirley Tetreault

JUDGES COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
Mary Ann Moreno

State Flower Show Schools Chairman
Barbara Vance

Local Chairman
Mary Gilliam

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II
REGISTRATION**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

DEADLINE- On or Before - SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

_____ Two Day School for Credit \$80.00
(includes lunch – 2 days)

ATTEND PART-TIME

_____ Two Day School (information only) \$80.00
(includes lunch – 2 days)

_____ FSP & Horticulture - Sept. 11, 2010 \$40.00
(includes lunch)

_____ FSP & Design – Sept. 12, 2010 \$40.00
(includes lunch)

(Course Outline will be mailed after receipt of registration)

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
(Flower Show School II)**

SEND CHECK & REGISTRATION TO:

**Maggie Rubino, Registrar PH: 1(505)982-3770
2E ABS Road**

**Santa Fe, NM 87506-7906
e-mail: maggier33@hotmail.com**

**REQUIRED READING FOR
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II**

***THE NATIONAL GARDENER* – 3 years**

**HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS
2007 Revised Edition – 3 ring binder
(Be sure to enter HB chngs. from handout at FSS I)
Read chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10 and 14.**

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE
FSS II – HB, Chapters 1, 2, and 14.**

HORTICULTURE

**FSS II – HB, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 14
Chapter 6: Pg. 128
THE NEW FLOWER EXPERT by Hessayon.
Page 48, 63-64
Tree & Shrub Expert by Hessayon – **Page 96.****

**Download from internet: www.gardenclub.org
Plants and Their Respective Families
Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows**

DESIGN

**FSS II – HB Chapters 3, 8, 9, 10, 14 and
required reading.
Designing by Types – Osborne pg. 13, 17-22, 24-26
Essence of Creativity ...A Legacy Thomas
(Chapters 2, 4, 5, and 8)
TABLE SETTINGS FOR ALL SEASONS Wood &
Smith – Chapter 7 & Creative Designs (pgs. 153-162)**

**ALL BOOKS MAY BE ORDERED THROUGH
MEMBERS SERVICES:
NGC HEADQUARTERS
4401 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110
(Order by Phone: 1(800) 550-6007)**

Internet connection: www.gardenclub.org

Go down to shopping then to the right Members Services
Catalog. View or download as a PDF file.
ACCOMMODATIONS

RESERVATIONS ON/BEFORE September 1.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

10330 Hotel Avenue NE
Phone: 1 (505) 275-8900
1 night - room with 2 beds - \$90.23 (includes tax) one or
two guests. Continental breakfast included in room
price. Choices: cereal, Danish, cinnamon rolls, bagels,
English muffin, toast, juices, etc. and coffee or tea.

DAYS INN

10321 Hotel Avenue NE
Phone: 1 (505) 275-3297
1 night – room 2 double beds \$61.37 (includes tax) one
or two guests.
1 night – room 1 bed \$57.95 (includes tax).
Continental breakfast included in room price.
Reservation: Ask for **ROHAN.**

MENTION NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

This is a busy time for the **Moriarty Garden Club** since the Torrance County Fair is just around the corner. On Monday, July 26, we hosted our annual floral arrangement workshop. Guest speaker, Melissa Snyder, gave us a wonderful demonstration on underwater floral arrangements. Afterward everyone practiced making their own arrangements. Then Melissa went through each arrangement made and gave us pointers on how well each of our arrangements would do in the fair and how to improve them if needed. We have some very talented florists in our county and I can't wait to see all their entries at the fair.

We had several interesting demonstrations this year. In May we met at the home of Kelly Tucker and she gave us a demonstration on how to start plants from seeds and cuttings. She went over the different growing seasons, what needs to be provided for the seeds to grow well and when and how to plant them in the garden. She gave some of the plants she had started from cuttings to the members to plant in their gardens at home.

At the June meeting we met at the home of Billye Head where June Spooner gave the club a demonstration on container gardening and terrariums. She showed us how to arrange the plants in the containers and distributed information on what the judges will be looking for in both arrangements. They were both beautiful works of art and we all look forward to more of them being entered into the fair this year.



*Photo on right: Melissa Snyder, Instructor
Photo on left: 1st row l-r: Lydia Romo, Brigit Brown & Billye Head
2nd row l-r: Shari Anaya, Debby Maberry, Judith Costello, June Spooner,
Peggy Schwebach and Georgia Overlander*

The **Trailblazers Garden Club** of Farmington is actively preparing for the flower show at the San Juan County Fair on August 10. The theme this year is “Wild West Days.”

We have had several interesting programs presented at our meetings this past three months. At our July meeting Shirley Tetreault, NMGC President, gave us many suggestions and examples of how to complete award-winning miniature flower arrangements. One of the many useful suggestions was using dried materials found in packages of potpourri.

Rob Hayduck, an agent at the NMSU Experimental Farm at NAPI, gave us suggestions on composting in our arid climate. The title of his presentation was “Raised Beds and Composting.”

We recently had two fund-raising efforts that netted the club substantial monies. One was a potted plant sale at the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center yard sale. Members collected garden pots and transplanted surplus plants from their gardens.

The second event was a member white-elephant sale of extra vases and pots. I found that a beautiful hand-made vase that was cracked makes an excellent garden decoration.

Uptown Garden Club spent the summer living up to our state president’s theme, “Leave a Legacy!” We have been nurturing the education and knowledge of our children by sponsoring the junior garden club, the Blooming Gardeners. They visited the New Mexico State Fair grounds on several occasions to help plant small gardens, the McDonald’s Heritage Farm vegetable beds and many of the Ronald McDonald planters that will be placed around the fair. It is wonderful to see the many generations of gardeners working together!



On June 7, UGC participated in Mercy Day at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Members gathered early in the morning to make table arrangements for nursing home residents. 750 arrangements were constructed in time to be delivered before lunch. Prior to the big day, club member Esther Russell and her sister, Sherie Linthicum (photo at right) spent hours working on the project. They decorated 260 cans, made 160 bow picks and 150 ink pens with flowers on top. The pens were given to the caregivers at the nursing homes for their dedication and hard. These are the behind-the-scene efforts of our wonderful club members. The smiles on the faces of the recipients were incredible!



District II

Angel Fire Garden Club has been busy this summer. At the May meeting students of Moreno Valley High School, along with their advisor, explained their greenhouse bus project. The club voted to give a donation to help with their endeavors. Club president, Fannie Mackie, attended the national convention in Atlanta in May, bringing back much information to the club. Our publicity book won 1st place in our class in the national awards. In celebration of National Garden Week, the club made a display at our post office with hand-outs of seeds and information about the environment and local gardening tips. Several members were on hand to promote the planting of wildflowers and native plants. Our June program was on container planting and how one could use a variety of containers. Planning our annual garden tour and luncheon was at the top of the list for June and the first half of July. The program for July was a presentation by member, Lynn Healer, with a digital slide show of some of the flowers she photographed in our gardens as well as pointers on how to take pictures of flowers. Our annual garden tour, luncheon and silent auction is our main fund-raiser every year. This year it was held on July 17th. We were honored to have state president, Shirley Tetrault and husband Al, join us. The gardens were, as always, beautiful. Several members also had containers on display at the luncheon and some were available in our silent auction. The luncheon was held at member Diane Peterson's home. We had 112 in attendance for the luncheon as well as 35 for the tour only. Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to this event. The weather was just perfect. Since then, there has been several days of much-needed rain. We have one member in our newly formed junior garden club and more are expected when school starts. We are really excited about this project as we want to encourage our youth to become aware of the environment and its beauty. Our valley and surrounding mountains are once again green and even more beautiful! We welcome guest to come visit us.



*Terry Randall and was taken during the Garden Tour at
Bill and Carolyn Hudson's patio garden
Photo courtesy of Sangre de Cristo Chronicle*

District III

Santa Rosa Garden Club is very busy this summer with a number of projects. First, a plant sale in May was held in conjunction with Santa Rosa Days during the Memorial Day weekend. They partnered with Kristi Johnson, a nursery owner located in Cuervo, NM. It was a huge success and we plan to do it again next year. Profits of this fund raiser went toward two high school scholarships.

For National Garden Club Week in June, Jean Digerness made several flower arrangements and distributed them among the banks, library and post office.

The “Plant-it Pink” project at the county hospital is growing beautifully. A little trimming here and there will better show the ribbon it depicts for breast cancer awareness.

The second big project was our Standard Flower Show opening and judging at the Guadalupe County Fair on August 6th. Shirley Tetreault, Barbara Vance and Mabel Levine were the judges. The hall was filled with floral designs, garden flowers, horticultural and arboreal entries. The Tri-Color Award was won by Carolyn Bedford for her all fresh material Still Life Design. The Award of Distinction was won by Colleen Hinker for her Stretch Design in all dried material, Designers Choice was won by Peggy Sutlemeier for her Combination of Materials design with one main color design. The Petite and Small Award was won by Jean Digerness for her Petite Design. All the judges and member’s enjoyed lunch at the Sante Fe Grill after the judging and a great time was had by all!

Our third huge project is the up-coming Blue Star Memorial Dedication to be held in time for Veterans Day, November 11. Santa Rosa GC President Jean Digerness had her plate full sending letters to dignitaries, contacting personnel, seeking donations, etc. The rest of the members are ready to pitch in anyway they can to assist in this long-anticipated affair that involves our military.

Nara Visa Garden Club members Karen Bell, Sandy Evans, Kay Fugua and Ada Nials are busy with their own activities and also tending their own gardens.



*Photo on left: First Place by Jean Digerness.
Photo on right: Award of Distinction, Stretch Design by Colleen Hinker.
Photos by Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa Garden Club*

District IV

Mesilla Valley Garden Club - Las Cruces Tour of Gardens 2010 is over and the money has been disbursed to five organizations in Doña Ana County for community beautification and educational projects. We also sent out over twenty gift certificates from local nurseries as gate prizes to tour attendees. The raffle quilt, *Stars in the Garden*, was won by lucky Lequita Lett and presented to her by Rosemary Maddox when Lequita had a scheduled appointment in Las Cruces. Rosemary said they had funny smiles on their faces because the lady taking the photo said: "Say Stinky Feet" – a comment they were not expecting. Lequita was thrilled to have won the handmade quilt donated by Las Colcheras Quilt Guild.

Mesilla Valley GC celebrated their 80th anniversary in June. First, a commendation was received from the City of Las Cruces at a regular city council meeting. Mayor Ken Miyagishima proclaimed June 17 Mesilla Valley Garden Club Day and presented President Rosemary Maddox with a very special Proclamation that listed many of the club's accomplishments over the years.

Secondly, to continue the celebration, we met at the home of the Lavender Lady in Las Cruces, Joan Kief. 13 garden club members and 13 guests attended, including Susan Miller, District IV Director, and guest, members of Desert Daubers Garden Club, New Mexico State University, the Gadsden School District and Jackye Meinecke from Enchanted Gardens. A steak salad luncheon was preceded by a tour of the lavender fields and Joan's garden. During dessert, Joan

created a flower and herb tussy mussy for member, Julie Mather, who will turn 90 years young in August. It was a wonderful day.

The club's last meeting of the year was at the home of Darvy and Becky Fuller where we enjoyed our annual potluck dinner with spouses and friends. We will meet in the summer only to plan programming for next year.



*Photo on left: Rosemary Maddox and Lequita Lett with the Stars in the Garden Quilt
Photo of right: Long time members of Mesilla Valley GC l-r: Jo Johnson, Mary Jane Masters,
Barbara Gerhard, Julie Mathers, Rosemary Maddox and Beulah Oyler
Photos by Linnea Egbert, Mesilla Valley GC*

In February **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** held our annual membership tea. We welcomed two guests; State President, Shirley Tetreault and District IV Director, Susan Miller. All members contributed to the refreshments. Shirley praised our table decorations and refreshments. She was very interested to know that we have a teenaged girl as a member in our club.

In March, Ellie Nordgren brought in small pots filled with soil. Each member took a pot and a packet of seeds home to start the flowers growing. They will be used in our projects. Doris Adams brought in finished table arrangements for the state convention. All members thought it was very well done and in keeping with the theme. Five members traveled to Las Cruces to the spring district meeting. We nominated our new officers for the next two years. We planted a tree at the triangle on Date and Main Street in memory of Vanda Winchester, Martha Leverenz and Pearl Snipes. In April, our guest speaker was Lisa Haines from the Amaderis Ranch. Lisa gave a presentation on the endangered wild life of the Aplomado falcon and tortoises. In May, eleven members carpoiled to the Iris Gardens in Hillsboro. All members brought a food dish for our picnic luncheon. Later we toured the Iris Gardens, vegetable garden and fruit trees. We had the installation of officers for the next two years: President Ellen Tafoya; 1st Vice-

President Ellie Nordgren; 2nd Vice-President Inez Maier; Secretary Florence Reddy and Treasurer Lucille Lomeland.

In June, several members drove to Hillsboro to the home of Ellie Nordgren for a brown bag picnic lunch. We toured her herb gardens, flower gardens and vegetable gardens. Ellie gave a presentation on how to start clippings. The main points made are to make sure your soil is very wet, take off all bottom leaves. Place firmly in the pots and water quite often and in a few days they will start to root. Ellie also makes several products that she sells at the farmers market. She has fifteen bee hives that make raw honey. She also makes hand soap, hand cream and flavored pecans. In July, our guest speaker was Al Elliott. Al explained which records should be stored in the archives. Al and other members have done a wonderful job in organizing all of the clubs' records. Our club put in the Secretary minutes from all of our meetings, awards and certificates.

District V

Morning Garden Club had meetings in April and May. The club is taking a summer hiatus and will not meet again until September.

Nomination and election of officers was held at the April meeting. The slate is as follows: President, Deana Bozart; 1st Vice-President, Martha Morris; 2nd Vice-President, Renie Reisel; Treasurer, Teresa Cole; Secretary, LeNora Rogers. The club purchased a tree to be planted at the Bird Sanctuary for Arbor Day. A program on Fairy Gardens was given by Ann Carson, Master Gardener and Artist. She told the history of them and showed two ways to set one up. The flower of the month presentation was given by LaNelle Witt on Spanish Broom.

At the May meeting, outgoing President, Zelma Wilcox conducted the installation of officers using a theme of weaving yarn as symbols for each office. Sandra Barraza, Chaves County Agricultural Extension Agent, gave the program on Container Gardens Using Recycled Materials. She used a nice Power Point presentation and distributed a very informative hand out. The flower of the month was Geranium and the talk was give by Judy Needham.

Club members are continuing the rotation of weekly care of the Alena Garden at the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico Archives Building. The club is looking forward to a new and exciting year with some new projects in the works.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 26	District III Fall Board, Logan, NM
Sep 10 – 26	New Mexico State Fair & Flower Show, Albuquerque
Sep 22	First Day of Autumn
Sep 23	Full Corn Moon
Sep 23 – 26	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Great Falls, MT
Oct 4	District I Fall Board Meeting, Albuquerque
Oct 11	District IV Fall Board Meeting, Socorro
Oct 14	District II Fall Board Meeting, Los Alamos
Oct 18	District V Fall Board Meeting, Tinnie
Oct 21 – 22	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting, Albuquerque
Oct 23	Full Harvest Moon
Nov 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 21	Full Hunter's Moon
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Jan 1	NGC Awards Deadline
Feb 1	State Awards Deadline
Mar 28 – 29	NMGC, Inc. State Convention, Sally Port Inn, Roswell



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