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New Mexico Girls at Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan
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Doris Jackson, Shirley Tetreault and Jennifer Moreno

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SUZY ANDREGO



WOW! Summer is finally here! Upon my return from National Garden Clubs Convention, I came home to my garden that has quite literally EXPLODED into amazing colors and forms. The roses are in full bloom, there are still irises, annual flowers are blooming, Giant Allium are striking as purple lollypops in the garden. My peonies are gorgeous, the hostas are full and fat, the yarrow is bright next to the larkspur and bachelor buttons and all the varieties of poppies are fighting for attention! Hello summer!

What a wonderful state convention we had in March! Judy Preston, all the clubs and members of District V, rolled out the red carpet for us! It will be a convention to remember! A great big THANK YOU to each and every member of District V!! Our National President, Sandy Robinson and our South Central Regional Director were very impressed. I keep hearing from them how much fun they had in NM!

I bring great news from the South Central Regional convention. Our region will NOT be dissolving but will remain strong and viable! And, we had a wonderful time at the Regional Convention in Bentonville, Arkansas. There was a flower show held and we had some great entries from New Mexico. Debi Harrington was the top Design winner. Isabel Olsen, Doris Jackson, and Shirley Tetreault entered and placed in the Design Division. Mary Ann Moreno, Debra Sorrell and I entered and placed in the horticulture division. We also were treated to a tour of the famous Crystal Bridges Museum. It is a beautiful place! And, NM Garden Clubs took home some wonderful Regional awards.

Next year, *New Mexico Garden Clubs* will be the host state for the 2017 region convention. It will be held April 28th and 29th, in Albuquerque at the Drury Inn @25. The field trip will be Friday April 28th to Bandelier National Monument and Los Alamos. Each District will be participating with this convention.

National Convention was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan and was as busy and fun as any National Garden Clubs Convention! The time at National convention always flies by fast as there is always a lot to do and see and people to network with. I was excited to learn that none of the regions in National Garden Clubs will fold. All the other regions are applying for their own nonprofit status. Shirley Tetreault represented NM Garden Clubs with an arrangement in honor of Lincoln National Park. Giving my state report on all we do in New Mexico had to be done in 2 minutes or less and I did it! We might be a small state but we do a lot! I did have the opportunity to attend a wonderful leadership workshop and a great round table breakfast discussion with all the state President's. And NM Mexico Garden Clubs took home some very special National awards!

It was a very busy spring and promises to be a fantastic summer with all the shows, schools, garden tours, field trips, programs and work in our gardens to fill it up.

As you or your club plant your Butterfly, Pollinator, Habitat, Monarch and Plant it Pink Gardens, be thinking about this. When you are all finished Contact me and I will help you get your garden registered and purchase the signage for it! And, as you plant those Butterfly Gardens, Monarch Way Stations, Habitat Gardens or a "Plant It Pink" Garden, remember to take your before and after pictures. Then take a few more pictures as it grows, take another picture this fall and apply for my President's Project Award next March!

I am enjoying watching all our members "Plant Seeds For Our Future" in all kinds of different ways! I cannot wait to see what is next!

THANK YOU everyone, for helping make this organization a GREAT one!!



Barbara Baker, SCR Director, Suzy Andrego, and Sandy Robinson, NGC President at the NM State Convention in March.

Barbara Vance - 1st Vice President



America's foremost hobby is GARDENING. Gardening is defined: as the art and science of growing plants, both indoors and out. Gardening has been called the oldest of the arts. In ancient times, plants were grown for food or medicinal use.

A garden is like a wonderful school where all the pupils "learn to do by doing." Working in a garden is an education in the appreciation of beauty, color, artistic arrangement, and fragrance. A little corner of the great outdoors, it permits a close intimacy with Mother Nature.

WHY Join a Garden Club?

Garden Clubs offer an endless selection of learning opportunities. Some clubs are specialized societies: Iris, Rose, African Violet, Orchid, Cacti & Succulent, etc. National Garden Clubs provides the educational opportunity through its Flower Show Schools Program whereby members may attend sessions to enrich their knowledge of horticulture, design and flower show procedures or become Accredited Flower Show Judges. The Albuquerque Garden Center provides a wonderful venue to view firsthand the plants, trees, bushes that grow best in that area of the state. Clubs in other areas of the state provide information to members about what works there. Members in all areas are interested in beautifying their gardens but also work in public areas, city parks, state monuments and memorial parks. Members have access to District, State and National websites to download the latest information about gardening, learn about Butterflies and Pollinators, frogs, floral designs, horticulture, a myriad of information about gardening throughout the country.

Anyone can join a club – you don't need to have a garden – people garden in containers, on balconies, terraces. A club allows people with a common interest to meet together to discuss what will and what won't grow in the area in which they live. By exchanging ideas and discussing problems related to gardening, everyone benefits and expands their knowledge of gardening. Clubs have monthly meetings and also participate in District meetings held twice a year. All club members are welcome to attend the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. State Convention and the Fall Board Meeting. District and State meetings are held in different locations of the state. Members travelling to different locales – see and learn about the historical sites, gardens, parks, gain knowledge about the plants thriving in that area. The biggest reward that comes with membership in a club - friendships that develop and remain through the years. We all participate in "Planting Seeds for Our Future". Encourage your family members, relatives, neighbors, and friends to join us in this exciting adventure of learning and exploring what gardening is all about.

ARE YOU ONE?

Are you an active members, the kind that would be missed - Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the Flock - Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along? - Or, are you satisfied to be the guy who just belongs?

Do you work on Committees? To do this is no trick. - OR, leave the work to just a few and talk about the "clique"?

So come to meetings often, and help with hand and heart. - Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

Think it over, Member. You know right from wrong. Are you an active member, OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

(NM Gardener 1992 - reprinted from Washington Garden News, 1992)

Bee Photography Award WHO

There are more than 4000 species of bees in the United States! These are classified into six major families. Almost all of these families are represented in New Mexico. So get out there and take your photos!



I. Requirements:

- A. Photos and coversheets due to State Bee Chairman by February 1st.
- B. Winning photos will be sent to the state Awards Chairman by March 1st.

II. Criteria:

- A. Each Photo must be no more than 5"x 7".
- B. Accompany each photo with a cover page that includes:
 1. Your name, address, and Garden Club.

2. Information about the photo, such as when and where the photo was taken and identification of any plant in your photo.

3. Include any details on your photo taking experience.

4. Include fun facts about the bee you have photographed.

5. You may enter as many as 3 photos with individual cover .

6. Print must be clear and focused.

III. Scale of Points:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| A. Photographic Quality. | 50 points |
| B. Artistic Quality. | 50 points |
| C. Details of bee, plants or experience. XX points | |
| | Total of 100 points |

IV. Award:

- A. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and HM Certificates
- B. Monetary award may be given.

2016 NMGC Spring Convention Highlights



Johnese Turri

If you've been to a garden club convention, you know how fun, festive and informative they are. And that's exactly what we had at the 67th Annual New Mexico Garden Club's Convention, held this year in Ruidoso at the beautiful Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club. The theme was "Enchanted Legends of Sierra Blanca". The excitement started when we walked in to register and had the hospitality of the local club members welcome you with a wonderful tote bag filled with fun, local items.

The NM Judges Council General Meeting and Dinner was held the night before the convention opening. That night's program was enjoyed by all as Old George "Two Feathers" presented "Creative & Abstract Basket Inventions". At the end of the evening, attendees could even purchase some of his creations.

Thursday morning we were welcomed by Gina Kline Kole of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and Becky Brooks with the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce. Hearing all the officers and district reports, we got a great view of how active all our garden clubs are and all the awesome projects going on throughout the state. We were honored to have Barbara Baker, Director of NGC South Region, and Sandy Robinson, our National Garden Club President, present at the meeting. They talked about getting our kids away from their technology toys and getting them outdoors to enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer.

The luncheon presentation by Pegi Naranjo Smith on *Sensational Succulents* was very informative and entertaining. Her ideas and creativity blew us away! The table centerpieces tied in perfectly as they were succulents planted in wooden log holders. Each of us was given a small succulent to take home and plant in a creative way. All the little touches on the table were so wonderful. We even had a butterfly sitting on our water glasses!

The *Leap into Leadership* workshop was very informative. The presentations about leadership, protocol courtesies, agendas, meeting minutes, EZ treasurer reports and making a motion were ALL very helpful information to take back to our clubs.

We had a fun time with the "Planting Seeds of Fun & Laughter"! It is a guessing game that Suzy and her family play. Lots of laughter was heard around the tables.

The Presidents Wine Reception was a great way to socialize with everyone, and of course, bid on the wide variety of silent auctions items. It was great to see all of our past state presidents and Club Presidents introduced wearing their green sashes; kind of like we were in a pageant! The memorial service by Christine Longthorp was very moving as we each remembered those special garden club members. The State Garden Club's top awards were given to: Member of the Year, Dianna Doddridge, Design of the Year, Juanita Ortega, Mentor of the Year, Mary Ann Moreno, Silver Medallion Winner, Laurie Hixson and Horticulturist of the Year: Hui-chien (Bill) Shen.

At our banquet tables we each had pottery bears along with a Smokey Bear scarf. After a delicious dinner, a program was presented by Lynda Sanchez on "Apache Legends & Lore of Southern New Mexico: From the Sacred Mountains". It was quite interesting to hear about the history of the Apaches. We loved that she brought so many artifacts.

As we walked into the meeting room Friday morning, we were able to see the winning photos our members had submitted in a variety of categories. They had been printed and were displayed at the front of the room. At our table place settings were little garden art items for us all to take home. Our awards chairman, Debra Sorrell gave out awards, and awards and awards! We have such talented members!

Mary Ann Moreno and others from her district did a presentation on the invite to the 2016 Convention. Diane Peterson and I had the honor of being the resolutions chair and enjoyed giving the resolutions of the convention. We love to flutter in, give our message and flutter out.

And those were the highlights of this convention. Thank you to Judy Preston and Nanette Tanner and everyone who helped in heading up this WONDERFUL and memorable convention.



South Central Region Convention in Bentonville, Arkansas with Sandy Robinson

NMGC, INC ~ 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Awards Year: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)

Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion) – Laurie Hixson



This year's silver medallion recipient is an active, dedicated and passionate member of New Mexico Garden Clubs. Her participation in her own club has helped to excite her fellow members and she soon became President. After her Presidency she led the momentous effort of a garden installation at Bandelier National Monument. She was then asked to be her District Treasurer. She was instrumental in changing the District Scholarship fund to include scholarships for district members to attend all National Garden Club schools offered by New Mexico Garden Clubs. When ask, she graciously accepted the position as State Treasurer. As newly elected State Treasurer, she worked tirelessly, side by side with the finance committee, for 100+ hours putting our NMGC finances back in balance. She kept NM Garden Clubs from losing our 501(c)3 status with the IRS and has streamlined financial information for NMGC and all clubs and districts.

Member of the Year – Dianna Doddridge



The New Mexico Garden Clubs Member of the Year has been around garden club for many years but, as a club member for only a few short years. She began her journey to garden club as a student of the Beginning Floral Design class. One club was not enough for her so she joined several. She is a very active member of each club she belongs to. She never says "No" when asked to help with anything. Shirley Tetreault, President of High Desert Design Club, says, "Her spirit and enthusiasm is amazing and a true breath of fresh air. She is an individual that works hard and will do anything that is asked of her. She is a true garden club member, a special friend and someone deserving of special recognition." Debra Sorrell, President of Uptown Garden Club says, "She is everything you would want in a garden club member! She is ALWAYS there, ALWAYS participating, ALWAYS learning and ALWAYS encouraging the others in our club. She is a really remarkable woman and an asset to New Mexico Garden Clubs."

Mentor of the Year – MaryAnn Moreno

This year's New Mexico Garden Club's Member of the Year is a very special person to all of us. Webster defines "Mentor" as: someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person. MaryAnn is all that and more. It would be a challenge to find someone in New Mexico Garden Clubs who has NOT been mentored by her in some way, shape or form. She is:



Smart
A very active NM Garden clubs member
Always willing to help out
Willing to be a part of anything garden club
Will learn a new subject just to teach and share it with others
Is an avid volunteer
Takes on any chairmanship that is in need
Can talk almost anyone into any job!

Takes on any chairmanship that is in need
Sponsors many of the NGC schools for NM Garden Clubs
Is generous to a fault
Will always be young at heart
Is encouraging to all
Very involved with children
Makes us all step outside our own box
Is involved at the state, regional and national levels

Horticulturist of the Year – Hui-chien (Bill) Shen



"The scope and breadth of the garden is amazing. There is a huge diversity of genera and varieties and much is shared with the community. It is also a water wise garden. In addition, Bill is an avid dahlia grower. This passion brought him a new friend in John Hickerson, who was considered one of our local dahlia experts. John introduced Bill to showing dahlias and the garden club bug took it from there. There is NO DOUBT this gardener deserves to be Horticulturist of the Year!"

Ellen Reed, Horticulture Chair

Design of the Year – Juanita Ortega

Juanita is a NGC Student Flower Show Judge, a Consulting Rosarian and President of her design club, Floral Designers, Santa Fe.



Rt: "Flight of the Bumblebee"

NMGC Scholarship Recipient – Caroline Allen



Caroline is a junior, studying to earn her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering at New Mexico Tech. She is currently the top undergraduate student in that department with a GPA of 3.72. She was selected to participate in an independent directed research project studying air quality and climate. She is one of two students chosen to continue that research with a summer internship at Los Alamos National Labs. In addition to carrying a full course load and a research project, Caroline works as a residential advisor with responsibilities for 26 students. Caroline's application moved on to National Garden Club where she received the \$4000 June Wood Scholarship, as well.

NMGC, INC ~ 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards Year: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

2015 TOP POINT EARNER \$25 Cash Award Uptown Garden Club, Total Points Earned: 1110	Santa Rosa Garden Club Points Earned: 295	Home Garden Club Points Earned: 565	Class III Uptown Garden Club Points Earned: 1110
Class I Petal Pushers Garden Club Points Earned: 405	Artesia Garden Club Points Earned: 70	Morning Garden Club Points Earned: 435	Los Alamos Garden Club Points Earned: 435
Floral Designers Garden Club- Points earned: 400	Class II Valley Gardeners Garden Club- Points Earned: 575	Mesilla Valley Garden Club Points Earned: 345	Class IV Angel Fire Garden Club Points Earned: 280
	High Desert Design Club Points Earned: 570	Summit Garden Club Points Earned: 330	

BEGINNING DESIGNER

1st place - \$20 Cash Award

Diane Peterson

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire NM

BIRDS - Individual

1st Place - \$25 Cash Award

Shirley M. Bray

Petal Pushers Garden Club

2nd Place, Nancy Nunnelley

Summit Garden Club

3rd Place, Joan Higgs

Petal Pushers Garden Club

BUTTERFLY GARDENING IN NEW MEXICO

1st Place - \$20 Cash Award

Angel Fire Garden Club

CERTIFICATE of COMMENDATION

Floral Designers Garden Club honors each of these charter members who have remained active in the club since it began in 1994.

Dorothy Crawford Shelby Green

Doris Jackson Maggie Rubino

Barbara Vance

CERTIFICATE FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

For outstanding contributions to NMGC, Inc.

Floral Designers Garden Club

Maintaining 5 charter members continuously to the present—a total of 22 years each!

NMGC District III

For being the only district in the state to have a membership increase in every club, including their youth club.

Angel Fire Garden Club

For producing all three beginning designers of the year.

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Class II

1st Place - \$15 Cash Award

Morning Garden Club

Restoring a public garden in Cahoon Park

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT, Class IV

1st Place - \$15 Cash Award

Angel Fire Garden Club

Revamp a median strip entering Angel Fire into a pollinator friendly garden

CLUB HISTORY

BEST CLUB HISTORY - \$25 Cash Award

Morning Garden Club

Club History, Class I

Santa Rosa Garden Club, 1st Place

Petal Pushers Garden Club, 2nd Place

Floral Designers Garden Club, 3rd Place

Evergreen Garden Club, 4th Place

Moriarty Garden Club, HM

Trailblazers Garden Club, HM

Club History, Class II

Morning Garden Club, 1st Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club, 2nd Place

Home Garden Club, 3rd Place

High Desert Design Club, 4th Place

Mesilla Valley Garden Club, HM

Summit Garden Club, HM

Club History, Class III

Lincoln County Garden Club, 1st Place

Los Alamos Garden Club, 2nd Place

Club History, Class IV

Angel Fire Garden Club, 1st Place

Uptown Garden Club, 2nd Place

DESIGN OF THE YEAR

Juanita Ortega, 1st Place

Floral Designers

Joanne Case, 2nd Place

High Desert Design Club

Dianna Doddridge, 3rd Place

High Desert Design Club

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

Class I - 1st Place

“Gardening With the Elements”
Santa Rosa Garden Club

Class II - 1st Place

“Celebrate What’s Great!”
Home and Morning Garden Clubs

Class II - 3rd Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club

FOOD GARDENING - Individual

1st Place - \$25 Cash Award

Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club

2nd Place, Doris Thielemann

Summit Garden Club

HM, Dianna Doddridge

High Desert Design Club

HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

\$50 Cash Award

Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club

Albuquerque, NM

LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING

1st Place, Club - \$15 Cash Award

Morning Garden Club

1st Place, Individual - \$10 Cash Award

Dianna Doddridge, Uptown Garden Club

LONGEVITY AWARD - Class II

1st Place - \$25 Cash Award

Home Garden Club

Gardener’s Market started in the early 1950’s

LONGEVITY AWARD - Class IV

1st Place - \$25 Cash Award

Angel Fire Garden Club

Annual Garden Tour started in 2002

NMGC, INC ~ 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

LARGEST MEMBERSHIP INCREASE FOR 2015

Trailblazers Garden Club

38% Membership Increase
\$50.00 Cash Award

Membership Increase Certificates Awarded

District I

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, 15% increase
Valley Gardeners Garden Club, 7% increase
High Desert Design Club, 7% increase

District II

Los Alamos Garden Club, 16% increase
Floral Designers Garden Club, 9% increase

District III

Santa Rosa Garden Club, 20% increase

District IV

Sunshine Valley Garden Club, 15% increase.
Socorro Garden Club, 6% increase
Mesilla Valley Garden Club, 4% increase

District V

Morning Garden Club, 8% increase
Lincoln County Garden Club, 6% increase

MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATION

Betsy Ross, Lincoln County Garden Club

LaNelle Witt, Morning Garden Club

Doris Adams, Sunshine Valley Garden Club

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Dianna Doddridge

High Desert Design & Uptown Garden Clubs

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

MaryAnn Moreno

Valley Garden Club, Uptown Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR

2015 Winner - \$25 Cash Award



“Harvey Koop Dahlia”, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen
Valley Gardeners Garden Club, NM

Runner –Up

“Butterfly Study”, Eva Zhang
Summit Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT - BIRD

1st Place, “Pygmy Nuthatch”, Page Steed
Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place

“Sandhill Cranes”, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

3rd Place

“Morning Dove Mama &Baby”, Sue Wasson
Petal Pushers Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT - BUTTERFLY

1st Place, “Butterfly Study”, Eva Zhang
Summit Garden Club

2nd Place, Pam Stern,

“Swallowtail on My Granddaughter's Head”
Uptown Garden Club

3rd Place

“Swallowtail & Molly”, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen
Valley Gardeners Garden Club,

4th Place, Sue Wasson

“Swallowtail on Valerian”
Petal Pushers Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN

1st Place

“Harvey Koop Dahlia”, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

2nd Place

“High Desert Water Lily”, Eva Zhang
Summit Garden Club, Los Alamos, NM

3rd Place, Juanita Ortega

“Marilyn Monroe ‘ Rose”
Floral Designers Garden Club

4th Place, Johnese Turri

“Garden Center at Salman Raspberry Ranch,
La Cueva, New Mexico”
Angel Fire Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT - INSECT

1st Place, Michael Turri

“Bug on a Dandelion”
Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd place

“Bee on a “Lucky” Rose”, Juanita Ortega
Floral Designers Garden Club

3rd Place, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

“Assassin Bug with a Bee”
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

4th Place, June Gandert

“Dragonfly Resting Above Pool Water”
Uptown Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT - LANDSCAPE SCENE

1st Place, Michael Turri

“Wheeler Peak and the Moreno Valley”
Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, J.J. Huddleston

“Rocky Mountain Penstemons in the
Sangre de Cristos”
Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place, Johnese Turri

“Aspens at Black Lake”
Angel Fire Garden Club

4th Place, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

“Balloon Fiesta Dahlias”
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT - WILDLIFE

1st Place, Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

“Two Deer in the Bosque del Apache”
Valley Gardeners Garden Club

2nd Place, Sue Wasson

“Bald Eagle at the Zoo”
Petal Pushers Garden Club

3rd Place, Page Steed

“The Right Place and Time”
Angel Fire Garden Club

4th Place, Sue Ferguson

“Donkey at the End of the Rainbow”
Morning Garden Club

TREES

1st Place - \$20 Cash Award

Morning Garden Club
Roswell, NM

WORLD GARDENING

District II

Los Alamos Garden Club—Global Partners
Running Waters, Inc.; Penny Pines; Heifer
International; Los Alamos High School Envi-
ronmental Club (cash for birdbath towards
their National Wildlife Federation Certifica-
tion); Los Alamos Public Schools Science Fair
(Cash awards to elementary school children
with projects relating to plants/gardening)

Summit Garden Club—Heifer International

District V

Artesia Garden Club—Habitat for Humanity

Home Garden Club—Global Partners Run-
ning Waters, Inc.; Penny Pines

Lincoln County Garden Club - Mescalero
Tunnel Garden

Morning Garden Club—Global Partners Run-
ning Waters, Inc.; Habitat for Humanity

YEARBOOKS

The Pat Edmonds Memorial
Yearbook Award, \$25 Cash Award
Angel Fire Garden Club

Class I

1st Place, El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

2nd Place, Santa Rosa Garden Club

3rd Place, Petal Pushers Garden Club

NMGC, INC ~ 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEARBOOKS Continued

Class II

1st Place, Sunshine Valley Garden Club

2nd Place, Mesilla Valley Garden Club

3rd Place, Morning Garden Club

HM Home Garden Club

HM Summit Garden Club

Hm High Desert Design Club

Yearbooks - Class III

1st Place - Angel Fire Garden Club

Class IV

1st Place, Uptown Garden Club

2nd Place, Lincoln County Garden Club

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1st Place - \$25 Cash Award,

Angel Fire Garden Club

For work with the Ponderosa Pines

Junior Garden Club



Ponderosa Pines members

2015 SCR Region and NGC AWARD RECIPIENTS

South Central Region Awards

1st Place, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Multi Page Newsletter

1st Place, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Butterfly Brochure

1st Place, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Awards Handbook

1st Place, NMGC, CAGC, State Fair Flower Show Schedule (\$25)

1st Place, Uptown Garden Club, Conditioning Book

\$25 Angel Fire Garden Club, Membership Increase Award

2nd Place Angel Fire Garden Club, Civic Development

3rd Place, Morning Garden Club, Recycling

3rd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, Youth Program

National Garden Clubs Awards

Caroline Allen \$4500 June Wood Scholarship

1st Place NM Garden Clubs, Awards Handbook

1st Place NM Garden Clubs, Butterfly Brochure

Runner Up – Morning Garden Club \$250

for Roadside Beautification Project

Uptown Garden Club Participation Certificate

New Mexico Garden Clubs Participation Certificate

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS:

Presented to Juanita Ortega

WORLD CLASS NMGC
WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN

Presented to Debra Sorrell

ASTONISHING, AMAZING & AMUSING NMGC
Awards Chairman

Presented to Mary Ann Moreno

DAZZLING District I Director

Presented to Doris Jackson

DEDUCTIVE District II Director

Presented to Colleen Hinker

DEDICATED District III Director

Presented to Nancy Ketchum

DELIGHTFUL District IV Director

Presented to Judy Preston

DYNAMIC District V Director &
CONFIDENT 2016 NMGC CONVENTION CHAIR

Presented to Nanette Tanner

CHEERFUL 2016 NMGC
CONVENTION CO-CHAIR

Presented to Cindy Hills

WONDROUS, WIZARDLY & VERY WORTHY
NMGC WEBMASTER

Presented to Linnea Egbert

EFFICIENT, ENERGETIC & EXPRESSIVE NM
GARDNER EDITOR

Presented to Jan Smith

SPECTACTULAR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT &
POSITIVE, PEERLESS 2016 NMGC
CONVENTION PROTOCL CHAIR

Presented to Sue Ferguson

RELIABLE 2016 NMGC
CONVENTION REGISTRAR

Presented to Jo Ann Layden

BLOSSOMING BUTTERFLY CHAIRMAN

Presented to Vicki Frye

BEE-DAZZLING BEE CHAIRMAN

Presented to Isabel Olsen

INVIGORATING & INSPIRING Immediate Past
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PENNY PINES CHAIRMAN

Presented to Barbara Vance

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THOROUGH, TIRELESS AND
TREASURED TREASURER

Presented to Carolyn Bedford

RECEPTIVE, REFINED & RELIABLE
RECORDING SECRETARY

Presented to Becky Fuller

HARDWORKING, HUMEROUS AND
HUGGABLE HISTORIAN

Presented to Penni Davey

CONSCIENTIOUS, CREATIVE & CHEERY
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Presented to Sally Warner

PRESTIGIOUS, PRECEPTIVE & POSITIVE
PARLIMENTARIAN

Presented to Renate Reisel

PREVAILING PERSISTANCE, PATIENCE,
AND LEADERSHIP as Founding Leader
of District V, Pecos Valley Jr. Gardeners

Presented to Maggie Rubino

NOBEL NOMINATING
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Presented to Christine Longthorp

SKILLED SYNERGISTIC
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

NGC CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Youth Container Gardening Chairman for Bees and Butterflies – Presidents Project , Mary Ann Moreno

PROTECTING OUR POLLINATORS

“Bee’s – Butterflies – Birds”

What a wonderful way to start our new administration with a Youth Container Contest for First to Fifth Graders. Our Youth will have an opportunity to plan a pollinator friendly container by choosing plants that encourage our threatened pollinators to eat, drink, pollinate and possibly reproduce.

Elementary Students in first through fifth grades who plant a container must be sponsored by a Garden Club. Containers must be placed in a public place. As with any contest there are rules to follow. A book of evidence compiled with pictures of the project and finished container, what plants the student chose for their container, and where the container was placed. The rules are listed in the awards section of The National Gardener. We will award \$100.00 to the first place winners, Second prize winners \$75.00, Third prize winners \$50.00, and Honorable mention winners \$25.00. We encourage the students to be creative and to research the wonderful plants that attract pollinators. The NGC WEB site has information you can use to research plants, growing conditions and pollinators in your area or region.

We need garden club members to help children get involved with planting Pollinator Containers. For some children it will be a brand new experience. Equip the children with trowels, containers and potting soil. Take them shopping for those pollinator plants and seeds. Give the children the ABC’s of how to plant the container, nurture the plants and then the pleasure of watching it grow. This could also be done by adopting a classroom or youth group and involve your own children or grandchildren. What a joy it is to see the caterpillars on my own container, munching away on Dill, Fennel and Milkweed. I get excited and call the neighbors, to see the event. Please join us in giving children the opportunity to plant a pollinator container. Let them be an EVENT PLANNER. Share the happiness.

P.S. We are accepting donations of any amount to help us cover the cost of awarding these \$ prizes. Please make out your check to National Garden Clubs, Inc. and put notation of: Youth container contest. All donors will receive a named Daylily at our NMGC, Inc., Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque, NM. Thank you for your generosity. Mary Ann

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Awards, Debra Sorrell

There were some really impressive entries for awards this year from all around our state! Congratulations to all the clubs and individuals who were winners at the convention in Ruidoso. The photographs were a big hit at the Awards breakfast! Be sure to check them out on our website. Cindy has updated with the 2015 winning photos and the 2015 Awards Book. They look terrific!!

I am already thinking about how we can improve awards for next year. One of the first things I'd like to tackle is participation. Some of our clubs were ALL OVER awards this year.....they entered everything they could possibly qualify for, had a great deal of FUN getting it all ready to send in and were extremely successful with certificates and cash awards! Some of the clubs did not enter an application of any kind. I understand that some of you have "been there, done that" for so many years now that it really doesn't matter if you win another award. But, think about this.....

In a day and age when Garden Club - locally, regionally and nationally - is declining in numbers, you must try to remember what made it all it was, for you, in the past. This is a wonderful organization that accomplishes many fantastic things across the country. The opportunities that an awards system offers are several:

- 1) It allows a way to share ideas and programs
- 2) It honors hard work and accomplishment in our clubs and by individuals
- 3) It spreads enthusiasm to new members who have not "been there, done that"
- 4) It shows support for the National Garden Clubs goals to educate and ENCOURAGE

Please think about how you will participate in awards next year. For me, the operative word is FUN! I noticed that the clubs who were IN at the awards breakfast in Ruidoso were having a lot of fun. The clubs who had not entered were a little bored. Don't be that club next year! Encourage your new members to participate in awards for their LEARNING. Encourage your older (long-term) members to participate for their EDUCATIONAL contribution. I will help with advice, encouragement, filling out forms.....whatever it takes to make the next awards banquet the best ever!!

Penny Pines Reforestation Chairman, Isabel Olsen



I hope the suggestion of a Penny Pines jar displayed at each of your garden club meetings has generated conversations and donations. In March I was asked to speak at a luncheon in district IV for three garden clubs, and as promised I brought a jar for each club. I've heard that the jars are all getting full and will soon be sending in a contribution to a forest of their choice. Kudos to all members that donated! Recently President Suzy Andregio had her jar out during a gathering at her home, and she collected enough to plant a plantation. She was kind enough to indicate on the form in honor of Isabel Olsen, Penny Pines Chairman. Thanks Suz! At the South Central Region Convention in Arkansas we passed a Penny Pines jar around the room and collected enough money for two plantations in honor of Barbara Baker, SCR Director. What great generous spirit of giving we are seeing for our National Forests!

Photo taken at her presentation in Las Cruces at the Tri Garden Club Luncheon hosted by Mesilla Valley Garden Club

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Food and Herb Gardening, Colleen Hinker, Chair



Our weather around the state is highly variable. Some of us are still experiencing snow and others in the South have warm sunny days! Daffodils have bloomed and Iris' are up and amazing all of us with their colors. Most of our vegetable/herb gardeners by now should have selected their favorite seeds from the millions of catalogs arriving daily, and have filled small pots with soil and seeds. I can almost see the windowsills and greenhouses bursting with hope for a fine summer crop.

Some of our herbs are perennial and are greening up. Take time to clean the debris around them and add a little fertilizer. Others, like Basil, lovage and savory, are annual and the ground is not warm enough yet to plant outside. Many vegetable varieties do well in the chill (greens, cole crops, root crops) so plant those seeds in May; While others (tomatoes, peppers, okra) need their soil at least 60+ degrees to even sprout. I have found that soil temperature is more important than air temperature for many plants. Also, plan to plant most vegetables in the sun for maximum yield. Some herbs can take variable light sources. Take special care to harden off those plants going outside. Take it easy, moving them for a few hours a day to the sun. Some plants will sunburn if exposed to too much sun too soon. And as soon as they are in their permanent home, fertilize with an all around blend.

I wish all of our gardeners lots of luck in fighting the weeds and bugs, but with diligence and care your crop yields should be great. And don't forget to share with the neighbors!

National Garden Week, June 7 - 13, Rene McCoy Chair

District Directors and Club Presidents:

I would like to encourage your clubs to participate and plan projects for National Garden Week in June. It is not too early to start the planning and inviting others to help and to publish your club projects.

Many projects can be promoted during this week. Some ideas are listed below:

Plant or renew community flower beds (Invite youth groups to help).

Work with a 4-H club to plant a garden for their National 4-H Garden Project.

Host a program at the Library regarding gardening in your area, information on your club, club projects and membership information.

Ask your Mayor to designate National Garden Week for your town and publish gardening articles in your local paper, along with a photo of your Mayor and club members working a project designating that it is for National Garden week.

Here are some interesting facts about gardening and what it teaches: **Patience.** Waiting for plants to grow and then bloom takes time, sometimes more than a year; **Creativity.** Planning a garden with a color scheme or a bed with companion plants encourages creativity; **Responsibility.** Planting, weeding, watering and general care takes commitment; **A sense of accomplishment.** Seeing a plant grow from a seed or rhizome to fruition gives a feeling of success; and, **Family devotion.** When we spend quality time together by participating in a common interest, we foster love and respect and a continued interest in growing, keeping the earth pollution free, protect our water ways from too much pesticide use and personal serenity too.

I hope that this gives you some ideas and I look forward to getting your club reports after June, so that I can prepare my report to the State President and South Central Region on what wonderful projects we are doing to support our communities in New Mexico. Thank you for supporting National Garden Week and National Garden Club projects.



2nd Vice President Membership, Jan Smith

Membership Dues Time!

It is time to collect membership dues from your Club Members. \$8 of your club dues is allocated to NMGC. Please send your membership list electronically to me. If possible, please use the spreadsheet distributed to you. Make your checks out to NMGC and indicate the number of members you are paying for on the check.

Mail checks to Jan Smith, NMGC, 2717 Onate Road, Roswell, NM 88201. Submit the list of members via email to jds7jds7@hotmail.com

How to Increase Membership

- Publicize - paper, radio, flyers
- Participate in Public Events -
Farmer's Market, Parades, State Fairs,
Home and Garden Shows, other local events
- Garden Tours
- Library Displays
- Flyers around town -
including insert for new home buyers



Happy Anniversary
to Socorro Garden Club
on the occasion of their
80th Year as a
Garden Club

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

THUGS IN THE GARDEN, Ellen Reed Horticulture Chairman

As I cleaned my garden this spring, I thought about problem plants I had intentionally introduced. They come in several varieties.

Many annuals will self-sow but can be useful fillers of empty spaces between fading spring bulbs and later blooms. Shirley poppies, larkspur, bachelor buttons, snow on the mountain *Euphorbia marginata*, Money plant (lunaria) and cosmos are ones that work for me. They will give a better show if emerging seedlings are thinned. Pulling out undesirable colors and forms and allowing desirable plants to reseed will improve your personal strains. Hybrid annuals such as zinnias or marigolds will not be true to the original variety in the second generation and are best started from new seed.

There are perennials with invasive roots such as many Campanulas, Spanish Bells or Lady Bells *Adenophora*, Yarrow, Russian Sage (*Perovskia*), some species Roses, ribbon grass, Bishop's weed (*Agopodium*). Violets may spread invasively by runners and by cleistogamous seed pods which develop without blooms. I have evicted many Asters from my garden for their invasiveness. One called "Audrey" that I can only think was the namesake of "Audrey II" from "Little Shop of Horrors"! *Euphorbia myrsinites* is invasive except in extremely dry sites. Lily of the Valley, though slow to establish, will fill large beds if conditions of moisture and shade are right. Many clumps of perennials increase and may be dug and divided with friends, but thugs run faster than are easily controlled and often travel widely underground and root along the ranging surface shoots. The native yellow Columbine self-sows wildly, the seedlings sprout in the midst of everything and they develop deep strong roots.

Some seeds are bird disseminated and some have parachutes like dandelions, sweet autumn Clematis, *Amsonia tabernamontana* and Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus*). Tumble weeds, tansy mustard and fox tail grass blow in from empty lots and should be recognized early and eliminated.

There are a few invasive bulbs. Many Alliums develop tiny side bulbs which are shed easily when the bulb is disturbed. They also set seeds which become wispy seedlings and are difficult to spot and eliminate. Certain species Tulips produce tiny bulbs that result in lawns of leaves which crowd out other plants and seldom flower. The lady or Candy Stick (*T. clusiana*), lilac gem (*T. bakeri*) are two of these. Spring star flower (*Tritileia uniflora*), species Crocus, Grape hyacinth (*Muscari*) will become invasive through seeds and bulbs. Those are difficult to deadhead because they are so small.

English ivy spreads up walls, trees and into flower beds. When it becomes mature (arborescent) it blooms and sets seed which is spread by birds. Wisteria will travel under walls and by seed to neighbors yards. Silver lace vine spreads by seed and runners as does Virginia creeper and Honey suckle.

Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven), Hackberries, Locusts, Cotoneasters, Vitex (they are not cannabis) Crepe Myrtle, Buddlea, Honeysuckle, all produce viable seeds most of which should be eliminated.

Learning to recognize seedlings early will help eliminate pest plants and allow the gardener to take advantage of "free" plants. Pass along plants are a good source of sturdy garden materials, but beware of why the donor has excess to share and be alert for unwanted invasives that may tag along.

Ways and Means, Juanita Ortega Chair

The drawing for the Ways and Means raffle items was held at the Spring 2016 NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention in Ruidoso, NM. The winners were Judy Needham, winner of the Native American lapis necklace and silver earrings, and Judy Handy, winner of the wrought iron modern design sculpture. Thank you to all New Mexico Garden Clubs for your support of the President's Project through the Ways and Means Committee. We are planning to offer some new and beautiful items for the coming year's activities.

Website, Cindy Hills Chair

All NMGC members are encouraged to use our website, <http://newmexicogardenclubs.org>. Garden club photos or articles showing community involvement are greatly appreciated and should be sent to NMGC's Website Chair, Cindy Hills (cinzh@aol.com). Besides publically available NMGC information on the website, NMGC member-specific information can be found under the password-protected *Members Only* page (username=**nmgc**, password=**yucca**). *Members Only* information includes NMGC official documents, current and previous issues of *New Mexico Gardener*, meeting minutes and annual reports along with time-sensitive information such as registration forms for sponsored events. Contact information for NMGC officers, directors, chairmen and club presidents can also be found under *Members Only*.

The *Awards* page was recently updated with photographs of NMGC's top award winners, award-winning designs and award-winning photography that were presented during the 2016 Spring Convention. Photographs from the Spring Convention are available in *Members Only*. Future enhancements include having website pages for each district that will be accessed through *Members Only*.

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

NMGC State Youth Activities/Therapies , Esther Russell Chair

Hello fellow gardeners,. Summer will be here before you can say "Pollinator". Our three youth clubs will be very busy when school is out. The Blooming Gardeners have planted a tree at the State Fair Grounds for Arbor Day. The Ponderosa Pines Club has been making cards and also have done a little weeding. They have to wait for warmer weather to really get going. The Pecos Valley Club has planted a butterfly garden at the Roswell Zoo.

All three clubs have a full summer of projects planned and I am looking forward to seeing what these amazing clubs have to show us. I am so proud of our youth clubs and I would ask anyone in our state to help them in anyway we can. If you have any items that you no longer need and you think they might be of use to the youth clubs, please contact me and we can find a way to get them to the clubs. If you would like a list of possible donation items, please contact me.

I hope we all have a wonderful summer in all of our beautiful gardens.

Bird & Butterfly Garden, Jo Ann Layden Chair

Spring has arrived and with it the excitement of seeing new birds and butterflies. Because I am located so far north, our spring does not fully "arrive" until June, when most of the State is already feeling the summer weather. Our tulips have not started blooming, daffodils are in their prime now as long as the deer don't eat them, and everything else is just a hope for us. Irises are up, but will not bloom for about another month. This makes it very difficult for birds and butterflies to survive, but they do.

I have been taking hikes up into our mountain and am surprised to see quite a few butterflies, mostly Painted Ladies and some other black and white ones that I have not been able to identify yet. They seem to congregate by areas where there are a few yellow ground cover flowers blooming, along with dandelions. The rest of the State with lower altitude should have lots of flowers blooming, so much better food supply for the birds and the bees!

It was a strange winter for my birds – even though I had plenty of food and water out, the Grosbeaks failed to make an appearance. This has never occurred in the 16 years I've had feeders up. I am curious if the rest of you were visited by these beautiful birds. I missed them and worry about why they did not show up. I had the usual Stellar Jays, lots of chickadees, woodpeckers, sparrows, pine siskins, blue juncos and of course the pesky magpies and occasional crows and ravens. It was rather surprising that the red-winged blackbirds spent most of February and March here, as usually they are spring birds. Now I still see a few of them, but not the huge flocks we were getting. The hummingbirds returned faithfully, seeing the first one on April 18th, which is a few days later than normal. There are about four or five of them now, in spite of below freezing weather at night and snow storms several times a week. I have joined a local birding club and we were scheduled to meet tomorrow (April 29th) but it had to be postponed until May 13th because of cold and prediction of snow.

I am looking forward to warmer weather and hope this cold we've had won't damage the flowers that will provide food for many of the pollinators! We are still registering gardens in the Million Pollinator Challenge, so if you haven't done so, just send me your email and I can help you get registered. Any size garden will do, you can register a small garden on your deck, as long as it supplies nectar and pollen to the bees and butterflies! 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 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. Happy Butterfly Gardening!



Shirley Tetreault with her Lincoln National Park design celebrating US National Parks' 100th birthday (left) and weeding the Blue Star Memorial garden (right).

Curious about what chili peppers will appear in your garden if you planted the seeds in the packets you received at Convention?

Rosemary Maddox says to expect Sandia, Habanero, Jalapeno, and Joe E. Parker.





NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I, Mary Ann Moreno, Director

District I Garden clubs are working hard on planting Pollinator Gardens. We hope to have a good showing of photographs showing District I gardens with pollinators and beautiful flowers, at our next NMGC Convention in April of 2017. A very important factor in planning and planting your garden is MILKWEED plants. More local Garden Centers now carry these plants. Milkweed is necessary for Monarch Butterflies to lay their eggs and to feed the hungry caterpillars. To encourage other types of butterflies and pollinators to come to your pollinator garden, plant native plants and colorful flowers that have nectar or tubular forms for humming birds or bees. Send pictures of your Gardens or containers to Suzy our NMGC, Inc. President. This is a very 2015-2017 important project for all NGC members. So show your support and plant those pollinator friendly plants in your gardens.

Remember that we also have a contest for children planting a pollinator CONTAINER. Grades one to five. Contact Mary Ann Moreno for information and how to enter. Your kiddo could win money. Each grade will receive \$100.00, first place, \$75.00 second place, \$50.00 third place, and honorable mention \$25.00. Lets get planting

Uptown Garden Club, Debra Sorrell, President

Uptown Garden Club has had a very busy month! On Earth Day, we planted a newly redesigned club garden at the Albuquerque Garden Center! We have been working on this project for several months and are thrilled to see it starting to grow!! On Friday, April 29th, we added an additional tree to the garden to celebrate Arbor Day.

Our speaker in May was a photographer and art director for a local photography group who gave us great tips on how to take better pictures in our gardens. We will be prepared to enter some really competitive photographs for next year's awards!

This summer is a field trip summer! In June we will be visiting the Butterfly Pavilion at the Botanic Garden here in Albuquerque. Our focus has been on pollinators all year so this will be a great chance to see some of the beautiful creatures we are all trying to bring to our gardens. In July we will be treated to a morning in Mary Ann Moreno's lovely gardens. She will have just shared her gardens with all of Albuquerque as part of this year's annual Council Garden Tour, so we feel very blessed. As a long standing member of Uptown GC, she is always willing and gracious to have the club come without the crowds. Lucky us!! We will wrap up the summer back at the Garden Center with a design demonstration by our own Shirley Tetreault. As she is the only NGC accredited design instructor in the state of New Mexico, we are very honored to have her in our club. And, you can bet, it is always fun and you learn something new every time Shirley presents. I know she'll be steering us toward State Fair entries, which will be coming up in September.

If you are interested in any of these activities and would like to come along, contact me. Because we are "out and about", the times are all different. I would be happy to fill you in on any details, though. We LOVE visitors!
HAPPY GARDENING THIS SUMMER!!!!!!

Petal Pushers

The Petal Pushers Garden Club had a very interesting meeting in February. Dick Rifkind, a retired attorney, and certified professional Nursery man, spoke on the spring planting and selection of bare root trees in the Albuquerque area. The informative program brought a lot of information to our attention which is so helpful in how to select, recognize a healthy bare root tree and planting it correctly. Dick writes for the Journal newspaper "Life in New Mexico" section. Dick's vast knowledge and delightful personality made for a very enjoyable program. Thanks Dick!

Our March program guest speaker was Jim Lohkamp from the Dahlia Society. Interesting! Historically, people enjoyed eating dahlia tubers before the flower was appreciated for its beauty. Jim covered the complete cycle of growing dahlias from winter storage, soil prep, planting, summer cultivation, flowering, various petal shapes and sizes, diseases plus dividing the plants. Thank you Jim for the informative talk and helping us to understand the art of growing dahlias.

Member, Penny Goldstine invited all of us to tour her accessible garden during the month of March. Her beautiful front entry included a blooming fruitless crabapple tree, Mahonia and Plumbago ground cover around a Hawthorne tree. Penny's wide paths and raised beds make it so convenient and comfortable for working in the garden. Thank you Penny for sharing your garden. It was a very pleasant and delightful morning.

Ginny Longbotham is our awards chairperson. We all thank Ginny for her work and encouragement in helping us do well with State and individual awards this year. In District One we took First Place in the Standard of Excellence, Second in Club History, and Third for our Yearbook. Individual awards in the Birds category went to Shirley Bray First place in the state and Joan Higgs Third place. In the Photographic Prints category Sue Wasson took Second in Wildlife, Third in Birds and Fourth in the Butterfly category. Sonja James received the Rose Award for her service of Excellence to District One, runner up for beginning designer of the year, plus State Council Award (Habitat for Humanity).

Our annual April luncheon and installation of officers was held again this year at Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant in Uptown Center.

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Petal Pushers Club Officers and 2015 Award Winners.

NMGC CLUB NEWS

Petal Pushers continued . . .

This year's officers are; President, Carol Stomp; Vice-President, Sonja James; Treasurer and Council Representative, Lois Byron; Parliamentarian, Susan Olinger and Secretary will be shared by Joan Higgs and Pat Ledfor. We are working on several enjoyable projects this year. Our Civic Beautification Committee will donate a floral arrangement to Manzano del Sol nursing home on Share the Beauty Day. We are also donating 10 drought tolerant grass plants to a home being built by the Habitat for Humanity. Monthly we collect change until a total of \$68 is collected for the Penny Pines Reforestation Project, Cibola National Forest will be our club's designated forest.

Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. Petal Pushers meet the 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am most of the months at the Garden Center. Petal Pushers Garden Club provides educational programs at every meeting. We place emphasis on private gardens, horticulture, and growing herbs. We are looking forward to some very informative and interesting programs planned for this year. Feel free to contact our President Carol Stomp (505-433-2466) or the Garden Center office for further details.

Trailblazers , Barbara Cole President

The Trailblazers Garden Club started 2016 with a February pot luck. What better way to begin? Thanks to Rosemary for opening her home to us. We exchanged vegetable recipes and enjoyed everyone's cooking. Vegetables were used very creatively in some recipes!

Landscaping with Rocks was our March program presented by the husband of one of our members who is a geologist and has an extensive rock collection. We enjoyed the tour of their gardens, the pictures of the work as it was being done, and the plants and trees they carefully selected, and we learned how to use rocks to define and shore up our plantings. Thank you Lee and Judith Wooderson!

Our installation of Officers was held in April in the lovely setting of a member's home. Thank you, Sue! Our guest speaker was from Hospice and gave us a demonstration of how to open the new vases we will use for flower arrangements we make for Hospice patients. Left to right in the picture are Virginia Endsley, Sandra Edge, Brenda Bloomfield, Lisa Bailey from Hospice, Sue Easterday, Barbara Papp, and Rosemary Kutch. Becky Houghton was our photographer. It's a new world, ladies, when we need instructions on how to open a vase. Onward, Trailblazers!



We were saddened by the loss of Judith's mother, Gerry Lerch, a long time member of our club. Several members were able to attend her funeral.

District II

Floral Designers Garden Club, Juanita Ortega President

Our members of Floral Designers have been studying many different types of flower arrangements. In January, we did designer's choice arrangements, followed by a soup luncheon at a member's home. In February, the design program was an Underwater Design. March was a busy month for all, with the District II Spring Meeting, hosted by Summit Garden Club in Los Alamos, and the NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention, hosted by District V in Ruidoso. Five of our members were recognized by NGC, Inc. and NMGC, Inc. at the Convention for their 22 years of continuous membership in Floral Designers, which was founded in 1994. In April, the design program featured Wreaths. Future programs this summer include a study on Color in Designing and one on All Foliage designs. We continue planning for our District II Standard Flower Show, to be held June 17, 2016 at the Art Center, Fuller Lodge, in Los Alamos.



Summit Garden Club, Betsy Comly

Summit Garden Club's main effort was to hold the district meeting in March. Members and guests were treated to a soup luncheon at the United Church of Los Alamos and a talk on butterflies by Roy Michelotti, husband of Summit member Chris Michelotti. Shown to the right is one of our centerpieces – a "butterfly bush".

As soon as Spring arrived, we watered, weeded, and trimmed up our Bandelier courtyard garden, which has received recognition at the state and national levels. Some new planting will need to be done, but some plants, notably the hollyhocks, lilacs, artemesias, and columbines, are thriving.

At one meeting, we toured the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe, and at another a guest speaker, Gillian Sutton, of Flowers by Gillian, spoke on the benefits of purchasing flowers locally.



Freda McCormick

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District III

Angel Fire Garden Club, Johnese Turri



Spring has finally sprung for Angel Fire! We are all excited to see the first signs of green popping up! We kicked off our season with a well attended first meeting. Our member, Becky McMurphy, did a presentation on gourd decoration with gourds she had grown in her garden. The group had so much fun learning how to prepare the gourds and different decorating techniques. We have many more fun and interesting programs planned for this year.

May 14th we will participate in the community wide clean up day. The club has a designated mile stretch we will attack and get it litter free! It's a fun event where the community comes together to clean up and spruce up our roadsides. Toss no mas!

For National Garden Week we will have a dedication of our new Byway Marker at our Butterfly Garden at the Shuter Library as well as dedication for the Butterfly garden. This event will be on June 5th from 2:00-5:00. During that week, we will be selling raffle tickets for a wonderful basket of garden goodies as well as selling tickets to the Garden Tour at our local grocery store. We will also have a table at the annual Association of Angel Fire Property Owner's meeting - informing people about our garden club and selling tickets.

Our Ponderosa Pines Youth group has been meeting and having fun with their projects. They are making greeting cards to sell as a fund raiser, making seed paper and creating butterflies out of macaroni.



Working on posters

They are very excited to get outdoors and start gardening with the new tools and gloves which were given by Susie Andrego, our wonderful state president.

Our Garden Tour committee is hard at work getting ready to show off the beautiful gardens we have lined up for this year's 14th annual tour on July 16th. After viewing the gardens and seeing art work by attending artists at each garden, everyone will head over to the Country Club for a luncheon, silent auction and hat contest. We've had one "work party" preparing seed packets for the event and are planning more evening projects for our members. It's a lot of work, but so worth it as we get to show off our wonderful gardens and meet such talented gardeners along the way. We hope to have a lot of our New Mexico Gardeners come up to the mountains and check out the tour.



Seed packet work party.

Santa Rosa Garden Club, Carolyn Bedford

The Santa Rosa Garden Club met at the Porta de Luna Senior Citizen's Center in March. Members brought plants that needed to be divided or repotted and shared them. Members and seniors all enjoyed taking home new plants.

In May, Debi Harrington, (far right) judge and designer from Albuquerque, came to the Blue Hole Convention Center to give a program on multi-rhythmic and stretch designs. Members treated her to lunch at the Santa Fe Grill beforehand.



Carolyn Bedford and Suzy Andrego



Shirley Tetreault teaches a design class to Santa Rosa Garden Club



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District IV, Director Nancy Ketchum

Desert Daubers did well with the bake sale/plant sale in April. The next project is helping with the tour of gardens. Several of our members will be sitting at various homes on the tour, as well as donating cookies. Lynn Cashton is making paper flower arrangements (Right) for the refreshments table. We will be having a box lunch at our last meeting at Nancy Hall's where we will establish what programs we will have for the coming year.



June 18 is the date for the **Evergreen GC's** Open House at the Silver City Woman's Club to showcase our club and events. Three members attended the Spring Convention in Ruidoso and two attended the South Central Region in Bentonville, AR.

The Memorial Rose Garden located in the center of Alamogordo has been the focus of activity for members of **Flowering Desert Garden Club** the past few months. Spearheaded by relatively new member Shelley Wade, replacement roses have been planted and markers added. Although a relatively small in area, examples of many classes of roses are represented. The markers are designed to acquaint gardeners with old and modern garden roses that are represented. At least fifteen of these roses have demonstrated their inherent hardiness under difficult conditions and form the backbone for the new roses.

The **Socorro Garden Club** celebrated Earth Day at the Bosque del Apache with children from San Antonio school. Each child received a plant to bring home. It was quite the learning experience. We also celebrated our 80th year as a Garden club in March.

Sunshine Valley Garden Club had its Annual Membership Tea in February. Members were encouraged to bring guests to introduce them to our club and perhaps become a member. Suzy Andregio and Nancy Ketchum came and gave us updates on what is happening in the State and District. A good time was had by all.

In March we learned about the invasive salt cedar trees in New Mexico. They use 80 gallons of water a day, and nearly all methods of eradication have failed. However, progress is now being made by the Tamarisk beetle that is killing the trees. If you see one, don't destroy it. Seven members attended the District IV Fall Board Meeting at Bosque del Apache on March 10. Compliments to the Socorro Garden Club for their exemplary hosting (loved the china) and all the information provided.

On April 15, the Club met at member Ellie Nordgren's home in Hillsboro for a tour of her prolific garden and lunch. We learned how to make good potting soil for planting seeds and cuttings. We are looking forward to a potluck at member Doris Adams' home in May and a luncheon in June, which will be our last meeting until September.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club, Charlene Brock President

Our March meeting was our annual Tri-Club Lunch. Members of High Hopes and Desert Daubers joined us for delicious soups and salads made by Mesilla Valley Garden Club members. After such a fulfilling lunch, our guest speaker, Isabel Olson, State chairwoman of the National Penny Pines Program, spoke on that program and gave each club president a jar in which to put the pennies contributed. We will have it at all of our meetings to help further the cause. Our master iris gardener, Howie Dash, conducted a very successful raffle for three special iris bulbs that he will supply at the correct time.



Beulah Oyler, Becky Fuller, Charlene Brock and Linnea Egbert at Convention.

District IV Annual Meeting at the Bosque del Apache was attended by Judy Laird, Becky Fuller, Marianne Hayes, Beulah Oyler, and President Charlene Brock. Five members attended NMGC 2016 Annual Convention held in Ruidoso.

Rosemary Maddox presented a very entertaining speech in April on all the herbs she grows. Some she likes and others are not so special with her. After the rain subsided, we toured her very interesting garden.

Las Cruces Habitat for Humanity just completed four homes and we purchased shrubs and planting soil for each of the homes. The dedication was on April 29 and three of our members attended. In honor of Memorial Day, members met at Charlene's home and created a wreath from flowers and greenery from their gardens. The wreath was then taken to Veterans Park in Las Cruces and placed beside our Blue Star Byway Marker.



Beulah Oyler, Charlene Brock, Linnea Egbert, and Geri Dee laying a wreath on the Blue Star Marker.

The Tour of Gardens was again successful and the committee is disbursing approximately \$4000 in small grants to school and community food gardens, gardening related beautification and educational projects in the community.

*Angel Fire Garden Club hosts the 14th Annual Garden Tour
Saturday, July 16, 2016
for more information contact Johnese Turri, 505.250-7150*

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District V

Home Garden Club, Pam Davis, President



Our spring has been a non-stop, fun filled time for our club. We started with the February meeting on lavender and March was all about herbs. The District V spring meeting hosted by Home Garden Club at the Roswell Museum and Art Center was very well attended. We jumped right in to the NM Garden Clubs convention. April brought our annual "Gardener's Market" (right) where members provided houseplants, iris, cactus and beautiful trees from the Hondo Valley to sell. The April meeting sent us on a "Member's Garden Tour". We drove to five gardens that were in full bloom and ended with lunch on a beautiful patio.



In May we finish up our calendar year with a program from a local beekeeper. He will help us to better understand the habits of bee's and the plants they are attracted to.

Joyfully Submitted, Pam

Lincoln County, Nannette Tanner President

The Land of Enchantment
Preserving the Past~~Presenting the Future

I would like to thank everyone who came to the convention and to all of the District V ladies for their hard work in *presenting* the 2016 State Convention.

Everyone knows by now what an exciting time we had organizing the 2016 Convention for NMGC, Inc. The centerpieces turned out beautiful thanks to Imelda Horne and Lisa Peake and everyone who helped to put them together. They were unique, to say the least. Thanks to Judy Preston for a great job planning and creating a great convention.

April has been a chilly month. We met and planted a pear tree by the soccer field in Ruidoso. Thanks to the **Keep Ruidoso Beautiful** group for the planting. We donated \$75 to them, as we do each year. Now we are hoping for spring showers to bring May flowers. After the meeting we met at Sacred Grounds Coffee shop to discuss our new yearbook.

Our May meeting will be at Marilyn Barnes home and we are bringing our favorite herb. Plan on some delicious dishes with those herbs! In June we take a trip to **Oliver Lee State Park** just south of Alamogordo. There is a cactus garden at the entrance to the park. Our meeting in July will be another trip to **Isle of Sky Nursery** in White Oak. We are looking forward to learning about their trees.

Looking forward to a great year and visiting with everyone!



Morning Garden Club, Janice Dunnahoo, President

Hello! Spring has arrived in New Mexico, and Morning Garden Club find ourselves as busy as the bees!

In April we had as a guest speaker, Steve Smith from the "Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary and Nature Center," to discuss our adopting a plot of land in the bird sanctuary. We will be planting a bird garden and habitat, in this area, as our project for "National Garden Club Week!" Janice Dunnahoo gave a program on "The Sensory Garden: Incorporating the Five Senses. "We welcomed two new members into our club at this meeting. Our continuing projects for April: 1) Environmental and 2)Contribution to the NMGC Scholarship Fund.

The May meeting will be held at the Hondo Iris Farm/Gardens where we will be treated to a Lecture and Guided Tour of the Iris Gardens. We will have a picnic lunch and it is sure to be a fun and educational time for us all!

Our continuing projects for May: 1) adoption of an animal at the Spring River Zoo and, 2)Enhancement of the Elena Statue located at the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico Archives Building.

On Saturday April 16th, we planted a rose and ornamental grass garden, with the help of a volunteer cadet from New Mexico Military Institute. This is to enhance the beds around the museum itself. Pictures below taken by Sue Ferguson



We will update these photos in the fall to show how they have grown by then.

We continue to bring our recycling items, such as small batteries, light bulbs, etc., to each meeting to collect. We also continue to bring items for the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults each meeting. We are maintaining Butterfly Gardens in Cahoon Park, the Historical Center Gardens (mentioned above,) and bird feeders and butterfly gardens at a local nursing home.

In addition to the above mentioned, we are looking forward to our summer of working in our gardens, and planning new and exciting programs and ideas for next year's meetings!

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
National Garden Clubs, Environmental School IV
JULY 21 & 22, 2016

New Mexico Tech University Campus, Socorro, NM Tour: Bosque Del Apache, San Antonio, NM

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: We recommend the Comfort Inn in Socorro at an average rate of \$99 per night with free breakfast.
Cost of Environmental School IV: \$ 50.00
(includes test fee and Bosque Del Apache Tour cost)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 10, 2016

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, July 21 (1st Day) - NM Tech Campus

Classes will be held in Jones Hall Annex Rm 106 (JHA is east across from Macy center)

9:00 am Aquatic Plants - Dr. Deb Thrall

10:00 am Aquatic Animals - Dr. Deb Thrall

11:00 am Wetlands – TECH – Grad Student

Noon ---- Lunch at Tech Cafeteria

1:30 pm Ecology – Dr. Richardson

2:30 pm Environmental Science – Sustainability - Dr. Richardson

3:30 pm Supplemental Subject - Forest Service Rep

4:30 pm Youth Programs - Jennifer Moreno

5:30 – 7:30 DINNER ----- Socorro Springs Restaurant

8:00 – 9:00 pm Effective Citizenship – Mary Ann Moreno

Friday, July 22, 2016 (2nd Day) - BOSQUE DEL APACHE

9:30 am Bosque Del Apache Tour

11:30 TESTING (Open Book)

12:30 Lunch at the OWL Café in San Antonio

REQUIRED READING:

LIVING IN THE ENVIRONMENT- G Tyler Miller. Jr.

Course IV - Water Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 Plus Supplements 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

REGISTRATION FORM:

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
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New Mexico Tech University Campus Tour: Bosque Del Apache, San Antonio, NM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please make your \$50.00 check payable to NMGC Environmental School IV by: JULY 10, 2016

Mail to Suzy Andrego, 6612 Dodd Pl NE, ABQ, NM 87110 (505)259-3318

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 2018 Calendar.

The Calendar showcases Traditional and Creative designs and small "pocket gardens".

All entries will be judged by the same criteria used to judge Flower Show designs.

The highest quality photos are essential to enable the Committee to properly judge the entries.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Committee accepts only photographs taken with a camera with a minimum of eight (8) mega-pixels. Send a file that is a minimum of 300dpi. Sharp focus and proper lighting is a "must" for reproduction.
- A digital print, size 5X7, taken with a camera with a minimum of eight (8) megapixels must be sent by mail, along with a current entry form for each design, to the Chair listed below. Please also email the digital image (jpeg), including the title and name of designer, to the Chair, ngcvob@gmail.com.
- Photo Shop is discouraged, unless done by a professional, since it distorts color and sharpness.
- Photographs should not include ribbons, entry cards or distracting backgrounds. Backgrounds should be free of wrinkles and patterns.
- Designers may submit a maximum of 5 entries. Please use padded envelopes when mailing.
- Do not use paper clips or Scotch tape. Do not put designer's name on back.

All entries become the property of NGC, Inc. Notification will be given if used. No entries will be returned.

CALENDAR DEADLINE: July 1, 2016

Mail to:

Brenda Bingham

(before June 1) 7 Lenape Trail, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

(after June 1) P.M.B. #219369, Montezuma, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2626

ENTRY FORM

2018 *Vision of Beauty*
NGC, Inc. Calendar

Name _____

Print clearly, type or use address label

Address _____

_____, Zip _____

Garden Club _____

or _____

Affiliate _____

Email _____

(Required)

Photographer _____

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Title of Picture _____

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

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

Brenda Bingham,

(before June 1) 7 Lenape Trail, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

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Entry Deadline: July 1, 2016

Maximum of five (5) entries, one (1) background per entry, one (1) entry per form if duplicates are made of this Entry Form. Please cut to identical size of this form. Entry Form is available on NGC, Inc. website, www.gardenclub.org. All entries become the property of NGC, Inc.

In Memoriam

If there comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart and I'll be there forever

Gerry Alls, Uptown Garden Club

Martha Bonds, Socorro Garden Club

Barbara Borrett, Desert Daubers Garden Club

Norma Cilley, Uptown Garden Club

Joanne Gotlieb, Home Garden Club

Sue Graves, Los Alamos Garden Club

Jo Johnson, Mesilla Valley Garden Club

Margret Lange, Socorro Garden Club

Sherri Linthicum, Uptown Garden Club

Betty Ann Moon, Angel Fire Garden Club

Ginny Rigby, Petal Pushers Garden Club

Mavis Rasco, Santa Rosa Garden Club

Elizabeth Simon, Evergreen Garden Club

June Spooner, Morarity Garden Club

Dee Trester, Uptown Garden Club

Pam Wallen, Angel Fire Garden Club



New Biography of Interest to New Mexico Gardeners by guest author Ron Hamm, Silver City

A new biography on famed Southwestern nature writer Ross Calvin is of particular interest to New Mexico gardeners. Dr. Calvin, holder of a PhD in English philology from Harvard and author of the acclaimed *Sky Determines*, was an accomplished amateur botanist and avid gardener. His classic book on the impact of the sky was a scientifically based examination of the interface of weather and climate and humankind in the Southwest stretching back millennia.

But Calvin, first and foremost, was an Episcopal clergyman serving first in Silver City and later Clovis, tenures totaling 30 years. In retirement in Albuquerque he pursued his lifelong interest in gardening. In this context he spoke to a garden club there on “Confessions of an Illegitimate Gardener.” The address was an ode to the spiritual restorative qualities of a garden as well as a metaphor for life. Calvin sought escape from his everyday stress of clergyman, writer, and family man to the refuge of his garden. There he derived solace and enjoyed thinking about his vision of the ideal garden. He could do that while poking fun at himself in the process. Falling back on his self-deprecating description as “something of a botanist,” Calvin confided that he had a “modest store of knowledge” of plant ecology. So, as he facetiously put it, he was “Not a real gardener but an irregular botanist.” The credentials were not enough, he confided, to qualify him as “a practical, card-carrying real gardener.” It was a light-hearted approach to a thoughtful topic.

Calvin believed that “A garden needs something more than flowers alone.” A true garden, he felt, “needs the great four-inch Turnus butterflies, and the humming of bees in the larkspurs and hollyhocks, and the rasping of katydids in late summer evenings to warn that frost is lurking in the long nights ahead.” His wording suggests that he may have been thinking of his own approaching end because he was by then in his mid-70s. More, “a garden needs birds too.” Robins and linnets first, then in the warm September afternoons the “illegitimate gardener” welcomes tanagers, warblers, and sparrows to his woodbines “where they devour the purple grapelike berries.”

Natural things, he believed, needed the complement of artifice also: “There should be a vase or two whose lines will add grace and symmetry to a leafy background.” Not content with earthenware alone, Calvin felt there should be “a well on which to train English ivy or a creeper.” He further thought “a garden gate with a bell to ring a welcome to visitors is almost a must.” Old bottles “to imprison sunbeams” would be pleasant, but “above all, a garden needs a sundial—above all else, that is, save memories....” That was a subject he did not pursue.

Calvin often reflected on time in his garden when he finally laid his clerical robes aside. A garden, he wrote, is a “great revealer.” Again, as if looking forward to his final years, he employed the metaphor of the sundial, “which recalls the hours of solitude former seed-times, recurring snows and winter nights, hopes, regrets, partings, time’s injustices. So run the years accumulating into slow decades, the fifth, the sixth and so on as the century nears the last third of its annual circuits. October’s here already!”

This excerpt comes from a new book on Ross Calvin by Ron Hamm entitled *Ross Calvin: Interpreter of the American Southwest*.

It is available from local independent bookstores as well as Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Mr. Hamm is available to speak to garden clubs and may be contacted at rhamm12@yahoo.com. Editor



CONGRATULATIONS JO ANN LAYDEN!

The butterfly brochure she made for NM Garden Clubs WON
1st place at National Garden Clubs in the publication category!

THANK YOU for being the BEST Butterfly Chairman a
President could have asked for!!



Photo OverFlow



Sandy Robinson, Mary Ann Moreno, and Suzy Andrego



Maggie Rubino and friend-
Floral Designers GC



Mary Ann Moreno and Lequita Lett at Compton Gardens
in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Photo OverFlow will continue in a supplement to email recipients.
Look for this special portfolio of pictures of convention, meetings, club activities and more in your mailbox soon.

Calendar

2016

- June 5-11 **National Garden Week**
- June 12 **Angel Fire Blue Star Marker Dedication**
- June 17 **District II, Flower Show
Fuller Lodge Los Alamos**
- July 2 **NMGC Blue Star Marker Dedication**
- July 16 **Angel Fire Garden Tour and Luncheon**
- July 21-22 **Environmental School**
- July 21-23 **Eddy County Fair Flower Show
Artesia Garden Club, Host**
- August 2 **Lincoln County Fair Flower Show
Lincoln Count Garden Club, Host**
- October 27 - 28 **NMGC, Inc. 2016 Fall Board Meeting
Las Vegas**

2017

- April 25-27 **NMGC, Inc. 2017 Annual Convention
Albuquerque**
- April 28-30 **South Central Region 2017 Convention
Albuquerque**

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