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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isabel Olsen

"Helping Gardeners Grow"

A change in season provides the perfect opportunity to get to work. Many gardeners find inspiration in picture – perfect garden books, magazine photos or gardens they've actually visited. Bring that inspiration into your garden this spring! Start to think about spring plantings, what colors you prefer to see in your garden and type of flowers, shrubs and trees. Enjoy the creativity and beauty within your gardens.



Plans are underway for many of you who are hosting your Spring District Meetings. I hope that you and the new members of your clubs attend. What a great time it is to see members from your sister clubs and hear about other programs and fun activities you may want to try. I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to share ideas and information with you.

As you know my president's project is to increase club membership and to develop new clubs throughout New Mexico. I'm pleased to announce that our overall state membership has increased since last year. I would like to welcome High Desert Design Club and Double Eagle Elementary Diggers to our New Mexico Garden Club family! Thank you to all the people and clubs that have been diligent with increasing their membership. As I have traveled to garden club meetings in various locations, I have noticed they have put more effort in improving programs, having membership teas and events, and new ways of club exposure. This has been beneficial. When we are enthusiastic and share information about the many fun things we are doing in garden club, it can make others interested. Meeting people, learning by doing, feeling needed, these are all things that garden clubs facilitate. And never underestimate the power of a smile and extending friendship.

In this issue of the *Gardener* you will see several registration forms for schools, symposiums and, of course, our Annual Convention. We have many wonderful opportunities for you, the member, to enjoy. So I hope that you look them over and consider participating in some of these wonderful activities. The New Year ahead is a time of renewal and rededication.

Let's all remember to enjoy our projects, our clubs, and our friendships with each other as we are *Helping Gardeners Grow*.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Suzy Andrego



My main job as First Vice-President is to help with, promote and encourage everyone to attend all programs and schools around the State of New Mexico. And the year of 2014 has LOTS of great opportunities to learn, grow and meet other garden club members.

March 1st and 2nd - NM Judges Council will be having a Judges Symposium in Albuquerque. Barbara May, past National Garden Clubs President, will be the design instructor and Gay Austin, the horticulture instructor. You do NOT have to be a judge or student judge to attend symposium.

March 14th, 15th and 16th - Flower Show School I. MaryAnn Moreno, our State Flower Show School Chair, will start a new Flower Show School Series in Albuquerque. Anyone can attend, even if you just want to come for the information. Barbara Baker from Texas will be our Design Instructor and Darlene Newell will be our horticulture instructor and teach everyone about daffodils and ferns.

March 19th, 20th and 21st - We will all be heading to Santa Rosa for the NMGC Spring Convention, "Blue Water, Blue Skies, Blue Hole." Wednesday the 19th will start us off with the NM Judges Program ... five designs from five districts. You do not have to be a judge or student judge to attend. Have dinner with the judges and enjoy the design program. Then Thursday the 20th, Our President, Isabel Olsen, has planned four very informative break-out learning sessions for all members to attend. There will be a session on how to be a great club or district treasurer, another on how to start a youth garden club, another on how to be a great chairman and one on how to be the best club president. There will be the top Awards Presentation and the Awards Breakfast. There will be three locations for mini-tours departing after the close of the convention with no buses just carpooling. The three locations are: Old Santa Rosa, renovated Catholic Church, The Fish Hatchery/Pecos River and the Car Museum (driving south through old Puerto De Luna down Pecos River). It is sure to be a lot of fun!

March 28th and 29th - We head to Addison, Texas for the South Central Region convention and hopefully win some regional awards. Come join us for all the fun, learning and meet our fellow garden club members from our region (New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma & Arkansas).

May 1st, 2nd and 3rd - We head out to National Garden Clubs Annual Spring Convention in Norman, Oklahoma. If you have never been to a national convention this one is close enough to make it possible. National is full of

educational opportunities and garden club members from around the nation. There is always laughter and a new friendship or two made!

August 3rd and 4th - We will head to the Albuquerque Garden Center for Environmental School II and continue to stay on for the next two following days, **August 5th and 6th** for Environmental School III. This school can sound really boring BUT they are SO interesting! In four days you can put two schools under your belt!

August 8th, 9th and 10th - We will be back at the Albuquerque Garden Center for Flower Show School II. Look for the Garden Studies School Series to start in November, in Albuquerque.

So, come learn, grow, meet new garden club friends and just have FUN in 2014! See you there!



OFFICIAL CALL
65th Annual Convention
“BLUE WATER – BLUE SKIES – BLUE HOLE”
March 19 - 21, 2014
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

This letter will serve as the **official** notice to all New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. members for the 2014 Annual Convention to be held at the Convention Center in Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

All members of the executive committee, state chairmen, and club presidents are voting members of the Board of Directors. They are encouraged and expected to attend this meeting for the purpose to conduct business and for chairmen and officers to report on the activities of their position since March 2013. All of these reports should have been submitted to Peggy Voigt, corresponding secretary, in order that they can be included in the printed Annual Report.

You will find the schedule, along with the registration form, in this issue of the *Gardener*, including hotel reservation information. Please register early for the convention special rate, and reserve your hotel room if needed.

All members and guest are welcome to attend the convention. Great programs, workshops and fun times are in store for all of you!

Isabel Olsen, New Mexico Garden Clubs President

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
65TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"BLUE WATER-BLUE SKIES-BLUE HOLE"
March 19, 20, 21, 2014
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Wednesday, March 19, 2014:

Noon to 6:00pm – Registration at the Comfort Inn (see map)

1:00pm – NMGC Executive Board Meeting, Comfort Inn Meeting Room

2:30pm – Judges Council Executive Board Meeting, Comfort Inn Meeting Room

3:30pm – Judges Council General Meeting, Comfort Inn Meeting Room

6:30pm – Judges Council Banquet at the Santa Fe Grill, 2249 Historic Route 66
(see map)

7:30pm – Judges Council Program

"Overcome Your Designing Blues" Interactive program with
district designers

Thursday, March 20, 2014:

7:30am to 10:00am – Registration at the Convention Center

7:00am to 9:30am – Breakfast on your own at your hotel or a restaurant

9:30am – Official Opening of the NMGC, Inc. Convention at Santa Rosa
Convention Center

9:30am to Noon – NMGC, Inc. General Meeting and Reports, Santa Rosa
Convention Center

Noon to 1:30pm – Luncheon by Joseph at the Convention Center, Blue Hole Rd.
Program: "Let's Learn to Scuba Dive in Blue Hole"

1:30pm – Business Session continues (if necessary) at Convention Center

2:00pm to 2:45pm – Breakout Session 1 – "The Role of a Club or District
TREASURER"

Facilitators: Norma Tech and Nancy Ketchum

Breakout Session 2 – "How to be a Club PRESIDENT"

Facilitators: Isabel Olsen and Helen Moser

3:00pm to 3:45pm – Breakout Session 3 – "The Role of a Club or State
CHAIRMAN"
Facilitators: Suzy Andrego and Jan Smith
Breakout Session 4 – "How to Develop a Youth Garden
Club"
Facilitators: Shirley Tetreault and Esther Russell
5:00pm to 6:00pm – President's Reception at the Comfort Inn Meeting Room
6:30pm – Western Banquet at the Convention Center (please wear casual denim
and lace)
7:30pm – Design Program by Jean Mills from Odessa, Texas
"Getting the Most Out of Your Flowers in Design"
8:30pm – Top Awards Presentations

Friday, March 21, 2014:

8:00am to 9:00am – Breakfast Buffet at the Santa Rosa Convention Center
9:00am – NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentations
Final Credentials Report
Resolutions and Thank You's
11:00am – Departure of mini-tours (sign-up for your favorite at the Registration
table. Meet in front of Convention Center and Car Pool with friends
1. Old Santa Rosa, renovated Catholic Church
2. Fish Hatchery/Pecos River
3. Car Museum
4. Driving South through old Puerto De Luna down Pecos River
(1 1/2 hours)

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
SPRING CONVENTION
March 19, 20, 21, 2014
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ e-MAIL: _____

GARDEN CLUB(s): _____

Please circle your classifications: State officer, state chairman, district director, club president, club member, flower show judge, Landscape design consultant, Environmental consultant, state life member, regional life member, national life member, or guest

REGISTRATION FORM (Circle your choices and enter the cost in the "TOTAL COST" column)		
	COST	TOTAL COST
FULL TIME REGISTRATION (March 20 and 21)		
Early Registration (postmarked on or before March 10, 2014)	80	
Late Registration (postmarked March 11 or later)	90	
PART-TIME REGISTRATION (fee required)	10	
Choose from the following options:		
Lunch and program March 20	20	
President's Reception March 20	10	
Banquet and Program, March 20	40	
Breakfast Buffet, March 21	20	
JUDGES COUNCIL (Wednesday, March 19)		
Dinner and program for judges	30	
Dinner and program for non-judges	35	
Program only (no meal)	10	
TOTAL COST OF REGISTRATION		

PLEASE COMPLETE A FULL-TIME PACKAGE OR A PART-TIME REGISTRATION PLUS JUDGES COUNCIL MEALS AND PROGRAM IF DESIRED.

Full-time package includes: Registration fee, (Thursday) lunch/program, breakout sessions, President's reception, dinner/program, (Friday) breakfast/ award ceremony, and gratuities. (Does not include Judges Council dinner and program).

Note: All NMGC members and guests are welcome to attend the Judges Council program and dinner by registering (and paying) for it.

Note: Anyone with special dietary needs, contact Francis Speight at (575) 472-6365

Please make check payable to: NMGC, INC. –District III, 2014 Convention and mail with completed registration form to:

Fred Hinker, Registrar, Box 504, Santa Rosa, New Mexico, 88435

(Note: registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after early registration closes on March 10, 2014)

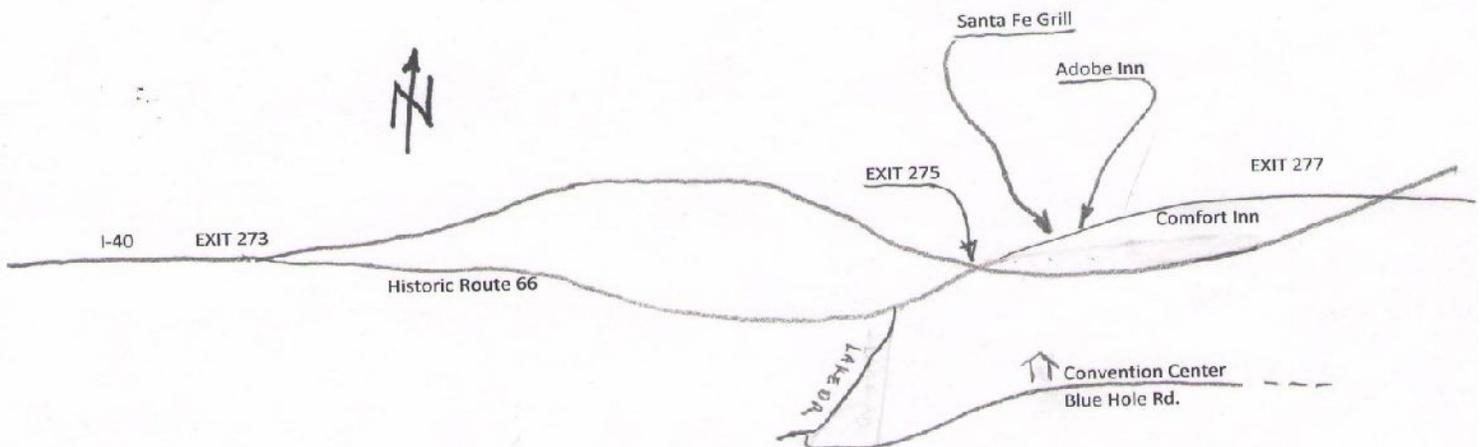
HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: please call and make your own reservations before March 10, 2014.

Be sure to mention NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC for these special rates.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: **Comfort Inn**, 2524 Historic Route 66, Santa Rosa, NM 88435

Ph. (575) 472-2663 or e-mail- gm.nm141@gmail.com- Rate of \$70.95 + tax

Alternate Hotel: (near Judges Council dinner)-**Best Western Adobe Inn**-1501 Historic Route 66, Santa Rosa. Ph. (575) 472-3446- Rate of \$58.00 + tax.



OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Archives – Becky Fuller & Beulah Oyler, Co-Chairs

Reminders of items to be put in Archives: If you have made a scrapbook for your president, it should be given to that person. If she, or her family, does not want it, check and see if your local public library might have a place to keep it. We will accept a yearbook from each club per year, as well as minutes, but no treasurer or financial reports, except for state. Financial reports and spending are reported in the minutes.

Newspaper pictures and articles are good items for Archives. No items framed will be accepted. Please take items out of their frames. All awards your club has received that individuals may want to store in Archives.

If you have questions about items you might wish to send to Archives at NMSU, call and check with Becky Fuller, 575-525-9762, or Beulah Oyler, 575-522-0143.

Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

I am very much looking forward to our Awards Ceremony at the upcoming New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., convention. We will be recognizing many worthy projects, clubs, and individuals. Our chairpersons will have been busy arranging panels of judges to judge the applications. I send the applications for Member of the Year, Horticulturist of the Year, Photographic Print of the Year, Beginning Designer, and Design of the Year out of state to be judged.

Thanks to individual member donations, we are able to give cash prizes for many of our awards. If you would like to sponsor an award, please let me know. We do still need sponsors for this year's awards. I can tell you which ones are available for sponsorship, or you can designate the funds as flexible. Please write to me at ferguson@rt66.com, or call me at 575-625-9182. Thank you in advance. See you soon in Santa Rosa.

Blue Star Memorial – Shirley Tetreault, Chair

What a great opportunity we have to honor our veterans - past, present, and future, by dedicating a Blue Star Marker. Districts II & V are discussing the possibilities of purchasing and finding a location for our next markers. This year will be spent helping them with questions and concerns regarding the placement

and dedication. It is always exciting to see these markers placed throughout the state and the satisfaction that comes with that recognition.

(Photo: Joanne Case, Uptown GC & Al Tetreault planting 350 bulbs at Blue Star Marker.)

At the close of World War II National Garden Clubs was seeking a suitable means of honoring our service men and women. In 1944 Mrs. Lewis M. Hull, Garden Club of New Jersey President & Mrs. Vance Hood, Roadside Chairman, had an inspired idea.

One thousand (1,000) flowering Dogwood trees were planted along five miles of highway which had been designated the Blue Star Drive by the Legislature. No billboards were to be allowed on the memorial stretch. The project was named for the blue star in the service flag which hung in windows of homes and businesses to honor service men and women.

In 1947 Mrs. Frederick R. Kellogg designed a marker which would identify the highways. Clubs responded enthusiastically with Rhode Island receiving the first endorsement. After official approval of the site garden clubs would purchase markers and planting materials. This was the first program undertaken by garden clubs on a national scale.

We are members of a wonderful organization and the Blue Star Memorial dedication is our way of acknowledging the military service of our men and women.

Environmental Studies School II and III – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

Environmental Studies School II and III will be held at the Albuquerque Garden Center August 3 - 6, 2014. This National Garden Club School is being combined so more students can fast track to become Environmental Consultants. We will study AIR and related issues, as well as LAND with related issues. The brochure and information will be coming out in the summer 2014 issue of the *New Mexico Gardener*. Save the dates and coming soon, you can check the NMGC, Inc. website for the curriculum.



Flower Show School I – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

The new series of four Flower Show Schools will start with FSSI March 14-16, 2014 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. A brochure is included in this issue of the New Mexico Gardener.

We encourage everyone who would like to become a NGC Accredited Judge or to learn in depth information on Horticulture or flower arranging (design) to attend the schools. Our judges will be Darlene Newell of West Virginia, who will teach Horticulture, Daffodils and Ferns. Barbara Baker, Design Instructor, will teach Line, Line Mass, Mass Designs and Still Life. She will also teach Flower Show Procedure. For further information please e-mail Mary Ann Moreno at jbmamoreno@gmail.com.

Garden Therapy – Helen Moser, Chair

WINTER – A TIME OF REST, REFLECTION AND ANTICIPATION

The deep of winter is upon us. We look outside, perhaps it is snowing or the sun is shining, but it is cold! Our gardens are resting, roots gathering nourishment from the soil and moisture. We have cleaned up our fall gardens, adding compost and manure to heal, enrich and build anew the soils. We are resting our bodies as we spend time looking at new garden catalogs in retrospection of what grew or didn't work out in the gardens; anticipation for Spring is building. We participate in our own mindful "garden therapy."

Perhaps we are thinking about creating a butterfly or bird habitat in our yard or at a school, hospital, or hospice. The many choices of plant material bring pleasure into our lives while creating a sense of well-being. The creation of a garden, time spent in the garden promotes good health by reducing stress, finding fulfillment by creating new life within the borders of the garden, opening our lives to nature around us.

We are part of the circle of life, organic human beings connected to Mother Earth, and the power within her gardens.

Life Membership – Scholarship – Georgia Schoenecker, Chair

Many clubs gift their outgoing presidents with a Life Membership, it would be more meaningful to present the pin at their installation so they can participate at State level during their term and thereafter.

Any one can purchase a membership for \$40.00, you don't have to have been an officer in a club or a long time member or any other requirement. A presentation to a speaker would have special meaning.

Life memberships fund the NM Scholarship Program, this is our only source of income. A scholarship of \$2,500.00 is awarded on a yearly basis to a New Mexico resident scholar starting their Junior year who may attend university anywhere in the U.S. With registration fees constantly going up this may not seem like much, but when you see the amount of debt these students have, any amount helps. Financial need is considered and student must have accumulative Grade Point Average of a least 3.25. Students can major in any of the following fields of study: Agronomy, Agriculture Education, Floriculture, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Botany/Biology, Wildlife Science, Plant Pathology, City/Rural/Urban Planning, Environmental Conservation, Land Management or other related subjects.

Book of Memory or Club donations are always welcome. We can no longer depend on interest to grow our scholarship fund so it's up to us to support this program. Memberships will be available at the State Convention in Santa Rosa. Don't forget to wear your pin to all club, district and state meetings. Show you are a proud NMGC Scholarship supporter.

National Garden Week – Donna Betty Turney, Chair

It is not too early to start thinking about Garden Week for 2014. This is the perfect time to "toot our own horns" and showcase club activities. Clubs have utilized many options over the years to call attention to our good works and perhaps attract new members or reactivate those who have dropped out for one reason or another.

Some of these include: Working in public areas to prune and clean. Find the sign or make new ones showing "Your Garden Club at Work." Plan an outdoor social activity and invite guests and maybe some local entertainers. Bagpipes always create interest, especially to passers-by. Homemade ice cream still in the freezer doesn't hurt. Big banners with club names can be attractive and designate special areas. Thematic displays in empty store fronts compel visitors to stop and read. Floral designs in public places accompanied by a stack of cards containing contact information is another attention getter. Why not additional contact cards

along with those nice little offerings to rest homes and hospitals? Friends and family are sure to notice them and maybe one will be inspired to respond.

There are always larger projects such as flower shows and dedications of markers which draw attention to garden club activities. Make contact information easy to pick up.

Our state president distributed the official Garden Week poster to club presidents at the Fall District meetings. These may be copied and used. In addition, there will be some extra posters at the annual Spring Convention in Santa Rosa. Do look for them.

Ample time for planning is quite often the key to successful publicity and that is true for Garden Week as well. This chairman would like to hear about your Garden Week celebrations so they can be properly publicized.

New Mexico Judges Council – Suzy Andrego, President

March 1st and 2nd Judges Symposium - Barbara May, past National Garden Clubs President, will be the design instructor and we will be studying creative and conformance. Gay Austin, the horticulture instructor will present violas and pansies, and winter vegetables with an emphasis on collections and displays. You do NOT have to be a judge or student judge to attend symposium. And, you do not have to attend both days. If you are only interested in Design, then come on Saturday for Design. If your interest lies in horticulture, come Sunday. You can access an application for Judges Symposium on the NM Garden Club website.

March 14th, 15th and 16th, Flower Show School I - New Mexico needs new judges!! Interested in the school series? Then attend School I! Anyone can attend, even if you just want to come for the information. Barbara Baker, Texas NGC Design Instructor will present definition and purposes for having Standard Flower Shows, Brief History of Floral Design; selecting containers, mechanics, and plant materials; Conditioning Plant Materials; ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES of DESIGN in detail; American Traditional Design Types: Line, Line-Mass, and Mass; Still Life Designs and General Requirements for all Top Exhibitor Award. Darlene Newell, West Virginia NGC Horticulture Instructor will teach everyone about daffodils and ferns. You can access the application for Flower Show School on the NM Garden Club website, too!

March 19th, New Mexico Judges Council Annual Spring meeting in Santa Rosa. Our Judges Dinner program will be "**Over Come Your Designing Blues**" ... five designs, one from each of the five districts. There will be a hanging in-motion design, a mono-botanical design, a multi-rhythmic design, a panel design and a luminary design! **You Won't' Want to Miss this program!** You do not

have to be a judge or student judge to attend. Have dinner with the judges and enjoy the design program. All you have to do is add the judges' dinner and program to your registration for convention.

I sure am looking forward to seeing some NEW faces at these events!

Trees and Shrubs – J.J. Huddleston, Chair

Arbor Day Is Coming!

“Other holidays repose on the past. Arbor Day proposes the future.”

J. Sterling Morton

It all started 142 years ago in 1872 in Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton, a journalist and politician. He presented a resolution to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture to set apart and consecrate April 10, 1872 “for tree planting in the State of Nebraska, ... and to urge upon the people of the State the vital importance of tree planting.” It was adopted unanimously.

That first Arbor Day, over one million trees were planted! Because it was so successful it was made an annual event in 1874.

In 1885, Nebraska declared Arbor Day a legal holiday and Morton's birthday (April 22) was selected as the date it would be observed.

The New Mexico Territorial Legislature established the observance of Arbor Day in 1891.

Last year Governor Susana Martinez signed a proclamation that designated March 8, 2013 as Arbor Day in New Mexico and all of March as Arbor Month.

*In New Mexico we celebrate Arbor Day on the 2nd Friday in March (that's March 14th this year).

AND A FEW QUOTES REGARDING TREES

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.

Nelson Henderson

“Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

Warren Buffet

“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.”

Chinese Proverb

So plant a tree this Arbor Day!

World Gardening – Virginia Podmenik, Chair

Talent from around the world creating sensational cutting edge design; garden and plant displays showcasing the latest gardening trends; this is the Chelsea Flower Show.

There are the big show gardens (around 15,) on 10 by 33 feet or 20 by 33 foot lots. There are smaller urban gardens, around 15, and smaller still courtyard gardens, 13 by 16 feet; around 15 also. These numbers vary from year to year. In the large pavilion there are another 110 show gardens. Then there are the vendors; over 250 of them, selling everything from \$3 seed packets to glass conservatory houses and bronze sculptures costing up to \$76,000. The floral design building showcases entries from over 100 floral societies; 50 entries at a time for a 2 day period.

Gold medals are given based on the submitted brief, enabling judges to understand scope and theme (10%), initial impact (20%), overall design (20%), construction and quality of artifacts (20%), and quality of plants and design gets 30%.

It's a sold out show every year, so get your tickets early. This years price is about \$104. Every gardener deserves at least one trip to Chelsea.

Be prepared to be overwhelmed!

Visit at rhs.org.uk/Chelsea



MEMBER'S CORNER



or

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE REVISTED

"SERENDIPITY"

Submitted by Rosemary Maddox
Food & Herb Gardening Chair
Mesilla Valley Garden Club

You may recall in my last article I was bemoaning the ever-expanding patch of Jerusalem artichokes in my back yard. Well, the worm has turned. The shoe is on the other foot. The ugly duckling has turned into a swan. I think you get the picture. Here is how it happened.

Our garden club was looking for a local garden project to which to donate some money, and someone had seen a picture in the Sun News of raised beds planted with leafy greens at St. Luke's Health Center. Because I hang out at the soup kitchen next door to St. Luke's, I volunteered to pay them a visit and report to the club. The Director, Pamela Angell, explained to me that they are acquiring a diabetes specialist very soon and the plantings are part of a larger project aimed at helping diabetic clients manage their illness through diet. She then remarked that her long-range plan was to have a border of Jerusalem artichokes around the garden area because diabetics can substitute them for potatoes, which are forbidden to them.

I jumped about a foot into the air, which is no small feat for an 80-year-old recovering from bronchitis. Pamela told me she had been paying \$4 a pound for the tubers at the Mesilla Farmers Market. I promised her all the tubers (I get tired of writing Jerusalem artichokes) she wants with my blessing. I went home and mentioned it to my son, who went out and dug up half a bushel, which she came by and picked up. That didn't make a dent in the crop.

If that isn't serendipitous (is that a word?) enough, I noticed one of Pamela's raised beds was empty. In an article last winter I mentioned that I had twelve kale plants which were enough for a small country. Well, in a fit of temporary insanity I planted a whole packet of kale seeds last fall. I have given plants to anyone who wants them with probably twenty plants still out there. Pamela didn't have any kale plants and she jumped about a foot in the air--maybe higher--she's about half my age--when I told her I could provide enough plants to fill the bed.

My kale plants are growing strangely as are those I have given to others. Whereas in the past the plants have resembled little palm trees, with a bare stalk a foot or so high, they are growing leaves right out of the ground, like spinach. I'm

mentioning them in my prayers.

The moral to this story is, anything you grow in your garden that you don't need, somebody wants and needs it. Happy gardening!



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

Blooming Gardeners weekly meetings this year consisted of Smokey Bear, Crown Bees, and insects found in our forests that destroy the trees. One of our parents demonstrated covering pizza boxes and Pringles boxes with wrapping paper to store cookies and muffins for gifts. The youth gardeners are always encouraged to share their own gardening and recycle projects. We also spent a great deal of time with Dusty Roadrunner "Keep New Mexico Beautiful." Dusty has taught us the importance of keeping our community clean by picking up trash and not littering. In addition we created beautiful pots from magazines (decoupage) and paper whites to sell at the Holiday Fair in Albuquerque.



District I has a brand new club, **High Desert Design Club**. We currently have 18 paid members who are very eager to learn the designs in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Garden Center. We will not meet in September and December due to the State Fair and the holidays. Dues are \$25.00 per year which will be dispersed to Council, District, Regional and National as required by our memberships.

As of this report we have studied and critiqued underwater and tubular designs. In February we will study and critique luminary designs. Five designers will present and open our meeting for discussion.

We always welcome new members to join in the fun and learning experience with the High Desert Design Club.

Reflecting back on the **Petal Pusher Juniors Garden Club**, their summer was filled with many interesting and enjoyable activities. They made and painted bird feeders using clay flower pots for hanging in their yards. In June, zinnias were planted in the Albuquerque Garden Center's John Torren Garden, which put on a good show for all of us to enjoy. Their tour of the Garden Centers Xeric Garden conducted by Virginia Burris and Sally Vance, introduced them to the native plants and small wildlife habitat in the garden. After the tour,

Virginia and Sally conducted a fun workshop for our young members. Several of our young gardeners enjoyed Debbie Harrington's July "Sunflower Camp" and workshop held at the Garden Center. The year ended with a Christmas gathering in Carol Stomp's home where the Juniors created Angel Christmas ornaments using macaroni, followed by cookies and hot chocolate. We are very proud of our Juniors and their interest and enthusiasm in gardening.



(Photo: Back Row (L to R); Tao West, William Roberts and Sophia Roberts. Front row (L to R); Peyton Sherwood, Isabel Roberts and Skye West. Not pictured: Alyssa Bernardone and Joshua James)

At **Petal Pushers Garden Club's** November meeting Cindy Davis, Bernalillo County Home Economist, gave a talk on "Who gets Grandma's yellow pie plate." She spoke about "untitled property" and the need to have a plan about what to do with these items in order to avoid family confrontations. We appreciated her informative talk and hand-outs.

Susan Olinger planned and prepared a lovely luncheon at the Savoy for our December Luncheon. Thank you Susan for arranging the lunch, having a private room, plus delivering our annual collected gifts of toiletries and/or gift cards for the Barrett House Women's Residence.

Our January meeting was held in Georgia Allen's home. Isabel Olsen, New Mexico Garden Clubs State President, spoke on growing and caring for bearded iris. Thank you Isabel for your very informative talk, the handouts and the iris plants. When our iris bloom in our yards we will so fondly think of you. We also enjoyed having our guest Mary Whigham, President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs attend our meeting. Mary it was a pleasure to meet you.

We welcome our new members Lynda Lapp and Dan O'Dell. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Guests welcome!

District II

Floral Designers' continues to have each member, as they are able, bring a design to share and be critiqued. In 2013-2014 we continue to use the book "Designing by Types" and the Handbook. Members are presenters each month. We do not normally meet in November, December and January. We did meet in January instead of February to plan for the NMGC District II Spring meeting and

will provide a design program; "Recycle into a New Look." Floral Designer's is the hostess. The program was Multi - Rhythm design. See photo at right by Pat Copple.

The March meeting is an OP-Art Design.

Our members will help with the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe.

Los Alamos Garden Club celebrated the holiday season with two different Christmas sales.

In November, we offered a huge variety of used and new Christmas items at the annual Senior Center Holiday Bazaar.



In December, we staged our annual wreath sale. For more than two decades, we have gathered and fashioned fresh evergreen wreaths for the community.

Our Christmas party was held once again in the historic Bradbury House (now the home of club member Joyce Cady.)

A brand new plaque and bench have been added to our Memorial Rose Garden. The markers honor Los Alamos National Laboratory employees killed in work related accidents.



In November, **Summit Garden Club** members donated a decorated Christmas Tree for the Los Alamos Senior Center Festival of Trees fund raiser, the tree was decorated with miniature old fashioned ornaments and tiny brightly colored balls. (See attached photo-- Courtesy of Dorothy Crawford). The November meeting was a program of "Growing Roses" presented by Jack and Juanita Ortega.

December was a cookie exchange and we were pleased to have District II Director Barbara Vance join us. A short program on "Winter Arrangements, Featuring Greens" by Christy Kelly of CeCe's Florist. There is no January meeting. In February, the program is "What in your Garden Makes You Smile?"

Our two community programs will start up soon. The White Rock Community Garden and supporting Bandalier National Monument with some landscape planning and helping with watering the new plantings this spring and summer.



One of our members and her husband have been working in the historical garden of Mrs. Frey.

District III

Our members have been busy preparing all the details of the upcoming 2014 State Convention in Santa Rosa. Our two clubs are located far apart, but are working well together to make this Convention Successful. We met in Las Vegas, New Mexico on October 15th for our district meeting. There we planned and distributed responsibilities to spread out the work. All are so enthusiastic about participating. Mary Ann Moreno taught us the tricks of planting dish gardens also.



September had both garden clubs winterizing their gardens-private and community. Most of our judges participated and judged at the State Expo too. **Santa Rosa Garden Club** members enjoyed picking raspberries up in Mora as well as going to Dixon for the annual Art tour. On a more serious note, the Santa Rosa members honored the Veterans on November 11th at their Blue Star Memorial.

This was the time to fill our shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child" so they could be sent to poorer places around the globe. This district project is enjoyed by all. We also enjoyed our Christmas parties, even if the weather was snowy. **Angel Fire Garden Club** members learned to make works of art out of "boring" trees and Santa Rosa learned how to make Holiday centerpieces from Shirley Tetreault. The extras were delivered to community groups and some are still green and beautiful. Both clubs enjoyed fellowship and good eats. This is also the time Santa Rosa donates to Heifer International.

Both clubs are planning for the new year during these cold months and look forward to hosting the State members at the 2014 Convention on March 19, 20, 21. Plan to join us, please.

SAVE THE DATE!

Though the ground is still frozen and the first blooms of spring are still months away, **Angel Fire Garden Club** is starting the planning of our 12th Annual Garden Tour! Mark your calendars to attend the tour on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Look for more information in the Summer *New Mexico Gardener*.

Angel Fire Garden Club was super busy this fall with interesting and exciting meetings in September, October, and November, plus a fun New Mexico Christmas party in December. During our September meeting, Penni Davey's workshop taught us how to put our "gardens to bed" for the winter. In October, Fannie Mackey and Betty Piquet presented the Principles of Design of Flower Arranging as they demonstrated how they developed their designs and displayed about a dozen live floral designs exactly like they created them for competition earlier in the year.



We also had our annual seed exchange with members bringing in thousands of seeds to share. Debbie Dean was our feature artist in November, during our "Treasury of Trees" workshop. *(Photo at right: Mary Smith & Diane Peterson.)* She taught us how to turn small, boring trees into works of art Christmas trees that were auctioned off during our December Christmas party. Our New Mexico Christmas Party was a great success and included luminaries to light the way to the Girl Scout Ranch dining hall, great New Mexican food and even a musician from Taos, Martin Martinez who displayed his great guitar skills and also led us in singing Christmas carols in both English and Spanish.

Our book "Nature Has Its Way" was our highlight of the year by winning a national award! This spring we hope to complete a project we have been working on since summer time of helping design and complete the landscape for the Hoffman Hall (dining hall) of the Girl Scout Camp (Elliott-Barker in Angel Fire). The Director, Michael Dean asked us to help him in the planning and design. We hope to complete the project this spring or early summer, in time for the girls to show up for camp. We will also be involving the Girl Scouts in several other projects in conjunction with our Club. We think it will be an exciting partnership!

District IV

Mesilla Valley Garden Club has been quite active during these cooler winter months. Our club with the membership of two other Las Cruces garden clubs are in the process of planning a Standard Flower Show to be held in April at The Good Samaritan Village in Las Cruces.

During our January meeting one of our members taught us how to paint nature designs on clay tiles with a glass based paint to then be used as trivets. Our February meeting will be a tea party and a video of the 2013 Chelsea Garden

Show in London narrated by our Vice-President Virginia Podmenik.

In March, we are looking forward to what has become an annual Las Cruces Tri-Garden Club Luncheon, with excellent speakers from the Horticulture Department of New Mexico State University. Mesilla Valley Garden Club also donates to the R.W. Ludwick Scholarship at NMSU. This scholarship provides funds for a female horticulture student during her junior year.

Our big spring project is the 18th Annual Tour of Gardens to be held on May 3rd. Save the date, as we would welcome any New Mexico garden club to this delightful event.

Three Officers of **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** attended the District IV Fall Meeting in Tularosa on October 15, 2013. Valuable information was gleaned from the meeting and shared with members at our October meeting. Ideas for welcoming new members was implemented as we welcomed two new members to our Club by giving them a gift of pink garden gloves, our yearbook, and introducing them at our meeting. In October, a local gardener shared her experience in growing plants, herbs and vegetables in Earth Boxes. These are particularly useful for gardening in this area because of poor soil, drought and unpredictable weather conditions. We also learned about the Community Garden in our town.

Wreath Design and Making was the program at the November meeting. A demonstration was given on how to make wreaths with items from our gardens. We got many good ideas for holiday wreaths.

In December, we had our Annual Christmas Luncheon at a local restaurant. Each attendee received a cute decorated Christmas tree in a mug to take home. A festive time was had by all. We also delivered poinsettia plants to the Veterans and Nursing Homes.

Our January meeting was "buzzing" with excitement. Member Ellie Nordgren gave us a very interesting and informative talk on bees. She looked so adorable all dressed up in her bee outfit as she told us about how bees make honey, pollinate flowers, take care of the queen, build their hives and honeycombs; and even brought a bee frame. We all received a handmade beeswax candle.

We will have our Annual Membership Tea on February 14 and will be hosting the NMGC District IV Spring Meeting on February 28.

District V

Artesia Garden Club has been rejuvenated! With the Senior Center as our new location for meetings and new speakers and programs for the club, it has been a recipe for success! The exposure at the Senior Center has given us new members

and made us 16 strong. Some of our most recent programs have been "How to Attract Hummingbirds to Your Garden" by Bill Flynt, a photographer and avid hummingbird enthusiast; and "Lasagna Gardening" by Peggy Voigt. No matter our age or number of years in garden club, we always learn something new. In December, we shared the holiday spirit at the home of member Susan Idoy with a potluck luncheon and gift exchange. Our club theme "Together we Bloom and Grow" gives a good description of our progress and outlook. We are already making plans for National Garden Week, and how we can continue our public exposure with continued membership growth.

Members of **Home Garden Club** attended the NMGC Fall Board meeting in Roswell. The decorated Sunflower Hat contest had everyone in a festive mood. Congratulations to the winners!

In November, Roswell's Habitat for Humanity dedicated another home. Several Garden Club members attended the dedication and presented the new homeowner with a gift card to a local hardware store and a beautiful houseplant.

Renate Reisel gathered members in her home to make centerpieces for Casa Villa Retirement Home. Each holiday season we make a centerpiece or corsage to brighten the resident's day.

Our annual holiday celebration was held at the home of Jan Smith. A lively garden gift exchange was followed by a pot luck luncheon. We collected items for the Women's Refuge in Roswell and those items were delivered in time for Christmas.

One of our members, Lillian Graham celebrated her 90th birthday at Roswell Livestock, where she works. Several months ago she mentioned that she had never received a Past Club President's Pin (she was club president for 7 years). For her birthday, Jan Smith presented Lillian with her pin (*photo at right.*)



Lincoln County Garden Club held the annual tablescapes luncheon in November to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Four teams, consisting of 5 or 6 garden club members decorated tables using Christmas angels, Thanksgiving or Winter themes. Peggy Voight presented the program called "Lasagna Gardening" and inspired everyone to create a plot of rich soil, letting nature do its work, for our gardens and to plant bulbs. Of course, the lunch menu was lasagna and party favors were bulbs.

We took time off in December to celebrate the season with family and friends, anticipating a happy 2014!



In January, LCGC teamed up with Keep Ruidoso Beautiful (KRB) to accomplish goals of both entities. KRB believes that each of us holds an obligation to preserve and protect our environment. That belief fits right in with Lincoln County Garden Club's purpose, to encourage community conservation and to educate in the science of horticulture. KRB's staff set a 275 gallon water tank at the Ruidoso public library

garden to catch rain water and snow melt. Garden club members will use that water for the library garden, creating an example of wise water use.

Several **Morning Garden Club** members helped decorate tables with pumpkins for the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting hosted by District V. In October club members enjoyed learning about local grape production and New Mexico wines. In November, members had a program on miniature conservatories (terrariums) and several club members gathered at the Historical Museum of Southeast New Mexico for one of their long time annual community projects which is to decorate the home with vintage decorations. In December, members were enchanted with a Christmas program presented by the Goddard High School Star Gazers choral group as they performed at the SENM Historical Museum. Members are working on plans to host the District V Spring Meeting in Roswell March 11, 2014. They look forward to visiting with their sister clubs.



FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I
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March 14-16, 2014

Albuquerque Garden Center
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INSTRUCTORS

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE
Barbara Baker - Ft. Worth, Texas

HORTICULTURE
Darlene Newell - Lochgelly, West Virginia

DESIGN
Barbara Baker - Ft. Worth, Texas

DAILY SCHEDULE

March 14 – FRIDAY

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Flower Show Procedure

March 15 – SATURDAY

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration
8:30 am – 10:30 am Horticulture Lecture
10:30 am – 11:00 am Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Horticulture Lecture
LUNCH BREAK
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Horticulture Lecture
Practice Point Scoring

March 16 – SUNDAY

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration
8:30 am – 10:30 am Design Lecture
10:30 am – 11:00 am Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Design Lecture
LUNCH BREAK
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Design Lecture
Practice Point Scoring

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I
CURRICULUM

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

HB, Chapters 1 and 3. Introduction to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*: Definition and purposes for Standard Flower Shows – Categories, Types, Standard System of Awarding; 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; Introduction and Explanation of Nomenclature and Plant Classification Horticulture Exhibiting Procedure; General Requirements for all Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards; Judging procedures, etiquette, ethics, and procedure for judging horticulture, horticulture comments, and Practice Point Scoring Exam. Review HB Horticulture Glossary.
Study selected plants: Ferns and Narcissus

DESIGN

HB Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and Required Reading. Brief History of Floral Design; Selecting Containers, mechanics, and plant materials; Conditioning Plant Materials; ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES of DESIGN in detail; American Traditional Design Types: Line, Line-Mass, and Mass; Still Life Designs; General Requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards and Design Top Exhibitor Awards especially "Award of Design Excellence", "Holiday Excellence", and Sectional Awards; Judging qualities which appear on all Design Point Scoring forms; Point Scoring Procedure for FSS I Designs; Practice Point Scoring Exam, Design Judging ethics, etiquette, and procedure. Discuss Design commenting vocabulary. Review HB Design Glossary.

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE, DESIGN, AND HORTICULTURE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON *WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2014*, IN THE 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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FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I
March 14-16, 2014
REGISTRATION

Name _____
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REGISTRATION FEES:
DEADLINE – On or Before – March 7, 2014

GENERAL ATTENDANCE

_____ Two Day School for Credit (includes lunch – 2 days)	\$100.00
_____ Accredited Judges (2 days/lunch)	\$50.00
_____ Two Day School (information only) (includes lunch – 2 days)	\$100.00

ATTEND PART-TIME

_____ FSP & Horticulture (includes lunch)	\$50.00
_____ FSP & Design (includes lunch)	\$50.00

(Course Outline will be mailed after receipt of Registration)

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REQUIRED READING FOR
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL I

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 regularly.)
Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 14.

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

HORTICULTURE
FSS I – HB, Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 14 and
REQUIRED READING for Selected Plant Groups.
Ferns and Narcissus
**Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging, Ferns, pgs 74-76;*
Narcissus, pgs 128-131; Minor Bulbs, pgs 121-127
**Hortulana, Revised – Heber: “Intro” and “How to Use the*
Book”, plus those paragraphs pertaining to members of the
plant groups studied in this course.
**The Houseplant Expert – Hessayon, The Bulb Expert –*
Hessayon,
***Download from the internet: www.gardenclub.org**
Plants and Their Respective Families
Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows

DESIGN
FSS I – HB, Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and
REQUIRED READING.
**Designing by Types - Osborne*
**Essence of Creativity – A Legacy by Thomas – Chapters 2,*
4, 5, 7, and 8.
**Table Settings For All Seasons by Wood & Smith –*

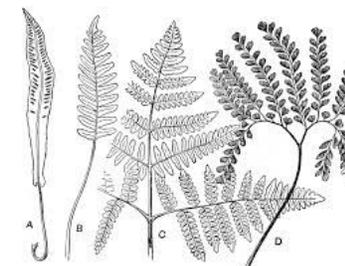
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 Nightly Rate: \$79.95 + tax – 2 Queen Beds
 1-2 guests per room Continental Breakfast Daily

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 13000 Hotel Ave. Albuquerque, NM 87123
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 Nightly Rate: \$59.00 + tax - Standard Room
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 extra person Continental Breakfast Daily
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March 1 - 2, 2014
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Entire Symposium, no credit (incl. 2 lunches) **\$125.00**

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___ **Allied Topic & Design 3/1/14** **\$62.50**
Attend Course, noncredit (includes lunch)

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Attend Course, noncredit (includes lunch)

**If you are taking Symposium for credit, refer to
NGC, INC. HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS
(2007 edition) Pages 159-166.**

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SYMPOSIUM 2014

March 1 - 2, 2014

**New Mexico Judges Council
Albuquerque Garden Center
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SCHEDULE

March 1, 2014 Saturday

8:00 - 8:30 am **Registration**
8:30 - 9:30 am **ALLIED TOPIC**
Conformance Revisited
Barbara May
9:30 - 9:45 am Break
9:45 - 11:45 am **DESIGN**
A View From Within
Abstract Creative Design
Barbara May
12:00 - 1:00 am LUNCH
1:00 - 3:00 pm **Design Lecture**
Practice Pt. Scoring
3:00 - 3:15 pm Break
3:15 - 5:15 pm Written Point Scoring

March 2, 2014 Sunday

8:00 - 8:30 am **Registration**
8:30 - 9:30 am **ALLIED TOPIC**
Viva Viola
Gay Austin
9:30 - 9:45 am Break
9:45 - 11:45 am **Horticulture**
*Connections to Collections Don't Delay -
Display*
Gay Austin
12:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH
1:00 - 3:00 pm **Horticulture Lecture**
Practice Pt. Scoring
3:00 - 3:15 pm Break
3:15 - 5:15 pm Written Point Scoring

INSTRUCTORS

**ALLIED TOPIC & DESIGN
BARBARA MAY**

Barbara D. May is a past President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and past President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.; a Trustee Emeritus of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University. She now serves as the NGC FSS Instructor's Chairman/Design and the new Handbook Revision Committee. She has been actively involved in garden Club since 1972. She is also a Master Judge and a NGC, Inc. Instructor in Design, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium.

**ALLIED TOPIC & HORTICULTURE
GAY AUSTIN**

Gay is an accredited Master Flower Show Judge and Horticulture Instructor for the NGC Flower Show Schools, teaching both at the school and symposium level. She served as President for The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. 2009-2011 and is currently serving as 2013-2015 NGC Third Vice-President. She is an active garden club member in McComb, Mississippi, where she also enjoys her time as a Master Gardener and President of the PALS Rescue, a local no-kill animal organization with shelter. Mrs. Austin and her husband, Will, live near McComb. They have three sons, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren, seven dogs and three cats – all bring joy to their lives.

**CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Symposium 2014 is open to anyone to register and attend.

ALL Judges (attending for credit) are **REQUIRED** to bring the **2007 NGC HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS** (with updates from *The National Gardener*),

New Mexico Judges (**Master, Life, Accredited**) who wish to receive credit must submit credentials **prior to February 21, 2014**, to **Barbara Vance, State Credentials Chairman**. Questions: e-mail: d-bvance@comcast.net

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Applications must be accompanied by a label from *The National Gardener*.

You must attend every session to receive refresher credit or good standing renewal.

Out-of-state judges must clear eligibility with their State Credentials Chairman who then sends **Form 18F Flower Show School/Symposium Judge's Eligibility Certification** to Barbara Vance.

SEND APPLICATION TO

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State Symposium Chairman - Christine Longthorp

Local Symposium Co-Chairman – Peggy Atencio

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 25	District III Spring Meeting
Feb 28	District IV Spring Meeting, T or C
Mar 1 – 2	NM Judges Council Symposium, Albuquerque Garden Center
Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 3	District I Spring Meeting, Albuquerque
Mar 4	District II Spring Meeting, Santa Fe
Mar 11	District V Spring Meeting, Roswell
Mar 14 – 16	Flower Show School I, Albuquerque Garden Center
Mar 16	Full Worm Moon
Mar 19 – 21	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Santa Rosa
Mar 20	Vernal Equinox
Mar 28 – 29	SCR Convention, Addison, TX
Apr 15	Full Pink Moon
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 25	Arbor Day
Apr 26	Pecos Valley Iris Society Iris Show, Roswell Mall, Open to the public 1:00-5:00pm; entry submissions 7:30- 10:30am. Theme "Grow Me, Show Me"
Apr 30 – May 3	NGC, Inc. Convention, Norman, OK
May 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
May 3	Tour of Gardens, Las Cruces
May 14	Full Flower Moon
Jul 19	Angel Fire Garden Tour, Angel Fire



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