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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

"Serving Those Who Serve Us" is very obvious around our state. As I traveled to all five Districts this spring it is amazing how hard all clubs are working in this area. Projects include visits to veterans, nursing homes, visits to hospitals, working with children and a great deal of community service work. Planters with herbs are being prepared for the hospital in Santa Rosa, plant sales and workshops were held in several Districts and new members were gained through some of these efforts. We are growing and everything that is done, big or small, is truly appreciated.



Our South Central Region Convention held in Little Rock, Arkansas was a great success with ten New Mexico Garden Club members attending. Several of us ate at "The Flying Fish" which was a real treat. We voted on the Monarch Butterfly to be our Regional Symbol for the four states - New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. A new seal will be purchased with the butterfly on it. We had a very good showing in awards that will be presented by Suzy at our annual convention in Angel Fire. The South Central Convention for 2013 will be in Albuquerque, combined with our State Convention and State Judges Council March 19–23. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Isabel Olsen will be installed at this convention as your new State President and it would be great if we had a high attendance.

I have spent many hours working on and preparing for the dedication of our new Blue Star Memorial Marker. The marker will be placed at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial located at 1100 Louisiana S.E., in Albuquerque. A tentative date has been set for June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. with a reception to follow. Please mark your calendars and thank you New Mexico for another great effort on your part.

Angel Fire is just around the corner and I hope you have sent in your registration forms and made hotel reservations. Conventions are always a great opportunity to learn new ideas to take home with you. It is also a great time to get to meet other garden club members and learn new possibilities for your clubs. I hope to see you there!

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
63rd Annual Convention
Invitation & Schedule

Dear Members & Friends: *You are cordially invited to attend!*

If you haven't had the opportunity to get out of the heat and visit Angel Fire, here is your chance! The 63rd New Mexico State Garden Clubs 2012 State Convention will be hosted by District II (North Central Region) in Angel Fire, New Mexico on **May 29th through May 31st**. Everyone is welcome to attend and the registration form is attached for your convenience. Please note that **early registration ends May 11th**. After May 11th, the cost goes up \$20! So, save some money and send in your registration now!! We have plenty of rooms at the Lodge and other accommodations such as renting homes, RV sites and condos.

We are very excited about the programs and activities scheduled for the convention; here are some highlights:

Judges' Council Dinner and Program May 29th Mary Ann Moreno, Past South Central Regional Director will present the horticultural program. Menu: Prime Rib, Roasted Garlic potatoes, garden salad and dessert. You don't have to be a judge to attend the dinner & program.

The 63rd Annual Spring Convention ~ May 30th breakfast buffet and opening program will be presented by Chuck Howe, President of the National Veterans Wellness and Healing Center, Angel Fire.

- Shirley Tetreault, President NMGC Inc. will preside at the general convention meeting
- Special Guest, Judy Grotts, South Central Regional Director
- Luncheon Program: Medicinal Herbs with Dr. Selah Chamberlain
- President's Reception at the Angel Fire Country Club in Elements
- Dinner Banquet: "Putting on the Glitz, Ranch Style"
Roast Beef dinner with entertainment by Pauncho & Lef-T and The Ranchitas! Guests (spouses) are welcome for only \$28

May 31st Breakfast Buffet, NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation and Design Workshop Program presented by Stephanie Hamilton of Angel Fire Garden Club. Demonstrating a new design presented at the National Garden Clubs Convention and then hands on experience with another design.

Activities in Angel Fire are many: Horseback riding, Golf, Tennis, Bicycle packages at the Resort, fishing at Monte Verde Lake or Eagle Nest State Park. Hiking and the Arts Walk Tour of the Enchanted Circle, and a Cooking Class by the renowned Chef Tom Bowles of the Roasted Clove Restaurant.

Convention posters are on sale at the Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce!

We hope you will plan to attend the greatest New Mexico Garden Clubs convention in the North Central region of the state. For more information, please call Fannie Mackie, Registration at 575-613-6518. www.Angelfirefun.com Hope to see you in Angel Fire this summer!

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Garden Club(s): _____

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

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

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

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

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

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

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

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

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

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

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

Thursday, May 31, 2012

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

Please make checks payable to **District II NMGC Inc. 2012 State Convention** and mail with this form to: JJ Huddleston, District II Convention Treasurer

PO Box 789
 Angel Fire, NM 87710-0789
 #575-377-3401

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

HOTEL: Angel Fire Resort Hotel #800-633-7463

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

VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR

August 1, 2012 is the entry deadline for the **2014 Vision of Beauty Calendar**. All Garden Club members are invited to submit an entry. Applicants can submit a photo of your garden or any type of floral design. Along with your digital photo, you need to complete the entry form which can be found on the National Garden Clubs website: www.gardenclub.org/shopping/vobcalendar.aspx. The requirements for your entry are also on the website. Form also can be found at the end of the 2012 Vision of Beauty calendar. (Note: the deadline date listed on the website and at the end of the calendar is wrong.) Send entries to: Jan Warshauer, PO Box 680363, 3663 Oak Wood Ct., Park City, UT 84068.

BLOOMING GARDENERS GARDEN CLUB





MEMBER'S CORNER

IN PRAISE OF BASIL Submitted by Rosemary Maddox Mesilla Valley Garden Club

At the Convention in Roswell last year, I volunteered to serve as Herb and Food Gardening Chairman (I suffer from the Little Red Hen Syndrome; if nobody else will do it, my hand automatically shoots up.) In this, my first submission, I would like to discuss my favorite herb, basil.

I buy a pot of basil in the spring to get a head start, then plant several rows from seed. Basil is very gardener friendly and has no special needs. Have you seen the price of fresh basil in the grocery store? It's about \$3.98 for one little sprig. It grows cheerfully though the summer and fall, but the first freeze turns the leaves black and kills the plant. I stick to Genovese basil, with shiny rounded leaves as this is the type most suitable for making pesto, which is my reason for living. Well, that and a few other things. I often say that I am the Pesto Queen of Dona Ana County. I have gotten some strange looks, but so far no challenges.

I also grow lots of tomatoes, and through the summer I use basil leaves in tomato salads sprinkled with seasoned rice vinegar, all the while looking forward to being able to harvest a bushel or so of basil, which usually happens in August and September. Washing and stripping off the leaves from that much basil often gives me a crick in my neck, but like childbirth, when it's over the pride of accomplishment wipes out all recollection of pain. Well, it's been a long time--I'm a little foggy about that last part.

Pine nuts are a main ingredient in pesto, and I buy them at the big box store--you know the one, the Really Big Box Store. In early April I found the 15 oz. package, for which I have always paid \$15.99, was \$9.99. I still can't get over that. Alas, these pine nuts are from China. The recipe I use is on the back of the package, but in case you buy your pine nuts at the swap meet, which I used to do, I will give you the recipe.

Auntie Cassy's Pesto

2 cups fresh basil leaves	1/3 cup fresh Parmesan cheese, grated*
4 cloves of garlic, peeled	1/2 cup pine nuts
1/2 cup olive oil	1/2 tsp. each pepper and salt

Rinse basil leaves in cold water, remove excess water. Place basil leaves in food processor or blender and chop well. Add remaining ingredients and puree. Adjust salt and pepper to taste. Aunt Cassy's Pesto keeps in the refrigerator for one week in sealed container or can be frozen for a few months.*

*I never have fresh Parmesan cheese to grate--I use the already grated Parmesan that comes in a plastic jar. I used to save yogurt containers when they

had reusable lids, but now I make two to three dozen 8 oz. margarine containers of pesto and freeze it for up to one year. Exposure to air will cause the surface to turn dark, but that's no problem, just stir it.

What do I do with all this pesto? Most of it goes to friends and family as gifts or rewards or bribes--that's why I don't use my own freezer containers. My grandchildren love it on toasted bagels with cream cheese, and thinned with cream or chicken broth it makes a great pasta sauce. Here is my favorite pesto recipe. The original recipe called for scallops and sundried tomatoes, but I found that scallops tend to weep and sundried tomatoes are very expensive. You don't really have to measure the shrimp and cheese--just whatever looks right.

Pizza with Shrimp and Pesto

1 can refrigerated pizza crust	6-8 oz. container frozen pesto, thawed
1 cup cooked shrimp, halved	sliced olives or pimentos
1/2 cup grated Mozzarella cheese	

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. Unroll pizza dough onto cookie sheet and press dough out to form a rectangle. Bake about 6 minutes or until very slightly browned. Spread pesto on crust and sprinkle with shrimp, olives or pimentos, and cheese. Continue baking, 5 or 6 minutes, until cheese is melted and crust is brown on the bottom.



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

Petal Pushers Garden Club met at the Garden Center in February. Judy Nickell graciously addressed the club and once again confirmed that she certainly knows trees! Judy, using a recycled poster flip board, not only explained a tree's life cycle but also managed to illustrate her subject. She answered the member's questions with her usual commonsense advice, suggested additional planting selections, and valuable tree care instruction.

In March, as a follow up to the October meeting, Suzy Andrego invited the members to visit her garden. She started the day by showing her multiple flower beds which are loaded with over 400 different daffodil varieties at this time of the year. She was accompanied on the tour by her five beloved cats. The members were most grateful to Suzy for sharing her beautiful garden, her knowledge and enthusiasm for daffodils, and her valuable time.



Carol Stomp and Sonia James provided door prizes of potted tulips and morning refreshments for the District I Spring Meeting which Lois Byron also attended. Pat Walters, Ways and Means Chairman, organized the plants and workers for the spring plant sale at the Garden Center.

Petal Pushers will have a slate of new officers at their spring luncheon installation. They are Sonia James, President; Mary Frances Santistevan, Vice President; Pat Williams, Secretary; Lois Byron, Treasurer; Susan Olinger, Yearbook. The club members are very appreciative for the hard work done by Carol Stomp and Joan Higgs, outgoing President and Secretary.

Uptown Garden Club meets the third Wednesday morning of every month and currently has 45 members. In February 2012, we had a wonderful program "African Violets 101," presented by Mary Ann Moreno. Also in February, a van load of members went to the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge for a tour. Our March meeting was a wonderful rose program by Rosarian Debbie Butcher. Also in March, Uptown provided the lunch for the District I Spring meeting. Sixteen members attended the meeting on March 5th.

Uptown is a very active club with 11 Judges, one student judge, two emeritus judges, and four Flower Show students which attended the most recent school in Roswell, NM in March. We are currently working towards installing a second Blue Star Memorial Marker in Albuquerque on June 23, 2012. It will be at

the NM Veteran's Memorial Park on Louisiana just north of the Louisiana Gate to Kirtland AFB.

Uptown members have been busy the past few months helping with the annual Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs' Rummage Sale and Spring Fair and Plant Sale. We have members who are regularly scheduled to speak, teach, and present programs throughout the state on various arranging and horticulture topics. Members volunteer at local nursing homes for garden therapy, arrange flowers for area hospitals, bake for nursing units, and visit with our sweet veterans at the VA Hospital. Uptown still has its Junior Garden Club, The Bloomin' Gardeners, which now has 32 members! This lively group is headed up by Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore. Four members recently attended the South Central Region Convention in Little Rock, AR where they had a wonderful time visiting with old friends, making new ones, attending meetings and programs, and sightseeing at local gardens and attractions.

Our most recent meeting in April was a potluck luncheon and installation. Outgoing President Debi Harrington recognized those who had served so dedicatedly in the past two years. She then installed the 2012-13 officers: Christine Longthorp, President; Mary Ann Moreno, Vice-President; Maxine Harrington, Treasurer; Shirley Jenkins, Recording Secretary; and Debi Harrington, Corresponding Secretary.

On May 5th, we will tour the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Home in Santa Fe and on May 18th we will have a program on how to attract more Birds and Butterflies to the home garden. May will also see many members attending the NMGC, Inc. Convention in Angel Fire, NM where everyone will have an opportunity to buy the 2013 Vision Of Beauty Calendar which features a small line mass design, "Graceful Rhythm" by Shirley Tetreault. In June, members will make 400-500 arrangements in soup cans for Share the Beauty Day. These arrangements are to celebrate National Garden Week. They will be taken to the Veterans' Hospital and several local nursing homes. Esther Russell and Shirley Tetreault will head up this effort. Members will also assist on June 8-9 with the Council of ABQ Flower Show "Vistas of Enchantment-Celebrating 100 Years of New Mexico Statehood. Members will staff the show and enter horticulture and designs as well. Uptown welcomes visitors and new members at any of its meetings and programs.



District II

Angel Fire Garden Club started 2012 with many preparations and much excitement for our club as District II will be hosting the 63rd State Convention in Angel Fire right after Memorial Day. We hope you all come a day early or stay a day later to enjoy our valley.

We also are looking forward to working in our signature gardens. We have new additions to add to all our gardens and are excited to get started. Spring always comes late to Angel Fire.

At our April meeting, club members worked on crafts to go in Convention bags. It was great being together and working with our hands, even if it wasn't in the garden. That time will come and we will be ready to Bloom and Grow!



Los Alamos Garden Club has had a busy schedule in 2012. At our January meeting we learned about decorating with food. Local naturalist Terry Fox presented a most interesting program in February about native plants and how forests (ours in particular) recover and benefit from fires. March found us learning about planting rock gardens from Marion Good. We do have an abundance of rocks in and around Los Alamos as our land is volcanic. The new officers were installed at the April meeting. Following a Modern Floral Design presentation by Shelby Green we celebrated with a potluck luncheon. April 21st was Earth Day. The Pajarito Environmental Education Center held a big festival to celebrate. We participated by helping children and some adults make their own little newspaper pots using wooden Pot Makers (as used by the Evergreen Garden Club), filling them with soil and then planting the seeds of their choice. It was great fun for all and we felt "a little greener" by day's end. The May meeting will find us doing a Garden Therapy project with Aspen Ridge, the local assisted living home. We will be holding our annual "Plants and Other Things" sale in May at the home of member Linda Hoffman. The monies earned will go toward our \$500 scholarship that we present each spring to a deserving senior.

District IV

In February, **Desert Daubers Garden Club** hosted their 43rd anniversary luncheon in the historic Double Eagle Restaurant. Our program was presented by Dr. Scott Bundy, Associate Professor of Entomology and Director of the Arthropod collection at NMSU. He presented a fascinating talk with slides and power point on Beneficial Arthropods in the Garden. Our honored guests were Isabel Olsen, NMGC, Inc. 1st Vice-President and Susan Miller, District IV

Director. Members of Mesilla Valley Garden Club and Evergreen Garden Club were also welcomed guests. As usual our lunch was excellent.

On March 3rd, our club toured the Fabian Garcia Greenhouse at NMSU. Dr. Picchioni and Sabine Green gave a great presentation on cutting, grafting and propagation of trees and plants. They had plants and trees available to show us exactly how to do cut and graft, and trays of plants to show how to propagate.

On March 13th, Mesilla Valley hosted a "Gathering of the Garden Clubs of Las Cruces." It was a fun time and a great luncheon. Thank you, Mesilla Valley.

In April, our club met in the home of Elisa Reagan. Fern Gold provided the refreshments. Our speaker was Dr. Martha Desmond, interim Dept. head of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology. Her research is in Ornithology. She gave a very interesting talk, with slides, on burrowing owls. Our meeting included preparation for the Las Cruces Tour of Gardens on May 5th.

Also in April, we planted three lantana plants at the Margaret Todson Memorial. Shirley Nicolai, National Garden Club, Inc. President's project for 2011-2013 is Plantings for Public and Special Places. Unfortunately, it was too cool to plant before the April 1st deadline.

On May 1st our club will travel to Leasburg Dam State Park for a picnic. We will discuss our programs for 2012-2013 while enjoying all the natural plants, birds and animals of the outdoors.

This past Spring **Evergreen Garden Club** was busy preparing to host the District IV Spring Meeting. To bring cheer to the event, Elaine Warden came up with a bright spring theme for the decorations. Everyone really seemed to enjoy them. The program was on Miniature Floral Design, presented by our State President, Shirley Tetreault. It was extremely interesting and informative, especially to our newer members.

The last Wednesday of May, we did a highway clean on our mile of Hwy 152. It is gratifying to see there is less and less garbage each time we do this! Hopefully this trend will continue and we will not have any garbage to pick up some day.

June 9th we will be holding our annual garden tour. This year there will be a geodesic dome and a local farm that uses sustainable techniques that can be used in the home garden. Another garden will showcase the use of art to enhance the esthetics in the garden. The last garden on the tour will be the home of our past President, Ginna Heiden. One of the many gardening techniques she will demonstrate is "square foot gardening."

On July 27th we will hold a Standard Flower Show entitled "The Good Old Summertime, a Celebration of Life." We are hoping to get all our new members and some of our shy, long-term members to try their hand at floral design.

Lastly, one of our long-time members had a wonderful article written about her in the Glenwood Gazette. Lequita Lett is a past State President, as well as a past EGC President. Over the years she has worked tirelessly to promote the Garden Clubs organizations. Here is a link to the article, if you want to learn about

her life before she moved to New Mexico and became an active garden club member:

http://glenwoodgazette.com/archive/2012/04-2012/_gg_04-2012_pp11-18.pdf

Mesilla Valley Garden Club will end our 2011-2012 calendar year with a spring potluck at member, Charlene and husband, Otto Brock's lovely home in May. Our club is eighty-two years old!

Spring blooms are everywhere in the southern valley. The annual *Tour of Gardens* takes place on Saturday, May 5. It is going to be a wonderful visual tour of what can be grown in the desert.

In April, we visited a member's iris gardens with an incredible display of beautiful blooms. We were given many tips on how to successfully grow these beauties. Also everyone received a plant. What a generous surprise this was! During the summer the board meets to plan programs and edit the new copy of the yearbook.

In February, **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** held their Annual Membership Tea. We welcomed our special guests, State President Shirley Tetrault and District IV Director Susan Miller. We also welcomed five guests that our members invited. All members were outfitted in Hats and gloves in celebration of the annual tea.

Shirley brought us up to date on all the news of the other clubs in the State. She made up a board of pictures taken at the State Board Meeting in Albuquerque. The National President praised all clubs in the New Mexico for all the projects that they have accomplished this year. Susan reminded us of the up coming District IV Spring Meeting in Silver City on March 22nd. All members brought sandwiches, Scones, cream puffs, cookies and fudge. We also had a variety of flavored Teas.

In March, we held our Meeting at the Fellowship Alliance Church. Our First Vice President Ellie Nordgren gave a presentation on how to start your seedlings. She gave us a good tip on saving our pots that we get when we buy plants at the nursery to start our seedlings in. Another tip was to use a good starter soil and to place in a sunny place. Make sure to water them well.

In April, our main topic for our meeting was to find ways to bring our membership up. We are going to advertise in the newspapers and on the local radio station. We elected our new officers for the coming year; they will be installed at our next meeting. Three members took home reference books from our last meeting and reported on how to grow plants and flowers in our area.

District V

Home Garden Club's March meeting was held at the Spring River Zoo. Bob Smith discussed birds in Roswell and his many travels looking for birds in other parts of the world. The 2012-13 election of officers was held. Elected were Jan Smith, President; Kathy Brown, 1st Vice President; Joanne Gottlieb, 2nd Vice

President; Peggy Voigt, Secretary; Gloria Mendiola, Corresponding Secretary; Isabel Olsen, Treasurer; Pat Balok, Historian; and Daina Blount, Parliamentarian.

Several club members attended the Flower and Horticulture School that was held in Roswell. We met many new friends from the eastern portion of our state.

On the 14th of April we held our annual Gardener's Market. The public always buys out the plants in just a few hours, and this year was no exception.

Home Garden Club hosted the District V Spring Meeting on April 16th at the Roswell Elk's Lodge.

The April Meeting was hosted by Pat Krakauskas. We installed our 2012-13 officers. A Garden Hat decorating contest was held and Dorothy Torrez won for her fresh flower design. A Pot Luck luncheon was held after the installation of officers.

In May members are going to travel to High County Gardens in Santa Fe.

For National Garden Week in June, members are looking forward to updating the Zoo garden. We will use the \$100 donation from District V to help buy some new plants for the garden.

After hibernating for the winter, **Lincoln County Garden Club** foraged out in February with a potluck lunch and work session at the home of District Director, Barbara Bauer. The highlight of the morning was the presentation of Lifetime membership pin to Jordan Cameron who has served as president of garden club, as chairperson of the hospital courtyard garden and as a certified judge for the Lincoln County Fair Flower Show. Lunch was a delicious blend of flavors.

As February slipped away and March arrived, we found there were chores to do in our gardens and for garden club as well. First, several members attended the Flower Show School I March 16-18 in Roswell, commenting that it was well attended, beneficial and rewarding.

Next, Garden Club's booth at The Mountain Living Home & Garden Show March 17 & 18 featured selling our High Altitude Gardening book, seeds and beautiful, edible "salad bowls" grown by Ann Lohrey, consisting of lettuces growing and ready for harvest. Lots of people stopped by to ask questions and talk about gardening. We continue to promote our fund raiser Bloomin' Bucks, at www.BloominBucks.com. The Summer Bulb Catalogue is out with dahlias, lilies, begonias and more.

Twenty-one gardeners braved a spring snow storm for the March meeting. Presenter, Rosemary, from The Herb Shop, discussed the nutritive and medicinal value of various herbs such as dill, fenugreek, flaxseed, ginger root and more when used in teas or cooking. We welcomed one new member.

Long time garden club member Shirley Neuhaus passed away March 26. Her positive spirit and great smile will be sorely missed by family and friends. A tree will be planted and dedicated to her memory Arbor Day and a donation given to her beloved Lincoln County Humane Society.

Nine ladies from Ruidoso traveled to Roswell for the District 5 Spring

meeting April 16. The patriotic theme carried through from the flowers, the favors to the red, white and blue cake! Following the business meeting and lunch we were entertained by Ann Carson's talk on garden fairies.

Dr. Jim Miller, gardener, landscaper and water recycling expert, used a PowerPoint presentation to teach us how to harvest rain water for use in our gardens and yards during the April meeting. By using above ground tanks to catch and store snow melt and rain, building terraces and paths to slow water down and using mulch he encouraged us to use a free source to create beautiful gardens.

An orchard is an unusual prize for winning a contest, but the Hondo Community Garden has a chance if it gets enough votes. Sponsored by the New Mexico Alliance for Children, the Hondo garden was selected from hundreds of applications to be one of 17 organizations to receive a grant from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation and Dreyer's Fruit Bars to plant about 20 fruit trees. Now all you need to do to help get this orchard is vote (once every 24 hours) at www.communityestakeroot.com until August 29th. The first five winners will be selected on May 31st. It's totally up to the community to make this happen!

More District V news....Congratulations to Cynthia Shafer for winning First Place nationally for the *New Mexico Gardener!* It's rewarding to see excellence in publishing our state newsletter recognized.



Judy Preston & Jordan Cameron



Ann Lohrey & Pat Miller answering questions at Home & Garden Show



In Memoriam

Shirley Neuhaus Lincoln County Garden Club

Longtime member and three term president of Ruidoso/LCGC, Shirley Neuhaus passed away in Albuquerque on March 26, 2012, age 90. Belonging to the garden club in Tampico, Mexico, where she lived many years with husband Charlie and daughters Judy and Jeanne, Shirley brought her talents and knowledge to Ruidoso in the 1960s and served as president in the Garden Club from 1974-1976. In these years the club's major project was called Beautify Main Street in Ruidoso with members maintaining flower containers along Sudderth Dr. Shirley again served as president from 1986-1988 and then LCGC in 2007-2008.

Shirley was a cornerstone of our club, always active and willing to work on committees, including Smokey Bear Woodsy Owl art school project on local and state levels for many years. A member of Southwest Designers she had a passion for creating floral arrangements from natural materials that she gathered wherever she could find them. Shirley was even known to "beg, borrow, or steal from neighbors." She also enjoyed being a judge for the annual Lincoln County Fair Flower Show sponsored by LCGC.

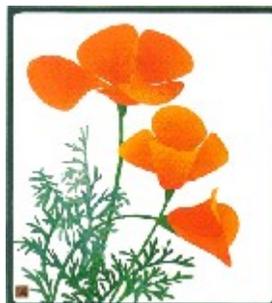
A mentor and loyal friend, Shirley would go to the end of the rainbow and back if someone told her they needed the colors. She deeply cared for people, plants, and animals alike. Her compassion, character, resiliency, and humor were inspirational to the end of her life when she referred to her oxygen tank, now constant companion, as "HANK the TANK." Shirley loved traveling with friends and/or her daughter Jeanne who went with her again last year to Hawaii.

Shirley's love for all is remembered by many. A few of her other community commitments included Altrusa, Lincoln Co. Food Bank, HEAL of Ruidoso, and the School Bi-lingual Program. She was a poet and romantic at heart, choosing to see the best in life. These words are the last verse of her poem "The Seasons," from an earlier yearbook:

"And so the seasons of the years
Each with beauty blessed
Follow one another
As in our lives expressed"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 19	Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs "Garden Tours of the Country Club Area"; 9:00am-4:00pm; Tickets \$10; Lunch by Savory Fare is available for \$12. Information & tickets are available at the Albuquerque Garden Center or on-line at albuquerquegardencenter.org
May 29 – 31	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Angel Fire
Jun 3 – 9	National Garden Clubs Week
Jun 1 – 4	Rose Society Convention, Albuquerque
Jun 4	Full Strawberry Moon
Jun 8 – 9	Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Flower Show "Vistas of Enchantment-Celebrating 100 years of NM Statehood" Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd. NE. Information & schedule for entries (Horticulture, Design, or Youth) available by calling 505-296-8208, or by picking up an entry form at the Garden Center or on-line at lbuquerquegardencenter.org . The show is open to entries from any amateur and will be open to the public 11am-7pm on Saturday, June 9, 2012
Jun 9	Evergreen GC Tour of Gardens, Silver City
Jun 21	Summer Solstice
Jul 3	Full Buck Moon
Jul 19 – 21	Environmental Studies School I, Angel Fire
Jul 21	Angel Fire Garden Tour, Angel Fire
Aug 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Aug 1	Full Sturgeon Moon
Aug 31	Full Blue Moon
Sep 25 – 29	NGC Fall Board, Little Rock, Arkansas
Oct 18	District V Fall Board, Roswell
Oct 25 – 26	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board, Albuquerque



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Summer May 1
Fall August 1
Winter November 1

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