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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

Before writing this first article for the New Mexico Gardener (term 2011 - 2013) many, many thoughts have passed through my mind. I will attempt to share those feelings. After several days at the VA hospital with my father, he took the hand of the Lord on 4/30/11 and was laid to rest on 5/7/11 at Santa Fe National Cemetery. He had full military honors with family and garden club members present. The experience opened my eyes wider as to how important it is to honor our veterans with the Blue Star Memorial. There are hundreds of veterans at the VA hospital each day and it is one of my goals to have a Blue Star placed at the hospital. If you ever have questions regarding the Blue Star Memorial, you can contact Donna Betty Turney. It is my understanding that we lose 1,000 veterans a day. We need to continue to show them that we are there for them. I cannot thank you enough for your prayers, cards, and e-mails. You are all so very special, a real blessing.



In a few weeks I will travel to Washington, DC to represent New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Our National President, Renee Blaschke, has invited me to sit at an "honor" table during the banquet on Saturday night. That is a very special invitation and I am so proud of all of our achievements in the last two years. Renee was very impressed with our annual convention held in Roswell by District V and made several comments about how wonderful our members are. Everyone treated her with the greatest respect and made her feel very comfortable during her visit to our state. The beautiful baskets in our room was a real treasure. Thank you!

It is extremely important that we continue our efforts with our children's garden clubs. There are so many exciting things that are happening with these children and they continue to soak up the knowledge like a sponge. For our last meeting of Blooming Gardeners we studied "worms". The children loved touching them and learning about what they did for the soil. We talked about the good worms and the bad worms and the moms learned a lot as well. Our children's clubs all over the state are working on different projects each month and I commend all of you for your efforts.

## NEW OFFICER BIOS



**Isabel Olsen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President:** Isabel moved to Roswell, New Mexico in 1997 from Southern California. She quickly discovered that she could not plant the same type of flowers and trees that she had in California due to the dry, hot climate of New Mexico. She noticed in the newspaper one day that Home Garden Club was meeting, she attended and joined the club that day. Isabel has served as Secretary, Vice-President and President of Home Garden Club and is currently the clubs Treasurer. She has also served as District V Director and most recently was the Chairperson of the State Convention. Isabel loves to grow Irises and is a member of the Pecos Valley Iris Society and the American Iris Society. When she is not gardening she is busy buying and selling vintage and antique items for her business. She loves to travel with her husband, A.J. and visit their three children, Nicole in California, son Cory in South Carolina and Kristine in Texas.



**Nancy Ketchum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Nancy and her husband, Lendell Cocke, live in the Mimbres Valley in Southwest New Mexico where Nancy is a member and Past-President of Evergreen Garden Club of Grant County. She has just completed a term as Recording Secretary of NMGC, Inc. and is currently enjoying learning design and horticulture at the Flower Show School series in Albuquerque. Before retirement, Nancy taught elementary students for 34 years in Missouri and Illinois. As for the type of gardener she is, Nancy's answer is that she is *optimistically persistent*. Since leaving the rich soil of the Midwest, she has discovered new challenges to gardening but continues to study, plant and enjoy the process. When not earthbound, Len and Nancy enjoy flying their small airplane through the beautiful blue skies of New Mexico.



**Fannie Mackie, Recording Secretary:** I have been a member of Angel Fire Garden Club for five years and the club President for the past two years. I was invited by fellow club member, Betty Picquet, to attend a Floral Designers Garden Club meeting three years ago and I began to love the many types of designs. I served as Vice-President of this club the past two years and will be the incoming club President. My career has been that of a Registered Nurse. I worked as an emergency room nurse since the 1960's, including eight years of flight nursing and nine years as a travel nurse. My husband, Art and I moved from Florida to Angel

Fire in 2005. I retired from full time nursing three years ago, but continue to work part time at our local clinic. That gives me more time to work in my own garden, as well as the signature gardens of Angel Fire Garden Club. I have attended two of the four Flower Show Schools and look forward to continue with these classes. I enjoy working with the youth of Moreno Valley, and this past year I played a major role in forming Ponderosa Pines JR Garden Club. I am a Georgia native and grew up in south Florida. Moving to New Mexico, my garden plans sure have changed and I am blessed to have learned so much from members of the various clubs. I look forward to working with you all as your Recording Secretary.



## **NMGC, INC. CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Isabel Olsen**

"Enchanted Gardening West of the Pecos" – was the theme for the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention. District V, located in the Southeastern part of the state, hosted the three day event and what a great job they did! As members arrived at the registration table they were welcomed by colorful tumbleweeds in the air, smiling faces and each received a tote bag that had everything imaginable inside.

Monday evening started with a performance by the Sweet Lei Lani's. After the Judges Council dinner, a wonderful program was given by Esther Davis and Mary Virden on floral design. Everyone attending the program learned wonderful tips that only a florist could share. Tuesday morning all were welcomed by "Roz" the alien, and some attendees had photos taken with the local celebrity.

The New Mexico Military Institute cadets led us with colors and the pledge of allegiance. The Welcome to Roswell was given by Roswell Mayor, Del Journey. We were honored to have National Garden Club President Renee Blaschke in attendance, who shared information with us all. We also had in attendance the South Central Region Director, MaryAnn Moreno.

After the business meeting and lunch a spectacular Fashion Extravaganza and Tool Party 201 was presented by Morning Garden Club members. LaVerne Smith offered a star performance as a REAL gardener. She had everyone laughing so hard they were crying. At the President's Reception a performance was given by the Roswell Young Folklorico Dancers. Dru Hager then installed the new state officers for NMGC, Inc. The evening banquet was wonderful. We introduced and honored our past state presidents and the current club presidents. The program was given by zoo keeper Marge Wood. She had TAX, a Great Horned Owl with her as she told us all about him. The state awards were presented by Sue Ferguson, Awards Chairperson. The final credential report was given by Cynthia Shafer. The invitation to the 2012 Convention was given by District II and a very entertaining resolution was done by Diane Peterson, aka Alien.

District V had a wonderful silent auction with several door prizes and centerpieces. The convention committee wanted it to be a fun convention for all. Kudos to all five clubs in District V for all the FUN,FUN,FUN!!!

**NMGC, INC.**  
**2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Special Achievement Award**

Isabel Olsen, Home GC  
Silver Medallion

**Member of the Year**

Doris Jackson, Los Alamos GC  
Floral Designers GC

**Design of the Year**

Elaine M. Warden, Evergreen GC

**Horticulturist of the Year**

Julie Foster, Artesia GC

**Photographic Print of the Year**

Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa GC

**Mentor of the Year**

Donna Turney, Flowering Desert GC

**Member Award of Honor**

Beulah Oyler, Mesilla Valley GC

**Presidential Citations**

Nancy Core, District I: Courage!  
You're a Great Example for  
Everyone

Sally Warner, District II:  
Remarkable! Thank you for  
always being there with your  
Expertise

Colleen Hinker, District III: You're  
Amazing & a Very Special  
Friend, New Children's Garden  
Club & Blue Start Memorial

Susan Miller, District IV: You are  
Incredible! Thanks for Being  
You

**Presidential Citations (Cont.)**

Isabel Olsen, District V: Fantastic  
Organization & Leadership  
2011 Annual Convention  
Planning Committee Chair  
Silver Medallion Recipient

Doris Jackson, District II: Strength  
Wisdom, Great Protocol Chair  
Ristra Demo Fall Board

Sue Ferguson, District V: Truly a  
Class Act & always going the  
Extra Mile on Awards, 2011  
Annual Convention Planning  
Committee

Cynthia Shafer, District V: Educate,  
Communicate, Leave a Legacy  
through the New Mexico  
Gardener, Treasurer 2011  
Annual Convention Planning  
Committee

Esther Russell, District I: Superb job-  
27 Unique, hand sewn aprons  
for club presidents & our  
National President, Renee  
Blaschke, Unconditional  
friendship. You make a  
difference

Connie Elmore, District I: Extra-  
ordinary work with Blooming  
Gardeners, very impressive  
Ways & Means chair

### **Member of Distinction Citation**

(One entry per club per year,  
Candidate must have been an  
active member of NMGC, Inc.  
for 14 years & still be actively  
participating in club activities)

Dru Hager, Uptown GC  
Georgia Schoenecker, Morning GC  
Cynthia Shafer, Lincoln County GC  
Elizabeth O'Brien, Mountain GC  
Peggy Voigt, Home GC  
Maple Levine, Blue Belles GC  
Doris Jackson, Los Alamos GC

### **National Garden Clubs 20 Year Certificate**

Daina Blount, Home GC  
Lillian Graham, Home GC

### **Birds**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Karen Beckenbach  
Evergreen GC, cash award  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Renate Reisel, Home GC  
& Morning GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa GC

### **Civic Development**

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

### **Club History**

**Best in State:** Santa Rosa GC  
cash award

**Class I:** Under 20 Members  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Ko Shari GC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Trailblazers GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Moriarty GC  
HM, Mountain GC

**Class II:** 21-30 Members  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Home GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Sunshine Valley GC

### **Club History (Cont.)**

**Class III:** 31-49 Members  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Uptown GC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Morning GC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Los Alamos GC

**Class IV:** 50+ Members  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Angel Fire GC

### **Certificate of Participation**

Blue Belles GC  
Petal Pushers GC

### **Flower Show Schedule**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Evergreen GC, cash award  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Santa Rosa GC

### **Flower Show Display Board**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Evergreen GC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Santa Rosa GC

### **Food Gardening**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Colleen Hinker, Santa  
Rosa GC, cash award

### **Garden Therapy**

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

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Morning GC, cash award  
Artesia GC, Certificate of  
Participation

### **Longevity**

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

### **Membership Increase Most New Members (8)**

Valley Gardeners GC,  
cash award

### **District I**

El Jardin Encanto GC (5)  
Moriarty GC (1)  
Uptown GC (4)

## **Membership Increase (Cont.)**

### **District III**

Santa Rosa GC (1)

### **District IV**

Desert Daubers GC (1)

### **District V**

Lincoln County GC (5)

Morning GC (1)

## **Publicity Press Book**

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

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

## **Scrapbook**

### **Class III**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Los Alamos GC

### **Class IV**

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

## **Standard of Excellence**

Most Active Club – Uptown GC,  
cash award

Home GC, certificate

Artesia GC, certificate

Santa Rosa GC, certificate

Mountain GC, certificate

Morning GC, certificate

Los Alamos GC, certificate

## **Trees and Shrubs**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Morning GC (127)

cash award

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Home GC (88)

cash award

## **World Gardening Contribution**

Flowering Desert GC

## **Yearbooks**

### **Pat Edmonds Award for Best Yearbook**

Morning GC, cash award

## **Yearbooks (Cont.)**

### **Class II:**

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

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

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

### **Class III:**

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

HM, Uptown GC

### **Class IV:**

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

## **Youth Activities**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Uptown GC, cash award

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

## **2011 SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS**

### **No. 3 Civic Development**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Santa Rosa Garden Club

### **No. 5 Club Yearbook Theme**

HM, Angel Fire Garden Club

HM, Home Garden Club

HM, Lincoln County Garden Club

HM, Los Alamos Garden Club

HM, Morning Garden Club

HM, Santa Rosa Garden Club

HM, Sunshine Valley Garden Club

HM, Uptown Garden Club

### **No. 7 Community Concern**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Santa Rosa Garden Club

### **No. 8a Flower Show Schedule**

HM, Santa Rosa Garden Club

### **No. 15 Membership** (Largest percentage increase)

1<sup>st</sup> Place, El Jardin Encanto Garden Club (41.7% increase), \$25 award

Certificate, Valley Gardeners Garden Club (20% increase)

### **No. 22 Youth Program**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Uptown Garden Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Home Garden Club

## **SCR JUNIOR YOUTH AWARDS**

### **Youth Poetry**

#### **Third Grade**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Katie Tetreault, Uptown GC; \$3 cash award, certificate

#### **Fifth Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Brooke Tetreault, Uptown GC, \$10 cash award, certificate

Certificate of Participation, Kellen Tetreault, Uptown GC

## **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters**

### **First Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Bailey Emerson-Betti, Lincoln County GC; \$10 cash award, certificate and key-ring

### **Second Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jesus Gallegos, Lincoln County GC; \$10 cash award, certificate and key-ring

### **Third Grade**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Eva Gallegos, Santa Rosa GC

### **Forth Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Enrique Jaramillo, Santa Rosa GC; \$10 cash award, certificate and key-ring

### **Fifth Grade**

HM, Alan Romero, Santa Rosa Garden Club



## OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Nancy Ketchum

A reminder that dues in the sum of \$8.00 per member are due and payable May 1, 2011. Please make check payable to New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., and mail to:

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Two copies of the club membership, listing officers and members' names, addresses, telephones (home/cell), and e-mail address, should be included with the dues. 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.

### Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

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

Summit Garden Club	Nancy Core
Sally Warner	Louie Meissner
Betty Picquet	Charles & June Spooner
Elizabeth O'Brien	Shirley Tetreault
June Gibson	Lequita Lett
Sue Ferguson	Al Elliott
Donna Turney	Colleen Hinker
Maggie Rubino	NMGC, Inc. Judges Council
	NMGC, Inc.

## **National Garden Week – Elizabeth O'Brien, Chair**

National Garden Week is June 5–11. Here are several tips to celebrate.

1. Encourage your local officials to issue a proclamation declaring National Garden Week.
2. Plant trees or gardens honoring local heroes.
3. Place floral arrangements in public buildings
4. Highlight club civic beautification areas or Blue Star Memorial Markers with balloons, streamers or signage.
5. Publicize National Garden Week activities in press, radio and TV.
6. Place Posters proclaiming National Garden Week.
7. Sponsor a Program for the public related to Gardening.
9. Plan a program or present small floral arrangements to an assisted living facility or nursing home residents.
10. Organize a youth Group for a litter pickup project.
11. Have available bookmarks with your club information at local gardening shops, libraries and other public places.
12. Apply for you state and National Garden Club Awards.
13. Have a tea party at your next club meeting. Bring a friend and give her or him a tea cup

Go to [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org) to download the National Garden Week Proclamation and Poster.

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

### **ATTENTION ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS**

We have so many talented gardeners throughout the state and we want to hear from you!

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

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

## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

With the arrival of spring, **Petal Pushers Garden Club's** hardworking Patio Committee (*top l-r Jackie Fallis, Nancy Kanthack, Grace Barnes, Shirley Bray, Cheryl McCammon, Millie Ewing*) began meeting again on Monday mornings to maintain the beautiful Marie Torrens patio garden at the Albuquerque Garden Center. This garden offers a warm welcome to the Garden Center with pretty bulbs in containers and assorted spring flowering trees and plants.



Members enjoyed informative programs this season including "Planting a bowl of succulents" with Grace Barnes as hostess and "Box turtles" by the Rio Grande Tortoise Club's Lisa Franklin with Millie Ewing and Jackie Fallis serving as hostesses.

The most exciting new Petal Pushers opportunity is the newly organized Petal Pusher's Junior Club, a group of young people who meet to learn about gardening from the older pros in Petal Pushers and organized by Carol Stomp and Sonia James. After instruction about the difference between perennials and annuals, the very enthusiastic junior gardeners planted asters and pansies.

### District II

**Angel Fire Garden Club's** program for our March meeting was "The Principles and Element of Floral Designs." Betty Picquet presented five wonderful designs to us. Club members were amazed at how they were done. Penni Davey discussed community gardens with the possibility of a Farmers Market. Local shopkeepers would provide a fenced in area with raised beds for rent. Construction will begin in May. We are making plans now for the upcoming Annual Garden Tour and Luncheon. The date has been set for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We invite you one and all to make plans now to attend. We do not meet in the month of April. We received 5-6 inches of snow April 26<sup>th</sup> so not much outside gardening is being done. We do have daffodils in bloom and are enjoying a few specks of buds on the trees. The valley is showing signs of greening up as well. The moisture is appreciated any way we get it. Perhaps we'll have summer before the spring can really break out. For those of us that love the laid back mountain living, we have to sacrifice a little. Members have spent hours at The Blue Star Memorial working in the garden there as well as the Shuter Library Butterfly Garden. Club advisers to the Ponderosa Pines Jr Garden Club enjoyed celebrating Arbor Day with them. A

few of our members also helped the Library in a thorough cleaning, packing away books and such in preparation of painting the inside of the library. We are looking forward to our May meeting when we will be installing new officers. It has been a great two years; we have gotten a lot done and know that the upcoming two years will be even better.

**Floral Designers Garden Club** met in White Rock in October to execute and critique a Transparency Design for the benefit and knowledge of its members. It was a most interesting challenge, but one which everyone enjoyed. Each arrangement was judged informally according to the design rules in the handbook.

Our garden club took November and December off for family and friends over the Holidays and met again in January where the Illuminary Design was studied with nine arrangements assembled by members. What a learning experience. Many ideas were exchanged as well as places to find lights online that glow underwater.

We have 13 members. Five are life and state members, and one regional and national member. Some members attended the District II meeting in Los Alamos and State Convention in Roswell in March. Two members have completed two Flower Schools and two members attended an Ikebana Workshop in Albuquerque in February.

The February meeting in White Rock was canceled due to the death of Darryl Jackson, husband of valued member Doris Jackson. We rescheduled the meeting for March 24<sup>th</sup> to conduct business necessary to complete the year and create a Multi-Rhythmic Design.

We will continue to strive for excellence in arranging by up-dating our skills while learning new designs and techniques from books and information from our learned National Garden Club Judges.



**Los Alamos Garden Club** celebrated Valentine's Day with a Tea Party at Aspen Ridge, an assisted living facility, in Los Alamos. Residents were invited to share in the tea party following the meeting. Dottie Reilly, from "Tea World" - a local business, presented a program on "The Art of Making and Drinking Tea." Valentine's Day cards were distributed to Aspen Ridge residents after the meeting. The club judged entrees in the Los Alamos Public School Science Fair and awarded \$20 each to three students for entries related to gardening.

March 18<sup>th</sup> the LAGC hosted the District II spring meeting at Fuller Lodge. New District II officers were installed. Following a catered luncheon Colleen Hinker, from the Santa Rosa Garden Club, presented a program on organic gardening. Three club members attended the NMGC Inc. State Convention in Roswell March 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Doris Jackson was installed as Historian. She is also the Protocol Chair.

New officers for 2011-2012 were installed by Sally Warner at the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. They are: President, Alahna Weller; Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents, Jane Sherwood and Ann LePage; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Becky Hults; Treasurer, Helen Carpenter; Recording Secretary, Judy Handy; Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Hirons and Historian, Janet Clayton. Following the meeting, we enjoyed a potluck luncheon and then made plans for the coming summer and 2011-2012.

LAGC maintains the Memorial Rose Garden at Fuller Lodge. We hosted a rose pruning workshop for the community April 16<sup>th</sup>. Pruning is ongoing and a "mulching party" will be held in May. The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a "Hanging Flower Basket" workshop at the home of Sally Warner.

**Ponderosa Pines Jr Garden Club** continues to wait for our promised spring time weather. Here it is the end of April and we are getting snow today. At our April meeting we celebrated Arbor Day with readings on the beginning of Arbor Day and discussion of our name sake, the Ponderosa Pine.

*(Photo l-r: Right to left: Cecilia Martinez ,DeClan Robert, Chris Thatcher. Photo taken by Richard Thatcher)*

We sure learned a lot about it as well as how important trees are to us. Didn't know how many things we and so many other animals get from trees. We counted tree rings to determine how to tell the age of trees and how the sizes of the rings may mean drought or flood conditions. We made trees from brown paper bags. We are waiting on Eagle Nest Middle School's permission to plant a tree on their grounds. We will be having a fund raiser, selling flower pots that were donated to us. Members have worked at the Shuter Library Butterfly Garden, pulling weeds and planning where we will plant some new flowers there. The daffodils are in full bloom as well as some buds on the trees and scrubs.



## District IV

In February the **Desert Daubers Garden Club** had their annual Anniversary Luncheon meeting at the Double Eagle Restaurant. The program was hosted by Jackie Meinecke, owner of The Enchanted Garden Nursery. She gave an excellent talk on plants that could be planted in February and early spring, included new plants for spring 2011.

Our March program was hosted by Jose Makk, owner of Natura Landscaping Company. He gave an informative talk on various soils, irrigation, fertilization and container gardening.

April, our speaker was Paul Harper from Asombro Institute for Science and Education. Asombro Institute also cares for the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park. He gave an excellent informative talk on native plants of the Chihuahuan Desert. Paul is quite knowledgeable of desert life and environment. He is an excellent speaker which made it an enjoyable afternoon.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will travel to Joan Keif's Lavender Farm for a tour and luncheon. Following the luncheon we will have the installation of new officers: President, June Bingler; Vice-President, Barbara Borrett; Secretary, Elsie Pipurinos, who has done an excellent job as Secretary and has bravely agreed to continue; Treasure, Nancy Hall, a treasurer herself, has agreed to stay on in that position.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Joan is hosting a Lavender Festival at her farm. As a money maker for our club, we will have a stand at the festival to sell dried and fresh herbs from a members herb garden. We would like to invite club members to the Fall District IV meeting to be held in Las Cruces on October 10, 2011.

Since the end of January, **Evergreen Garden Club** has been very busy. In February, we were treated to a great presentation on butterflies by member Karen Beckenbach at the home of Gloria Montoya. March was extremely full, beginning with the District IV meeting in Elephant Butte. Several of our members were able to attend and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Following that, we had our own 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea at the Woman's Club in Silver City where Lequita Lett gave a wonderful presentation on the fascinating history of our club. We are grateful for the efforts of all of our members who helped make this a memorable occasion. We were also very pleased to see that some out of town members from District IV were able to make the trip to join in our celebration.

The NMGC, Inc. State Convention in Roswell was a delightful, fun-filled few days, and those of us who could attend had a really good time. The food, the flowers, the programs, and the skits were a much appreciated addition to the well-orchestrated business component of the convention. We are especially proud of Elaine Warden who was installed as Treasurer of the Judges' Council, and of Nancy Ketchum who was installed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of NMGC, Inc.

April has been busy as well, beginning with the installation of our club's new officers on April 21<sup>st</sup>. In an entertaining ceremony, Barbara Peters installed:

President, Karen Beckenbach; Vice-President, Teresa Olivas for a second term; Co-Secretaries, LouAnn Meier and Sally Ginet; Treasurer, Nancy Ketchum. The meeting was held at member Sharlene Grunerud's organic Mimbres Farms. Following the meeting we were able to purchase a variety of plants from her gorgeous greenhouse. Two days later, we manned a booth at the Earth Day event held annually in Silver City. In addition to our homegrown plants for sale, we provided a children's station where they could plant seeds in newspaper pots we prepared on site. It was a big hit, and we enjoyed watching the children make their choices between hollyhocks, nasturtiums, and four o'clocks. On Monday morning, April 25<sup>th</sup>, we picked up trash along our mile-long section of Highway 152, providing a clean stretch of road for the bicyclists coming in for the Tour of the Gila this week.

In May, we're looking forward to warmer weather, lots of gardening, and our own Annual Garden Tour in June.

## District V

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (BUGS) was the theme of the February **Lincoln County Garden Club's** first meeting of 2011. State entomologist, Dr. Carol Sutherland, enlightened and entertained our club with tales of "disreputable beasts" that destroy our trees, flowers, vegetables, grasses and ornamental plants. Her Power Point presentation taught us how to prevent/treat these "mobile pests".

Over 800 posters for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl contest were collected. We hope some will compete at Nationals.

Membership reported 38 members this year and growing! We continue to promote our fund raiser Bloomin' Bucks. The Summer Bulb Catalog is available with gorgeous dahlias, lilies, crocosmia, begonias and more. Just go to [www.BloominBucks.com](http://www.BloominBucks.com) to order.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the District V spring meeting in Artesia, Barbara Bauer was installed as District Director and Cynthia Shafer was installed as Treasurer. All who attended loved the theme, "Chilies and Lilies." March 18-20 brought the Mountain Living Home & Garden Show in Ruidoso. Our club sold seeds and the *High Altitude Gardening* book that our club publishes. In addition, we sold beautiful, edible "salad bowls" grown by Imelda Horne, consisting of heirloom lettuces and herbs growing and ready for harvest. Yum! At the 2011 state convention in Roswell, March 28-30, Lincoln County Garden Club won three awards: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Yearbook-Class III; Membership Increase award at state and national levels; Honorable Mention #5 Club Yearbook for South Central Region. The state convention in Roswell had



more attendees than any recent year, and was generally praised by all for its organization and fun.

The yellow daffodil bulbs planted at the library and hospital gardens began blooming in March and looked gorgeous, reminding us all that spring brings hope and beauty.

The April garden club meeting featured the dynamic and inspiring Julia Price, Executive Director of New Mexico Alliance for Children (NMAC). The Alliance will build a number of new gardens in the Ruidoso area and revive an old one, as part of their larger plan to teach youth gardening basics and increase their access to healthy food. NMAC sponsors gardens through Head Start in Capital, Hondo Valley and Ruidoso, Smokey's Garden with the cooperation of the US Forest Service and Ruidoso Downs Garden at First Baptist Church.

Congratulations to the new officers elected at the April meeting: President, Judy Preston; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Gloria Powers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Cynthia Shafer; Secretary, Nannette Tanner; Treasurer, Gail Crites; Parliamentarian, Jordan Cameron.

In March, **Morning Garden Club** met at Shawn Grizzle's beautiful home; and Renie Reisel demonstrated how to put together spring topiary decorations. This month, we also helped host the state convention.

In April, we met at the home of Judy Needham in her lovely sun porch. Attorney A.J. Olsen of Henninghausen and Olsen, LLP of Roswell presented the informative program on legal guidelines for gardeners. Also five members helped prepare two 17x17 foot garden plots for the Working Mothers' Day Nursery. They also helped the children plant their vegetable garden. Mayor Del Journey came to support us. We mourn the passing of LeNora Roberts, our Recording Secretary.

In May, we will celebrate our last meeting at the First American Bank with a salad luncheon. Mike Beagles, a Master Gardener and owner of Meadow Brook Farms will give a program on practical tips for growing tomatoes.

**IN MEMORIAM  
MARGE SCHULTZ  
MORNING GARDEN CLUB**

Marge Allen Schulz, the last surviving charter member of Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM passed away on March 6, 2011 at the age of 101. Marge served as club president in 1958, and up until very recently was the club membership chairman. Throughout the years, she was always involved with the running of the club, serving as treasurer and recording secretary countless times. She was always so encouraging and kind to new members, making all feel very welcome. We will all miss her enthusiasm, wonderful smile, and wisdom.

The following is taken from the commencement and conclusion of a history Marge wrote at the request of club president LaVerne Smith in 1999:

**MORNING GARDEN CLUB REMEMBRANCES  
by Marge Allen Schulz**

We not only enjoy but also love our Morning Garden Club. Yet there are now only a handful of members who can remember its beginning and the steps of its history. I was there the day of the first meeting of this club in the spring of 1950. Dora Saunders McKnight, our fearless leader, organized a group of her eager young friends and their mothers. The club was to be limited to fifty members. It filled at once. A waiting list was at hand for at least fifteen or twenty years.

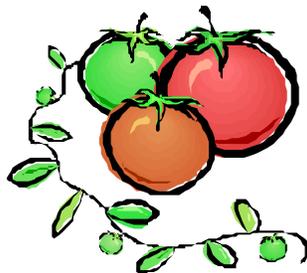
Morning Garden Club was the envy of all garden clubs in Roswell. Dora's knowledge of gardening and horticulture was boundless. Her enthusiasm was never-ending. For a year, when husbands came home for lunch, the meeting was still in progress. Dora taught us to plant color in the back yard, but to limit the front yard to white flowers only – coordinated with shrubs and evergreens. We never forgot these hints that made our homes more lovely.

As we look back on the festive and productive years of our club, we see the many opportunities it gave us. It offered us the chance to share our common interest, to make beautiful the town that we loved, and to give our own potentials a place where they could blossom. We see that, through the years, each project has had its following. Committees worked with diligence. Each group had fun, and each one felt rewarded. For years, our pilgrimages (enjoyed by both members and guests) went by busload to the Bill Armstrong mountain home in Hondo, to the nursery in Mayhill, and to Ruidoso, for picnics in sprinkling rain. The buses were always filled to capacity.

With these memories of our colorful history and with such valuable members – each one unique – how can we fail to reach out to the year 2000, not only with fond remembrances, but with eager anticipation?

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 5 – 11	National Garden Week
Jun 15	Full Strawberry Moon
Jun 18	Evergreen GC Tour of Gardens, Silver City 9:00am-12:00pm
Jun 21	Summer Solstice
Jul 15	Full Buck Moon
Jul 23	Angel Fire Garden Tour, for info contact Fannie Mackie at <a href="mailto:fanniemackie@yahoo.com">fanniemackie@yahoo.com</a> or #575-377-7790
Aug 2 – 6	Lincoln County GC Flower Show in conjunction with Lincoln County Fair, Capitan
Aug 13	Full Sturgeon Moon
Aug 27 – 28	Flower Show School IV, Albuquerque Garden Center, Brochure/Registration Form: Maggie Rubino, <a href="mailto:maggier33@hotmail.com">maggier33@hotmail.com</a>
Sep 20 – 25	NGC Fall Board, St. Louis, MO
Oct 10	District IV Fall Board, Las Cruces
Oct 11	District V Executive Fall Board, Ruidoso
Oct 20 – 21	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board, Albuquerque



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