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“GROW NEW MEXICO”



Summer is almost over. The late rains really helped gardens to bloom. Our apple trees and grape vines are showing an abundance of fruit. When strolling through your gardens – please consider sharing your harvest by exhibiting at County and State Fair. These shows allow the public to see what grows in different areas of our state. What might work in their gardens.

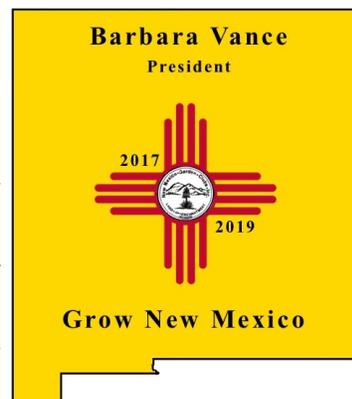
Wonderful educational opportunities begin in August. Environmental School I - August 29-30 at the Rio Grande Nature Center. Gardening School I starts August 31 – September 1 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. November 16-18 Flower Show School IV at Albuquerque Garden Center. You learn the latest information about gardening, floral designing and you meet and make new friends. We carry out the themes PLANT AMERICA and GROW NEW MEXICO.

It was a busy couple of months visiting garden clubs. Luncheons in gardens and participating in the annual Angel Fire Garden Tour in late July. My attendance at some of these events was especially meaningful as I was asked to present awards that Clubs and Members earned at SCR and NGC. Congratulations to those of you who took the time to apply for awards at many levels. A special Thank You to Sue Ferguson who was very instrumental in helping to make sure all of the forms were properly filled out. Special Recognition of Awards: Eva Zhang, Editor, and Linnea Egbert, Circulation, for their outstanding work on our NEW MEXICO GARDENER. Winning the South Central Region Award: *Certificate of Outstanding Achievement* - for Publication, Newsletter - 1st Place, with a monetary award. AND, the Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for Publication - awarded by Nancy Hargroves, NGC President 2017-2019.

SAVE THE DATES: Refer to the 2018 Calendar at the back of the GARDENER for dates/place of upcoming events. Schools – District Fall Board Meetings, and the 2018 NMGC Fall Board meeting in Alto/Ruidoso. ANNUAL REPORTS are due September 3, e-mail to Conni Elkins, Corresponding Secretary.

I’m looking forward to visiting with you at the schools – clubs - district meetings and especially at the Fall Board meeting.

‘WITCHES, TURKEYS AND REINDEER’ – Fall and Winter Container Gardening will be presented by NGC President, Nancy Hargroves at the Fall Board luncheon Friday, October 26.



**WITCHES, TURKEYS AND REINDEER**  
**Fall and Winter Container Gardening by Nancy Hargroves**



Container gardening doesn’t have to come to an end when Fall arrives. Extend ordinary summer container gardening into year-round container gardening with creative holiday highlights for Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas. There are unlimited possibilities that exist in container design, no matter the season.

Pine branches stuck into an empty window box do not a container garden make! Thoughtful plant selection can result in less work & longer-lasting results to carry you far beyond summer. A few simple tips will help you rethink container design and find your own unique style that may be bold, whimsical or elegant. See items that you never imagined transformed into one-of-a-kind containers that set a holiday mood. Learn how Fall and Winter containers can also provide make-ahead holiday decorations for inside and outdoor containers that can capture natural elements or inspired holiday elegance. It’s easier than you think!

## First Vice President's Message, Christine Longthorp



Happy Fall NM Garden clubbers! The rain was such a blessing, but with it came hail, creating Swiss cheese of our beautiful gardens. Now, we hope it holds until we have entered our specimens in the State Fair.

We have enjoyed judging and entering a summer flower show in Albuquerque and the county fair, held in Santa Rosa, and I am sure there have been others around the state that I missed. These are wonderful showcases for the public to see what can be grown and displayed in designs at all altitudes in New Mexico.

This brings me to Flower Show schools presently taking place in Albuquerque. Though their primary purpose is to educate Flower Show Judges, they can be audited by any garden club member so that they can learn how to enter in design and or horticulture and achieve a higher standard. I have been attending for over three decades and still learning. (If you need a room to stay when you come here please let me know.)

My final rally call is to encourage you all to attend the Fall Board Meeting in Alto on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our National President, Nancy Hargroves, will be attending, and for those of you who do not go to National Convention, this is a great opportunity to meet her and hear her message. She is very friendly, and will inspire members to go back to your clubs full of enthusiasm. Please show her New Mexico hospitality, and why not wear all of your Southwest duds? For District 4, that would be a perfect time to polish the silver and turquoise and leave a lasting memory with our National President.

The featured program is a Small-standard Flower Show entitled, "Los Colores De Otono" –The colors of Fall (please see the schedule attached). This will be a super easy show to enter, and is a mini showcase of our New Mexican culture and flavor. Everyone is encouraged to come to the NM Judges banquet.

I look forward to seeing you there in the cool of the mountains, ready to honor our State, Regional, and National Presidents. It doesn't get any better than that.

## South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen

Great news! PLANT AMERICA Community Projects Grants are available again during this administration due to the success of fund raising and donations. The deadline for submitting applications are October 15, 2018. Application forms and guidelines for the grants are available on the NGC website at [www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants](http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/plant-america-community-project-grants). I hope that several of our New Mexico clubs are planning to apply and become recipients. How exciting would that be! South Central Region is also accepting applications for new garden projects for the 2017-2019 term. The Director's Project is "Beautifying Our Communities" and the deadline is December 1, 2018. The criteria of the application is on the SCR website; [www.scr gardenclubs.org](http://www.scr gardenclubs.org) and will be in our next issue of *The Communicator*. One garden club from our region will be awarded a high quality marker with your garden club name proudly posted where the project is located. In addition, four \$100.00 awards will be given (one for each state). Alternate Region Director, Shirley Tetreault will gladly answer any questions you may have and gladly accept your applications.



As Director I get invitations and the opportunity to travel around our four states. I want to thank the members of Angel Fire GC for inviting me to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour. I enjoyed visiting each garden on the tour with JJ Huddleston and the wonderful luncheon and Hat Contest at the home of Penni Davey. What a treat to stay at Diane Peterson's home where the accommodations are always outstanding! Congratulations to the club for another successful year and fund raiser.

I look forward to seeing you all in Alto for the NMGC Fall Board Meeting and wish everyone for a bountiful fall season!





**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**2018 FALL BOARD MEETING**

**October 25 and 26, 2018**  
**Alto, New Mexico**

**“CANOPY OF COLOR”**

**Plant America - Grow New Mexico**

This is the official notice to all members of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. to attend the 2018 Fall Board Meeting to be held at Alto Country Club, 100 County Club Drive, Alto, New Mexico. All members of the Executive Committee, State Officers, District Directors, Club Presidents, State Chairpersons, are voting members of the Board of Directors. They are encouraged and expected to attend this meeting for the purpose of receiving reports, and transacting interim business. If any designated member of the Board is unable to attend, an alternate should be chosen as an official representative. The Board of Directors desires that non-voting members as well as voting members attend board meetings.

Officers – District Directors – Chairpersons – please report on activities of your position during the time period– April 2018 – October 2018. District Directors, please give a 4 minute report on the activities of your District and special activities of clubs in your District. Chairpersons – IF you would like to give a 3 minute oral report, please contact me As Soon As Possible so you can be scheduled on the Agenda.

The Schedule, and Registration form, including hotel reservation information, are in the Fall issue of the New Mexico Gardener. Lodging will be at HOTEL RUIDOSO. Please register/reserve your hotel room early to take advantage of the special rate (deadline is October 10).

Greet friends – meet – make new friends. Enjoy the beauty of Alto and Ruidoso

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



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## SCHEDULE

### 2018 Fall Board Meeting

### “CANOPY OF COLOR”

### Plant America - Grow New Mexico

October 25 & 26, 2018

Alto, New Mexico

#### **Thursday, October 25, 2018**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	NM Judges Council Flower Show Entries – Alto Country Club
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration – Alto Country Club
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	NMGC Executive Board Meeting – Alto Country Club
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Flower Show Judging (NO JC Executive Board Meeting)
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	NM Judges Council General Meeting – Alto Country Club
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	President’s Reception – Alto Country Club
6:30 PM	Judges Council Dinner – Alto Country Club
7:30 PM	Judges Council Program: “ <i>Hands-On Design Techniques Workshop</i> ”

#### **Friday, October 26, 2018**

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration – Alto Country Club
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast (on your own at hotel)
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting - Alto Country Club
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	NMGC General Business Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Program: “ <i>WITCHES, TURKEYS AND REINDEER</i> ” Power Point Presentation: Nancy Hargroves, NGC President.
2:00 PM	General Meeting Resumes – Concludes Final Credentials – Resolutions Adjournment

**Hotel Reservations: Hotel Ruidoso**, 110 Chase Street, Ruidoso, NM

Phone: 1 (575) 257-2007.

For “special” rate, mention “**New Mexico Garden Clubs**” - Reservations must be made by October 10, 2018.

Registration form is in the Fall issue of the *New Mexico Gardener*.

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

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
2018 FALL BOARD MEETING

“CANOPY OF COLOR”

Plant America - Grow New Mexico

October 25-26, 2018 Alto, New Mexico

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your classification (all that apply)

NGC President    NGC Officer    NGC Chairman    NGC Committee Member    NGC Life Member  
SCR Director    SCR Officer    SCR Chairman    SCR Life Member  
NMGC State President    Past State President    State Officer    State Chairman    State Life Member  
District Director    Club President    Club Member    Flower Show Judge    Guest

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

**EARLY PACKAGE – THURSDAY – FRIDAY - (October 25-26)**

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

Postmarked on or before October 10, 2018 \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Friday (October 26) breakfast on your own at hotel.

**LATE PACKAGE – THURSDAY – FRIDAY - (October 25-26)**

Postmarked after October 10, 2018 \$85.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**NM JUDGES COUNCIL: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 (NOT in package plan)**

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

NM Judge Council Program Only \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO REFUNDS ON REGISTRATION FEE AFTER 10/10/18 - WALK IN NOT ACCEPTED**

**Friday (October 26<sup>th</sup>) LUNCH MENU CHOICE: (CHOOSE ONE)**

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD \_\_\_\_\_

TACO SALAD \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Beef \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Dietary Needs – Contact: Nannette Tanner, rgtntk@windstream.net or 1 (575)-336-1755**

**NMGC Fall Board Reservations:**

Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT V, NMGC, Inc. 2018 Fall Board**

Mail to Registrar: Pat Krakauskas, 42 North Sky Loop, Roswell, NM 88201 Phone:1(575) 208-0153

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: HOTEL RUIDOSO** – 110 Chase St., Ruidoso, NM - Phone: 1 (575) 257-2007

Single, King or Double Queen Rate: \$76.00 plus tax. For “special” rate use **“NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS”**

**Reservations must be made by October 10, 2018**

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Awards, Sue Ferguson

I would like to report on the National Garden Clubs, Inc., awards won by NMGC's Inc., and its clubs for the 2017 awards year.

- **NGC Award #SR-3 Member Award of Honor - Renate Reisel**, Morning Garden Club (Commemorative Pin)
- **NGC Award #FD-2 Floral Design Program - OVERALL WINNER: Artesia Garden Club (\$100), "Create and Enter a Design" design workshop, Eddy Co., Flower Show, Artesia, NM**
- **NGC Award #NPW-2 Civic Project with Native Plants - RUNNER-UP: Angel Fire Garden Club (\$250), Shuter Library Butterfly Garden, Angel Fire, NM**
- **NGC Award # NPW-3 Outdoor Classrooms, Nature Trails - RUNNER-UP: Home Garden Club (\$150), Children's Garden at the Spring River Park and Zoo, Roswell, NM**
- **NGC Award # PUB1-4Ci Publications - FIRST PLACE: New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., for the NM Gardener**
- **NGC Award #G1 Container Gardening - FIRST PLACE Ci: Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM, "Plant It Pink" container through four seasons**
- **NGC Award #HP-2 Decoration of a Historic Building - FIRST PLACE Ai: Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM, Holiday decorations of Historical Museum, Roswell for Christmas**

Many congratulations to everyone! We are all so proud of you! Please continue to document your projects throughout the year - making notes and taking photos. I am always available to help with your award applications, and questions.

Also, do remember that the deadline for applying for the SCR Regional Director's Project 2017-2019 "Beautifying Our Communities" is December 1, 2018 to Project Chairman Shirley Tetreault. Please visit the SCR website for details.

## Bees, Birds, Butterflies, Jo Ann Layden

Was it summer? Where did it go? I can't believe it's already August! Way too short a summer. The beginning of it, until late July was the driest I've seen in a very long time, if ever. It was so dry that the San Fernando stream down Taos Canyon dried up! I haven't been through there lately to see if it has replenished itself, very sad.

The extreme dry weather seemed to hurt the **butterfly** populations since they have not been as numerous as most summers. We did have two Western Swallowtails living in our yard for a while, especially while the lilacs were blooming. They loved the plants and frolicked around each other in a very playful way. They are so beautiful, and since we're too far inland and north for the Monarchs, the Swallowtails are about the most exotic butterfly we see (definitely the biggest). I also saw a Black Swallowtail for a couple of days, but it was so fast that I never could really identify what type it was or get a picture. The books say that the black ones that frequent our area (north eastern NM) are usually the Black Swallowtail and the Anise Swallowtail. Since it never let me get close to it, I was not sure what it was. I have also seen Commas, Sulphurs, and we had a special treat one day when a black and white Police Car Moth landed near us while we were up in the mountains by our house. It was quite friendly and did not mind us getting close to it. They are beautiful moths (picture doesn't do it justice) and have translucent wings! We thought it was a Skipper butterfly, but when I looked it up, it was a moth.



Swallowtail on Lilacs

The **bees**, although more visible than butterflies, were also more scarce this year, although I did have some very large, beautiful bumblebees on my flowers. They frequented the lilacs, peonies, lamb's ears and even the clematis. Before the rains came I watered quite often; since we have our own well, I did not have to curtail the watering and I have had beautiful flowers all season. Last year we built a small wall around a portion of our yard and all the plants within the wall are at least three times as big and prolific in blooming as the same type outside of the wall. I'm sure it's because the deer are not eating them and the wind is somewhat blocked. The wall is made of cinder block (then stucco) so it also retains heat. In our area our nights are very cool, even in the middle of summer. I think the bees and butterflies worked hard at pollinating but I sure wish there were more of them!



Black and White Moth with Translucent Wings

Our main birds this summer have been the delightful hummingbirds. They arrived right on schedule and must have immediately made nests and laid their eggs, since we've had them more than double in number in June and July. We have six feeders up and fill them about 3 to 4 times each day! Most of the birds are Broad Tails, Rufous, and also a few of the tiny Calliope, the smallest bird in North America. When the babies first come out of their nests (which I never do see the nests), they are very innocent and not afraid of anything. They will stand on your hands if you're by the feeders. My grandchildren love to stand under the feeders and hold their hands out so the

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# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Bees, Birds, Butterflies continued . .

hummingbirds can stand on them. We have a pair of Olive Sided Flycatchers that make their nest in our backyard every year, ON TOP of a birdhouse we have under the leaves. They will not use the inside of the bird house. They also will not go to feeders when there are seeds there, just eat bugs. We don't have too many other birds in our garden since we don't feed them during the warm months because of the bears. For some reason the bears do not bother the hummingbird feeders but will come after seeds. The turkeys are beginning to come back after being elusive during the warmer weather (up higher hatching and raising their babies). This spring we had about 40 wild turkeys that came by daily to check out the seeds that had fallen from the feeders. They were very friendly and even gobbled at us in answer to our talking to them. We did get a little concerned, though, when one Tom seemed determined to attack the UPS delivery man!! Living in the mountains really has its perks! Parting words, keep planting native plants and a variety of them, we need those pollinators!

## Horticulture, Ellen Reed

### Groundcovers

Mulches are useful for excluding weeds and conserving soil moisture. Ground covers plants can be considered living mulches that protect bare ground and plant roots from the hot sun. Of course, living plants use water, but keeping the soil cooler reduces evaporation.

Suitable ground cover plants will depend upon the sun/shade exposure and the formality of the garden. Generally, they are compact and low growing. Many are mildly to excessively invasive and care must be taken that they don't overgrow surrounding plantings and hardscape. Many such as English ivy or Vinca major can be mowed low once a year to keep them under control. Weed seeds will germinate among the plants and must be removed manually. Grass is especially hard to remove if it gets a good toe hold.

The exposure of the area will dictate the varieties of plants suitable. However, in excessive shade, under low branching evergreens nothing may grow; shade moves with the seasons and time of day.

Plants used as ground covers vary in height from low thymes to closely planted shrubs several feet tall. Most are under twelve (12") inches. They should grow thickly enough to shade out most weeds. Proper fertilization, watering and choice of appropriate species will insure dense coverage.

Some of the most successful ground covering include creeping thyme, many sedum, Ajuga, Veronica and Anternaria (Pussy Toes) or Anephalis (Pearly Everlasting). English ivy and Vinca major maybe too invasive. The most common ground cover is grass with or without white clover.

A bed of ground cover can be more interesting when underplanted with spring bulbs. The low growth will disguise the fading foliage. Other bulbs such as Allium may be used for later color. Platycodon (Balloon flower) also works well as it will rise above the lower plants but go completely dormant in the winter.

It is important to match the plants to the existing conditions. Mondo grass, Liriope or Ophiopogon spp. Will make a compact turf in light sun to partial shade. Ophiopogon var. makes tufts of narrow foliage which may be green, variegated or almost black. The larger mondo grass at twelve inches (12") has wider green or variegated varieties. They can form tight ground covers overgrowing other plants. In late summer most bloom with flower spikes resembling grape hyacinths (Muscari sp.) followed by purple berries. A close trimming in early spring will remove winter damage. Most spread by shallow runners which may be used for propagation. Their fleshy roots resist drought.

Creeping Veronicas make a low evergreen carpet decorated with bright blue flowers in the early spring. The ones usually available are V. oltensis, V. liewansis and V. prostrata nana.

A sturdy plant not to be introduced to a perennial bed is Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (plumbago). Its wiry roots spread and send up shoot very widely forming a tight foliage cover about 10" tall with late blue flowers and red fall foliage. It is not evergreen and needs trimming in the spring.

Geranium macrorrhizum grows about eighteen inches (18") tall in dry shade with pink or white flowers. There are other low densely growing geraniums; some campanulas form a tight carpet as will Lily of the Valley or carpet roses. Delasperna spp. endure hot dry situations, but not being stepped on. Allium senescens glauca will also grow thickly.

Ground covers are grown to fill garden space, but care must be taken when introducing such potentially invasive plants to a cultivated landscape. Aegopodium (Bishop's Weed) I consider a noxious weed which roots at every underground node and is impossible to eliminate.

As with all planting, an annual top dressing with compost, light fertilizing with a balanced, slow release formula will keep the plants healthy and vigorous.

Some nurseries carry a selection of plants under the heading "Stepables" which may be suitable for areas of light foot traffic. A path of stepping stones will also protect a ground cover planting.



## NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

### Flower Show, Sarah Bianco

The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs presented their annual Flower Show on July 28 and 29, at the Albuquerque Garden Center. This was a Standard National Garden Club (NGC) Patriotic Show.

There were a total of 154 entries from 34 exhibitors. All Design, Botanical Arts, and Education classes were filled. Six judges (two panels of three judges each) judged the Show. Of the twenty-three top NGC awards offered, twenty were awarded. Each winner received a rosette of ribbons and a \$10 gift certificate from the Garden Center Shop.

Sarah Bianco chaired the event, with Dorothy Duff serving as the co-chair. Kathleen Flanders' decorations received many compliments. Other Show



Chairs included: Cecilia Garcia, Entries; Michele Ann Tart and Jim Lohkamp, Horticulture Classification; Thoula Mallory, Horticulture Placement; Suzy Andrego, Horticulture Consultant and Awards; Mary Noskin, Design Classification and Placement; Debra Sorrell, Design Consultant; Joanne Case, Botanical Arts Classification; Dianna Doddridge, Botanical Arts Placement; Shirley Tetreault, Judges; Betty Heisler, Clerks; and Teresa Edens and Jewell Cutter, Hospitality.



In conjunction with the Flower Show, members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, took part in a rededication of the NGC Blue Star Memorial Marker. After past NMGC President Suzy Andrego's opening statement, Shirley Tetreault, Albuquerque Garden Council President, introduced the featured speaker, Colonel Matthew Henry, Commander of the 150<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing. Captain Joseph Kamphulus, 150<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing Chaplain, gave the Invocation and Benediction. SMSGT Allen Tetreault, assisted by his mother, President Tetreault, laid a commemorative wreath at the base of the Marker. The Joyful Noise chorus sang the National Anthem, and Bonnie Husler played "Taps."

The Show Committee received many compliments from visitors about the quality of the exhibits and the overall staging of the Show.

### Wildflowers, Rosemary Maddox

This will be short because the deadline completely slipped my mind, which is odd because I remember the radio report on the attack on Pearl Harbor clearly. Therein may lie the problem.

In past reports I have written about seeing Texas Poinsettias in the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower garden some 20 years ago, and a few years ago I obtained a plant from a friend. Well, they are now taking over my back yard, and some even show up in the front. I reluctantly pull some when they climb into a tomato cage; yes, they are weedy--in the picture you can see a watermelon peeking out below and an asparagus frond above-- but I cannot call them a weed. I love every one of them.

Speaking of tomatoes, I bought six plants and now I have sixteen, with two more little ones just showing up. I have a big double composter which I assume if used properly would kill seeds on vegetable trimmings put into it. Everywhere I put the compost I get tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes and bell peppers. We have had some strange meals lately trying to incorporate all this free food. I cannot kill a volunteer food plant. No zucchini, thank goodness, just one which I planted.

I promise to get back on topic for the next report. Finding homes for all these ripe tomatoes is a full-time job.



Wont' you consider joining us for Flower Show School IV, November 16-18, 2018 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Flower Show Procedure and Design will be taught by Lynn Fronk, NGC Design Instructor. Cactus and African Violets will be taught by Judy Newman.

You do not have to be a Judge or a student judge to take these classes. Everyone learns when they attend these classes. They make us all better exhibitors. For more information Contact Suzy Andrego, State Flower Show Schools Chairman, Sandregoo@qwest.net or (505) 259-3318.



# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District I, Maple Levine, Director

The Albuquerque Garden Center was the scene of the highlight of mid-summer, namely a patriotic/nationalistic Standard Flower Show titled "This Land Is Your Land" which took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Although this is the time of year that my garden is rather lackluster, other growers managed to show some great horticultural specimens. We managed to fill all of the required designs and Botanical Arts Sections; (albeit it took some last minute scrambling to achieve some of the designs)! The event was well attended and congratulations to all that participated in this show.



Thankfully the monsoons have arrived in the Albuquerque area to offer some measure of relief to the thirsty yards and there is a hint of oncoming autumn. That should put us in the mood for creating ideas for the New Mexico State Fair. The theme for the Flower Show this year is "Camelot" and there are plans in the works for some very creative décor. Sounds like it will be quite beautiful and enchanting!

Speaking of autumn, District One will be having its' biannual luncheon on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at the Pueblo Cultural Center. We will start mingling and registering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 10:00 am and commence with the meeting at 10:30. We will be having a business meeting then a buffet luncheon. Our speaker will be Barbara Shapiro, a noted Master Gardener of seventeen years and has practiced law for more than 25 years. She will be discussing "Garden Law" and which should be very informative so bring your questions about all those pesky neighbors that refuse to clean their yards or who grow those nasty Elms that blow seeds into your pristine yards. Additionally, there will be some great surprises so make your plans to attend this event.

## High Desert Design Club

High Desert Design club is off and running with the New National Garden Club designs. At the Council show in Albuquerque, Esther Russell won the Botanical Arts Artistic Award and Botanical Arts Sweepstakes, and Kathy Daniels won Botanical Arts Horticulture. This is the first show to have this Division so we congratulate our big winners. A new Division giving the designer the freedom to explore the world of creativity with plant material and design. Mary Noskin, working on becoming a flower show judge, won the Holiday Excellence Award and the Award of Distinction. Kristin Thompson cleaned up on annuals, perennials, and foliage winning the Award of Merit in all three.



We do not meet in September as these ladies will be busy entering design and horticulture at the New Mexico State Fair. Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Pinion room, at the Albuquerque Garden Center. We would love for you to join us. We would also love for you to visit our booth at the Council Holiday Fair in Albuquerque, and enjoy some of our wonderful cooking in the kitchen. We will be the ones in the red hats.

## Petal Pushers

On June 26, 2018 the Petal Pushers Club was lucky enough to have their monthly meeting in the gardens of Erika Bernardone, daughter of member Sonia James. After the meeting we had wonderful refreshments and a guided tour of the gardens. A good time was had by all! Share the Beauty Day:

Members of the Petal Pushers Garden Club got together at the Albuquerque Garden Center on 6/4/18 to design approximately 800 bouquets of flowers to be delivered to nursing homes around the city.

## District II

### Floral Designers



The Floral Designers Garden Club has enjoyed a quiet summer, however, there have been a few highlights. We enjoyed a lovely summer luncheon at the home of one of our members, Shelby Green. And, our president, Sue-Ellen de

Beer, entered the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Flower Show, [This Land is Our Land](#), held on July 28 and 29, 2018. She entered a design in Section B - "America The Beautiful" in Class 4 entitled "For Spacious Skies" and came away with the Designer's Choice Award shown.

### Summit Garden Club

Summit members began Spring by watering and weeding the gardens we maintain at Bandelier National Monument, and by cleaning up the White Rock Community Garden.

The May meeting centered on club business and the installation of officers. In June, we met at the Los Alamos Nature Center, also known as PEEC (Pajarito Environmental Education Center). There, Larry Deaven, LANL retiree and penstemon specialist, gave us a tour of the garden he established. He showed us penstemons from Death Valley in California (*P. floridus*), the high mountains in Mexico (*P. kunthii*), and the cold, wet areas in Vermont (*P. hirsutus*). Mr. Deaven grew all these specimens from seed. We were amazed that penstemons from such varying climates could survive, and even thrive, in the PEEC garden. Mr. Deaven informed us that the beautiful pale pink penstemons seen all over Los Alamos County are *P. palmeri*, and that they grow well with no irrigation.

In July, we toured the beautiful gardens of Roz Newmyer and Priscilla Hardekopf, both in White Rock, and made plans for our Plant Sale at PEEC September 8. If you're in the area on September 8, please visit our Plant Sale.

## Los Alamos Garden Club



Historical Society Tour  
Judy Handy in the Rose Garden



Historical Society

Our speaker for May was our own Kathy Taylor. She talked about the water feature in her garden. It's a lovely fountain that attracts many birds. We don't have meetings in June, July or August but we still get together to do fun things. In June, we had lunch at a restaurant in a nearby town. In July we played tourist right here in our own hometown. We took the Los Alamos Historical Museum tour all around our historic buildings and grounds. Even though we've lived here for many years, we still learned a lot. During the summer months, LAGC members spend Monday mornings maintaining the Los Alamos Memorial Rose Garden. After months of drought, we finally got a nice rain storm on July 23rd.

## District III, Jo Ann Layden, Director

**Amor de la Tierra Garden Club** has increased their membership by 15 percent! This month they are coordinating with the City of Las Vegas Public Works, as well as *Mainstreet USA*, to finalize their community project. They recently had a presentation on keyhole gardening as well as a very informative lecture on composting. More educational topics of interest have been suggested by members, and they are busy lining up new speakers. The Club is also looking at a fall fundraising activity. They continue to contribute to Penny Pines and plan to soon be picking a National forest for new tree plantings. Some of the members are working to get a *Master Gardener Program* in Las Vegas in spring 2019. They hope to get interested people from around the region to attend this program. Several of the members are actively involved in the Planning Committee with District III for the 2019 State Convention.

**Angel Fire Garden Club** hosted Debra Sorrell in May, who presented "How to Create Vertical Succulent Gardens," showing the members how to create beautiful vertical gardens. In June, AFGC had as speaker, Marisa Thompson, Ph.D., NMSU Extension Horticulture Specialist, Los Lunas Agricultural Science Center. She is responsible for active Extension & Research programs in sustainable horticultural practices for New Mexicans. She gave a very informative talk "All about bulbs." The highlight of the summer was the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The six featured gardens were absolutely amazing this year. The luncheon, held at Penni Davey's yard was delicious and a lot of fun and brought good catching up with friends. The weather cooperated with perfect temperature (around 75 degrees), no wind and the rain waited a day or so! There were numerous auction items to bid on and everyone went home happy! Many of the members worked very hard to prepare for this fabulous tour.

**Santa Rosa Garden Club** is practicing floral designs in anticipation of the county fair held on the first weekend of August. June found them at the Veteran's Memorial building with several arrangements they created using fresh flowers, presenting the arrangements to some of the shut-ins in the community. Coleen Hinker taught the members about dried flower arrangements that will comply with county fair flower show schedule. In June, some of the members travelled to Angel Fire to attend a planning meeting for the 2019 Convention and are actively involved in the planning.

All three clubs are participating in the planning for a truly memorable 2019 Convention to be held at the historic Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NM, on April 3, 4, 5, 2019.! I am so very proud of these three Garden Clubs, they have very knowledgeable and hard-working members. They are a joy to work with!



Dr. Marisa Thompson

### Angel Fire Garden Club

Our May meeting was an outstanding program given by Debra Sorrell on succulents. This presentation was delightful and has been reigned as one of the best programs ever!

### June Meeting Featured Dr. Marissa Thomson and Awards Presentations

Dr. Marissa Thomson from the Los Lunas Agricultural Science Center, spoke on using bulbs in landscape design at our June meeting. Angel Fire Garden Club (AFGC)'s June meeting also touted a special presentation of state, district, regional and national level awards to its individual members and to the club. AFGC Awards Chair, Page Steed, felt that presentation of award certificates at the AFGC meeting was significant because most recipients were unable to attend the NMGC convention. It also raised awareness and appreciation of its membership's hard work and efforts.

AFGC received the Standard of Excellence as top point earner in the state, accumulating 960 points, in addition to its members receiving Member of the Year (Diane Peterson) and the Certificate of Meritorious Achievement (Conni Elkins). On the NMGC, Inc., state level, club members received 22 individual award certificates, and the Club itself received 15 certificates. The Club was additionally the recipient of one District III award, four awards from the South Central Region, and one National Garden Club, award. AFGC received \$450 for placing in various award categories, from state, regional, and national levels. AFGC's members counted 36 entries for the photography contest and walked away with a 1st place award in every single photographic category, many 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place certificates, and Photographic Print of the Year for 2017 (Page Steed).



Dr. Shengrui Yao

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## Angel Fire continued. . .

Of particular honor was the attendance of NMGC, Inc., State President Barbara Vance, who assisted with presentation of certificates/awards to the club from District III, South Central Region, and National Garden Clubs, Inc..

In July, the program featured Dr. Shengrui Yao, assistant professor of Horticulture/Fruit Specialist at the Department of Plant & Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture at Alcalde, who spoke on growing various types of berries.



### Dynamic Members who tirelessly Chair our Signature Gardens!!

Far left: Lucy Humbert ~Angel Fire Median Garden  
 Middle: Diane and Pete Peterson ~ Shuter Library Butterfly Garden  
 Near left: Mary Smith working in AF Median Garden., she also Co-Chairs the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tear-Drop Garden

*Additional Photos on page 16*

## Santa Rosa Garden Club

In June the Santa Rosa Garden Club made arrangements for local businesses and shut-in's to celebrate National Garden Club week. Club members took arrangements to 12 locations in Santa Rosa.

July found members beginning the planning for the county fair. Colleen Hinker taught a class on dried arrangements and helped members make arrangements suitable for the fair.

August 2 members and husbands set up tables and displays and made arrangements for the Guadalupe County Fair. Judges for the show were Shirley Tetrault, Sarah Bianco and Kathleen, all from Albuquerque. We had four first year members who entered numerous designs and horticulture specimens and all won ribbons.



*Additional photos page 15*



Colleen Hinker  
Horticultural Sweepstakes



Eileen Moncayo  
Tricolor Traditional Design



Kathryn Esquibel  
Award of Excellence-Horticultural



Diane Fuchs  
Award of Distinction



Qinlin Flores  
Petite Award

## District IV

### Mesilla Valley Garden Club

In June, Mesilla Valley Garden Club celebrated a full and active year with a potluck luncheon at Judy Laird's beautiful new home. Judy talked about different lavender varieties, their growth habits and care. She told us how and when to harvest and dry the blossoms and reminded us to leave the second bloom for pollinators. Judy had several varieties of lavender in her garden

Linnea Egbert received the Mentor of the Year Award at Convention—Congratulations! We take a three month vacation starting in June each year from most garden club duties but spend time planning next year's programs and projects and this year revising our Bylaws - a long overdue task.



Judy Laird shares information about lavenders.



A bank of lavender in Judy's yard with the Organ Mountains in the background.



Terry McCatherin, Linnea Egbert, and Beulah Oyler

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District V, Nannette Tanner, Director

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We have been blessed with some nice rain. Everything is green for a change. District V is looking forward to the Fall Board Meeting in October. Hope many of you can attend. We are excited about a special luncheon program to be presented by NGC President Nancy Hargroves.

All of our clubs in Roswell, Artesia and Ruidoso have been busy this summer! These ladies work hard all year, but summer programs are so much fun. See you in October!

## Artesia Garden Club

Artesia Garden Club has had a Wonderful Spring and Summer.

At State we won a few awards, then found out we actually won First Place SCR Award for our Design Program at the Eddy County Fair. But it didn't end there it was also sent to National Garden Club and after the Convention in Pennsylvania we heard we won first place there also. Hurray for us here in NM, I for one think that is awesome. WOW to say the least. Sooo very nice to receive such recognition.

In May we created little gifts for Morning Garden Club, little handmade wooden disks that could be decorative or coasters, all were hand designed whether they were wood burned, painted, or some combination of the two. We also decorated the Senior Center with roses from our yards for the Mother's Day Brunch and then loaded up in the van off on a wonderful outing with Morning Garden Club of Roswell.



Artesia Garden Club Fair participants and ribbons

We had a great luncheon at Pegi Naranjo Smiths' place in San Patricio, then visited the Iris farm in Hondo. It was blooming fantastically with every color iris you can imagine and maybe a few you can't. It was absolutely beautiful. June was spent preparing for our Eddy County Fair Flower Show. Which went very well, everyone had a great time and some really nice designs were created.

The "Create and Enter a Design" program was another fun event at Eddy County Fair Flower Show. Participants were able to have hands on guidance from Artesia Garden Club members creating and entering their own designs.

**Youth Division** –Seven children under 12 years won 34 ribbons with Garney Weaver winning Best of Show with *Repunzel's Garden design*



Julie Foster



Bunny Mason

*Additional photos page 15 and 16*

## Morning Garden Club

Morning Garden Club had an eventful Spring and early Summer.



*Award of Honor received by member Renate Reisel*

Artesia Garden Club was invited to join us for our May meeting held in San Patricio. After a delicious lunch and meeting all took a tour of the Iris Garden in Hondo.

Renate Reisel, a Morning Garden Club member, was awarded the 'Member Award of Honor' at the South Central Regional Convention in Houston, Texas and the 'New Mexico Garden Club Member Award of Honor' at the State Convention. Morning Garden Club members celebrated National Garden Week at the Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park with City Councilor Juan Oropesa, who represented the City of Roswell. The Councilor read the proclamation proclaiming June 3-9 National Garden Club Week.

Morning Garden Club hosted a program on butterflies and their habitat for approximately 50 preschool children at the Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park. Children toured the garden and participated in butterfly themed crafts. Morning Garden Club was honored as "Volunteers of the Quarter" by the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, Inc.



*Celebrating National Garden Club Week*



*Bird sanctuary tree planting*

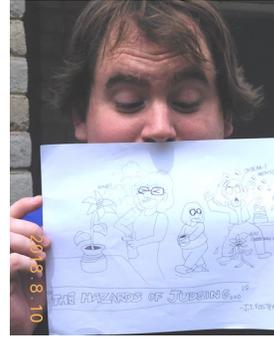


*May meeting in San Patricio with Artesia Garden Club as guests*

# NMGC FOTO OVERFLO



Top, above and left: Artesia GC's Flower Show winners at the Eddy Co Fair



Left: A cartoon Julie Foster's son drew of judges at Colleen Hinker's, "Roosevelt County Fair"



Santa Rosa Flower Show winners with their ribbons



Page Steed, AFGC Awards Chair, and Barbara Vance, NMGC, Inc. State President, with Member of the Year, Diane Peterson,.



Right: Page Steed, and Barbara Vance, with Conni Elkins, recipient of the Certificate of Meritorious Achievement Award.



Above: Barbara Thorne won the NMGC Beginning Design award well as a beautiful trophy.



Above: Jacqui Binford-Bell accepts for AFGC the 1st place Recycle Award "trophy." The entry also won 1st place in the "Litter Control" category (NMGC) and 2nd in SCR.



AFGC President, Shirley Sheriff (Conni Elkins behind the mask) proudly accepts SCR awards from Barbara Vance.



Los Alamos members enjoy a summer luncheon at Gabriel's in June.



High Desert's Mary Noskin's design won the, Holiday Excellence Award



One of Angel Fire Garden Club's first activities each summer is to partner with Tara Chisum and Keller Williams Realty for a work day on the Village's main median. AFGC maintains this median garden ready for a busy summer. This year the group worked hard refreshing the soil, pulling weeds, pruning branches and stems and adding new plants to our established garden.



## 2018 - 2019 Calendar

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	<b>NMGC Fall Board Meeting</b> Ruidoso/Alto
Nov. 16-18	Flower Show School IV Albuquerque Garden Center
March	District I Fall Board Meeting Los Alamos
March	District II Fall Board Meeting Los Alamos
March	District III Fall Board Meeting .
March 12	District IV Fall Board Meeting Las Cruces
March 13	District V Fall Board Meeting Roswell
April 3—5	<b>NMGC State Convention</b> Las Vegas
April 12-13	<b>SCR Convention</b> Oklahoma City

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