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Spring
Summer
Fall
Winter

Dates

February 1
May 1
August 1
November 1

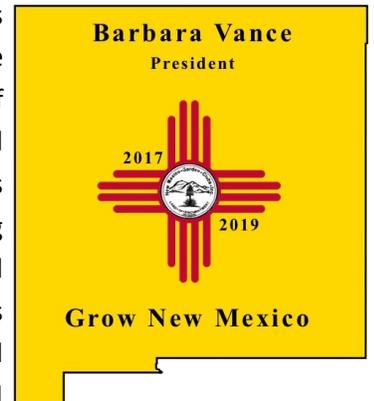
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Vance "GROW NEW MEXICO"



Fall is upon us. Leaves have changed glorious colors with hues of yellow – gold – orange and red. Days are warm and nights are cooler. We are experiencing "INDIAN SUMMER"! This is the time of year when the atmosphere is hazy or smoky, there is no wind and the nights are clear and chilly. In our gardens we cut back annuals as they finish blooming. A perfect time to plant spring blooming bulbs: daffodils, hyacinth, grape hyacinth, peony, allium, day lily and crocus. We were lucky this year to have a bumper crop of tomatoes at our house at Conchas Dam (lower elevation, warmer weather and more rain). Because the next freeze is just around the corner we picked green tomatoes and wrapped them in newspapers so they can ripen slowly.



Colorful landscapes made driving to Fall District meetings a real treat. The weather was warm and sunny and so was the reception at the District meetings. Clubs keep very busy with a multitude of activities and projects and it was informative to hear the club president reports first hand. District Directors reported the many activities in their District at the NMGC Fall Board meeting in Las Cruces. District IV hosted the Fall Board. Everything was well planned and events took place in a timely fashion – meetings – President's Reception – luncheon. The fascinating program on Bats revealed a little known project during WWII - "Bat Bombers", for possible use in fighting enemies! The clubs worked on filling tote bags – table décor – silent auction items. A truly enjoyable time with our friends and the "Cactus and Critters".

ROSE Award pins are presented at each District meeting, Spring & Fall. Suzy Andrego established and sponsors this District level award. It has been my pleasure and honor to continue presenting the Award. **ROSE** stands for **R**ecognition **O**f **S**ervice **E**xcellence. Each club president nominates one member from their club and a few words about **WHY** they deserve the Rose Award and sends it to their District Director. The Director reviews the nominations from each club and chooses the recipient who has "gone above and beyond for their club or their district".

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2017 Fall ROSE Award Recipients!

- District I – Dianna Doddridge – High Desert Design Club
- District II – Laurie Hixson – Summit Garden Club
- District III – Conni Elkins – Angel Fire Garden Club
- District IV – Ellie Nordgren – Sunshine Valley Garden Club
- District V – Sharon Lombardi – Home Garden Club

Winter is coming soon – we will be spending more time indoors. Time to work on Awards Applications. Awards Year runs from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. All Award applications must be received by the specific chairman by February 1st. NO exceptions. Remember to also apply for SCR and NGC Awards. Awards presentation April 6, 2017.

Zia Sun Symbol used with permission from the Pueblo of Zia

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christine Longthorp



This fall has been the most colorful in recent years and as I drive around our glorious state the recent rainfall has created a stunning palette before the first frost puts it all to sleep.

New Mexico State Fair and our County Fairs are now just a happy memory. We have renewed old friendships and made new ones as all of us in some way are connected in our love for the earth and her bounty.

This October I joined our State President, Barbara Vance, at two District meetings. District 1 meeting, whose Director is Maple Levine, held a well-attended and delightful luncheon with a young woman speaker from the Laguna Pueblo, sharing native American herbal remedies and stories of her family and Native people.

Two days later, Barbara and I drove from Albuquerque to Artesia to attend a District V meeting and were treated to a lunchtime tea party. While there, I presented a program demonstrating some of the new designs from our new Judges handbook. I even won a stunning Jasper necklace handcrafted by Julie Foster!

The grand finale of the month was the Fall Board meeting held at the Hotel Encanto in Las Cruces, expertly hosted by District IV Director Judy Laird and her team. Over fifty members attended, some for the first time. We drove home on October 26th with renewed enthusiasm and warm feelings of friendship as we now prepare for Thanksgiving.

As I close for the year I would like to encourage you to attend one or more of the Flower show schools being held in Albuquerque beginning on November 17th 2017. To become a Flower Show Judge you would need to begin with School 1. But, if not, then just attend for the education to learn how to create better entries for Flower shows. We would love to see you there.

Meanwhile I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, and may all the celebrations of the season be blessed. May 2018 be happy and healthy for us all.



Clockwise from above left: Fall Board Head Table: Isabel Olsen, Jan Smith, Christine Longthorp; Fern Gold is honored by members of the Southwest Judges Council for her 48 years of being an NGC accredited judge; Mesilla Valley Garden Club District IV Hosts; Barbara Vance presiding, Laurie Hixson, Conni Elkins and Becky Fuller (background).



NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
69th ANNUAL CONVENTION
“FOOTSTEPS OF THE THREE SISTERS”

April 4, 5, 6, 2018

Hilton Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino

Santa Fe, New Mexico

2018 - OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION – Buffalo Thunder Resort - Pueblo 3 Ballroom
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	NM Judges Council Executive Board Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	NM Judges Council General Meeting
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	NM Judges Council Banquet
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Judges Council Program: <i>“New Trends In Floral Design”</i> , a Design Program by Pat Copple and Shelby Green

Thursday, April 5, 2018

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NMGC, INC. CONVENTION

	Breakfast on your own
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION – Buffalo Thunder Resort - Pueblo 3 Ballroom
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. 69 th Annual Convention
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	NMGC, Inc. General Business Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Program: <i>“Revitalizing Traditional Agriculture for Spiritual and Human Need Through the Preservation and Conservation of Traditional & Heirloom Seeds”</i> by Clayton Brascoupe
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2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	General Business Meeting continues (if necessary)
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Free time to visit the plaza – gift shops – museum – take a tour
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	President’s Reception – Buffalo Thunder Resort - President’s Suite
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Banquet – Introduction of Past State Presidents & Club Presidents.
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Banquet Meal
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Memorial Service & Top Award Presentations
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Program: <i>“Creating Sustainable Lifestyles by Recreating the Design Patterns of Nature”</i> by Roxanne Swentzell

Friday, April 6, 2018

CONVENTION

	Breakfast on your own
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Final Credentials - Resolutions
10:30 AM	<i>sine die</i> (Adjournment)

Buffalo Thunder Resort - 20 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, NM - Pueblo of Pojoaque (12 miles north of Santa Fe)
The registration form is in this issue of the *New Mexico Gardener* or may be printed from the NMGC website

Barbara Vance, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. President
“GROW NEW MEXICO”

Convention Special Events and Attractions



Convention Location

Situated in the pristine Pojoaque Valley, Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino boasts spectacular views of the breathtaking high-desert scenery and serves as your gateway to the extraordinary landscapes of northern New Mexico. Enjoy easy access to skiing (yes, it's possible even in April here), hiking, and fascinating cultural events or just lounge by the pool and enjoy panoramic views of the Sangre de Cristo and Jemez Mountain ranges. So come early—meet old friends and make new ones. Stay afterwards and enjoy all that northern New Mexico has to offer.

Tour Opportunities

- #1 Tuesday, April 3, 1 - 3, *La Mesita Ranch Estate* - \$25.00 Preconvention**
La Mesita boasts four cottages and one Grande Hacienda. Each of these “residences” is unique unto themselves, with art and décor that bring together ancient and modern, and speaks to the land and culture of the Pueblo of Pojoaque. The residences were designed by legendary architect John Gaw Meem, who created the Territorial style of homes in New Mexico. The estate is situated on 140 acres of sprawling fields of green.
- #2 Wednesday, April 4, 3:30 - 5:30, *Atomic City Tours* - \$30.00 Preconvention**
Join a long-time expert and learn about the history of the Pajarito Plateau, the surrounding area and Los Alamos. Visit the Los Alamos Historic District, including a brief stop at either the Bradbury Science Museum or the History Museum Campus, the Blue Star Memorial marker at the Memorial Rose Garden and the Demonstration Garden of native plants. Along the way you'll learn about the local history, topography, Manhattan Project and view of the Espanola Basin of the Rio Grande rift. (Limit 7 people)
- #3 Thursday, April 5, 3:30 - 4:30, *Buffalo Thunder Resort Artwork* - \$10.00 Convention Free Time**
An art museum in itself, Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino is home to hundreds of pieces of unique art, sculptures and architecture—every room offers hand-designed furnishings and work by local artists. A knowledgeable guide will escort you around the resort where you will find works of art representing every native tribe within new Mexico. We hope you will take the opportunity to join us in exploring over 300 one-of-a-kind pieces throughout the gallery-like surroundings.
- #4 Friday, April 6, *Poeh Cultural Center, Museum and Demonstration* - \$20.00 Post Convention**
Imagine authentic Native American arts and the opportunity to interact directly with a Pueblo tour guide. The Poeh Center emphasizes cultural preservation and revitalization through the arts and cultures of all Pueblo People—with a focus on the Tewa-speaking Pueblos Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara and Tesuque; and the Tiwa-speaking Pueblos of Picuris and Taos.

Also enjoy -

- Tuesday, April 3, 8 PM, *Karaoke* Preconvention**
Turquoise Trail Bar and Grill
- Friday, April 6, 11 AM to Noon, *Bean Display* Post Convention**
Buffalo Thunder Resort—Pueblo 3 Ballroom

A list of additional nearby attractions will be included in the gift bags

Vendor Information

Tables will be available for a nominal fee to sell garden related items. Garden clubs and members are invited to join some local vendors in participating in the Vendor's Lobby. For more information, contact Doris Jackson, drfcix@aol.com or 505--662-7563.

Sponsor Information

Would your organization like to help sponsor this year's Annual Convention? The Convention Committee welcomes any support. For more information, contact Laurie Hixson, hixsons@comcast.net or 505-672-3483.

SCR DIRECTOR ISABEL OLSEN



Let's FALL back in love with our gardens! Now is a great time to clean our flower beds, plant bulbs, rhizomes and prepare for a beautiful spring bloom. Fall is also a wonderful time to stop and reflect on our accomplishments. As you reap the harvest of your hard work, make sure you take a look at the Awards guidelines and encourage your club to apply for state, region and national awards.

Our South Central Region website is up and running! A big thank you to our Website Manager, Kathy Cox for a beautifully designed user friendly website. Visit scrgardenclubs.org for all the information that you as a garden club member will need. We are also on social media; Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Take a look at our FB page; [South Central Region Garden Clubs](https://www.facebook.com/SouthCentralRegionGardenClubs) and see photos of activities throughout our four states. If you would like to share photos of your club activities, projects and gardens you can e-mail your photos to me with the information for the caption.

I recently attended the 86th TGC Fall Convention in Killeen, Texas as an honored guest and attended our 68th NMGC Annual Fall Board Meeting in Las Cruces. It is always gratifying to hear the exciting activities and projects that are occurring in each of the districts. We can all be very proud of Summit Garden Club. They are featured in the Keeping In Touch November 2017 issue for their White Rock Garden. Make sure your club president is passing along the KIT electronically to you; it is a very informative newsletter from NGC. The December issue of *The Communicator* will contain the Official Call and registration form for the South Central Region Convention on April 27-28, 2018 in Houston. Chairman Nancy Giffhorn and members of District IV of Texas are planning an OUTSTANDING convention for all of us. I do hope you consider attending and meeting some new friends from our four states. What a great time to see and learn how we "Plant America".

Wishing everyone a wonderful fall and holiday season.

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Awards, Sue Ferguson

It's time again to start putting together applications for the 2017 New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards. Please refer to the Awards Handbook for details of club and individual awards. There are so many different topics for which you can apply. Most come with a monetary prize, but all certainly come with wonderful recognition of a worthy project. The deadline to apply is **February 1, 2018**. The Awards Handbook can be read, and printed from our website www.newmexicogardenclubs.org.

Please also consider applying for regional and/or national awards. For regional awards information, you can go to the South Central Region website at scrgardenclubs.org/awards/. You will notice that several exciting new awards have been added. They are Award #8 Water Conservation, Award #9 Landscape Design for a Sensory Garden, Award #12 Floral Design Program, and Award #15 Container Gardening. The National Garden Clubs awards list can be found at www.gardenclub.org. There are a myriad of awards to apply for, but I would like to bring your attention especially to **Page 17, Section 8 - Native Plants and Wildflowers**, where amounts of up to \$1,000 may be awarded to winners. Applications for NGC awards are due to me by **January 6, 2018**, and SCR applications should reach me by **January 20, 2018**. All applications (NMGC, SCR, and NGC) may be made electronically or by hard copy.

Please contact me at 575-625-9182, or by e-mail to ferguson@rt66.com with ANY questions you may have regarding applying for awards.

Garden Therapy, Renate Reisel

Horticultural Therapy is one of the oldest disciplines known utilizing plants, horticultural and activities to improve social educational, psychological and physical adjustment. When you have programs with older adults or children most gardeners agree and understand gardening. Projects and crafts are important and very helpful as they provide each club satisfaction in creating something. It may be reading a book to kids, taking a flower to a friend or to a Senior Center. Please send me your report on Garden Therapy.

Flower Show, Shirley Tetreault

The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs held its Annual Flower Show on November 4- 5, 2017 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. The Fall Show, "*Let's Celebrate - Four Seasons of Holidays*", had 129 Horticulture Entries and 27 Design Entries. Five of the Council's 16 member clubs are NMGC and NGC Member Clubs. They include: High Desert Design Club, New Mexico Floral Artists, Petal Pushers GC, Uptown GC and Valley Gardeners.

Top Award Winners were: HORTICULTURE DIVISION: Ellen Reed - Award of Merit; Suzy Andregó - 2 Awards of Merit; Michele Ann Tart - Grower's Choice Award; Dianna Doddridge - Elfin Award; Mary Ann Moreno - Elfin Award; and Ellen Reed - Design Sweepstakes. DESIGN DIVISION: Pam Walker - Novice Award; Debi Harrington, Table Artistry Award; Mary Ann Moreno - Award of Design Excellence; Debra Sorrell - Design Sweepstakes. EDUCATION Division: Dorothy Duff - Education Award.

The Council Flower Show is open to any amateur grower or designer. The 2018 show will be held March 17 - 18 and will include many of the new design types. Mark your calendars and enter to win some great awards!



Beautiful Fall Rose Exhibits - Award of Merit to Suzy Andregó, Uptown & Valley Gardeners



Educational Exhibit Native Trees of NM - by Dorothy Duff, Valley Gardeners - Educational Award

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Scholarship, Christine Longthorp

Our 2017 recipient, UNM student Katelyn Steen, received the NMGC and NGC Scholarships, which contributed greatly to her college expenses this year. We hope that Katelyn is able to join us at the NMGC State Convention in Santa Fe in April 2018 to share her plans with us.

We are, at present, looking for new applicants for the 2018 Scholarship. They need to be a man or woman attending a New Mexico college with a major in Biology, Botany or Environmental subjects. If you know of anyone who may qualify, please, send them my way so that I may help them in the application process.

You can support the scholarship fund by buying a New Mexico Garden Club State Life membership as a gift or for yourself. Or, make a donation in our Book of Memory. Thank you all for passing it forward to the next generation.

Recycle, Julie Foster

People - it is time to start contemplating awards once again! Those of you who repurpose/recycle also need to consider applying. You will find Recycle in the Awards book listed as Litter/Recycle. Creations like table center pieces, yard decorations, etc., would be great ideas to share.

Yearbook, Julie Foster

Also due to unforeseen circumstances I have become the Yearbook Chairman again. As of yet I have only received four yearbooks. So, clubs please send them to Julie Foster and not the name/address listed for Yearbooks in the Officer & Chairperson list before the deadline of February 1st. My address is: 88 Marsha Drive, Artesia NM 88210.

Ways and Means, Jennifer Moreno

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

The first drawing took place at the 2017 NMGC, Inc. Fall Board meeting October 25th in Las Cruces, NM. The winner of the all-expense paid trip to the 2018 NMGC state convention in Santa Fe, NM April 4-6 at the Buffalo Thunder Resort is Ann Cooke with Summit Garden Club. The winner of the sterling silver and turquoise bracelet with matching pair of earrings is Zena Kinne with El Jardin Encanto Garden Club. The second drawing will take place 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, a sterling silver bracelet and pair of earrings, a metal flower design sculpture, and a stunning Michael Kors handbag. Tickets for the drawings will be sold for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Raffle tickets have been sent to each NMGC, Inc. Garden Club President, so please contact the President of your Garden Club to purchase tickets or, from Barbara Vance as she travels the state for meetings. Thanks for supporting NMGC, Inc. and your state President!

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I

High Desert Design Club

High Desert Design Club continues to enjoy the art of learning floral design in many different forms. On October 21st and 22nd nine members participated in the Pigment and Petals Show. Floral Interpretations of selected original watercolor paintings in conjunction with the New Mexico Watercolor Society was exciting and educational. It truly shows that floral design is an art. As the watercolor artists use their medium to paint a picture, floral designers use plant material to create an image. The designs were fantastic, viewed by many members of the public and judged by the interpretation of the painting. Wow! What a great experience.



Shirley Tetreault—1st Place



Leude Olsen - 2nd Place



Joanne Case - 3rd Place



Kathleen Flanders
Best of Show



Designers-Diana Doddridge,
Trudy Meyer, Sarah Bianco,
Mary Noskin, Carolyn Bucklen

NMGC CLUB NEWS

Uptown Garden Club

Members had a busy summer participating in the state, district and local council activities and also working in the Council garden. We had a lovely program presented by one of Albuquerque's well known florists, Thia Smith, who used lovely locally grown flowers for arrangements. Also our own Ellen Reed and Suzy Andrego presented an informative program on bulbs. Shirley Tetreault presented a program of when and how to enter flowers in the State Fair flower show and of course most members volunteered to help since our own Kathleen Flanders co-chaired the event this year. We continue to maintain the Blue Star Memorial at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial and at the Albuquerque Garden Center. We are looking forward to our club's holiday activities.

Petal Pushers

Bernadette Torres, Herbalist, CHP, was a speaker at our last Petal Pushers meeting. She explained she began her journey with medicinal plants and healing as a child in the mountains of Taos, New Mexico where her father introduced her to her first healing plants. As a mother, she grew her own medicinal plants to keep her family well while using herbs in cooking, teas, tinctures, oils and salves. In the last decade, she expanded her scope by studying botany, plant identification and herbal medicine making with Bert Norgorden, MA who is well-loved herbalist and nature photographer. She was also blessed to study with these fabulous plant people: Teresa Crosier, DOM; Connie Henry, Naturopathic Doctor; Flordemayo and Reyna Salazar, Curanderas. She took the Foundations in Herbal Medicine course to learn from the wisdom of Tieraona Low Dog as a physician and healer and how the herbs acted as biochemical agents in the body. Finally, her journey brought her to study the Ashéninka healing techniques. At this point in her life, she is primed to share this wealth of knowledge as a teacher and herbal consultant.

On October 24, 2017 President Becky Gaston introduced our speaker, Suzie Andrego, who gave us detailed information about how to enter horticulture at the State Fair. She informed us about rules, divisions and entering fresh plant design.

On September 26, 2017 Petal Pushers member, Jenny Longbotham did an amazing job demonstrating a bulb lasagna for our club. The demonstration entailed planting different bulbs in layers of dirt in a planter that bloom at different times.

On October 12, 2017 Ginny Longbotham graciously hosted 8 members of Petal Pushers to make blankets for the homeless for the Linus Project. Hopefully all hands together can make a difference! Member Caryl McCoy is the Chairperson for the Petal Pushers Linus Project. Vital Statistics: Since 1998, nearly 6,600,000 blankets have been created by chapters located in all 50 states, for children in crisis all over the U.S. and in several countries ravaged by disasters.

New Mexico Floral Artists

New Mexico Floral Artist's members have been busy studying and designing many of the new NGC Design Types. They have also been learning how to incorporate the 34 NGC Design Techniques into their designs. Members entered numerous floral designs and horticulture specimens in the four NM State Fair Flower Shows. When they weren't busy placing entries, they volunteered as clerks, runners, hostesses, as well as serving as set-up and clean-up volunteers.

After a week spent recovering from the NM State Fair, members entered the NM Dahlia Show "Dahlias and Disney" Floral Division where they won many ribbons and top awards. Then the first weekend of November, NMFA members entered 16 of 27 floral designs in the Annual Council Flower Show! The show theme was "Let's Celebrate - Four Seasons of Holidays". NMFA new member, Pam Walker, won the Novice Award, Debi Harrington won the Table Artistry Award and Mary Ann Moreno won the Award of Design Excellence. Dianna Doddridge won the Elfin Award for Horticulture with a miniature pomegranate plant.

New Mexico Floral Artists is open to anyone in NM who has an interest in floral design. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday from 10 a.m. until noon. Following our morning program, we often enjoy fellowship and lunch together.

For more information, contact Debi Harrington by email: photodebi@gmail.com or by phone 505-206-0930.



Designer's Choice
Father's Day at the Lake
- by Mary Ann Moreno,
NMFA & Valley Gardeners - Award of Design Excellence



Exhibition Table
Christmas in the Country -
by Debi Harrington,
NMFA & Petal Pushers GC
- Table Artistry Award



Cascade Design
emphasizing Dahlias by
Debi Harrington



Grouped Mass Design by
Bonnie McClain



Bountiful Harvest by
Dianna Doddridge



Novice Design by
Pam Walker

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I continued . . .

Trailblazers Garden Club

8 saintly gardeners, bent on conservation, refurbished the Blue Star Memorial, a reminder to our nation.

8 thirsty gardeners, recycling empty cans, protecting our environment, from our careless hands.

8 giving gardeners, involved with Habitat, what is it that they need right now? Just funds or a flower's flat?

8 clever gardeners, really want to know, about the Amish, lavender too and why didn't our tomatoes grow?

8 civic minded gardeners, to Aztec's garden went, we'll give them our opinion of plants, trees and money best spent.

8 watchful gardeners, ready for wintertime, made suet feeders for our birds, a treat for all, combined.

8 busy gardeners, ready for a rest, looking forward to the next 3 months. No meetings, but our Christmas Tea's the best!

District II

Juanita Ortega, District II Director

District II Garden Clubs have had some outstanding programs during the summer. Floral Designers' September program was "Introduction to New Designs", presented by Christine Longthorp, who created and discussed five new designs from the *Handbook for Flower Shows, Revised 2017, NGC, Inc.* Los Alamos Garden Club celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the founding of their club on September 9th at the Fuller Lodge Rose Garden. One of their favorite recent programs was "Growing Native Plants", presented by Chick Keller, a founder of the Pajarito Environmental Education Center.

Summit Garden Club enjoyed interesting and educational programs, among them "Southwest Jemez Mountain Restoration Project", presented by Susan Harrelson, a Silviculturist with the U.S. Forest Service. Members observed first hand "before and after" restoration areas in the Jemez Mountains. District II will be hosting the NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention on April 4-6, 2018 at the beautiful Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino, located 15 minutes north of Santa Fe. The nightly room rate is only \$99 per night for two occupants. We will have interesting programs, activities and tours for all NMGC, Inc. members and their guests. We invite you to save the dates and come join us at the upcoming 2018 NMGC Inc. Annual Convention.

Los Alamos Garden Club



Above: LAGC 70th Anniversary Banner
Left: LAGC Spread Mulch in the Rose Garden.

Los Alamos celebrated its 70th anniversary on September 9th at the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden located near Fuller Lodge. Some community leaders were in attendance along with Barbara Vance (NMGC President), Juanita Ortega (District II Director) and Lucille Lemons, our Club President in 1950. Also, the husband of Sue Graves, our club president for many years attended.

In August, the Los Alamos High School Eco Club helped us spread mulch in the Rose Garden. We also went on a field trip to New Earth Orchids in Santa Fe and watched the solar eclipse from the greenhouse. Wow, so many orchids! Our speaker for September told us everything we needed to know about mushrooms in the Valles Caldera. He showed photos of amazing specimens, especially mushrooms that glow in the dark. Our speaker for our October meeting talked about landscape design. She recently moved to NM and talked about how different the environment and soil conditions are compared to North Carolina.

Summit Garden Club

In August, Mike Mason, chef at the White Rock Senior Center, spoke to us about standard and non-standard combinations of herbs. We are now in the process of creating a small herb garden in the White Rock Community Garden, specifically for Mike. After Mike's talk, we had an herb potluck meal. Summit president Susan Larocque compiled our recipes and made a cook book for each of us.

In September, we traveled to Pojoaque to the home of Deirdre Munro. Deirdre gave us a demonstration on building outdoor self-watering planters. We also enjoyed the coolness and quiet of her 100 year-old adobe home.

October came, and with it lower temperatures and rain. We drove to Santa Fe, had lunch at Piccolino's restaurant, and toured the Reunity Center, a business that produces compost on a large scale. Continued work on the Bandelier Gardens, and the White Rock Community Garden rounded out our Summer.



Outdoor self-watering planters built by Deirdre Monroe



NMGC CLUB NEWS

District III

Angel Fire Garden Club -Happenings from God's Country

What an exciting time in Angel Fire! In August, Angel Fire Garden Club had their first Flower Show, *Footprints in the Garden*. What a learning experience! Suzy Andrego and Debra Sorrell walked us through with their expert assistance, we trotted through without a hitch! On Sunday, August 13, our members brought their horticulture and design entries. Late afternoon, Barbara Vance, Christine Longthorp and Maggie Rubio judged all the entries. On Monday, August 14, our members and guests joined for a delightful brunch honoring the Past Presidents of the Angel Fire Garden Club and announcing the big winners of our Flower Show.



Judge Maggie Rubio



JoAnn Layden Winner



JJ Huddleston Winner

AFGC's September meeting featured Diane Peterson teaching us how to preserve flowers for use months down the road, with JoAnn speaking on pressed flowers. AFGC's October meeting featured two of our member gardeners, Linda Hughes and Pete Peterson, teaching the proper techniques to winterize our gardens in this mountain community of extreme temperatures and conditions.

District IV

Judy Laird, District IV Director

Thank you all for joining us as District IV hosted the NMGC Fall Board in October. Though our theme was 'Cactus and Critters', there wasn't a prickly moment. All the potted cactus in the centerpieces, in spite of being touchy, were taken home. We hope they will add variety to container gardens around the state. Beulah Oyler shined as our Registrar and Linnea Egbert with her computer skills, gave us an eye catching Program. The Mesilla Valley Iris Society gave us wonderful iris, potted and labeled, for each attendee. To have a plant society support NMGC, shows we are all gardeners together no matter our focus.

Desert Daubers Garden Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in February. This is a legacy of friendship and gardening through much change and history in Las Cruces. Another legacy was honored at the Judges Council Banquet as Fern Gold was recognized for her 48 years of judging.

District Director Judy Laird will be visiting with Flowering Desert Garden Club in Alamogordo in November and with Sunshine Garden Club in Truth or Consequences in February.

District V

Nannette Tanner, District V Director

This has been an exciting year for District V. Each club has new presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. They have been busy getting organized for the coming year.

Artesia had programs on NGC designs and then preparing for the County Fair. They were our hosts for the Fall District V meeting, which was wonderful. Christine Longthorp have a wonderful program on flower arranging.

Home GC continues to maintain the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge garden and the Spring River Park and Zoo Garden, that has been in their care over 26 years.

Morning Garden Club is a co-sponsor the Eastern New Mexico State Fair in Roswell. MGC had a total of 16 Blue Ribbons. They also maintain the Butterfly and Triangle gardens in Cahoon Park area as well as the Alena gardens at the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico archives bldg. They also maintain Hummingbird feeders & Birdseed feeders all year at Sunset Villa Care Center in Roswell. They also maintain a large planter and landscaping at the entrance to Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults. MGC will be implementing two gardens at the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary and applying for a National Garden Club Grant to help in that endeavor.

Lincoln County Garden Club placed a Blue Star Memorial Marker at Fort Stanton in September and gave a reception after the ceremony. They still maintain the Ruidoso Public Library garden and the Hospital Garden in Ruidoso. They also maintain a large planter at the Capitan Library. Members also gave programs and a workshop on Orchard Mason Bees at both libraries.

Artesia Valley Garden Club

We hosted a delightful tea party October 13th. All the fairies showed up in regal splendor. Christine Longthorp gave a magic program on the new designs. All the members prepared a truly magical banquet for all attendees. We also had two very special attendees from the mountains. Just topped off a beautiful day.

The Senior Center was greatly appreciative of these lovely designs for weeks, and are still enjoying them with additions of fresh flowers. Hundreds of seniors see them on any given day as they grace both ends and the center of the front reception desk. There is nothing better than seeing Grandparents smile, unless the smiles are on children's faces. We will be redoing the design section of our fair flower show schedule in the weeks to come.

December we will have our Christmas party and gather items for our Shelter so the patrons may also have a little joy in the holidays.

SCR AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

There are just a few more SCR Awards that need sponsors and below are the remaining opportunities. Please send me your request and I will notify you in the spring if an entry has been selected as a winner. You will be asked to send a check at that time.

\$25 for #2, Civic Development - \$25 for #6, Community Concern - \$25 for #10, Litter/Recycling - \$25 for 7B Multiple Clubs/Flower Show Schedule - \$20 each for Publications: a) Newsletters (1-2 pages); b) Newsletters (3 pages or +); c) Manual or Handbook; d) Other publications

Thanking you in advance for your Consideration.

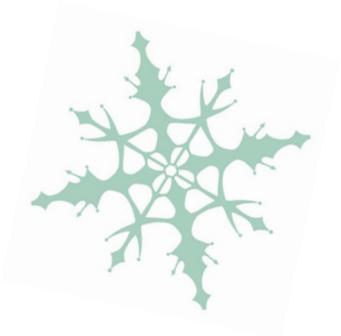
--*Bobbie Verser*, SCR Awards Chairman



Shirley Sheriff's
Iceland Poppy Award of Merit
Angel Fire Flower Show



Above: NMGC officers attend District V Fall meeting



2018 Calendar

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| February 1 | Award Applications Deadline to Specific Chairmen |
| March 1 | Deadline for Award Applications to State Award Chairman |
| March 8 | District III Spring Meeting
Las Vegas |
| March 12 | District I Spring Meeting
Albuquerque |
| March 15 | District IV Spring Meeting
Silver City |
| March 22 | District V Spring Meeting
Roswell |
| tbd | District II Spring Meeting
Los Alamos |
| 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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