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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SUZY ANDREGO



Winter in New Mexico is beautiful whether it is cold or mild, the sun is shining or there is snow on the ground. When the snow falls I try and keep in perspective that this snow will bring spring runoff that will benefit gardens around NM. Winter is a great time to work on your hardscape, make plans for new garden beds or changes for a garden bed you already have in place. Winter is also the perfect time to reflect on what garden clubs have done over the fall and holiday season, prepare for garden club programs and projects for the upcoming spring and look forward to visiting with all our friends at spring District meetings and our Annual convention. I hope many of you are planning your butterfly gardens for the spring and excited to put in your request for your Monarch Way Station or National Butterfly Association certifications.

I have enjoyed traveling to attend many garden club fall and winter programs, holiday club meetings, events and flower shows around the state. I have enjoyed delicious Italian food and fun with Petal Pushers Garden Club in Albuquerque. I had an evening full of laughter and new faces at the Mesilla Valley Garden Club in Las Cruces. I had hot soup, pie and a white elephant design container exchange with High Desert Design club back in Albuquerque. I judged a wonderful winter flower show in Silver City sponsored by Evergreen Garden Club, with the show title of Christmas in Silver City. Hats on Hudson - Dressing Millie's Girls at Christmas, decorated holiday hats, were stunning! I traveled down to Roswell to celebrate the holidays with Home Garden Club and enjoyed the beautiful tables, each set with different winter holiday decorations. I co-hosted the President's Tea with Debra Sorrell, the President of Uptown Garden Club. And, I ended the holiday season with another lovely Italian luncheon with Valley Garden Club of Albuquerque. Thank you for all the holiday hospitality, laughter, delicious foods and all the members, both new and old I was privileged to celebrate with! Being your State President is exciting and fun!

All award applications should be completed and submitted by now. Soon the corresponding Secretary, Penni Davey, will be calling for your reports for the Annual report which are due February 15! The Annual report is a great way to record what your club or chairmanship has accomplished in the last year. It is a permanent record of NM Garden Clubs and its members. I always look forward to reading it!

The photo of me with the other tall blond is a photo of our NM Gardener editor, Linnea Egbert. As I travel around the state everyone wants to see the face behind the wonderful NM Gardener! Thank you Linnea for all your hard work as Editor!

In this issue of the NM Gardener you will find registration forms for our Annual Convention in Ruidoso, hosted by District V, which the National Garden Clubs President, Sandy Robinson and our South Central Regional Director, Barbara Baker, will be attending. You will also find the registration form for the Annual Convention for South Central Region which will be held in Arkansas. There are many wonderful programs and opportunities for you, the member, to enjoy. I hope that you consider participating in some of these activities and visiting with friends and members from around New Mexico.

I encourage you all to continue to "Plant Seeds For Our Future".





New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

OFFICIAL CALL
67th Annual Convention
"Enchanted Legends of Sierra Blanca"
March 30, 31 and April 1, 2016
Ruidoso, New Mexico

This letter will serve as the official notice to all New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. members.

The registration form can be found in the Winter and Spring issue of the New Mexico Gardener and NMGC website.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

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| 12:00 noon – 6:00 P.M. | Registration - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 1:30 P.M. – 2:55 P.M. | NMGC Executive Board Meeting - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 3:00 P.M. – 3:55 P.M. | NM Judges Council Executive Meeting - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. | NM Judges Council General Meeting - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. | NM Judges Council Banquet - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 7:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | Judges Council Program- "Creative & Abstract Basket Inventions" Presented by: by Old George "Two Feathers" |

Thursday, March 31, 2016

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| Breakfast on your own at your hotel or a restaurant | |
| 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Registration - Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. | Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. 67th Annual Convention – Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon | NMGC, Inc. General Business Meeting |
| 12:00 noon – 1:00 P.M. | Luncheon |
| 1:00 P.M. – 1:45 P.M. | Program – "Succulents" by Pegi Naranjo Smith, NMGC Member |
| 1:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M. | General Business Meeting continues (if necessary) |
| 2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M. | Leadership Workshop |
| 5:30 P.M. – 6:15 P.M. | President's Reception – Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 6:15 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. | Introduction of Past State Presidents & Club Presidents |
| 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. | Banquet |
| 7:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. | Top Award Presentations |
| 8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. | Lynda Sanchez author of " <i>Apache Legends and Lore of Southern New Mexico: From the Sacred Mountain</i> " |

Friday, April 1, 2016

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| 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Breakfast Buffet – Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club |
| 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. | NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation |
| 10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. | Final Credentials, Resolutions |

HOTEL: The MCM Elegante Lodge At Sierra Blanca, 107 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, #575-258-5500 & 866-211-7727. \$119/night for a Double Queen room. Full hot breakfast is included. Mention NMGC, Inc. 2016 Convention. To ensure room rate, please book by March 14, 2016.

Suzy Andregó, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. President

Barbara Vance - 1st Vice President



A New Year. Opportunities to learn new things - about club activities - floral designing - what works in a garden - what to avoid. Last year went by very quickly. We hardly got things up and running after the 2015 Spring Convention in Silver City. Then it was time to enter horticulture and designs in flower shows - local - county, and the State Fair. Next, the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting in Albuquerque. Now is the time to write applications for awards. Hopefully you and your club scheduled time to apply for an award/s. There are many categories to choose from - and the best part - a CASH AWARD for the high scoring entry. Also due - reports for the NMGC, Inc. 2015 Annual Report booklet to be given out at the State Convention. We learn about club, district, chairman and officers' reports of meetings, travels and happenings.

TIME FOR SOME FUN! 2016 State Convention – Ruidoso. Be sure to send in your reservations early. Do NOT miss another opportunity to greet friends - make new friends. This year Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear will join us. The President's Reception will have dignitaries you will want to meet! Convention meetings are not just about reports and activities. The new standardized report forms allow the speaker to give some statistics and then tell about interesting tours, guest speakers and special programs. We have great entertainment. At the Fall Board, the *Planting Seeds of Friendship Scavenger Hunt* had teams scurrying about looking for items in the hallway and the envelopes containing the question/s to be answered on the master score sheet for the team. It was fun - with giggling and laughter and great prizes! The interaction helped us to learn about each other and some unusual facts from their life. Butterflies flitted around at the meeting and after the luncheon two butterflies helped to bring things to a close - flapping their wings in appreciation for the enjoyable time at this event.

HAVE FUN GETTING THERE! Carpooling is a great way to travel to a Convention or meeting. For many, many years we had a carpool from Santa Fe that made the rounds to various events. Frequently when we prepared to leave, the husband of one member would present us with a list of topics he thought we might enjoy discussing. What fun we had laughing - discussing the items he selected for us. Then we got down to talking about the really important stuff: clothing trends, new hair styles, latest diet trends, all the while lamenting about how we got older so quickly. Now the carpool members get a "Snack Sack" with little bottles of water, energy bars, pretzels, candy -to tide us over on the journey. Topics for discussions just seem to come up so we don't have a written list. Carpool members change over the years - so do roommates. Hotel reservations can be tricky sometimes. On one trip to Cloudcroft three of us decided to stay at the Burro Street Boardinghouse (bed and breakfast). The reservation stated 3 people -we assumed we would have separate beds. One person got a single bed in a separate room and two of us slept together in a huge Queen sized bed. We met travelers from other rooms in the living room area and had a great time sharing stories of crazy things that happen when travelling. This was the highlight of the trip and fond memories of learning more about each other. This is only one story about carpool travels. Now is the time for you to GET STARTED! Contact your friends. GET members together for a carpool! Carpooling is a great way to keep expenses down by sharing the cost of travel and room rental. Don't forget - the list - items to discuss on the way! **SEE YOU IN RUIDOSO!!**



Historian - Becky Fuller

I want to thank all the clubs who submitted club histories. I am pleased to report histories were received from 16 of the 20 state clubs. These will be used with information from President Suzy Andrego and 2nd Vice President Membership Jan Smith to compile the state history. I hope you will all receive awards and again thank you.

NGC, Inc. Gardening For Butterflies and Pollinators Container Garden Chairman - Mary Ann Moreno

Containers are a wonderful way to entice our beautiful butterflies and pollinators to come to our homes and surrounding gardens. We need to select a container that will stand the seasons of rain, freezing and hot temperatures. A Plastic container is practical and a wise choice for butterfly friendly plants. Plan to place the container in an area that will receive some sun and shade with protection from the winds. A planted container should have good drainage holes. Place broken pieces of old ceramic pots on the bottom of the container, or fill with at least three inches of Styrofoam peanuts. Four important things are necessary for a container of plants to thrive.

The first is Soil. You need a mixture of good garden soil called loam, some commercial potting soil and compost. Dig some loam from your garden as it will add bulk and fiber to support the roots of the growing plants. Potting soil is fluffy and has perlite and other ingredients to help hold the moisture and air in the soil. Compost can be from your compost pile or purchased.

Water is essential to all life and to the container it is critical. The container has to be watered on a regular schedule. When you water be sure to water deeply, watching for water to run out of the bottom of the container. Place a saucer under the container, to catch the water as it will add humidity to the air. Your plants will also indicate to you by their color and wilting, if they need a drink.

Use a watering can instead of a hose to water your container. It is a good way to measure the amount of water you need and a gentle way of watering and feeding plants. Every time you water, put a pinch of all purpose fertilizer into the water. Containers do very well using this method. You can do three watering's with fertilizer, and use regular water the fourth time to flush out any salts that might accumulate in the soil.

Air is needed for plants to live. Without oxygen in the soil, the plant roots will not live and thrive. The pores of oxygen that form around the roots, takes up much of the volume of soil. Water and nutrients pass through the pores nourishing the plants with fertilizers, useful bacterium and minerals. Plants also use air during the process of Photosynthesis, taking carbon dioxide from the air, and releasing oxygen back into the atmosphere. We also should use wind to our advantage. Wind is a great way to cool your container plants during hot weather. Be sure to Place the container where only breezes blow, in a safe spot, to protect the container and plants from violent storms.



Now with all that information we can plan our Butterfly Garden.

We find that wild flowers and native plants are the best in attracting butterflies, and Milkweed plants are a must for Monarch Butterflies. Early spring would be a great time to plant seeds. Try to find Dill and Fennel seeds as herbs attract lots of butterflies. Some native Milk Weed seeds need freezing to germinate. So you need to know what variety grows well in your area. Many butterflies like flowers that are colored red, orange, pink, or purple. Try to find plants that have flat tops, as butterflies need to rest. A good example of flat tops would be pink Echinacea, (Cone Flower) or Queen Ann's Lace. A source of nectar would also lure butterflies and other pollinators to your garden container for drinks and to find insects. Look for Salvias, Buddleias, Penstemons, flowering vines, and other nectar producing plants at local nurseries for your containers.

Planting Your Container

Start planting by mixing the three soils together: Loam, potting soil and compost. We need the soils to be of equal proportions. Mix well in a wheel barrel. Add water to the Soil mix to moisten, not saturate the soil. The soil should lightly hold together as you make a fist in your hand. Please remember we never use soil that is dry, as it literally sucks the water out of the fine roots of plants. Fill the container to the top with the soil mix because as we water, the soil will gradually sink down into the container. Our goal is now to have our plants and seeds ready to go into the soil. Plant your tallest horticulture in the middle of the container. Very gently and carefully make holes to place your plants, as we do not want to pack down the soil. Milk weed plants, Dill, Fennel and tall Salvias are a good example of height in your container. Plant your seeds along the inside edge of the container where you want shorter flowers to grow. Think parsley or marigolds, native plants, your choice. Continue planting all your flowers, and seeds. When you are finished planting, get your watering can out and slowly give the plants and seeds their first drink. Return in a few hours and repeat the process as there may be pockets of dry soil. Place your longest finger into the mix to see your progress. Do not over water as freshly planted seeds, flowers or herbs will take time to acclimate and germinate. The container is meant to attract butterflies for egg laying, be tasty to the caterpillars and help all our pollinators and butterflies survive, especially our beloved Monarch Butterfly.

Monarch butterflies are great travelers. They fly incredibly long distances on their migration to Mexico. The butterfly containers we plant may be just a Way Station to the Monarchs, a stop along the Migratory highway, or a place for them to rest and perhaps, to lay their eggs. We can only hope that new Monarchs will hatch and continue the Migration to their Mexican winter home. Please join in the efforts to save all our Butterflies, Bees, and Pollinators, by making an assortment of all kinds of containers in your yard and gardens. If one container is good, then five containers are great!



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Archives - Beulah Oyler

We would like to ask the clubs to bring anything they would like archived to the spring convention in Ruidoso and it will be delivered to the NMSU library to be archived. Please do not include any treasurer's reports, checks or personal notes. The scrapbooks are to go to the President of the club. If the President is deceased and the family does not wish to keep the scrapbook, then we can archive it. The archives are interested in newspaper clippings, and things of historical value.

Awards - Debra Sorrell

It has been my great pleasure and delight to receive all of your award applications over the last few weeks! What an amazing group of people Garden Clubbers are! I am excited to share the projects, passions and PICTURES of each of your clubs. If you are not already planning a trip to Ruidoso for the Spring Convention, please let me encourage you to consider it. The Awards Breakfast is such a wonderful way to encourage each other and honor all the hard work that is going on in New Mexico Garden Clubs. I hope to see you there and GOOD LUCK to all of you who entered!

Bird & Butterfly Garden - Joann Layden

Winter in the Southern Rockies.....somehow having "southern" in there makes it sound warm. Wrong! It has been a cold and snowy winter here in Black Lake (by Angel Fire). Not tons of snow, but constant. We have to actually be grateful for both the cold and especially the snow as we anticipate spring and summer eventually coming and bringing lots of flowers and green grass, plus the critters that come with them. Without the cold many seeds would not germinate so although I sound like I've not liked this winter, I'm counting the blessings it brings, especially the snow providing moisture for the sleeping plants and run-off from the higher mountains in the spring to provide water for emerging plants. The butterflies will not return until May and some until June, it's just too cold out here for them. When I see the first ones, I usually worry for them because usually we'll have at least one more snow storm before the warmer weather.



The variety of birds has been scarcer this year than in past years. I began feeding in November, hoping the birds were sound asleep and since none of the feeders were damaged or stolen, I guess they were down for the winter and the raccoons did not show up to take them down either. Pygmy nuthatches, chickadees, blue juncos and sparrows have been constant on the feeders which hold sunflower seeds, thistle, and the suet cakes. The redwing blackbirds have been by a few times, although they prefer the marshy areas. We also get woodpeckers; mostly the hairy woodpecker and we've even seen the Lewis Woodpecker. Although they don't really use the feeders that much, they seem to like to hang out by the other birds and show up more often when the feeders are full.

This year we experimented with the big seed blocks and although it took the blue jays a while to trust them enough to feed on them, now they attack them the minute we put them up. The nuthatches and sparrows knew immediately what the seed blocks were and were happy to keep them to themselves until the blue jays got up the nerve. After Christmas we also put out the gingerbread house that was ready to go- it had no glue or other noxious material in it and the birds, after their initial distrust, tore into it with gusto and ate it all up, sometimes even carrying off large graham cracker chunks probably for their babies! I left many of my flowers on the stalk hoping it would help supplement the feed for birds. I have seen them eating on the dead plant seeds, but mostly the deer and elk that also come by have cropped them, even the holly hocks, to the ground!



This year we've had an unusual visitor, a bobcat. Although they live in our area, they had never come around so close to our house. One evening we had a young one sitting on my flower beds in the backyard staring at us through our family room window!



I'm not sure what is happening, but we have not seen any grosbeaks this winter, which is very unusual. They have always flocked to the feeders, year-round, and especially when fresh water is available. Last year we even had a rosy-breasted grosbeak, which is quite unusual in our area. Sometimes when a lot of neighbors are feeding, grosbeaks are fickle and will choose one as their primary feeding station; however, I know that at least for several acres here, no one else is providing feeding stations. I could imagine that it might be due to a ferruginous hawk that likes to hang out in our meadow and we've also seen a golden eagle there, but since we've had these predators close by before and still had grosbeaks I don't think that's the case.

Spring! I feel the days slowly getting longer and the sun just a tiny bit warmer and I have hope. This spring we will finish planting more milkweed seeds and other butterfly friendly plants at the Butterfly Garden at the Shuter Library and hopefully our other Signature gardens, the Vietnam Memorial and the Median. I have not checked out the butterfly houses at the Butterfly Garden to see if any butterflies chose them to hibernate in. I don't want to disturb them if they're in there, so will probably just hope some are in there and leave them alone.

I encourage everyone that hasn't already done so to register your garden with the Million Pollinator Challenge. You can go to the website for the National Garden Clubs and find the registration blanks – OR you can send me the information and I can do it for you. Just email

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Bird and Butterfly Continued

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me at jlayden@kitcarson.net. I need the following: Name; email; Type of Pollinator site (usually home garden); size of pollinator site; and create your user name for the site and user password. I will be happy to register your garden if you prefer.

I can't stress enough of the importance to avoid pesticides so we don't kill the butterflies. especially Neonicotinoid, which are systemic, meaning that when they are applied, plants absorb and distribute the compounds to all parts of the plant, making the leaves, nectar, pollen, and woody tissue toxic to insects and other arthropods that feed on them. Neonicotinoid and other insecticides, like Resmethrin, Permethrin, Organophosphates, Carbamates, and insecticidal soaps that are often used in plant nurseries also have a negative impact on pollinators. As you get ready to plant this spring, read the labels on the plants you purchase or ask the nursery to ensure that the plants are not sprayed in a way that is harmful to butterflies, caterpillars, bees and other pollinators.

Blue Star Marker - Shirley Tetreault

New Mexico Garden Clubs does an outstanding job of honoring our Veterans all over the state. At the present time, there are three markers on order. Barbara and Donald Vance are working on a project for New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. that will be dedicated at Conchas Dam in the Spring. Evergreen Garden Club (Dist IV) and Angel Fire Garden Club (Dist III) will also be organizing their dedications in the Spring. District III is working on a new location for our Clovis marker that had to be removed and relocated. When that work is complete, the marker will be rededicated.

We are part of an organization (NGC), that has many fantastic programs. Our Blue Star Marker is one of them. Please continue to maintain and care for markers in your district by planting flowers, or placing a wreath. Our veterans take notice of the care and beauty of the memorial marker. 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. (505) 259-2263.

Horticulture - Chairman, Ellen Reed

As the temperature warms, enjoy the bulbs you planted last fall. Consider where you would enjoy more and make a note in your garden calendar for next fall. Order vegetable and flower seeds from the new catalogs.

Remove old hellebore leaves to expose emerging flowers. Bulb foliage needs to mature naturally to ensure strong blooms next spring. However, developing seed pods should be snapped off. Cutting the stems with clippers may spread viruses.

Gradually clean dead leaves from the beds and sprinkle slow release fertilizer around clumps of emerging bulb foliage and perennials. Renew mulch with compost. If the perennial clumps are too large they can be lifted and divide into healthy divisions. Replant the extras or pot them for the April Garden Fair in Albuquerque, or shared with friends. Crowded groups of daffodils may be dug and separated as the foliage fades and while they can be identified. One way of digging bulbs without slicing them with a shovel is to insert a hose nozzle with a strong stream of water and wash the soil away from the clump. Add a high phosphate fertilizer and compost to the area and replant the larger bulbs. Small bulbs will eventually reach blooming size and can be grown in an out of the way place.

When it is possible to identify volunteer annual seedlings, thin them for a better display or move them to other spots. Make sure they are not invasive weeds.

Don't be in a hurry to prune winter damaged branches and shrubs. Especially wait to cut back crepe myrtle, buddleia and vitex which bloom on new growth. When they start to leaf out, cut back to a strong bud and remove weak growth. Spring flowering shrubs should be pruned after blooming to build strong new growth for healthy blooms next spring. Removing spent blooms renews the bushes and keeps them compact. Fertilize and water well after pruning. To bring some winter sunshine inside, cut branches of forsythia or winter jasmine on a warm day and keep them in water and bright light until they open.

In the Albuquerque area the last frost occurs between April 15 and May 15th but, the ground has not warmed enough to plant tomatoes, chile's and warm season annuals. Wait until later in May to plant your purchases from the Albuquerque Garden Fair, April 29-30, this year.

Judges Council President Shirley Tetreault

Old George "Two Feathers", Creative & Abstract Basket Inventions, Judges Council Dinner Program, March 30, 2016

Old George "Two Feathers" resides in Capitan, NM. He is a self taught creator of beautiful baskets that began in Nebraska about 15 years ago. He helped young Boy Scouts earn their Merit Badge in basket weaving using the Blue Stem Grasses. He never makes the same basket twice as he likes to invent his own new ideas using the Ponderosa Pine Needles. George is enthusiastic and will give us a brief history of the "Very old art form of basket weaving". Please join us on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

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Smokey Bear - Woodsey Owl Mary Ann Moreno NMGC Chairman

Smokey Bear Poster Contest

Many Thanks to the Garden Club's that sponsored the Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Over 250 posters were submitted for Judging. Two NMGC, Inc., Junior Garden Clubs Participated in the contest. Angel Fire Garden Club Junior Garden Club was sponsored by Angel Garden Club and Uptown Garden Club sponsored The Blooming Gardeners, Santa Rosa Garden Club sponsored Santa Rosa Elementary, and Anton Chico Elementary School. Valley Garden Club sponsored Alice King Community Charter Elementary School and Wherry Elementary School. The winners will be announced at the NMGC, Inc., Convention in Ruidoso On April 1, 2016.



Garden Therapy –Renate Reisel

Now that you have put away all the holiday decorations, you have a bit of time for yourself. So, sit down with a cup of tea and browse through all those Seed Catalogs. I know I am eager to see what seeds, plants and bulbs are new for 2016. Browsing through catalogs is very relaxing and helps make you excited and eager to plan your garden. Time goes quickly, and before you realize spring will be here. So, sit back, close your eyes and imagine a beautiful garden with the color of a rainbow. And, while you are relaxing, dream of and pray for plenty of rain this year.



Trees and Shrubs – Isabel Olsen

As I begin to write this article on the subject of trees, I can't help but think about Bryan Suhr who has taught me so much on the subject. He is a Certified Master Arborist and supervisor of the Arboriculture Physical Plant Department of The University of New Mexico. I first meet Bryan when I attended Environmental Studies School in Angel Fire. He shared with us the social benefits of trees that go beyond enjoying their beauty. Humans experience a calming and relaxing effect from being near trees. The serenity we feel can significantly reduce stress and fatigue. He went on further to explain to us the environmental benefits of trees. Not only do they provide shade for us and our homes, trees remove carbon dioxide and other pollutants. When he speaks you hear and feel his passion of trees. At another Environmental Studies School held in Albuquerque, we were able to tour the UNM campus as a group with Bryan where he has worked for 20 years. He and his crew have planted approximately 800 trees and they are responsible for the care of over 4,500 campus trees. During the tour he would tell us the names of the different trees and the approximate height they will reach. If you ever get a chance to go by the campus on the weekend, I urge you to stop and walk around and enjoy the duck pond area and the many benches placed near the trees. It's better than any park! If you are interested in learning more about trees, I encourage you to attend the Annual Arboriculture Conference in Albuquerque. It is usually held in February and has outstanding presenters from various states.



Ways and Means Committee Report - Juanita Ortega

The Raffle Fundraiser to support the NMGC, Inc. President's Project is continuing with two fabulous prizes that will be given to two lucky winners at the NMGC, Inc. Spring Convention in Ruidoso, NM on March 30–April 1, 2016. All non-winning tickets from the first raffle drawing at the 2015 Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque will be placed in this drawing. The first prize is a beautiful Native Jewelry Lapis necklace and earrings set. The second prize is a wrought iron sculpture piece, suitable for a modern design or as a statement piece in your garden. Tickets are still available. If you need more, please contact the Ways and Means Committee Chairman. Tickets will also be sold at the Spring Convention for only \$1 each or six for \$5. Remember, you can't win if you don't buy at least one ticket. Thank you to all garden clubs for your support of this fundraiser for our President's Project.



Youth Activities - Esther Russell

I am very glad to tell you that we have three youth garden clubs in our state and they are teaching many of our youth in their areas. The Ponderosa Pines Garden Club in Angel Fire, lead by Joann Leyden, has been involved in many events in Angel Fire. The Blooming Gardeners Garden Club in Albuquerque, lead by Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore have worked very hard at the New Mexico State Fair planting and having different programs. Our newest youth club, the Pecos Valley Garden Club in Roswell, lead by Renata Riesel, have started off in high gear, with Holiday projects, planting bulb lasagna and planning other fun projects.

Thank you to the sponsoring adult clubs and to all the adult volunteers for making it possible for New Mexico's youth to get involved in gardening. I also hope that the adults will gain something by volunteering.

Keep gardening!



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I

High Desert Design Club is looking forward to receiving a lot of awards at the District, State, and Region levels this year. Our members have a lot of fun designing and enjoy coming up with new and exciting ideas. We will see new faces this year at our annual convention in Ruidoso.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Garden Center. In January we started off with "What's In Your Design Box"? It was fun to see all of the different types of Design Boxes and what was included in them. We all have great ideas and it was fun to share them.

We also got down to business and in February we will do a Valentine centerpiece. Esther Russell will do a program of various types of bows and our members will make their own for their creation. March will be "Leaf Manipulation" and the following month will be "April In Paris". That is just a theme and our designers will come up with their own ideas of the type of design. In May we are planning a field trip to the Zoo.

Shirley Tetreault

The **Petal Pushers Garden Club's** December Christmas Luncheon was held at the Macaroni Grill. We enjoyed our guests, Mary Ann Moreno Director of Northwest District I, and President Suzy Andrego of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Thank you Mary Frances for arranging the private room for our well attended luncheon. It was very relaxing and enjoyable as we visited with each other and enjoyed our delicious lunch. Our yearly December gifts of children's clothing, toiletries and/or gift cards for the Barrett House were collected and delivered to the Barrett House Women's Residence. Thank you Suzy and Mary Ann for attending our luncheon.

The January meeting was Richard Reif's program about cactus and succulents. It was very informative and interesting. Thank you Richard! We enjoyed seeing your plants and slides. Thank you Sonia for inviting us into your home for the enjoyable get together and meeting.

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. We meet on the 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am each month at the Garden Center. We are looking forward to some very informative and interesting programs planned for this year. Contact our president Carol Stomp (505-298-3824) or the Garden Center office for details.

Shirley Bray



L-R Mary Ann Moreno, Director, NW District 1, Petal Pushers President Carol Stomp, Suzy Andrego NMGC President, Sonia James 1st Vice Director District 1.

Trailblazers - Greetings Fellow Gardeners!

Or perhaps I should say "Fellow ladies-dreaming-of-warm-weather-and-some-sort-of-garden"! It's really cold here in Farmington, so all the **Trailblazers Garden Club** members are putting on a sweater or starting a fire! Ah, but rumor has it that spring is coming!

Our quarter has been low key as we planned. We did not meet in November or January. Barbara Papp has invited us to her home in the past for a Christmas brunch and did so again. It was delightful! Thank you Barbara.

Our Christmas tree decorators did a great job with the San Juan Regional Medical Center tree again this year! Christmas trees add so much color and light to their location. Good job!

It is with sadness that we note the passing of a former member, Faye Downs. She was a member for a number of years and we miss her sweet temperament and her doll collection! May we all be as fondly remembered as she is!

Barbara Cole



L_R Virginia Endsley, Rosemary Kutch, Brenda Bloomfield and Becky Houghton.

District II

Floral Designers Report

Floral Designers October meeting in Los Alamos studied Transparency designs. The presenters were Dorothy Crawford and Laurie Hixson. We use the NGC, Inc. Design Scorecard to more objectively focus on the Elements and Principles of Design. All the designs were very interesting. We did not meet in November or December. January's program in Los Alamos will be Designer's Choice, followed by a soup luncheon. We will continue planning for a Small Standard Flower Show to be held June 17th at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. We look forward to more design programs in 2016, including an Underwater design, Wreaths and Color in Design.

Design protos from the October meeting featuring Transparency Designs.

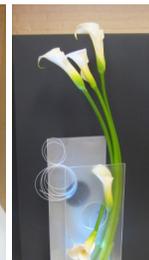
Shirley Tetreault



Barbara Vance



Pat Copple



Doris Jackson

Photos by Juanita Ortega

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District II, Continued

Summit Garden Club

At the Summit Garden Club November meeting, Craig Wehner of Los Alamos Landscaping and More spoke to us about hardscapes (flagstone walkways, pebbles, fabric weed guards, fencing, building codes, etc) We tried a new format. Members sent in questions to Craig before the meeting. Very successful approach! We will use it again.

Each year, in December, we have a cookie exchange. This year, we had the added treat of having Doris Jackson, District Director, speak to us about flower shows.

Usually January is Summit's "month of rest"; this year, however, we are busy preparing for our district meeting March 23.



District III

Santa Rosa Garden Club

In January members met to judge Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl posters from two grade schools, which is one more school than in the past. After lunch we gathered in Colleen Hinker's craft room to put together our annual scrap book. February plans are to make terrariums with the Porta de Luna Senior Citizens, which they will take home. In March we all dress in green and become "Irish" for one day and share shamrock plants along with other plants.

Carolyn Bedford

District IV

District Director, Nancy Ketchum

Evergreen Garden Club spent the fall months preparing for two events. They hosted the District I V Fall Board meeting with Marilyn Markel as their speaker. Marilyn is an educator who studies and writes about the local Mimbres culture. She distributed beans dried from plants grown by students at the San Lorenzo School. Club members created the centerpieces using dried plant material collected locally. In December, they enjoyed our Small-Standard Flower Show. It was a holiday show titled *Christmas in Silver City*.

A presentation on the Soils of Sierra County was the topic at the November meeting of the **Sunshine Valley Garden Club**. They found out about the various types of soil in the County through geological survey maps. Each member was given a printed analysis of the soil in their area.

The Club had its annual Christmas luncheon at the Ivory Tusk Restaurant in the Elephant Butte Inn on December 11. Many gifts were given and everyone had a great time at this holiday event.

At the January meeting the program was on Healing Herbs. They were told about several herbs that are used as a natural remedy for various conditions. They also learned how to make herbal tea from fresh herbs, which can soothe many ailments from anxiety to night sweats and everything in between. Everyone received homemade Rosemary-Lemon Gardener's Hand Scrub.

Many great programs are scheduled for the upcoming months, such as Water Conservation, Nuno Flowers, and Natural Bug Repellants. They are especially looking forward to the Annual Membership Tea on February 12.



Christmas in Silver City: Nancy Ketchum , Suzy Andrego, Lequita Lett, Elaine Warden, Debra Sorrell.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

As always, in December we have a lovely potluck in a member's home. Not only was the home and yard colorfully decorated, the attendees, including our honored guest, NMGC President Suzy Andrego, also joined in their Christmas attire. The food was extraordinary and very diversified which happily filled our stomachs. In tradition, books for the children of El Jardin de los Niños, canned food and clothing for the Gospel Rescue Mission, were donated by our members and graciously delivered for us by Rosemary Maddox.

"Bats Need Love Too" was the program presented by Lynn Mosely for our January gathering. We were tested on our knowledge of bats, and while we scored well, Lynn proceeded to tell us many facts about bats. Do you know bats do not eat bees because bats fly at night and bees fly in the daytime. Her presentation was very informative and makes us look at bats differently.

Discussion on the list of who our club donates to revealed that our annual contribution of \$100 to the Ludwick Scholarship fund has been made as well as \$100 to Mesilla Valley Hospice. The care of the Todsens Garden at Leasburg State Park is now under The Friends of Leasburg State Park.

Our February meeting will be presented by Professor Phil King of NMSU on "Water Conservation and Recycling." In our dry New Mexico climate, this is a very important issue.



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NMGC CLUB NEWS

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

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We are working diligently toward the Tri-Club Luncheon which will be on March 8, 11:00 p.m., at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Rd. Mesilla Valley is hosting this year and looking forward to seeing members from High Hopes and Desert Daubers there. Past State President and current State Chairwoman of the National Penny Pines Program, Isabel Olsen, will be our guest speaker.

Charlene Brock

Socorro Garden Club.

Plans are underway for the District IV spring meeting which will be held in Socorro on March 10th at the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge. Further information will be coming shortly. Meanwhile we are still keeping up with the general maintenance and upkeep of the flower beds at Socorro Hospital and Veterans Park. The plants at the Point of Land landscaping project at the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge are growing beautifully as planned. We are considering another landscaping project at San Antonio Elementary Schools. They have asked for our assistance with planning and developing a plan for their school yard.

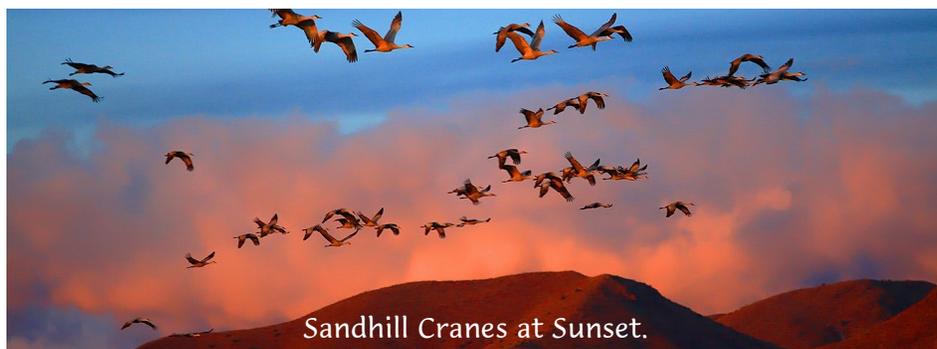


Photo Courtesy of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

District V

Judy Preston, Director

Greetings from District V. all members in District V are busy finalizing things for the 2016 State Convention March 30, 31 and April 1. Let me remind you to get your REGISTRATIONS in the mail. February has arrived and March will soon be here, so do not forget to register before missing a deadline! come enjoy the conference with us in Ruidoso!

Pegi Naranjo Smith is the Chairperson for the SILENT AUCTION. Items donated for this auction become a major source of funding for our convention and also serve to create special memories for members purchasing each item donated. clubs have been asked to donate items, so please contact Pegi if more information is needed. Pegi Naranjo Smith ~ peginaranjo@gmail.com. - 575-626-7508.

Artesia has worked to arrange Conference Bags. Lincoln County has been working on wonderful center pieces and door prizes. The various committees are striving to make this Convention a special event for all our gardeners across our state!

Let me mention that Morning Garden Club has planted knockout roses and greenery at the Historical Museum as one of many on going projects as well as the Butterfly Garden at Cahoon Park. One of the local nursing homes has enjoyed the benefit of their work planting containers and placing bird feeders there for the residents and visitors to enjoy.

Nannette Tanner, president of Lincoln County Garden Club has called members to show their creativity in designing new name tags for their group.

GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN THE MAIL SOON
Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club

New Mexico State Garden Clubs inc. Convention
(Ruidoso, New Mexico)

March 30,31 and April 1, 2016
2016 DON't MISS THE DEADLINE

Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club is the newly formed club sponsored by **Home Garden Club** of Roswell. The club has 11 children ranging from 2 through 18 years of age. Adult members mentoring the youth club are Renate Reisel, Kathy Brown and Isabel Olsen. Several of the HGC members are excited to participate and assist as well in the activities with the children. At the first meeting Gloria Mendiola and Agnes Bonham joined us and we planted bulb lasagna pots with the children. The children enjoyed working with the soil and being able to take their pots home. We also had in attendance a reporter from the Roswell Daily Record who wrote a wonderful article along with photos for the front page of the newspaper. Next month we will have a special installation ceremony for President elect, Shana Marling (Kathy Browns granddaughter) also planned will be planting seeds in egg cartons. Many of the future activities that we have planned will include reading short stories, learning about butterflies and bees along with other pollinators, amphibians, lady bugs and all the joys and wonders of nature and gardening.

Isabel Olsen



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District V Continued

Lincoln County

The snow is bright with the sunshine. If the wind is still, the days are beautiful for walking. But when the wind blows, it feels like spring will never come. So, it is time to curl up by the fire and peruse the seed and plant catalogs that over-fill my mailbox. With each one, dreams of what my summer garden might become are fancier and more ambitious. What's new? What can fill that pesky bare spot? What vegetable are a sure bet? I take a sheet of paper and begin to design. This in shade; that in sun. Can I have successions of color? Can I get that vine to climb?

I begin to add the cost of sets and the cost of seeds—maybe I'd better scale back. In all my years of gardening, the results have never been what I dreamed back in February. Isn't that true for most gardens? The catalogs never take into account our vicious winds, our wimpy rains, our poor soils.

Each year, little by little, we enrich the soil; we find the plant that loves our garden. Our rewards are not as big as our dreams. Yet, isn't it true that each time we plan, each time we plant; we express our hope for a glorious harvest, a beautiful bouquet, a choice of the perfect herb?

I have yet to make all my selections, but I do know that one of the I have yet to make all my selections, but I do know that one of the first flowers I will plant will be violets. Violets are the flower of February—the plant and the month of dreams and promises.

In November we met at Casa Blanca Restaurant for a great Holiday luncheon. Members brought items for Military care packages and non-perishable items for the food bank. We also had a speaker that gave us tips on recording our hours spent giving back to the community. We also had a history lesson on the first Thanksgiving.

Looking forward to February. We have been working on the Convention coming to Ruidoso on March 30, 31 and April 1st. Since name tags will not be provided, our club is having a contest for a new name tag design that represents our area. All members are welcome to submit a design at our February meeting. At that meeting we will select the winning name tag and that person will receive a gift.

Also in February, Imelda Horne will present a program on Mason Bees. We are all looking forward to her program. We also plan to present this program at the Ruidoso Public Library in April and the public is invited to attend.

In March we have a program on tree thinning that will be presented by Lincoln County foresters Mary Clark Russ and Rick Merrick. March is a very busy month with the Home Show at the Convention Center, getting ready for the NM Garden Club convention, making centerpieces plus our clubs program. I am already tired!

Nanette Turner and Judy Peterson

Morning Garden Club has been busy this past quarter. We have donated a tree, along with garden tools, for the most recent Habitat for Humanity home. Renate Reisel and Sue Ferguson planted the tree along with two cadets from New Mexico Military Institute.



We continue to collect small soaps, shampoos, etc., for our local Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults, and recycling small items such as batteries, etc., are ongoing.

Looking forward to spring and a busy time!

We will be planning the planting of knockout roses, along with some greenery, around the Historical Museum for Southeast New Mexico. These are the beds we prepared in the fall using the 'Lasagna Garden' method.

We have ongoing butterfly gardens in our Cahoon Park, and planters and bird feeders in a local nursing home.

We're all looking forward to the State Convention and doing our share in helping Ruidoso, as hosts from this district. The plans sound amazing, and

we look forward to being with the other clubs and members from around the state!



Joann Dunnahoo and Sue Ferguson



Morning Garden Club decorated the Historical Society for SE New Mexico House Museum for the holidays. This is an ongoing project for the garden club.

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
67th Annual Convention
Enchanted Legends of Sierra Blanca
Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Country Club Drive, Alto NM 88312
March 30-31, April 1, 2016

SHOW YOUR CLUB PRIDE ~ NAME TAGS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ~ EACH ATTENDEE IS REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR CLUB NAME TAG

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Garden Club(s): _____

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

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

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

Full-Time Package includes: \$25.00 registration fee, lunch/program, President's reception, dinner/program, awards breakfast and gratuity.

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked on or before March 14, 2016) \$105.00 _____

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked after March 14, 2016) \$125.00 _____

NOTE: Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after early registration closes on March 14, 2016.

Part-Time Package: Part-time is for those who only wish to attend part of the convention activities for Thursday, March 31 and/or the Awards breakfast on Friday, April 1, 2016. Registration fee and meals are priced separately.

Thursday, March 31, 2016

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| Registration Fee (not optional) | \$25.00 _____ |
| Lunch/Program | \$18.00 _____ |
| Dinner/Program | \$35.00 _____ |
| President's Reception | \$15.00 _____ |

Friday, April 1, 2016

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| Awards Breakfast | \$18.00 _____ |
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Part-Time Total \$ _____

ALL ATTENDEES, for the Thursday night banquet please specify: __ Beef OR __ Chicken __ Gluten Free

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: Barbara Bauer, dollydun73@gmail.com or #575-640-6944.

Please make checks payable to **District V NMGC Inc. 2016 State Convention** and mail with this form to:

Sue Ferguson, 5065 Bright Sky Rd. Roswell, NM 88201, 575-625-9182, ferguson@rt66.com

HOTEL: The MCM Elegante Lodge At Sierra Blanca, 107 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, #866-211-7727. \$119/night Double Queen room. Full hot breakfast is included. Mention NMGC 2016 Convention. To ensure room rate, book by 3/14/16.

NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL DINNER/PROGRAM (not included in package plan)

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

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| Dinner/Program Judges Fee | \$35.00 _____ |
| Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee | \$40.00 _____ |
| Program Only | \$10.00 _____ |

NOTE: All NMGC members and guests are welcome to attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION REGISTRATION
April 8-9, 2016, Bentonville, Arkansas

DoubleTree Hotel, 301 SE Walton Blvd., Bentonville, AR 72712 ~ 479-845-7770

(Use code AFG for convention rate of \$99 + tax).

REGISTRATION: Make checks payable to AFGC NW District and mail with registration form to Geri Hoerner, 6 Glencoe Lane, Bella Vista, AR 72715. 479-855-020. hoerner272@gmail.com **No refunds after March 19th.**

Registration fee: (postmarked by 3/15) \$40.00 _____ (after 3/15) \$45.00 _____

Fri. 4/8, 8:00am, Registration opens

9:15am, Pre Convention Tour (Compton Gardens & Crystal Bridges Museum) NC _____ (check if attending)

Pre Convention Tour Transportation (if needed) \$15.00 _____

Lunch on your own, available at Crystal Bridges

3:30pm, 1)SCR Executive Committee Meeting; 2) Nominating Committee Meeting

6pm, Opening of Flower Show); 7pm, Dinner and Program \$35.00 _____

Sat. 4/9, 8am, Leadership Workshop; 9:30am, Business Meeting

12:30pm, Luncheon & Program \$20.00 _____

6:00pm, Reception honoring NGC Pres., SCR Director, & 4 State Pres. NC _____ (check if attending)

7:00pm, Dinner and Program \$35.00 _____

TOTAL _____

(If you are attending the tour on 4/8, please complete the information concerning tour on one registration form only).

Your Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Garden Club: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Allergies: _____

CIRCLE CLASSIFICATIONS:

State: (Pres.) (Officer) (Chairman) (District Director) (Former State Pres.) (Flower Show Judge) (Life Member)

South Central Region: (Director) (Officer) (Chairman) (Life Member)

National Garden Clubs, Inc: (President) (Board Member) (Life Member)

Local Club: (President) (Member) (1st Timer) (Guest) **Council:** (President)

SCR Speakers, Programs, Events

April 8, 9:15am: Tour of Compton Gardens and Crystal Bridges Museum, lunch on your own

6:00pm: Flower Show Opens

7:00pm: Dinner and Program: NGC President, Sandy Robinson, with Jo Krallman/Phyllis Byrum, "What Makes a Blue"

April 9, luncheon program: Dr. Justin Nolan, "The Roots of Tradition: Wild Plant Foods & Medicines of Ozarks"

7:00pm, Dinner: Experts from Crystal Bridges: "Past, Present, and Future Landscaping at the Museum"

Workshops will be conducted during both conventions. Scheduled times/topics available at check-in.

Calendar

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| March 1 | Deadline for reports to State Awards Chairman by State Chairmen |
| March 7 | District I, Annual Meeting Albuquerque, NM |
| March 8 | Las Cruces Annual Tri-Club Meeting Las Cruces NM |
| March 10 | District IV, Annual Meeting Bosque del Apache, Socorro NM |
| March 15 | District III Annual Meeting Las Vegas NM |
| March 17 | District V, Spring Meeting Roswell NM |
| March 23 | District II, Spring Meeting Los Alamos NM |
| March 30, 31 & April 1 | NMGC, Inc. 2016 Annual Convention, Ruidoso, hosted by District V |
| April 8 & 9 | SCR Convention Bentonville AR |
| May 4-6 | National Garden Clubs Annual Convention, Grand Rapids, MI |
| May 7 | Las Cruces Tour of Gardens Las Cruces NM |
| May 30 | Blue Star Dedication |
| June 5-11 | National Garden Week |
| June 11 | Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Annual Garden Tour, Albuquerque NM |



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President Suzy Andrego earned her wings as an electronic butterfly at the Albuquerque Bio Park's Annual Holiday River of Lights display.

Uptown Garden Club's Christmas President's Tea



Above: Jayne Pilley - State Protocol Chair, Jo Ann Case and Esther Russell - State Youth Chair.



Above Right: Pam Stern, Vicki Frye- State Bee Chair, Shirley Tetreault—State Blue Star Chair, Leude Olsen and June Gandert.

Right: Debra Sorrell, Charlotte Cross, Christine Longthorp and Mary Ann Moreno



President's Tea, Uptown GC, Suzy Andrego's home .
I-r Suzy, Kathy Brown-Yearbook Chair, 2nd VP Jan Smith, Immediate Past President Isabel Olsen



Tables decorated with a variety of holiday themes at District V's Home Garden Club Christmas Luncheon.



Christmas in Silver City Flower Show



Uptown Garden Club Holiday Luncheon featuring tables decorated with a pollinator theme



Butterfly House at the Shuter Library, Angle Fire J Layden