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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## *Suzy Andrego*

## "Planting Seeds for Our Future"

Summer is my favorite time of year. There is always time for relaxing and enjoying the company of my family in the back garden, on the patio in the shade, over a great meal. My family lives in the backyard garden during the summer. Over the years we have planted many seeds for our future in that garden, which is why I chose the theme "Planting Seeds for Our Future" for my Presidency. I want to thank my daughter, Alexandra for the beautiful logo she has created for my Presidential term. I told her of my vision, and she made it a reality.

I have several projects where we, as an organization, can focus on planting seeds. My term projects include: 'Planting Seeds of Conservation for the Monarch Butterflies', 'Planting the Seeds of Butterfly Gardens and Habitats', 'Nurturing the Seeds of Our Pollinators', continuing Isabel Olsen's projects for 'Planting Seeds of Membership Growth' and 'Planting Seeds for Leadership', and lastly, 'Planting Seeds of Friendship'. It is a tall order to accomplish but I have been given a wonderful and energetic executive board. We look forward to trying our best to succeed at as many of these projects as we can.

I am really looking forward to serving as your President for the next two years. I can say we are off to a great start. One of the countless advantages of being a member of NM Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs is the wonderful educational opportunities it provides. We will host NGC Flower Show School IV July 10-12, 2015, in Albuquerque. Our South Central Regional Director, Barbara Baker, will be teaching Flower Show Procedure along with our very own Shirley Tetreault, who will be teaching design, and we will be welcoming a new Horticulture instructor, Sue Kirkman, from Kentucky. Remember you do not have to be a judge to come and learn. There will also be NGC Environment School III, in Santa Rosa in August.

It would not be summer if we did not tour a garden or two. Our clubs and members work hard to put these garden tours on, and I encourage you to support them by attending one if you are in the area. There will be the Las Cruces Tour of Gardens, the Albuquerque Garden Tour, and the Angel Fire Garden Tour.

And, what would summer be without summer camp? District I Director, Mary Ann Moreno will host the youth "Sunflower Camp" in Albuquerque in July. There are also several Jr. Garden Clubs around the state that meet during the summer who would love to have you participate in their projects.

Over the summer, as we watch our garden seeds and plants grow, we will keep a watchful eye for those items that are blue ribbon worthy for one of the wonderful County Fairs throughout New Mexico. I hope to see you enter a design or your horticulture in one. And, what is summer without the great NM State Fair Flower Shows in early September? You can soon find the schedule for the NM State Fair on line at NM Expo.com.

When summer is over, plan on attending the Fall Board Meeting October 29-30, 2015, in Albuquerque at the Crown Plaza Hotel, where I will share what I will have learned at National Garden Club Convention about the National President's Projects and the South Central Regional Director's Project's. The fall board program will be "Planting Seeds of Friendship" and it is one program you do not want to miss!

I welcome any and all ideas or suggestions to help our organization. Together we can continue to make New Mexico Garden Clubs a great place to "Plant Our Seeds for Our Future".

# FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## *Barbara Vance*

## NMGC 2015 Spring Convention Highlights

**"JEWELS OF THE DESERT"** was the theme for the 66th Annual Spring Convention held in Silver City March 25-27, hosted by District IV member clubs: Desert Daubers, Evergreen, Flowering Desert, Mesilla Valley, Socorro, Sunshine Valley. Convention Chairman, Lequita Lett, was assisted by Co-Chairman, Nancy Ketchum. Committee Chairmen were from the various clubs. All contributed to make for an enjoyable event. Desert themed floral arrangements were displayed around the meeting room and table décor was changed for each event with the theme "Desert Jewels". The colorful "pantaloons" tote bags contained a selection of goodies to be enjoyed. We all had fun "digging" for our treasurers.

To start the convention the NMGC Executive Board met Wednesday afternoon. Next, meetings of the New Mexico Judges Council Executive Board and General Meeting where District officers reported on their District's activities. The evening Banquet was held at the Women's Center where attendees had an opportunity to purchase jewelry from the "Fund Raiser" tables. Following the delicious meal each of the five Districts had a floral exhibit to portray the title "Jewels of the Desert". Designs incorporated objects that might be found in the surrounding desert area including geologic specimens. Each designer discussed their creation telling what inspired the designing process. The 2015-2017 Officers were installed. There was an auction of a turquoise necklace, the money to go to support the Flower Show Schools along with the money from the jewelry tables.

Thursday at 9:00 am was the Official Opening of the NMGC, Inc. State Convention - Suzy Andrego, President-Elect presiding. Invocation by Lequita Lett, Convention Chairman. Presentation of Colors by Marine Corp League Detachment, with the National Anthem sung by Megan Gorog, a Silver City student. Pledge of Allegiance by Becky Fuller (Mesilla Valley Garden Club). Next, Introduction of Dignitaries, Welcome to Silver City by the Mayor Michael Morones, Welcome to the Convention by Barbara Peters, Director of District IV, with the Response by Rene McCoy, Director of District V. A short break then the NMGC, Inc. General Business Meeting began with President Isabel Olsen presiding. Appointments of Committee members to approve minutes and appointment of timekeepers followed by Reports of Officers, District Directors, Chairmen and Other Reports. Also covered: Unfinished business, Nominating Committee -Election of 2015-2017 Officers, and New Business: Proposed Budget and Recommendations from the Executive Board. President Olsen acknowledged First Time Attendees and concluded the meeting with Announcements.

Luncheon and Program began with Christine Longthorp, NMGC Recording Secretary, presiding. Blessing by Juanita Ortega (Floral Designers Garden Club). We were treated to a colorful rafting trip down the Gila River via a slide show and narrative by Dutch Salmon, local author, naturalist and expert on the Gila River. After a short break attendees could choose a "Breakout" session to learn the following: 1. How to Write a Treasurer's Report and Convention Financial Report. 2. How to Write a District Director's Report. 3. How to Write a Club President Report.
4. The Do's and Don'ts of Meeting Minutes.

Early evening we gathered again for the President's Reception and festivities. Banquet - Presiding: Penni Davey, District III Director; Blessing by Nannette Tanner (Lincoln County Garden Club) and a delicious meal. The Memorial Service was given by Barbara Vance "It's What You Scatter" a tribute to 16 of our members who have left us. Presentation of Top NMGC Awards, Sue Ferguson, NMGC Awards Chair & Isabel Olsen, NMGC President, with the Special Achievement Award - Silver Medallion - being awarded to Nancy Ketchum. The Installation of NMGC 2015-2017 Officers by Alex (Andrego) Adams, using a bucket of gardening tools, a specific tool for each office. The final event was the program "Meet Madam

Millie" presented by Liz Mikols, dressed as an older Mildred Clark Cusey, telling stories about how Mildred and her older sister came west from Kansas City. Millie worked as a Harvey Girl, then operated bordellos in New Mexico and Alaska, along with other businesses.

Friday morning following the breakfast buffet, President Isabel Olsen opened the final segment of the Convention. Blessing by Virginia Podmenik (Mesilla Valley Garden Club) followed by the NMGC Awards Presentation: Sue Ferguson, NMGC Awards Chair and NMGC President, Isabel Olsen, making the presentations. CONGRATULATIONS to the "Top" Award Winners. Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion) – Nancy Ketchum. Member of the Year – Jan Smith, Mentor of the Year – Fern Gold. Member Award of Honor – Ranate Risel. Design of the Year – Debi Harrington. Horticulturist of the Year – Shirley Tetreault. The Final Credentials Report was given by Beulah Oyler. Judy Preston and Smokey the Bear gave the Invitation to 2016 Convention to be hosted by District V. Resolutions by Diane Peterson and Johnese Turri of Angel Fire Garden Club. Announcements and Special Thanks. The Benediction was given by Maple Levine (Uptown Garden Club). Tours of Silver City sites – a short walking tour of some of the 50+ murals in Grant County, and the WMNU Museum – home to the largest/most complete collection of Mimbres pottery and materials in existence. A good time was had by all attending. We hope to see everyone at next year's State Convention to be hosted by District V.

# NMGC, INC ~ 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Awards Year: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013)

## Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion) - Nancy Ketchum

At all times Nancy Ketchum has been a very good example of an outstanding garden club member. If you ask any of her fellow club members to describe her, the first word that comes to mind is DEPENDABLE. Other words to describe her character are Honest, Helpful, Upbeat and always Considerate of others.

Nancy has held every office in her club and is the current Vice-President. She is a big supporter of her club's projects, and of local flower shows. At the state level, Nancy has served as Recording Secretary, and 2nd Vice President (2011-2015). She is the incoming Director for District IV, and has recently become a Flower Show Judge. She served as Co-Chairman for the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.'s 66th Annual Convention in Silver City, NM. Nancy has been a constant source of positive support to the NMGC's President.

## Member of the Year - Jan Smith

During her 8 years as a member of Home Garden Club, Roswell, Jan has served 3 years as President, 2 years as Vice President, and 2 years as Recording Secretary. She is NMGC's Inc., Habitat for Humanity, Civic Development, and Protocol Chairman. As Club Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Jan coordinated and ordered a new marker for the General Douglas McBride Veteran's Cemetery, Roswell. She was the Master of Ceremonies for the dedication on November 9, 2014. Jan has demonstrated commitment and dedication to Home Garden Club with her eager involvement and participation in all activities that she is involved with. She has been a strong supporter of the State President's project of increasing membership.

## Mentor of the Year - Fern Gold

Fern Gold is one of the founding members of Desert Daubers GC (1968). Her demonstration of pitching in when needed has been evident by the many chairmanships she has held in her club, not to mention being club president several times. Fern is the current club secretary. She advises the members on many occasions and makes herself available for consultation, help and resources. She has a very special way with new members, and makes a point to make them feel welcomed and included. She constantly opens her home to all members for workshops, club meetings and general get-togethers in readiness for many events, such as preparing centerpiece arrangements for conventions and district meetings. As a Master Gardener and Master Judge, Fern sets a good example to other members and always teaches in a positive manner.

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## Horticulturist of the Year - Shirley Tetreault -

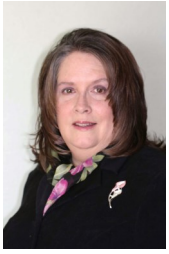
Shirley has created several gardens within her garden. They were designed especially for her Mom, and for her grandchildren. Each one is very colorful, and is planted in a way that something is always blooming, and serving a purpose. She also grows several different types of tomatoes, strawberries, green peppers, chile peppers, raspberries, blackberries, Japanese eggplant and squash.

Each spring, Shirley invites students and teachers from Onate School, Albuquerque to view the gardens. The kids write reports on what they have seen and then return several times during the year to see the gardens transform. Shirley also shares her knowledge, seeds, and plants with the Blooming Gardeners youth garden club at their weekly meetings.

## Member Award of Honor - Renate Reisel

Renate Reisel joined Home GC, and Morning GC, Roswell in 2005, after retiring from owning and directing a children's day care center. She is a talented designer and was chosen as NMGC's Inc., Beginning Designer in 2009. She was sweepstakes winner for both Design and Horticulture at the Eastern NM State Fair Flower Show in September 2014. As Home GC's *Make a Difference Day* Chairman for the past 5 years, she makes and delivers flower arrangements to the residents of a Roswell nursing home four times each year. She especially enjoys working with youth and has given several workshops for children on making dish gardens and terrariums. She was chosen as NMGC's Member of the Year in 2012. Renate is presently president of Morning Garden Club.

## Design of the Year - Debi Harrington -



Debi is a NGC Flower Show Judge, and is president and founder of a newly-formed Design club (2014), New Mexico Floral Artists, Albuquerque. She is also the current President of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs. Debi is greatly involved in children's gardening, community gardening, and horticulture therapy projects. She is an avid environmentalist, naturalist, and conservationist.

### "Fresh from the Queen's Garden"

A Traditional Mass Design of all fresh materials. The design features *Tulipa* 'Don Quichotte', *Daucas carota* Queen Anne's Lace, *Chamelaucium* Pink Wax Flower, Pink *Delphinium* 'Cinderella', Purple Tea Leaves, and Wax-Leaf Privet *Ligustrum* arranged in a Brass Container.

## Events Calendar

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| June 7 - 13 | National Garden Clubs Week |
| July 1 | Entry Deadline for Vision of Beauty |
| July 10 - 12 | Flower Show School IV, Albuquerque |
| July 18 | Angel Fire Garden Tour |
| July | Sunflower Camp |
| August 21-23 | Environmental Studies School III, Santa Rosa |
| September 19 | Las Cruces, "Weather or Not" |
| October 5 | District I Fall Board, Albuquerque |
| October 6 | District V Fall Board, Ruidoso |
| October 8 | District IV Fall Board, Las Cruces |
| October 13 | District II Fall Board, Los Alamos |
| October 15 | District III Fall Board, Las Vegas |
| Oct 29 & 30 | NMGC Fall Board Meeting, Hosted by District I Albuquerque Crown Plaza Hotel |
| March 30, 31 - Apr 1, 2016 | NMGC Annual Convention. Ruidoso Hosted by District V |

### In Memoriam

Ginny Rigby
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Cara June Spooner
May 8, 1949 - April 4, 2015.
Moriarty Garden Club
The Violet Society
National Smokey Bear-Woodsey Owl
Poster Chairman for six years

Dorothy "Dee" Webb Trester
April 1, 1923 - April 13, 2015
Albuquerque Uptown Garden Club

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## STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

***Uptown Garden Club***
***Top Point Earner***
**1st Place** Standard of Excellence (1,015 points)
**$25 Cash Award**

***Petal Pushers Garden Club***
**1st Place** Standard of Excellence, Class I (465 points)

***Santa Rosa Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Standard of Excellence, Class I (365 points)

***Artesia Garden Club***
**3rd Place** Standard of Excellence, Class I (325 points)

***Floral Designers***
**HM** Standard of Excellence, Class I (300 points)

***Evergreen Garden Club***
**HM** Standard of Excellence, Class I (180 points)

***Home Garden Club***
**1st Place** Standard of Excellence, Class II (675 points)

***Valley Gardeners Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Standard of Excellence, Class II (530 points)

***Morning Garden Club***
**3rd Place** Standard of Excellence, Class II (505 points)

***Summit Garden Club***
**HM** Standard of Excellence, Class II (385 points)

***High Desert Design Club***
**HM** Standard of Excellence, Class II (325 points)

***Los Alamos Garden Club***
**1st Place** Standard of Excellence Class III (315 points)

***Uptown Garden Club***
**1st Place** Standard of Excellence Class IV (1,015 points)

***Angel Fire Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Standard of Excellence Class IV (445 points)

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## BEGINNING DESIGNER

***June Gandert***
Uptown Garden Club
*Creative Mass Design*
*"Fancy Pants"*
**$10 Cash Award**

## BIRDS

**1st Place**
***Debi Harrington***
Valley Gardeners, Uptown, NM Floral Artists
**$10 Cash Award**

**2nd Place**
***Shelby Redondo***
Summit Garden Club

**3rd Place**
***Renate Reisel***
Morning Garden Club, Home Garden Club

## BIRDS, CLUB AWARD

***Morning Garden Club***
**1st Place**, Class II
**$10 Cash Award**

## BUTTERFLY GARDENING ACROSS THE AMERICAS

**1st Place**
***Jo Ann Layden***
Angel Fire Garden Club
**$10 Cash Award**

## CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

***Summit Garden Club***
**1st Place,** Class II
**$20 Cash Award**

***Sunshine Valley Garden Club***
**2nd Place**, Class II

***Morning Garden Club***
**3rd Place**, Class II

***Angel Fire Garden Club***
**1st Place**, Class IV
**$20 Cash Award**

## CLUB HISTORY

**Best Club History -**
*Sunshine Valley GC*
**$10 Cash Award**

***Santa Rosa Garden Club***
**1st Place** Club History, Class I

***Petal Pushers Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Club History, Class I

***Floral Designers Garden Club***
**3rd Place** Club History, Class I

***Moriarty Garden Club***
**HM** Club History, Class I

***Evergreen Garden Club***
**HM** Club History, Class I

***Morning Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Club History, Class II

***Home Garden Club***
**3rd Place** Club History, Class II

***Summit Garden Club***
**HM** Club History, Class II

***Mesilla Valley Garden Club***
**HM** Club History, Class II

***Los Alamos Garden Club***
**1st Place** Club History, Class III

***Angel Fire Garden Club***
1st Place Club History, Class IV

***Uptown Garden Club***
**2nd Place** Club History, Class IV

## DESIGN OF THE YEAR

***Debi Harrington***
NM Floral Artists,
Valley Gardeners, Uptown,
*"Fresh from the Queen's Garden"*

## FAIR FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

***Santa Rosa Garden Club***
**1st Place,** Class I
**$10 Cash Award**

***Moriarty Garden Club***
**2nd Place,** Class I

***Home GC/Morning GC***
**1st Place** Multiple Clubs
**$10 Cash Award**

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## FOOD GARDENING

**1st Place**
***Suzanne Lamontine***
Home Garden Club
**$10 Cash Award**

**2nd Place**
***Larry Layden***
Angel Fire Garden Club

**3rd Place**
***Jan Pickett***
Home Garden Club

**HM**
***Julie Foster***
Artesia Garden Club

**HM**
***Renate Reisel***
Morning GC/Home GC

## GARDEN THERAPY

***Morning Garden Club***
**1st Place**, Class II
**$10 Cash Award**

***Lincoln County Garden Club***
**1st Place**, Class III
**$10 Cash Award**

***Jo Ann Layden***
Angel Fire Garden Club
Special Award of Recognition

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

***Home Garden Club***
***Mesilla Valley Garden Club***
***Morning Garden Club***

## HERBS

***Santa Rosa Garden Club***
**1st Place Club Award**
**$10 Cash Award**

***Renate Reisel***
Home GC/Morning GC
**1st Place Individual Award**
**$10 Cash Award**

## HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

***Shirley Tetreault***
Uptown GC/High Desert Design Club

## LITTER CONTROL & RECYCLING

***Morning Garden Club***
**1st Place,** Class II
**$10 Cash Award**

## LONGEVITY AWARD

***Angel Fire Garden Club***
**1st Place**
**$25 Cash Award**

***Home Garden Club***
**2nd Place**

***Morning Garden Club***
**3rd Place**

***Sunshine Valley GC***
**HM**

## MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

***Renate Reisel***
Home GC/Morning GC

## MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATIONS

***Deana Bozarth***, Morning GC
***Dorothy Crawford***,
Floral Designers GC/Summit GC
***Shelby Green***,
Floral Designers GC
***Imelda Horne***,
Lincoln County GC
***Norma Tech***,
Summit Garden Club

## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

***Jan Smith***
Home Garden Club

## MENTOR OF THE YEAR

***Fern Gold***
Desert Daubers Garden Club

## MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

**Most New Members**
***High Desert Design Club***
**10 New Members**
**(58.8% Increase)**
**$25 Cash Award**

***Home Garden Club***
**9 New Members (41% Increase)**

***Lincoln County Garden Club***
**4 New Members**
**(12.9% Increase)**

***Petal Pushers Junior***
**2 New Members (25% Increase)**
***The Blooming Gardeners***
**2 New Members**
**(14.3% Increase)**

***Socorro Garden Club***
**2 New Members**
**(14.3% Increase)**

***Flowering Desert Garden Club***
**1 New Member (12.5% Increase)**

***Santa Rosa Garden Club***
**1 New Member (7.1% Increase)**

## NMGC's Inc., PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

For the Club with the highest increase in membership, and the District with the highest percent of increase in membership, for the period of September 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015

**1st Place, Club Award, $200**
***New Mexico Floral Artists***
**9 New Members**

**1st Place, District Award, $200**
***District V***
**12.7% Increase of New Members**

## PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR

***Juanita Ortega***
Floral Designers Garden Club
*"Rosa* Veterans Honor"
**$20 Cash Award**
**1st Place**

**Landscape Scene Photo**
***Michael Turri***
Angel Fire Garden Club
*"Fall Sunrise"*
**$10 Cash Award**

**2nd Place**
**Landscape Scene Photo**
***Debi Harrington***
Uptown, Valley Gardeners,
NM Floral Artists
*"Late Winter Sunrise"*

**3rd Place**
**Landscape Scene Photo**
***Juanita Ortega***
Floral Designers Garden Club
*"Santa Fe National Forest"*

**1st Place**
**Wildlife Photo**
***Debra Sorrell***
Uptown Garden Club
*"Swallowtail Caterpillars on Fennel"*
**$10 Cash Award**

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**2nd Place**
**Wildlife Photo**
***Gracia Coffin***
Summit Garden Club
*"Please Don't Eat the Daisies!"*

**3rd Place**
**Wildlife Photo**
***Nancy Nunnelly***
Summit Garden Club
*"Reflective Flicker".*

**1st Place**
**Floral Design Photo**
***Juanita Ortega***
Floral Designers Garden Club
*"Recycle Into A New Look"*
**$10 Cash Award**

**2nd Place**
**Floral Design Photo**
***Ginny Longbotham***
Petal Pushers Garden Club
*"Sunflowers in Blue Vase"*

**3rd Place**
**Floral Design Photo**
***Dianna Doddridge***
High Desert Design Club
*"Sun and Wood"*

**1st Place**
**Horticulture Photo and Photo of Year**
***Juanita Ortega***
Floral Designers Garden Club
"Rosa *Veterans Honor*"

**2nd Place**
**Horticulture Photo**
***Ginny Longbotham***
Petal Pushers Garden Club
*"Favorite Restaurant"*

**3rd Place**
**Horticulture Photo**
***Juanita Ortega***
Floral Designers Garden Club
*"Rosa Mermaid"*

**PUBLICITY PRESS BOOK**
**1st Place, Class II**
***Home Garden Club***
**$10 Cash Award**

**SCHOLARSHIP**
***Derek Barchenger***,
**NMSU, Las Cruces, NM**

**SCRAPBOOK**
**1st Place, District III**
***Santa Rosa Garden Club***

**1st Place, District V**
***Home Garden Club***

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
***Nancy Ketchum***
Evergreen Garden Club

**TREES**
**1st Place**
**62 Trees/Shrubs Planted**
***Morning Garden Club***
**$10 Cash Award**

**2nd Place**
**26 Trees/Shrubs Planted**
***Summit Garden Club***

**3rd Place**
**22 Trees/Shrubs Planted**
***Angel Fire Garden Club***

**WATER CONSERVATION**
**1st Place**
***Angel Fire Garden Club***
**$20 Cash Awards**

**WILD FLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS**
**1st Place**
***Selvi Viswanathan***
Los Alamos Garden Club
**$10 Cash Award**

**WORLD GARDENING**
***Mesilla Valley Garden Club***
***Flowering Desert Garden Club***

**YEARBOOKS**
**Pat Edmonds Memorial Award for the Best Yearbook**
***Sunshine Valley Garden Club***
**$15 Cash Award**

**1st Place** Yearbooks, Class I
***Evergreen Garden Club***

**2nd Place** Yearbooks, Class I
***Trailblazers Garden Club***

**3rd Place** Yearbooks, Class I
***Santa Rosa Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class I
***Moriarty Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class I
***Petal Pushers Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class I
***El Jardin Encanto Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class I
***Artesia Garden Club***

**1st Place** Yearbooks, Class II
***Sunshine Valley Garden Club***

**2nd Place** Yearbooks, Class II
***Morning Garden Club***

**3rd Place** Yearbooks, Class II
***Summit Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class II
***Mesilla Valley Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class II
***Home Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class II
***Valley Gardeners Garden Club***

**HM** Yearbooks, Class II
***High Desert Design Club***

**1st Place** Yearbooks, Class III
***Lincoln County Garden Club***

**1st Place** Yearbooks, Class IV
***Angel Fire Garden Club***

**2nd Place** Yearbooks, Class IV
***Uptown Garden Club***

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**1st Place,** Class II
***Morning Garden Club***
**$15 Cash Award**

**1st Place,** Class IV
***Uptown Garden Club***
**$25 Cash Award**

**2nd Place,** Class IV
***Angel Fire Garden Club***
**$25 Cash Award**

**PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS**

***Lequita Lett*** – Fantastic Organization, Chairman of 2015 Annual Convention

***Maggie Rubino*** – Committee Member of 2014 Fall Board Meeting, Nominating Committee

***Suzy Andrego*** – Extraordinary Job, NMGC First Vice President, Judges Council President

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***Diane Peterson*** – Outstanding NMGC Historian, "Blossom", Resolutions, Special Projects

***Sue Ferguson*** – Passion and Dedication, Awards Chairman, NM Gardener Circulation

***Beulah Oyler*** – Outstanding Job, Nominating Chair, Registrar - 2015 Annual Convention

***Barbara Vance***- Leadership, District II Director, Overseeing the 2014 Fall Board Meeting

***Peggy Voigt*** – Extraordinary Corresponding Secretary, Nominating Committee

***Juanita Ortega*** - Outstanding Registrar, 2014 Fall Board Meeting

***Barbara Peters*** – District IV Director, 2015 Annual Convention Planning Committee

***Christine Longthorp*** – Outstanding NMGC Recording Secretary, 2014 JC Symposium Chairman

***Nancy Ketchem*** – Fantastic Second Vice President, Co-Chairmanship of 2014 Annual Convention, Silver Medallion Recipient

***Cynthia Shafer*** – Outstanding Editor of NM Gardener for eight years

***Penni Davey*** – For Stepping in as District III Director 2014-2015

***Shirley Tetreault*** – Blue Star Markers/Memorial Gardens Chairman, Nominating Committee

***Cindy Hills*** – Continual Dedication - NMGC, Inc. Website

***Colleen Hinker*** – Commitment, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman for 6 years, Nominating Committee

***Georgia B. Schoenecker*** – Dedication for 15 years as Scholarship and Life Member Chairman

***Debi Harrington*** - NMGC Treasurer, Promoting New Clubs

***Shelby Green*** - Chairmanship of 2014 Fall Board Meeting

***Jo Ann Layden*** - For Going Over and Above, President Angel Fire Garden Club

**SMOKEY BEAR POSTER CONTEST**

1st Grade

**1st Place, *Jonathan Gonzales***, Santa Rosa

2nd Grade

**1st Place, *Maliya Morrison***, Angel Fire

3rd Grade

**1st Place, *Kayla Holbrook***, Santa Rosa

4th Grade

**1st Place, *Madeline Ross***, Santa Rosa

5th Grade

**1st Place, *Anica Lucero***, Santa Rosa

Special thanks are extended to the following generous sponsors of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards program.

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Thanks also to ***Jan Smith***, Home Garden Club, for her help with the certificates.

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# NGC's, INC., SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
## 2014 NEW MEXICO AWARD WINNERS

Award #2 Civic Development
1st Place: Summit Garden Club – $25 Cash Award
2nd Place: Angel Fire Garden Club
3rd Place: Morning Garden Club
HM: Sunshine Valley Garden Club, Home Garden Club

Award #4 Year Book Theme
Class I - Less than 29 members
3rd Place: Evergreen Garden Club
HM: Sunshine Valley Garden Club

Class II - 29-49 members
1st Place: Lincoln County Garden Club – $25 Cash Award
2nd Place: Home Garden Club

Class III - 50-99 members
2nd Place: Uptown Garden Club
HM: Angel Fire Garden Club

Award #5 National Garden Week
3rd Place: Home Garden Club

Award #6 Community Concerns Award
2nd Place: Home Garden Club

Award #7B Flower Show Schedule – Multiple Club Award
3rd Place: Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club

Award #8 Garden Therapy Award
HM: Lincoln County Garden Club, Morning Garden Club

Award #9 Landscape Design Award
1st Place: Summit Garden Club – $25 Cash Award
2nd Place: Angel Fire Garden Club

Award #10 Recycling/Litter Control Award
HM: Morning Garden Club

Award #12 Membership Increase
1st Place New Mexico: High Desert Design Club – $25 Cash Award
Overall Top Membership Increase Winner: High Desert Design Club – $25 Cash Award

Award #13 Youth Program Award
3rd Place: Uptown Garden Club

Award #14 Publication Award
Single Club - Multi Page Publication/Newsletter
1st Place: Home Garden Club – $25 Cash Award

District/State - Multi Page Publication/Newsletter
1st Place: New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. - $25 Cash Award

Any Other Worthy Publication
1st Place: Angel Fire Garden Club – $25 Cash Award
HM: Home Garden Club, Morning Garden Club

Award #15 Publicity Press Book
Small Club (1-39 members)
1st Place: Home Garden Club - $25 Cash Award

Award #16 Regional Director's Project
1st Place New Mexico: Santa Rosa Garden Club - $25 Cash Award

Award #19 Youth Poetry Award
1st Place 3rd Grade: Amy Tetreault, Age 8, sponsored by Uptown Garden Club
1st Place 7th Grade: Katie Tetreault, Age 12, sponsored by Uptown Garden Club

SCR Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Awards
1st Grade: 4th Place - Jonathan Gonzales, sponsored by Santa Rosa Garden Club
2nd Grade: 3rd Place - Maliyah Morrison sponsored by Angel Fire Garden Club
3rd Grade: HM - Kayla Holbrook sponsored by Santa Rosa Garden Club
4th Grade: HM - Madeline Ross sponsored by Santa Rosa Garden Club
5th Grade: HM Anica Lucero sponsored by Santa Rosa Garden Club

So Central Region Director's Scholarship Recipient for 2013-2015

Derek W. Barchenger, NMSU

# 2015 - 2017 NMGC OFFICERS

**Jan Smith, - 2nd Vice President**

I have been in garden club for 8 years – since my husband and I moved from the Bay Area in California to Roswell. I grew up learning to garden from my mother and have always had a garden. Like many others who have moved to New Mexico, I joined Home Garden Club since the climate in New Mexico is vastly different than in California and I needed insight on how to grow plants in the southwest.

I have held offices in Home Garden Club club president for 3 years. I have also been the Assistant District Director in District V and have chaired numerous club activities. This year I was honored as the New Mexico Member of the Year.

Club membership is important to me so being the 2nd VP is a great fit. In order to keep our clubs viable, we need new members. We must be aware of the social environs where we live and find new ways to include new members; have a table at the farmer's market, distribute brochures to new home owners, create a float and participate in local parades, work with your city to help beautify your town's downtown. Just like a business, you must advertise in order to gain new members.

I hope all of our clubs gain membership during the next year. I look forward to working with the NMGC Clubs.

**Carolyn Bedford - Recording Secretary**

My name is Carolyn Bedford and I am the NMCG Recording Secretary. I look forward to serving Suzy Andrego and her Board for the next two years.

I grew up in NM but have lived in AZ, MI, AK, KS, and ID for most of my married life until moving back to NM in 2006 when my husband retired. Prior to retirement we most recently lived in Kansas where I completed the Kansas Master Gardener Program and volunteered for 5+ years.

My husband and I live on a cattle ranch 20 miles east of Santa Rosa where I battle rabbits, moles, wind and an occasional horse to keep plants growing.

I belong to both the Santa Rosa Garden Club and the New Mexico Floral Artists Club. After returning to Santa Rosa I became reacquainted with Betty Eastland, Life Member and Master Judge of NMGC. Betty convinced me that I should take the GC Judges training which I completed and received my Judges Credentials in 2014. I have met so many wonderful people through NMGC. They continue to be interesting, entertaining, up-lifting and give me a great amount of encouragement. Thanks to all of you.

**Laurie Hixson - Treasurer**

I was born and raised in New York City. For some inexplicable reason, I was the domestic one in the family: I liked to knit and sew and garden. I went to a commercial high school—since many young girls in the area went to work in the Big City—where we learned the ins and outs of working in a business office. It turns out, I came to rely on this business training for many things in my life. After high school, I wanted to be a veterinarian, so I went to a nearby 2-year college to learn how to become a farmer, then transferred to a 4-year university in Washington state and got a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. Unfortunately, it was not in the cards for me to be a veterinarian, so I went back to New York and worked in several businesses in Manhattan. After about a year, I got married and we moved to Los Alamos, NM whereupon I took a secretarial job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. I worked at "the Lab" for nearly 30 years in a variety of administrative and programmatic positions. During my tenure at the Lab, I also went back to school and received an MBA and later an MS in Nuclear Engineering.My husband, Rob, and I retired from the Lab in early 2008 and spent a few years in Monterey, California. While Rob taught at the Naval Postgraduate School, I became an active volunteer in the Monterey Bay area, focusing on history and gardening and became associated with the Monterey State Historic Park Cooper-Molera Adobe and Garden. My work with the Historic Garden League and Monterey Institute of International Studies Community Garden also helped to solidify the sense that gardens and gardening create an easy and accessible method of fostering a sense of community. Upon returning to New Mexico, I wanted to emulate that sense of community I felt in California and help build a stronger sense of community in White Rock. So, working with others in the community since early 2011, I've organized a community garden in White Rock. It is a type of demonstration garden that is maintained by the community. Summit Garden Club has taken on the White Rock Community Garden as one of its beautification projects. Because of this support, the garden has received several NGC-related awards.

I've lived in Los Alamos for 35 years and have been an active member of the community, focusing on youth development (Girl Scouts) and education (LANL Foundation). Since retiring, though, my interests lie mainly with gardening. I am a Master Gardener; New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. District II Chairman for Scholarships, and immediate Past President for Summit Garden Club. I also contribute to the Los Alamos Little Theater in their costuming department and help restore antique and classic cars with my husband.

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**Becky Fuller - Historian**

I have lived most of my life in New Mexico. My first 14 years in Roswell, then in Las Cruces for high school, college and then 21 years later to again make it my home. My mother, Beulah Oyler, joined the garden club in 1967, soon after we moved to Las Cruces. I returned in 2000 and joined the Mesilla Valley Garden Club. Becky has held offices at the state, district and club levels. I look forward to getting acquainted with all the New Mexico garden clubs through their club histories.

**Penni Davey - Corresponding Secretary**

Penni Davey joined the Angel Fire Garden Club in 2003 and was elected 1st VP and Program Chairman. Also Chairman of the Median Project in Angel Fire, we demolished the old garden and re-designed and re-built the median garden. As President from 2005 to 2007 we added many more projects to our list by refurbishing the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial Garden and the first year of the Angel Fire Garden Tour. Chairman of the District II Spring meeting held at the El Monte in Taos in 2008 and was elected as District II Director 2009-2011. NMGC Convention Chairman 2011. Also, Penni has held other state chairmanships, such as Water Conservation, Wildflowers, and Publicity. Lastly she was elected to complete the term for a vacating Director for District III in 2014. Wishing you Happy Gardening and a wonderful summer. Don't forget Angel Fire Garden Tour is July 18th this year, hope to see you here.

**Sally Warner, Parliamentarian**

Sally is a long time garden club member. Currently she is serving as President of Los Alamos Garden Club. She has also served as District II Director and as Second and First Vice President of NMGC. Sally served as NMGC President in 1999 – 2001 and again in 2005 – 2007. She has served on the NGC Board of Directors as Historic Trails Chairman and Credentials Vice -Chairman . She currently serves as Credentials Chairman. Sally has served on the SCR Board of Directors over the years, including as Alternate Director. Currently she is the SCR Credentials Chairman. Sally and her husband Larry moved to New Mexico in 1977 upon Larry's retiring from the Navy. They have two daughters and a son, six grand-children and six great- grand -children. They love living in Los Alamos and are active in the community.

# DISTRICT DIRECTORS

**Mary Ann Moreno - District I**

I have been a member of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., for 43 years. During that time I served three years on the New Mexico State Fair Flower Show Committee as third Chairman 1974, Second Chairman 1975 and First Flower Show Chairman in 1976. That was our Bi-Centennial year and the Council of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Rosette, for Best Flower Show, was awarded to our Shows. At that time we had six shows, staged every other day. Since then my life has always focused on Garden club.

I have served as President of Uptown Garden Club and Valley Garden club. Became an Accredited National Flower Show Judge in 1990 and been a Master Gardener for thirteen Years. I have enjoyed being Chairman of Flower Show Schools, Sun Flower Camp for youth, Environmental Studies Schools, Publicity Chairman for NMGC, Inc., and was New Mexico Garden Clubs State President from 1997-1999. I was elected to serve as South Central Regional Director 2009-2011, and served on the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Executive Committee. Now I look forward to serving as District I Director.

District I has eight Garden Clubs, and four Junior Garden Clubs. If all goes well, we may add two more Garden clubs in the near future. Our District I Theme, "SEEDS THAT GROW" joins with NMGC, Inc., Presidents Theme of "PLANTING SEEDS FOR OUR FUTURE". We will focus our efforts on increasing our Garden Club membership and projects that nurture, Bee's, Butterflies and Pollinators, as we plant horticulture to provide food, shelter and habitat. The National Gardener is now online for you to read and learn about what projects and new ideas NGC, Inc., is planning for us.

***Continued . . .***

*Gardening is the slowest of the performing arts. . . . author unknown.*

## Doris Jackson - District II

I am a dedicated gardener, plant lover and artist - proud to be a long time resident of Los Alamos and a lifelong resident of the Rocky Mountains. Prior to moving to Los Alamos in 1955 I received a BA in Mathematics and a minor in Fine Art from Colorado College in Colorado Springs. I worked at LANL for 15 years and worked one year at Sandia National Laboratory while my husband, Darryl, studied one year on campus at UNM for his PhD in radiochemistry. He worked at LANL until passing away in February 2011. Darryl and I raised two sons in Los Alamos: David now lives and works in Santa Fe and Damon, who lives and works in San Diego with his wife, Julia.

My Mother always had a vegetable and a rose garden which inspired my gardening interests. I have been a member of Los Alamos Garden Club, since 1975, a charter member of Floral Designers Garden Club and a member of National Flower Arrangers. Floral design is one of my interests and am a NGC Master Judge. I have had a miniature design published in the NGC Calendar and a photo in the NGC book Holiday Happenings by Barbara May. I served 6 years on the NGC Board of Directors as New Club Chairman on the Membership Committee. Currently I serve on the NGC Board of Directors as Air Quality Chairman, and also sit on the Environmental Concerns Committee. This past year our committee wrote the Ecology Warriors workbook, an NGC publication, and available on the NGC website. I served as AIR Chairman on the President's Project Committee from 2013-2015.

At the state level I have served on the NMGC, Inc. Executive Board: 2 terms as NMGC Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and Historian. I have held chairmanships on the SCR and NMGC Board of Directors. The past 2 years I served as Treasurer for the NM Judges Council.

As for private and personal non-club related gardening and flower matters, in the 1990's I had a floral design section (TWIGS) at a highly regarded gift shop in Los Alamos; I've given many workshops and lectures on the use of dried floral materials and crafts at UNM-LA Continuing Ed, various New Mexico Garden Clubs and my church. Several years ago I volunteered as a Docent at the Santa Fe Opera and worked in the costume shop. At The Fuller Lodge Art Center in Los Alamos I was the Gallery Manager and Volunteer Manager for several years and continue to volunteer, enter shows and participate in activities there. My other interests are travel, bridge, fiber arts, beading, genealogy and am a member of DAR.

I am being recycled as District II Director for 2015-17. My theme is "**L**inking **E**cology with an **A**ffinity for **P**lants".

## Colleen Hinker - District III

She was born in California 70 Years ago. She and her family visited family in New Mexico nearly every summer as her father and grandfather were born in this state. She graduated college with an art history major and a secondary teaching credential. Later, she added an elementary credential to that accomplishment. In 1967, she married Fred Hinker, an engineer, and soon started a family. They traveled widely with their son and daughter during their first years of marriage, even living in the Philippines for 2 years. They promised each other to travel around the world and the whole family enjoyed keeping that promise. They settled back in California until the children graduated and went on to college. It was now time to follow their dream of having enough land to grow an organic garden. They found their dream home on the Pecos River south of Santa Rosa, New Mexico. They have been there for 22 years growing certified organic vegetables, fruit and flowers. Among these were chili peppers, tomatoes, squash, apples, pears, peaches plus native plants and herbs. They still find time to travel to interesting places.

Early in their life here, she joined the Santa Rosa Garden Club. Not only did she enjoy the lasting friendships she made, but also the knowledge she received about gardening in a somewhat hostile environment. She participated in civic projects, in horticulture and even became a Flower Show Judge (now a Master). She is dedicated to her art and her gardens. Colleen has held many offices at the local, district, state and regional levels and was State President in 2007-2009. She and her husband attend many of the conventions at these levels and are still learning about plants, bugs, designs and flowers. It is a joy to her to spread the joys of friendship through gardening and natural beauty.

## Nancy Ketcham - District IV

My husband, Lendell Cocke, and I live in the Mimbres River Valley in Southwest New Mexico. I am a member of Evergreen Garden Club and have served in various offices, most recently as vice-president. At the state level I have served as recording secretary and second vice-president. I am now an accredited flower show judge. I taught elementary students for thirty-four years in Missouri and Illinois and worked as a substitute for two years in New Mexico. Now, I spend time tutoring, reading and gardening. And when Len and I are not earthbound, we enjoy flying our small plane through the beautiful skies of New Mexico.

## Judy Preston - District V

Judy and her husband, Ron, retired and moved to Alto, New Mexico in 2006. They built their home at Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club where they soon discovered that they had turned into Rock Hounds finding quartz and other interesting large rocks on their property while doing landscaping around their home. She and Ron also enjoy playing golf and being a part of the local community by serving on various committees in the neighborhood and in the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County. After getting settled into her new surroundings, Judy joined the Lincoln County Garden Club and also served as the club president from 2011 - 2013. She now serves District V as the Director.

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

**Awards - Sue Ferguson**

It was a great pleasure again to give out the 2014 awards to our New Mexico garden clubs, and to individual garden club members at the 66th Annual Convention in Silver City. Award applications had greatly increased from the previous year. A list of award recipients is contained in this publication, and a more detailed account can be found in the 2014 Award Results booklet on our website.

From the list of awards won at the South Central Region Convention, also in this publication, you will see that New Mexico gardens clubs, and New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., were extremely well represented. National Garden Clubs results will appear in the next edition of the NM Gardener. Congratulations to all clubs, and members who applied!

Please take the opportunity to visit our website to browse photos submitted for the Photographic Print of the Year award, and also photos of entries for the Design of the Year.

Best wishes are extended to Debra Sorrell, our new Awards Chairman.

**Sponsor an Award!! - Debra Sorrell**

Every spring we are all ready to welcome our awakening gardens with great enthusiasm! For New Mexico Garden Club members, it is also the time when our hard work from the year before is recognized at the annual NMGC Spring Convention. Many clubs and individuals from around the state were honored this year in Silver City with certificates for their gazillion projects! Some even made a little money for their efforts.

Would YOU (or your club) be interested in sponsoring a New Mexico Garden Clubs Award for the year 2015? Maybe you would consider a two year sponsorship. Or, even something perpetual! For as little as $10.00 a year, you or your club can become a New Mexico Garden Clubs Awards Sponsor. Specify an award that holds special interest to you or your club OR make a contribution to the general awards fund. The cash awards add a little extra excitement to our annual ceremonies and are greatly appreciated by each recipient.

Mail your sponsorship check, payable to NMGC, Inc., to Debra Sorrell, 2632 Cocono Drive SW, Albuquerque, NM, 87105, 2015-2016 Awards Chair. For a listing of specific awards, please email jdsorr@msn.com.

**Bees, Vicki Frye**

Honey Bees are fascinating creatures. My husband Fred and I had them in the mountains east of Albuquerque for 15 years. They were a delight to watch and to learn about. I thought that I would share with you a few interesting and fun facts.

- Honey bees can fly up to 15 miles per hour.
- A healthy hive can contain more than 60,000 bees. Normally 0-2000 male drones, 1 queen, and up to 50,000-75,000 worker bees, all females are in the hive.
- A queen lays up to 1500 eggs per day and may lay up to a million in her lifetime. She must mate before she is a month old and this supply of sperm lasts her whole lifetime.
- Drones are the only male bees and they are there for the only purpose of mating with the queen. They then die immediately after mating or are killed by the worker bees.
- A honey bee may visit up to 2000 flowers a day and fly up to 7 miles from the hive in their search for nectar and pollen.
- A worker bee usually lives only 3 weeks during peak nectar flows or for months during the winter.
- A worker only produces about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- Glands on the abdomen convert honey into sugar and then into wax, which is chewed and used to build the comb.
- 100% of the California almond crop is dependent on pollination from bees.
- The Catholic Church requires all Altar candles to be made of bees wax because of its purity.

I will include more fun facts along with the challenges facing bees in our world and information on Mason bees in subsequent articles.

**Birds and Butterflies, Joann Layden**

Suzy asked me to serve as the Bird and Butterfly Chairman for her term and I am honored to do this and looking forward to learning all I can about birds and butterflies to pass on to you. Mary Ann Moreno will be Chairman for the Monarchs, but I will be looking for them and looking out for them, also.

Although spring just started, I have been watching the robins in our meadow as they scamper about on the ground searching for grub. I'm not very sure what it is they're eating off the ground, but I will make it a point to study this and find out all I can about those beautiful birds. Some days there are about 20 of them (always even numbers so they must be with their mates) hopping around my labyrinth. The bluebirds have also been active. I just put up a bluebird house this year, hoping it will be filled with little bluebirds soon (although I imagine they may not notice it in time for their nesting this year).

On April 16th, I noticed the very first hummingbird of the year! It was a female broadtail and I was disappointed that the next day we had freezing weather and snow the day after! I didn't see any again, until the 22nd of April when a pair of broadtails arrived, I expect that they may have flown further south for a little while until it warms up, or the one on the 16th may have been only passing through. We put a feeder up around April 12th each year since my Mom insists that they begin arriving by April 17th. She hasn't been wrong yet, although some years they do show up earlier. They are always the first to show up on our mountain since at 8800 feet altitude, the weather stays quite cold until late May or early June. The following is some information about the broadtails that I found on the internet:

"A *hummingbird of subalpine meadows, the Broad-tailed Hummingbird ranges across the south-central Rockies in summer. It possesses a number of physiological and behavioral adaptations to survive cold nights, including the ability to enter torpor, slowing its heart rate and dropping its body temperature."*

Despite the cold weather we've had. I've seen several butterflies around our land, the first one around the first of April was a little

***Birds and Butterflies continued . . .***

white one, which may have been a butterfly called "Margined White" and I've also seen some "Painted Lady" butterflies.
I am planting a Sumac (Skunk Bush) that should help attract birds and butterflies with its scented flowers and edible berries and also milk weed plants to help the Monarch population. Keep your binoculars out to watch birds and put out butterfly friendly plants!

**Blue Star Marker - Shirley Tetreault**

It is with great pleasure that I serve another term as Blue Star Chair. I cannot think of a better way to honor our veterans than to dedicate a Blue Star Marker. I am excited to inform you that two new markers will be installed in New Mexico during this term, 2015-2017. How great is that?

During our fantastic Annual Convention in Silver City I had the pleasure of presenting two checks ($318.68 each) to individuals willing to work on the next two markers to be dedicated in our state. These funds came from my Ways & Means project collected during my term in office as State President. Information and history on the Blue Star Marker can always be obtained on our National Website - www.nationalgardenclubs.org or you can call me for information.

**Environmental Studies School - Mary Ann Moreno**

Santa Rosa, NM, will be the site of Environmental Studies School III, August 21-23, 2015. This is a NCG, Inc., ten hour Environmental School Curriculum, Air and Related issues will be studied. We will visit the Hinker Ranch and see other important Environmental sites. School Fees, Motel lodging and Instructors are being planned and will be announced soon. Please join us in Santa Rosa. jbmamoreno@gmail.com for more info.

**Food and and Herb Gardening - Colleen Hinker It's Time to think about planting!!**

Some of you have already perused through seed and plant catalogs, folding down the corners of interesting items. This is a dangerous thing to do! So many plants/seeds look wonderful and of course, the description promises they will grow anywhere to large sizes to fill bushel baskets. Read the descriptions carefully. You do not want to put a lot of time and energy into something that is just not meant to grow in New Mexico! Ask your garden club members what their experience has been. Our members live and grow in many different climate, soil and water conditions. Here, in Santa Rosa, the weather has been beautiful BUT it can still freeze. Those of you in the south probably have Iris already, but those of you up in the mountains can only dream of flowers for another couple months.

I start my vegetables plants in a small greenhouse right now and keep a close eye on their progress. My tomatoes and peppers are up already, but many of my herbs and flowers are slower. The okra is just showing after being soaked in milk for a couple days. Don't lose hope, but don't stop praying! And don't be afraid of trying something new. I have had some spectacular failures but also some great surprises. These I save seeds from and put back in every year! Your goal is to find plants that do well in YOUR situation and encourage them to grow better every year.

A good gardener works on the soil-start here first. It is the composition, temperature and moisture of your garden soil that will ensure a good crop. Check your PH- check your Moisture down at least 8" and poke a thermometer in to the ground to be sure your soil is at least 75* before plantings (Okra needs 85*) It's not the air, but the root zone that is important to germinating plants. A healthy plant can survive attack by pests and disease, so keep them healthy. You may want to add compost or fish emulsion for fertilizer (Not in your house-both smell) But not too much as you will get really green plants but no fruit or flower. And ENJOY your garden every day. The plants will feel the love and reward you with their beauty! Go for it!!!

**Horticulture Chairman - Ellen Reed**

Pruning is one of the most important but least understood practices in woody plant care. To many gardeners, the questions of when to prune is as confusing as how to prune. In all but regions with very short growing seasons, the pruning shears should be used as much in the summer season as the dormant winter season but, NOT for the same reasons. Winter pruning stimulates growth and summer pruning inhibits growth.

General shaping is the main purpose of dormant or late winter pruning, to build a strong, balanced framework. Cut above a bud and you'll force a new branch to grow outward or upward in the direction that the bud is facing. The strong surge of spring growth from the previous year's carbohydrates stored in the roots will produce sturdy new branches where desired. The only exceptions to late winter pruning are trees prone to disease during wet spring weather, such as oaks (wilt) and honey locust (cankers). Summer flowering trees and shrubs should always be pruned before growth starts in the spring.

Summer pruning aims at "thinning out" to let more light into the canopy, at maintaining pleasing natural form, and limiting size. In areas where the sun is extremely bright, little thinning should be done, while habitually cloudy regions such as the Northwest call for much more thinning. Branches up to 3" diameter may be removed but, not so many that much bark on the remaining branches would suddenly be exposed to sun scald. Summer pruning should start when new growth has matured (evidenced by darkening and dulling of the leaves) and cease a month before frost is expected, to avoid stimulating new cold tender growth.

Two final cautions: plants subject to fire blight, such as apple, pear, hawthorn and mountain ash, should be pruned only in dry weather. NEVER cut "Flush"; angle the final cut outward so as to leave the ridge of rough bark, called the branch collar to allow callus tissue to form and close the wound.

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Membership - Jan Smith

**Time For Dues ~ It is that time of year ~ Membership dues are due.**

NMGC collects $8.00 per registered person (except youth) in each club.

- Send the following information via email: Name, address, phone number, email address; use the spreadsheet sent to all District Directors and 2014 Club Presidents. If you need the form, please email me. It will be easier to keep track of all members using this format. I also need the same information for all youth clubs.
- Send the check to me via "snail" mail and I will forward it to the NMGC Treasurer. Make the check out to **NMGC** and note the **Club Name** in the memo line.
- Club Treasurers should also send in their District Dues to the appropriate District Treasurer.
- Please have your club treasurers mail checks to me: Jan Smith, NMGC Membership, 2717 Onate Road, Roswell, NM 88201

If there are questions, you can call me at 575-622-6461. Dues were due MAY 1st.

## National Garden Week - JUNE 7-13, 2015 - Rene McCoy

As New Mexico National Garden Week chairperson, I would ask that all New Mexico clubs plan a week of programs to honor the week and to take to heart what NGC, Inc. President, Linda Nelson proclaimed in her Proclamation below. Please email me and let me know what your club plans or will be doing so that I can give a report at the Fall Board meeting. We would like to promote the week with publicity, plantings, fun and informative programs and activities. Your local library makes a great host for events and teaching programs. You can also send me photos of your Garden Week activities. I look forward to hearing from you.

**NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and

Whereas, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

Whereas, Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

Whereas, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

Whereas, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

Whereas, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

Whereas, Gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that in an effort to acknowledge the importance of Gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners, National Garden Clubs, Inc. designates the week of JUNE 7-13, 2015 as National Garden Week.

(signed) Linda G. Nelson, 2013-2015 President, NCG, Inc.

## Newsletter Editor - Linnea Egbert

One down and I so enjoyed creating my first newsletter. The material sent to me was well written and for the most part, on time. Thank you all. I am having a few issues keeping track of photos that come in with articles but will work that out. If there is a misplaced or missing photo in this issue, I apologize. There are guidelines for article and photo submission on the last page of the newsletter in each issue. It would also help me if 1) photos were sent as an attachment and not embedded (pasted) on the page of your text and 2) the Subject Line in emails be titled with the subject of the article or your name (first and last).

Printing and postage costs have increased significantly over the past few years so we will attempt to send the newsletter electronically to everyone who has an email address and is now receiving it by USPS. Please work with us on this. You will notice this issue has more information on each page and as a result, there are less total pages and the use of Calibri as the text font uses a significantly smaller amount of ink. Both of these make the newsletter more economical for people who wish to print it. I do want to hear from anyone who may have issues opening the newsletter when it arrives.

## Tree and Shrubs - Isabel Olsen

As we look in the nurseries and garden centers at this time of year to see what we would like to plant in our yards and gardens, you will find many fruit trees for sale. Here is some useful information to consider prior to making your selection.

* Ensure pollination for your fruit trees. Do you wonder why your apple tree hasn't been producing apples? The problem may be the lack of cross-pollination. Cross-pollination is the transfer of pollen from one plant to another. And in the case of most apples and many other fruits, it is required for any fruit to be produced. It is recommended to plant a compatible cultivar within 100 feet of a standard apple tree (50 feet for semi-dwarf and 20 feet for dwarf varieties) to ensure pollination.
* Other fruit trees- such as peaches and apricots- are considered self-fertile, meaning they don't require another tree for pollination. But many of them provide a better crop when planted in multiples and with compatible cultivars.
* The benefit and value of trees to a community -
* Trees add value to your home, help cool your home and neighborhood, break the cold winds to lower your heating costs, and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

***Trees continued . . .***

Arbor Day Foundation The following statistics emphasize how important trees are in a community setting.

1) *Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning need by 30 percent and can save 20-50 percent in energy used for heating. –USDA Forest Service*
2) *Trees can be a stimulus to economic development, attracting new business and tourism. Commercial retail areas are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer, and space in a wooded setting is more valuable to sell or rent.–The Arbor Day Foundation*
3) *If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12% less. Center for Urban Forest Research*
4) *Landscaping, especially with healthy mature trees can increase property values as much as 10-20 percent. USDA Forest Service & Management Information Services.*
5) *In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension. Dr. Roger S. Ulrich Texas A&M University*

So my hope is that all of you will be inspired to plant a tree this year! I would like to close with a quote from Theodore Roosevelt: "To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."

### Smokey Bear – Woodsy Owl, Mary Ann Moreno

Getting our Smokey Bear – Woodsy Owl poster Contest off to a good start is my hope as Chairman. The rules for the poster contest, is on the NGC Web site. We all need to be a sponsor of a classroom Teacher or home school Parent to help them with this project. This is a fun way to get back in touch with our Elementary School Kids and our inner child! How about a Sunday School class? A great spin-off into the wonders of our environment and how we can help our Forests and wildlife survive the threat of fire. Other youth groups could also benefit. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, Camp fire Girls, an endless list. I will have supplies and handouts to give to you. Please contact me for help or further information: jbmamoreno@gmail.com . Here are some statistics about the Contest. 1) Total participants in the Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl Contest were 33, 797 with 3,714 posters submitted for judging. 2) The State of Virginia had 1,285posters submitted and So Atlantic Region including the State of Virginia with the most posters at 1,441.

Remember: Smokey is New Mexico's Bear! Let's get the story out and have our youth enter and win the Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl Contest

### Ways and Means - Juanita Ortega

We have three new fundraising raffle projects planned. The first raffle drawing will be held at the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting for an "All-Expenses Paid" trip to the NMGC, Inc. 2016 Convention in Ruidoso, NM. This includes convention fees, hotel and gasoline to get there. The second raffle drawing will be for two wrought iron Creative Design containers, one of which is pictured here. The third raffle drawing will be for a Native American jewelry piece, which we will show off when a photo becomes available. The lucky winner of the Ways and Means Raffle drawing at the 2015 Convention in Silver City for the beautiful necklace and earring jewelry set was Evelyn Bochow of Angel Fire Garden Club. Congratulations Evelyn! I will be mailing raffle tickets and information packets to all Club Presidents soon

### Wildflower & Native Plants – Cynthia Shafer, Chair

Most of us had a good winter snow fall; hopefully, we'll have a good show of wildflowers this spring, summer and fall. It is late April as I'm writing this and currently blooming on my property at 7100 feet are: Sand verbena, Indian blanket and Spreading fleabane daisies.

To add wildflowers to a small area of your garden you need to first prepare the soil for best results. Prepare a proper seed bed by loosening the soil surface by raking or tilling. Break up soil lumps to make a smooth surface. Don't worry about removing all the rocks as they provide a microclimate for germination and seedling development. Distribute seed evenly over the soil surface. Mix the seed with four parts soil, sand, mulch or sawdust for ease in spreading. Lightly rake this seed mixture into the top 1/4 inch of the soil. Add a light application of ammonium phosphate (16-20-0) to wildflowers densely planted. For enhanced germination, spread mulch over the soil surface. This will maintain soil moisture for a longer period of time, resulting in additional water conservation.

Adding wildflowers to a larger area for naturalization preparing soil as above will be too daunting. Mix the seed with four parts soil, sand, mulch or sawdust for ease in spreading and scatter throughout the area. Fertilizer in naturalized wildflower plantings is not necessary. Keep two things in mind: 1) some of the seed will be lost to rodents and birds; 2) most likely watering of this area will depend on Mother Nature; therefore, it may take up to three years for some seed to germinate.

The above methods are based on my experience both here in New Mexico and in Arizona.

Good sources for wildflower seed are collecting seed on a friend's property or Wildflower Farm in Fredericksburg, TX. Research the wildflowers in your area before ordering as you do not want to add any invasive species.

Keep your camera at the ready as spring, summer and fall is the time to photograph the wildflowers in your garden for next year's awards.

Requirements for the Wildflower & Native Plant Award can be found in the Awards Book located on NMGC website .

### State Youth Activities - Esther Russell

We had three state Youth organizations win awards this year, The Blooming Gardeners Youth Club, Ponderosa Pines Youth Garden Club and a Youth Activity Award from Morning Garden Club. Congratulations to everyone. Please keep up the good work. Please keep me informed of your activities and let me know if I can be of any assistance.

# NMGC GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

## District I

### High Desert Designers

High Desert Design Club received several awards at the District, State, and Regional levels this year. Our greatest achievement was the "Membership Increase Award" with 10 new members. This was a 59% increase in membership. This is a fantastic percentage and gives us goals to reach for next year. Congratulations to all of our hard working members.

Our members are entering shows, winning blue ribbons and getting selected for the Vision of Beauty Calendar. One of our members will be displaying her hard work in San Diego, California on May 8 thru 10, 2015. The show theme is "Our Park - Our Treasure 1915-2015. It is always exciting to step outside the box and just go for it! We will write about that news in our next publication.

Our May meeting will consist of decorating cans for "Share the Beauty" day. These cans will be filled with beautiful designs and distributed to nursing homes around the city. June the 10th is our hands on workshop - A mass design. July will challenge us with a Duo Design. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Patio room at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

### Petal Pushers

The Petal Pushers Garden Club guest speaker at our February meeting was the Garden Council Librarian, Donna Behme. She presented an interesting talk on the history and new policies of the library. We are fortunate to have such an extensive collection of gardening books and information in our library. Thank you Donna for your informative talk.

*l to r: Joan Higgs, Susan Olinger, Lois Byron, Mary Frances Santistevan, Carol Stomp & Suzy Andrego*

March speakers at our meeting were John Stewart and Maria Thomas from the Botanic Gardens. Mr. Stewart is the Garden Curator and Ms. Thomas is responsible for the Japanese, Children's, and Healing gardens. They spoke about the new High Desert Rose Garden scheduled to open on June 2nd. We are looking forward to this new addition to the area and seeing the many varieties of roses planned for the various rose beds.

April we had our annual Spring Luncheon and installation of officers at Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant in Uptown Center. This year's officers are: President, Carol Stomp; Vice-President, Mary Frances Santistevan; Secretary, Susan Olinger; Treasurer, Lois Byron. Suzanne Andrego, State President of New Mexico's Garden Clubs, installed our slate of officers. Suzy gave our newly installed officers garden tools as part of her installation theme. Thank you Suzy for being a part of our luncheon and installation.

### The Blooming Gardeners

*Blooming Gardeners after planting a tree at the Ronald McDonald Farm*

We started gardening on April the 22nd and 29th at the State Fair grounds. All members were given their notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers and information about good bugs and bad bugs. This publication, "Insects Invade", was put out by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service in 2014. They also received a coloring page of a red Cardinal and a Monarch Butterfly. On April the 22nd they helped plant a tree in the Ronald McDonald Farm and took home Snap Dragons to plant in their home garden. On the 29th, Dusty Roadrunner stopped by with more gardening information and a fun photo shoot. We always make time to just play and enjoy a hot dog or two provided by Connie Elmore. Red light - green light is a favorite and Duck, Duck, Goose comes in second. This is a great experience watching the youngsters dig in the dirt.

## District II

### Angel Fire and Ponderosa Pines Youth Club

**Angel Fire Spring Issue**: I'll bet y'all really missed Angel Fire Garden Club's article for our spring issue! There were problems with Cindy's email and although the article was sent, it never reached her, instead went into cyberspace, maybe to be found some million years from now! Anyway, so you don't have to wait a million years, Isabel Olsen said to just include it here, so here is the spring article followed by the May article.

Spring is right around the corner, so here in Angel Fire we're getting ready for another great gardening session! We have to stay positive this time of year, with the cold days and no green peeking out yet and remember that those little plants are busy getting ready to bloom even though they lie so brown and still now! Our Christmas party was so much fun that it made winter seem just a little bit shorter and less drab! Our great committee selected the theme "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" and we held the party at the Girl Scout Camp so members that had not done so could see the landscape we designed and plants we planted at the Hoffman dining hall last summer by our Club. We decked the hall with the darling trees we decorated at our November meeting, paper whites blooming at their best and other ornaments in keeping with the "White Christmas" theme. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed singing along with our musician, Marty Martinez from Taos.

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# NMGC GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

***District II***
***Angel Fire Garden Club continued . . .***

We know our work is cut out for us every spring as the three Signature Gardens always need a lot of TLC after the winter has played havoc on them, cleaning up pine needles, pruning and mulching. We will continue working at the Elliott Barker Girl Scout Camp where we will help with designing and planting wild flowers and native shrubs and trees on trails and also around the pond.

**Ponderosa Pines Youth Club:** The Ponderosa Pines Youth Club was resurrected after being dormant for about two years due to the members and the leader moving away. Although the adult Club does not meet during the winter months of January and February, Ponderosa Pines has been meeting and learning about gardening and they have also been doing fun projects. We have 10 members ages 6 to 13 and they will be helping with all the gardens this year. After meeting all winter and having to stick with indoor projects, they are looking forward to working outside. They have made hedgehogs out of stones and pine needles, transformed pine cones into Christmas trees, designed Smoky the Bear posters, and planted jade plants All the while they learned about the dangers of wild fires and house fires, how plants grow and what plants need to flourish, how to plant them and how to keep plants healthy. They are using the "Ecology Warriors" booklet provided by the National Garden Clubs to study about the environment. They had a fun Christmas party and took their pine cone trees home in gift bags to give to their family or friends. Angel Fire Garden Club members Jo Ann Layden, Larry Layden and Diane Peterson are the adult leaders and we meet every other week weather permitting.

In November, Angel Fire Garden Club applied for the Ames Tools grant offered by the National Garden Clubs, we were approved and in mid December received the tools for the Ponderosa Pines Youth Club. We received rakes, grass rakes, shovels, three different types of hand tools and even a cart. They are great tools, all with a 15 year warranty and ergonomically correct handles. These kids are ready to become gardeners!

**Angel Fire Summer Issue**: Wow, what a wonderful Convention we had in beautiful Silver City! Angel Fire was represented well with 13 persons attending, 12 of which are members! The 14 awards we received were proof of the hard work the Club does. Now that spring has actually sprung we are getting ready to begin with our new leaders and continue with our efforts to beautify the area. Our elected board is: President, Johnese Turri, 1st Vice President Connie Elkins, 2nd VP Stephanie Hamilton, Secretary Dorothy Thrasher and Treasurer Kathy Davis and they will be installed at our May 11th meeting. We know that with a team like that it will be another wonderful two years at Angel Fire Garden Club!

The Girl Scout Ranch plans to build a trail from the Hoffman Dining Hall to the Registration Shack this summer and our Club has agreed to help make it a Nature Trail, designing and planting the area. It will be a huge help, since now the Girl Scouts have to walk on the main road which is not very safe and takes a longer time. The Girl Scouts, together with Ponderosa Pines Youth Club will help to create the trail and the Girl Scouts will maintain the site once it's completed. We will also fill in with more plants at the Hoffman Hall area that we began last year.

June brings National Garden Week and we are always keyed up to educate the community about Garden Clubs and recruit new members. Our Annual Garden Tour that is well known state-wide will be held on July 18th this year and the gardens sound amazing. We know the luncheon at the Country Club will be scrumptious and of course the tour is in beautiful Angel Fire, what more can you ask for! For more information about the tour, please check our website, angelfiregardenclub.com or call Johnese Turri, 505-250-7150, or Jo Ann Layden 575-377-2743. See you there!

**Ponderosa Pines Youth Club**: Our Youth Club has been super busy learning about the butterflies and bees and how they affect the environment. Their sunflowers are about 8 inches tall and will go in the ground at the Butterfly Garden (at Shuter Library) as soon as the ground warms up. They will be working at the Butterfly Garden and the Girl Scout Ranch throughout the summer and fall. This month they will plant seeds in egg shells in preparation for the warmer weather. Some of their plants will probably be sold at the Garden Tour, as the kids will be posted at each garden to meet and greet and maybe make some money for their Club. Congratulations to Maliya Morrison, who won First Prize in State with her Smokey the Bear poster for a second grader!

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*Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden. Robert Brault*

***District II Continued . . .***

## Floral Designers

Photo #1

Photo #2

Floral Designers' continues to have each member as they are able to bring a design to share and be critiqued. In 2014-2015 we continue to use the book "Designing by Types" and the Handbook. Members are presenters each month.

The February design was Spatial Thrust "Up and Away" a creative design in which 2 parallel placements of like materials are used to define a volume of vacant space, creating a feeling of thrust. Photo #1, Designer Dorothy Crawford. Photographer, Juanita Ortega.

We did not meet in March as members were attending the District II Spring Meeting and the NMGC Convention in Silver City. Juanita Ortega received the Photographic Print of the Year Award with her 1st place Horticulture Photo "Rosa *Veterans Honor"* and 1st place Floral Design Photo *"Recycle into a New Look".* April's design was a Stabile design, a creative design fixed in position at the base, but having implied motion. Photo #2 Designer Shelby Green. Photographer Doris Jackson

## Summit Garden Club

A Valentine's Tea was the theme for our February meeting. The March meeting program was Terri Foxx sharing the blooming cycle of "Local Wildflowers". It was announced that our proposal for tools from Ames Tool Company was approved for The Bandelier Landscape project and the White Rock Community Garden.

Several members attended the District II meeting hosted by Los Alamos Garden Club. Eight members attended NMGC Spring Convention in Silver City, receiving several awards. Also, Laurie Hixson, immediate past president was elected and installed as NMGC Treasurer.

The April meeting was our election and installation meeting. The program was given by Shelby Green a former Summit member and current Floral Designers' member. She demonstrated modern designs and designs for the home.

We received news from the SCR meeting that our 2 community projects each were each 1st place winners: The Bandelier National Monument landscape project and the White Rock Community Garden.

Photo #1 Bandelier Clean-up Day with our new Ames Tools.
Photo #2 White Rock Community Garden work party with our Ames tools.
Photographer, Doris Thielman

## Los Alamos Garden Club

The Los Alamos Garden Club hosted the District II Spring Meeting at the Historic Fuller Lodge on March 9, 2015. The officers for the 2015-2017 term were installed by NMGC 1st Vice President Suzy Andrego. Doris Jackson is the new Director of District ll. NMGC President Isabel Olsen was in attendance.

The Annual Meeting of Los Alamos Garden Club was held on April 20th with a pot luck luncheon. Doris Jackson, District II Director, installed the officers for the 2015 – 2016 term.

Members planted and distributed May baskets to community leaders to thank them for all they do. The new Los Alamos Nature Center was dedicated and opened on April 22. Club members participated in the Earth Day Celebration at the Center. Supplies were provided to those attending to make seed tapes.

The Annual Plant and Other Things Sale will be held on May 16th. Over 200 plants have been planted for this event.

# District III

## Santa Rosa

Since our January meeting where we put together our scrapbook and awards, we have started a new project at the Puerto de Luna Senior Center. We are demonstrating different types of floral designs and helping the members there put together arrangements. They then take them home to their families to enjoy. We started with a holiday design in November that could be magically changed into a Christmas design in December. Then in February we made underwater designs that had them oooing and awwwing. These ladies and gentlemen have little experience in floral design. We know we need to get back to the basics now that we have them interested. This way it won't be so confusing for them.

Then it got busy with members attending the Organic farming conference, district meetings , state and regional conventions. We have new officers now and although we have lost several members to death or moving away we are looking forward to several interested people joining soon. April had us all busy starting plants in windows and greenhouses while several members went traveling. After May, we will be busy with our civic projects, pruning and cleaning beds; but for now we must control our urges to get our hands dirty and wait for warmer weather.

# NMGC GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

## District IV

### Sunshine Valley

"*Hooray For Spring!*" We can now go out and get our hands dirty planting all those beautiful plants and flowers.

We had our Annual Membership Tea on February 13, 2015. State President, Isabel Olsen and District IV Director, Barbara Peters attended and gave us updates on what was happening in the State and District. Each year our Club has this tea to help increase its membership, and members are encouraged to bring guests. We had delicious finger foods and a wide variety of teas. Wearing hats and gloves and bringing a favorite teacup is optional. A festive and fun time was had by all, and everyone went away with a Tea/Valentine's Day favor.

In March the Club had a Pollinators presentation by Beverly Adams. She explained their importance to us and the environment. We learned about the variety of pollinators, including bees, bats, butterflies, beetles and hummingbirds. Three officers of the Club (Lucille Lomeland, Doris Adams and Linda Brandis) attended the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc, 66th Annual Convention in Silver City, NM on March 25-27, 2015. Much valuable information learned at the Convention was conveyed to our Club. The Sunshine Valley Garden Club received the following **Awards** at the Convention: *First Place* for our Yearbook; *First Place* for the Club History*; Second Place* for Civic Development; *Honorable Mention* for Longevity Award.

A Pressed Flowers presentation was given by Doris Adams at our April meeting. She described how to make them, and many she created were on display. The technique can be used to make cards, pictures, bookmarks, coasters, and for many other applications. She offered to conduct a workshop at her home sometime in the summer, and perhaps those we make can be sold at the local Museum gift shop to raise money for the Club. Members attended a Garden Tour of a local gardener in Truth or Consequences; it was very inspiring to see what can grow in this challenging area.

We look forward to a Garden Visit and Potluck at a member's home in May.

***from the District IV Director***

All of District IV spent the past year working on the 2015 New Mexico Garden Club convention held in Silver City. A huge thank you is being sent to all who helped make it a success. Besides welcoming NMGC, Inc. to southwest New Mexico, each club has welcomed spring in its own way.

**Desert Daubers** held a very successful plant and bake sale at the local Tractor Supply in April. Garden club brochures were given to several interested shoppers.

**Evergreen Garden Club's** semi-annual highway trash pickup was one of our more successful efforts. The result was eight bags of trash making our section of Highway 152 ready for The Tour of the Gila Bike Race. Afterwards we happily retired to a local café for lunch and our business meeting.

**Flowering Desert Garden Club** members are busy maintaining the Memorial Rose Garden in the Garden Center. Plans are being made to partner with the Girl Scouts next door again. We visited the yard of a Master Gardener who has successfully used an inexpensive rain collection system for the past ten years. We will observe National Garden Week by placing a large plastic banner at the corner of the garden as well as placing posters featuring this special week.

**Mesilla Valley** has been quite busy with two other Garden Clubs planning "The Las Cruces Tour of Gardens" to be held May 2nd. This is the 20th year the garden tour has been held. This September we will also be sponsoring a Flower Show to be held at Good Samaritan Village in Las Cruces.

## District V

### Home Garden Club

Planting a Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park, Roswell (l - r) Deana Bozarth, Renate Reisel, Pegi Naranjo & Judy Parham.

It has been a busy spring for Home Garden Club. The club hosted the District V Spring Meeting in March and the theme was butterflies. The members learned all about raising butterflies from speaker Patsy Bass. New District officers were installed. Several members traveled to Silver City for the NMGC State Convention. We honored our own Isabel Olsen as outgoing State President. Renate Reisel was given the Member of Honor and Jan Smith received the Member of the Year. The club and members received several awards for their work during the year. New club officers were installed at our April meeting. Installed were President Pam Davis, 1st VP Agnes Bonham, 2nd VP Suzanne Lamotine, Secretary Jan Smith, Corresponding Secretary Gloria Mendiola., Treasurer Tasha Marlow, Dona Blount Historian and Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen. In April the club held their annual gardener's market – it was the biggest market in several years and the public came out in support. Isabel Olsen and Jan Smith traveled to Tulsa OK for the South Central Region Convention. Tulsa is a tree city, and everywhere you look, the city has planted trees. Home Garden club won several awards at SCR. To honor Earth Day members replanted the planters at the Roswell Museum. A trip to the Hondo Iris Farm is scheduled for May.

***District V continued . . .***

## incoln County

Otero county Master Gardener, Norm Renfrow, shared his love of container gardening with us at the February Lincoln County Garden Club. In a power point presentation, he showed many unique ways to enjoy flowers, grasses, succulents and foliage in containers.

March brought many projects and activities for garden club members. On March 10, 8 members gathered at Imelda Horne's garage to paint handmade concrete leaf-designed birdbaths, make teacup birdfeeders, make different sizes and shapes of suet feeders and package lavender-sugar rubs to sell at the home & garden show and the summer plant sale.

District Director V Judy Preston (r) & Assistant Director Nannette Tanner at installation

Lincoln County Garden Club is honored to have 2 members serving this term as officers for District V. At the spring district meeting in Roswell Judy Preston, a life member of garden club, was installed as District Director and Nannette Tanner, a Master Gardener, was installed as Assistant Director

Mountain Living Home & Garden Show

March 21 & 22 brought The Mountain Living Home & Garden Show. Many people stopped by to ask questions, buy our birdbaths, plants, bird feeders, the High Altitude Gardening book or pick up free seed packets.

Cynthia Shafer, Judy Preston and Nannette Tanner attended the NMGC, Inc. Convention in Silver City. LCGC received three awards at the Convention: 1st Place Garden Therapy; 1st Place Yearbook, and Membership Increase. We also received two awards at the South Central Region Convention: 1st Place 2014 Club Yearbook Theme ($25.00) and honorable mention for Garden Therapy. Garden Club met with the Bird Club on March 24 for an informative program on raptors presented by three members of the Smokey Bear Ranger district on March 24.

In April, we planted a Greenspire Linen tree at the Ruidoso Middle School in a combined effort with Keep Ruidoso Beautiful (KRB) and student council members from the Class of 2020.

Painting concrete birdbaths

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# Instructions for Publication in the

## *New Mexico Gardener*

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## Deadline Dates

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

Articles/Photos for the next *Gardener* must be submitted by August 1, 2015 to Linnea Egbert, linneamariee1@aol.com

To visit the Members Only area on the website:
the user name is nmgc and the password is yucca

# Vision of Beauty Calendar Guidelines and Entry Form

Deadline for entry submission is July 1, 2015. This form in a fillable format is also available online at http://www.gardenclub.org/resources/s-vob-entry.pdf

## 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

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:
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## ENTRY FORM

2016 *Vision of Beauty*
NGC, Inc. Calendar

Name _____

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

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

Email photo (jpeg) to ngcvob@gmail.com, include title and designer's name
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