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"GROW NEW MEXICO"

SPRING finally arrived. Flower gardens are blooming, trees leafing out, lawns turning green. With more sunshine hours the weather warmed up. A busy time planning/planting gardens - getting ready for June 21, the beginning of SUMMER. Grow membership is every season.

National Garden Week- June 3-9, 2018 - is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is a perfect time for New Mexico Garden Clubs to promote their club with a special project or activity and

write a newspaper article about their project/s. A good way to attract new members. (See article in this issue.)

Educational opportunities are in the near future. Flower Show School III is scheduled for July 20-22 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Environmental School and Garden Study School start in August. Schools are open to anyone interested in expanding their knowledge about horticulture, floral designing, environment.

It is always enjoyable to visit the Districts to hear reports of club presidents. Meetings are informative about activities. Programs cover a variety of subjects, tell about gardening that is unique to each area. Club members not only work in their own gardens—they plant/maintain gardens in communities, parks, Blue Star Memorial sites, and work with youth groups.

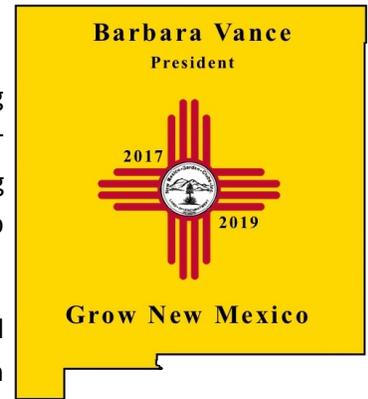
NMGC's 69th Annual Convention hosted by District II clubs at Buffalo Thunder Resort at Pojoaque Pueblo was a great success. "Footsteps of the Three Sisters" was the theme used in planning decorations, meals, program speakers. Tours to nearby attractions were available to visit and learn about this area of the State. Meetings were for reports and exchange of information, hearing firsthand the accomplishments of members, clubs, and Districts. We had four first time attendees who were welcomed with a gift bag. The Awards ceremony highlighted the accomplishments of members and clubs. Congratulations to all award recipients.

The end of April members from around our state attended the South Central Region meeting in Houston, Texas. State Presidents reported on their state's activities/projects. A "Petite Design" workshop gave everyone a chance to make a design. NMGC received some top awards, one being the Certificate of Outstanding Achievement - SCR Award #14-3B, Publication, Newsletter with a monetary award. Thank you Eva and Linnea for your wonderful work compiling/editing/distributing our *NEW MEXICO GARDENER*. Renate Reisel received the NMGC Member Award of Honor at our state convention and also received the South Central Region Member Award of Honor. Congratulations Renate. Awards will be given out at upcoming meetings. (SCR and NMGC awards are listed in this issue of *NEW MEXICO GARDENER*.)

A Rose Award is presented in each District (Spring and Fall). The award was established and sponsored by Suzy Andrego to honor a special member who has gone above and beyond for their club or District. Recipients: District I – Ruth McDaniel. District II – Judy Handy. District III – Shirley Sheriff. District IV – Margaret Cummings. District V – Angela "Pete" Wade.

SAVE THE DATE: District V will be hosting the NMGC Fall Board meeting in Alto/Ruidoso, October 25-26.

National Garden Clubs President, Nancy Hargroves, will be the luncheon speaker. A power point program on year-round container gardening: Witches, Turkeys and Reindeer, creative holiday highlights for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Official Call, Schedule, Registration, will be in the fall *GARDENER*





This has been a very busy spring for most of us, but I have enjoyed it immensely. There were meetings of the five Districts around the State, and getting to know you all and hear about your activities was great fun for me.

Our New Mexico State Annual Convention was held at the exquisite Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe on April 4th, 5th and 6th (2018). The first program was held the evening of April 4th entitled, "New Trends in Floral Design", given by Shelby Green and Pat Copple, members of the Floral Designers Garden Club in Santa Fe. These stunning florals showcased the new designs in the Judges handbook. Their commentary was very informative and provoked many questions from the well-attended banquet.

The lunchtime program on April 5th was entitled, "Sacred Gardens: Wisdom from our Ancestors" and given by Lorraine Gray, who created an Institute called, "Four Bridges Travelling Permaculture". Her mission was fascinating and definitely gave us "food" for thought.

Our evening banquet speaker was Roxanne Swentzell, a renowned Southwestern sculptor, and her talk was entitled, "Seeds for thought". Her charming and tender tale chronicled her Santa Clara Pueblo people's struggle with illness and obesity. She noted that photos of their ancestors showed healthy and strong men and women well into their later years. So, they all had a complete medical profile done and set about eating in the exact way their previous generations had. The program ran for three months, and the outcome was a 90 pound loss for her son, as well as an absolute clean bill of health for them all, halting heart disease and diabetes, to name just two conditions. Eating dried buffalo, gathered nuts and dried vegetables were their staples. Her cookbook was for sale with some easy meals to prepare in the ways of her ancestors. Very inspirational.

The convention came to a close on the morning of April 6th with our awards ceremony. The latest addition was a book of all the recipients of the Photographic awards with the applicants' narratives describing their art. This was initiated by Debra Sorrell, who felt the need for us all to share the message of the photographer. It was very well received, so please, ask your club presidents to show you their copy.

On April 27th several members of NMGC flew to Houston to attend South Central Regional Convention, whose President is our own Isabel Olsen from Roswell. Our Texas sisters did a splendid job of providing a seamless convention keeping the theme, "Coastal Prairies" throughout. The first program was by their Judges Council, and was given by Corrie Ten-Have who is an Accredited Life FS Judge, and depicted famous pieces of art in floral form. Corrie described hours of prep work painting her backgrounds and materials and generously shared the products she used. Her presentation was refreshingly inspiring and fun.

The next day, we were treated to a lunch speaker, Sharon Begnaud, whose topic was "Feeding Fields". Sharon told us how she was converting empty lots into growing fields to feed the homeless and people in need. It was heartwarming to see how she included schoolchildren in the planting and harvesting.

It was comforting to see pounds of produce going to soup kitchens and bringing fresh and healthy food to the hungry. Sharon had also begun a similar program for an orphanage in Tanzania, where the children there used a cut empty plastic water bottle as a trowel. Their faces were a picture of joy as they grew the food they ate.

The final banquet program was entitled, "Saving the Coastal Prairie Houston's Heartland" by Jaime Gonzales, manager for the Nature Conservancy. This project aims to preserve habitats around Houston and slow the over building of the city. He clearly had passion regarding this endeavor and its success will be enjoyed for generations.

On May 20th a delegation of NMGC members are off to Philadelphia to attend the National Garden Club Convention. I will report on that in the next issue of the New Mexico Gardener. Meanwhile, enjoy the Summer, water wisely and be grateful for all the produce and beauty our "Fair New Mexico" provides.



NMGC Officer Reports

Historian , Larry Layden



Our annual convention at the Buffalo Thunder Resort was a great success. Of the more than twenty clubs statewide, I received only eight (8) entries for the history award. Next year I hope we receive more applications for the award because it really is an easy and fun award to apply for. Also 2018 is considered a mandatory year for submitting your club's history.

Club presidents, if you don't already have a Historian, I recommend you appoint one immediately. All they have to do is look at the Awards Handbook and follow the format for the club history award and just like that that you have your History Report. At the same time you have all the data you need to apply for the Club History Award.

We talked about the History Award at the convention and how easy it is to apply for the award. It's kind of a paint by the numbers or fill in the blanks kind of thing. Most clubs will get some sort of recognition because this awards is broken down by different club sizes and even different districts.

As an added incentive for the 2018 annual meeting, I will be giving a special prize to every club that submits a Club History Award. If you want to be a winner, just submit a History Award application. We will then use your application to compile our composite report to the archives at New Mexico State University along with our state history report to the National Garden Club Headquarters in St Louis.

Corresponding Secretary, Conni Elkins



The New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., 2018 Annual Report will be distributed at the NMGC, Inc., 2018 Fall Board Meeting.

September 3rd, 2018, is the due date for your article/report via email. In the subject line, list your title and your first and last name. Please submit it to Conni Elkins at afgcawards@gmail.com. The report should cover the highlights of your position from: June 1st, 2017-May 31st, 2018.

Officers, report your activities and accomplishments.

District Directors, tell about District projects, outstanding programs, special events, work done by clubs in your area and communities. Your report is based on Club Presidents reports given at the District Meetings.

Chairpersons, this is your opportunity to tell about your activities this past year. Each chairperson has the responsibility to write an article for the Annual Report.

Thank you for your contributions this past year. You are all a vital part of our organization and we want our members to know about your work and efforts.

Immediate Past President Suzy Andrego

I want to personally congratulate all of the Spring Rose Award recipients! You are all special. Thank you for all of the time and effort you give to your Districts.

Educational Schools

One of the great things of being a part of New Mexico Garden Clubs is all the education opportunities. As New Mexico Garden Clubs is a member of National Garden Clubs; there are four schools that we can offer and attend: Flower Show School, Landscape Design School, Environmental School and Garden Study School. There is also a General Horticulture Study Series. Each school can be offered by the state garden club. Currently New Mexico Garden Clubs has a Flower Show School Series going (this is where you can become a flower show judge or just gain more knowledge of flower shows and how they work). Flower Show School III will be held July 20-21, 2018 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. You will find a brochure and registration form attached to this newsletter.

Then, NMGC will start another series of Environmental School. School I will be held August 29 & 30, 2018 at the Rio Grande Nature Center, and finish at the Albuquerque Garden Center. If Environmental school was exciting, then plan to stay for a few more days. This school will be followed by NMGC's very first Garden Study School. School I will be held August 31 through September 2, 2018. This school will be held at the Albuquerque Garden Center. More information on these schools and how to register is found in this issue of the New Mexico Gardener. I hope you take the opportunity to expand you knowledge and attend a school.

2017 - 2019 SCR Region Director

South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen

April was a month full of travel and wonderful Spring Conventions for the South Central Region states. I attended three Annual Conventions including the NMGC 69th Annual Convention titled "Foot Steps of the Three Sisters" hosted by District II. The theme was carried throughout the convention. From the table centerpieces to the programs and meals, the planning was excellent. Kudos to District II for hosting such a well-planned convention. I just returned from Houston Texas where the SCR 89th Annual Convention was held with 23 first time attendees. I do believe that is an all-time record! It was filled with workshops, programs and an enjoyable trip to "The Arbor Gate", a unique nursery with plants and items for your garden. There was an Awards presentation where many of our New Mexico Garden Clubs received awards. A full list of award winners will be in the next SCR newsletter, "The Communicator" in June. The highlight was the Member Award of Honor, which was presented to Renate Reisel from Roswell. Congratulations Renate, very much deserved! I'm looking forward the National Garden Clubs Annual Convention in Philadelphia in two weeks. Let's hope to receive more awards from NGC.



Barbara Vance, NMGC President, Renate Reisel, Member Award of Honor recipient, Isabel Olsen SCR Director.

The Invitation to next years SCR Convention was made by the 2019 Chairman, April Pratt of Oklahoma. The date is April 12-13, 2019 in Oklahoma City and the theme is "Plant-astic". I'm sure it will be fun and full of surprises! Make sure to look at the convention photos on our Facebook page, [SCR Garden Clubs](#) and you will get to see a former NMGC State President, Elizabeth O'Brien in the Petite Design Workshop making an arrangement. She enjoyed seeing the New Mexico members that attended. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and plant something new in their garden.

NMGC, INC ~ 2017 Awards Year January 1, 2017~ December 31, 2017

Member of the Year - Diane Peterson



Diane has been a member of Angel Fire Garden Club for seven years, and has served as Club President, and Parliamentarian. On the state level she has served as Historian, Resolutions Chair and Co-Chair. She has been the recipient of the District Daffodil, and Rose Awards, and is a New Mexico Garden Clubs Life Member. Diane is not afraid to take on something new, and fulfills her duties above and beyond in all her endeavors.

Special Achievement Award Silver Medallion - Eva Zhang



Eva was born and raised in Hangzhou, China. She moved to the U.S. with her husband, Ning, who worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Eva went to UNM Los Alamos/Albuquerque where she studied Computer Science. This helped her land a job at the Los Alamos National Lab as well. In her home, she surrounded the house with flower beds and vegetables, while raising chickens.

A few years ago Eva took up photography and has used her talent in computer technology and photography to create prize winning yearbooks for Summit Garden Club and enhance our New Mexico Gardener Newsletter. She is always cheerful and willing to do whatever is necessary to make garden club meetings and endeavors successful and inspiring for all members.

Mentor of the Year - Linnea Egbert



Linnea joined Mesilla Valley Garden Club in October 1999, and has served as Vice President, and President. She was Editor of New Mexico Gardener for four years beginning in 2001, and is a recipient of the NMGC Silver Medallion. Linnea is always willing to help with projects share her knowledge guide those who are new to a club/organization/chairmanship. She mentors and shares her computer talents and vast reservoir of knowledge with all who need assistance.

Horticulturist of the Year - Shirley Tetreault

Shirley's garden is divided into several small different themed gardens especially created for her Mom, and her grandchildren.



She uses a drip system to water, but also collects rainwater in large rain barrels located around her house. She grows many fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, bell peppers, strawberries, blackberries, okra, grapes, squash, apples, peaches, onions and plums. Each spring, Shirley invites students from Onate School to view the gardens. They return several times during the year to watch the transformation of the gardens as they grow.

2018 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

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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

BEGINNING DESIGNER

Barbara Thorne
 Anger Fire Club
 Linear box elder arrangement

BIRDS

1st Place
 Page Steed
 Angel Fire Garden Club

BUTTERFLY GARDENING

1st Place
 Page Steed
 Angel Fire Garden Club

CERTIFICATE of COMMENDATION

NGC, Inc., 20 YEAR Certificate
Shirley Tetreault
 High Desert Garden Club
 Uptown Garden Club

CERTIFICATE FOR MERITORIOUS

ACHIEVEMENT

Conni Elkins
 Angel Fire Garden Club

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

*This award is for landscape projects
 in public areas.*

Morning Garden Club
 1st Place, Class II
Angel Fire Garden Club
 1st Place, Class IV

CLUB HISTORY

Angel Fire Garden Club
 Best Club History

Class I

1st place
Santa Rosa Garden Club

Class II

1st Place
Morning Garden Club
2nd Place
Sunshine Valley Garden Club
3rd Place
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Honorable Mention

Mesilla Valley Garden Club
El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

Class III

1st Place
Los Alamos Garden Club

Class IV

1st Place
Angel Fire Garden Club

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

High Desert Design Club
 Best Flower Show Schedule
"World of Art, Artists, and Flowers"
Uptown Garden Club
1st Place Class III
"Off to see the Wizard"

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

Fair Schedules Only

Class I

1st Place
Santa Rosa Garden Club
 Guadalupe County Fair
"Oh Fair New Mexico"
2nd Place
Artesia Garden Club
 Eddy County Fair
"Fair, Farm and Ranch Beauties"

Class II

1st Place
Home & Morning Garden Club
 Eastern New Mexico State Fair
"95 and Still Alive!"

FOOD GARDENING

2nd Place
Shirley Tetreault
 High Desert Design Garden Club
 Uptown Garden Club

MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATION

Individual Award Nominated by Club President
Linda Hoffman
 Los Alamos Garden Club



MEMBER OF DISTINCTION CITATION

*Individual Award Nominated
 by Club President*
Maggie Rubino
 Floral Designers Garden Club

GARDEN THERAPY

Morning Garden Club
*Most Beneficial Garden Therapy Project
 Hands-on Workshops with Youth and Seniors*
Artesia Garden Club
 1st Place, Class I
Angel Fire Garden Club
 1st Place, Class IV

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

*For Club Contributions to
 Habitat to Humanity*
Home Garden Club
Morning Garden Club

HERBS

Shirley Tetreault
 High Desert Design Garden Club
 Uptown Garden Club
2nd Place Individual Award

HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

Shirley Tetreault
 High Desert Design Garden Club
 Uptown Garden Club

NMGC, INC ~ 2018 Award Recipients

LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING

1st Place Recycling, Class II

Morning Garden Club

1st Place Recycling, Class IV

Angel Fire Garden Club

1st Place Little Control, Class IV

Angel Fire Garden Club

1st Place Youth Garden club Recycling

Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club

1st Place Individual

Dianna Doddridge

Uptown Garden Club, NM Floral Artists

Uptown Garden Club



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 contrast, this award gives recognition for the patience and dedication it takes to continue a program, or project, for many years.

Morning Garden Club

1st Place Class II

Home Garden Club

2nd Place Class II

Angel Fire Garden Club

1st Place Class IV

MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Every garden club has those very special members who work tirelessly and give years of service in many areas. Here is your club's opportunity to say "we appreciate you and thank you for all your efforts!" The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contribution(s) to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticultural Therapy, Horticulture Landscape Design, Youth Activities, All Around Excellence

Renate Reisel

Home Garden Club

Morning Garden Club

MEMBER OF YEAR

Diane Peterson

Angel Fire Garden Club

MENTOR OF YEAR

Linnea Egbert

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Angel Fire Garden Club

Most New Members

20% Membership Increase, 13 New Members

Summit Garden Club

Largest Percentage Increase 33%

Membership Increase, 7 New Members

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

29% Membership Increase, 6 New Members

Desert Daubers Garden Club

18% Membership Increase, 2 New Members

Lincoln County Garden Club

14% Membership Increase, 5 New Members

Artesia Garden Club

8% Membership Increase, 1 New Member

PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT OF THE YEAR

"Ravenous Hunter"

Page L. Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

Landscape Scene Photo

1st Place, "Aspens After a Snowstorm"

Michael Turri

Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Wheeler Peak"

Page L. Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place

"Cowpen Daisies"

Barbara Thorne

Angel Fire Garden Club

Wildlife Photo

1st Place, "Picnic Thief"

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Winner"

Page L. Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place

"Hitching a Ride", Linda Maxwell

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club,

Butterfly Photo

1st Place, "Showoff"

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Probing for Nectar"

Page L. Steed

Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place, "Breathtaking Black Swallowtail"

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN

1st Place, "Mushroom Snuggles"

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Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Yellow Lily"

Jan Smith

Home Garden Club

3rd Place, "Stunning Lady"

Pat Ledford

Petal Pushers Garden Club

Insect Photo

1st Place, "Mushroom Snuggles"

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Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Wood Nymph Reflections"

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place, "Thread Waisted Wasp"

Selvi Viswanathan

Los Alamos Garden Club

Bird Photo

1st Place, "Mid-Flight"

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Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, "Turkey on the Make"

Jacqui Binford-Bell

Angel Fire Garden Club

3rd Place, "Pygmy Nuthatch, Sitta Pygmaea"

Susan Stokes

Angel Fire Garden Club

SCRAPBOOK

Santa Rosa Garden Club

1st Place District III, Class I

Angel Fire Garden Club

1st Place District III, Class IV

Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club

1st Place Youth Award

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Silver Medallion,

Depicting the NMGC, Inc., Seal

Eva Zhang

Summit Garden Club

NMGC, INC ~ 2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

TREES

Walter B. Suhr Memorial Award
Morning Garden Club
1st Place, 12 Trees/Shrubs Planted

Angel Fire Garden Club
1st Place, 5 Trees/Shrubs Planted, Class IV

Shirley Tetreault
2nd Place, Individual Award
5 Trees/Shrubs Planted

WATER CONSERVATION

1st Place, Individual

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Angel Fire Garden Club

2nd Place, Individual

Penni Davey
Angel Fire Garden Club

WILD FLOWERS AND NATIVE PLANTS

1st Place

Page L. Steed
Angel Fire Garden Club

WORLD GARDENING

For Contributions to World Gardening, and International and National Disasters, e.g. Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, Penny Pines,

Angel Fire Garden Club
Los Alamos Garden Club
Morning Garden Club
Summit Garden Club

YEARBOOKS

Pat Edmonds Memorial Award for the
Best Yearbook

Morning Garden Club

Class II

Morning Garden Club
1st Place

Sunshine Valley Garden Club
2nd Place

Mesilla Valley Garden Club
3rd Place

High Desert Design Club
Home Garden Club
Honorable Mention

Class III

Lincoln County Garden Club
1st Place

Class IV

Angel Fire Garden Club
1st Place

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES AWARD

The Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club
1st Place Class II

The Blooming Gardeners
1st Place Class III

Morning Gardeners
1st Place Class II

NGC POETRY CONTEST "Let It Grow!"

Amy Tetreault
1st Place, Grade 7

Mylah Young
1st Place, Grade 1



Design of the Year - Debra Sorrell

with Doris Jackson and Suzy Andrego

Debra received the Design of the Year award for her design, *Auntie Em*. The award is sponsored by the NM Judges Council and she received a beautiful art glass bowl and her name will be added to the plaque that changes hands each year. She is a member of Uptown, El Jardin Encanto and Valley Garden Clubs and she is also a Master Gardener and a Flower Show Judge.

Doris Jackson is President of the Judges Council and Suzy is the Judges Council Vice President.

South Central Region Awards ~ 2018

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., was very well represented at the South Central Region awards presentation in Houston, TX on April 28. Thanks and congratulations to all the clubs that submitted applications. Your hard work and support of the awards program is truly appreciated. The following are the results:

- SCR Award #2, Civic Development - 2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club
- SCR Award #3, Club Program - 1st Place, Home Garden Club, \$25
- SCR Award #4, Yearbook Theme - 1st Place, Lincoln County Garden Club, \$25
- SCR Award #6, Community Concern - 3rd Place, Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #7B, Multiple Clubs Flower Show Schedule - 2nd Place, Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #9, Landscape Design - 1st Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, \$25
- SCR Award #10, Recycling/Litter Control - 2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, 3rd Place Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #11, Member Award of Honor - Renate Reisel, Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #12, Floral Design Program - 1st Place, Artesia Garden Club, \$25
- SCR Award #13, Youth Program Award - 3rd Place, Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #14, Publications Award, Newsletters (B-3) - 1st Place, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., \$10
- SCR Award #14, Publications Award, Brochure - 2nd Place, High Desert Design Club
- SCR Award #15, Container Gardening - 2nd Place, Morning Garden Club
- SCR Award #16-3, Yearbooks - 2nd Place, Lincoln County Garden Club
- SCR Award #16-5, Yearbooks - 2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club
- Youth Poetry Contest - 1st Place Mylah Young, sponsored by Uptown Garden Club

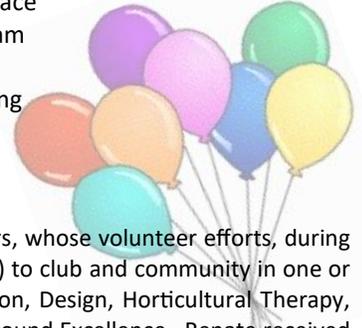
NGC New Mexico Award Recipients



NMGC President Barbara Vance receives New Mexico awards from Nancy Hargroves, NGC President at the National Garden Club Convention in Philadelphia.

State and Club Awards:

- New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc - NEW MEXICO GARDENER, First Place
- Artesia Garden Club - Overall Winner Award - Floral Design Program
- Morning Garden Club - First Place Award - Container Gardening
- Morning Garden Club - First Place - Decoration of a Historic Building



Member Award of Honor ~ Renate Reisel

The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contribution(s) to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticultural Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Youth Activities and/or All Around Excellence. Renate received this award from the State, Region and National Garden Clubs.



NGC Four Star Award ~ Debi Harrington

National Garden Club's Four Star program is designed to encourage garden club members to complete all four NGC Schools in order to receive Judge and Consultant Status. This requires taking four courses each and passing all of the required exams for Flower Show School, Gardening School, Environmental School and Landscape Design School, belonging to an NGC affiliated garden club, and maintaining a subscription to *The National Gardener* magazine as reference material. Congratulations, Debi.



NMGC Chairpersons Reports

Awards, Sue Ferguson

Many Congratulations to all our clubs and individual members who submitted award applications for the 2017 award year. Our chairmen did a great job in arranging the judging of the entries. And sincere thanks are extended to all our award sponsors.

Congratulations to All! Our "Top" awards winners:

Eva Zhang, Summit Garden Club - Special Achievement Award, Silver Medallion

Diane Peterson, Angel Fire Garden Club - Member of the Year

Debra Sorrell, Uptown Garden Club - Design of the Year

Shirley Tetreault, High Desert Design Club and Uptown Garden Club -Horticulturist of the Year

Linnea Egbert, Mesilla Valley Garden Club - Mentor of the Year

Debra Sorrell, Photography Chairman, did a fabulous job coordinating the Photographic Print of the Year Award. This is such a popular award and there were almost 70 entries. Debra's award presentation was fun and exciting. She also produced a spectacular Photo Award Results Booklet showcasing all the entries. Congratulations to Page Steed for her winning photo "Ravenous Hunter".



Lincoln County Garden Club's Blue Star Memorial Highway marker unveiled at the Fort Stanton Veteran's Cemetery - September 2017
Photo courtesy Galen Ambrose



"Showoff" Jacque Binford-Bell -First Place "Butterfly"



"Ravenous Hunter"-First Place Insect
Page Steed

NMGC Chairpersons Reports

Bees, Birds & Butterflies, Jo Ann Layden

Spring is such an amazing time for all of nature and it's always such a thrill to see the first butterflies, especially where I live at over 8000 feet! This spring Larry and I saw our first butterfly while hiking at about 9000 feet on March 10th! It was a Mourning Cloak and I was worried that it might be too early and not have a single thing to eat since not even dandelions were visible! However, a week later I was hiking alone and saw a Mourning Cloak again, sitting alongside a Hoary Comma on some animal scat! So I realized what they were subsiding on. oh well, when there's nothing else, I think they can't be too choosy. (Smile) Nevertheless, I decided that since they appeared to be following me up the trail, I'd leave a "treat" for them, so I broke up a fruit bar, placed it in two different rock indentations and poured some water over it. I don't know if they found it or if they'd even eat it, but it was sugar and made ME feel better. I also discovered that the Mourning Cloak is one of the first butterflies to emerge in the spring and resurfaces again in the fall. Since then I've seen more butterfly and moth species.

Bees are not yet visible here; although I'm sure in lower altitudes they're out and busy pollinating. They would be pretty lost here, since about all that's blooming now are dandelions and a few holly plants.

The birds have been visible and active all winter, with Blue Jays, Nuthatches, Grosbeaks and even Red Wing Blackbirds attacking the feeders. We still have a Yellow-bellied Sap Sucker that comes to beat on our old TV antennae in order to attract a female – sometime he gets lucky! The first hummingbird arriving is also a big excitement to me and the first one arrived right on schedule on the 14th of April (I think it may have been here earlier, but we were gone). I try to put up the feeders around the 10th since my Mom always said they arrive on the 12th! Of course we have to take them in at night for a while because it's still freezing at night. They are strong little critters and survive even heavy snow storms sometimes. This year is warmer and too dry, so easier climate, but flowers may suffer!

My parting comment is still an echo of what I've harped on for some time, PLEASE check your plants and do NOT purchase if they have been treated with neonicotinoids. This pesticide is systemic, which means it travels to every part of the plant, from the roots to the flowers and it kills pollinators. This pesticide also seeps into the ground and can contaminate it, thus other plants in the area. Try to plant many different kinds of flowers that pollinators like and try to use native plants. Happy Gardening!

Blue Star, Shirley Tetreault

Each day I continue to be totally impressed with our military men and women who protect the United States of America. Their job is never done. On Memorial Day, we honored service members who have given their lives for our nation. Make sure your memorial markers are clean and fresh with either new plantings or repair. For restoration information access our National Website. Sewah Studios has all of the paint with the correct colors needed for restoration. If I can help in any way please call me at 505 259-2263. If I don't know the answer, I will find it.

Garden Therapy, Renate Reisel

I encourage each of you to visit a nursery or a friends garden this season. What can be more exciting than seeing new plants, seeds and maybe new soil or perhaps receiving a the gift of a plant from a friend's garden. You wonder if the plant will grow or be eaten by insects in your yard. If you are new to gardening you will discover the joys and hardships in the garden may carry over to your daily life. If you are involved with seniors or children in gardening there are many choices in selecting seeds or plants: sunflowers, zinnias and marigolds are easy to grow and good choices. An older child may be interested in herbs.

Throughout the summer, if you have the opportunity to work on any Garden Therapy Programs send me your report and photos. Have a nice and safe summer.



Convention Photos.

NMGC Chairpersons Reports

Environment Study, Suzy Andrego

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL – August 29 & 30, 2018 will be held at the Rio Grande Nature Center, ABQ, NM. This is a National Garden Clubs School with 10 hours of instruction. School I is an introduction to Environmental Studies and covers, Land, Air & Water, as it relates to the environment and environmental issues. We will have classes taught by Professors, Professionals and Environmental Consultants. Classes will be held at the Rio Grande Nature Center and the Albuquerque Garden Center in air conditioned classrooms, and a tour of the Nature Center. Registration form can be found on the NMGC website.

For more information please contact Suzy Andrego (sandrego@qwest.net) or Debra Sorrell (idsorr@msn.com) Registrar.

Horticulture, Ellen Reed

Making the Most of Microclimates

When approaching a new garden site or renovating an older garden, consider where the sun and shade areas fall and what is causing the shade. (What is the compass orientation?) The areas facing southwest will be the warmest and a Southwest corner might protect a fig or other tender plants. House foundation, walls, walks and large rocks also absorb heat and keep nearby areas warmer. A north slope is cooler than any other garden location and may be good for tulips or other plants which like a well-drained cooler site.

Existing plants must be considered and the first questions are; do you like them and are they thriving? If not, remove them and replace with more pleasing choices.

The root zones of deciduous trees and shrubs make ideal areas for bulbs that need low moisture when dormant and sun in early spring. Bulbs such as *Lycoris* (spider lily), *Muscari* (Grape hyacinths) and some crocus will benefit from the sun on their winter foliage and be dormant when the trees leaf out and shade them. Large deciduous trees can be pruned higher to allow morning and afternoon sun underneath. Planting under evergreens is more difficult as there is less light and their surface roots are greedy, making the surrounding area very dry. Junipers allow planting at the base but the Blue Spruces are most attractive when their lower branches sweep the ground. They also require a huge amount of water and space as they age.

Roses, especially ones that require drastic pruning in the spring may do better in an area that is not the centerpiece of a spring or winter garden. Some shallow rooted annuals such as *Nigella damascena* (Love in a Mist) may work well as a self-sowing filler. A low Lavender border or Creeping thyme will give an edge to the bed.

When adding plants to your garden consider what you like for colors and forms and what it looks like when not in bloom. Is there a void that can be filled with neighboring foliage or annuals?

Plants in full bloom in nurseries or catalogs are hard to resist. Consider the zone that is suggested on the plant label or description. Microclimates in your garden may allow you to grow plants not recommended for your area. How the unusual varieties will grow in your condition will depend on their adaptability and how much you are willing to cater to their requirements. There are several strategies to find an area where a new plant will adjust. The sunny edges of beds with deep shade can be used for plants needing more sun. Try the new variety in several places to observe where it grows best. Beware of new introduction that appear too aggressive by vegetative runners or self-sown seeds. Eliminate them before they become pests.

If the new plant has especially desirable attributes, try them in different spots. Usually I feel that after the third try, it is “murder” or I treat it as an annual. I like tulips scattered among the early green leaves of *Hellebores* and later blooming perennials. They usually don’t return a second year, so I just replant them every fall.

I am always searching for plants that bloom very early or very late. Over the nearly fifty years I’ve gardened on my double lot I have killed (had them not survive) hundreds of plants. My lot had an established thirty year old landscape when we moved in and I have replaced all but about six trees and shrubs. After my fifty years here, it has become difficult to find spots to plant the new varieties that tempt me, but I will still try to find a spot for some new introductions.

My flower beds have gradually gotten wider. In an attempt to control their spread and keep the grass out, green steel edging was installed. This has worked pretty well except now I line the lawn edges with narrow nursery flats of plants dug for the Annual Spring Plant Sale at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

The irregular ground around a large seventy year old Mountain Cottonwood tree is ringed with a bed surrounding it its prominent roots and is solidly planted with various blubs which bloom throughout the season. The tree roots keep the area dry for the dormant bulbs and the bare branches allow in enough sun for the early bulbs which require sun. This is probably my favorite area of the yard because of all the small bulbs that thrive here. Additionally it is no longer necessary to mow over the prominent cottonwood tree roots. *Platycodon* (Balloon Flower), which is dormant in winter, can provide summer color along with other low ground covers.

There is now something in bloom every day in my garden from *Galanthus* (Snow drops) in December through later perennials such as *Chrysanthemum parthenium* (Fever Few), *Achillea* (Yarrow) and some *Salvias*. Fall garden color also comes from foliage.

Microclimates allow you to enjoy your garden year round.

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National Garden Week, Peggy Voight

June 3-9, 2018 - National Garden week – sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc. It is a time when NGC club members are encouraged to promote garden club programs and efforts in their communities by writing newspaper articles, put displays in libraries. Tell about projects: beautification, environmental awareness, horticulture education, conservation, landscape design, and gardening. This is a way to educate people about the programs of National Garden Clubs, South Central Region, and New Mexico Garden Clubs. Pass out flyers and hang posters in your area. A great way to attract new members –be sure to include contact information about your club/s. This effort raises public awareness of garden club activities and the importance of NGC's objectives as a whole.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

June 3-9, 2018

Sponsored by
National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Penny Pines, Larry Layden

The Penny Pines Program has been an important part of garden clubs nationwide since its inception in 1941.



Just as we passed the Penny Pines jar around at the state convention we hope your club passes the jar at all local meetings. I distributed a Penny Pines container to any club that requested one during the convention. If your club still does not have a collection container, please contact me because I have 12 empty containers sitting in my house gathering dust.

Once when I was talking to a club about Penny Pines a member asked me, "How do we know they actually plant the trees?" At the time I didn't think too much about it but upon reflection, I concluded, it's a valid question. The answer may be that it's your job to make sure they plant the trees. By that I mean the squeaky wheel get the grease. I have a contact person in my local national forest office that I have established a relationship with to ensure plantings do occur. I let her know each time we receive notice from National Garden Club Headquarters that a check has been sent to the Forest Supervisor. If each club Penny Pines chairman talked to their local national forest representative you might be surprised how much you learn from the forest employee. Generally they love to interact with the public and many go out of their way to let you know what's happening.

So have a great summer collecting for Penny Pines. Don't forget to remind club members that for \$68 they can buy 200 tree seedling and have a plantation of trees planted in the forest of their choice nationwide. It's a gift that will last a lifetime plus beautify our forest at the same time. When we participate in the Penny Pines Program, we are taking care of **Nature's Garden**.

Civic Development, Maple Levine

Recently at the fabulous State Convention at the Beautiful Buffalo Thunder Resort we witnessed many achievement awards given to both individuals and to clubs. While the recipients were very deserving for the kudos that was given, there were many other potential awards that received no applicants.

As District 1 Director, I was given the task of providing a SHORT summary of all nine garden clubs in District 1. While gathering the information for the report, it became evident that almost every club had performed at least one and often more than one civic improvement project. Most of these projects could have easily qualified for a Civic Development Award.

To get started here are some basic tips:

1. Pick a project that all or at least a majority of your members can be a participant.
2. Consider becoming a partner with a local business to possibly help out with expenses or provide a discount for supplies and plant material.
3. Draw a concise plan.
4. Take the all important "Before" photo.
5. While actually performing the manual labor, erect a sign that says who you are. Who knows; you might attract a potential new member or two!
6. Take more photos of members having fun while working.
7. Take more photos when the project is completed.
8. Write a summary of your accomplishments and include any obstacles, publicity that was awarded, and plans for maintaining the improvements.

The above information will get you started but please read the [Awards Booklet](#) to further guide your club through the whole process. If your club does not have the [Awards Booklet](#), your president can download it from our website: www.newmexicogardenclubs.org.

Well, there you have it. You are already doing so many cool projects so you may as well get credit for all that you and your club is doing. While you are browsing through the Awards Booklet you will probably notice other projects that are of interest. Let's make the 2019 be the most exciting gathering ever!

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. Our NMGC President Barbara Vance's project is: Grow New Mexico. Her project focuses on expanding our knowledge of gardening and conservation; growing membership; growing leadership; and growing friendships.

The final drawing for the raffle occurred at the spring 2018 NMGC annual state convention at the Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe, and included drawings for items such as: a brand-new natural stone turquoise necklace with sterling silver pendant, a brand-new Michael Kors handbag, a beautiful sterling silver bracelet and pair of earrings, a pair of squash blossom earrings, and a black metal design sculpture. Winners included: Marianne Hayes with Mesilla Valley Garden Club who won the squash blossom earrings, Susan Dickens with Artesia Garden Club who won the bracelet and earrings, Ellie Nordgren with Sunshine Valley Garden Club who won the necklace with pendant, Julie Foster with Artesia Garden Club who won the design sculpture, and Maple Levine with Valley Gardeners Garden Club who won the purse. Thanks to the generous support of our members across the state, we raised just over \$800 for the President's Project! So, thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and thanks for supporting NMGC, Inc. and your state President's Project!

Wildflowers and Native Plants, Rosemary Maddox

The weeds in my garden have given notice that winter is over and spring is here; henbit, a cool season weed, is disappearing and prostrate spurge is taking its place. I think henbit just missed being classified as a wildflower; its leaves form beautiful green rosettes and it has a striking fuschia blossom--Google it.

The internet says it is edible. I can think of nothing kind to say about prostrate spurge. There are two shrubs in my front yard (picture on left) that

are snuggled together and get little or no supplemental water or any other attention, but nevertheless are beautiful. The Green Feathery Cassia, also known as Senna, was a huge yellow ball from mid-January through March, and bees loved it. Right now it is covered with seed pods, but it is evergreen and deserves its place in my front yard. Its little companion is a buckwheat, the specific variety of which escapes me, and it is now in full



bloom. In my back yard I have a little volunteer plant (Picture on upper right) each spring which I think, but I'm not sure, is also in the buckwheat family.

I didn't have to pass a wildflower identification test before assuming this position, which I probably would have failed. I'm pretty sure that the huge plant growing in a crack in the concrete basketball court (picture in the right) is a Desert Verbena, and it is obviously delighted with its location. There are many others in the back yard in better locations, but none can hold a candle to that one.

The various varieties of annual poppies are graciously giving up their space in the garden to the tomatoes, eggplant, basil, etc. Putting their dried corpses in the trash can is sad, but I know they will be back next year. Yellow Coreopsis and Mexican Hat are providing glowing color right now, and many, many little Texas Poinsettias promise a good show later in the summer. An article on the internet warns that these plants may become weedy, but they are easy to thin out, unlike Mexican Primroses, which came from a packet of mixed wildflower seeds and have taken over a large area near the back garden wall. I look forward to going out into my garden every morning to see what Mother Nature hath wrought, even though it usually includes more little weeds.

Yearbooks, Julie Foster

First off let me say it was a joy to read and an extremely tough decision grading the yearbooks, you all did a wonderful job putting them together. Congratulations to Morning Garden Club of Roswell for winning the Pat Edmonds Yearbook Award and also Angel Fire and Lincoln County for first place in their classes.

Invitations from High Desert Design Club and Angel Fire Garden Club.

Creative Floral Design

We hope you'll join us!
 Meetings, 2nd Wednesday of each month,
 at 1:00 pm, Albuquerque Garden Center,
 10120 Lomas Blvd, NE

Founded to pursue Creative Floral Design, we enjoy hands-on method and technique, learn about and use flowers and other materials, with wonderful, unique containers and various types of presentation, all based on the *Handbook of Flower Shows*, National Garden Clubs, Inc.



HIGH DESERT DESIGN CLUB

Advanced Floral Design Class,
 Tuesday evenings, 7/24 thru 8/21/18,
 6:30pm to 8:30, at the ABQ Garden
 Center. Please contact Sarah at
 332-2090 to register.
 Class Fee is \$75.00.







For information, please contact Shirley Tetreault, President HDDC, at 505-294-4331. Our dues are \$25.

Angel Fire Garden Club proudly hosts
16th Annual (Buck Full Moon) Garden Tour
 Saturday, July 28, 2018



“Tour and Luncheon” - \$30 / “Tour Only” - \$15

- ◆ 8:00 – 9:00 Registration - Angel Fire Visitor's Center
- ◆ 8:30 – 12:00 Gardens Open for Viewing
- ◆ 12:30 – 2:00 Luncheon and Silent Auction - home of Penni and Mike Davey

Reserve your space for Tour and/or Luncheon at Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce, Angel Fire Visitor's Center, and Pacheco's Nursery from June 15 – July 15 (“Tour Only” tickets will be sold thru July 28) or mail check to PO Box 503, Angel Fire, NM 87710
 For more information, contact Penni Davey at 404.213.3234



NMGC Club News

District I

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club

It was a beautiful mid-May day when 15 of our members prepared for our long awaited road trip. We met early on a Thursday morning in the parking lot of Home Depot in Los Lunas and loaded coolers, personal necessities and ourselves into four vehicles for our trip to the Hondo Iris Festival outside of Hondo, NM. Many of us had no idea as to where Hondo was located, so we got out our maps and decided upon the fastest route to take, as it's a three hour drive from Los Lunas to Hondo not counting the stops for gas and stretching our legs.

We drove south on I-25 to Belen where we picked up another member of our club at the new Loves gas station, and then we were back on I-25 and headed south to San Antonio. We turned on Hwy 380 and drove east 107 miles through Carrizozo, Capitan and the quaint town of Lincoln. The early morning drive on Hwy 380 was so beautiful as the prairie landscape seemed to ooze with soft pastel colors. When Hwy 380 intersected with Hwy 70, we knew we were almost there. Turning back west on Hwy 70 for a half mile, we turned left off the highway down a winding road to the farm. Luckily, there was good signage on the highway telling us where to turn.

Once we had arrived, we were amazed at the beauty of the farm nestled out of sight from the above busy highway. Entering into the garden, we immediately saw rows upon rows of iris blooming. As we meandered along the grass pathways, we admired all the beautiful colors of the numerous varieties of iris. There was ample shade from the surrounding trees making our walk very enjoyable. We soon learned the farm also has an adjacent fairy garden to explore and a gift shop where curios and iris varieties can be purchased. Later, we ate our packed lunches at provided picnic tables. There are no restaurants in the area so you must bring in your own food. After lunch we loaded up our newly purchased irises and drove 3 miles further west on Hwy 70 to the Hurd Gallery in San Patricio to admire the paintings, sketches and water colors of renowned artists of the Hurd and Wyeth families. After a short tour by a gallery guide,



Iris Field



El Jardin Encanto Garden Club members enjoy lunch

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El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, continued

Many of the paintings showcased the landscape and old buildings of the surrounding area where the artists lived. Our gallery tour was a fitting end to a most enjoyable day.

If your club has not been to the Iris Festival in Hondo, we highly recommend this trip. Iris bloom from early to late May and the farm is open 7 days a week during the month. Additional information can be found on-line, just type in Hondo Iris Festival. Well, on to our next grand adventure. Not sure what it will be, but it will be fun for sure!

Petal Pushers Garden Club

The Petal Pushers Garden Club participated on Friday, April 27 & Saturday April 28 in the Annual Albuquerque Garden Council's Spring Plant Sale. This is the Xeric Garden Club's only fundraiser of the year and an opportunity to purchase great, locally grown xeric plants for one's garden. This year we are planning on selling plants in a variety of containers, large and small. On February 27th, John Lucero from the Albuquerque Rose Society gave a wonderful talk on the care of roses. It was very information and hopefully we will all have beautiful roses in our garden this year! Also at our February 27th meeting Petal Pusher member, Linda Lapp gave us a really cute garden idea! An old rake or head of a rake can double as a tool holder! I already have one in my garden!



Our last meeting on March 23 Claude Valliares from Wild Birds Unlimited on Montgomery Blvd gave a comprehensive talk on New Mexico Birds. An interesting fact he disclosed: New Mexico has the highest density of Cooper Hawks in the United States! He also talked about the recent National Geographic article about how smart birds can be. Especially Ravens and Crows. They even bring gifts to those who feed them! Every member of Petal Pushers who attended this talk was given a gift certificate for a free 5 lb bag of bird food!

On 4/24/18 Members of the Petal Pushers attended a wonderful luncheon at the Special Touch Tea Room for the induction of our new officers. The ceremony was officiated by Maple Levine, District Director. She did a wonderful job, adding a touch of humor by giving each officer a "special gift" to help them perform their duties in the coming year. List of new appointments are:



President: **Joan Karrie**
Vice President/Council Rep: **Ginny Longbotham**
Treasurer: **Pat Ledford**
Parliamentarian: **Bev Nixon**
Recording Secretary: **Viola Johnston**

The Petal Pushers made cute planters using tea cups and other small containers they collected and filled with small plants for the Annual Spring Plant sale hosted by the Albuquerque Garden Center on April 27th and 28th. Also sold were beautiful hanging baskets and colorful pots of flowers.

District II, Juanita Ortega, Director

District II members have been very busy recently. The Spring 2018 DII Meeting was held Wednesday morning, April 4th, at the Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Resort. Executive Board meeting started at 9:30 a.m. followed by the General meeting. District II Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Club Presidents presented brief oral reports on their activities during the past six months. A program on "Forest Restoration" was presented by Ann LePage, DII Environment Committee Chairman. Lunch was "on your own" at the Iguana Café. There was no charge or registration fee for this meeting.



District II hosted the 2018 NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention on April 4 - 6, 2018. at the Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Resort, twenty miles north of Santa Fe on the Pojoaque Pueblo. The theme of the convention was "**Footsteps of the Three Sisters**". On Wednesday afternoon, NMGC, Inc. Executive Board, NM Judges Council Executive Board and General Judges Meetings were held, followed that evening by NM Judges Council Dinner and a design program by Pat Copple and Shelby Green on "**New Trends in Floral Design**". Thursday was the official opening of the 69th NMGC, Inc. Annual Convention. We welcomed honored guests Isabel Olsen, NGC South Central Region Director and NMGC Parliamentarian, and we were left on our own to explore the many displayed works.

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Barbara Vance, NMGC Inc. President, and NMGC members from throughout the state. General Business Meeting followed, with State Officers, Executive Committee Members, District Directors, SCR Director, and State Chairmen giving their reports. Meeting adjourned, and lunch followed with a program on **"Sacred Gardens: Wisdom from Our Ancestors"**, presented by Lorraine Gray, founder of Four Bridges Traveling Permaculture Institute. Members had afternoon free time. Evening activities included the President's Reception, followed by the banquet, memorial service, and presentation of top NMGC, Inc. Awards. Evening program, **"Seeds for Thought"**, was presented by Roxanne Swentzell, renowned clay sculptor and co-founder of Flowering Tree Permaculture Institute. Friday featured NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation by Sue Ferguson, NMGC Awards Chairman and President Barbara Vance, followed by Ways & Means Drawing by Suzy Andrego, Immediate Past NMGC, Inc. President. Final Credentials and Registration Report was given by Norma Tech, Registrar. Joann Layden, District III Director, and Larry Layden, Penny Pines State Chairman, presented a skit on **"We Grow High and Low"**, inviting all NMGC members to the 2019 NMGC Convention in Las Vegas, NM on April 3 - 5, 2019. Announcements, benediction, adjournment, and silent auction closure and pickup followed.

Adding to the fun and interesting things to do were vendors, tours, and extra activities. Tuesday, April 3: guided tour at Santa Fe Botanical Garden and **Tour 1** -La Mesita Ranch Estate; Wednesday, April 4: **Tour 2** - Atomic City Tours – Northern NM; Thursday, April 5: **Tour 3** - Buffalo Thunder Resort Artwork; Friday, April 6: Bean Display - Buffalo Thunder, Pueblo 3 Ballroom Lobby and **Tour 4** – (post- convention) Poeh Cultural Center: Museum, Tower, Demo. I sincerely thank all DII Convention Committee members who made this such a great event! Los Alamos Garden Club installed 2018 Officers at their April 16th meeting. The Spring 2018 District II Rose Award pin was presented to LAGC member Judy Handy for outstanding service to her club and to District II

Los Alamos Garden Club

In February, our local certified arborist presented "How to Run a Greenhouse." We learned a lot even though most of us don't have a greenhouse.

At our March meeting, club members assembled the centerpieces for the NMGC Annual Convention. In April, we invited District II Director, Juanita Ortega, to join us for our Spring Luncheon to install our Club Officers for 2018-19. We participated in Earth Day at the Los Alamos Nature Center with a plant sale where we sold perennial plants from members gardens and bulbs (gladiolus and calla lilies) brought in from Iowa as a fundraiser for our annual scholarships for graduating high school seniors. The club recently sponsored a rose pruning workshop in the Memorial Rose Garden presented by our local County Extension Agent. Many community members attended.



Summit Garden Club



In February, Summit members met to start planning for the state convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe, and to hear Gillian Sutton of Flowers by Gillian, Los Alamos, speak. Her topic was utilizing non-traditional containers. Members brought their "most unusual" vases, and watched as Gillian created beautiful arrangements in them.

In March, we constructed centerpieces of straw wreaths covered with corn husks, for the convention, and, in April, we completed our centerpieces with bowls of beans, squash and corn, and placed them on the banquet tables for the Friday lunch event at the state convention. We then enjoyed our excellent convention.



Floral Designers Garden Club

Our entire membership was involved in this year's Annual State Convention held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort and Hotel in April. In addition to participating in the organization of the meetings, two of our members Shelby Green and Patricia Copple, presented a demonstration of the newest floral designs as sanctioned by National Garden Clubs, Inc. in the [2017 Handbook for Flower Shows](#).

Here are some of the designs: Low Profile, Armature; Cascade. and Grouped Mass



NMGC Club News

District III, Jo Ann Layden, Director

Although District III Clubs wind down and almost hibernate after November, spring is a time when we begin to stir and get motivated for the very short growing season we have.

Amor de la Tierra Garden Club in Las Vegas, though very new and just testing the waters of Garden Clubbing, has already planned some of its future activities that include planting flowers along the freeway entrance, already had a seed exchange and discussed mulching and water conservation at their monthly meetings. Las Vegas has a huge project coming this fall of redoing the Gallinas River as it comes through town and creating a River Walk in sections of it. I'm sure Amor de la Tierra will be involved in some way with this amazing project! Their new President, Diana Springer seems very motivated to make this a very active Club. We're so excited to have them in our District !

Angel Fire Garden Club has had one meeting since the December Christmas party which included a great presentation by Page Steed on hints to take better pictures. We are planning the always great Garden Tour that will be held on July 28th this year, so mark your calendars and plan on having a wonderful time! . Angel Fire's Signature gardens are being prepared for the summer crowds, so the Vietnam Memorial, Butterfly Garden at the Shuter Library and the Median will all be spruced up in time for summer activities. Many interesting programs are planned for the monthly meetings and always include some new information on better gardening!

Not to be outdone, Santa Rosa Garden Club is also prepping for warmer weather and has continued to meet throughout the winter to study floral arranging. They learned all about African Violets while visiting the Copland's Ranch and have been placing house plants at the Veteran's Center. When the weather gets warmer they plan to add outdoor plants to the Veteran's Center project. For National Garden Week they plan to do floral designs for local businesses like they did last year.

As you can see, summer is a busy time for everyone in District III and now we are also busy planning the 2019 Convention which will be held in Las Vegas, NM at the Historic Plaza Hotel on April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Save that date and plan on having a wonderful time, as we plan to have some great programs and because the Plaza Hotel is now under management by The Range Café, the meals promise to be delicious! We're excited at District III to be hosting this upcoming 2019 Convention!



Angel Fire Garden Club

It is always exciting to see AFGC's members get their talents in gear! Page Steed, our club's Awards Chair, did an outstanding job entering our many awards this year and our club is so honored to have won in so many areas. Besides spending countless hours on entering awards, Page welcomed our club into her home for the March club meeting. She presented an outstanding program showcasing her extraordinary photography talents. Her program, "How to Shoot Flowers & Save Bullets" was enjoyed by all!

The New Mexico Annual Convention at Buffalo Thunder was a great event! AFGC was honored to receive numerous awards for accomplishments in our 2017 fun-packed year! From Diane Peterson as "Member of the Year" to "Standard of Excellence," 2017 will be a year of great memories! None other than Diane Peterson led the Resolutions with JJ Huddleston and Conni Elkins. Diane sets the bar on making Resolutions hilarious while giving thanks to all those who contribute to make the Convention a great success.



AFGC joined forces with other civic groups for Earth Day in April



Conni Elkins, JoAnn Layden, Larry Layden, Diane Peterson and JJ Huddleston made our club so proud at the Convention!!



NMGC Club News

District IV, Judy Laird, Director

District IV sends its congratulations winners of NMGC Awards Linnea Egbert has been recognized for all her work as the NMGC Mentor of the Year. We also are proud of the following clubs for their achievements, Mesilla Valley Garden Club of Las Cruces, for Honorable Mention in the Standard of Excellence, Third Place for their yearbook Class II and Honorable Mention in Club History Class II. Sunshine Valley Garden Club of T or C, took Second Place in Club History Class II, and Second Place for their yearbook Class II. Lynn Cashton of Desert Daubers Garden Club of Las Cruces is a New Student Flower Show Judge. Our club members are taking the summer to tend their own gardens and we look forward to returning to enjoy our friends in September.



District V, Artesia Garden Club

We created multi use table centerpieces for Artesia Senior center, shamrocks with Lucky Leprechauns and Pot's O Gold for St Patricks' Day, changing them over to bunny's, chick's, and Easter eggs (with candy of course) for Easter. We will be changing table decorations to Roses from our yards and gardens on May 9th for the Mother's Day Brunch on May 10th.



Four of our members attended the District V Spring Meeting in Roswell and two members attended Spring Convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort.

A Field trip is planned with Morning Garden Club of Roswell to Hondo for a picnic luncheon and tour of the Iris Farm on May 10th. June and July will be very busy preparing for our Eddy County Fair.



Lincoln County Garden Club

The Lincoln County Garden Club began this year with lots of plans for outings; an informative booth at the local home and garden show, planting a tree for April's Arbor Day, a Memorial Day dedication, annual plant sale, a Bee-Wise presentation, and County Fair Flower Show. Last September a Blue Star Memorial Marker was unveiled at the Fort Stanton Veteran's Cemetery, and the new concrete base and landscaping project is underway. The LCGC maintains the Ruidoso Public Library garden, the hospital garden, and Smokey Bear landmark. We look forward to hosting the NMGC Fall Board Meeting October 25 and 26. As we Grow New Mexico together, let's each of us endeavor to continue to support each other and our clubs. You Grow Girl!

Morning Garden Club

Morning Garden Club has had an eventful Spring. Congratulations to member, Renate Reisel on being awarded the Member Award of Honor at the South Central Region Convention in Houston, Texas. Our club project, the planting of a demonstration garden with bird friendly shrubs and flowers at the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary was completed. On National Arbor Day, club members planted the Prairifire Crab Apple tree at the Bird Sanctuary. The tree was awarded to us at the New Mexico Garden Club Convention in Santa Fe. In March, Morning garden Club presented a program at Roswell Public Library where children created their own DIY houseplant containers and took home a free plant and seeds. The containers were outstanding and everyone had fun.



Morning Garden Club members planting the Prairifire Crabapple tree which they won at NMGC Convention for 1st Place in the Tree Award. The tree was planted on Friday, April 27, National Arbor Day, at the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary and Nature Center in Roswell, NM.



Spring

Spring. The garden.

Peach- trees fabulously red.

A path between them where a girl,

As through a flower-bed,

Wades in the lane's reflection

Of the flowers overhead.

Otomo No Yakamochi (718-85)

Gardening School Series

On August 31 and September 1, 2018, NMGC will hold its First Series of a National Garden Clubs Gardening School.

The classes for Gardening School I will be held in Albuquerque, NM at the Albuquerque Garden Center. On August 29-30 an Environmental School Series will begin. Consider joining NMGC for both schools!

Gardening School (GS), formerly Gardening Study School, (GSS) provides continuing education in the study of horticulture. I have just completed the Gardening School Series and it has been a wonderfully educational “Mini Master Gardener” type course. The Course content is established by National Garden Clubs (NGC). Four sequenced courses (I through IV) comprise a series. Each course consists of ten hours of instruction, which will include field tours of botanic and other local gardens.



Optional exams (EASY) are offered for those wishing to become NGC Accredited Gardening Consultants. After passing two courses a student may become a Provisional Consultant and join a Gardening Consultants Council, a group that provides programs and tours that further the education of its members. Those garden club members completing all four courses receive a Gardening Consultant Certification Card, which is recognized as a special achievement among NGC members, but does not convey professional status. Those who have become NGC Gardening Consultants are eligible to judge contests and displays as representatives of the Gardening Study Schools program in events participated in by councils and clubs.

Other NGC Educational Programs include: **Environmental Studies School** – focusing on the land, water, air, and earth on which we live; **Flower Show School** – focusing on the study of horticulture, design, and flower show procedure; and **Landscape Design School** – focusing on recognizing and practicing good land use.

Debi Harrington and Mary Ann Moreno will serve as co-chairs for the Gardening School Series. The fee for GS I is \$65 including lunch and the test fee.

Brochures will be sent electronically to all NMGC Club Presidents before the end of May. Questions may be directed to Debi Harrington by email at: photodebi@gmail.com, or by phone at 505-206-0930. We hope you will consider joining us for this wonderful educational series!

Debi Harrington, NGC Gardening Committee Chair 2017-2019

2018 Calendar

June 3 -9	National Garden Week
July 20 -22	Flower Show School III Albuquerque Garden Center
August 29 - 30	Environmental School I Rio Grande Nature Center
August 31 - September 1	Gardening School I Albuquerque Garden Center
Sept.25-28	NGC Fall Board—Orlando, FL
October 2	District I Fall Board Meeting Albuquerque
October 3	District III Fall Board Meeting Angel Fire
October 4	District II Fall Board Meeting Los Alamos
October 15	District V Fall Board Meeting Ruidoso
October 16	District IV Fall Board Meeting Alamogordo
October 25-26	NMGC Fall Board Meeting Ruidoso/Alto
Nov. 16-18	Flower Show School IV Albuquerque Garden Center

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