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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isabel Olsen

"Helping Gardeners Grow"



Flowers are blooming and the bees are busy pollinating our gardens. It is a great time to be a garden club member! It was so wonderful attending our five District Spring Meetings and chatting with many members throughout New Mexico. The districts had extremely interesting themes and programs ranging from designs using recycled materials to a bee theme with honey for all provided by a bee keeper that spoke to us about the benefit of bee pollination in our gardens. Thank you to the district directors and hosting clubs for your warm hospitality.

Hats off to Angel Fire and Santa Rosa Garden Club of District III for hosting a marvelous Annual Convention in Santa Rosa! We had several first time attendees this year including Terry Fitzpatrick of Summit Garden Club who won the Ways and Means raffle for the all expense paid trip to the convention. The winner of the iris sculpture was Marge Shanfeldt of the Moriarty Garden Club. A special thank you goes to Debra Sorrell of District I for purchasing the most raffle tickets. She received a metal barrel cactus for her garden. Congratulations to all!

I then attended the South Central Region Convention in Addison, Texas. A trip to the Dallas Arboretum Botanical Gardens (photo above) was enjoyed with a view of tulips of many colors in bloom. Several of our members attended this convention and all were very proud of the numerous awards that we received at the banquet (22 to be exact.) Kudos to our members and our awards chairman, Sue Ferguson, for the added effort of applying for these awards.

I just returned from the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual National Garden Clubs 2014 Convention in Norman, Oklahoma. *Black Gold & Red Earth* was the convention theme. We learned a great deal of Oklahoma's history from the centerpieces and the tours that were given. New Mexico was well represented with 16 members in attendance. I would like to recognize and commend the following members for their service to the NGC, Inc. Committees: Sally Warner, Credentials; Shirley Tetreault, FSS Student Schedule Correction; Doris Jackson, President's Project – Air Quality; Mary Ann Moreno, Horticulture Committee; Suzy Andrego, Nominations and Plant Societies; Jennifer Moreno, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl; and newly appointed to Roadside Beautification, Debi Harrington. I would also like to congratulate Christine Longthorp for becoming a NGC Life Member and Shirley Tetreault for being nominated as the NGC, Inc. Recording Secretary for 2015-2017 term.

I'm extremely proud of the members of New Mexico and all the work they do. Our state membership has increased and we need to continue to be proactive instead of reactive. By continuing the 3 R's of membership – Recruit, Retain, Revitalize we are *Helping Gardeners Grow!*



*SCR Director, Nancy Voyles presenting Isabel with one of the 22 award received by NMGC, Inc.*

## FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Suzy Andrego



### NMGC, INC. 2013 SPRING CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention was held in Santa Rosa on March 19-21 this year. It was hosted by District III which consists of only two clubs; Santa Rosa Garden Club and Angel Fire Garden Club. Colleen Hinker was the Convention Chair and Carolyn Bedford was her Convention Co-Chair.

This convention was a Big Blue Splash of a Job! The theme was Blue Water – Blue Skies – Blue Hole! And, WOW ..... we did see the big blue sky, the blue water and a blue hole!

We started the convention off with a fabulous Judges Program, "Overcoming Your Designing Blues," held at the Santa Fe Grill. Each district of New Mexico Judges Council treated us to a floral design that we had not seen in a while! Shirley Tetreault, our state's only Nationally Accredited Flower Show School instructor, narrated the evening's program.

And, the Judges Council "pinned" three new NM Flower Show Judges, Carolyn Bedford, Debi Harrington and Nancy Ketchum! Congratulations ladies! The convention opened on Thursday at the newly completed Santa Rosa Convention Center, which has a front row seat to the Blue Hole. The hallways were decorated with beautiful floral arrangements and pictures of historical Santa Rosa. We were welcomed to Santa Rosa with a great story from the mayor, who doubled as caterer for all our tasty meals!

After the business meeting, we drew a flower ticket to see which table we would sit at for lunch. Each table was hosted by a district director or former state president. We challenged each table to learn "something they did not previously know" about their table host. We had a lot of fun learning new things about the former presidents and district directors. Following lunch we were "wowed" by a presentation from a real scuba diver who told us about diving in the Blue Hole. He followed the talk with an actual demonstration of how to dive in the Blue Hole. And, for even more excitement, we participated in the tree planting ceremony at the convention center.

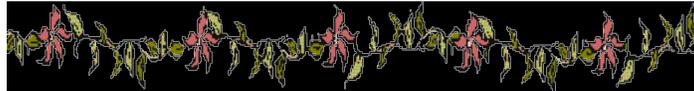
The afternoon brought us four opportunities to gain more knowledge by attending workshops. You had your choice of How to be a Club Treasurer, How to be a Great Club President, How to Be a Great Chairperson and How to start a Youth Garden Club. They were all excellent and gave a lot of information to help us all. A BIG thank you to President Olsen for arranging these!

Before dinner, we all met up at the Comfort Inn for a delicious President's Reception to honor our President Isabel Olsen. The theme for dinner was Denim & Lace and it was fun to mingle and see everyone dressed for the occasion! Then we all headed over to the Convention Center to enjoy dinner served by the sweetest 4-H youth group around!

After dinner, the top awards were presented with Shirley Tetreault winning Design of the Year, Helen Moser winning Horticulturist of the Year, Debi Harrington winning Member of the Year, Peggy Voigt was presented with Mentor of the Year award, Colleen Hinker was presented with the Silver Medallion award and Debi Harrington with Member of Honor. It was a busy evening!

Friday morning brought us the Awards Ceremony where State Awards Chair, Sue Ferguson, presented all the other awards, won by clubs and individuals, which showcase all the incredible activities and projects our members put their time, energies and hard work towards. We all look forward to this each spring. After the close of the convention, many members took advantage of the free tours that were offered. Then we all headed home to start our projects and activities for next year! Thank you to each and every member who helped make this convention a success!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall board meeting in Santa Fe!



**THANK YOU!**

A sincere thank you for the many e-mails, cards and phone calls during my recent loss of Bill. They were so appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth O'Brien*

Past-President NMGC, Inc.

**NMGC, INC.**  
**2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
**(Awards Year: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013)**



**Design of the Year – Shirley Tetreault, Uptown Garden Club**

*"Lest We Never Forget." 5" Miniature design resembling the Twin Towers after the attack on September 11, 2001*



**Horticulturist of the Year – Helen Moser, Mesilla Valley Garden Club**

*"This one acre garden is composed of many differently focused garden areas. It is also home to many birds, bees, butterflies, praying mantis and other beneficial insects."*



**Mentor of the Year – Peggy Voigt, Home Garden Club**



## NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)

### **Member of the Year** – Debi Harrington, Uptown Garden Club

*"This eighteen year member of Uptown has furthered National Garden Clubs objectives by serving in numerous capacities locally, statewide, and regionally during her years with Uptown. An avid gardener and floral arranger, she is always eager to share these passions with others."*



### **Member of Honor** – Debi Harrington, Albuquerque

*Every garden club has those very special members who work tirelessly and give years of service in many areas ... here is your club's opportunity to say "we appreciate you and thank you for all your efforts!"*

*The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contribution(s) to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticultural Therapy, Horticulture Landscape Design, Youth Activities, All Around Excellence*



**Special Achievement Award** – Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa  
*Silver Medallion, depicting the NMGC, Inc., Seal*

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**STANDARD of EXCELLENCE**

*This serves as an evaluative overview for your Club's program year. Program year is January 1st through December 31st annually.*

**Uptown Garden Club - Top Point Earner**

1<sup>st</sup> Place ( 945 points)

\$25 cash award, sponsored by Becky Fuller

**Class I:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Santa Rosa Garden Club (385 points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Floral Designers (285 points)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Artesia Garden Club (250 points)

**Class II:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club (550 points)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Morning Garden Club (435 points)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Petal Pushers Garden Club (395 points)

HM: Summit Garden Club (385 points)

HM: Mesilla Valley Garden Club (375 points)

HM: Valley Gardeners Garden Club (200 points)

**Class III:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Los Alamos Garden Club (270 points)

**Class IV:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Angel Fire Garden Club (415 points)

**NMGC, INC.**  
**2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
**(Awards Year: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013)**

<p><b><u>Beginning Designer</u></b>  Debra Sorrell, Uptown Garden Club  \$10.00 Cash Award, Sponsored  by Nancy Core</p> <p><b><u>Birds</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Selvi Viswanathan, Los  Alamos Garden Club  \$10.00 Cash Award  Anonymous Donor  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jo Ann Layden, Angel Fire  Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Butterfly Gardening Across America</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Helen Moser, Mesilla Valley  Garden Club  \$10.00 Cash Award, Sponsored  by Lequita Lett</p> <p><b><u>Certificate of Meritorious  Achievement</u></b>  <i>For Outstanding Contribution to NMGC, Inc.</i>  Christine Longthorp  Uptown Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Civic Development</u></b>  <i>This award is for landscape projects in public  areas. Such areas include: schools, civic  buildings, hospitals, shopping areas,  cemeteries, roadsides, historic sites,  enhancement of parks, trails, small pocket  gardens, street plantings, etc.</i>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sunshine Valley GC  \$10.00 Cash Award, Anonymous  Donor  <i>T or C Civic Center Entrance  Project</i></p>	<p><b><u>Club History</u></b>  <b>Best Club History</b>  Uptown Garden Club  \$10.00 Cash Award sponsored by  Lequita Lett</p> <p><b>Class I:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Santa Rosa Garden Club  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Trailblazers Garden Club  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Floral Designers</p> <p><b>Class II:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Morning Garden Club  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Home Garden Club  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Summit Garden Club  HM: Sunshine Valley Garden Club  HM: Mesilla Valley Garden Club</p> <p><b>Class III:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Uptown Garden Club</p> <p><b>Class IV:</b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Angel Fire Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Flower Show Schedules</u></b>  <b>Class II:</b>  (Standard Show Staged by two or more  clubs)  1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Council of Albuquerque  Garden Clubs  \$10.00 Cash Award, Sponsored  by Becky Fuller  <i>"Favorite Days in the Life of a  Father", Father's Day, June 16,  2013</i></p>
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**NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)**

<p><b><u>Flower Shows - Fair Schedules Only</u></b>  <b>Class II:</b>          1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club          \$10.00 Cash Award, Sponsored          by Becky Fuller          Eastern New Mexico State Fair          Flower Show, September 2013  <i>"The Most Fun You Can Have          With Your Boots On!"</i></p> <p><b><u>Food Gardening</u></b>          1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jerry Moser, Mesilla Valley          Garden Club          \$10.00 Cash Award, Sponsored          by Los Alamos Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Member of Distinction Citation</u></b>  <i>Candidates must have been an active member          of NMGC, Inc., for 14 years and still be          actively participating in Club activities. Must          have an outstanding reputation in the          community for garden club work. Must have          displayed leadership at Club level and/or          above.</i>          Margaret Moeding, Uptown GC          Betty Heisler, Ko Shari Garden Club          Joyce Davies, Lincoln County GC          Peggy Voigt, Home Garden Club          Florence Reddy, Sunshine Valley GC          Verna Funk, Artesia Garden Club          Maggie Rubino, Floral Designers          Lois Byron, Petal Pushers Garden Club          Sally Warner, Los Alamos Garden Club</p>	<p><b><u>Member of Distinction Citation (cont)</u></b>          Peggy Sultmeier, Santa Rosa GC          Mary Ann Schrank, Morning GC          Beulah Oyler, Mesilla Valley GC</p> <p><b><u>Membership Increase</u></b>  <b>Most New Members</b> – Uptown GC          11 New Members (26.8% increase)          \$50 Cash Award, Sponsored by          Isabel Olsen</p> <p><b><u>Greatest Percentage of New Members</u></b>          Artesia Garden Club          8 New Members (100% increase)          \$25 Cash Award, Sponsored by          Sally Warner</p> <p>Floral Designers          1 New Member (10% increase)</p> <p>Mesilla Valley Garden Club          2 New Members (8% increase)</p> <p>Petal Pushers Garden Club          1 New Member (4.8% increase)</p> <p>Angel Fire Garden Club          2 New Members (3.4% increase)</p>
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**NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)**

<p><b><u>Photographic Print of the Year</u></b>                  Debi Harrington, Uptown Garden Club  <i>"Close of Day n Wildflower Paradise"</i>  <i>at the Foot of Mt. Ranier</i>                  \$25 Cash Award, Sponsored by Charles                  &amp; June Spooner                  In Honor of Louie Meissner</p> <p><b>Landscape:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Debi Harrington, Uptown GC  <i>"Close of Day n Wildflower                  Paradise" at the Foot of Mt.                  Ranier</i>                  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Debi Harrington  <i>"The Garden Beckons," Butchart                  Gardens, Victoria, Canada</i>                  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gracia Coffin, Summit GC  <i>"Winter Kisses New Mexico                  Mesas" Anderson Overlook, Los                  Alamos, NM</i></p> <p>Entries also submitted by Suzy                  Andrego, Diane Peterson, J.J.                  Huddleston, Jan Smith, Julie Foster, Jo                  Ann Layden &amp; Joan Douglass</p> <p><b>Wildlife:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gracia Coffin, Summit GC  <i>"Green Gardener Tends My                  Roses" Praying Mantic Pest                  Control in my Flower Garden</i>                  \$25 Cash Award, Sponsored by                  Suzy Andrego                  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: J.J. Huddleston, Angel Fire  <i>"That's My Feeder!"</i>                  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Debi Harrington, Uptown  <i>"Free Fishing Day at Tingley                  Beach" Black Crowned Night                  Heron With His Catch</i></p>	<p><b><u>Photographic Print of the Year (cont)</u></b>  <b>Wildlife (cont.)</b>                  Entries also submitted by Laurie                  Hixson, Jo Ann Layden &amp; Suzy                  Andrego</p> <p><b>Horticulture:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joan Douglass, Angel Fire  <i>"Hollyhock Heaven"</i>                  \$25 Cash Award, Sponsored by                  Suzy Andrego                  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: J.J. Huddleston, Angel Fire  <i>"Zucchini Blossoms"</i>                  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Suzy Andrego, Uptown  <i>"The Pink Ladies"</i></p> <p>Entries also submitted by Gracia Coffin,                  Jo Ann Layden, Diane Peterson, Jan                  Smith, Julie Foster &amp; Debi Harrington</p> <p><b><u>Publicity Press Book</u></b>  <b>Class II:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club                  \$10 Cash Award, Sponsored by                  Renate Reisel                  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Morning Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Scrapbook</u></b>  <b>District III:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Santa Rosa Garden Club  <b>District V:</b>                  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Scholarship</u></b>                  Genevieve Anne Tucker                  \$2,500.00 scholarship</p>
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**NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)**

<p><b><u>Trees</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Morning GC, 94 trees/shrubs planted  \$10 Cash Award, Sponsored by Donna Turney  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Angel Fire GC, 28 trees/shrubs planted  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Helen Moser, 23 trees/shrubs planted  HM: Joan Higgs, 1 tree/shrub planted</p> <p><b><u>Wildflowers</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jo Ann Layden, Angel Fire  \$10 Cash Award Sponsored by Penni Davey</p> <p><b><u>World Gardening</u></b>  <i>For Contributions to World Gardening &amp; International &amp; National Disasters, e.g. Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, Penny Pines, etc.</i>  Mesilla Valley Garden Club  Summit Garden Club  Home Garden Club  Morning Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Habitat for Humanity</u></b>  <i>For Club Contributions to Habitat for Humanity</i>  Home Garden Club  Morning Garden Club  Petal Pushers Garden Club</p>	<p><b><u>Youth Gardening</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Uptown Garden Club  <i>For their Youth Club, The Blooming Gardeners. They have planted containers at the State Fair Grounds &amp; gardens at the Ronald McDonald Farm</i>  \$25 Cash Award, Sponsored by Esther Russell</p> <p><b><u>Class II:</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club  <i>Youth Program at The Dragonfly Festival, Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge</i></p> <p><b><u>Yearbooks</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Pat Edmonds Memorial Award for Best Yearbook:</u></b>  Uptown Garden Club  \$15 Cash Award sponsored by Summit Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Class I:</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Evergreen Garden Club  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Trailblazers Garden Club  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Desert Daubers Garden Club  HM: Santa Rosa Garden Club  HM: Artesia Garden Club  HM: Southwest Judges Council</p> <p><b><u>Class II:</u></b>  1<sup>st</sup> Place: Morning Garden Club  2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sunshine Valley Garden Club  3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Summit Garden Club  HM: Mesilla Valley Garden Club  HM: Home Garden Club  HM: Petal Pushers Garden Club</p>
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**NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)**

<p><b><u>Yearbooks (Cont.)</u></b></p> <p><b>Class III:</b>          1<sup>st</sup> Place: Uptown Garden Club          2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lincoln County Garden Club          3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Valley Gardeners GC</p> <p><b>Class IV:</b>          1<sup>st</sup> Place: Angel Fire Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Presidential Citations</u></b></p> <p>Betty Heisler – District I Director          Dedication &amp; Leadership</p> <p>Barbara Vance – District II Director          Dedication &amp; Leadership</p> <p>Jean Digerness – District III Director          Annual Convention Planning          Committee</p> <p>Barbara Peters – District IV Director          Dedication &amp; Leadership</p> <p>Rene McCoy – District V Director          Dedication &amp; Leadership          Chairmanship of 2013 Fall          Board Meeting</p> <p>Colleen Hinker – Fantastic Leadership-          Chairmanship of 2014 Annual          Convention          Silver Medallion Recipient</p> <p>Fred Hinker – Outstanding          Commitment - Registrar 2014          Annual Commitment</p> <p>Carolyn Bedford – Fantatstic          Organization - Co-chairmahsip          for 2014 Annual Convention</p> <p>Frances Speight – Marvelous Job! -          2014 Annual Convention          Planning Committee</p>	<p><b><u>Presidential Citations (Cont.)</u></b></p> <p>MaryAnn Moreno – Passion &amp;          Dedication - Flower Show          School Chairman and          Environmental School Chairman</p> <p>Pegi Naranjo – Outstanding Support -          Flower Show School Local          Chairman</p> <p>Georgia Schoenecker – Commitment          &amp; Dedication - Scholarship and          Life Member Chairman Sue          Ferguson – Superb Job! Awards          Chairman</p> <p>Judy Needham-Parham – Outstanding          Registrar, 2013 Fall Board          Meeting</p> <p>Jan Smith – Fantastic Job - Protocol          Chairman, 2013 Fall Board          Meeting Planning Committee</p> <p>Kathy Brown – Fantastic Job -          Membership Services 2013          Fall Board Meeting &amp; 2014          Annual Convention</p> <p>Sally Warner – Support &amp; Dedication -          Updating Bylaws,          Parliamentarian, NGC Credentials</p> <p>Shirley Tetreault – Support and          Encouragement</p>
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**NMGC, INC. 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONT.)**

<p><b><u>Smokey Bear Poster Contest</u></b></p> <p><b>First Grade:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Danni Thompson, Santa Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Angelina Silva, Santa Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ronald Gage, Santa Rosa 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Alexis Aragon, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>Second Grade:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mika Lucero, Santa Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kassie Padilla, Santa Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Avelina Maldonadi, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>Third Grade:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Celina Ashcraft, Santa Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tristine Trujillo, Santa Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Danae Esquibel, Santa Rosa 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Avrelío Gonzales, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>Fourth Grade:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Juaquin Baca, Santa Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Johnny Velaquez, Santa Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marisah Baca, Santa Rosa 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Adara Anaya, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>Fifth Grade</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Devin Chavez, Santa Rosa 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Vicente Flores, Santa Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jacob Esquibel, Santa Rosa 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Krista Garnand, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>Special Creativity Award</b> Solomon Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Santa Rosa</p>	<p><b>Special thanks are extended to the following generous sponsors of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards program.</b></p> <p><i>Nancy Core</i> <i>Lequita Lett</i> <i>Isabel Olsen</i> <i>Charles and June Spooner</i> <i>Suzy Andrego</i> <i>Renate Reisel</i> <i>Becky Fuller</i> <i>Shirley Tetreault</i> <i>Diane Peterson</i> <i>Al Elliott</i> <i>Sally Warner</i> <i>Summit Garden Club</i> <i>Esther Russell</i> <i>Los Alamos Garden Club</i> <i>Louie Meissner</i> <i>Donna Turney</i> <i>Jan Smith</i> <i>Penni Davey</i> <i>Sue Ferguson</i> <i>Pegi Naranjo</i></p> <p>Thanks also to <i>Jan Smith</i>, Home Garden Club, for her help with the certificates.</p>
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## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS

<p><b><u>Award No. 2, Civic Development</u></b> HM: Sunshine Valley Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 3, Club Program</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 4, Yearbook Theme</u></b> <b>Class II (29-49 members):</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Uptown Garden Club HM: Angel Fire Garden Club HM: Evergreen Garden Club HM: Morning Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 4, Yearbook Judges</u></b> <b>Council</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Southwest Judges Council of NM &amp; TX \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 6, Community Concerns</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Home Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 7A, Flower Show Schedule</u></b> <b>Class I (less than 29 members):</b> <b>Single Club</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 7B, Flower Show Schedule</u></b> <b>Multiple Club</b> Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. \$25 Cash Award</p>	<p><b><u>Award No. 12, Membership Increase</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Artesia Garden Club \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 13, Youth Program</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Uptown Garden Club for Blooming Gardeners \$25 Cash Award HM: Home Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 14, Publication</u></b> <b>Single Club-Single Page Publication/ Newsletter</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 14, Publication</u></b> <b>Multiple Clubs-Multi Page Publication/Newsletter</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: State Coverage, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. \$25 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 14, Publication</u></b> <b>Any Other Worthy Publication</b> <b>Multiple Club, Tri-fold Brochure</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place: New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. \$26 Cash Award</p> <p><b><u>Award No. 14, Publication</u></b> <b>Most Creative Publication</b> New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. \$10 Cash Award</p>
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## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION AWARDS (CONT.)

<p><b><u>Award No. 15, Publicity Press Book</u></b>  <b>Small Club (1-39 members)</b>          3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Home Garden Club</p> <p><b><u>Sweepstakes Award</u></b>  <b>Single Club</b>          1<sup>st</sup> Place: Home Garden Club                  \$25 Cash Award</p>	<p><b><u>Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest</u></b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade:</b>          HM: Danni Thompson, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</b>          HM: Mike Lucero, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:</b>          HM: Celina Ashcraft, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b>          HM: Joaquin Baca, Santa Rosa</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b>          HM: Devin Chavez, Santa Rosa</p>
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## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. 2014 AWARDS

**#12-4 Di - Publication Award**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc., for "The New Mexico Gardener"

**#13 -1 Di - Publication Award**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., for the "Revised 2013 Awards Hand-book"

**Scholarship Award**

Genevieve Anne Tucker, sponsored by NMGC, Inc.  
         \$4,000.00 scholarship

## OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

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

Spring is here and with it is time for 2014 NMCG dues to be paid. According to our by-laws, dues are to be paid May 1 and will be delinquent after July 1. Dues for and information on any new members gained through the year will be paid in the same way until February 1, 2015.

Information about dues can be found on the NMCG, Inc. website under the "members only" section. Please check the by-laws, Article X, Section 1. Additional information can be found in the manual (also on the website) on pages 10-12 under the heading *Club Treasurer*.

Here's what you need to do:

- A check, payable to NMGC, Inc. - \$8.00 per member
- Two copies of the membership list. The proper form is in the manual and includes name (first name/last name), mailing address, phone number and email address
- Include a list of club officers
- Mail this to the second-vice president. (information follows)
- Please mail dues and membership lists to your district treasurer at the same time. Dues vary from district to district so contact the district treasurer to find the correct amount.
- Mail dues and membership lists to:

Nancy Ketchum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

NMGC, Inc.

HC 68 Box 2552R

Mimbres, NM 88049

I have a new email address [nanketch1@gmail.com](mailto:nanketch1@gmail.com) and any email inquiry from me will have NMGC in the subject line. You may also reach me at 575-536-3370 (h) or 575-956-3024. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

At the Convention in Santa Rosa, the following exceptional New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., members were recognized for their outstanding contributions:

***Colleen Hinker*** - Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion)

***Debi Harrington*** - Member of the Year

***Shirley Tetreault*** - Design of the Year

***Helen Moser*** - Horticulturist of the Year

***Peggy Voigt*** - Mentor of the Year

We congratulate them, and all the clubs and individual members who submitted award applications. It was a privilege to celebrate all their achievements.

Now, of course, is time to begin thinking about the 2014 awards year. Please take lots of photos and document your projects. We want your hard work to be recognized. As always, please contact me with any award related questions.

No applications were received for the Longevity Award this time. This award is for long term projects, not new ones. I think that most of our clubs have one or more of these projects that they could document. There is money in the Awards Fund waiting to be spent for this award. Please apply this year!

An Awards Results Booklet can be found on our website. Many thanks to you all.

Although I wasn't present at the Awards Ceremony at the South Central Region Convention, I heard that it was a very exciting time for New Mexico garden clubs when they received a total of 23 awards. Special congratulations to Home Garden Club of Roswell who placed so highly that they received the Sweepstakes Award for the most first places.

## Blue Star Memorial – Shirley Tetreault, Chair

As we all know, it takes a lot of time and effort to organize and complete a task that is worthy of recognition. Our Blue Star Marker Program is no exception, however, when one is dedicated it is a proud, honorable moment and we know that we have shown our appreciation to our veterans. Home Garden Club in District V is going through that process now. The new marker will be placed in the Veterans Memorial Park in Roswell, NM. Thank you ladies for all your hard work on this project.



On the other side of the state, District II is also working on the possibility of a Blue Star Marker. More information will follow on this project when the exact location is determined. Thank you, ladies, for your hard work and efforts on this project.

### **Garden Therapy – Helen Moser, Chair**

Springtime is here! Many of you are out digging and planting in your gardens, asking yourselves, "Why am I doing this? It's too much work!" Or is this an annual task that gives rewards when you look at the new sprouts, colorful flowers and tidiness of the garden spaces? Yes, our backs ache, there's dirt under our fingernails, and we are bone-tired. Do we think about the memories we are creating for ourselves, our family, friends and others?

A study was done in Great Britain recently about how flowers and their fragrances can conjure up more memories than looking at certain objects. Professor Martin Conway of City University London specializes in memory issues and investigated which flowers evoked the strongest memories. "Plants and flowers form a big part of everyone's life and they affect the senses. Their bright colors and attractive scents mean they have the ability to create a great sense of memory." He created a measurement system, gold, silver and bronze to chart flowers that have the greatest effect on our memories. When asked, 91% of Brits said they felt uplifting emotions such as happiness and love when recalling memories related to flowers whereas only 2% felt more somber feelings like sadness and worry.

Some of the selections available here in the desert Southwest:

GOLD: Roses, Bluebells, Daffodils, Sweet peas, and Sunflowers.

SILVER: Honeysuckle, Buttercups Pansies and Primroses

BRONZE: Snapdragons, Heather, Geraniums, and Marigolds and, may I add, scented Irises.

Professor Conway said: "The research clearly shows the significant role gardens and plants play in the formative years." Horticulture offers stimulus and cues to a range of memories beginning as early as four to five and even at three years of age. Green outdoor spaces and flowers encourage us to see that nature is full of surprises and wonder.

Two examples that the Mesilla Valley Garden Club experienced in April: (1) A Standard Flower Show was held in a "commons room" at Good Samaritan, a retirement village. Many of the residents came by to see the flower arrangements and horticulture. The comments and looks of pleasure were evidence of past garden experiences. "Garden therapy" for all in attendance. (2) *Habitat for Humanity* dedicated three homes. The club purchased flowering plum trees and soil amendments which volunteers then used to beautify their front yards along with other donated shrubs. It is a form of "garden therapy" to help the families feel grounded in their new homes and neighborhood. Hopefully each of you can participate in some form of garden therapy this summer, making someone smile and say, "Oh my! This smells so good and looks so beautiful!"

### **Keep New Mexico Beautiful – Shirley Tetreault, Board Member**

Dusty Roadrunner, along with Keep New Mexico Beautiful organized tree planting ceremonies throughout the city in celebration of "Arbor Day." We had support from local nurseries who donated the trees, the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Blooming Gardeners Youth Garden Club and the Student Council Senate from Jackson Middle School. Our future South Central Region Director, Barbara Baker, was in town to teach Flower Show School I. With time permitting, she jumped right into the festivities. The wind was blowing and a few drops of rain fell, but everyone still enjoyed the moment. Garden club members usually adapt to most situations. A total of fourteen trees were planted by many hard working individuals. *(Photo: Dusty, the youth, Shirley Tetreault and Joanne Case at Jackson Middle School)*



### **National Garden Week – Donna Turney, Chair**

**National Garden Week** for 2014 is June 1 through June 7, but you know that and have already made plans to observe the week with fun events that will attract attention to your club and its contributions to your community. There were a few suggestions in the spring issue of this magazine which, hopefully, started your creative juice flowing. Other clubs would like to hear of your successes so share through this chairman at [donnalomr@gmail.com](mailto:donnalomr@gmail.com). (Save your posters that celebrate National Garden Week as they are good for 2015.)

**New Mexico Judges Council – Suzy Andregó, President**

**NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL WAYS & MEANS  
PROJECT**

Ever wanted to see what it was like to eat dinner and visit "ONE  
on ONE"

with the National Garden Clubs, President??

**Well .... HERE IS YOUR CHANCE!!**

NM Judges Council is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a  
"One on One Dinner" with the National Garden Clubs President,

**Linda Nelson** (*photo*)



The winning meal will be served at the Fall Board Judges Council Dinner  
in Santa Fe!

**TICKETS are \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00**

Email Suzy Andregó, President, NM Judges Council, to purchase your ticket or see  
your local NM Judges District Chair to purchase one.

**And ... if you don't win ... save your ticket. It is good for a Linda Nelson  
"HUG"!**

**Share the Beauty Day – Esther Russell, Co-Chair/Shirley Tetreault, Co-Chair**

This year is flying by so fast. Share the Beauty Day is only about two months away. Shirley Tetreault and I are working diligently to get all the cans ready. This day means a great deal to us, not only because we are able to brighten the lives of those who receive these arrangements, but this day raises our spirits just seeing the many club members, master gardeners, council members, and others who volunteer their time to put the arrangements together. We enjoy the fellowship and I know we are all happy to help the recipients. Please volunteer to help and/or bring in plant material from your beautiful gardens. Remember, Share the Beauty Day is Monday, June 2, 2014.

**World Gardening – Virginia Podmenik, Chair**

**ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS AT KEW  
London, England**

Kew Gardens is a parkland of 300 acres, with huge expanses of lawn with ancient trees, some dating to the 1700's, rose gardens, perennial beds, vegetable patches, flowering shrub gardens, grasses, alpines, bamboos, and water lilies. It has 4 glass houses, one nearly 5000 square meters, and another, The Palm House,

built in 1844, host a tropical rain forest, with the oldest potted plant, a South African cycad, dating from 1775.

This World Heritage Site has the largest botanical and horticulture collection in the world, with over 2 million crocuses, 300,000 Scillies and 900,000 daffodils lining the grand walk. There are over 500 varieties of grasses, 100 species of lilacs, 54 rose beds and over 700 species of rhododendrons. There is a holly walk, over 1000 meters long, and a beautifully shaped Stone Pine that was a bonsai in 1846. When the Orangery was being refurbished in 1846, it was simply planted outdoors. There are 37 acres, around Queen Charlotte's cottage, that are kept as a conservation area. Kew hosts 128 bird species, 23 species of butterflies and 3 species of bats. Kew makes its own compost with "Royal horse manure." Yes, from the Queen's horses, on a 10 to 12 week cycle, producing 2000 cubic meters a year. The gardens keep a seed bank protecting 24,000 species from extinction.

Lawns are vast. Bring a picnic, or a bottle of wine, and spread out on the grass. In the summer there are fireworks on Saturday night, weddings at the Cambridge House and concerts. There is ice skating in December. There is a huge children's playground, restaurants, gift shops and a nursery.

The history of the gardens is truly fantastic; but that is another article. Visit Kew on line at [www.kew.org](http://www.kew.org).

### **Youth Therapy/Activities – Esther Russell, Chair**

Those of us who attended the Spring Convention in Santa Rosa were treated to a wonderful time. During our break out sessions, I was so happy to see such interest in our youth programs.

Congratulations to the Blooming Gardeners and Uptown Garden Club for their first place win and to Home Garden Club for their first place win.

I would like to thank all of you who showed interest in forming new youth clubs or in bringing new life to dormant clubs. Keep up the good work and continue to educate our youth, for they truly are our future.

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL II**  
The Living Earth – Land and Related Issues

Environmental Studies School II will be held at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd NE on August 3 – 4, 2014. The school will start at 1:00 pm on Sunday. At dinner we will enjoy a (cold) Salad Pot Luck. Our last ESSII Pot Luck went so well, we will DO IT again.

The classes held on Monday, August 4, 2014, will start at 8:00 am and conclude at 11:00 am. We will car pool to the University of New Mexico and tour the campus. Our host will be Bryan Suhr, Head Arborist, who is in charge of care and maintaining the health of all the trees and shrubs on campus. UNM is a designated arboretum and we will see some rare and beautiful trees. The plans are to ride in golf carts to rest our feet!

We will have a late lunch at the Frontier Restaurant across the street from the UNM Campus where all the students hang out. Our test for the ESSII will be held at the Albuquerque Garden Center on our return from the UNM field trip. ESSII will end after the test and all are free to go home. A possible place for supper can be Applebee's or the Owl Café for folks who are not in a hurry. Accommodations are at the nearby Holiday Inn Express and Ramada Inn, the cost for the ESSII is \$40.00. A curriculum and all the details will be sent to you when you mail your information and \$40.00\* fee.

Mary Ann Moreno, Environmental Studies Schools Chairman, (505) 266-8498 or [jbmamoreno@gmail.com](mailto:jbmamoreno@gmail.com) for more information.

Mail your check and form to: Donna Turney, Registrar PO Box 49, Alamogordo, NM 88311 – 0049

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

\* Make check payable to: Environmental Studies School II

## MEMBER'S CORNER



### A SAD TALE

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

My second-favorite cartoon, tacked up on the bulletin board in my kitchen, features Agnes who appears in a comic strip by that name. She appears to be writing an essay which goes, "This summer we planted a new bush. It felt good to get back to the earth. We dug a hole, put the bush in the hole, watered it, mulched it, and watched it die a slow, agonizing death." Agnes looks into space for a moment, then concludes, "Landscaping is a real crapshoot."

Change "landscaping" to "seed germinating" and you have the basis for my sad tale. On April 1<sup>st</sup> I filled 37 little biodegradable plant pots with special soil, planted 16 pots with Big Jim Heritage Seeds (they are not easy to find) 16 with sweet basil and five with watermelon seeds. The seed packets promised germination varying from 8 to 14 days. Today, April 29<sup>th</sup>, not one seed has germinated although I have watered them faithfully. One packet of bad seeds, maybe, but three? This is a soul-searing gardening failure. I have lost sleep over those poor little seeds. I pulled out some research on seeds I did years ago for a garden club program, which says:

"Germination of a Seed" - When a seed is planted it begins absorbing moisture from the surrounding soil and the life processes which have lain dormant in the embryo come to life. The seed leaves expand, breaking open the hard seed coat and gravity directs the leaves to grow upward and the root to grow downward. A plant's response to gravity is called *geotropism*.

"The swelling seeds exert enormous pressure--water entering dry seeds operates against a force of several hundred pounds per square inch, and will break a glass container. Each kind of seed must absorb a rather definite amount of water before it will germinate. For example, corn must contain about 40 percent and beans about 70 percent water for germination."

The pots were in a large plastic saucer which I put outside in the morning and took in at night. Well, except when I forgot to bring it in. Therein lies the reason for my guilt, as the temperature was in the high 30's a couple of nights. But I haven't given up.

My notes continue, "Lotus seeds carbon-dated to be more than 1,000 years old were planted in a public garden in Washington DC in 1952. In 1960 (this

information came from a book printed that year entitled The Amazing Seeds. The plants were thriving and blooming, proving that life may still remain in seeds after great periods of time. The time seeds remain viable varies greatly. No one will be surprised to hear that weed seeds have the longest lifespans for their size, else there would be no weeds."

Although all my garden beds are now filled with plants from Home Depot and NMSU (I got some Big Jim Heritage plants there), if one or more of the fragile little seeds pokes out, you can be sure that I will find a home for it. And, I will feel a great sense of comfort about my gardening skills.

What is my favorite cartoon, you ask? Two hippies are sitting on a mountain top. One says to the other, "I could have attained enlightenment long ago if only I had listened to my mother." I can hear all the mothers out there saying, "AMEN!"



## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

**High Desert Design Club** continues to meet at the Albuquerque Garden Center on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., in the Patio room. This club is a floral design study group of active members eager to learn more about new and existing designs within NGC. Five members bring in designs each month for critiquing. Members are always willing to share plant material and places to purchase the new and improved items that may be on the market. This is a great opportunity to share experiences both good and bad when creating their designs. Membership dues are \$25.00 a year and we welcome anyone who would like to learn, laugh and enjoy the art of floral design. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Tetreault (505) 294-4331. *(Photo: Illuminary Design by Shirley Tetreault)*



Several members of the **Moriarty Garden Club** have had incidents of skin cancer. At our March meeting we had a program on protecting ourselves from the sun's rays. Then we took to the sewing machines and made old fashioned sunbonnets to protect ourselves when working in the garden. *(Photo: Karen Smith is fitting the sunbonnet on Debby Maberry)*



**Petal Pushers Garden Club** has had some very interesting meetings the past few months. We welcome guests to join us at our meetings and learn from our informative speakers.

Al Troyer, a rosarian from the Albuquerque Rose Society, gave an informative talk at our February meeting on growing roses in containers. So many of us have limited space in our gardens. Al's talk covered watering, container size, pruning, fertilizing, plus the don'ts of the process. After answering our many questions we were inspired to add roses to our collection of container plants. Thank you Al!

At the March meeting our speaker gave an absolutely fascinating and intriguing program! Joe Westbrook spoke on the world of bees. Thank you Joe for educating us on their life cycle, anatomy, the role and life of the queen bee and workers, types of hives, why bees swarm, gathering honey and the miscellaneous

stories of bees. The exhibits (honey comb, hive, and tools, etc.) Joe brought were very helpful in appreciating the profession of a bee keeper.

April we had our annual Spring Luncheon installation of officers at La Vida Liena. Suzy Andrego, First Vice-President of NMGC and District I Awards Chairman, installed our slate of officers. We enjoyed Suzy's rainbow installation theme and giving the



officers colored scarves as part of the installation. Nancy Davis, we thank you for arranging the delicious and beautiful luncheon. *(Photo l-r: Lois Byron, Treasurer & Council Rep.; Carol Stomp, Parliamentarian; Suzy Andrego, NMGC 1<sup>st</sup> VP & District I Awards chairman; Patricia Williams, Secretary; Sonia James, Vice-President and Joan Higgs, President)*

Participating in the yearly Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale is always a pleasant and enjoyable activity. The April fund raiser is gratifying plus we also add very beautiful and interesting plants to our own gardens.

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the Albuquerque Garden Center. We are looking forward to another year of informative meetings, garden tours and fun activities planned for the coming year.

**Trailblazers Garden Club**, Farmington, began the year with our February meeting - always a pot luck, always delicious. So far 2014 has not been kind to our members and the gardening member that was to present the program had broken her hip and was unable to attend. Our ladies are creative to the core so we all brought items that could be turned into valentines for the nursing home which is home to one of our members. We turned out a valentine for each resident - each one a beauty! What teamwork! Our March program was on nightshades which were a very surprising group! They are a diverse group of herbs, shrubs, and trees so we learned a lot! In April we had a delightful lunch and delightful installation of new officers at a local restaurant. As it turned out everyone had the same lunch so we were of one mind that meeting and all the new officers were gifted with flowers and a new little friend!! !

Plans are being made for the coming year which include our plant sale and county fair. We have some interesting programs coming up so if you are in our area, come visit!

## District II

**Floral Designers** was hostess for the March 4 District II meeting using the theme "Recycle." A brochure of information "The 3 R's ---Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" was given to each attendee. The centerpieces were recycled spoons and forks made in to "Fork Art People." Floral Designers members provided the program "Recycle into a New Look" of assorted designs all using some components that were recycled. NMGC President, Isabel Olsen and Vice President Suzy Andreggo attended and shared information from NMGC, Inc. Barbara Vance, District II Director presided at the meeting.

Four members of Floral Designer's attended NMGC Convention in Santa Rosa.

The March meeting was a creative OP-Art Design. It was an interesting challenge as only one member had seen the design in a flower show. The Op Art for the designs was from a variety of sources eg. fabric, wrapping paper downloads from the computer, place mats and others. (*Photo: Designer Pat Copple; photographer: Pat Copple*)



April's design was a Panel design "The Third Dimension" and May will be a Parallel design.

In February **Summit Garden Club's** program was "What in your Garden Makes You Smile?" Members were given a 3 by 5 card in advance of the meeting to list 3 items and share information about plants in their gardens that do well at our dry and high altitude. Members shared photos and information, a helpful program. The March program was Pine Cone Ristras workshop presented by Doris Jackson.

The April Program was a program on "Eco-Solutions" by owner Antonio Maggiore. New Officers for 2014-2015 were elected and installed. President Laurie Hixson created the installation using appropriate baskets and their contents. May is our annual meeting.

Our club sponsored community program is supporting Bandalier National Monument with landscape planning and helping with watering the new plantings this spring and summer. The landscape design for areas around the Visitors Center area has been approved. Also, one of our members and her husband have been working in the historical garden of Mrs. Frey.

## District III

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Angel Fire Garden Tour** will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Registration will be at the Angel Fire Visitor Center (3365 Mountain View Blvd.) from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The gardens will be open until 11:30 a.m. The After Tour Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held in Elements at the Angel Fire Country Club from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the "Tour & Luncheon" are \$25.00; "Tour Only" tickets are \$10.00.

This is a sold-out event every year – get your tickets early! Tickets go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup>. "Tour & Luncheon" tickets will be sold until gone or July 9<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first. "Tour Only" tickets may be purchased in advance or during registration at the Visitor Center.

A Garden Hat Contest will be held during the luncheon. The three categories are: "Floral," "Garden Tea Party," and "Zany." Start planning your chapeau now!

Please make your check payable to: Angel Fire Garden Club  
and mail it to: Kathy Davis  
AFGC Garden Tour  
PO Box 243  
Angel Fire, NM 87710-0243

Questions? Contact Kathy Davis at 575-377-1203.

**Angel Fire Garden Club** began the year with a great first meeting in March and Carol Rupp, a local artist taught us all about paper Mache art. At this meeting we announced that our own Penni Davey will be our District III Director for the remainder of the term, since Jean Digerness is moving to Costa Rica – congratulations Penni! The State Convention in Santa Rosa was a nice way to start 2014, as part of District III we were co-hosts. Working with the great members of Santa Rosa's club was very rewarding – what a great group of hard working people!

This year our club will be working hard to participate in the State President's Special Project. We plan to follow the theme of "Make a World of Difference" and "Choices Matter" and have several projects already lined up in conjunction with this theme. National Garden Week is always a special week and we plan activities that will include the community. Last year we raffled off a beautiful plant from one of our local nurseries, we set up at the grocery store and handed out information about our club. We recruited several new members and we hope to do similar activities this year. We plan on resurrecting our youth club Ponderosa Pines and include the Girl Scouts in activities.

## District IV

**District IV** is planning to exhibit many Jewels of the Desert at the Spring 2015 convention in Silver City. Reserve March 25, 26, 27, 2015 to come to Silver City and see the Jewels we have dug up for you. You will be surprised!

*Lequita Lett*



### **Flowering Desert Garden Club in**

Alamogordo and Girl Scout Daisy Troop 10058 spent Saturday morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Memorial Rose Garden in downtown Alamogordo planting four antique roses. Daisy Troop consists of kindergarten and first grade girls. They voted to spend their share of the profits from the annual cookie sale to help the nearby rose garden. In addition to the antique roses they purchased six

miniature roses. These roses do much to fill the gaps left by hard freezes of spring of 2011.

Quoting from their leader Kristeen Roessig, "After they learn about gardens and how to grow one, they thought of a garden centered project that would benefit the community. Take Action projects are one way that Girl Scouts give back to their communities."

Flowering Desert Garden Club members presented the Troop with a framed Certificate of Appreciation and each Daisy received a copy for their memory books along with a Zephirine Drouhin rose from a member's garden.

This year **Mesilla Valley Garden Club** has 27 members. Five of which are State Life Members, and two of the five are also National Life Members.

In March the annual Las Cruces tri-garden club luncheon was held. All three clubs have worked together over the last few years to bring educational activities to the community.

This year a successful flower show was held at Good Samaritan Village on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The annual Las Cruces Tour of Gardens was May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Also this spring Mesilla Valley Garden Club donated four flowering cherry trees at Habitat for Humanity's newly built homes in Las Cruces.

MVGC took a field trip to the Asombro Institute which is a Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park. MVGC supports the institute's educational programs.

Our May meeting, an end of the year get-together, was an enjoyable salad luncheon.

**Sunshine Valley Garden Club** had its Annual Membership Tea on February 14, 2014. We wore hats and gloves and brought our favorite tea cups. Finger foods and tea were served. Our special guests were Isabel Olsen, State Garden Club President and Barbara Peters, District Director. Many members brought guests. Isabel remarked that this is a great way to help increase membership and plans to pass the idea along to other clubs. Everyone received a Valentine Day/Tea favor and a fun time was had by all.

We hosted the District IV Spring Meeting on February 28, 2014 at the Elephant Butte Inn. Much valuable information was shared. We were very fortunate to have renowned artist, Delmas Howe, as our guest speaker, who gave a wonderful demonstration on "How to Paint a Rose."

Our program for March was "Birds and Butterflies" by guest speaker Beverly Adams. We learned how to identify many types of birds and butterflies found in our area, and were given helpful hints on how to attract them to our gardens. Birds and Butterflies add a smile to our faces and brighten our day.

At our April meeting we had Annie's Salves tell us about her skincare products. She lives in Truth or Consequences and grows many of the herbs she uses. Only high-grade oils and materials are used and many are grown/manufactured right here in New Mexico.

We are looking forward to learning all about Irises at our next meeting in May.

## **District V**

I am so proud of my **District V Garden Clubs**. They applied for State and National Garden Club awards and a number of the clubs won awards at the State Convention and were also recognized at the South Central Regional meeting in Dallas. Thank you Garden Clubs, for representing the District so well and for taking the time to pat your club on the back for all of their work during the year. Also for each member that applied for individual awards. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge all of the work you do for your home, club and community. Now is the time to be taking photographs of your yard and your club's projects so that you can apply for 2015. Also, thank you District V members for all of the work that you are doing in your communities to beautify, encourage and educate both youth and new gardeners that are moving in to your area.

Several clubs take off for the summer but several also continue working on projects. I would also encourage you to think about planting to entice our pollinators to your yards and planting projects and to go online to the [www.crownbees.com](http://www.crownbees.com) website to order mason bees and houses and to get information on the mason

bees that are an excellent pollinator. They are not aggressive and do not need a hive or extra care for you to raise in your yard like honeybees do.

A special thank you to the Morning Garden Club members for hosting the Spring district meeting in Roswell. You did a wonderful job of decorating and carrying the bee theme throughout and even decorating the desserts to promote the program on bees and their bi-products given by Mr. and Mrs. Mason. Kudos for a job well done. I truly appreciate your support.

*Rene McCoy, District Director*

**Home Garden Club:** Spring is finally here, well... almost. The snow in early April put a stop to planting for a few days. Home Garden Club held a membership tea in February. The Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was decked out for spring. Tea pots held flower arrangements on each table. Members were asked to bring a guest and we had a great turnout. Three attendees joined the club! This will definitely be an annual tradition.

Several members attended the New Mexico Garden Clubs annual meeting in Santa Rosa. We were delighted to see the large horticulture arrangements in the lobby of the convention center. Many were made from found items in and around Santa Rosa. The Santa Rosa and Angel Fire clubs put on a fine convention. Home Garden Club was awarded six state awards.



Members that attended the South Central Region Convention in Addison Texas had a wonderful time visiting the Dallas Arboretum where the cherry trees and tulips were in full bloom. We learned about frogs and saw all the great things that can be made from recycled glass and pottery. The club won awards for Club Program; Single Club Flower Show

Schedule; Single Club – single page publication; Youth Program; Community Concerns; Publicity Press Book Certificate; Multiple club, Multi-page Publication Award and the Sweepstakes Award (given for the most awards!).

In March Gail Wickstrom from Carlsbad told us all about how to grow, harvest and make products from lavender. Gail makes lotions and soaps from lavender flowers she grows on her property. The 2014-2015 officers were installed at the April meeting. Since the National Garden Club Convention is close by this year, several members are journeying to Norman OK at the end of April. We hope to bring back all sorts of new and interesting ideas.

We will be meeting in the Hondo Valley in May where Betty Day from Ruidoso Downs will show us how to make art from gourds.

The club reconvenes in September.

Mario Romero, Otero Electric Co-operative's engineering manager, spoke to **Lincoln County Garden Club** in February about the pros and cons of private solar systems.

Seven members attended the District V meeting in Roswell on March 11<sup>th</sup>. An informative and fun program was presented on Beeswax Facts and Uses by a bee keeper from Roswell.

March 18<sup>th</sup> brought a program on preserving the forest. Henrietta McCully introduced Mary Ann Russ, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Little Bear Forrest Reform Coalition, who presented "Lessons from Little Bear" and updated members on the Coalition's activities. Henrietta also introduced Rick Merrick, a fire fighter and Rural Community Council Forester who spoke on wildfire prevention and creating safe parameters.

The Mountain Living Home and Garden Show was March 22-23 and Lincoln County Garden Club handed out recruiting information, sold seeds, plants and High Altitude Gardening books.

Garden club members, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful (KRB) and Ruidoso High School (RHS) gathered at the Bog Springs wetlands area in front of the high school to plant a Blue Spruce. The ecology classes at RHS are reducing erosion, improving wildlife habitat and improving water quality using native wetland plants and landscaping.



On Earth day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, LCGC donated \$100 to the RHS ecology classes and \$100 to KRB.

The last Sunday in April during Keep America Beautiful clean up day, LCGC, with the help of Cub Scouts, planted a vegetable garden for the summer program sponsored by Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department.

**Morning Garden Club** hosted the District V Meeting and many of our club members enjoyed helping with the table decorations and we all were in for a special treat with the goodies on the dessert table. Mary Ann Schrank created Desert Bees made with graham cracker butter, sugar, peanut butter and sliced almonds for wings. A great program with lots of information on bees was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Don Mason from Roswell. The meeting room was buzzing with bees and each guest went home with a sample of honey.

Mr. Kyle Arnold, Rangeland Management Specialist for the BLM, was the presenter at our February meeting. The presentation was a slide show on restoring New Mexico native grasslands.

At our March meeting, we received lots of information on a safe and easy way to preserve fruit and vegetables presented by Ronda Graves from Graves Farm, Roswell.

Our April meeting was on fresh flower design presented by Linda Pritchard from Lowinton. She was very informative on containers and tricks to help with the arrangements.

Our May meeting will be at Spring River Zoo. The program will be on bird and animal adoptions. Margie Wood will give us all the important information. After the program, we will have the Installation of Officers. Our State President Isabel Olsen will install the 2014-2015 officers followed by a potluck lunch and plant sale.



**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II**  
Approved by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

**August 22-24, 2014**

**Albuquerque Garden Center**  
10120 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112  
1 (505) 296-6020

**INSTRUCTORS**

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**

**Pam Braun**

**HORTICULTURE**

**Pam Braun**

**DESIGN**

**Shirley Tetreault**

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**August 22 – FRIDAY**

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

**August 23 – SATURDAY**

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration  
8:30 am – 10:30 am Horticulture Lecture  
10:30 am – 11:00 am Break  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Horticulture Lecture  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **LUNCH**  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Practice Point Scoring  
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Written Point Scoring

**August 24 – SUNDAY**

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration  
8:30 am – 10:30 am Design Lecture  
10:30 am – 11:00 am Break  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Design Lecture  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **LUNCH**  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Practice Point Scoring  
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Break  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Written Point Scoring

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II**  
**CURRICULUM**

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**

HB, Chapters 1, 2, and 14. Introduction to the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Six basic requirements of all categories of Standard Flower Shows, duties of FS Chairmen & committees, and judging procedures.

**HORTICULTURE**

HB Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 14 and Required Reading for Selected Plant Groups to be studied. Study general horticulture course curriculum, anatomical features of plants, environmental factors, introduction and explanation of nomenclature and classification of plants. Also, exhibiting & judging procedures, etiquette, ethics, and procedure for judging horticulture, horticulture comments, and the requirements for all Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards, Judging Procedure, and Practice Point Scoring.

**Study selected plants Echinaceas and Tomatoes.**

**DESIGN**

HB, Chapters 3, 8, 9, 10, and 14, and Required Reading. Review ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES of DESIGN with emphasis on Line, Color, Space, Balance, and Rhythm, American Creative Design w/minor & moderate abstraction, Stage designs w/ and w/o backgrounds, and Creative Mass Designs. Also, General Requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards and Design Top Exhibitor Awards especially "Award of Design Excellence", "Holiday Excellence", and "Designer's Choice Award". Study judging qualities which appear on all Design Point Scoring forms, point scoring procedure, Practice Point Scoring, Design Judging ethics, etiquette, and procedure. Discuss Design commenting vocabulary.

**\*FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE, DESIGN, AND HORTICULTURE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, August 27, 2014, IN THE STUDENT'S HOMETOWN OR DESIGNATED PLACE.**

**\*THERE WILL BE NO OPEN-BOOK TESTING IN ANY OF THE FOUR COURSES IN THE SERIES. A STUDENT MUST EARN A MINIMUM GRADE OF 70 ON THE WRITTEN AND POINT SCORING EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL SUBJECTS.**

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**REGISTRATION FEES:  
DEADLINE – On or Before –August 20, 2014**

**GENERAL ATTENDANCE**

_____ Complete School for Credit (includes lunch both days)	\$100.00
_____ Accredited Judges	\$50.00

**ATTEND PART-TIME**

_____ Two Day School (information only) (includes lunch both days)	\$100.00
_____ FSP & Horticulture/with Lunch	\$50.00
_____ FSP & Design/with Lunch	\$50.00

(Course Outline will be mailed after receipt of  
Registration form and fees)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL DISTRICT I  
(Flower Show School II)**

**SEND CHECK & REGISTRATION TO:**

Debra Sorrell PH: 1 (505) 615-5394  
2632 Cocono SW Albuquerque, NM 87105  
e-mail: [jdsorr@msn.com](mailto:jdsorr@msn.com)

**REQUIRED READING FOR  
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II**

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

**HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS**  
2007 Revised Edition – 3 ring binder  
(Be sure to enter the HB changes from FS II)  
*Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, & 14*

**FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE**  
FSS II – HB, Chapters 1, 2, and 14

**HORTICULTURE**  
FSS II – HB, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14 and  
**REQUIRED READING for Selected Plant Groups.**  
**Echinaceas and Tomatoes**

\**Hortulana*, Revised – Heber: "Intro" and "How to Use the Book", plus paragraphs pertaining to members of the plant groups studied in this course.  
**SUGGESTED READING -** \**The Houseplant Expert* – Hessayon, *The Tree and Shrub Expert* – Hessayon, *The New Flower Expert* – Hessayon, *The Bulb Expert* – Hessayon.  
\*Download from the internet: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
*Plants and Their Respective Families*  
*Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows*

**DESIGN**  
FSS II – HB, Chapters 3, 8, 9, 10 and 14 and  
**REQUIRED READING.**  
\**Designing by Types* - Osborne  
\**Essence of Creativity – A Legacy* by Thomas – Chapters 2, 4, 5, and 8.  
\**Table Settings For All Seasons* by Wood & Smith - Chapter 7 & Creative Designs  
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**ALL BOOKS MAY BE ORDERED THROUGH  
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NGC HEADQUARTERS  
4401 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(Order by Phone: 1 (800) 550-6007)

Internet Connection: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
Go down to Shopping, then to the right, Members Services  
Catalog. View or Download as a PDF file.

**ACCOMODATIONS**

**RESERVATIONS ON/BEFORE  
August 15, 2014**

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

10330 Holiday Ave. Albuquerque, NM 87123  
**Phone 1 (505) 275-8900**  
Nightly Rate: \$79.95 + tax - 2 Queens,  
1-2 guests per room Continental Breakfast Daily

**RAMADA INN**

13000 Hotel Ave. Albuquerque, NM 87123  
**Phone: 1 (505) 296-4852**  
Nightly Rate: \$59.00 + tax – Standard \$64.00 + tax -  
Deluxe 1-2 guests per room \$10 each extra guest  
Continental Breakfast Daily

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## VISION OF BEAUTY CALENDAR

All members of clubs affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. are invited to send digital photos as examples of skill and artistry for the **2016 Calendar**. Photos of a small area of your own garden, such as a “pocket garden”, are also accepted for consideration. All types of designs are requested: Traditional, Contemporary, New Trends, and those appropriate for seasons of the year and holidays.

### REQUIREMENTS

**A digital print, size 5”x7”, must be sent by mail, along with an entry form. For clarity of reproduction, please also email the digital image (jpeg), including the title and name of designer, to the Chairman, [ngcvob@gmail.com](mailto:ngcvob@gmail.com)**

Individuals may submit a maximum of five (5) entries, with only one (1) background for each entry.

Sharp focus is a “must” for reproduction. Check for sharpness with a magnifying glass. Only quality photos are accepted. Photo Shop is strongly discouraged, unless done professionally, since it distorts the color of plant material and blurs the photo.

Background should be free of creases, wrinkles and patterns. If dark backgrounds are used, sufficient lighting must also be used to make the design clear and crisp.

Handle entries with caution when mailing to avoid scratches. **DO NOT use Scotch tape or paper clips. Extra packing material or padded envelopes are recommended.**

All entries will be judged by the same criteria used to judge Flower Show designs. Submitted photos become the property of NGC, Inc. Notification will be given if used.

No entries will be returned.

**CALENDAR DEADLINE: August 1, 2014**

Mail to:  
**JAN WARSHAUER**  
PO Box 680363  
3663 Oak Wood Ct.  
**Park City, UT 84068**

# ENTRY FORM

2016 *Vision of Beauty*

NGC, Inc. Calendar

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**Print clearly, type or use address label**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_

or

Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

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Title of Picture \_\_\_\_\_

Write a short caption (30 words or less) including components and botanical names of plant material.

Email photo (jpeg) to [ngcvob@gmail.com](mailto:ngcvob@gmail.com), include title and designer's name  
Must also mail digital photo and completed entry form to:

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**Entry Deadline: August 1, 2014**

Maximum of five (5) entries, one (1) background per entry, one (1) entry per form  
If duplicates are made of this Entry Form, please cut to identical size of this form.  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 1 – 7	National Garden Week
Jun 2	Share the Beauty Day
Jun 13	Full Strawberry Moon
Jun 21	Summer Solstice
Jul 12	Full Buck Moon
Jul 19	Angel Fire Garden Tour, Angel Fire
Aug 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Aug 1	Entry Deadline for Vision of Beauty Calendar
Aug 3 – 6	Environmental Studies School II & III. Albuquerque Garden Center
Aug 9	Evergreen GC Tour of Gardens, 9a-1p, Silver City
Aug 10	Full Sturgeon Moon
Aug 22 – 24	Flower Show School II, Albuquerque Garden Center
Sep 24 – 28	NGC Fall Board, Des Moines, IA
Oct 14	District V Fall Board, Artesia
Oct 23 – 24	NMGC, Inc. Fall Board, Santa Fe



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

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### **Deadline Dates**

Spring February 1  
Summer May 1  
Fall August 1  
Winter November 1

Articles/Photos for the next *Gardener* must be submitted by August 1, 2014 to:

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