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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

December was extremely busy preparing for the National Winter Board meeting. For months I collected all of your wonderful donations and stored them at my office for "The Big Meeting." New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc, you are truly awesome and made an ever lasting impression on our guests. Suzy Andrego was the Chairman and made all the arrangements for the food, travel, hotel, cookies etc. Each Executive Member went home with a New Mexico Garden Club bag filled with items such as a cookbook, soaps, lotion, Native American Kachina, hand painted gourds, organic red chili, pinto beans, pecans, pistachios, cactus, handmade terra cotta sun, hollyhock and alfalfa seeds, copper from Freeport MacMoRan and a card print of an original water color by Ginna Heiden. Susan Miller and Socorro Garden Club created 19 wagons that took center stage on the lunch table. The wagons were circled as though they had stopped for the evening and reflected how travel was in the early 1600's. This same cart, being pulled by ox, with family members and animals, is featured in bronze in front of the Albuquerque Museum, right next to Old Town.



### *From the Journal of an Early Gardener*

*March 25, 1618 I am content. We are stopped for a few days and have set up our camp along the ancient Royal road on the banks of a river they call the Rio Grande del Norte. I walked along the banks of this river and collected an armful of dried grasses, pussy willows and feathers, all that was available at this time of year. I bundled them up to lay on the tables for our Celebration of reaching this haven on this great River. As I watched my family at dinner, I knew this northerly land held promise for us. Juana*

On Saturday, with wonderful box lunch in hand, we traveled up Route 66 to the Utility Shack for fine turquoise and silver jewelry. Connie Elmore prepared coffee and cake and the Native American people were in full dress. Everyone got to see the "behind the scenes" making of fine silver jewelry. Linda and David Stout, owners, were more than generous with their discounts and they continue to support New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. with our ways and means projects. From there, we traveled to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta where we were greeted by Jewel Cutter, Uptown Garden Club member and wife of the late Sid Cutter founder. We had refreshments, discounts on all purchases, and a tour of the AIBF. The tour continued to the field, where the beautiful balloon, "Missing Link," owned by James Manning Ahern could be seen against the blue sky. Some have never seen this before. It was certainly a photo opportunity and fun to watch

our National President, Shirley Nicolai, and her board members "milk" the balloon and put it back in the sack. After learning the history of the first hot air balloon ride and an inspirational balloonist prayer by James Ahern we headed for the final stop, the Albuquerque Balloon Museum.

I will soon be traveling around the state to see your many projects. Roswell will be hosting the next series of Flower Show Schools which will be March 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>. Please support the schools with your presence. The students really enjoy the support. March 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> I will travel to our South Central Region meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. May 15<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> will be our National Convention in Buffalo, NY, followed by our own State Convention in Angel Fire May 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>. These conventions/schools take a tremendous amount of planning so please make your arrangements as soon as possible to help in the preparation.

Please continue to "Serve Those Who Serve Us".



*NMGC, Inc. 1st VP Isabel Olsen, President Shirley Tetreault  
and Past-President Colleen Hinker at the NGC, Inc.  
Winter Board Meeting, Albuquerque*

**Thank You New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**For All Your Donations & Support to Winter Executive Committee Meeting**  
**January 26 – 28, 2012**

President Shirley Tetreault - Black Bags, Presidents pens  
Suzy Andrego - Chair, lavender sachet  
Miranda Andrego - Home made chocolate chip cookies  
Kathy Romine - Registrar - programs, setting schedule, communication  
Paul Smith, Laurie Riedle, Gary Dewey, Jewel Cutter, Jim Ahern for the  
coordination of serving refreshments, setting up and taking down the balloon and  
wonderful shopping  
Connie Elmore - Uptown GC - Set up of Utility Shack with Native Americans in  
costume, instruction on jewelry making, Kachina favors, and homemade cake  
Susan Miller and Socorro GC for 19 handmade ox carts and 19 handpainted gourds  
by Carolyn Ralph  
Beulah Oyler and Mesilla Valley GC - handmade bags with pecans and the printed  
"Journal of an Early Gardener"  
Donna Betty Turney and Flowering Desert GC - pistachios from the Tularosa  
Basin  
Barbara Bauer and Dist V, Cookbook, "Savoring the Southwest Again", compiled  
by the Roswell Symphony Orchestra Guild  
Colleen Hinker & Santa Rosa GC - Organic red chili & handmade/painted bags  
Mary Ann Moreno & Uptown GC - 5" cactus plants  
Pottery Land - handmade terra cotta New Mexico sun wall hangers  
Betty Heisler, Ko Shari GC - Tall Black Hollyhock seeds  
Penni Davey & Angel Fire GC - Handmade soap, seeds, magazines, handmade  
pins  
Karen Beckenbach & Evergreen GC - Copper from Freeport MacMoRan  
Ginna Heiden watercolor print from "The Catwalk"  
Steve Shaw - Twenty-two lb bags of Artesia pinto beans  
Darla Klukas and El Jardin Encanto GC - Handmade bags and Alfalfa seeds.  
Sue Cortese, Uptown GC - Goat Soap & Lotion

A very special thank you to Mary Ann Moreno, Isabel Olsen, Colleen Hinker,  
Betty Heisler and Nikki Goldberg for all your support and efforts before, during  
and after the convention. It takes an entire team working together to achieve  
fantastic results. Thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Tetreault  
President, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

**NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**63rd Annual Convention**  
*Honoring Our Veterans While Serving Our Youth*  
**May 29 – 31, 2012**  
**Angel Fire, New Mexico**

Print Your Name (as you would like it to appear on your nametag)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Garden Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your classification(s) (all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Cons.   | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest             |   |

**Please complete either a Full-Time Package or Part-Time Registration\*:**

Full-Time Package includes: \$25.00 registration fee, two breakfasts/programs, lunch/program, President's reception at Country Club, dinner/dance/entertainment.

**EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:**

(postmarked on or before May 11, 2012) \$105.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:**

(postmarked after May 11, 2012) \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after early registration closes on May 11, 2012.

**NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL DINNER/PROGRAM (not included in package plan)** NOTE: All NMGC members and guest are welcome to attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program.

**Tuesday, May 29, 2012**

Dinner/Program Judges Fee	\$30.00	_____
Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee	\$35.00	_____
Program Only	\$10.00	_____

**\*PART-TIME REGISTRATION:** (Part-time registration is for those who only wish to attend part of the convention activities for Wednesday, May 30, 2012 and/or the Awards breakfast on Thursday, May 31, 2012.) Registration fee and meals are priced separately. There will be no Registration fee charged for Guest Registration for the President's Reception or the Dinner/Dance/Entertainment only. For all programs and other activities there will be a registration fee for guests.

**Wednesday, May 30, 2012**

Registration Fee	\$25.00	_____
Breakfast Buffet	\$16.00	_____
Luncheon/Program	\$18.00	_____
Dinner/Dance/Entertainment	\$28.00	_____
Guest for Dinner/Dance/Entertainment	\$28.00	_____
President's Reception at Country Club	\$12.50	_____

**Thursday, May 31, 2012**

Awards Breakfast Buffet/Design Workshop	\$16.00	_____
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**Part-Time Total** \$\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **District II NMGC Inc. 2012 State Convention** and mail with this form to: JJ Huddleston, District II Convention Treasurer  
 PO Box 789  
 Angel Fire, NM 87710-0789  
 #575-377-3404

Or e-mail information to Fannie Mackie: [fanniemackie@yahoo.com](mailto:fanniemackie@yahoo.com) along with any **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS.**

**HOTEL: Angel Fire Resort Hotel #888-472-0124**

Standard hotel rooms will be offered at \$89.00 per night plus tax. Request for a hotel upgrade will be charged at rack rate less 10%. Request for condo accommodations will be given 10% off rack rate. **Please be sure to mention New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.**

## **OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS**

### **1st Vice-President – Isabel Olsen**

Hard to believe we have already completed a month into the New Year of 2012. And what a busy January it was for me, maybe that is why it flew by so quickly! I was very fortunate to attend the National Winter Meeting in Albuquerque on January 27 – 28, and I will tell you, the message that our State President, Shirley Tetreault, sent out to all garden clubs was accurate and eloquently stated.

For some of the National and Regional Officers it was a first visit to New Mexico. They were all impressed with our state and the great organization and details that were taken to prepare for this meeting. I want to acknowledge Shirley Tetreault and Suzy Andrego for all the hard work put forth to make this a successful meeting. Not only did I get to meet these interesting ladies, but I had great dialog with them that provided me with wonderful suggestions and ideas for club programs and increasing membership. I look forward to sharing and implementing these with all garden clubs in New Mexico.

I want to give a special thank you to the Desert Daubers Garden Club of District IV for inviting me to their 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon that was held at The Double Eagle in Mesilla. It has been so nice to get to meet and know the wonderful garden club members throughout the state as I continue in my travels. I am looking forward to our State Convention this year in Angel Fire and hope to see you all there!

### **Environmental Studies School I – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair**

Environmental Studies School I, a NGC, Inc. sponsored school, will be held in Angel Fire, NM on July 19 – 21, 2012. Classes will start Thursday PM and end with the Angel Fire Garden Tour on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. What a wonderful time we will have. Angel Fire Garden Club will help us with the speakers and accommodations. There will be more information in the next Gardener. Please plan on joining us in Angel Fire!

### **Flower Show School – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair**

Flower Show School I is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Roswell. All the readings listed in the brochure have to be read. I urge Garden Clubs to order these books and be a lending library to their members taking the schools. Everyone must have a Flower Show School Manual, even if they audit the course. So much

information is in the handbook that is of practical use to Garden Club members. Hope to see every one in Roswell.

**NOTE: The brochure for registration is at the end of this newsletter.**

## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

Members of **Petal Pushers Garden Club** celebrated the holidays with a Christmas luncheon at Trombino's. They brought gifts of toiletries and gift cards for the residents of Barrett House and shared an Italian lunch and good cheer.

In November, the members welcomed new treasurer Lois Byron. Cheryl Kent, Bernalillo County Extension Horticultural Agent, spoke on "Backyard small scale low impact gardening: where do I begin?" Ms. Kent listed four important components to successful landscaping: plan your garden, prepare the bed, institute proper care of the garden and know correct pest and disease control.

The October meeting featured Suzy Andrego and Daffodils 101. After defining 25 species of daffodils, Suzy demonstrated her clever recipe for bulb lasagne. She generously gave her finished project to Carol Stomp and her printed recipe card to each member.

Petal Pushers began the New Year gathering at the beautiful home of Georgia Allen. John Lucero from the Albuquerque Rose Society presented an informative and entertaining program on growing roses. (*Right: John with PPGC members Sonia James & Joan Higgs.*) His personal experience with over 300 rose bushes at his home and as owner of Design Investments provided many stories to share with the ladies. He discussed New Mexico's quirky weather, described some of his favorite rose varieties and answered all kinds of general gardening and specific rose questions.



### District II

**Angel Fire Garden Club** finished 2011 with a very enjoyable Christmas party. We also donated spotlights to the median garden (one of our signature gardens.) They really help highlight the median and its statue "Elliot the Elk." What a great addition for our many skiers who visit this time of year.

Usually February, March, and April are quiet times for our club. However not this year because of the State Convention being held in Angel Fire! Excitement runs high and plans are going well. We hope to see many of you in May.

The club made a \$500.00 donation to Andrew Gonzales, a junior at Moreno Valley High School (our charter school.) Andrew is going to Argentina for a

semester and he has helped the community with his garden by providing food to those who need it. The check was presented before his fellow classmates. Andrew is a great example to his peers and hopefully they will be inspired to follow his lead.



*AGGC Secretary Judy MacDonald, 1st VP JJ Huddleston, President Diane Peterson with Military donations*

**Floral Designers Garden Club:** The object of our organization is to stimulate interest in, and give knowledge of, the different forms of floral design and arranging. We meet monthly except November and December. We have a short business meeting and then proceed to the program and the design selected. The *NGC Handbook for Flower Shows* is used as reference for critiquing/judging the designs. Each meeting notice lists the Design Type and includes reference to other publications to assist the designers.

We studied Exhibition Table Type II and some of our judge members assisted with designs and judging at Symposium 2011. At our January meeting we studied STABLE with the title: "New Year – New Ideas." In coming months we have scheduled: FOUND OBJECT "Look What I Found", CONSTRUCTION: "March Mysteries" and Designs: Exhibition Table Type II and Stable.



### **District III**

District III has been going through some rough times. We have not been able to convince the ladies of **Nara Visa Garden Club** to continue their membership. That leaves **Santa Rosa Garden Club** the only club on the east side of our state! We are not going to give up. We had asked them to sponsor the Busy Bee's Youth Club in Logan. Colleen and Ruth from Santa Rosa started the programs and then the adult interest waned. We are looking to Tucumcari to restart a club there. We also have connections at the Cannon Air Force base near Clovis and hope to expand in that area.

Bess Kline from the Clovis club had joined our club a few years ago, when Clovis disbanded. She kindly hosted our Christmas party at an antique store/ luncheon room there on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Shortly after that, tragedy struck. Bess, her friend Tony and her son and his wife were killed in an auto accident during a whiteout snowstorm. We will all miss this special lady, her great ideas and loving help.

More recently, Geri Houston, an active member, succumbed to a long fight with cancer. Many members are aging and cannot garden as they once used to. Some have moved away to get help from family members. Local members are helping each other; some play cards a couple times a week, some take yoga together. We plan projects where everyone can succeed. Our Flower Show was a success this summer and our Garden Week designs were well received.

We had fun making pinecone fire starters at Christmastime and gave a lot away as gifts in renovated baskets with bows and greenery. We are sponsoring the Smokey Bear poster contest at our schools.

Several of us have planted daffodils around town, at the new hospital and at the elementary school. We have finished our second planter at the cemetery and will complete the last area this summer. Our new project is to complete and maintain a healing garden at the new hospital. It will be planted this spring. We are still active here in Santa Rosa despite severe weather and member losses. We have been asked to hostess the Spring Convention in 2013. And we can do it, too! Especially with all of you supporting and caring ladies, nothing is impossible.

### **District IV**

In September **Desert Daubers Garden Club** toured the fascinating Zuhl Museum at the NMSU Visitor Center. It is filled with many items of petrified wood along with various fossils. If you come to Las Cruces don't miss the Zuhl Museum. The business meeting and goodies were at the home of June Bingler.

In October, at the home of our host, Nancy Hall, we had an excellent program presented by Dr. David Kraenzel on trees. He is a local landscaper and owner of Dona Ana Bend Farms. He did a tremendous job of informing us of various trees, explaining the difference between the California palm and the

Mexican palm and trees that do well in this area along with various diseases these types of trees are prone to develop.

On October 10, our club hosted the District IV Fall meeting at the Double Eagle Restaurant in Mesilla, NM. The food was excellent and our program was on Gourd Art by Cheryl Perigo. It is a very interesting art/craft – a lot of work but with beautiful results. Our honored guest was Isabel S. Olsen, NMGC, Inc. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. She spoke on her experience at the National Board meeting in St. Louis and brought us up to date on the latest National Garden Club news. Gifts were presented to Cheryl for a lovely program, to Susan Miller, our District IV Chairman and Isabel Olsen.

In November, at the home of Fern Gold and co-hosted by Elsie Pipingos, Linnea Egbert, a member of Mesilla Valley Garden Club, gave a power point presentation on the Albuquerque Botanical Gardens. Linnea and a group of members from the Desert Dauber and the Mesilla Valley Garden Clubs visited the Gardens in late spring.

Our December meeting was in the beautiful old home of Barbara Borrett. The program was given by Coralie Carrier, a NRA training counselor and certified instructor for various rifles, shotguns and pistols, along with personal protection inside and outside the home. Her excellent and very informative program for our club was on personal safety inside and outside the home. The main point was to be aware of your surroundings and report anything unusual. Elsie and Barbara served a variety of goodies with tea and coffee. Everyone received a homemade candle from one of our members.

January; at the home of Carolyn Bergsagel with Elsie Pipingos as co-host, Kate Maynard from Maynard Cattle Co.,LLC; NM Ranch Raised Beef, gave an interesting and informative talk on grass farming, raising cattle and direct marketing. She told us of the difference between organic and natural foods. All their cattle are natural grass fed cattle. They retail their beef to local NM Health Food Stores.

**Evergreen Garden Club** was very busy in November and December preparing for a new event – the Enchanted Christmas Home Tour. Silver City residents, Susan and Fidel Hinojosa, approached the club with an idea for a Christmas fundraiser for local children's charities. If the club would help decorate their 1890's heritage home for Christmas, the club could hold public tours. Our members decided it would be fun and a great way to raise money for local kids. We decorated the inside of their home with over 20 trees, garland, wreaths and many other Christmas decorations. The tours were held December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, with over 200 people enjoying the home. Visitors were also treated to refreshments of home baked cookies and hot chocolate or cider – a very welcome treat on a cold winter evening. The event successful and we were able to make donations to Shop with a Cop, Toys for Tots and the Alimento para el Niño, a weekend food backpack program for school kids. Since the event was fun and successful, we are tentatively planning on doing it again next December.

In December we held our Christmas party, this year at the Round-up Lodge in the Mimbres Valley. Elaine Warden worked her magic and turned the large meeting room into a beautiful winter wonderland. Everyone had a great time enjoying good company and great food.

In January, we spent time taking down the decorations from the Enchanted Christmas Tour – a much faster job than putting them up? Our January meeting was held at Basira Nickle’s home. After our pot-luck lunch, Basira gave a talk on gardening with the Phases of the Moon and Planets. It was extremely interesting. Most of those in attendance decided it would be worth ordering a calendar from Stella Natura, listing what days were best for planting root type plants and plants for flowers or above ground fruit and vegetables.

At this meeting, we also had a brief presentation from Anne McCormick on a house Habitat for Humanity was just finishing in Silver City. HFH wants to install a water catchment system and asked if we would make a donation to help with the costs. The members all agreed this was a perfect project to donate to and a motion was passed to give HFH \$100 toward the catchment system.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting the District IV Spring Meeting. It will be held in the large meeting room of the Glad Tidings Church on Hwy 180. We are lucky to have Shirley Tetreault, our State President, give a program on Miniature Floral Design. To make attendance easier for people from out of town, many of our members will make their guest rooms available. Hopefully, this will encourage more to come to the meeting.

In April, we will be participating in the Earth Day celebration on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Gough Park. We will be selling houseplants and teaching children to make paper pots for starting seeds, then let them plant a seed of their choice. Hopefully, this will encourage many new young gardeners in our area.

In April we will continue with our semi-annual garbage pick-up along Hwy 152.



*Crystal Tree*



*Clean-up committee*

Winter in southern New Mexico is slowly blowing out. **Mesilla Valley Garden Club** members are seeing spring crocus blooming with daffodil and tulip foliage popping out of the ground. The New Year brought us a program on landscape techniques and tree varieties given by one of the horticulturists from NMSU. Our February program will be given by the manager of Sierra Vista Nursery on new plant varieties to be offered this year. In March, the club is inviting the other two garden clubs in Las Cruces to a luncheon and centennial year program on NMSU's early history and it's colorful president. In April, we will have our meeting at a member's home and garden who is an expert on irises and will give us tips on growing these beautiful flowers. In May, we finish our year with a potluck dinner as we get ready to enjoy summer days in our gardens.

Saturday, May 5, 2012 is the annual TOUR OF GARDENS in the "A" mountain area of Las Cruces. Monies raised benefit various non-profit groups with environmental interests around the area.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club made a substantial donation from our November garage sale profits to the R.W. Ludwick Endowment Scholarship at NMSU. This is given to a female student studying horticulture who has maintained a high grade point average each semester.

In November, **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** planned our annual Christmas party to be held in December. We welcomed our oldest member, Lennetta Weber. Lennetta has not been able to attend our meetings lately. She is at the nursing home receiving therapy treatments to help her walk. Doris Adams gave a demonstration on how to make a wreath. She started with a round frame and placed several flowers and leaves all around the frame. She stressed that if you make your own wreaths you will save quite a bit of money.

December: Fourteen members attended our Christmas party at The Club in Elephant Butte. Everyone received a gift for all of the work they do during the year.

January: We discussed our annual membership tea which will be held on February 10, 2012. All members voted on wearing hats and gloves. We will be serving tea sandwiches, all kinds of small cakes and a variety of tea. Our State President, Shirley Tetreault and our District Director, Susan Miller will be our guests. Our guest speaker was Merry Jo Fahl from the Soil and Conservation Office. Mary told us of all of the programs they have to help people to make compost piles, sprinkler systems and how to save water in their homes by buying water saving products.

## District V

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** On a beautiful fall day in November, Ann Lohrey, chairman of the library water-wise garden committee, with the help of village parks and recreation personnel (*pictured at right*), selected, delivered and set several large rocks in the library garden. The rocks, originating in the Rio Ruidoso riverbed, are the rich colors of Lincoln County and add interest in the garden.



Mid-November brought the annual festive Thanksgiving - Christmas luncheon and a time to pause and savor the autumn sights and smells of the mountains. Master gardeners and LCGC members, Imelda Horne and Nannette Tanner, helped us design our own pine cone ristras to take home for holiday decorations followed by a relaxing and delicious lunch. (*Pictured at right: Imelda Horne & President Judy Preston.*)



Donations for military personnel serving overseas and non-perishable food items for the food bank were collected.

Meetings were suspended for the months of December and January.

**Home Garden Club's** November meeting was hosted by Isabel Olsen and Kathy Brown. President Jan Smith presented a program on growing succulents and then members were able to create their own miniature hanging succulent garden using planting boxes built by Peggy Voigt's son. Members enjoyed the hands-on activity and we will be excited to see how the gardens grow in the next few months.

December is our annual holiday pot luck luncheon and gift exchange. This meeting was hosted by Jan Smith. Members always enjoy the several trees that are decorated at the Smith's home. Discussions were held on the care of holiday plants and how to keep the plants we are wintering inside healthy. The members voted to donate a \$100 gift card to the Battered Women's Refuge. After the business meeting, a lively gardening themed gift exchange ensued followed by a potluck luncheon.

At our January meeting, Jason Steinke from Bob Reed Pest Control discussed good bugs and bad bugs. A lively discussion ensued. We have begun planning for the District V meeting to be held April 16<sup>th</sup> in Roswell; members are making centerpieces and favors. A patriotic decorating theme has been chosen for this year's meeting. Members have started cuttings and plants for the Gardener's Market that will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. All the members are looking forward to warmer weather so we can get out and plant in our gardens.

In November, **Morning Garden Club** met at the lovely home of Theresa Coll. Pegi Naranjo announced that Ken Smith, head of our parks, would give us a live oak tree for the Alena Garden at the Archives Building. Isabel Olsen, First Vice President of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. gave us a report on the fall board meeting in Albuquerque. She also presented the program telling us about "Creating Container Arrangements" and had many beautiful examples. Several members met at the Historical Museum later in the month and put up all the decorations for Christmas. The club received lots of local publicity for our efforts. Three members also met at The Working Mothers' Day Nursery and shared an art project with the kids decorating gourds the kids had grown with lots of glue and glitter exploring the different shapes and textures.

December's meeting was held at the Roswell Historical Museum. It began with a beautiful holiday buffet provided the hostesses. Then LaVerne Smith entertained us in costume becoming the "Spirit of Christmas" and explained in detail the treasured traditions and what they meant. The ladies donated articles for the Roswell Refuge and we also donated a New Mexico centennial ornament for the Christmas tree. *(Pictured at right: Helen Cox & Sue Ferguson.)*



Tom Blake played the guitar and we all joined in singing favorite Christmas carols. Dru Ciezinski, with Helen Cox's help, dedicated, gave a tribute and then added four red velvet hearts to the Member Memorial Tree on behalf of our dear and deceased members of 2011.

In January, the club met at the home of Denise Schmidlen. We voted to renew our membership as "Friends of the Roswell Zoo." We agreed to plant the daffodils that were donated by Roswell Seed under the Archives Building sign in the shape of 100 in honor of the New Mexico centennial. This was accomplished with the efforts of Renata Reisel, Rene McCoy and Melanie Deason. Mary Virden, CFE Master Florist of New Mexico and Texas, gave a very informative program on different varieties of plants and shared points on how to help them thrive. She brought some plants to sell and each of us received a free kolancho. She owns the Alien City Flower Shop here in Roswell.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 5	District I Spring Meeting, Abq Garden Center
Mar 8	Full Storm Moon
Mar 8	District III Spring Meeting, Santa Rosa
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 16	District II Spring Meeting, Los Alamos
Mar 16 – 18	Flower Show School I, Roswell
Mar 20	Vernal Equinox
Mar 22	District IV Spring Meeting, Silver City
Mar 29 – 31	SCR Spring Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas
Apr 1	NMGC, Inc. Awards Deadline
Apr 6	Full Pink Moon
Apr 16	District V Spring Meeting, Roswell
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 27	Arbor Day
Apr 28	Pecos Valley Iris Society Iris Show, Roswell Mall 1:00-5:00pm
May 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
May 5	Full Flower Moon
May 5	Las Cruces Tour of Gardens, Las Cruces
May 16 – 19	NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY
May 29 – 31	NMGC, Inc. State Convention, Angel Fire
Jun 1 – 4	Rose Society Convention, Albuquerque
Jul 19 – 21	Environmental Studies School I, Angel Fire
Jul 21	Angel Fire Garden Tour, Angel Fire
Aug 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Sep 25 – 29	NGC Fall Board, Little Rock, Arkansas



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## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I

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**March 16-18, 2012**

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Jo Krallman

#### HORTICULTURE

Judy Newman

#### DESIGN

Jo Krallman

### DAILY SCHEDULE

#### MARCH 16 – FRIDAY

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Registration  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Flwr. Show Procedure

#### MARCH 17 – SATURDAY

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration  
9:00 am – 10:15 am Horticulture Lecture  
10:15 am – 10:45 am Break  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Horticulture Lecture

#### LUNCH

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Horticulture Lecture  
Practice Point Scoring

#### MARCH 18 – SUNDAY

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration  
9:00 am – 10:15 am Design Lecture  
10:15 am – 10:45 am Break  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm Design Lecture

#### LUNCH

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Practice Point Scoring

## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I CURRICULUM

### FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

HB, Chapters 1 and 3. Introduction to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Definitions and purpose of all Standard Flower Shows, and explanation of Non-Top Exhibitor Awards.

### HORTICULTURE

HB, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 14 and Required Reading for Selected Plant Groups to be studied. General horticulture course curriculum, lifecycles, environmental factors, introduction and explanation of nomenclature and classification of plants. Also, exhibiting procedures for horticulture, requirements for all Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards, Judging Procedure, Practice Point Scoring.

**Study Daffodils and Flowering Branches.**

### DESIGN

HB, Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and Required Reading. Discuss Brief History of Floral Design prior to 1930, selecting containers, mechanics, and plant materials; conditioning plant materials; ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES of DESIGN- American Traditional Design Types: Line, Line-Mass, and Mass Designs, Still Life Designs. Also, General Requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards and Design Top Exhibitor Awards, judging qualities which appear on all Design Point Scoring forms, point scoring procedure, Practice Point Scoring.

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE, DESIGN, AND HORTICULTURE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 IN STUDENT'S HOMETOWN 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.**

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**REQUIRED READING FOR  
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*The National Gardener – 3 years*  
 (Reference: Updates/Changes for the Handbook)

**HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS**  
**2007 Revised Edition – 3 ring binder**  
 (Be sure to enter the HB changes from FS I)

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**  
**FSS I – HB, Chapters 1 and 3.**

**HORTICULTURE**  
**FSS I – HB, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14 and**  
**REQUIRED READING for Selected Plant Groups.**  
*\*The Bulb Expert and The Tree Expert* by Hessayon  
*\*Hortulana*, Revised – Heber: "Intro" and "How to Use the Book",  
 plus paragraphs pertaining to members of the plant groups studied in  
 this course.  
*\*Download from the internet: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)*  
*Plants and Their Respective Families*  
*Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows*

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**REQUIRED READING.**  
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