

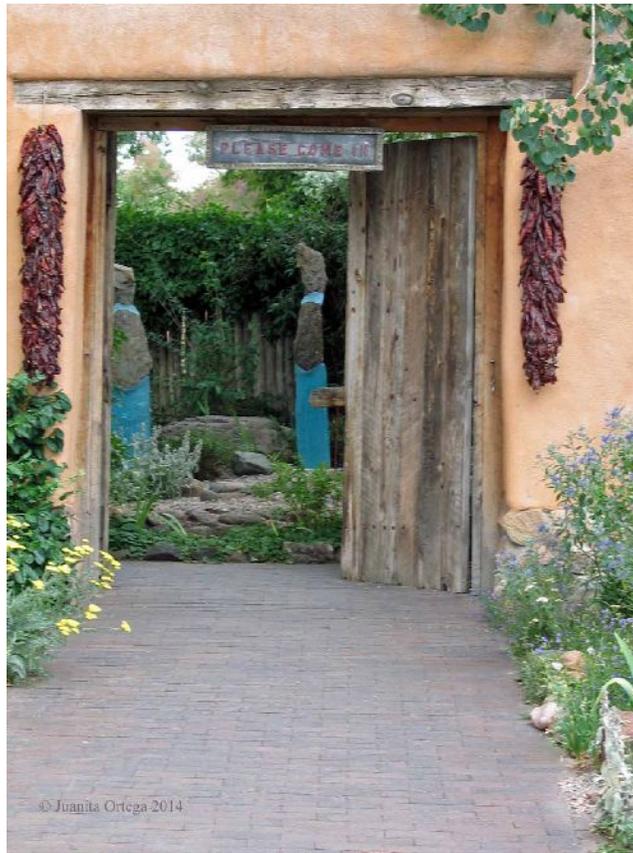
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isabel Olsen

"Helping Gardeners Grow"

As we move from summer into fall, many of you are preparing for the resumption of your garden club meetings. Some of our clubs continue to meet during the summer months and break during the winter due to weather. One of these clubs is Angel Fire Garden Club. I just returned from attending their annual garden tour. It is such a wonderful collaboration between the garden club, local artists and community residents which contribute to the success of this event. I would like to give a special thank you to Club President JoAnn Layden and Diane Peterson, State Historian for hosting me with their first class hospitality.



Many garden club members are busy with county fairs and entering horticulture and designs in flower shows, which is part of educating the public and sharing the bounty of our knowledge with them. Our districts hold standard flower shows, furthering education of the public in horticulture, floral designs, and special exhibits. Thank you, members, for your time and effort and many contributions.

Now is the time for all members to get in full swing. There are many opportunities coming this fall and all members are encouraged to participate. Let's start with August. NMGC continues to provide ways to continue your education with Environmental School II and Flower Show School II, both of which are being held in Albuquerque. Evergreen Garden Club will host a Tour of Gardens in Silver City and the Dragonfly Festival will be held at Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge in Roswell on September 6th. I will be attending the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, September 24-27.

October will be a busy, busy month for us. To support the theme of our National President Linda Nelson, each district has chosen one of the five natural resources of AIR, WATER, FOREST, LAND and WILDLIFE and will be the program topic at your district Fall Board meeting. As a side note, remember there are monetary awards by NGC for state and club projects related to these topics. You can visit www.gardenclub.org for more details.

You may ask, how can we support the South Central Region Director's Project and NGC, plus our own state project of "Helping Gardeners Grow?" We are already doing it in myriad of ways! By focusing on these as programs, club projects, activities and topics in our club and state newsletters. I would like to

encourage you to contact the state chairpersons with any questions or suggestions that may help you with a project, event or identifying a speaker for a meeting.

I hope you have all saved the date October 23-24 on your calendar. District II will be hosting the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. We will be honored with the attendance of National President Linda Nelson and South Central Director Nancy Voyles. Come and meet these wonderful ladies and enjoy the Santa Fe hospitality.

Let's join the mission to add new youth garden clubs to each district and encourage and welcome new garden clubs to communities that may not have a garden club. And always invite neighbors, friends, and gardeners to your garden club meetings.

Together we are *Helping Gardeners Grow!*



FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Suzy Andrego



Members, State Chairman and even club President's often ask me "Why should I attend a NM Garden Club Convention Business Meeting or Fall Board Meeting?" So, I want to give you a few reasons why you should attend:

First and foremost, if you are a State Officer, District Director, Club President, State Chairman, or Member **YOU** have a vote for any decisions that are being voted upon. If you do not attend, then your vote is not counted.

Here are a few examples of some items that could come up to be voted on at a meeting: the annual budget, new projects, bylaw changes, bylaw additions, state ways and means projects, future slates of state officers, people to represent us at South Central Region as a Regional Director and people to represent us at National Garden Clubs, on the nominating committee.

Second, each District Director presents a report. Some people might think these reports are boring. I disagree. These District reports tell us what each district around the state is doing for programs, projects, ways and means and education. Great ideas can be found by listening to these reports.

Third, there is always a program or two or three where you have the opportunity to learn about something. Programs can be on design techniques, new designs being introduced, new horticulture, environmental concerns, birds, bugs and animals, or how to classes to make your job as a volunteer in our organization easier or more understandable.

Fourth, you get to find out what educational opportunities there are around the state or our surrounding states. For example: Environmental School, Flower Show Judges School, Garden Studies, Design Class and Horticulture classes, etc.

And, the fifth and most rewarding reason is for all the wonderful friendships with all the wonderful gardeners, designers and people we have met and know around the state of New Mexico, who are interested in the same things you are! They help recharge our batteries and get us excited again about New Mexico Garden Clubs.

I hope to see more of you at the 2014 Fall Board Meeting, to be held in Santa Fe, October 23 and 24. Our National President, Linda Nelson will be there and so will our South Central Regional Director, Nancy Voyles. We will have a fabulous time!!

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2014 FALL BOARD MEETING
"FALL IN COLORFUL SANTA FE"
OCTOBER 23-24, 2014
LODGE AT SANTA FE

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Please mark either a **FULL TIME Registration OR Part-Time Registration**)

Make check payable to: **District II, NMGC, Inc. 2014 Fall Board.**

Mail form and check to: **Juanita Ortega, 424 Vera Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501**
 - PH 1(505)988-4614

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. - Friday, October 24, 2014

FULL TIME PACKAGE: (on or before **October 1, 2014**) **\$77.00** _____

Includes: Registration Fee – President’s Reception - Breakfast - Lunch/program.

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE: – postmarked **after October 1, 2014**

\$90.00 _____

PART-TIME PACKAGE: Registration fee required (on or before October 1, 2014)	\$15.00 _____
NGC, NMGC President's Reception (Thursday 10/23/14)	\$10.00 _____
Breakfast (Friday 10/24/14)	\$22.00 _____
Lunch/program (Friday 10/24/14)	\$30.00 _____

(NOTE: NO refunds on registration after October 9, 2014. Registration Fee is non-refundable.)

JUDGES COUNCIL - DINNER/PROGRAM – Thursday, October 23, 2014:

(NOT IN Package Plan)

Judges Council Member	\$30.00 _____
Non-Council Member	\$35.00 _____
Judges program only	\$10.00 _____

Special Dietary Needs: please contact **Shelby Green: 1(505) 983-9683**

HOTEL- LODGE AT SANTA FE, 750 N. St Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87501, PH: 1 (505) 992-5800 (Reservations – Mention NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS – FALL BOARD) Special Rate - Reservation on or before OCTOBER 2, 2014.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014

12 noon – 6:00 pm	Registration
2:00 – 3:30 pm	New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Executive Board Meeting
3:30 – 4:30 pm	New Mexico Judges Council Executive Board Meeting
4:30 – 5:30 pm	New Mexico Judges Council General Meeting
5:30 – 6:15 pm	NMGC, INC. President’s Reception
6:30 – 7:30 pm	New Mexico Judges Council Dinner
7:30 pm	Program: "RULES FOR ROSES" "JUDGING ROSES & ROSE DESIGNS" Carroll Sue Wagner – Emeritus-Master Judge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

7:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30 am	New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting Official Opening
9:30 – 12:00 noon	New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. General Meeting
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm	Luncheon
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Program: "WHAT’S THE BUZZ?" THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES IN THE GARDEN

OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

2nd Vice-President – Nancy Ketchum, Membership Chair

A big thank-you goes to all who have sent in the dues and membership for your clubs. At the moment, we have 478 paid members in twenty-four adult clubs. Welcome to the High Desert Design Club of Albuquerque for its first full year of membership. Youth membership will be reported as those numbers come in.

Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

Did you know that we are able to apply for the following New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., individual member awards? They are:

- Beginning Designer
- Birds
- Butterfly Gardening
- Design of the Year
- Food Gardening
- Herbs
- Horticulturist of the Year
- Litter Control and Recycling
- Photographic Print of the Year
- Water Conservation
- Wild Flowers and Native Plants

The application deadline is February 1, 2015, and the exact requirements can be found in the NMGC's, Inc., Awards Handbook. All club presidents and committee chairmen have copies to share with you. The Handbook can also be found on our website, www.newmexicogardenclubs.org, or please contact me (ferguson@rt66.com) and I will e-mail you a copy. The application process is a really easy one. There is a limit of 3 pages, one side of the paper only and applications can be made electronically or by mail.

If you are a designer, please take photos of all your designs throughout the year. You can submit photos of up to four designs for the Design of the Year award, or the Beginning Designer award. One of our most popular awards is the "Photographic Print of the Year" award. Again, you can submit up to four photos of either a floral design, landscape scene, or a horticulture specimen. You can be taking photos now to accompany your "Food Gardening", "Herb" garden, etc., applications.

Thanks to individual member donations, we are able to give cash prizes for many of these awards. The "Design of the Year" award is sponsored by the NMGC's Inc., Judges Council. The winner's name is engraved on a special plaque that can be displayed throughout the year and a generous gift is also awarded. The Horticulturist of the Year award is sponsored by NMGC's Inc., and again the winner receives a special gift.

I'm always available to help answer any questions you may have about award applications. Thank you for your support of the New Mexico Garden Clubs awards program.

Blue Star Memorial – Shirley Tetreault, Chair

November the 8th, 2014 will be our next big celebration. Home Garden Club will dedicate their Blue Star Marker at the General Douglas L. McBride Veteran's Cemetery in Roswell, NM. The purpose of our Blue Star Marker is to honor all veterans - past, present, and future. This is a great opportunity to show our men and women in uniform care and respect for their service. If your club is interested in participating in the program, you can contact me for more information, (505)-259-2263, (505) 294-4331, or ammasangels@comcast.net. Information can also be obtained directly from the NGC website.

Garden Therapy for the Autumn Season of 2014 – Helen Moser, Chair

The August days are still long and hot. We get up early in the AM to pull weeds and harvest veggies and perhaps pick a rose or daisy for the table in the house. Monsoon rains are arriving, cooling the afternoon and evenings. It is a good time of the year to enjoy the bounty of our land. Our gardens provide us with so much satisfaction (even when fighting squash bugs!) and a sense of wellbeing, reducing the stresses in our busy lives.

Looking ahead to late Autumn, we should be thinking about what plants we may bring into the home for Winter pleasure. Our garden clubs could help senior citizens and young school children benefit from replanting and potting up some rosemary, parsley or thyme or even a tomato plant or planting lettuce and kale seeds. School lunch programs are emphasizing eating more vegetables and healthy, non-fattening foods as a way of combating the obesity problems in the USA. It is still a fun project to cut a sweet potato with "eyes" in half and suspend it in a jar of water to watch it become a green leafed plant. Other ideas as late September arrives are planting Paperwhite narcissus or hyacinths in a pot of pebbles to bring Spring time into our Holidays. Seniors who aren't able to garden

outdoors can benefit from these activities as they stimulate memories and sense of self-worth plus the scents from times gone by. Children learn more about their earth and food; where it comes from and how it grows. They experience the satisfaction of working together, caring for plants as they grow and the joys of the harvest.

*Some thoughts to ponder as you work in the garden this Autumn:
'The ground's generosity takes in our *compost and grows beauty. Try to be more like the ground.*'

Rumi

The true meaning of life is to plant a tree, under whose shade you do not expect to sit. May you share the bounty of the Autumn season.

Recycle and Litter Committee 2013 - 2015 – John Sorrell, Chair

Five R's of Earth Care – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rebuy and Rethink

In these days of crisis management around our great nation and the world, here in New Mexico we find very little environmental information that is helpful. Landfills are large in our state but are relatively few and very far between. Water supplies, both surface and ground water, are constantly being talked about and fought over. Endangered species protections have divided farmers, ranchers, Native American tribes, villagers, townfolk, Citi folk and outlanders.

Comparisons by the environmentally concerned are made between large metropolitan areas, like Denver, Phoenix and Los Angeles, to our Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Let it be known that Albuquerque's aquifers are considerably better than any of those big cities. It is residents of *those* places that should be highly concerned about dwindling ground water supplies.

How do we sort it all out and find the appropriate balance for implementing 5 R's here in NM? The critical thinking about the earth and how to best manage her resources is summed up in the 5 R's. We can **Reduce** our water use by conservation measures like drip irrigation and low flow toilets. We can **Reuse** containers and bags. **Recycle** aluminum, plastic and paper. **Rebuy** and **Rethink** our current energy and conservation efforts. But all of our work here in New Mexico pales in comparison to what needs to be done in other parts of our nation so crowded with folks. Washington DC, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maryland have a total population of over 26 million folks. They all live on just 31,000 square miles of Earth that needs *a lot* of care. New Mexico's population is about 2 million folks and we live on 121,355 square miles of Earth that also needs good care as well. Let's just try to keep our perspective and work toward a sustainable level of resource use.

Grow more vegetables and compost green waste. Separate aluminum, paper and plastic and get them to recycle centers. And remember to toss the plastic bottle caps in the trash. They are not recyclable. Should the caps not come off during the initial processing of the plastic, the entire bottle gets thrashed. So please remove the bottle caps before sending off plastic to recycle. And pick up litter any time it is practical, like walking across the parking lot. Any ideas, contact geodejohn@gmail.com.

Ways & Means – Isabel Olsen, NMGC, Inc. President

Well it is time for a new Ways & Means Raffle for the upcoming year! The drawing for the all expense trip to the NMGC annual convention was such a hit, that we are going to do it again. So at the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe, on October 24, 2014 we will draw one name for an all expense paid trip to our next annual convention in Silver City. At the convention on March 27, 2015 we will draw the name of the winner of a beautiful genuine multi stone necklace and ear-ring set. So you will have two chances with your tickets! Please see your club president for ticket sales. For the garden club that sells the most tickets, they will receive a special gift from me. Thank you for your support of Ways & Means.

World Gardening – Virginia Podmenik, Chair

HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

The world's largest Flower Show? It's the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, started in 1993, just outside of London.

Held in July at Hampton Court Palace it is like no other; awe inspiring display gardens, floral displays beyond your imagination, garden items beyond belief, and plenty of food and drink available. All this is on 34 acres. It takes 21 days to set up the show and 10 days to take it down. There are over 600 exhibitors.

Grab your Pimm's cocktail and enjoy the Pavilion filled with roses, lavender, and endless perennials; and they are all for sale. People come empty handed and leave with overloaded wagons. They sell the wagons!

Trade stands are packed with garden gloves, seeds, tools, hats, mugs, jewelry and pots; everything plant related and lawn art you could never imagine.

Check out the 2014 Hampton Court Palace Show on the web. The videos are wonderful and you may even decide to go next year.

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show>

An added bonus, you can visit the Palace, said to be Henry VIII's favorite. Walk the 60 acres of gardens and visit the oldest grape vine in the world, planted in

1768 by Capability Brown. It produces 500 to 700 lbs of grapes each year and the grapes are sold in the gift shop at harvest time. Also view a 1000 year old Oak Tree in the Park area.

Youth Activities – Esther Russell, Chair

Blooming Gardeners Garden Club has had a productive summer. They have had several programs and enjoyed planting at the State Fair Grounds. Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore Are doing a wonderful job with this club.

Petal Pushers Junior Garden Club has also had a fun summer, making clay pot animals and planting. Sonia James is doing a marvelous job working with these young people.

I hope our other youth garden clubs have had a beautiful summer too.

To all of you who work with our youth, keep up the good work. Please send me any reports on your youth club reports.



NGC MEMBERSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

THEME: NGC MEMBERSHIP IS . . .

The NCG Membership Photography Contest Award may be awarded to the highest coring photograph with a caption best depicting the theme: "NGC Membership is..."

Entries may originate in any format but must be submitted electronically. All entries must be the original work of a national or international member and free from copyright restrictions. Members are member clubs, groups of member clubs, State Garden Clubs, NGC Regions and international affiliates.

The photograph should be a .jpeg or .jpg format with the highest resolution possible. Digital manipulation of the photograph is permitted. A release form for everyone depicted in the photograph, including minors, must be included. Release forms are available on the NGC website. Entries must be received by March 15, 2015.

1st Place \$250.00 gift certificate to Member Services & Certificate

2nd Place \$100.00 gift certificate to Member Services & Certificate

3rd Place \$50.00 gift certificate to Member Services & Certificate

All entries must be submitted through email to:

NGCMEMBERSHIPIS@GMAIL.COM

Include club name, state organization, number of members, location, date, caption and any required release form with the photographs.

Scale of Points:

Presentation (meets all requirements) 10 points

Originality 30 points

Technical Excellence 10 points

Caption 30 points

Promotes NGC Objective 20 points

Total 100 points

The entry grants NGC perpetual and unlimited right to publish or otherwise use the elements in any and all media now known or hereafter developed.

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SCR BIRD POSTER CONTEST

SCR Award #17 Youth Bird Award

**Entries to be submitted to SCR Bird Chairperson
NOT Awards Chairperson**

South Central Region Bird of the Year is the
**EASTERN OR WESTERN
MALE BLUEBIRD**

1. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature the "SCR Bird of the Year."
3. Each entry should be **11 x 17 inches in size**.
4. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc. The choice of the paper is up to the child.
5. No 3-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
6. Put the following information on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner: Artist's name and grade, name of sponsoring local garden club, name, address, phone number, and email of the contact at the local garden club (such as the Club President or Youth chair). If it is permissible, please include the teacher's name, and the address, phone number, and email address for the artist and/or parent or guardian. Be cautious if using a dark marker as it may show through. This information may be either written directly on the back of the poster or written on a separate sheet of paper that is then pasted in place.
7. Posters are to be completed by individual student artist. Competition may include students **from 1st through 5th grades**.
8. The local Garden Club Chair must submit the poster entries to his or her state chair no later than Jan. 24, 2015. The State Garden Club Chair must submit the 5 winning posters from his or her state **to SCR Bird Chair by Feb. 15, 2015**.
9. Posters will be judged 25% each for: originality, method, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the piece.
10. Any group of children may participate. Scout groups, after-school programs, and the like are perfectly appropriate. Please make sure the child's grade is included on the poster so that the participant can compete in the correct grade category.
11. Please copy your winning posters as they will not be returned.

12. Poster may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

SCR Bird Chair contact information:

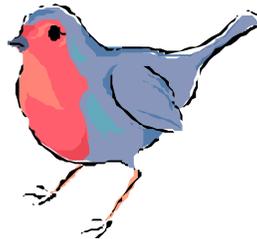
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BUTTERFLIES

In May 2014, the National Garden Club Board approved us partnering with Monarch Watch out of the University of Kansas to help save the Monarch and other pollinator species from the threatened and endangered list.

There has been a big decline in Monarch population, along with other Butterfly Species. There are many things we can do to help protect and bring back the Monarch.

This Summer we can plant for Monarchs. Their host plant is the Milkweed. Make sure you have Milkweed planted somewhere in your garden or yard. If you don't have a Butterfly area, you can plant one. It can be as small as 5 feet x 5 feet, or as large as acres, every little bit helps. You can put Butterfly Gardens in City and County Parks, around Businesses, a Church, School, any area that has a space to attract Monarchs and other Butterflies.

A few plants you can put in are Coneflowers, Marigolds, Zinnia's, Lantana, Asters, Butterfly Weed, Yarrow, Sedum, Liatrus, Clover, Parsley, Dill, Goldenrod, Tithonia and for the Monarch make sure you have Milkweed.

Once you have your Butterfly Garden planted, you can go to www.MonarchWatch.org and register your Butterfly Garden as a Monarch Waystation. While on the Monarch website, you can order tags to tag Monarchs in the fall for their migration. Two other contacts for Monarch information is Jessica Griffiths at Jessica.l.griffiths@gmail.com for a contact West of the Rockies, and Chris Tonkinson at chris.tonkinson@njudubon.org for a contact on the East Coast.

Another thing we can do is limit our use or don't use chemicals on our yard and gardens. Never, ever, use chemicals on your Butterfly Garden. Those little worms will be Butterflies and Moths someday, so don't spray them, they need to eat those plants.

Many cities and towns spray for Mosquitoes, the spray kills everything, caterpillars, moths, butterflies, bees, more beneficial insects than non beneficial insects. If your town sprays for Mosquitoes, attend a council meeting and ask them to discontinue this spray and let them know it's killing everything, and destroys our Environment. Yes, you can make a difference, they no longer spray in our town. If you live in a river town, then people should protect themselves by using spray on their clothes and non chemical repellent on their skin. It's much better than spraying the whole environment.

FALL PROJECT, Chip Taylor with Monarch Watch would like us to collect Milkweed seed. We need to collect 1/2 ounce or more of Milkweed seed that originated from your area.

With a half ounce they can usually start 500 to 1500 seedlings. These seedlings will be sent back to the area they were collected, helping with Monarch Habitat.

There is a great need for seed of Native Milkweed from the southeast United States. Please make sure it's milkweed that originated from your area as it'll be sent back to your area. The seeds need to be sent to;

Monarch Watch
2021 Constant Ave.
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas, 66047

Keep track of the Monarchs in your area, along with other Butterfly Species that visit your gardens. Let's keep the Monarch from becoming threatened, endangered, and extinct and help protect our Environment.

REGIONAL BUTTERFLIES

All eight regions have a Regional Butterfly, they are as follows;

- Eastern Tiger Swallowtail is the Regional Butterfly for the Deep South Region, South Atlantic Region, and Central Atlantic Region.
- Monarch is the Regional Butterfly for New England Region, Rocky Mountain Region and South Central Region.
- Painted Lady is the Regional Butterfly for Central Region and Pacific Region.

I'd like to thank all the Regions for choosing a Regional Butterfly.

Marian M. McNabb

National Butterfly Chairman

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*Monarch on Butterfly Bush, Lincoln County, NM
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**New Mexico Dahlia Society
The 2014 Dahlia Festival
Sunday, September 28, 2014
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Albuquerque Garden Center**

ADMISSION IS FREE

Dahlia enthusiasts: please join us and enter your gorgeous dahlia blooms to the third Annual New Mexico Dahlia Society Show at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

There will be a judged floral design division and a non-judged Dahlia Center photography division. So please bring your dahlia blooms, photos and floral arrangements to the show to share the beauty of Dahlias with the populace.

The Public is welcome to submit entries to the show from 7AM to 10AM Sunday September 28th, 2014 (The morning event). Dahlia Society Members will be available to assist you in entering and classifying your horticultural blooms.

Judging will occur from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Dahlia experts will be available to answer your Dahlia questions.

A brochure providing the information and schedule for entries (horticulture/photography/floral design) is available at the Albuquerque Garden Center, by calling Jim Lohkamp at 505-821-5757 or www.dahliasnm.com.



*Dahlia grown by Linda Keener, Alto, NM
Lincoln County Fair Flower Show Grand Champion, August 2014
Photo by Cynthia Cronk Shafer, All Rights Reserved*

MEMBER'S CORNER



The Effects of Global Warming on Kentucky Wonder Pole Beans (and a Few Other Plants) Submitted by Rosemary Maddox Food & Herb Gardening Chair Mesilla Valley Garden Club

I planted Kentucky Wonder beans on the last average frost date here in the Mesilla Valley, in early April. Now in late July, I have the same problem as Rev. Nathan Price in "The Poisonwood Bible," ..."the plants thrived and filled the fenced patch with bloom like a funeral parlor, but would not set fruit." Rev. Price had carried bean seeds from Georgia and planted them in the Belgian Congo. His diagnosis of the failure was that the African bugs didn't know how to pollinate American plants. (He also wanted to baptize his converts in crocodile infested waters.)

I suspected all along that Rev. Price and I were experiencing the same problem: High temperatures. My research (OK, I Googled it) revealed the following information: "Beans will not set pods in temperatures above 80 deg.F." I have successfully grown pole beans in past years, but it has been hotter this year. Much hotter, much earlier.

I have around a dozen watermelon plants, growing like weeds and blooming enthusiastically, but no watermelons. The information I found for watermelons does not give a cut-off temperature, but says "Daytime temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees F...are ideal." I keep tending the bean and watermelon plants in the probably vain hope that we will have a cool spell and they will start producing. I have a lot of tender loving care invested in these plants.

Some plants in my garden have been unfazed by the 100 deg.+ temperatures. I have three zucchini plants which are huge, beautiful, and prolific, bringing to mind apocryphal stories about people breaking into cars, not to take anything but to leave zucchini. I have a few friends who will graciously accept a gift of zucchini, and I have a dozen or so packages of grated zucchini in my freezer for making bread. Today, July 30th, I was elated to see an article in The Albuquerque Journal entitled "For the love of zucchini: 10 fresh ideas beyond bread." I am going to make chips today; for those of you who don't subscribe to The Journal, you simply slice the zucchini thinly, arrange on a baking sheet, mist with cooking spray, season with herbs, spices, salt or whatever, and bake at 375 until nicely browned. Sounds like a winner.

The basil plants have thrived in the hot weather, and I now have 32 small containers of pesto in my freezer. I don't need that many, but what's a gardener to do when the plants threaten to blossom and go to seed? Making pesto is tedious, but I love to pinch off the shiny green leaves and inhale the clean fragrance, and pesto is much easier to give away than zucchini.

All the problems and failures notwithstanding, my garden is my favorite place to be. As I once heard our dear long-time-member Jo Johnson say, "Just bury me at the end of the row."



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

The **Blooming Gardeners** are a youth club sponsored by Uptown Garden Club. The club is now in their 5th year of organization and still going strong. During the summer we meet twice a month planting chili, tomatoes, peppers, egg plant and flowers at the New Mexico State Fair grounds. At every meeting we provide the youngsters with a plant to take home for their own garden. Each week there is a new story about the plants and how they are growing. Last week we started harvesting some of the produce from the plants.



Youth gardening is a little different because of the constant change. Membership changes as they grow and attend different schools. Some of our members are now in high school and our youngest is 20 months. Age does not seem to be a factor in gardening. Everyone likes to dig in the dirt. Last week we had a great opportunity to retrieve a tomato bug from one of our plants. All members wanted to smash it! It is exciting to watch them as they learn about the good bugs and the bad bugs. This is an educational experience that will last a life time.

Connie Elmore always has the hot dogs cooking for our gardeners after a work out in the garden. Sometimes we include another snack that they have never tasted before. They are very open to trying new things. We are working on submitting awards at this time and getting ready for the State Fair. See you there!

High Desert Design continues to grow with excitement for the new & old NGC designs. In June, we focused our study on the miniature/small designs. Members brought their containers and plant material and put the designs together on sight. It was fun, and exciting and educational. These designs are difficult because the dimensions in length, height and width cannot exceed 5 inches for miniatures and 8 inches for smalls. Everyone had a wonderful time. In July, five of our designers brought in their collage that was critiqued to get ready for the state fair. Our August adventure will be another hands on project on found objects/still life designs. Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Garden Center. We meet at 1:00 p.m. in the patio room and new members are always welcome.

In May the **Petal Pushers Garden Club** toured Kino and Analisa James residence. It was a treat. Their peonies were in full bloom and put on a wonderful show for all of us to enjoy. Although the weather was cold and windy, the peonies and other spring flowers made an enjoyable meeting and viewing experience. Thank you Sonia for making it possible for us to view your son and daughter-in-laws garden.

Our club thoroughly enjoyed the talk, demo and slide show Jim Sais, former Bernalillo County Agent and horticulture consultant, gave at our June meeting.

The program was on container gardening which covered the whole spectrum and process to successfully create an arrangement of beautiful plants considering colors, textures, compositional elements, soils and pots. Jim's informative handout of various themes of compatible annuals, perennials, vegetable, herbs and hanging baskets was greatly appreciated. The information will enable us to successfully plan our own creations.

We are enthusiastically planning and looking forward to our participation in the Harvest Fare this year.

It is such a joy to work with our Petal Pushers Juniors. They have worked on several projects and taken tours which have been educational and fun for them.

Petal Pushers does not meet during the month of July. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at Albuquerque Garden Center. Guests welcome!

District II

Floral Designers' continues to have each member bring a design to share and be critiqued. In 2014-2015 we continue to use the book "Designing by Types" and the Handbook. Members are presenters each month. We started the 2014-2015 program year with a Parallel design in May. *(Photo at right.)*

Due to unforeseen circumstances the June meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled in January.

The July program was a POT-ET-FLEUR. "A Creative Design consisting of a combination of two or more rooted plants, growing in soil or other medium, cut plant material and other (optional) components in a container/s." This was a difficult design to conform to the design characteristics and the restraints of the size



and setting for a dining table. (*Photo at right.*)

Floral Designers' members participated in the Santa Fe Iris Show in May and received many awards for both designs and horticulture.



The members are planning ahead to the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting in Santa Fe October 23-24 hosted by District II. Please plan to attend.

In June, **Los Alamos Garden Club** celebrated National Garden Week by printing book markers with information about the club and gardening tips. They were distributed to the local library.

Members have spent much time in the Fuller Lodge Rose Garden weeding, mulching and planting new rose bushes. The garden looks beautiful and is ready for summer weddings and other events.

Also during June members enjoyed a trip to Santa Fe Botanical Garden. After the tour they had lunch at local restaurant. Nina Hecker invited the club to her home in Santa Fe in July. A tour of the Shidoni Foundry and lunch followed.

A tour of the wonderful wildlife and bird refuge garden of Selvi Viswanathan is scheduled in August. Selvi is the NMGC Bird and Butterfly award winner. Her garden is a treat to see. She has a critter cam installed in a tree which provides wonderful photos of bear, cougars, foxes, deer and other critters enjoying the pond in her yard. The garden is often open to the public. It is a National Wildlife Certified garden.

Regular meetings will start in September with the annual Produce Luncheon. This is a long time tradition and goes back to the days when members provided food which was grown in their gardens.

Summit Garden Club sponsored community program is supporting Bandelier National Monument with landscape planning and helping with watering the new plantings this spring and summer around the Visitors Center. Many discussions have been held and a landscape plan with as many native plants as possible has been included.



Our programs have included the May business and 2014-2015 organizational meeting.

In June, member Nancy Nunnelley led a workshop on "Flower Pounding" and our Scholarship Awardee and his mother were our guests.

Also, for National Garden Week Summit members provided a display of garden club activities at the Los Alamos Mesa Public Library.

A garden pilgrimage to the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens followed by lunch was the program. We have had programs about the development of the garden and it was good to see the progress.

Plans are underway for the fall plant sale in September to support our annual scholarship.



District III

The members of **District III** would like to thank all of the members who attended the 2014 Spring Convention in Santa Rosa this last March. The Mayor and the visitor's director liked our Hall designs so much that they asked us to leave them gracing the Convention Center halls. Tourists and Locals alike enjoy their uniqueness! And you will be happy to know that the tree we planted then is surviving nicely. In April, we treated ourselves by planting multiple-plant pots with various flowers. We are looking forward to entering them into our upcoming Flower Show.

Colleen Hinker, along with her husband, attended the National Convention in Norman, Oklahoma. They brought back lots of information and photos for their garden club members. In June, we celebrated Garden Week by creating a dozen Floral Designs to place around town at various public locations-city and county offices, banks, etc. They were accompanied by a note that wished all viewers a beautiful week and put a smile on everyone's face!

Colleen and Fred Hinker attended the National Herb Society Convention in Concord, California in mid-June, finding the tours and programs very educational and inspirational.(especially the presentation by the "drunken botanist.") July found many of us attending the Angel Fire Garden tour-always an inspirational pilgrimage. And then we jumped into preparations for our Flower Show at the Guadalupe County Fair. Our theme was 'Let the Rodeo begin.' Unique floral designs attracted many viewers with fun interpretations and there was an upsurge in the numbers of youth entries. Despite thunderstorms, there were many visitors and we now have 3 new members. Our gardens are starting to really produce

flowers and vegetables that we can share. This way we bring the love of gardening to our whole community.

At **Angel Fire Garden Club** we have had a wonderful spring and summer. We continue to maintain our three signature gardens and are also working on the landscape project for the Girl Scout Ranch. *(Photo at right.)* Last fall we designed the landscape, interviewed landscapers for the project and selected one. However, this spring the GS Ranch discovered they did not have the funds to complete the gravel and flagstone part of the project. We began networking and a local couple offered to pay for that part of the project. It was completed this month and our club has begun the purchasing and planting shrubs and flowers.



Our meetings have been exciting and fun, beginning with our May meeting when Johnese Turri, 2nd VP and Dorothy Thrasher, secretary prepared a short video of the State Convention so the members that had been unable to attend could see all the fun we had. Our program was a fun work shop creating beautiful candle holders out of glass bottles.

The members brought bottles from home – wine bottles, milk bottles, and even beer bottles and Artist Cindy Sprott, although unable to officiate due to illness, provided the various materials to decorate our bottles. She also gave Johnese Turri instructions on how to complete the project and Johnese led us in the project.

During National Garden Week June, 1st through 7th, we posted members at the local market where we greeted the public, passed out information about our garden club, recruited new members and also sold our garden books, aprons and raffle tickets for a beautiful plant and stand and a gift basket. We raised about \$400 and passed out important information about our Club. Our usual monthly June meeting was changed into a work day where we all met and moved on to work on the three signature gardens until noon. We then returned to a meeting place and had a short business meeting, held our drawing for the prizes and had pizza. The gardens all looked beautiful after 26 members worked on them and the pizza was delicious!

Our July meeting was held at Joan Douglass' home where we toured her beautiful gardens after the business meeting. Our big project this month is our twelfth annual Garden Tour and Luncheon, to be held on July 19th. After touring

the lovely gardens in five homes, we will be at the Angel Fire Resort's Elements Dining Room for a scrumptious luncheon, a silent auction and a hat contest.

District IV

In May, **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** installed new Officers for the 2014 through 2016 term. President, Lucille Lomeland; Co-President, Doris Adams; First Vice President, Lindy Rose; Second Vice President, Inez Maier; Secretary, Linda Brandis and Treasurer, Prudence Thornton. A presentation on Succulents was given by Linda Brandis, and a talk on Irises was given by Doris Adams.

The June meeting was held at the home of Doris Adams. The Club is making 15 bloomer shoe bags and 5 succulent/cactus dish garden centerpieces for the 2015 NMGC Convention in Silver City.

The rose painting that guest speaker, Artist Delmas Howe, started at the Spring Board Meeting was finished and Doris Adams had it on display. During refreshments, we shared information about Summer plant care and had a seed and plant exchange.

No meetings were held in July and August. Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 12, 2014, wherein the upcoming County Fair Flower Show will be discussed.

District V

District V clubs have had a busy summer. The Lincoln County (Ruidoso) group meets during the summer and they have been busy with fun, informative meetings, attending Forest health presentations put on by the US Forest Service and partaking of birthday cake to honor Smoky Bear's birthday.

Both Home and Morning clubs (Roswell) have been busy with Farmer's Market, the opening of the Veteran's cemetery and planting new shrubs, perennials and annuals at their respective community garden projects.

The Artesia club has just finished their county fair and I was told they had an increase in entries this year. They will also be hosting the District Fall Board meeting in October. During which, the members will be serving a light luncheon. The theme will be water to highlight one of the National President's projects. The meeting notice and registration will be sent out in September.

Every time the clubs partake in a project they are encouraging membership, planting native plants, encouraging someone's interest in gardening, water conservation, less pesticide use, planting for pollinators and the love of the outdoors.

Hope your pollinators help produce lots of vegetables in your gardens and

beautiful flowers for enjoyment and serenity in your yards.

Thank you to the club's treasurers for getting their dues and membership list in to the State and District treasurer in a timely manner. It truly makes our volunteer jobs so much easier.

To celebrate National Garden Week during the first week of June, **Artesia Garden Club** members setup a table of information related to gardening and joining the garden club. We did this at the Sun Country Nursery located in Artesia. We continue to focus on public exposure and attracting new members. *(Photo l-r: Julie Foster, Pete Wade & Isabel Olsen.)*



Along with preparing the programs and yearbook for the upcoming year, the club members have been preparing for the Eddy County Fair Flower Show July 24-26. Club President, Julie Foster and the members, support the fair by sponsoring the show and sharing the love and knowledge of horticulture. This year was our best show due to the increase of entries! We want to thank Maple Levine, Suzy Andrego and Lynnette Walker for judging the show. Recently we have had some of our members attend Flower Show School II and Environmental School II in Albuquerque.

March, April and May were busy months. **Home Garden Club** members attended the South Central Region Convention in Addison, Texas in March; and the 85th Annual National Garden Clubs Convention in Norman, Oklahoma in May. We brought back great ideas from the floral designs, programs and tours at both of these events.

Our annual Gardener's Market and Plant Sale was held in April at Roswell's Cahoon Park. We are always amazed at the variety of plants in our gardens. As usual, we were sold out by 10 am!

Betty Day a gourd artist from Ruidoso Downs delighted us with her wonder-

ful gourds when we visited Beth Keenan's home in the Hondo Valley. Betty is a gardener and former art teacher. She showed us how to clean dried gourds and which paints and techniques she uses to create each piece.

June 1 – 7, 2014 was National Garden Week. Jan Smith and Kathy Brown set up a display at the Roswell Public Library with pictures, information on gardening and gardening



books. On June 2, 2014 Mayor Dennis Kintigh (*photo l-r: Jan Dunahoo, Rene McCoy, Mayor Kintigh, Isabel Olsen & Kathy Brown*) signed a proclamation proclaiming June 1-7, 2014 as Roswell Garden Week. Members of the Home Garden Club, Morning Garden Club and NMGC were on hand for the proclamation. The local Farmer's Market began July 12th. Home Garden Club has an information table each Saturday at the market. Available for the public are brochures from the Chaves County Extension office and information about our club.



Our first meeting will be Sept 18th.

Lincoln County Garden Club is looking forward to a new garden club year, our theme is "Making a world of difference in Lincoln County ...protecting and conserving our AIR-WATER-FOREST-LAND-WILDLIFE." The May meeting featured Larry Cordova, a wildlife biologist with the US Forest Service who taught us about bat species, habitats, and some of the habits of these pollinators. Members shared a picnic lunch in Smokey's Garden at the Ranger Station.



As spring approached the Sacramento Mountains, garden club members began preparation for the second annual plant sale by pampering plants, planting herb gardens, making gardening art, packaging wildflower seeds and much more. The successful sale was June 7th on the parking lot in front of the Ruidoso Public library.

Joyce Davies (*photo at right*) received from National Garden Club, Inc. the Member of Distinction Award. Joyce has served as president of the club twice, worked in the public gardens in Ruidoso and Capitan, chaired the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl poster contest, set-up the Fair Flower Show and much more. Congratulations, Joyce!



The June meeting was held at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station Fitness Trail. Lincoln National Forest expert, Sharon Paul, took us for a walk and discussed the health of the forest and issues facing the forest. She discussed drought, bark beetles, interfacing with the public and other agencies,

lumber industry and tools foresters use in their scientific research. A potluck picnic followed in Cedar Creek park.

July brought an informative and fun meeting at Fort Stanton. The 159 year old fort's site manager, Larry Polk, gave a tour of the historic buildings, including the beautiful chapel, telling us stories about the fort. Thirty-five EcoServants and their director, Steven Carter showed club members some of the trails they have restored this summer. EcoServants is part of AmeriCorps and provides jobs and scholarships to young people. Lunch followed in Lincoln at Dolan House.

Wow! Summertime gardening seems to have come and gone, but enjoyed! Now we all will be preparing for our Fall time fun gardening and festivities!

Here is what happened during our **Morning Garden Club** Sprouting Summer.

Our last Meeting in May went very well. We had a Potluck lunch with so many different dishes that was enjoyed by all members and two guests and one was our N.M. State President, Isabel Olsen. We were very pleased with our Plant Raffle to which members donated: gorgeous house plants, different and unique garden plants, great garden books and other garden related items.

In June, Roswell was blessed with much needed rain and all the plants and weeds did their happy dance and grew!! ☺ Also, congratulations to Rene McCoy, a happy and proud Grandmother to a new beautiful grandson. A little bad news to report though, we are saddened to report that our past President, Martha Morris, passed away of a long illness on June 27, 2014. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family and we will all miss her dearly at our gardening meetings, but we know she is at peace and happily gardening with God and the Angels.

Our re-scheduled clean-up evening at the Historical Museum went very well and many of our club members were there to help along with the members of the Historical Museum. Thanks go to Janice Dunnahoo. she called members and donated tools and refreshments. WAY TO GO JAN!!

**IN MEMORIAM
MARTHA MORRIS**



Martha Morris, President of Morning Garden Club, Roswell from 2012 to 2014, passed away on June 27, 2014. Martha was instrumental in creating the youth program with the children at the Working Mother's Day Nursery, Roswell. Her background as a Children's Librarian shone through as she would read to the 3-5 year olds on her weekly visits. Whether they were listening to gardening stories, or to the tales of Hans Christian Andersen, the students were thrilled when Martha arrived. She will be greatly missed, but her sweet manner, and infectious smile will remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 10 – 21	New Mexico State Fair & Flower Show, Albuquerque
Sep 8	Full Harvest Moon
Sep 22	Autumnal Equinox
Sep 24 – 28	NGC Fall Board, Des Moines, Iowa
Oct 8	Full Hunter's Moon
Oct 1	District IV Fall Board, Las Cruces
Oct 6	District I Fall Board, Albuquerque
Oct 7	District II Fall Board, Santa Fe
Oct 10	District III Fall Board, Las Vegas
Oct 14	District V Fall Board, Artesia
Oct 23 – 24	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board, Santa Fe
Nov 1	Article deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 6	Full Beaver Moon
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Jan 1	NGC Awards Deadline
Feb 1	Article deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Feb 1	State Awards Deadline
Mar 25 – 27	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Silver City
Apr 10	SCR Convention, Tulsa, OK
May 11 – 18	NGC, Inc. Convention, Louisville, KY



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