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"GROW NEW MEXICO"



2017-2019 A new term – a new administration – a new beginning in our Clubs, Districts, State, Region, National, organizations. Each organization will choose a theme. National Garden Clubs, Inc. - the theme will be PLANT AMERICA with a singular focus on gardens and gardening. This theme can cover any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, garden design and community service – even water issues, as one cannot garden without water! It applies to every kind of garden: Blue Star plantings, vegetable gardens, community gardens, container gardening on town streets, neighborhood plantings. South Central Region also has PLANT AMERICA as a theme.

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. - Theme: GROW NEW MEXICO

Term Projects: GROW/expand our knowledge of gardening & conservation –

We will be offering a series of Educational Opportunities: Garden Studies - Environmental Studies – Landscape Design. Programs are a very important part of our meetings. Since our common interests are garden related – we need to plan programs that will stimulate our members to try something new in gardening. Think about inviting a specific chairperson to talk about their project/s. There are many opportunities to learn more about horticulture – wildflowers/native plants, water conservation – study bees – butterflies. Check out the list of chairpersons. Many garden centers have speakers who bring information about the newest plants best suited to our area and climate. Attend garden tours in your area to learn more about plants that survive in our different soils - different watering requirements – different growing periods. Think about planting something different in your garden that will attract birds – butterflies. Think about taking photographs of your garden – plantings - and apply for awards. Plan now to apply for specific awards – plan your garden around that goal. Dare to do something outside your comfort zone.

GROW in Leadership -

We had the informative program LEAP INTO LEADERSHIP. We learned about Parliamentary Procedure, Order of business, how to handle a Motion, be a better leader. Our Officers – District Directors - Club Presidents - Chairpersons – have notebooks to use as a guide to carry out their duties. Notebooks include; bylaws – job description – forms to make reporting easier. At District and state meetings you will be advised about the latest projects and efforts of National and South Central Region.

GROW Membership:

We will continue the incentive contest for membership increase. The club with the largest increase in membership will receive a \$100.00 award. The District that has the most new clubs by the next convention will receive \$300.00 to be used as a program incentive to help clubs in their district. Another opportunity – a fully paid package reservation to the 2018 Annual Convention in Santa Fe. The money to fund these incentives will come out of the WAYS and MEANS Fund which supports the President's Projects. We will have new items to entice you to purchase tickets. Information about the items and tickets will go to the clubs. Our Merchandise booth will have new items for purchase/gift giving.

GROW Friendships.

This is something each of us can do every time we go to a meeting or a program. Make it a point to sit near someone you don't know – learn about their interests – maybe you will find you have interests in common. Make a new friend. Invite them to your garden club. Encourage members in your club to invite friends to attend meetings. Encourage members to work on projects – serve on a committee – a wonderful way to meet and make new friends.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christine Longthorp



I was born in Cornwall, UK at the end of World War II, and immigrated to the USA in May 1966 to Stillwater, Oklahoma, after which I moved to New Mexico in the spring of 1969. In 1971, I moved my family back to the UK and finally returned to Albuquerque NM in 1976. I have three living children, with one deceased son, and four grandchildren.

I currently live on the river on the west side of Albuquerque with husband Reggie and two pups called Flora and Fauna, and soon to be a kitten called Merriweather. My hobbies are, besides floral design, water coloring and reading.

My varied career with garden clubs began when I realized that high desert gardening would be a challenge for this "Limey" gardener. I joined Petal Pushers Garden club in 1978 and the Albuquerque Rose Society shortly after that. I now am a member of Uptown Garden Club and Floral Artists of New Mexico.

During these years I have held all positions on the board, of which my least favorite was Treasurer, but I did accept the experience. In the late 1980's I began to attend Flower Show Schools and currently am a Master Flower Show Judge. I have been NM State and District 1 Judges Council chairman and Judge's Symposium Chairman several times. I have also chaired and co-chaired numerous flower shows.

I was president of Albuquerque Council of Garden Clubs for two years and during those years we introduced a paid office manager and computerized the accounts to the running of the Center. I have also been District 1 Director, Chairman in South Central Region, and Recording Secretary for NMGC.

There was a person thirty plus years ago who saw potential and asked me in 1980 to chair the Holiday Ideas show, which I had never even attended – Well, I said yes, and have been saying yes ever since. I am so glad for the opportunity to find my leadership ability, which I hope to pass on by delegating to other garden club members to also help them find the pleasure I have enjoyed.

It is an honor to be asked to serve as 1st Vice President on NMGC for 2017-19. I am enthusiastic and have some great ideas to introduce. I look forward to travelling the state with our President Barbara Vance, and seeing you all, and hearing about your garden club news. Here's to the next 2 years...

Immediate Past President's Report

Suzy Andrego



Just a short note, to report on what Awards we won at National Garden Clubs convention in Richmond Virginia. We took home a check and an award for the most National Garden Clubs Life Membership's per-capita! YAY!!

Selvi Viswanathan of Los Alamos Garden Club won a NGC Special Achievement Award! CONGRATULATIONS SELVI!

We had another great National Scholarship winner, Katelyn Steen, the young Environmental science student at UNM, to whom we also awarded our state scholarship.

We took home FIRST place for our amazing **State Awards Book**, The **Club President's Manual**, which each club President has, to help them as a club president, our FANTASTIC newsletter, the **New Mexico Gardener**. And, first place for Educational Manuals, my **NM Gardeners Journal and Diary!** **WE WON BIG!! Thank you to**

DEBRA SORRELL, our state awards chairman and everyone who helped to make this possible! Have a GREAT Summer!



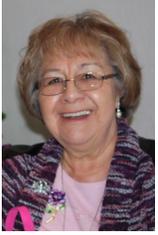
2017-2019 New officers installation at NMGC State convention, April 27, 2017

NMGC, INC ~ 2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Member of the Year—JoAnn Layden

JoAnn Layden is in garden club with both feet and then some!! She has held offices in her local club in Angel Fire, chairmanship positions on the state level and is the current Bird and Butterfly Chair. She has been chair or co-chair of the Ponderosa Pines Youth Club since it began. She has a knack for publications and authored an SCR winning membership brochure for her club, in addition to a brochure, "Butterflies in New Mexico", that won 1st Place at National Garden Clubs' convention in 2015. JoAnn and her husband have been chairs of the Butterfly Garden at the Shuter Library in Angel Fire where they spend tireless hours working and weeding. At last year's dedication of the Butterfly Garden, the Ponderosa Pines Youth Club read poems they had written about butterflies and did an exhibit inside the library. At the Annual Angel Fire Garden Tour, JoAnn hosted the Butterfly Garden and the youth club gave educational tours and had a lemonade stand. And, under her guidance, they helped with seating guests at the luncheon! Last fall, she and her husband attended the National Butterfly Convention to further her knowledge. Due to health issues, she built a nature trail up the small mountain behind her house, which she shares with her community and recently did a floral arrangement for an Angel Fire music event. If all this were not enough, she will be the District 3 Director for 2017-2018! Her club president says "it is a real pleasure to serve with such a caring, compassionate and knowledgeable person!"



Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion) - Becky Fuller

This year's silver medallion recipient chosen by the standing NMGC President has been a New Mexico Garden Club member for many years. She has been involved in her (Mesilla Valley Garden Club) club, her district and the state for more than 17 years. She is active, dedicated and passionate about New Mexico Garden Clubs. She has held many positions in her club, including president. She is a past District Director, and has held positions on the state board in the past, currently and continuing for the next board. She always comes to the rescue of people who need help and things that need to be done. She is always there to smile, support her fellow club district and state members in all endeavors! She willingly gives her time and experience to anyone in need. She is generous to a fault and a large supporter of our awards. She just can't seem to say "No" to anyone or anything! I believe she is following in her mother footsteps!



President Suzy Andrego

Mentor of the Year - Beulah Oyler

Beulah Oyler is known around the state as the "quintessential garden club member", according to one of her fellow garden clubbers. She celebrated her 50th year as a Mesilla Valley Garden Club member earlier this year!! She has a positive, roll-with-the-punches attitude that encourages those around her, even when mistakes are made. She knows the job description and duties of every officer in Garden Club - from the club level up through District and State. She is very knowledgeable and is always willing to help. She has served tirelessly, numerous times, on the boards of her local club, as well as for district and state. She is thoughtful and generous, not only with her time but, also, with her great hugs and her warm, friendly smile. Above all, she is a great friend and a role model for all who know her and will know her!



President Suzy Andrego

Horticulturist of the Year - Howard Dash

Mesilla Valley Garden Club member Howard (Howie) and his wife, Lilly Rawlyk, moved to southern New Mexico (from upstate New York) 7 years ago. He has had to learn to adapt his gardening techniques to a desert climate. He has an expansive fruit and vegetable garden, a native garden, a greenhouse full of orchids, a large iris and perennial bed and two labyrinths in his yard. Howard is an award winning iris grower and has been hybridizing iris since 2010. He had his first iris put on the commercial market in 2016.



Cash Award sponsored by Valley Gardeners Garden Club in memory of John Hickerson

Designer of the Year - Juanita Ortega



First Place
"Down the Rabbit Hole"
by
Juanita Ortega
Floral Designers Garden Club
Santa Fe, NM.



Award sponsored by New Mexico Judges Council

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2016 Scholarship Recipient - Katelyn Steen



Katelyn Steen is a sophomore Biology major with a minor in International Studies at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She hopes to pursue a career in wildlife research and conservation in a National Park. She has traveled or lived abroad for much of her life. These international experiences have helped to shape her world view on the importance of environmental conservation. She lived in India as a child and participated in an eight week study on health and sustainability in Peru as a high school student. As a member of the Honors College at UNM, she has studied in Ecuador and Chili.

Fortunately, Katelyn is fluent in Spanish. She has applied for another study abroad opportunity in the next school year which would take her to Japan. She is a member of the Chi Omega Women's Fraternity, is on the Dean's list and volunteers at the Albuquerque BioPark. Each of her recommendation letters stressed her leadership, extreme enthusiasm and her unique insights on whatever topic she is studying.

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. provides one scholarship of \$2500 each year to encourage the study of Botany, Horticulture, or related fields in a New Mexico college/university. Approval for the Scholarship is given by the District Directors, Scholarship Chairman, and President of NMGC, Inc.

President's Project—Butterfly Garden Award

Plant a Butterfly Garden, A Habitat Garden, a Monarch Way Station ... President Andrego will pay for your signage and certification.

**Individual
Club**

Mary Ann Moreno

Morning Garden Club

Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

Uptown Garden Club

Jan Smith



STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

2016 TOP POINT EARNER

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque

Total Points Earned: 655

Cash award sponsored by Becky Fuller

Class I

Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa

Total Points Earned: 380

Floral Designers Garden Club, Santa Fe

Total Points earned: 320

Artesia Garden Club, Artesia

Total Points Earned: 255

Class II

High Desert Design Club, Albuquerque

Total Points Earned: 555

Home Garden Club, Roswell

Total Points Earned: 540

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

Total Points Earned: 465

Summit Garden Club, Los Alamos

Total Points Earned: 385

Petal Pushers Garden Club, Albuquerque

Total Points Earned: 380

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, Las Lunas

Total Points Earned: 120

Class III

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque

Total Points Earned: 655

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos

Total Points Earned: 320

Class IV

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

Total Points Earned: 465

2016 Bee Photograph

1st Place

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place

Hui-chien (Bill) Shen

Valley Gardeners Garden Club

3rd Place

Selvi Viswanathen

Los Alamos Garden Club

Honorable Mention

Johnese Turri

Angel Fire Garden Club

BEGINNING DESIGNER

1st place Cash Award

Sponsored by John & Debra Sorrell

Mary Noskin

High Desert Design Club

2nd Place

Terry Miller

Uptown Garden Club

3rd Place

Kristin Thompson

High Desert Design Club

BIRDS

Clubs No entries

Individual

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by Lequita Lett

Dianna Doddridge

Uptown Garden Club

BUTTERFLY GARDENING

No entries

(See President's Project)

CERTIFICATE of COMMENDATION

NGC, Inc., 20 YEAR Certificate for

Individuals who have been members of an accredited garden club for 20 or more years.

Ann Shafer

Los Alamos Garden Club is proud to honor

Ann for her 20 year membership

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

This award is for landscape projects in public areas. Such areas include: schools, Civic buildings, hospitals, shopping areas, cemeteries, roadsides, historic sites, Enhancement of parks, trails, small pocket gardens, street plantings, etc.

Class II

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by John & Debra Sorrell

Sunshine Valley Garden Club

For the planting and continued care of a garden at the Veteran's Home in Truth or Consequences

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CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

Class III

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

Morning Garden Club

For Planting a Rose Garden at the
Historical Center for SE New Mexico Museum

CLUB HISTORY

BEST CLUB HISTORY Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

Home Garden Club, Roswell

Class I

2nd place

Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa

Honorable Mention

Floral Designers Design Club

Class II

1st Place

Home Garden Club, Roswell

2nd Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club
Truth or Consequences

3rd Place

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

Honorable Mention

Summit Garden Club, Los Alamos

Class III

2nd Place

Lincoln County Garden , Ruidoso

Class IV

3rd Place

Angel Fire Garden Club

CLUB HISTORY

Class II

1st Place

Home Garden Club, Roswell

2nd Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club
Truth or Consequences

3rd Place

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

Honorable Mention

Summit Garden Club, Los Alamos

Class III

2nd Place

Lincoln County Garden Club, Ruidoso
Ruidoso, NM

Class IV

3rd Place

Angel Fire Garden Club

Angel Fire, NM

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

Class II

1st Place

“The Pulse of Life“

Floral Designers Study Club

Los Alamos Garden Club

Summit Garden Club

Los Alamos

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

Fair Schedules Only

Class I

1st Place

“Fair, Farm and Ranch Beauties“

Artesia Garden Club, Artesia

2nd Place

“The Santa Rosa Experience“

Santa Rosa Garden Club, Santa Rosa

Class II

1st Place

“90 Years-Not JESTERnother Fair“

Home Garden Club & Morning Garden Club

Roswell

FOOD GARDENING

Individual Award Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

1st Place

Julie Foster

Artesia Garden Club

GARDEN THERAPY

Club

Class I

Artesia Garden Club, Artesia,

Class II

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

HERBS

Club

No entries

Individual Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

1st Place

Rosemary Maddox

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

Las Cruces

LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING

Club Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

1st Place

Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

3rd Place

Blooming Gardeners Youth Garden Club

Albuquerque, NM

Honorable Mention

Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club

Roswell

Individual Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

1st Place

Dianna Doddridge

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque

LONGEVITY AWARD

*This award is for a Club project that has been
maintained by members for over 3 years.*

*Most awards are for new projects. In con-
trast, this award gives recognition for the
patience and dedication it takes to continue a
program, or project, for many years.*

Class II

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

Morning Garden Club

Roswell, NM

Annual Christmas Decoration

of the Historical Museum

36 Years

Class III

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

Los Alamos Garden Club

Los Alamos

Maintaining the Los Alamos

Memorial Rose Garden, 60 years

60 Years

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

The Club gaining the most new members.

LARGEST MEMBERSHIP INCREASE FOR 2016

Flowering Desert Garden Club

57% Membership Increase

\$50.00 Cash Award

Sponsored by Sally Warner



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Membership Increase Certificates Awarded

District I

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club with 40%
Petal Pushers Garden Club with 21%
Moriarty Garden Club with 6%

District II

Los Alamos Garden Club with 11%
Floral Designers Garden Club with 8%

District III

Santa Rosa Garden Club with 20% increase

District IV

Flowering Desert Garden Club with 57% Me-
silla Valley Garden Club with 15%

District V

Artesia Garden Club with 8%
Home Garden Club with 7%
Morning Garden Club with 7%

MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATION

Candidate must have been an active member of NMGC, Inc., for 14 years and still be actively participating in Club activities. Must have an outstanding reputation in the community for garden club work. Must have displayed leadership at Club level and/or above.

Isabel Olsen

Home Garden Club, Ruidoso

MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATION

Sue Ferguson

Morning Garden Club
Roswell, NM

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR Cash Award

Sponsored by John and Debra Sorrell

“The Dazzling Ruby Damselfly” Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos



The Dazzling Ruby Damselfly

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT

BIRD

1st Place

“Goose Train”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

2nd Place

“Rufus Hummingbird”

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos

3rd Place

“Lowly Starling with Striking Plumage”

Christine Longthorp

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque

BUTTERFLY

1st Place

“Two Tailed Swallowtail”

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos, NM

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT

2nd Place

“*Polygonia faunus*—

Green Comma Butterfly”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

3rd Place

“Butterfly and Lobelia”

June Gandert

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque, NM

HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN

1st Place

“Glorious Lilies”

Kristin Thompson

High Desert Design Club, Albuquerque,

2nd Place

“‘Ring of Fire’ Rose”

Juanita Ortega

Floral Designers Garden Club, Santa Fe

3rd Place

“Ponderosa Pine with Hoar Frost”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT

INSECT

1st Place

“The Dazzling Ruby Damselfly”

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos

2nd place

“Western Honey Bee”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire,

3rd Place

“Orb Spider”

Dianna Doddridge

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque,

LANDSCAPE SCENE

1st Place

“The Beauty of Mother Nature Starting
Over—Rio Grande Bosque”

Michael Turri

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

2nd Place

“Ocate Pass, New Mexico”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

3rd Place

“Jemez Mountains from State Road 502”

Juanita Ortega

Floral Designers Garden Club, Santa Fe, NM

WILDLIFE

1st Place

“Lovable Bobcat at My Pond”

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club, Los Alamos

2nd Place

“Close Encounters of the Bison Kind”

Page Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

3rd Place

“Alligator in the Grass”

Terry Miller

Uptown Garden Club, Albuquerque

All of the 2015 Photographic prize winning entries can be seen in a photo gallery on the NMGC website.

TREES

The Walter B Suhr Memorial Tree Award

Cash Award sponsored by Isabel Olsen

1st Place

Home Garden Club, Roswell

2nd Place

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

WATER CONSERVATION

No Entries

WILD FLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS

Clubs

No Entries

Individual

1st Place

Jan Smith

Home Garden Club, Roswell



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WORLD GARDENING

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., encourages Club generosity for charitable purposes, with emphasis on New Mexico charities and/or garden related projects in foreign countries in which the Club has a contact person.

District I

Petal Pushers Garden Club—Penny Pines

District II

Los Alamos Garden Club—Penny Pines
Summit Garden Club—Heifer International

District III

Angel Fire Garden Club—Penny Pines

District IV

Desert Daubers Garden Club—Penny Pines
Flowering Desert Garden Club—Penny Pines
Mesilla Valley Garden Club—Penny Pines

District V

Home Garden Club—Penny Pines

YEARBOOKS

The Pat Edmonds Memorial Yearbook Award Cash Award
Sponsored by Summit Garden Club

Angel Fire Garden Club
Angel Fire, NM

Class II

1st Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club
Truth or Consequences

2nd Place

Home Garden Club, Roswell

3rd Place

Morning Garden Club, Roswell

Honorable Mention

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, Las Lunas,
Petal Pushers Garden Club, Albuquerque
Summit Garden Club, Los Alamos
Valley Gardeners Garden Club, Albuquerque,

Class III

1st Place

Uptown Garden Club Albuquerque

2nd Place

Lincoln County Garden Club, Ruidoso

3rd Place

High Desert Design Club, Albuquerque

Class IV

1st Place

Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth must be involved (up to 18 years of age).

1st Place Cash Award

Sponsored by Esther Russell
Home Garden Club, Roswell
For work with the Pecos Valley
Youth Garden Club

New Mexico Smokey Bear-Woodsy Owl

Poster Contest Winners Cash awards

Sponsored by MaryAnn Moreno
\$5 for 1st Place Winners
\$3 for 2nd Place Winners

1st Grade

1st Place – Davina Campos–
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa
2nd Place –Isabel Sanchez –
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

2nd Grade

1st Place – Jude Smith–
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa,

2nd Place – Preston Muniz
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

3rd Grade

1st Place – Major Johnson
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa
2nd Place – Emmalee Ryan Romero
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

4th Grade

1st Place – Chloe Hart-Mann
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa
2nd Place – Angelina Silva
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

5th Grade

1st Place –Jaydith Chavez
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

2nd Place – Micka Lucero
Santa Rosa G.C., Santa Rosa

2016 New Mexico Garden Clubs

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Summit Garden Club

Valley Gardeners Garden Club

Sally Warner



Happy Moments at NMGC Convention, April 26-27, Albuquerque



2017 - 2019 SCR Region Director

South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen

We have had interesting spring weather in all four states of the South Central Region, from heavy rain, hail, wind and dipping temperatures. During the SCR Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico we boarded a bus to go on our tour to the Bandelier National Park, and much to our surprise it began snowing! The view was a winter wonderland and definitely made the trip more memorable.

Magnificent Mariposa was the title of the 84th Annual South Central Region Convention. And magnificent it was! I want to say a special thank you to the members of District I, New Mexico Garden Clubs for hosting us this year.

We now transition into a new term with new officers, chairmen and theme. With unity of purpose in mind, I have adopted the same theme as National Garden Clubs, for the 2017-2019 term of "Plant America" with a focus on gardens and gardening. This theme can cover any and every aspect of gardening, horticulture, water issues, garden design and community service. These are the activities that we as garden club members, currently do. To make it even better, NGC will have a Plant America Grant Program that garden clubs can apply for to provide financial assistance with our new gardens and projects. My Regional Director's Project is "Beautifying Our Communities", which during the second year of the term I will be awarding a club in the region a high quality marker with its name proudly posted where their garden project is located. In addition, four \$100.00 awards will be given (one for each state). Alternate Director, Shirley Tetreault will be serving as SCR Chairman of the Director's Project and will be announcing the criteria for this award. Not only am I excited about the "Plant America" theme, I'm excited and looking forward to working with the members of our four states. Many of you have a wealth of experience and expertise in various areas and will be sharing this information with us in our quarterly newsletter *The Communicator* which comes to you electronically. Our new editorial team is Suzy Andrego and Pam Grotts and they welcome your submissions. Send your information and articles to scr.communicator@yahoo.com. Due dates are March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1, and publish dates are March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. Watch for our new website due to be completed by the fall. It will be re-designed with more information and tabs that will be much easier to navigate. Most importantly it will be secured and a password and user name will be required to access member only pages. Our Website Manager, Kathy Cox has a great vision for our website and would love impute from any of our generation X members. Not only will this better serve our members, we are hoping to appeal and attract new membership.

Our 85th Annual SCR Convention will be hosted by Texas in the great city of Houston on April 27-28, 2018. We have an exciting term ahead of us with many things to look forward to. The week of May 16th brings the NGC Annual Convention in Richmond, Virginia. I look forward to reporting the convention highlights.

In closing. . . Always be true to yourself and your passion and most importantly have FUN!



South Central Region SCR Awards

#4 Yearbook Theme, 1st Place & \$25, Uptown Garden Club,

#7B Multiple Clubs Flower Show Schedule, 3rd Place, Home and Morning Garden Clubs

#13 Youth Program Award, 1st Place & \$50, Home Garden Club

#14, Publication Awards Journal/Diary, NMGC



Butterfly Ladies



The Walter Suhr Tree Award presented to Kathy Brown, Home Garden Club (left) with Jan Smith, Suzy Andrego, and Isabel Olsen.



Flower arrangements and center piece displayed at New Mexico Garden Club State Convention



2017-2019 NMGC OFFICERS

Jan Smith - 2nd Vice President



My husband and I retired from Pacific Gas and Electric Company and moved to New Mexico from the San Francisco Bay Area 11 years ago. The climate is so different from California, it made sense to join a Garden Club. I am a member of Home Garden Club in Roswell where I have held the various offices including Secretary and President. I have also been the Assistant District V Director. The 2017-2019 term will be my second round as 2nd Vice President of NMGC. As NMGC 2nd Vice President I am in charge of Membership. Your clubs dues are sent to me and I keep the master spreadsheet of all the clubs and their members. I recently renovated my backyard from a large lawn area to a wildflower and xeriscape landscape. It has brought birds, bees and butterflies in abundance. Besides garden club activities, I am the national recording secretary for Clan Macpherson, a life-long Girl Scout and I am the Wardrobe Master for a theater group in Roswell.

Becky Fuller - Recording Secretary



I am a member of Mesilla Valley Garden Club in Las Cruces. I have lived in New Mexico most of my life. First, as a child in Roswell, then in 9th grade I moved to Las Cruces. My mother, Beulah Oyler, has been a long time garden club member and gardener. I graduated from NMSU then moved to Dallas, TX where I met my husband, Darvy. We have lived in Dallas, Denver, Raleigh, Harlingen (TX) and back to Las Cruces. I have been in the garden club since 2000 and have held many offices at many levels including club president, District IV treasurer, District IV director, NMGC 2nd vice-president, historian and now secretary. Garden club has introduced me to many wonderful people and great gardening and design information. I look forward to the new experience of being your secretary.

Laurie Hixson—Treasurer

As your State Treasurer, I'd like to share with you my qualifications for the position.



I was born and raised in New York City. As a good city girl, I went to a commercial high school to learn how to be a secretary. Even then I wanted to buck the system and enrolled in the first college track curricula in the school's history. It turns out, I came to rely on this business training for many things in my life. I wanted to be a veterinarian, so I went to a nearby 2-year college to learn how to become a farmer then transferred to a 4-year university in Washington State, where I met my future husband, and got a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. Unfortunately, it was not in the cards for me to be a veterinarian, so I went back to New York and worked in Manhattan. After about a year, I got married and we moved to Los Alamos, NM where I took a secretarial job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. I worked at *the Lab* for nearly 30 years in a variety of administrative and programmatic positions. During my tenure at the Lab, I also went back to school and received an MBA and later an MS in Nuclear Engineering.

My husband, Rob, and I retired from the Lab in early 2008 and spent a few years in Monterey, California. While Rob taught at the Naval Postgraduate School, I became an active volunteer in the Monterey Bay area, focusing on history and gardening and became involved with the Monterey State Historic Parks. My work with the Historic Garden League and Monterey Institute of International Studies Community Garden also helped to solidify the sense that gardens and gardening create an easy and accessible method of fostering a sense of community. Upon returning to New Mexico, I wanted to bring that sense of community I felt in California to White Rock. Working with others in the community since early 2011, I've organized a community garden in White Rock. It is a demonstration garden that is maintained by the community. Summit Garden Club has taken on the White Rock Community Garden as one of its beautification projects. Because of this support, the garden has received regional and national awards.

I've lived in Los Alamos for 37 years and have been an active member of the community, focusing on youth development (Girl Scouts) and education (LANL Foundation). Since retiring, though, my interests lie mainly with gardening. I am a Master Gardener; the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. District II Chairman for scholarships, and a Past President for Summit Garden Club. I also help restore antique and classic cars with my husband.

I joined Summit Garden Club in 2012 and knew immediately I'd found what I'd been looking for since retiring—the people are all great. It's such a wonderful group; they are all tremendously talented in a variety of ways. By being a member of Summit, I've also met some great people at the District and State levels. I am also a member of Floral Designers in the hope that some of these people's remarkable talents will rub off on me. I so enjoy flowers, but lack the skill to bring them to life as these women do. Hopefully that will change.

My credentials as your fiduciary representative:

- District Treasurer for Girl Scouts for 10 years and overhauled all of the Los Alamos and White Rock accounts
- Treasurer for my homeowner's association for 3 years
- Start-up Treasurer for the local Pony Club

I'm thrilled to be a part of such a great organization as the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. My plans are to simplify the treasury statewide and to implement processes that will benefit every club. I'd be glad to answer any financial questions you may have or help out in any way. So, if you have any concerns about your club treasury, please, just ask! I'm looking forward to working with you all.

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Larry Layden - Historian



I am a member of the Angel Fire Garden Club where I help my wife Jo Ann Layden with the Ponderosa Pines Youth Garden Club. For the last 17 years I have been privileged to live next door to the Carson National Forest and in that time my wife and I have spent countless hours exploring that Forest. We are outdoor people and have had many diverse experiences with nature.

I am the new State Garden Club Historian for this term. My job is to collect the annual history from every club each year in order to comply with Regional and National due dates. Each club in the state has a unique history that should be shared with the other clubs. Simply by the environment we live in, our history will be quite different. Each club tells their own story and we then learn from each other new ideas on what a garden club can do. When you have a successful program please include it in your annual history so others can learn about projects that work.

In consultation with the President, I compile a summary of activities and write the annual state history to be sent to the NGC Historian, South Central Region Historian, and the NMGC State Archives. Lastly, I am required to present the history at the Annual Convention for ratification.

Conni Elkins - Corresponding Secretary



Formerly a U.S. Department of State Consular Officer, has maintained and supervised gardens in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Nairobi, Kenya, Oakton, Virginia, Dallas, Amarillo, Texas, Angel Fire, NM and now Santa Fe, NM. When she and her husband, Tim, purchased their AF second home she was told the Garden Club was THE club to join in Angel Fire. This has proven to be so true for the past eight years. She has thoroughly enjoyed her past two years as 1st Vice-President responsible for the year-book and the awards. She considers herself an evolving NM gardener and looks forward to serving as your Corresponding Secretary and working with Barbara Vance as her mentor.

Isabel Olsen—Parliamentarian



Isabel moved to Roswell, NM in 1997 from Southern California. She joined Home Garden Club in 2001 and completed the Master Gardener program in 2008 offered by the Chaves County Cooperative Extension Service. She has held many positions within her club including two terms as President. During her term as President, her club project was landscaping a garden at the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge which she continues to maintain today.

When she was the District V Director in 2011, she was the recipient of the NMGC Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion).

She is a NMGC Past State President of 2013-2015 and has served various chairmanships and is Corresponding Secretary for South Central Region. She also served as the NGC Penny Pines Reforestation Chairman and on the NGC Membership Committee.

She grows many Iris in her garden and is a member of the Pecos Valley Iris Society and the American Iris Society. When she is not gardening she loves to travel with her husband, A.J. and visit their three children in California and Texas. She is also a member of Lincoln County Garden Club where they have a second home.

Isabel is now serving as the South Central Region Director for 2017- 2019.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Maple Levine, District I



My name is Maple Levine and like most of you, I wear a variety of different hats depending on the day and sometimes even the time of day. I am a wife, a mother, a Viet Nam veteran, a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, a Mid-Level Medical Provider for DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team), a Kiwanian, a Flower Show Judge, and now perhaps one of my most challenging roles; the District I Director.

I was told that it is customary to establish a theme for the coming years of office and so I gave this matter consideration while doing the onerous task of weeding my 1/2 acre plot. Feeling at first a bit like Sisyphus I eventually found myself actually enjoying the task! I pondered the fact that I do my best problem solving and quite a bit of soul searching while performing tasks in my garden. Voila! It suddenly became clear what my theme had to be. Hence, "Lose yourself to find yourself in the garden".

So enough about me I would like to introduce the remainder of the I team. The following are: First Assistant Director-- Sonia James, Second Assistant Director--Debra Sorrel, Secretary--Esther Russell, Treasurer--Sarah Bianco. It is my hope that we will work well together to provide fellowship, encouragement, and excitement to grow District I and to "Plant America" in the coming year!

Juanita Ortega –District II



District II Clubs have been busy this spring. The District Spring Meeting was held in Santa Fe on March 21. Floral Designer Pat Copple received the Rose Award for Spring 2017. New officers were elected and a program on Succulents, presented by Pegi Naranjo, was enjoyed by all. Several members attended the NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention in Albuquerque on April 25-27.

We are getting our gardens going, in spite of the chilly weather we have had recently. District II is hosting the 2018 State Convention next April 4-6, at the Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino, 20 miles north of Santa Fe. Our District II clubs are planning to make it a fantastic event and we invite all NMGC, Inc. members to make plans to attend.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Jo Ann Layden -District III



Most of you know me as Jo Ann Layden, “the Butterfly and Bird Lady” and I will continue to do that for Barbara Vance’s term, as well as adding “Bees” to the Chairmanship. This term I will also represent District III as their Director. I joined Angel Fire Garden Club probably around 2004 or so and have served as Secretary and President of the club, as well as Chairman of the Ponderosa Pines Youth Club, Butterfly Garden and Girl Scout Camp project. Although I was born and raised in Black Lake (about 8 miles south of Angel Fire) my husband, Larry, and I lived in Albuquerque and moved back to Black Lake in 1999 after Larry retired from the Federal Aviation Administration. At the time, I was employed as a Security Analyst for the Department of Energy at Kirtland Air Force Base, and decided to quit my job so we could move back and build our home here.

Gardening here in the Black Lake/Angel Fire area is difficult due to the altitude and the very short growing season. In spite of that, and with lots of hard work, we have managed to have a beautiful yard, sometime after lots of trials and errors! My family has been in this area since the 1800’s so I’m sure they experienced much more severe climate and weather problems than we do now, trying to farm and ranch during the 1800’s and at altitude over 8000 feet! I have always loved the outdoors, so interest in gardening was pretty much “built in”. I am very passionate about gardening and protecting the environment which includes our pollinators and other wildlife. In 2015 I took a Master Gardener course from NMSU and received my certificate after the 3 months program. It helps me to better understand my gardening and environmental issues.

District III, although it is a large area in Northern New Mexico has only two garden clubs, Angel Fire and Santa Rosa Garden Clubs. I hope to add more clubs these two years, by contacting the various communities that might be interested in gardening and forming garden clubs. Las Vegas, NM seems to be very open to forming a club in their town. We discovered their interest after visiting with many locals in April, when Suzy Andreggo donated and dedicated a tree at Highland University campus and invited me to help her with the dedication. We were allowed to have a table for Garden Clubs where we were able to speak with many of the locals that are definitely hoping to start a garden club and become members.

District III has chosen “We Grow High and Low” as our motto, since the two clubs in the District have such a wide range of altitudes. The altitude in Angel Fire can be over 9,000 feet in some areas whereas Santa Rosa is probably in the 4,000 range and may not get much higher than that. Altitude, plus the temperature differences dictate that we have different approaches to our gardening. Thus the “high and low” of how we grow!

Judy Laird, District IV



Members of District IV of New Mexico Garden Clubs have done us proud with Top Awards in our state. Not only has Beulah Oyler been recognized for her Fifty Years of service and participation in garden clubs, but she also received the Mentor of the Year Award. Her daughter, Becky Fuller was awarded the Special Achievement Award (Silver Medallion), and Howie Dash received the Horticulturist of the Year for his extensive work hybridizing iris. Flowering Desert Garden Club of Alamogordo was recognized with the largest increase of members in the state!

On October 25th and 26th, we are looking forward to hosting the NMGC Fall State Board in Las Cruces at the Hotel Encanto. We welcome all to come and learn about the “Cactus and Critters” of our Chihuahuan Desert.

Though happily we will still have Master Flower Show Judge Fern Gold as a member of Desert Daubers Garden Club, she has decided to rest on her laurels. Fern became an Accredited Flower Show Judge in 1969, and after serving Clubs, State and County Fairs in New Mexico and Texas for 48 years, Fern is now our Judge Emeritus. We will miss her calm and steady opinions in our judging community and Southwest Judges Council.

Nannette Tanner - District V

Welcome to our newest group of leaders! I hope everyone is anxious to get into the new year.

In order to shape the landscape, we need to provide good soil and fertilizers and plants that do well in our area. We also deal with low moisture, so stick to drought tolerant plants. Some people have a deer problem, so look for deer resistant plants.

Sandra Robinson, National Garden Club President this past year, says we must have “true grit”! District V does have “true grit”!!! Everyone has something to contribute to our clubs, whether it is plants, ideas, or just plain work. So, thank you to Home Garden Club, Morning Garden Club, Artesia Garden Club, and Lincoln County Garden Club. A great big thanks to Judy Preston for a wonderful year and a great job. A big thank you to our past president Suzy Andreggo for all her help in our projects! Keep up the good work!

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Awards, Sue Ferguson

I'm really looking forward to being the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., Awards Chairman again. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any help I can give you in understanding the awards application process. I also would appreciate any comments, and suggestions, you may have in improving our awards program.

This is the time to start documenting your projects. Photographs really do help to tell the story, and "before and after" photos are especially useful. Hopefully all our clubs have their own awards chairman to work on award applications. Our awards year runs from January to December, and award applications for 2017 will be due by February 1, 2018. A few applications come to me so I can send them out of state for judging. These include the Member of Year award, Horticulturist of the Year, and Design of the Year. However, most applications go to our chairmen - for example, Civic Development award applications go to our Civic Development Chairman, Garden Therapy applications go to our Garden Therapy Chairman, etc. These chairmen find a panel of three judges to judge the applications, and then send the results to me.

The Awards Handbook is on our website, www.newmexicogardenclubs.org. So, please enjoy the awards application process. We so much want to hear about your club, and individual member, projects. And to celebrate your achievements! Many thanks.

Blue Star Memorial Marker, Shirley Tetreault

The Blue Star Memorial Marker program is an excellent way to honor all Veterans, past, present and future. I have current brochures regarding the program if needed and information can be easily accessed on our NGC website, www.nationalgardenclub.org.

At the present time, New Mexico has twenty-two (22) dedicated markers with two in the pipe line. Our last dedication was at the Bataan Veterans Memorial Park in Silver City, NM on October 6, 2016. Our next dedication will be early summer sponsored by Lincoln County Garden Club and Rene and Jim McCoy.

Any and all questions regarding this program are welcome. Call Shirley at (505) 259-2263



Blue Star By-Way Marker - Conchas Dam

Garden Therapy, Renate Reisel

Horticulture Therapy brings the individual to the soil, close to mother nature, to the mystery of growth and development. Deal with nature for a prompt reward. I encourage all garden clubs to become engaged with Senior Centers, schools and youth garden clubs. Whether it is story time, or crafting, all your programs are important to the young and seniors. Volunteer your time in community gardening and please take notes and photos. Happy Gardening!

National Garden Week, Peggy Voigt

June 4-10, 2017, is proclaimed National Garden Week. It is a perfect time for New Mexico Garden Clubs to promote their club with a special project, activity, etc.



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

Consider having your Mayor sign a Proclamation acknowledging this as a special week. Local libraries often welcome displays and host events and programs. Parties are fun and tea parties are always special. These are just a few suggestions you might consider to promote National Garden Week. For your use, a National Garden Week flier is included in this issue of the *New Mexico Gardener*. Remember to enjoy your own garden and share with others the wonder of gardening.

Document your activity with photos and write a short article of how your club celebrated National Garden Week and forward to the South Central Awards Chairman by December 31, 2017, to apply for a South Central Region or National Garden Clubs award. I would appreciate hearing from each club as to how they acknowledged National Garden Week. My email address is pvoigt@cablone.net.

Penny Pines, Larry Layden

As the new Penny Pines Chairman for our state I would like to congratulate New Mexico garden clubs for donating a record annual amount to Penny Pines of almost \$1300. The United States Forest Service and National Garden Clubs have had a working agreement since 1941. It used to be that for every \$68 donation from a club the US Forest Service would plant 680 seedlings in a national forest designated by the club, thus the name "Penny Pines". Today the donation is still \$68 but it will only get you 200 trees.

Few clubs budget funds for this program because it is strictly voluntary. Most clubs have a Penny Pines container provided by our previous chairperson Isabel Olson. An easy way to generate donations for Penny Pines at each meeting is to pass the container around while the meeting is taking place. If you don't have a donation container, let me know and I will provide one.

Another way to donate is by individual members giving to the program. My wife Jo Ann and I have children that probably would rather receive a certificate for 200 trees being planted in their name than some gift that they don't need or want. Also, garden club members might consider donating \$68 to plant 200 seedlings in memory of a loved one who has passed away.

It is suggested that each club designate one person to manage the Penny Pines program. As the state chairperson of the program I don't handle the money. Each club is responsible for sending their check for \$68 to the National Garden Club Headquarters. **Please send me an email with the dollar amount each time you submit a donation to National Garden Club headquarters so that we can track all state donations.**

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If you have any questions about Penny Pines please email me or call. I'm looking forward to a successful term with Penny Pines. Let me know if you would like me to attend your meeting and discuss the program in more detail. Email: llyayden@kitcarson.net Home: (575) 377-2743, Cell: (505) 922-5262

Wildflowers/Native Plants , Rosemary Maddox

That title covers a lot of territory, and I will start by discussing one wildflower that I have and you don't. Well, I don't think you do. About 20 years ago, while wandering through the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin Texas, I was amazed to see a large bed of poinsettias blooming in the summer heat. The sign said they were an annual wildflower, Texas Poinsettia, *Euphorbia cyathophora*, also known as Fire on the Mountain. I went to the gift shop to look for seeds of these plants but there were none available.



Several years later I saw Texas Poinsettias in the front yard of an acquaintance, and she graciously let me dig one up. Now I have hordes of Texas Poinsettias, and I love every one of them. They are coming up now, in early May, as the spring wildflowers--Shirley poppies, larkspurs, California poppies, etc.--are finishing their bloom season. They will start blooming in late summer and bloom until frost. I don't have pictures, but the internet has lots of them. The red-orange colors you see are not flowers but bracts, pointing toward the inconspicuous little white flowers.

These annual plants grow up to two feet high and require little water. They pop their seeds out and reseed vigorously, and can become invasive, or so it says on the internet. But I think an annual which will pop right out of the ground with a slight tug is not invasive; I save that term for Mexican Primroses, which plan to take over the world, and Desert Verbena. And Jerusalem Artichoke, but that's another subject. I will save seeds of the Texas Poinsettia when they are ready, probably in early winter, and make them available through the club presidents to anyone who is interested in growing them. These are fun wildflowers to grow!

Horticulture, Ellen Reed



Borage officinalis



Perilla frutescens



Allium schoenoprasum



Calendula officinalis



Daylily



Nasturtium

Left: Achillea millefolium



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I

Petal Pushers

Project Warm coordinated by Caryl McCoy and Linda Rasley was an enjoyable and successful winter project. We met at Ginny Longbotham's home where we made 13 colorful fleece blankets for homeless children.

January's program was on "How to make a Fairy Garden." Jennifer Hobson, owner of Jericho Nursery, spoke on how to create whimsical themed gardens. The various gardens Jennifer brought were informative and inspirational.

February's meeting was also informative and interesting. Janet Mitchusson from the Albuquerque's City Parks spoke on flowers in the city's various beds. She invited us to visit the city's greenhouses where the plants are grown for transplanting into the city's beds. We enjoyed the question and answer portion of her presentation.

The March program on growing patio tomatoes was presented by Master Gardener Kathy Clough. The two page hand out she gave us included all the information we needed to know from variety selection, soil prep, harvesting and pest control management. Gourmet tomatoes at our fingertips while relaxing on the patio is a delight. We continue to participate in the Penny Pines Project in the reforestation of New Mexico's forests.

Spring has arrived and our members are again maintaining and working in the Garden Centers Courtyard. We enjoy visiting and working with our fellow members as we groom the patio.

Congratulations to our members receiving awards in the photography classification this year go to Sonia James, Pat Ledford, Ginny Longbotham, and Carol Stomp. Sonia James will be serving as the new assistant director of District 1 officers.

Our April spring luncheon was held at the Macaroni Grill. The Installation of Officers was conducted by our member Debi Harrington, President of the Albuquerque Council of Garden Clubs. Officers serving Petal Pushers for the coming year are President, Becky Gaston; Vice President & Council Representative, Ginny Longbotham; Secretary, Viola Johnston; Treasurer, Pat Ledford; and Susan Olinger, Parliamentarian.

We again took part in the Councils April Garden Fair. We enjoy our involvement with the public in sharing our knowledge of plants, educating the public and answering their questions.

Guests are always welcome to attend our morning meetings on the 4th Tuesday of most months at the Garden center. Petal Pushers Garden Club provides educational programs at every meeting. We place emphasis on private gardens and horticulture education. We have some very interesting programs planned for the rest of this year.

Shirley Bray, Publicity and Photos



Petal Pushers April Council Sale



Petal Pushers Project Warm



Petal Pushers Board plus 2 representatives

High Desert Design Club

High Desert Design club has great members who are always ready to step up to the plate and accept a challenge. Diana Doddridge crocheted 100, two inch doilies to be incorporated into the beautiful flowers made by Esther Russell for our State Convention. Months and months of work, lace, ribbon, butterflies and grandmas old jewelry went in to the creation of the flowers.

Those of you who won a "fairy garden" on April the 26th should look closely. They not only include a fairy but some of the wooden furniture and houses were handmade by Esther Russell as well as all of the little fairies on the table. With materials purchased by Suzy and Esther, **all members** created these fairy gardens with laughter and excitement. Sue McCall was elected to babysit the gardens for two weeks keeping them strong and healthy, and Kathleen Flanders spent several hours selling at the ways and means table.

Back to work on May the 10th when we will study one of the new designs in the "*Handbook for Flower Shows*", 2017 edition. We will study the Low-Profile design which must be viewed from above and must be (4) times long and/or wide as it is high. Our color in May is "Pink". Pink is a delicate color that means sweet, nice, playful, cute, romantic, charming, feminine, and tenderness. It is associated with bubble gum, flowers, babies, little girls, cotton candy, and sweetness. The color pink is the color of universal love of oneself and **others**. It is also our National project, "Plant It Pink" that recognizes those touched in some way by breast cancer.

High Desert will have their first annual flower show at Weems Gallery on Montgomery, on August the 10th, 2017. Our theme is *World of Art, Artists, and Flowers*.

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District II

Los Alamos Garden Club

We've had very interesting speakers at our meetings this year. In February our local Extension Agent, Carlos Valdez presented a program on selecting and caring for trees. The speaker in March talked about building a bird habitat in our gardens. And, in April, the program was about growing native plants in Los Alamos. We hosted a rose pruning workshop at the Memorial Rose Garden on April 8th (photo right). Again, our local Extension Officer (Carlos Valdez) presented the program to about 19 people. We all learned how to prune roses and then got out our tools and went to work pruning. On April 22nd, we participated in the Earth Day Festival at the Los Alamos Nature Center. We encouraged people to make homes available for the pollinator bees. We had handouts with details for the adults and drawings of bees for the children to color.



Summit Garden Club



Summit Garden Club President Shelby Redondo and members: Laura Stunkel and Freda McCormick prepared the gardens at Bandelier for the upcoming tour by State Garden Club Conference attendees in Albuquerque. They cleaned, dead-headed, weeded and watered the two patio gardens and those outside the patio walls. Members also participate in cleaning up other gardens in the community.

The June meeting will be held at a member's home in the Jemez Mountains. Ann Cooke who lives in Sierra los Pinos, will be our hostess and Ranger Karl Buemeyer will talk about forest restoration, principles of living with fire, and "Getting fire back into the forest".

Floral Designers

Floral Designers study floral designs, mostly in the Creative Style. Our most recent program was on Creative Horizontal Design, titled "Mountain Shadows". We are planning design programs for the remainder of 2017 and into 2018. We are studying the new design types presented in the revised NGC, Inc. Handbook for Flower Shows, and reviewing the new rules that will come into effect in July, 2017. As always, we share ideas on different types of designs, mechanics and materials. We are also looking forward to working with the other District II Garden Clubs to host the 2018 NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention on April 4-6, 2018 at Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino.



Creative Horizontal Designs by Floral Designers Members.



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District IV

Sunshine Valley Garden Club

The Sunshine Valley Garden Club had its Annual Membership Tea in February to promote membership. Members brought finger foods and their favorite teacup; there was a variety of teas; and many were dressed in teatime attire including hats and gloves. Everyone received a tea party favor bag. State President, Suzy Andregio and District IV Director, Nancy Ketchum gave us a short update of important happenings at the State and District levels.

Christine Longthorp, a floral designer and longtime member of NMGC was our guest speaker. She demonstrated several simple yet elegant arrangements using a variety of plants, leaves, fruits, materials and containers. The focus was to show us what could easily be done, and encouraged us to make and enter them into our annual flower show.

The Sunshine Valley Garden Club hosted the District IV Spring Meeting on March 7 at the Elephant Butte Inn. Member, Ellie Nordgren received the Daffodil Award. Guest Speaker, Sherry Fletcher gave a program on the History of Elephant Butte Dam. There were favors, door prizes and a silent auction.

The Club met at the Animas Creek Nursery and were given a question and answer session and tour of the nursery by the owner, where members could ask all their garden-related questions. Members brought a sack lunch and ate under the big tree on the premises. Many bought plants to take home. A nice and informative day was had by all.

We are looking forward to a horticultural tour of member Ellie Nordgren's prolific gardens in Hillsboro on May 12.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

For the past several years, our club has met with the other two garden club in Las Cruces for a March "Tri-Club" Luncheon. Each club taking turns being host. However, this year one club dropped out but the members of the other two clubs enjoyed a sumptuous St. Patrick's Day-theme meal ending with green ice cream and cookies shaped like shamrocks. We then were treated to a slide program on the contributions of Clyde Tombaugh to the development of the tracking telescope in the early 1950's missile days.

Cacti of Southern New Mexico and nearby areas was a slide-show presented in April by Lisa Mandelkern, member of the Native Plant Society and an accomplished photographer. There are many kinds and sizes of cactus and are beautiful when blooming. Our Robledo Vista Nursery and the annual native plants sales at University Texas at El Paso (UTEP) are reliable sources of cacti suited to our area. Our treasurer, Howie, informed us that we had collected the \$68 for the Penny Pines Program and requested that it be designated to the Gila National Forest. He also shared that our fund-raising yard sale was very successful.

May is our last meeting of the club year. A luncheon of salads and desserts provided by members was thoroughly enjoyed. Our program, Photography of Southwest Landscapes, was presented by Mike Groves, a local photographer and store owner. His photos are outstanding and he gave tips on using different camera and lens.

The incoming Club Board was installed by Beulah Oyler. They are: President - Charlene Brock, through February 2018 when Linnea Egbert will take that position. Vice-President - Judy Laird, Treasurer - Howie Dash, Corresponding Secretary - Terry McCatherin, Recording Secretary - Rosemary Maddox. Each was presented with a beautiful red rose.

A great ending to the club year was that Charlene, who attended the State Convention, announced the following awards received: Beulah Oyler, Mentor of the Year Award; Becky Fuller, Special Achievement Award-Silver Medallion; Rosemary Maddox, Herb Gardener of the Year; and Howie Dash, Horticulturist of the Year.

Charlene Brock, President



Becky Fuller and her mother, Beulah Oyler with their awards



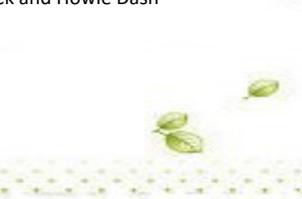
Howie Dash and Awards



MVGC Board for 2017-19
l-r: Terry McCatherin, Rosemary Maddox, Judy Laird, Linnea Egbert, Charlene Brock and Howie Dash



Charlene (middle) at Convention with attendees from Albuquerque and Santa Fe.



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District V

Lincoln County Garden Club



Lincoln County Garden Club installation luncheon, May 16, 2017. New 50th anniversary banner!

To celebrate Lincoln County Garden Club's 50th Anniversary and Earth Day, the club planted two Greenspire Linden trees at the Dog Park; one in the large dog run and one in the small dog run, with the assistance of Keep Ruidoso Beautiful (KRB). Sandy Park, LCGC Vice President presented T-Bone Tetreault, Director of KRB, a donation from Garden Club. Nannette Tanner, LCGC President shared these thoughts, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best time is now!"



T-Bone Tetreault, KRB Director & Sandy Park



Tree planting Day at the Dog Park

Morning Garden Club

The Roswell Morning Garden Club hosted the District V Spring Meeting at the Southeast New Mexico Historical Society Archives on March 23, 2017. The featured speaker was New Mexico Garden Club's President, Suzy Andregó. The program included a monthly maintenance minder for growing roses and a demonstration on when and how to prune roses. According to Suzy, April 15th is not only Tax Day, but it is also the day to "dive" into pruning roses. At the meeting, new district Officers were installed which included Morning Garden Club members, Jan Dunnahoo as Assistant Director and Pat Krauskas as Treasurer.



Roswell Morning Garden Club planted an all pink planter for Breast Cancer Awareness in the Alena Garden at the Historical Society of Southeast New Mexico Museum Archives Center.

Other Morning Garden club activities this Spring included a "plant it pink" planter in the Alena Garden to promote Breast Cancer awareness, participating and mentoring youth in the Roswell Community Planting Day, maintaining the Butterfly and Triangle gardens at Cahoon Park, planting two Italian Cypress trees at the Archive building and offering gardening programs for Roswell youth and Nursing Home patients. Morning Garden Club received certification from the North American Butterfly Association. This coming year, the club will be researching and working with the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary to plant shrubs and trees near a projected bird blind.



The North American Butterfly Association certification



Girl Scouts and Morning GC members at Community Planting Day



Jan Dunnahoo's installation at the District Meeting

Thank you note from Caroline Allen, 2016 NMGC Scholarship Recipient



Dear New Mexico Garden Club,
I would like to express my thanks for your support as I pursued my undergraduate degree. I graduated from New Mexico Tech on May 15th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. I graduated with highest honors and recognition as a Tech Scholar and for Presenting in the New Mexico Tech Student Research Symposium. In August I will be attending the University of Missouri - Kansas City where I will be pursuing a law degree with a specialisation in Environmental Law. Thank you so much for your support.
- Caroline Allen



Vision of Beauty Calendar Entry

All members of clubs affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. are invited to send photos as examples of skill and artistry for the 2019 Calendar. Any such qualified entrant is a Designer. All types of designs are requested: Traditional, Contemporary, New Trends, and those appropriate for seasons of the year and holidays. Photos of a small area of your garden, such as a "pocket garden," are also accepted for consideration.

Requirements

A 5"x7" digital print must be sent by mail, along with a current entry form. For clarity of reproduction, please also email the digital image, in JPEG form, including the title and name of designer, to the Chairman, ngcvob@gmail.com. The file must have a minimum of 300 dpi to be considered.

Only vertical digital photos, taken with a camera with a minimum of eight (8) mega pixels can be accepted.

Photos must be in high resolution. Only quality photos are accepted. Photoshop is strongly discouraged, unless done professionally.

The backdrop must be free of creases, wrinkles and patterns. If dark backdrops are used, sufficient lighting must also be used to make the design clear and crisp. Flower show ribbons must not be included.

A maximum of five (5) entries per person will be accepted. Only one (1) backdrop for each entry.

Handle photos with caution when mailing to avoid scratches. DO NOT use Scotch tape or paper clips. Extra packing materials or padded envelopes are recommended. DO NOT put the designers name on the back of the photo.

All entries will be judged by the same criteria used to judge National Garden Club, Inc. Flower Show designs. All decisions of the judges are final. Please see judging criteria found in "Handbook for Flower Shows."

Once submitted, photos become property of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Notification will be given if used. No entries will be returned. National Garden Clubs, Inc. is not responsible for any lost, late, delayed, or misdirected entries.

Entries that do not comply with these guidelines cannot be considered.

2019 CALENDAR DEADLINE for both mailed and emailed entries: July 1, 2017

As we are working on the printers schedule, any entries received by mail or email after July 1st cannot be considered.

Mail to:

Brenda Bingham
7 Lenape Trail, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

All entries submitted after June 1, 2017 MUST be mailed to:

Brenda Bingham
Pak Mail Box #219, 369 Montezuma Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87501-2626

Emailed entries should continue to be sent to ngcvob@gmail.com until the deadline of July 1, 2017.

ENTRY FORM 2019 Vision of Beauty NGC, Inc. Calendar

Name: _____
(print clearly, type, or use an address label)

Address: _____
_____ Zip _____

Garden Club or Affiliate: _____

Email: _____

Photographer: _____

Title of Picture: _____

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

By signing and submitting this form, Designer represents and warrants that Designer is the author of the original photograph(s) submitted with this form, and Designer hereby assigns to National Garden Clubs, Inc. Designer's entire worldwide rights, including worldwide copyright in and to the photograph(s) submitted:

Signature: _____

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Maximum of five (5) entries, one (1) backdrop 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 the National Garden Club, Inc. website, www.gardenclub.org

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2017 Calendar

June 4-10	National Garden Clubs Week
July 1	Entry Deadline for Vision of Beauty
July 15	Angel Fire Garden Tour
September 13-15	NGC Fall Board St Louis, MO
October 3	District IV Fall Board, Las Cruces
October 5	District III Fall Board, Las Vegas
October 9	District V Fall Board Meeting, Albuquerque
October 11	District II Fall Board, Santa Fe
October 13	District V, Fall Board, Artesia
October 25-26	NMGC Fall Board Las Cruces
2018	
April 4-6	NMGC State Convention Santa Fe
April 27-28	South Central Region Convention Houston, TX
May 21-24	NGC Convention Philadelphia, PA

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