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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

Wow! It has been a long hot summer! All of the plants in the garden are begging for some cool, fall weather and so am I. Even the temperature in the pool is about 90 degrees. However, the hot weather did not discourage attendance at the dedication of the first Blue Star Memorial for District I on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Albuquerque Garden Center. In attendance were Colonel Robert L. Maness, Chaplain Lt. Col. David Mansberger, Judy Grotts (South Central Region Director) and Donna Betty Turney (Blue Star Memorial Chair) and her husband Jack. We had a special group of ladies sing the National Anthem and the Kirtland Color Guard presented the Colors. The dedication was followed with cookies and punch and a beautiful, patriotic flower show. Susan Miller from District IV and several members attended as well as Doris Jackson from District II. It is always uplifting to see members from others parts of the state join in the festivities. Suzy Andrego and Mary Gilliam worked hard preparing the garden area and Debi & John Harrington prepared and installed the marker. We look forward to many more dedications in the next two years.



Several clubs around the state have been busy with their own flower shows and building new youth clubs. These are efforts that need continued hard work. Our flower shows educate the public and our youth are the future of garden club. They will grow into our shoes some day and take over where we left off.

I hope you are all planning to attend the New Mexico State Fair. This is a perfect opportunity to judge, enter your beautiful horticulture & stunning designs, educate the public and enjoy fellowship with other members around the state. The show schedule can be accessed immediately on line. The theme is "Fiesta" and I strongly encourage you to be a part of the State Fair Flower Shows.

It is with great pleasure that I will travel with Isabel Olsen, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, to St. Louis for the National Fall Board meeting in September. We will have an opportunity to discuss the new national programs that Shirley Nicolai has set in place for the next two years.

**NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**2011 Fall Board**  
**"Serving Those Who Serve Us"**  
**October 20 - 21, 2011**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

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

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

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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 10/8/11) \$ 66.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Package**

(postmarked after 10/8/11) \$ 86.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** No refunds on registration after registration closes 10/8/11. **Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**NM Judges Council** (not in package plan)

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program

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

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

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

**NOTE:** All NMGC members and guest are welcome to attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program.

**Part-Time Registration**

**Friday, October 21, 2011**

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 at [ammasangels@comcast.net](mailto: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, 2011.**

Please make checks payable to: District I NMGC 2011 Fall Board and mail to: Debi Harrington, 1228 Landman Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112.



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**Fall Board Schedule**

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

12 Noon – 6:00pm	Registration
2:00pm – 3:30pm	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:30pm – 4:30pm	NM Judges Council Executive Meeting
4:30pm – 6:00pm	NM Judges Council General Meeting
6:30pm	NM Judges Council Dinner
7:30pm	NM Judges Council Program
	<b>"Leaf Manipulation" A Hands On Program</b>
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Cookies & Milk with the President

**Friday, October 21, 2011**

7:30am – 9:00am	Registration
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Buffet
9:00am – 9:30am	Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting
9:30am – 12:30pm	NMGC General Meeting
12:30pm – 1:30pm	NMGC Lunch
1:30pm – 3:30pm	NMGC Workshop #1
	<b>Recycled Imagination with Esther Russell</b>
3:30pm – 4:30pm	NMGC Workshop #2
	<b>2011-2012 Awards Workshop with Suzy Andrego</b>



## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS 2011 AWARDS

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. received the following awards at the National Garden Club's 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. on May 28, 2011.

**#2 Garden Center Award** The Fisher Garden Center Award, in honor of Mrs. Frederick T. Fisher, may be awarded for a garden center, maintained by members, which in proportion to size has performed the greatest service to the community, e.g., library, lectures furthering NGC objectives, courses, exhibits, trial garden, youth involvement, and networking with other civic organizations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Category B (Group of Member Clubs)** - Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc., for the Albuquerque Garden Center. The Albuquerque Garden Center was visited by more than 55,000 people in 2010. The Center offers many services including plant sales, educational courses in horticulture, landscaping and floral design, a reference library, garden shop, master gardener hotline, demonstration gardens and rental facilities for weddings, luncheons and business meetings.

**#6 Conservation** A Certificate of Merit in honor of Lucile Droege Mauntel may be awarded for conservation activities, e.g. education or legislative activity; conservation field project; natural resource development, such as a watershed, erosion control, reforestation, wildlife refuge; overall excellence and well-balanced year's conservation activities.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Category C (Individual Garden Club Member)** - Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa Garden Club. Over the past 18 years, Colleen and her husband Fred have transformed a previously neglected and abused property near Santa Rosa, NM into a certified organic ranch. They have replaced non-indigenous plants with native trees and shrubs in order to hold and retain land and water. The ranch is also home to a wonderful variety of wild animals. They include mountain lions, bobcat, fox, coyote, bear, raccoon, deer, skunk, and wild turkeys, plus an amazing variety of birds.

**#13A Publications** A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for publications that are published at least three times per year under one editorship or management. Must be a magazine or bulletin over 24 pages.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Category Ci (Small State)** - The New Mexico Gardener. Editor Cynthia Shafer.

**#16 Yearbooks** Certificate of Participation: Angel Fire Garden Club, Home Garden Club, Morning Garden Club.

**#19 Horticulture Therapy** A Certificate of Merit may be awarded for an outstanding program working with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, school, prisons, etc.

**Certificate of Participation Santa Rosa Garden Club.** Santa Rosa Garden Club works with the Santa Rosa Senior Center and the Santa Rosa Nursing Home. They help members of ENMRSH, Inc., enjoy gardening, design and crafts.

**#65 Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award** A Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a Junior Garden Club sponsored by a member garden club for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area. Participants may seek advice from any source, but must do the actual gardening.

**WINNER: The Blooming Gardeners, Albuquerque, NM.** 11 young gardeners planted flowers and vegetables across the grounds of the 2010 NM State Fair. Gardeners and attendees enjoyed watching chili peppers, tomatoes, pumpkins, gourds, marigolds, and snap dragons grow.



## OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

### Awards – Suzy Andrego, Chairwoman

#### Award Funds Needed

INTERESTED in sponsoring a New Mexico Garden Club Award for the year 2012 or maybe even two-four years? Would you or your club be interested in sponsoring an annual or even a perpetual award?

For a small gift, as little as \$10.00 a year, you or your club can become a NM Garden Clubs Award Sponsor. You can specify a specific award (if available) that you or your club are personally interested in or just make a contribution to the general awards fund.

Mail your sponsorship check, payable to NMGC, Inc. to Suzy Andrego, 6612 Dodd Place N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110, 2011-2013 NMGC Awards Chair.

For a listing of available specific award sponsorships, please email [Sandrego@qwest.net](mailto:Sandrego@qwest.net).

### Awards – Suzy Andrego, Chairwoman

#### Getting Ready to Apply for Awards

Are you or your club planning, or even thinking about applying for an award from NM Garden Clubs, Inc? Here are some simple things you can do to ensure you have what is needed at application time.

- Take multiple photos of the design, horticulture, bird or event
- Write down a few hi-lights of the event

- Make a note of who was there and who participated, and if the event benefited an organization which one and how.
- Simple notes can give your memory a great boost.
- Recording this information in your club year book is a great keepsake place. Not only to refer back to but, for history purposes too.
- When the grandchildren are visiting you and complain they don't have anything to do..... get out the crayons, markers and paper. Put them to work creating a poster for Smokey the Bear or Woodsy the Owl posters. Have them write a poem or short story to enter into the youth writing contest.
- Easy simple things to do now that ensure the correct information and documentation is gathered when fall comes and we sit down to apply for awards.

### **New Mexico Gardener – Cynthia Shafer, Editor**

**Member's Corner** – Any member can submit an informative article for Member's Corner and we encourage you to do so, **don't be shy**. We want to read about your expertise in growing certain plants, flowers, herbs, vegetables and gardening techniques. We are also interested in any gardening experience that you learned from and would like to inform other gardeners of what worked and what didn't work. Even if you only have a couple of tips and tricks, please send them in.

Along with the article, include your name, garden club(s) you are a member of, an e-mail address and phone number in case someone has questions. You may also submit photos. Due dates and publication guidelines are at the end of this newsletter.

### **New Mexico State Fair Flower Shows – Suzy Andrego (888-0480) & Mary Gilliam (344-0233), Show Chairwomen**

The State Fair Flower Shows will be here before you know it. Once again, the Fair will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. There will be five Standard Flower Shows, two Youth Shows and a Cactus Show. This year's show theme is "FIESTA." The show dates are as follows:

Cactus Show, Friday, September 9  
 First Show, Saturday, September 10  
 Second Show, Wednesday, September 14  
 Third Show, Friday, September 16  
 First Youth Show, Saturday, September 17  
 Fourth Show, Wednesday, September 21  
 Fifth and Final Show, Friday, September 23.  
 Second Youth Show, Saturday, September 24

Schedules and entry tags will be available at the Garden Center mid-August.

For questions concerning the youth shows, call Alex Andregio, Youth Show Chairwoman (803-1455).

The schedule is available NOW on line at [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com).

Directions to access the online schedule: Go to [www.exponm.com](http://www.exponm.com). Click on the New Mexico State Fair logo on the left hand side of your screen. Then click on "Competitions and Entries" on the left hand side of your screen. From there you need to click on "Premium Book." This will bring up a really cute icon list of all areas accepting entries. You want to click on "Floriculture." Once you open this link, you can then double click on General Rules, Horticulture, Design or Youth. This will then open an Adobe acrobat .pdf file that you can read online or print out.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair with your Blue Ribbon entries!

## **BLUE STAR MEMORIAL BY-WAY MARKER DEDICATION**

On Sunday, July 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. the first Blue Star Memorial for District I was dedicated at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Several members attended the ceremony to honor those men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the armed forces of the United States.



**MEMBER'S CORNER**



## AFRICAN VIOLETS

Submitted by Gloria Powers, Lincoln County  
Garden Club, Ruidoso

**Description:** The African violet is a low-growing, hairy-leaved plant that originated in Africa and isn't a violet at all. The common name comes from the primary flower color, although you can find the "violet" in pink, blue and white flowers. The AV can be 4-6 inches high and up to 8 inches or more across. The generic name for the AV is Saintpaulia.

**Growing tips:** The soil should be light and rich. Peat, mixed with a little sand and compost is fine. I buy the African Violet Potting Mix. Let dry to touch between watering. Transplant every spring or summer when the roots have filled the pot. Split plants in multiple crowns at this time.

**Light and temperature:** Although it loves the light, the African violet cannot take hot sunlight. The best growth and best flowers are achieved if the plant has a constant summer and winter temperature of 70-77 degrees.

**Watering and feeding:** The African violet cannot tolerate cold water on its leaves or crown. It should be watered in the saucer, and surplus water should be poured off after half an hour. Give liquid fertilizer once every 14 days during the growth period.

**Propagation:** The easiest way to start new plants is to take leaf cuttings from a healthy plant at any time of the year. It will take about 8 months from the first cutting to a new adult plant. Take the leaf from the parent plant together with its stem, and plant the leaf in soil with about half the stem covered. After a month at 72 degrees, you will find that this leaf has grown roots, and after a further 8-14 days the new plant will appear. Once the plant has reached a diameter of about 4 inches, it can be put in a pot of its own. Water with liquid plant food every 14 days. High humidity is important.



# **COREOPSIS FLOWER**

**Submitted by Brooke Tetreault, President  
Blooming Gardeners Garden Club  
Albuquerque**

These North American native perennials (meaning they grow back year after year) bring bright colors and texture to the flower garden. Most have small, yellow, daisy-like flowers ('Moonbeam,' 'Zagreb') with one pink exception (C. rosea). They flower all summer long. The plants mostly have thin and ferny leaves, thus one of their common names: thread-leaf coreopsis.

I picked the Coreopsis flower to present today, (The Blooming Gardeners meeting), because this flower grows every year in my front and back yard. My dad planted these in our yard years ago, and they come back every year. They are a Xeriscape plant that doesn't need a lot of water. My mom and I love the yellow color that comes back every year. Plant these seeds that I have give you and you will like them too.

Instructions:

1. Plant Coreopsis seed in full sun in well-drained soil.
2. Add a little organic fertilizer to the planting hole.
3. Water weekly throughout the first summer.
4. Grow Coreopsis in the border with small shrubs and other perennials.
5. Combine the pale yellow of 'Moonbeam' and brighter yellows of other Coreopsis with almost any other flower colors.



*Brooke Tetreault giving her program to The Blooming Gardeners on Coreopsis.*

## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

The members of **Petal Pushers Garden Club** watched their own gardens suffer this year from the lack of rain and intense temperature fluctuations. They all agree that the wait for the monsoon rain has made them impatient. The club continues to care for the Marie Torrens Courtyard Garden at the Albuquerque Garden Center and support the new Petal Pushers Junior Club. In May, the Petal Pusher Juniors planted sunflower seeds and tomato plants and dried pansies for the Mother's Day cards that they created. In June they helped the courtyard ladies and learned to deadhead and weed. It is a very enthusiastic group led by Carol Stomp, Joan Higgs, Sonja James and Sandy Hollingsworth.

In June, members enjoyed visiting the beautiful high desert garden owned and created by Margo Murdock. In May, Betty Chowning simply thrilled the club with her Ikebana program. In only a few minutes and with only a pretty container and minimal flowers, Betty created several spectacular Ikebana arrangements. She also talked about the history of Ikebana, the art of the flower, and shared her personal journey of study and design. Mrs. Chowning is a talented teacher with a focus on the art of bringing flowers to life.

Petal Pushers volunteered at the garden tour and spring plant sale, and made flower arrangements for Mercy Day and the Cancer Center.



*Georgia Allen, Shirley Bray, Sandy Hollingsworth  
Pat Walter, Maxine Hopping, Nancy Kanthack &  
Millie Ewing*



*l-r: Susan Olinger, Lois Byron, Carol  
Stomp, Sonia James, Mary Frances  
Santistevan & Nancy Davis*

## District II

**Angel Fire Garden Club's** new officers were installed by District II Director, Penni Davey, at the May meeting. Diane Peterson, President; J.J. Huddleston, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Richard Sides, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Jo Lynne Fenger, Treasurer; Judy MacDonald, Secretary. We thanked out-going President, Fannie Mackie, and her board for two wonderful years of service. In addition, long-time member, June Gibson, was presented with a life-time NMGC, Inc. membership. In June, the members enjoyed a tour of the new multi-purpose building at Moreno Valley High School and had a presentation by Debbie Lundsford on their greenhouse bus project. Also in June our Signature Gardens started to bloom, especially the weeds. Garden chairmen and members pulled out all the stops to get the gardens ready for the July garden tour. Speaking of the garden tour, what a success! Our ninth annual garden tour had six fabulous residential gardens as well as our three Signature Gardens and a highly successful silent auction. Approximately 71 people took the self-guided "tour only" while the après-tour luncheon at The Roasted Clove drew 166 attendees. Without a doubt, it was our best event to date. We are thankful we continue to "Bloom & Grow". *(Photo is of Karin Jimenez' garden.)*



**Ponderosa Pines Jr Garden Club- Angel Fire:** We have been keeping busy with a few projects so far this summer. We planted two containers for placement at the entrance to the Shuter Library and have been deadheading them to ensure constant blooms. Some weeding at the library is always ongoing. We had a very successful fund raiser of a raffle on 4 small containers that were donated by a local artist. Club members not only participated in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, but won first place in the not-for-profit division. Carrying a banner with the club's name on it, passing out candy, leis and small flags and dressed in red, white and blue held to the theme of the parade. An ATV loaded with branches of ponderosa pine made to look like a huge tree, was also decorated with the American Flag. Meetings were filled with planting containers and taking walks to check out wildflowers. *(Photo l-r: Cecilia Martinez, DeClan Roberts, Cesar Ramirez.)* The July meeting was also a walk about at the Mackie home



where we picked our own radishes, Nanking cherries, strawberries and other goodies from her garden. Three of the members participated in the Annual Garden Tour by passing out bottled water to the tour guests at registration. We enjoyed the tour of the wonderful gardens and learned so much. The luncheon was great and we made ourselves available to help where we could.■

### **District III**

**District III** members have been busy fighting the drought here in northeastern New Mexico. Santa Rosa just had their Flower show and have spent the last couple meetings studying Flower Design. We hope to enter a few in the State Fair Show this year and despite the bad weather, we had a very successful show. We are gearing up for our new Civic project of planting the courtyard at the newly opened up hospital in Santa Rosa, plus we are continuing to renovate the planters at the Evergreen Cemetery. Nara Visa's show is August 10 in Quay County (Tucumcari fairgrounds) and our judges always help out over there. We are trying to get a new club started in Tucumcari as our youth club in Logan seems to have disappeared. With school starting soon, maybe we can get back to our projects there. There is always hope. We hope to introduce you all to our new officers at the Fall Board.

### **District IV**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> **Desert Daubers Garden Club** traveled to Joan Keif's Lavender Farm for a tour and luncheon. The food was excellent. Joan gave a talk on cultivation of lavender and cooking with lavender and other herbs. The luncheon was followed by the installation of our new officers: June Bingler, President; Barbara Borrett, Vice President; Elsie Pipiringos, who has been an excellent Secretary, has bravely agreed to continue in that office and Nancy Hall, a Treasurer herself, agreed to stay on as Treasurer. We presented our outgoing President, Lynn Moseley, who did a great job these last two years, with a beautiful hand-made basket by Fern Gold and the book, "Founding Gardener" by Andrea Wulf. We presented our host, Joan Keif, with a beautiful hand-painted straight-necked gourd, made by Cheryl Perrigo.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Joan Keif hosted a Lavender Festival at her farm. As a money maker for our club, we had a stand at the festival to sell dried and fresh herbs from a member's herb garden. Although this was Joan's first Lavender Festival it was quite a success. Some stands sold fresh lavender and some sold live plants. Desert Daubers little stand sold dried and fresh herbs which made a nice contribution to our treasury.

We do not meet during the summer. After the cold temperatures we experienced last winter members will be cleaning up gardens and yards and replanting for the future. A Seed Planted is Earth Nurtured.

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to the Zuhl Museum at the NMSU visitor center. Leila Hubbard, Administrator in the Education Dept of NMSU will provide us with the history and cultural information of the items on display.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, our program will be Trees, given by Dave Kraenzel, owner of Dona Ana Bend Farms and a local landscaper.

We would like to invite all members to the Fall Distinct IV meeting to be held in Las Cruces on Oct 10th 2011. It will be at the Double Eagle Restaurant, one of our historic buildings in Mesilla. We will raffle off a framed embroidery of the Four Seasons, made by one of our club members. Registration and coffee will be at 9:30 a.m. Our program will be by Cheryl Perrigo on Gourd Art.

**Mesilla Valley Garden Club** doesn't meet in the summer so the Annual May Potluck at Becky Fuller's beautiful new home was our last official gathering. We had a great turnout that included spouses and friends and our new officers were installed by Beulah Oyler. President Helen Moser, Co-President Becky Fuller, Vice-Presidents Marianne Hayes and Virginia Podmenik, Treasurer Barbara Gerhard and Secretary Rosemary Maddox.

The Tour of Gardens counted another successful year. The gardens were wonderful, thanks to hardworking exhibitors who made magic in their gardens despite suffering heavy plant losses over the winter. People touring were pleased with the selection and there were many people on tour who made their first trip to the Zuhl Museum – the refreshment stop on the tour. The grant committee has already disbursed funds to organizations that will use them for community beautification and educational projects

In June, our club rented a couple of large SUV's for members and friends and left early in the morning for Albuquerque and the Botanic Garden arriving just in time for lunch. The weather was perfect and the gardens, in spite of plant damage due to the winter freeze, were wonderful.

## **District V**

It has been Hot, Hot, Hot here in southeastern New Mexico. Our members have been working hard at keeping their plants happy.

The *Keep Roswell Beautiful* Committee honored the **Home Garden Club** with a certificate of appreciation. The club tends to the corner garden at the Roswell Zoo. The corner is seen by all visitors and travelers near the zoo. Home Garden Club appreciates all the work the members have done especially Joanne and Hans Gottlieb who have tended this garden for several years.

Two members of the Home Garden Club opened their gardens in mid-July. Members of the Morning and Home Garden Clubs toured both Jan Smith's and Isabel Olsen's gardens. Their gardens are distinctly different. Jan's has a pond and lush plantings of sage, Mexican petunias, Maxmillian sunflowers, crab apple trees and crepe myrtles. Isabel's front yard is xeriscaped. Her garden loves the

heat and is flourishing in our 100 degree temperature. The Russian Sage and euphorbia's were bountiful.

The club will have a table at the Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge Dragon Fly Festival on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a coloring contest and will teach the young visitors about planting.

We are ready for the start of our 2011-12 meetings. The first meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Chaves County Extension Office.

**Lincoln County Garden Club** partnered with Scholtzsky's for a fundraiser May 10<sup>th</sup> by delivering orders, busing tables and cleaning from 4 p.m. to close for 15% of the evening's sales. No one spilled food on customers or dropped an order so it was termed a success. Over \$200 was raised.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> new officers for 2011-2012 were installed by District Director, Barbara Bauer at historical Dolan House in Lincoln, followed by a delightful and delicious luncheon. Barbara presented each officer with a significant flower array in a miniature watering can as they pledged to perform the duties of their office. New yearbooks for 2011-2012 were distributed. Owner of Dolan House, Beverly Strauser, told us the story of how Jimmy Dolan, born in Ireland, made his way to Lincoln county to build Dolan House and the renovations she and her husband made.

To commemorate Arbor Day, a Brandywine Maple Tree was planted at the Episcopal Church in Ruidoso in memory of Judy Preston's daughter.

The June meeting brought members together for a tour and lunch at Ruidoso's beautiful Sanctuary on the River. Artfully renovated, the Sanctuary features hydroponic gardening, delicious salad lunches and programs on self-improvement and healthy, happy living. Members were treated to a demonstration of vinaigrette using herbs grown there. Garden club news included the planting of red twig dogwoods at the hospital courtyard garden and planting colorful flowers at the Capitan library. Everyone was encouraged to enter the flower show at the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In July, we visited San Patricio Retreat Center located in the hills of Hondo Valley 20 miles east of Ruidoso. Located on 11.5 acres of diverse beauty, the retreat features a lush meadow, various peaceful gardens and a stony labyrinth near the Rio Ruidoso. Director of the center, Chaplain Linda Broda-Pribble (LCGC Member) conducted a tour of the grounds and historic Southwest style adobe buildings originally created by artist John Meigs, an artist who collected



antiques and art. Everyone agreed the retreat is a magical place to relax and recharge! *(Photo: LCGC Members at the Retreat, San Patricio)*

**Morning Garden Club:** The first week in June, Mayor Del Jurney presented Isabel Olsen, Jan Smith, and Deana Bozarth, all local club officers, with a proclamation of National Garden Week. The picture was in the newspaper.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, Martha Morris, Melanie Deason and Deana Bozarth set up a table for the Working Mothers' Day Nursery open house celebrating the twentieth anniversary of their current facility. Our display included Hannah Ginsberg's scrapbook from years past telling how much our club had helped the nursery. We also had some vegetables from one of the very successful gardens we prepared for the nursery back in April. Melanie gave a demonstration on how to divide irises. Also in July several of our members really enjoyed the garden tour of Home Garden Club. We gave a special thanks to Jan Smith and Isabel Olsen who shared their lovely gardens, offered yummy treats and even free plants.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 9 – 25	New Mexico State Fair & Flower Show, Albuquerque
Sep 12	Full Corn Moon
Sep 13	District III Fall Board, Logan
Sep 22 – 23	NGC Fall Board, St. Louis, MO
Sep 22	First Day of Autumn
Oct 10	District I Fall Board, Albuquerque Garden Ctr.
Oct 10	District IV Fall Board, Las Cruces
Oct 11	District V Executive Fall Board, Ruidoso
Oct 12	Full Harvest Moon
Oct 17	District II Fall Board, Angel Fire
Oct TBD	District III Fall Board
Oct 20 – 21	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board, Albuquerque
Nov 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 10	Full Hunters Moon
2012	
Jan 1	NGC Awards Deadline
Feb 1	State Awards Deadline



## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE *New Mexico Gardener*

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