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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

“Educate, Communicate and Leave a Legacy!”

It is amazing that a full year has passed since my installation as NMGC Inc. President in Albuquerque in March 2009. I have traveled many miles and visited with all five districts at least twice. Our clubs are so active in their own communities and continue to work hard helping others. I will be compiling a list of individuals willing to do a program for clubs in our state. If you have a specialty that you would like to share, please let me know. It can be in horticulture, design, birds, butterflies, etc. Suzy Andrego and Colleen Hinker have done several programs this year and I have shared my secrets on miniature designs with several clubs. Let me hear from you!



District IV did an outstanding job at our annual convention on March 25, 2010. It was in Las Cruces with a theme of “Spring on the El Camino Real”. Susan Miller personally handcrafted small ox carts that were used as centerpieces and decorated by individual clubs. We had belly dancers perform after lunch and some of our members joined them. This was fun and the room filled with laughter. A workshop on topiaries followed. The meals were delicious, the president’s cookies and milk party was fabulous and Connie Elmore reported our ways and means project brought in \$949.00. We are all invited to Roswell on March the 28-29, 2011 for our next convention. We will be joined by our National President – Renee Blaschke.

April 23-24, 2010, I traveled to Dallas, Texas for our South Central Region Convention. We had two new members join us this year, Isabel Olsen and Al Elliott. They were recognized by Mary Ann Moreno as first timers. We had wonderful programs both in horticulture and design and brought home a few nice awards. That report will be covered by Sue Ferguson who did a wonderful job in that department.

Barbara Vance has been extremely busy organizing for the next series of flower show schools which will be held May 22 and 23, 2010 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Barbara can be reached at (505) 983-6000 for questions. We hope to see you there. Mary Ann Moreno is in the process of completing the Environmental Schools series. Please contact her at (505) 266-8498 for dates and location.

New and exciting things include our new children's garden club, "The Blooming Gardeners", and the fact that we raised \$1,000.00 for WFA (World Association of Flower Arrangers) in one month. WFA will present a world flower show, "This Glorious Earth", June 15-19, 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts. I will hand-carry the check to the National Convention on May 12, 2010. We also have a new website chair, Cindy Hill. More info regarding procedures to the site will follow.

It is with great pleasure that I serve you as President of NMGC, Inc. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. Your support has been fantastic. Continue to...Educate, Communicate.....Leave A legacy.

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*The new children's garden club – Blooming Gardeners*

*l-r: Shirley Tetreault, NMGC, Inc. President; Brooke Tetreault, President; Alissa Ortiz, Secretary; Katie Tetreault, Treasurer; Amy Tetreault; Connie Elmore, Landscape Project Director for Expo New Mexico; Katrina Keller, Horticulture Research Chair*  
*Photo by Brandi Tetreault*

*The girls were supposed to plant at the state fair grounds on this day; however, high winds prevented them from planting.. They quickly made the change and had a very enjoyable tea party.*

**NMGC, INC.**  
**2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Special Achievement Award**

Betty Heisler, Ko Shari GC;  
Silver Medallion

**Member of the Year**

Pegi Naranjo, Morning GC;  
Nambe Crystal Bowl

**Design of the Year**

Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa GC;  
Nambe Crystal Bowl

**Horticulturist of the Year**

Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa GC;  
Cobalt Blue Mexican Glass  
Gazing Ball

**Photographic Print of the Year**

J.J. Huddleston, Angel Fire GC;  
Picture Frame & Cash Award

**Club History**

**Best in State:** Angel Fire GC;  
Cash Award

**Class I:** Under 20 Members

1<sup>st</sup>, Flowering Desert GC

**Class II:** 21-30 Members

1<sup>st</sup>, Summit GC

2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunshine Valley GC

3<sup>rd</sup>, Santa Rosa GC

HM, Mesilla Valley GC

HM, Evergreen GC

**Class III:** 31-49 Members

1<sup>st</sup>, Morning GC

2<sup>nd</sup>, Los Alamos GC

**Yearbooks****Pat Edmonds Award for Best Yearbook**

Morning GC; Cash Award

**Class II:**

1<sup>st</sup>, Home GC

2<sup>nd</sup>, Lincoln County GC

3<sup>rd</sup>, Summit GC

HM, Sunshine Valley GC

HM, Santa Rosa

**Class IV:**

1<sup>st</sup>, Angel Fire GC

**Standard of Excellence**

Most Active Club – Uptown GC;  
Cash Award

Flowering Desert GC; Certificate  
Santa Rosa GC; Certificate

Home GC; Certificate

Summit GC; Certificate

Morning GC; Certificate

Los Alamos GC; Certificate

Valley Gardeners GC; Certificate

**Civic Development**

Morning GC, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Best Flower Show Schedule**

Flowering Desert GC; Cash Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Santa Rosa GC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Home GC

**Food Gardening**

Fannie Mackie, Angel Fire GC;

Cash Award

## **NMGC, INC. AWARDS (Cont.)**

### **Herbs**

Nancy Meter, Angel Fire GC;  
Cash Award

### **Longevity**

HM, Socorro GC

### **Membership Increase**

#### **Greatest Membership Increase**

Uptown GC; Cash Award

#### **District I**

Blue Belles GC, Certificate  
Trailblazers GC, Certificate

#### **District II**

Angel Fire GC, Certificate

#### **District IV**

Socorro GC, Certificate  
Sunshine Valley GC,  
Certificate

#### **District V**

Home GC  
Lincoln County GC  
Morning GC  
Mountain GC

### **Trees and Shrubs**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Morning GC; Cash  
Award

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Home GC

### **Youth Activities**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Home GC; Cash  
Award

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Morning GC; Cash Award

**Publicity Press Book**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Angel Fire GC

**Garden Therapy**

**Best Garden Therapy Project:**

Angel Fire GC, Cash Award

**Class II:**

1<sup>st</sup>, Santa Rosa GC

**Flower Show Display Board**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Sunshine Valley GC

**Certificate of Meritorious**

**Achievement** for outstanding  
contributions to New Mexico  
Garden Clubs, Inc.

Joyce Davies, Lincoln  
County GC

Shirley Neuhaus, Lincoln  
County GC

**Presidential Citations**

Nancy Core, District I Director,  
Amazing Determination &  
Strength

Sally Warner, District II Director,  
Nominating Committee &  
Yearbooks

Colleen Hinker, District III  
Director, Unwavering  
Support & Guidance

Susan Miller, District IV Director  
& 2010 Annual Convention  
Host

Isabel Olsen, District V Director  
Fantastic Strength &  
Support

## NMGC, INC. AWARDS (Cont.)

### Presidential Citations (Cont.)

Barbara Vance, Flower Show School Chair  
& Unwavering Support

Doris Jackson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Spectacular  
Protocol Chair

Sue Ferguson, Superior Awards Chair &  
Fantastic Circulation Chair

Georgia Schoenecker, Brilliant Scholarship Chair &  
Nominating Committee Chair

Donna Betty Turney, Blue Star Memorial Chair &  
Unwavering Support

Beulah Olyer, Remarkable 2010 Convention Chair

Rosemary Maddox, Amazing 2010 Convention Programs Chair

Becky Fuller, Fantastic 1020 Convention Co-Chair

Cynthia Shafer, Extraordinary Job – 1<sup>st</sup> Editor *New Mexico Gardener*  
via E-mail

Suzy Andrego, Fantastic Co-Chair Fall Board & Gift Donations 2009

Betty Heisler, Splendid Co-Chair Fall Board & Gift Donations 2009

Charlotte Williams, Fantastic Registrar Fall Board 2009

Esther Russell, Unwavering Support, Table Decorations & Gift Bag  
Donations 2009

Mary Ann Moreno, Continued Hard Work & Environmental  
Schools Chair

Nancy Ketchum, Marvelous job of Writing & Distributing the Minutes

Dru Hager, Fantastic Parliamentarian & Unconditional Friendship

Peggy Voigt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President & Terrific Membership Chair

Norma Tech, Outstanding & Accurate Control of NMGC, Inc.  
Financial Records

Connie Elmore, Tremendous Ways & Means Chair

Sherron Elliott, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Travis Nelson, Historian, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.



**SOUTH CENTRAL AWARDS**  
**Awards Year January 2009 – December 2009**  
**Barbara Baker, SCR Adult Awards Chairman**

**41 different clubs participated in adult awards and youth contests**

**In Recognition – Betty Heisler**

Members of South Central Region express their admiration to runner-up for Member Award of Honor - Betty Heisler who was nominated by New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. for her outstanding contributions to club and community. Betty has been a garden club member for 44 years and active volunteer at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

**SCR Award #3 Civic Development**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM – \$15.00**

The Alena bronze statue with surrounding hardscape and plants was installed at the Historical Society Archives for Southeastern New Mexico.

**SCR Award #5 Club Yearbook Theme**

**1<sup>st</sup> Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque, NM – \$25.00**

“For the Love of Daffodils” was used in President’s Message, monthly tips, bulb workshop, bulb sale, a program and their Small Standard Flower Show “Daffodil Daze”.

**SCR #15 Membership Increase**

**41.6% Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque, NM – \$25.00**

**SCR #22 Youth Program**

**1<sup>st</sup> Home Garden Club, Roswell, NM – \$50.00**

Home Garden Club held hands-on workshops with Girl Scouts, Head Start Program children and children at the Gardener’s Market. The special event was the Dragon Fly Festival at Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge with a coloring contest followed by planting lessons and each child planted seeds, seedlings or bulbs to take home.

**SCR #25 Publication Award**

**HM Bulletin Lincoln County Garden Club, Ruidoso, NM**

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGION JUNIOR YOUTH AWARDS**  
**Jennifer Moreno, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman**  
**Donna Turney, Intermediate Youth Chairman**

**Essay Contest**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lillyette Romero – Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa, NM

**Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sarah Lilley – Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Elyse Chavez – Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa, NM

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

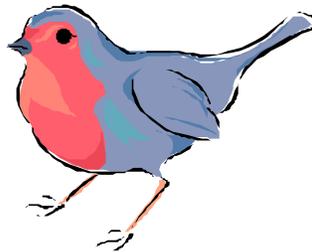
HM – Ivy McKittrick – Lincoln County Garden Club, Ruidoso, NM

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Johnnie Lathan – Lincoln County Garden Club, Mescalero,  
NM

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Aubrey Closson – Lincoln County Garden Club, Capitan,  
NM



## OFFICER/CHAIRMAN REPORTS

### Convention Highlights – Suzy Andrego, Corresponding Secretary

For those of you who missed this year's Annual State Convention --- you missed out on all the fun! We started the convention off with the annual meeting, learning what everyone else around the state was doing - from the districts, to the clubs, to all those great chairpersons, are succeeding with wonderful projects. Lunch was followed by a belly dancing group with real swords. A few of our members joined in on the fun during the "show you how" segment! After we danced our lunch off, there was a fabulous workshop on "How to Make a Topiary with a Bathroom Plunger." What fun everyone attending had! After dinner NMGC's TOP awards were given out. Colleen Hinker won the Horticulturist of the Year and Design of the Year. Pegi Naranjo was knocked off her feet when it was announced that she won Member of the Year! How excited and surprised all these girls were! Breakfast was wonderful, as it came with a fully loaded awards presentation from our awards chair, Sue Ferguson. Before the annual convention came to a close, President Tetreault awarded the Silver Medallion (NMGC's highest award of honor) to Betty Hesiler of Ko-Shari Garden Club, District I, Albuquerque. Congratulations Betty! She followed up with a record number of Presidential Citations. Hats and gloves off to all those wonderful people who made this convention so great! Hope to see you there next year so you too can join in on all the fun!

### Membership – Peggy Voigt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

A big "thank you" to the clubs who have already sent the 2010-2011 dues. A reminder to club treasurers that dues in the sum of \$8.00 per member were due and payable May 1, 2010. Please make check payable to NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC., and mail to me at: 2503 East Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201. Include two copies of the club membership, listing officers and members' names, addresses, telephones (home/cell) and emails if appropriate. Please check any email addresses to be sure they are correct as the *New Mexico Gardener* editor is furnished these addresses to send the publication to the member. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: (home) (575) 622-7709; (cell) (575) 420-3620; or email: [pvoigt@cableone.com](mailto:pvoigt@cableone.com)

## **Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair**

Monetary awards and valued gifts were made possible by the generosity of the following sponsors who we sincerely thank for their support of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards program.

Summit Garden Club  
Sally Warner  
Betty Picquet  
Elizabeth O'Brien  
June Gibson  
Sue Ferguson  
Donna Turney  
Maggie Rubino  
Nancy Core

Louie Meissner  
June & Charles Spooner  
Shirley Tetreault  
Lequita Lett  
Al Elliott

Sue Graves  
NMGC, Inc., Judges Council  
NMGC, Inc.

Congratulations to all the clubs, and individual club members, who applied for New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards. It was exciting to see the surprise and pleasure when winners' names were announced at the convention.

I am always available to help answer questions on how to apply for awards. The New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., Award Handbook is available on line at [www.newmexicogardenclubs.org](http://www.newmexicogardenclubs.org). A list of South Central Region awards can be found at [www.gardencentral.org/scr](http://www.gardencentral.org/scr) and National Garden Club awards are listed at [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

Let's use these next months to take lots of photos to accompany our award applications for the coming year!

### **Birds & Butterflies – Jan Smith, Chair**

It is time to start thinking about planting what butterflies adore. Why not plant a butterfly garden this year? A butterfly garden is an easy way to see more butterflies and to help them. You will need to grow plants that caterpillars like to eat and plants that butterflies like to feed on.

In New Mexico the following are some of the more common butterflies that might be found:

- Red-spotted Purple – feeds on spiraea, privet, oak, poplar, wild cherry and viburnum.
- Viceroy – caterpillars feed on willows, poplars and cottonwoods. The adults feed on aster, goldenrod, joe-pye weed
- Weidemeyer's Admiral – caterpillars feed on aspen and cottonwood and willows. Butterflies feed on tree sap, carrion and flower nectar
- Hackberry Emperor – caterpillars feed on hackberries and sugarberry; Butterflies feed on rotting fruit, sap
- Variegated Fritillary and other Fritillaries – caterpillar hosts are the may apple, violets, purslane, and stonecrop. Butterflies get nectar from butterflyweed, milkweed, peppermint, red clover and tickseed sunflowers
- Monarch – caterpillar hosts are milkweeds; Butterfly food is also nectar from milkweeds, lilac, red clover, lantana and thistles. In the fall you can see them on goldenrods, blazing stars and tickseed sunflowers



- Painted Lady – caterpillars feed on thistles, hollyhocks and mallows; Butterflies prefer the nectar from composites 3-5 feed high such as thistles, asters, cosmos and joe-pye weed.
- Two-Tailed Swallowtail – caterpillars feed on the leaves of the ash tree, hop tree and chokecherry; Butterflies like the nectar from thistles, milkweeds and lilac.

A good web site for helping to identify butterflies in New Mexico is <http://www.thebutterflysite.com/newmexico-butterflies.shtml>

Butterfly host plants are important since they play hosts for the butterfly to lay her eggs and food for the emerging caterpillar. You must be prepared for the host plants to suffer some damage from the emerging caterpillars. Because many of the host plants will look a little ragged you may want to plant these plants at the back of the garden or in a place not highly visible.

Now that you have caterpillars, you will also need to provide nectar plants for the emerging butterflies. You will want to plant nectar plants that bloom at various times of the season especially in mid to late summer when butterflies are most active. Plants that produce flowers with multiple florets are ideal, such as the butterfly bush (buddleia). Plant your host plants and nectar plants near each other so when the butterflies emerge they do not have to go far to get nectar. Remember that butterflies are insects and that chemicals will kill them. The top nectar bearing plants that butterflies love are the butterfly weed, purple cornflowers, asters, milkweeds, marigolds, oregano and the butterfly bush. Remember to also provide butterflies with rocks to rest and water to drink.



As your butterflies emerge don't forget to take pictures of them and your garden. You are encouraged to submit an entry for the New Mexico Garden Club's award, "Butterfly Gardening Across the Americas." More information about butterflies can be obtained from the following web site - <http://www.TheButterflySite.com>.

## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

Well, time marches on for all of us including the **Trailblazers Garden Club** in the Farmington area.

Our February pot luck began the New Year for us. As usual, it was delicious. Our planned speaker scheduled her vacation in an untimely manner so our emergency speaker spoke on tree galls which was a new topic for most of us, but one we thoroughly enjoyed.

One of our dear members and good friend, Nellie Horvath, has suffered the ravages of time and is now in a care facility. We do miss her.

Colleen Hinker made time to come to the Four Corners and tell us about her certified organic farm. How does she have time for all that paperwork? We all have greater respect for the certified organic gardener.

We are digging up plants to sell and hoping to find a sale date that is not too early, but not too late. Timing is everything!

Our lovely installation ceremony went off on schedule in April, thank you Nancy Rehbein! We all enjoyed a visit to Elder Greenhouse and enjoyed David's presentation on arrangements in large containers and a lesson on tomato planting. A good time has been had by all!

### District II

As all garden clubs this time of year, the clubs in District II are busy making plans for the coming year.

The **Angel Fire Garden Club** will be celebrating National Garden Clubs Week by promoting gardening through publicity, events and displays. Also the club sponsors an annual garden tour and luncheon. Their 83 members will be involved in all sorts of gardening activities during the summer months.

**Los Alamos Garden Club** celebrates National Garden Clubs Week by distributing book marks to the two libraries and businesses in town. The book marks give information on the club activities and gardening hints. The Rose Garden at Fuller Lodge is a popular place for weddings in the warm months. The club has maintained the garden since its inception. The new board is busy planning for next year.

**Floral Designers Garden Club** will meet as usual in the summer to study design.

**Summit Garden Club** will be working in the Los Alamos County Oasis Garden during the summer months. The club members are actively working with the United Church of Los Alamos in designing a "Prayer Path and Labyrinth."

Pilgrimages and a social are being planned for the summer.

District II voted at the Spring District Meeting to award each club \$100 towards the cost of sending members to Floral Show or other schools. Since a scholarship was not being given it was decided this was a good use of funds to provide education.

All clubs in the district are looking forward to programs and activities during the new garden club year.

### **District III**

Carolyn Bedford and Carolyn Green of **Santa Rosa Garden Club** served as chairpersons for the Valentine's project at the Senior Center. They pre-painted each heart-shaped box red. The ladies at the center, with the help of garden club members, decorated the box with laces, ribbons, flowers and sequins. The box was then filled with different kinds of plant seeds for them to take home.

March was a busy month. SRGC members met with Nara Visa Garden Club members in Tucumcari for the district meeting. SRGC's March meeting was held at Barbara White's home with a program on miniature design. Each member brought a thimble to serve as a flower vase. Working with tiny materials is a challenge, especially when your hands are a bit shaky, but they had such fun judging their own designs.

A group of college students from Illinois were in the area and volunteered their time cleaning and clearing the debris from previous gardens at the Los Amigos Nursing Home. They helped Colleen Hinker plant several rose bushes in addition to those that were donated by the Driggers family in honor of deceased club member, Billie Driggers. Later in the month some SRGC members attended the community get-together at this same facility. Carolyn Bedford gave a report on "How to Plan & Start a Garden." A raised bed will be built as many of the residents are wheelchair bound. Tending a garden is therapeutic and relaxing.

For Easter celebration SRGC met at Peggy Sulteimeir's home. She did a wonderful job creating mini-Easter baskets out of Styrofoam cups and tobacco pipe cleaners. Each basket was filled with multi-colored candies which the members took home. After a short meeting and a delicious pot-luck lunch, the group worked on gourds. The annual barbeque fundraiser will not be held this year. Therefore, the club is looking for other ways and means to fund their projects.

At the next meeting they will start new plants in small containers to sell. With warmer weather, the club will plant some trailing rosemary among the daffodils and tulips at the elementary school. And speaking of elementary school, students are happy to learn that some of them won first place at state level for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest.

**Nara Visa Garden Club** was well represented at the district meeting. They started cleaning and digging up in preparation for their gardens. Their

membership/friendship tea party was cancelled due to bad weather. It has not been re-scheduled.

NVGC members are mourning the loss of another active long time member, Travis Nelson who passed away in February. Travis was awarded the “The Best Historian of the Year” certificate at the Spring State Convention in Las Cruces. She will be dearly missed. NVGC members are collecting photos and mementos for a scrapbook in her honor.

## **District IV**

**Mesilla Valley Garden Club** members had a very busy winter and spring. In February our speaker, Laura Sotberg from Sun Mountain Honey taught us about New Mexico bees, how they are being threatened and what we can do about it. In March, a trip to member Helen Moser’s garden taught us more than we ever thought we could know about raised bed gardening. Butterflies were the focus in April as we toured the many beautiful gardens at Mesilla Valley Hospice – including their butterfly garden.

We were pleased to have hosted the Spring District IV Meeting in March at the Double Eagle in Old Mesilla. Forty-three members were in attendance and the meeting was a success thanks to the capable talents of Beulah Oyler and Rosemary Maddox and assisted by Virginia Podmenik, Charlene Brock and Linnea Egbert.

The Oyler-Maddox duo is to be congratulated again in March as Mesilla Valley leads the hosting for the NMGC, Inc. State Convention. Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces provided the perfect facility. The estate of long time Mesilla Valley Garden Club member, Donna Holland, offered many containers for the silent auction. The meetings were timely and interesting, meals were good and, all in all, we think it was a pretty good party.

We are gearing up for another Tour of Gardens on May 15<sup>th</sup> and our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party the middle of June.

In February **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** held their annual membership tea. Our invited guests were Shirley Tetreault, State President and Susan Miller, District IV Director. It was decided that all members would wear garden hats and gloves as it was a formal tea. All members brought finger food and desserts such as little tea sandwiches, vegetable trays with dip, cheese and crackers and a fruit plate. For dessert we had chocolate-covered strawberries and cupcakes. The State President and the District IV Director were presented with porcelain cups and saucers from an antique store. The flower table decorations were raffled off.

In March, our guest speaker was not able to attend. We discussed the flowers and plants we will be planting in our planters as soon as the weather cooperates. Doris Adams brought in a finished table arrangement for the tables at the State Convention. Everyone thought it was very well done in keeping with the

theme. Five members traveled to Las Cruces to the Spring District Meeting. We enjoyed the lunch and the guest speaker. We have nominated our new officers for the next two years. Ellen Tafoya, President; Ellie Nordgren, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Inez Maier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Florence Reddy, Secretary; and Lucille Lomeland, Treasurer. We plan to plant a tree in Truth-or-Consequences in memory of Vanda Winchester and Martha Leverenz. In April we welcomed a new member Linda Brandis. Our guest speaker was Lisa Haines. Lisa is a biologist at the Amerdaris Ranch. Lisa gave a presentation on endangered species, such as the Aplomado falcon and tortoises. They have brought the falcons and tortoises back to their original habitat at the ranch. We discussed planting a flower garden at one of our member's home with young children. We are trying to come up with some new projects. Next month we will be traveling to the Iris Gardens in Hillsboro.

## **District V**

**Home Garden Club** has been busy. In December, as part of the club president's projects, wreaths were designed by members to be donated to CASA for the auction in November. Our wreaths brought in \$380. We exchanged plants and garden items in a lively game of Chinese gift giving at our holiday meeting and potluck. Tote bags with toys, games and personal items were delivered to the Battered Women's Refuge as the club's Christmas project.

Planters were prepared by Renata Reisel and Peggy Voigt and given to the Habitat for Humanity newest home owners. A bird themed Holiday tree was decorated and placed inside the Visitor's Center at Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge. Members furnished popcorn and cranberry garlands for the pinon and desert willow trees located in the club's landscape plot in front of the center. As part of the Club's ongoing project at Biter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, wild bird seed was furnished for the bird feeders at the refuge. The Club continues to support the Chaves County Head-Start School's spring garden project. The school applied and has received a NGC youth gardening grant.

In January, we met at the Roswell Extension Office, where Dr. Tess Grasswitz, New Mexico State Extension Service Specialist, presented a program on home and garden pest management. Home Garden Club is pleased to have three members attending the 2010 master gardener class sponsored by New Mexico State University's Extension Service. We have 10 members that have attended this program.

We started February with a demonstration on growing iris by Pegi Naranjo, a certified Iris Judge. Peggy discussed which species grow best in our area and how to divide and fertilize iris. Several members went home with iris for their garden. Club members reported that over 500 daffodil bulbs had been planted in and around town.

As spring approached, guest speaker A. J. Olsen, Esq. discussed what you can and cannot do legally while gardening on your property. Can you trim your neighbor's overhanging tree, what damage control to take regarding large trees in your and your neighbor's yard and who owns the nuts and fruit that fall on your side of the fence?

The District V Spring Meeting was held in Ruidoso and the Home Garden Club had 10 members attending. We held our annual Gardener's Market on a beautiful Saturday in April; it was a rousing success.

Several of our members attended New Mexico Garden Club Inc. State Convention in Las Cruces on March 25 and 26. Despite Peggy Voigt dislocating her elbow and a wind and fire storm delay when returning home, they enjoyed themselves. For Class II, Home Garden Club brought home 1<sup>st</sup> place in the State for Youth Activities and Club Yearbook; certificates for Standard of Excellence and Membership Increase and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Flower Show Schedules and Trees. The yearbook goes onto the regional competition.

Sadly, long time members who were also past presidents, Alice and Murray Sharp passed away within days of each other in April. We will miss them both.

**Morning Garden Club** was proud to receive the Keep Roswell Beautiful "April Beautification Award" for the garden they have created at the SENM Historical Museum Archives Building on North Lea Avenue, Roswell. The garden, with life-size bronze statue of a young girl watering the flowers, is a tribute to Dora Lewis McKnight, founder of Morning Garden Club, and first President of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Members care for the garden on a weekly schedule throughout the year.

Two very popular programs were "Using the Right Tool for the Job" where members brought in, and described, their favorite garden tools and "Making Your Own Fairy Garden" presented by Ann Carson, Roswell, master gardener and artist.



*Morning GC Members l-r: Joan Blodgett (KRB), Laura Read (MGC), Mary Weber (KRB) Rita Kane-Doerhoefer (KRB), Pegi Naranjo (MGC), Sue Ferguson (MGC), Zelma Wilcox (MGC) & Theresa Coll in front.*

*Photo by Theresa Coll*



*NMGC, Inc. representatives at South Central Region Convention*

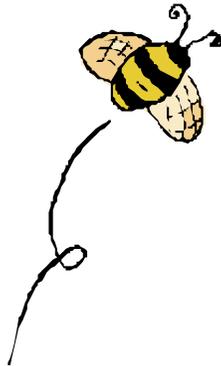
*Standing: Doris Jackson, Colleen Hinker, Jim Moreno, Jennifer Moreno, Suzy Andrego, Donna Turney & Al Elliott*

*Seated: Sally Warner, Shirley Tetreault, Mary Ann Moreno & Isabel Olsen*

*Photo by Bill Korhely*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 6 – 12	National Garden Clubs Week
Jun 6	Evergreen GC Tour of Gardens, Silver City
Jun 21	Summer Solstice
Jun 26	Full Strawberry Moon
Jul TBD	Angel Fire Tour of Gardens & Luncheon, Contact Fannie Mackie at #575-377-7790 or <a href="mailto:fanniemackie@yahoo.com">fanniemackie@yahoo.com</a> for details
Jul 26	Full Buck Moon
Aug 3 – 7	Lincoln County GC Flower Show in conjunction with Lincoln County Fair, Capitan
Aug 24	Full Sturgeon Moon
Oct 21 – 22	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting, Courtyard by Marriot, Albuquerque



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

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