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Viewing the Mesilla Valley and the Organ Mountains from the west with the Recycled Roadrunner Sculpture.

Photo by Chris Faivre, City of Las Cruces

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### **Deadline**

Spring  
Summer  
Fall  
Winter

### **Dates**

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May 1  
August 1  
November 1

Articles/Photos for the next *Gardener* must be submitted by November 1, 2017

## "GROW NEW MEXICO"



SUMMER - June to September. In August we begin to say farewell to summer and look to the September equinox – when day and night are approximately the same length of time and we start the Fall season. Now is the time to take advantage of warm days – cooler evenings to relax on the patio and enjoy our garden/s. We had quite a snowstorm the end of April (8 inches in Santa Fe) – most of the perennials survived – but size and quality of blooms are not as showy. We added some annuals to fill in the bare spots. We will get some apples this year. With the recent hot weather and rain the grapevines have taken over the trellises and we have grapes. I'm looking forward to participating in the state fair and county shows. With the wonderful warm weather and rains we hope to have many entering the shows. See you there!

Our clubs and members have been busy these past months. Angel Fire held their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour. What a treat to attend this exciting event. Conni Elkins (NMGC Corresponding Secretary) was my hostess and drove her friend, Sandra, and me around to all the gardens. The homes/gardens chosen for viewing were diverse and creatively displayed a variety of plants that do well at a higher elevation. Some of the gardens used sculptures, glass and metal ornaments, beautiful ceramic containers as accent pieces. Fields of wildflowers blooming everywhere. Members traditionally design and wear "Garden Hats" on the tour. Conni and I had fun and laughs while creating our hats for this occasion. Lunch at the Country Club included an informative program: *Container Garden Basics*. Following the program was a "Hat Walk" and prizes were awarded for different hat design categories. Angel Fire Garden Club President, Shirley Sheriff, and members did an outstanding job putting this tour together. Their next project – their first ever Flower Show August 13. "**Foot Prints in the Garden**" a NGC Botanical Arts Flower Show – honoring former Angel Fire Garden Club Presidents. To be held at Angel Fire Airport.

Artesia Garden Club members were busy this summer - preparing for the Eddy County Fair Flower Show. To encourage members to enter the fair they had programs on Design and plant material. The fair finally rolled around and members and youth winning numerous awards/ribbons. Congratulations! (See photos and write up in this issue.)

High Desert Design Club in Albuquerque has planned a "**World of Art, Artists, and Flowers**" a NGC Standard Flower Show at Weems Art Gallery, Friday – Saturday, August 11-12, 2017. This was an interesting show – using "art" in its many forms, as the basis for titles of sections and classes in horticulture and designs.

EXPO New Mexico - 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Mexico State Fair – "**Off to See the Wizard.**" Flower shows. Wednesday, September 6 through Saturday, September 16. This is an opportunity for attendees to see what grows in and around our state. Floral designs will be included in each of the shows. Plan to bring in your flowers, vegetables, designs.

Starting the first week of October we begin the District Fall Board Meetings. Club Presidents will fill out the Club President Report form and use the back of the form to give a brief description of the programs that were unusual or outstanding. These oral reports are a wonderful way to hear firsthand about activities and projects of the clubs around the state. And, a wonderful source of information about programs.

NMGC Fall Board will be held at Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces October 25-26. The Official Call, "**WELCOME TO THE CHIHUAHUA DESERT**" "**Cactus and Critters,**" and Registration are included in this issue of the NM GARDENER. Judy Laird, District IV Director, and members of the clubs have been very busy planning this event. Thursday's luncheon program, "**If you like Margaritas, Thank a Bat,**" certainly got my attention. Come join us to learn about this intriguing subject. Silent Auction items will be on display. We have new articles for the Ways and Means project – see Jen Moreno's article. Tickets are being sent to all club presidents to get things started. The first drawing at the Fall Board will be for the fully paid package reservation to the 2018 Annual Convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort north of Santa Fe.

Looking forward to seeing and visiting with you at District meetings. The Fall Board will be an exciting event where we will do a little business and time to meet and make friends with people from all parts of the state. SEE YOU SOON!

## First Vice-President's Message, Christine Longthorp



Gratefully, fall is upon us, with cooler days, and that certain kind of nip in the evening air, green chiles roasting, and my garden breathing a sigh of relief, as the rain and cool air help the flowers share their last hurrah of the season!

This summer has been pleasantly dotted with exhibiting at and judging flower shows around the State. Santa Rosa held a stunning show with dozens of designs lining three walls of the building. Angel Fire also held their very first flower show as well, which was gorgeous with first time designers and pristine horticulture. These ladies are all set now to attend the Flower Show schools in Albuquerque and become proficient at exhibiting so that they will all be ready for their second show next year. It was such a novel experience to see Iceland poppies in August, happily growing and at this altitude and temperature. The butterfly garden at the library was charming hosting bees and butterflies, with little benches upon which a visitor could sit and feast on the peace and quiet. I can't think of a better way to spend an hour than checking out a book and resting in such a beautiful garden.

High Desert Design Club sponsored a flower show at Weems Art Gallery here in Albuquerque and with paintings as the backdrop. It was a novel and beautiful show which I am sure will be repeated in the future.

State Fair flower shows and District meetings will be occasions when I will see you all, and finally, the Fall Board meeting held in Las Cruces. I encourage you to share any news pertaining to the environment or gardening at your meetings and then with us all, so that we can keep ourselves enthusiastic and make a difference to beautify our Land of Enchantment . . .

### Immediate Past President, Suzy Andrego

One of the main missions of New Mexico Garden Clubs is to educate the public . . . and what better way than to hold a flower show. A flower show presents all different types of designs, educational displays, youth categories and my personal favorite, horticulture. It is a great display for the public and a super educational tool!

In July, 2017 came the new "Handbook for Flower Shows" from National Garden Clubs. It is stuffed full of all the information that a person could ever want on how to put on a flower show, how to enter a flower show, and how to exhibit your horticulture, designs and educational displays.

In the newly revised "Handbook for Flower Shows" came changes. There are small changes and some big changes. One of the best changes for a flower show is, now, each design exhibitor must identify their plant materials in the design. This is a SUPER educational tool for both the exhibitor and the public.

I want to thank High Desert Design Club, Angel Fire Garden Club and Sunshine Valley Garden Club for taking me up on my last President's project and holding their very first club flower show. Two flower shows have been held and the third will be in October. It is a lot of work, very educational, but even more fun!

And, I want to encourage each and every one of you to attend the NM Judges Council Fall Board meeting program in Las Cruces. We will be viewing a power point presentation of all the changes in the new edition of the "Handbook for Flower Shows".

And, I am excited to tell you that we will hold a new Flower Show School Series in Albuquerque. You DO NOT have to want to become a Flower Show Judge to attend these schools. Each school curriculum covers design, horticulture and flower show procedure. Attending the Flower Show Schools makes each one of us a better exhibitor, whether our interests lie in horticulture, design or just being part of a flower show committee. I will be getting all the details ironed out in the next month for all schools and will send out information, via email and the website to all. So, put the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend! I would LOVE to see you there!

Flower Show School I	November 17, 18 & 19, 2017
Flower Show School II	March 23, 24 & 25, 2018
Flower Show School III	July 20, 21, 22, 2018
Flower Show School IV	November 16, 17 & 18, 2018

*All schools will be held in Albuquerque at the Albuquerque Garden Center*



*Weems Art Gallery photo by Suzy Andrego*



## **OFFICIAL CALL**

### **Fall Board Meeting 2017**

***“WELCOME TO THE CHIHUANHUAN DESERT”***

***‘CACTUS AND CRITTERS’***

**October 25 & 26, 2017**

**Las Cruces, New Mexico**

This is the **Official Notice** to all members of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.  
The registration form is in the 2017 Fall issue of the *New Mexico Gardener*

#### **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Registration
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	NM Judges Council Executive Meeting
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	NM Judges Council General Meeting
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	President’s Reception
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	NM Judges Council Banquet and Program

#### **Thursday, October 26, 2017**

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast on your own - restaurant in hotel
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	NMGC General Business Meeting
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Luncheon and Program – <i>“If you like Margaritas, Thank a Bat”</i>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	General Business Meeting Resumes – Concludes

**District Directors:** Please be prepared to give a 3 minute report on the activities of your District for the General Meeting, using the District Director Report Form and reporting on special activities during this report period. Please provide **THREE** copies of your report: 1 to NMGC President - 1 to NMGC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President -1 to NMGC Recording Secretary.

**Chairpersons:** IF you would like to report on your chairmanship activities – please let me know ASAP so we can schedule you on the Fall Board Meeting Agenda.

**Hotel Reservations: Hotel Encanto** 705 S. Telshor Blvd., Las Cruces, NM - 1 (575) 522-4300  
Single King or Double Queen – “Special Rate”: \$99.00 plus tax (effective Oct. 24 thru 27)  
For “special” rate mention **New Mexico Garden Clubs” – reservations must be in by October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

***Barbara Vance, President, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.***

**NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

**2017 FALL BOARD MEETING**

**“WELCOME TO THE CHIHUAHUAN DESERT”**

**‘CACTUS AND CRITTERS’**

**October 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Print your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE mark either - Early Package or Late Package**

**EARLY PACKAGE – Wednesday-Thursday (October 25-26)**

(Includes \$25.00 Registration fee, President’s Reception on Oct 25, and Lunch on Oct. 26.)

Postmarked on or before 10/11/17 \$50.00

Note: Thursday (25<sup>th</sup>) breakfast on your own.

Restaurant in the hotel.

**LATE PACKAGE – Wednesday – Thursday (October 25-26)**

Postmarked after 10/11/17 \$65.00

**NM JUDGES COUNCIL: Wednesday, Oct, 25** (NOT in package plan)

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program \$35.00

**ALL NMGC Members and Guests are welcome and encouraged  
to attend the Judges Council Dinner and Program.**

**NO REFUNDS ON REGISTRATION FEE AFTER 10/11/17**

**WALK IN NOT ACCEPTED**

**Thursday (October 25<sup>th</sup>) LUNCH MENU CHOICE:** (CHOOSE ONE)

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU with Rice Pilaf \_\_\_\_\_

GRILLED SALMON with Wild Rice Blend \_\_\_\_\_

Entrees include house salad, fresh vegetables, rolls with butter, dessert, iced tea, coffee.

**Special Dietary Needs: Contact Judy Laird (575) 522-4543.**

**NMGC Fall Board Reservations:**

Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT IV, NMGC, INC. 2017 Fall Board**

Mail to Registrar: Beulah Oyler, 2715 Ridgeway Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011

Phone: 1(575) 522-0143

e-mail: [oyler.beulah@comcast.net](mailto:oyler.beulah@comcast.net)

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: HOTEL ENCANTO - 705 S. Telshor Blvd., Las Cruces, NM - Phone: 1 (575) 522-4300**

Single King or Double Queen Rate: \$99.00 plus tax (includes 24<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>)

For “special” rate use **“New Mexico Garden Clubs” –reservations must be in by October 11**

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Awards, Sue Ferguson

New Mexico garden clubs have until **November 1, 2017** to apply for the National Garden Clubs PLANT AMERICA Community Projects Grant. Please do apply. As you can see at right, it is an easy application process, and the project can be an existing one, or a brand new one. If I can help in any way with your application, please let me know.

## Bees, Birds, Butterflies, Jo Ann Layden



*Lustrous Copper Butterfly*

Here we are almost August!! Summer is flying by and with it the opportunities to see the bees and butterflies! I have observed many of them here, but it seems there are not quite as many as usual. Because I live in the high mountains, we are limited as to what flowers will grow here, but the pollinators love the purple coneflowers, gaillardias, daisies and hollyhocks, all of which grow great here. I have struggled to grow milkweed in my garden and in the Butterfly Garden in Angel Fire without any results, but it grows along the highways, even on the pavement! Go figure!! The bees are busy with any new flower that blooms, but I don't see a profusion of them, just "some". There is concern nationwide about the big lack of pollinators!

Some of our walks to a stream about a mile from our house produced a wonderful array of butterflies and other pollinators, including bees, especially when we reached the stream and found many species on the Cow Parsnip plants growing by the water. It was wonderful to enjoy our breakfast or lunch by the stream and watch the butterflies. I saw the majestic Western Tiger Swallowtail, and also Painted Ladies, which are amazing in themselves as they can migrate for thousands of miles!

Other species I see are the Weidemeyer's Admiral, a beautiful black with white edges on the wings, which should not be confused with the Mourning Cloak, which is also blackish, but has just a slight "ruffle" of white and I've seen them here this year, the Western White, Cabbage White, Orange Sulphur, and some of the tiny blues, probably the Western Tailed Blue and or the Arctic Blue. Sometimes it's difficult to identify them, they're so fast! I also saw some Skippers, probably the Uncas Skipper and the Juba Skipper. Skippers are often confused with moths, since they have a different shape to them.

As far as birds go, the hummingbirds dominate in the summer! I think that is because we put up eight feeders and keep them well stocked, we seem to get many "families" that breed by our house (we have many trees around our house) and their babies are a wonder to watch once they fly. They are smart about knowing what a feeder is and are very tame for a few days. The Rufous hummingbirds keep them all on their toes, trying to control the feeders! We put up the feeders in early April, waited a few days, and by April 13<sup>th</sup> we had a small, Broad Tailed female, followed closely by several more of the same species. Since about late June, we've filled feeders several times a day (all eight) and have about 100 to 150 hummingbirds!!

We see many bird species also, including Robins, the Lewis Woodpeckers, which have stayed for most of the summer, both Black Headed and Evening Grosbeaks, Red Wing Black Birds, Pine Siskin, Pygmy Nuthatch, and of course Sparrows, Hawks, Crows and Ravens and also Eagles, both Golden and Bald! I love all my birds! AND so far.....no bears invading feeders!



## PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Guidelines



The PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Program is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. for new or existing club projects in their respective communities. Projects may be a joint venture with another organization/s. The scope of these projects may include:

- Beautification and/or restoration
- Community gardens
- School gardens/classrooms
- Habitat for Humanity landscaping
- Blue Star Memorial landscaping
- Implementation of environmental practices
- A horticulture or environmental educational event for the public

**Grant Amount:** Up to \$1,000.00 is available to be used for direct expenses of projects

**Who May Apply:** Individual garden clubs that are members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2017**

Recipients of grants will be notified, and all money will be awarded by **January 31, 2018**. Projects must be completed by **May 2019**, and final report forms are due by **July 1, 2019**.

**How to Apply:**

Application and final report forms are available on the NGC website, [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
Send the completed application form and budget to: [PLANTAMERICAGRANTS@gmail.com](mailto:PLANTAMERICAGRANTS@gmail.com)

**Program Criteria:**

In evaluating grant applications, priority will be given to programs that emphasize one or more of these elements:

- Impact and scope of project
- Benefits and visibility in community
- Involvement and participation by club members
- Collaboration with other community groups
- Clearly stated plan for future maintenance and/or monitoring of the project

**Funding Guidelines:**

Grants will not be provided for:

- Projects in which the club does not participate in some aspect
- Purchase of Blue Star Memorial Markers
- Competitive Flower Shows
- Private gardens
- Eagle Scout projects
- Salaries or benefits of personnel
- Political action programs
- Capital drives and building funds
- Scholarships and endowments
- Lawsuits and litigation
- Overhead costs

**Final Report:**

1. **Deadline:** within two months after the completion of the project or by July 1, 2019
2. Send the following:
  - A short one-page report describing the project including photos
  - A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
  - A copy of any publicity

**NOTE:** Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print or on the website. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website: <http://www.gardenclub.org/about-us/press-room/minor-image-release.aspx>



*Weidemeyer's Admiral on Forest Service Trail by Creek*

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# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

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Before I end my report I have some things to mention that I find very stressful. First off is the fact that Neonicotinoid pesticides are still being used and many sold even at Home Depot! They are systemic and go into every aspect of the plant and the soil around it, sometimes spreading to other plants or staying in the soil. This pesticide kills every single pollinator! Another concern that surfaced this week (July 25<sup>th</sup>) is the fact that the National Butterfly Center in Mission, Texas, discovered that contractors were on their land (100 acres) marking it to begin cutting down pollinator habitat to build the wall that the President of the United States has insisted on building. This would very negatively impact the pollinators that use the area for nesting, food, etc. This has nothing to do with politics, but is definitely an attack on our pollinators. For more information on this new problem, you can log into the National Butterfly Center site, [nationalbutterflycenter.org](http://nationalbutterflycenter.org). I am following this situation closely and hope it will be resolved to the benefit of the pollinators! 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!

## Blue Star Memorial, Shirley Tetreault

The Blue Star Memorial program is a bright and shining star in New Mexico. We are still going strong and will be dedicating another marker on Labor Day weekend in District V. Watch for details. This program honors all Veterans past, present and future and makes us remember those who work so hard to keep us free. Please call me if you have questions regarding the program or you can access the NGC website for all the details, prices etc. My cell phone is (505) 259-2263 and the home phone is (505) 294-4331.



Succulent frame  
by Mary Ann Moreno

## Garden Studies, Mary Ann Moreno

### Succulents in a container, Wall Art for your Garden

Picture a lovely frame filled with Succulents that can be hung on a wall, gate or garage, wherever you want it to be.

We start with the frame. The one I created is 3' x 2'. The lumber comes 8 ft long by 2 1/4" wide by 3/4". Cut the lumber to size, 3 ft on each side with 2 ft on top and bottom. Drill a hole on each corner to fasten the corners together with one 2" screw. You should have a rectangular box 3' x 2'. Next measure and cut a length of wood to place in the middle of your frame to give it some strength. On the outside of the frame measure and drill a hole for the screw, do both sides. Paint your frame and wait a day.

Buy 1" chicken wire and hardware cloth which usually come in rolls. Go to the big box stores to find. Cut chicken wire to cover one side of the frame. Using staples along the edge of the frame does a great job. Turn frame over and attach hardware cloth to the frame and staple it on. Do not forget to staple the middle bar on both sides of the frame. You can also drill and screw the wires on hard to staple places. You will need: succulents of assorted sizes, sphagnum moss and some potting soil and wire cutters.

The succulents you pick can be ones that grow in your area, or the more exotic ones that cannot take freezing temperatures. Lay your frame flat on a level surface, where it will get sun and shade. Cut the chicken wire to create a space that you can put the roots or root stems into with wet moss and soil. Pack it in tightly. The wires you cut can be turned back into the area of planting, to hold the succulents in place. Use a variety of large and small types of succulents. The moss and soil should be around each individual plant, and close to each other.

Step back and look at your work of ART. Now you must be patient, check your frame every day, keep the plants moist, and do not stand it up until the plants have started growing!

## Garden Therapy, Renate Riesel

Garden Therapy is one of many aids to physical, mental and emotional health. It is a very flexible activity that can be tailored to meet many individual needs. Garden-related is defined as: the growing of plants and other natural materials, the study of birds, nature and conservation, and the exhibiting of knowledge, interests, and skills in these areas.

Aims and goals: Every project should be fun. If you work with children on gardening projects use easy-to-grow seeds, plants and crafts.

*"Gardening is an educational process; it lasts a lifetime. Its diploma consists of a green thumb, a happy heart, and a permanently enlarged soul. If you're ready for an advanced degree, Mother Nature is anxious to teach. Her class is always in season."* -- Criswell Freeman

## Recycle, Julie Foster

Reminder for everyone to start thinking about Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse Awards. Youth Groups should also apply. We all love to see what kids' imaginations create. I would love to have a hard decision at awards time. Think about the Armatures and containers you all create for design, or the things we all put in our yards and gardens too.

## Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, Mary Ann Moreno

Attention all Garden Clubs! Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are at it again. They hope you will get your School kids grade One to Five to enter the contest by giving the kids supplies and offering to help. That's where I come in. . . call or email me: Mary Ann Moreno NMGC, Inc. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Chairman, 505-266-8498 or [jbmamoreno@gmail.com](mailto:jbmamoreno@gmail.com)

I will personally see that you have what you need to help the students submit a poster. I have paper, labels, instructions and pencils. Markers are messy, but if that is what the students want, I have them. You call I haul (supplies). Let's make this a great year for NM kid's by entering the contest.

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Ways and Means, Jennifer Moreno



The Ways and Means Committee raffle fundraiser supports the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. (NMGC, Inc.) President's Project. NMGC, Inc. President, Barbara Vance, has decided that her Project will be Grow New Mexico: **GROW**/expand our knowledge of gardening & conservation; GROW Membership, GROW in Leadership, GROW Friendships

The first drawing will happen at the 2017 NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> in Las Cruces, NM. The prize is an all-expense paid trip to the spring 2018 NMGC annual state convention in Santa Fe, NM April 4-6 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort. The second drawing will happen at the spring 2018 NMGC annual state convention and will include drawings for items including: a beautiful natural stone turquoise and sterling silver pendant necklace (Left), and a stunning Michael Kors handbag (Right). Tickets for the drawings will be sold for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Raffle tickets are being sent to each NMGC, Inc. Garden Club President, so please contact the President of your Garden Club to purchase tickets. Thanks for supporting NMGC, Inc.



and your State President!

## Website, Cindy Hills

Photos from the NMGC 2017 Spring Convention, are available on the NMGC home page, <http://newmexicogardenclubs.org>, thanks to Eva Zhang. The top, photography and designer awards presented during the Convention, thanks to Debra Sorrell, are available on the Awards page: <http://newmexicogardenclubs.org/awards.html>, along with the NMGC Awards Book, listing all awards given during the Convention. Contact information for NMGC Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Club Presidents along with NMGC-specific documents are available on the *Members Only* page. The username and password are published on the second page of the *New Mexico Gardener*. Club Presidents.... do you have photos to share from club meetings/events? If so, please e-mail photos or anything else your club would like to share with other NMGC members to [cinzh@aol.com](mailto:cinzh@aol.com).

## Youth, Esther Russell

It's time for another report on our youth clubs. We still have our three clubs: The Blooming Gardeners, Ponderosa Pines and Pecos Valley Youth Garden Clubs. They have all been busy this summer planting, learning and having fun at summer camps.

The Blooming Gardeners have had their meetings at the NM State Fairgrounds. Ponderosa Pines have many Activities in Angel Fire. Pecos Valley in Roswell have a summer camp and have their meetings at their leader's home and sometimes at the zoo. I am proud of all the activities each club and members participate in. Keep up the good work. Thank you sponsoring clubs and adult leaders. You are all a blessing to our state.

## Wildflowers/Native Plants, Rosemary Maddox

For many years I have grown wildflowers simply for the pleasure it gives me, but now there is an even better reason: to save our pollinators. Where would we be without them? Well, we wouldn't be anywhere. We are dependent on pollinators for our food supply.

I have in my hand a Pollinator Wildflower Mix seed packet put out by Feed a Bee (Bayer). I don't recall where I got this--it's possible all of you have one. But if not, here is the list of wildflower seeds in the packet: Shasta Daisy, Lance-leaf Coreopsis, Plains Coreopsis, Wild Cosmos, Sulphur Cosmos, Purple Cornflower, Dwarf Sunflower Sunspot, Sweet Alyssum, Baby Blue Eyes, Lacy Phacelia, Yellow Prairie Coneflower, Mexican hat, Black-eyed Susan, African Marigold, Crimson Clover, Zinnia, Bee Balm, California Poppy, and Indian Blanket. The stated goal on the packet is to increase food for honey bees and other pollinators by growing millions of flowers and providing additional acreage for storage. I have about half of these plants and I will plant these seeds when a bed is freed up.

I also have a rather large container of wildflower seeds brought to me by my daughter-in-law from Highclere Castle, Ireland, "The Home of the Real Downton Abbey." I know she meant well, but these seeds were intended for meadows, and some rather scary sounding varieties are included: Common Knapweed, Field Scabious, Common Bentgrass, Crested Dogs Tail, Agrimony, the list goes on. Common sense should prevent me from planting these seeds in my garden, but on the other hand, it could be an interesting adventure. The problem is, if I plant all these seeds, there will be little room left in my garden for vegetables for the bees and butterflies to pollinate, but I am going to do it anyway as soon as the watermelon patch is cleared out this fall.

I said in my last article that I didn't consider the Texas poinsettia as weedy; well, I have pulled out a bunch of them which were in the way of vegetable plants. You really can't say what a wildflower will do, only what they have done in the past. This year Black-eyed Susans came up in thick grass-like patches, the Mexican hat reseeded like a ground cover, and the Rocky Mountain Penstemon, of which I have many, did not bloom.

The bottom line is, Mother Nature is in control.



Baby Blue Eyes



Lacy Phacelia



Crimson Clover

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District I

### High Desert Design Club

High Desert continues to be an exciting, energetic, ready to learn and eager group of ladies. The new NGC *Handbook for Flower Shows* has created an excitement for learning the new designs. Designers bring their own plant material for creating their designs, following critiquing. Everyone has the opportunity to see others ideas and different methods used. This summer we have studied Low Profile, Featured Plant Material and Grouped Mass. These are great challenges.

On August the 11th and 12th, High Desert presented our first annual flower show at the Weems Art Gallery, 7200 Montgomery Blvd N.E. in Albuquerque. The theme is "World of Art, Artists, and Flowers and will feature well known Artist Sarah Blumenschein. We will have six NGC judges from various locations in the state to judge the show.

Our year would not be complete without the New Mexico State Fair. We will be "Off to See the Wizard" in September with both horticulture and design. In December you will see our members in the kitchen at the Albuquerque Garden Center, "Holiday Fair".

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Come join us.



*Kaleidoscopic Kanvas by Patty Williams*



*Sue McCall  
Colorful Harvest*



*Mary Noskin volunteering at Share  
the Beauty day in Albuquerque*

### Moriarty Garden Club

Members are anxiously watching the weather (please send us rain!) and the grasshoppers as we prepare for our small flower show at the Torrance County Fair, August 9-12. This is our BIG event of the year, organized by first time superintendent, Shari Anaya and Assistant Superintendent Georgia Overlander (she's an old hat at this). Best times to come and see are Thursday afternoon, August 10, and all day Friday, Aug. 11. Exhibits close at 6:00 PM. We'll also be there on Saturday, but specimens are usually starting to look a bit sad by then; we start breaking down around 2:30 PM.

Come see us at the Torrance County Fairgrounds in Estancia. Just take I-40 to exit 196 and then St.Hwy 41 south through Estancia to Hwy 54 and turn right, heading west toward Tajiue. Turn right at the fire station sign; the exhibit building is on the right about one block north. We would love to see you.



### Valley Gardeners

Valley Gardeners Garden Club has had a very busy year and I am pleased to say that we have accomplished much over the past 12 months. Valley continues to be very active in our gardening community and our members have contributed and volunteered at various events including; the New Mexico State Fair, the Council Harvest and Holiday Fairs, and most recently, at the Council Rummage Sale in February. Valley members also supported one of our club members by voting to cover the cost of attending the New Mexico Judges Council Symposium in February. Additionally, Valley members played a major part in the spring conventions as two of our members chaired the South Central Region convention on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and helped contribute to the convention bags, silent auction, and table decorations for the convention. This summer, Valley members took a field trip to the Rio Grande Nature Center and enjoyed walking along the Bosque where we saw baby birds, turtles, and other wildlife, We also celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Mary Ann and Jim Moreno's annual open house.

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# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District I continued . . .

### Blooming Gardeners (Y) Garden Club

The Blooming Gardeners started the year out by planting a tree at the New Mexico State Fair Grounds to honor Mary Harrell, founder of Keep New Mexico Beautiful. All of the gardeners present took part in the digging, watering, and picture moments. Our club is sponsored by Uptown Garden club and meets every Wednesday at the Fair Grounds at 10:00 a.m. They have planted chile and tomatoes at the Ronald McDonald Farm at the Fair and each week study new plants, bees, butterflies. They are always sent home with plants and seeds for their home gardens. As our season progresses, we bring fruits or vegetables for tasting. Green bell peppers were not a favorite, however, the home grown grapes were not bad. We have also planted a container with pollinator plants to be displayed at the State Fair for all to see. Our youngest member this year is 18 months and very active in the garden. We will soon be working on entries for the youth shows in September - "Off to See the Wizard"



*Blooming Gardeners working on a container garden with pollinator plants to be displayed at the State Fair*



*Blooming Gardeners planting a tree at the New Mexico State Fair*



*Dusty Roadrunner from Keep New Mexico Beautiful helping the Blooming Gardeners plant the tree*

## District II

### Juanita Ortega, District II Director

Our three District II clubs have had a busy summer, with members tending their gardens, attending their monthly meetings, learning from educational programs and participating in civic projects. Our district theme is "Gardening Renews our World", and we are doing our best to help, not only in the garden, but in our everyday choices to help protect our environment. District II is hosting the 2018 NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino on April 4 - 6, 2018, and we are organizing various committees and planning to make it a great event for all NMGC, Inc. members, their families and guests. We hope to see you all there!



*Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino*

### Floral Designers

For the calendar year, which runs from June 2017 to May 2018, the Floral Designers Garden Club will be scheduling 7 regular meetings. Our programs will be designing arrangements and then critiquing them based on the new Handbook for Flower Shows design categories. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, omitting November, December and January as well as March (Convention) and April. Christine Longthorp will make a presentation and program for us introducing the new designs on September 28, 2017.

For more information on our programs, please contact Sue-Ellen de Beer, President, by email at [cerrosperros@gmail.com](mailto:cerrosperros@gmail.com) or call (505) 989-1875. Guests are always welcome providing we have notice.

### Los Alamos Garden Club

We have been enjoying visits to local gardens. The first tour of the season took us to Marion Good's rock garden where we were awed by her many plants and entertained by her baby chicks and chickens. A second tour took us to the spectacular penstemon gardens at the Los Alamos Nature Center where the gardens showcase local plants and themes. We also attended a workshop at Alice Mann's home. She is a master in Ikebana, and she used flowers and plants from her own garden to create lovely arrangements. During the summer months, we continue to maintain the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden, usually meeting every Monday morning to work on certain parts of the garden. The flourishing garden provides a lovely setting for all the weddings and other special occasions that take place there.



*Left: Alice Mann demonstrates Ikebana Design principals Rt: Los Alamos Nature Center Penstemon*

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District II continued . . .

### Summit Garden Club

Summit members devoted the entire May meeting to business – installation of officers, committee assignments, budget, and program plans. Then in June, we met in the Jemez to hear Susan Harrelson, silviculturalist with the SW Jemez Mountains Restoration Project, of the US Forest Service, speak on forest health and restoration of the Jemez forests. Summit member Ann Cooke, spoke on life and fire danger in the Jemez forest. Less than a week after our meeting, there was a large fire in the area! Fortunately, the Cookes' home was not damaged. In July, we held our Summer social at the home of Shelby Redondo. During the Summer months, members worked to maintain the White Rock community garden and two gardens at Bandelier National Monument. We are still expecting rain.



Above: Susan Harrelson  
Left: Summit Club Summer Social

## District III

### Jo Ann Layden, District III Director

District III has had a busy summer! Angel Fire members spent countless hours tending the three signature gardens and the Butterfly Garden at the Shuter Library, the Median and the Viet Nam Memorial have NEVER looked better! It takes hard work and dedication to tend the gardens, especially with all the rain (which we love) making the weeds grow even faster. The annual “Red Day” where Keller Williams employees join Garden Club members to work on the gardens had great participation and the Median received the benefit of the day’s work. The flowers are all blooming in all the gardens and you really must visit them to appreciate the beauty.

The annual AF Garden Tour was held in July and was another successful and fun tour with about 130 viewing the gardens and approximately 90 attending the luncheon also. During National Garden week Angel Fire GC made floral arrangements and took them to all the merchants that had supported the Garden Tour and they participated in “Habla Tamale”, an Angel Fire annual event, where a piñata was auctioned off. Angel Fire GC is gearing up for the first ever Flower Show to be held August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A brunch will also be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 and will honor Angel Fire Garden Club’s past presidents. The show is free; the brunch is \$5.00, first come, first served.

Santa Rosa Garden Club has also been humming this summer. For National Garden week they prepared many floral arrangements and delivered them to Santa Rosa businesses. They are also having their annual Flower Show on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, continuing on through all day Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. For weeks before the show they have been busy making dried and live arrangements. Although they have had this show for over 20 years, they nearly lost their spot at the National Guard Armory this year when they were informed another exhibit would take their place. Carolyn Bedford, President, fought this by contacting various agencies and eventually won their spot back. They were mentioned in their local newspaper as “those feisty garden club ladies”! Good job Carolyn!

A new and exciting development with us in District III is that now we have THREE clubs. Las Vegas has been meeting and preparing to affiliate as our newest club in the Northeastern part of our State! We are so happy to welcome the new club and having met some of the new members, we know it will be a wonderfully active club. Many of the new members are avid and talented gardeners who will bring a lot of knowledge and ideas to our State Garden Clubs. Welcome Las Vegas!!

### Santa Rosa Garden Club

The Santa Rosa Garden Club spent several meetings getting ready for the Guadalupe County Fair Flower Show. In July we met and did dried arrangements. In August all our efforts went to setting up the flower show, doing fresh arrangements and waiting for the judging. Shirley Tetreault, Sarah Bianco & Christine Longthorp were our judges. Colleen Hinker won the most Ribbons in our show. We think this is a great show.



President Carolyn Bedford gives \$500 scholarship to Pryce Marez prior to the animal auction.



Colleen Hinker shows Diane Fuchs her ribbons.



Miniature designs & their ribbons



Blue ribbon winner

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District III continued . . .

### Angel Fire Garden Club - Summer Happenings from God's Country

At the June meeting, Ernestine Pacheco, owner of our nursery in Angel Fire, delighted us with her expertise in gardening. Her stories about how she and her husband started their nursery in Angel Fire many years ago were entertaining. She was young, eager to support her husband in this business and found she had a lot to learn about what plants grew in our high altitude, how to plant them, how to maintain them through our short growing season and what plants the deer and elk enjoy devouring the most. It was the early garden club ladies who educated Ernestine. She learned not only to apply this advice in her nursery, but also share the knowledge with all who enter her plant haven.

The July meeting was held at Penni Davey's beautiful home and garden. Penni has been a vital member of not only our Angel Fire Garden Club, but also district and state. Penni's husband Michael shared how they have grown their conservation of rain water to keep their large gardens happy.

The 15th Annual Angel Fire Garden Tour was wonderful! Chair Suzanne Coyle out-did herself making the Tour and Luncheon a success. Our guests toured six lovely gardens with a local artist at each garden. One of our members greeted guests at each garden and presented them with treats provided by the realtors of Angel Fire. Lori Priest, from Ace Hardware in Taos, gave an impressive demonstration on container plants at our luncheon. The silent auction was incredible, and our garden hats are always a hit!



*Arie Overby and Sandra  
Trom outdid themselves on  
the garden hats this year!*



*Madam President enjoying  
her moment with  
Miss Piggy on the tour*



*Lori Priest, Ace Hardware was  
informative and creative during  
her container garden presentation.*



*Above and right:  
Two of the lovely gardens on tour*



### Ponderosa Pines (Y) Garden Club

Ponderosa Pines members spent several weeks (once a week) working at the Girl Scout Ranch planting flowers and tending the plants already growing there. The club has been active, but it is difficult to get the members to attend as many of them cannot get there because their parents are at work, plus are involved in other activities. We plan to continue working at the Girl Scout camp when needed and this will include identifying plants on the new Nature Trail (still under construction) and planting new plants as needed. There are projects planned for the club, such as painting butterfly rocks for the butterfly garden and hopefully we can get the group together for this.

## District IV

### Judy Laird, District IV Director

District IV is gearing up for the NMGC Fall Board on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Las Cruces. Come see our array of cactus and critters! The Hotel Encanto is our enchanting colonial treasure. We look forward to sharing our city with all of you.

Our clubs are busy deciding on their coming year's programs. Our Fall District Meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, when we will host our new State President, Barbara Vance and enjoy a design program by Debi Harrington.

We wish everyone happy gardening as we enjoy our extra rain this year.

### Flowering Desert Garden Club

Flowering Desert Garden Club in Alamogordo sponsored the Flower Show again this summer at the Otero County Fair. The fair is mid-August each year at 401 Fairgrounds Road, Alamogordo, NM. There were many youth and adult entries this year. For more information the flower show schedule is on the internet at [www.oterofair.com](http://www.oterofair.com).



# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District IV continued . . .

### Mesilla Valley Garden Club



Otto, Miss Olivia, Charlene Brock, and Beulah Oylar

Mesilla Valley Garden Club does not meet during the summer months, however, we are not idly sitting around twittering our fingers. There are meetings to establish programs for the next club year. As you all know, that usually isn't done with just one meeting or one phone call.

Several of our members did meet on May 26 and created a lovely wreath from flowers and greenery in their gardens which was placed on our Blue Star Memorial at Veterans Park in Las Cruces for the City Memorial Day celebrations. Also, since our club will be hosting the Duo-Club Luncheon meeting in March, more preparation goes into that.

The October District IV Fall Board Meeting will be held in Las Cruces and all the District IV clubs are involved. That means, with guidance from our member District IV Director Judy Laird, we have started working on ideas to make it very special. We are hoping that many members will be coming to Las Cruces on October 25 and 26 to enjoy our southern hospitality.

### Socorro Garden Club

We ended the year 2016 by running the floral display booth at the Socorro County Fair at the end of September, and holding the Oktoberfest plant sale at the beginning of October. Both events were highly successful, with many floral arrangements entered and first-place ribbons presented to Garden Club members.

We took a break during the winter months and did not meet again until February 2017. We started the year by planning more ways to improve our existing projects. We gathered strips of bark and broke them into small chips to lay around the plants at Point of Lands area at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. We made the trenches around the plants deeper before adding the mulch, which we added along with the bark. The staff at the Bosque receives many positive comments about the looks of this area but always ask who is responsible for the selection and maintenance of the area, so we will be ordering and installing a sign to inform the public about the garden club managing this area.

We plan to improve the flower bed at Socorro Hospital and started by pruning the plants and weeding the area.

### Sunshine Valley Garden Club

In May, the Sunshine Valley Garden Club met at the home/ranch of member, Ellie Nordgren, in Hillsboro. We were treated to a tour inside her remarkable home, with items of interest around every corner. She even has an indoor pool! We then met in her outdoor courtyard under the huge shade trees for our business meeting, where we discussed the programs to be scheduled for next year, as well as encouraged members to submit items for the Club's Scrapbook. After the meeting we had a scrumptious lunch, then toured her many prolific gardens, including herbs, vegetables, roses, flowers, trees, shrubs -- just a wonderful variety of everything. What a fun day we had!



Our annual summer kick-off luncheon was held at La Cocina Restaurant in TorC. After lunch, Larry and JoAnn Layden from Angel Fire, NM gave talks on the NGC Penny Pines Program and Pollinators. Larry explained the Program and discussed how to fill out the form to make a contribution. JoAnn gave a brief talk on pollinators, and especially mentioned there is a huge decline in the pollinator population mainly due to the use of pesticides. She is the Bird & Butterfly Chairman and has authored a pamphlet entitled "Butterflies in New Mexico" which can be found on the NMGC website.

The Club does not meet during the hot Summer months of July and August. However, this year we are having a "special" session on August 25. Suzy Andrego graciously offered to meet with us to review our current method of conducting our annual Flower Show at the Sierra County Fair in October, and make needed changes. We are really looking forward to this meeting. We now have a Facebook page at Sunshine Valley Garden Club. Come visit us.

## District V

### Nannette Tanner, District V Director

Greetings! District V is busy working on new programs, having installations, and generally working in the gardens. I read recently that if you live in a climate that gets extremely cold, you should build your garden areas on top of the ground because it will warm up quicker. So raised areas would work in the mountains where some of us live!

The Lincoln County Garden Club is having a program in August on high altitude gardens and plants that elk and deer **do not like!** Roswell Garden Clubs are getting organized for the new year. Artesia Club is working on our October District V meeting and I believe it will be a great event! Lincoln County Garden Club will be in charge of the flower show at the Capitan Fair again this year. We are thrilled Suzy and friends will be coming to judge these flowers.

We have also been involved with Ruidoso Library and Capitan Library teaching children about Mason bees and how to make seed bombs. Imelda Horne has done a great job arranging these programs. We really enjoyed working with the children. Until we meet again

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District V

### Artesia Garden Club

Artesia Garden Club had been working on preparations for Eddy County Fair Flower Show. We have had programs on Design and plant material manipulation/abstraction. The ECF Flower Show was July 26- 29<sup>th</sup>. It was judged by our lovely panel, Pegi Naranjo-Smith, Shirley Tetrault, and Colleen Hinker. Due to excessively hot dry weather and a couple of small hail storms horticulture entries were down, but the new *Create and Enter a Design Section* went quite well and was the highlight of the show.



The Lovely Judging Panel



The winning Youth Entrant and her design (left)  
Our youngest entrant age 1½ (right)



Pete Wade placing Youth Designs at ECF Flower Show



Julie Foster instructing youth on creation of designs



Julie Fosters Winning Overall Designs "Home Grown" panel Design



Tammy Worthington's Growers Choice Award winning Pink Arrowhead (rt)

### Morning Garden Club



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Krakauskas as Treasurer.



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.

### Lincoln Garden Club

LCGC has been busy this summer although many of our members travel this time of year. The July meeting hosted four young people from the Smokey Bear Ranger Station who shared information about local wildlife in our Sacramento Mountains. In early August, our club will help out at the Lincoln County Fair, specifically the flower show entries. Suzy Andregó has volunteered to lead the judging group. The August meeting will be a luncheon in one of our members' home, with Gail Gossen from Mayhill to inform about deer and elk resistant plants.

Over Labor Day weekend, our club will be working with the staff at the Fort Stanton National Military Cemetery for a dedication event. The Blue Star Memorial dedication shows our love for the beautiful United States of America and appreciation for the Armed Services of America. We hope to be joined by local officials and maybe the Governor. Each month a couple of members go to work in the Ruidoso Public Library Garden and the Lincoln County Medical Center Garden.

## Welcome to the Chihuahuan Desert, Cactus and Critters—Cover

### Photo

This recycled roadrunner -- 20 feet tall and 40 feet long - has been an icon of Las Cruces ever since artist Olin Calk built it in 1993. It originally stood at the city landfill and was made from trash from the city dump: Olin's way to call attention to what he called, "consumption, recycling, and just looking at stuff we throw away."

The sculpture has been restored three times, the last in 2014 and is now made from junk with the addition of rejects from thrift stores. He lives atop a huge rock that may keep people from trying to ride him and *borrowing* parts of him. You can visit him at the rest stop on Interstate 10 just west of the city. He can be seen for miles. and he has a wide audience of fans.

This is the biggest *Critter* you may see in Las Cruces when you come to the NMGC Fall Board meeting in October.



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new Garden Club in District III

*Amor de la Tierra*  
in Las Vegas, New Mexico

### 2017 Calendar

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 I Fall Board, Albuquerque
October 11	District II Fall Board, Los Alamos
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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