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Deadline

Dates

Spring

February 1

Summer

May 1

Fall

August 1

Winter

November 1

Articles/Photos for the next *Gardener* must be submitted by February 1, 2019

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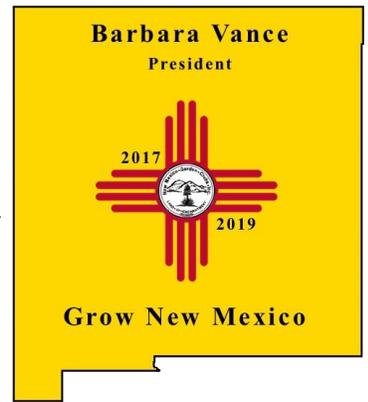


Fall is in the air. The trees are changing color to hues of yellow, orange, reds and a shades of tan and brown. Still blooming - dianthus, mums, miniature roses, and light blue Iris. Garden activities slow down and are coming to an end as we prepare for the winter season.

The NMGC Fall Board meeting, hosted by District V, was held in Alto/Ruidoso, with meetings at the Alto Country Club. New Mexico Judges Council members set up a fantastic flower show “Los Colores de Otono” in the hallway to be enjoyed when going from room to room for meetings and meals. Outstanding designs and horticulture. It certainly carried out the themes *Plant America* and *Grow New Mexico* and was apropos as Nancy Hargroves, NGC President was visiting our state and served on the judging panel.

Reports were given by District Directors and Chairpersons with the latest information on special projects and activities. Educational schools continue: Flower Show School, Environmental, and Gardening. You are welcome to attend any school for information only to expand your knowledge of gardening and floral designing. Nancy Hargroves, spoke about her projects and continuing *Plant America*. South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen, encouraged members to apply for awards – local – region - national. We had 9 first time attendees at our meeting and they were welcomed with bags with amaryllis bulbs and gifts.

A very special program. Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, presented a power point program on Container Gardening: *WITCHES, TURKEYS AND REINDEER*”. A summer container garden can be transformed with changes/additions of different plant material and accessories adapted to fall and winter themes. It inspired us to go home and try this idea.



Dear Barbara and Members of New Mexico Garden Clubs,
Thank you for including me for your Fall Board Meeting. All of your planning and organization was very evident, as every aspect went like clockwork. I enjoyed hearing your members' reports and I appreciate your giving me time to speak to them. You were so thoughtful in all the courtesies shown to be while I was there. Thank you also for arranging for me to stay with two of your members.
Words cannot express how pleased I was to receive your very generous donation for the PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants fund. It is my hope that this becomes as significant a program for National Garden Clubs as its Scholarship Program.
You and New Mexico Garden Clubs should be very proud of the meeting that you hosted, as well as the wonderful work you are doing in your state. Getting to know all of you will always be a very special memory for me.
Beautifully,
Nancy

Thank you note from Nancy Hargroves, NGC President, to Barbara Vance, NMGC

The 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. Fall recipients: District I – Adrienne David. District II – Doris Jackson. District III – Page Steed. District IV, Ichiko Serna. District V – Judy Peterson Ellis.

Our New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Convention is scheduled for April 3, 4, 5, 2019 in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The Official Call, Schedule, and Registration forms are in this issue of the GARDENER. District III is hosting this year and have planned interesting programs and tours for your enjoyment. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Wishing You All – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Happy holiday season to New Mexico Garden Club members.

October has been very active attending all five District meetings and travel to all corners of our beautiful state. I wish you could all be a cotton on my coat as our President and I travel and meet such lovely and supportive garden club friends.

NGC Fall Board meeting was hosted by District V and held at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club on October 25th and 26th 2018. Our President has reported on the meeting so I will elaborate on the details for those of you who were not able to attend.

The theme was set by featuring a Small -Standard Flower Show entitled "Los Colores de Otono" "The Colors of Fall". The designs included the "Dia de Los Muertos" and all the decorations repeated this very colorful theme. The creativity was boundless and the specimens of horticulture were stunning. Our National President, Nancy Hargroves, our State President, Barbara Vance, and I judged the show and it was a joy. We made New Mexico proud.

NMJC dinner was a workshop showing and doing several design techniques and if you could have heard the laughter and fun from all who attended it would make you smile today.

After the NGC general meeting on Friday our lunchtime program was a PowerPoint presentation from Nancy Hargroves, our National Garden Club President, showing us ways to transition holidays into our patio pots until the spring. It was inspiring and light and certainly easily adapted to all of the climate challenges we face in New Mexico. We all left with auction items, door prizes and plant cuttings to grow Night blooming Cereus. Thank you to all who worked on the planning and details to make our stay so special.

As we now draw into winter please look at the awards booklet and apply even when you don't think you have a chance. You have no idea how you encourage the whole state when you apply.

I look forward to 2019 when I become your President. Please support your District with your attendance and plan to attend our State Convention in Las Vegas New Mexico in April.

Meanwhile, enjoy each other, families and friends this holiday season.

Right: New Mexico Judges Council Flower Show: *Los Colores de Otono*

Far Right: National Garden Club President Nancy Hargroves

Below: NMGC Vice President Christine Longthorp and President Barbara Vance





New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

OFFICIAL CALL
70TH Annual Convention
“HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING”
April 3, 4, 5, 2019
PLAZA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NM

This is the **official notice** to all members of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. to attend the 2019 Annual Convention to be held at the Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, NM. 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 conducting 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 - report on the activities of their position since last convention (April 2018 Buffalo Thunder Resort). Reports cover the period of May 1, 2018 – April 1, 2019. District Directors please give a 4 minute report on District activities, and special events of clubs in your District. Chairpersons give a 3-minute oral report on your activities. Contact me **As Soon As Possible** so you can be scheduled on the Agenda.

The Official Schedule and Registration form, including hotel reservation information, are in the Winter issue of the *New Mexico Gardener*. Please register and reserve your hotel room early to take advantage of the “special” rate (deadline is March 20, 2019).

All members of New Mexico Garden Clubs and guest/s are welcome to attend the convention. Special speakers/ programs have been planned including tours in and around Las Vegas. An opportunity to learn more about our beautiful State of New Mexico, meet/make new friends.

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



OFFICIAL SCHEDULE
70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
"HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING"

April 3, 4, 5, 2019

Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, New Mexico

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

12:00 noon - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION – Lobby – Plaza Hotel
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	NM Judges Council Executive Board Meeting
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	NM Judges Council General Meeting
6:30 PM	NM Judges Council Dinner
7:30 PM	NM Judges Council Program <i>"Smart Tips for Smartphone Pics - Getting Better Pictures for Your Flower Show Photo Entries"</i>

Thursday, April 4, 2019

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NMGC, INC. CONVENTION

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION – Lobby – Plaza Hotel
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast - Buffet
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Official Opening of NMGC, Inc. 70th Annual Convention
9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	NMGC, Inc. General Business Meeting
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Program : <i>"All About Bees"</i>
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	General Business Meeting continues (if necessary)
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Tours - United World College- visit plaza, shops, museums
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	President's reception – Ball Room
6:15 PM - 6:30 PM	Introduction of Former State Presidents and Club Presidents
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Banquet
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Memorial Service and Top Awards Presentation
8:00 PM	Program: <i>"Gallinas River Park Project"</i> Installation of new 2019-2021 Officers

Friday, April 5, 2019

CONVENTION

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast- Buffet
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Final Credentials, Resolutions
10:30 AM	Adjournment

HOTEL: The Plaza Hotel – 230 Plaza Street – Las Vegas, NM 87701 - PH: 1(505) 425-3591
 Mention NMGC, Inc. 2019 Convention to receive "special" room rate. Please book by March 20, 2019.

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

GROW NEW MEXICO



NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
70th Annual Convention
"HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING"
APRIL 3 - 5, 2019

The Plaza Hotel

Las Vegas, New Mexico



Print your Name as you would like it to appear on your Nametag:

Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ email: _____
 Garden Club(s): _____

Please circle your classification (all that apply):

Please mark either a FULL TIME Package or PART TIME Registration

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
Landscape Consultant	Environmental Consultant		Gardening Consultant	Guest	

Full Time Package includes: \$25.00 Registration fee, 2 Breakfasts, Lunch/Program, NMGC President's Reception, Banquet/Top Awards/Program & Awards Presentation. **NOTE: Full Time Package does NOT include Judges Program!**

EARLY FULL TIME PACKAGE (Postmarked on or before **3/22/2019**) \$ 125.00 _____

LATE FULL TIME PACKAGE (Postmarked after **3/22/2019**) \$ 135.00 _____

NM JUDGES COUNCIL (Not in Package Plans)

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

NM Judges Council Dinner/Program \$ 35.00 _____

Note: All NMGC Members and Guests are welcome to attend the NM Judges Council Dinner and Program.

PART-TIME REGISTRATION

Registration fee — Mandatory for Part-Time Registration \$ 25.00 _____

Note: No Registration fee charged for Guests attending only the President's Reception or the Banquet.

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Breakfast \$ 22.00 _____

Luncheon/Program..... \$ 25.00 _____

NMGC President's Reception..... \$ 12.00 _____

NMGC Banquet/Program..... \$ 30.00 _____

Friday, April 5, 2019

Breakfast followed by Awards Presentation..... \$ 22.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Registration Deadline is March 27, 2019. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Please make checks payable to: **District III, NMGC 2019 Convention** and mail to:

JJ Huddleston, PO Box 789, Angel Fire, NM 87710-0789, jjhuddleston78@gmail.com or (575) 377-3401

Special Dietary Needs: Please contact Jo Ann Layden, laydenjoann@gmail.com or (575) 377-2743

CONVENTION TOUR at the UNITED WORLD COLLEGE (UWC)—Please mark if you will attend the tour.

Description on page 8. No charge for the tour.

_____ Montezuma Castle and Farm Tour

HOTEL: The Plaza Hotel, 230 Plaza Street, Las Vegas NM

Single Rate: \$80.10 (plus tax) Double Rate: \$89.10 (plus tax)

Deadline for special rate reservations is March 20, 2019. Web link for reservations: <http://www.plazahotellvnm.com> or call (505) 425-3591 and mention "New Mexico Garden Clubs 2019 State Convention" to receive special room rate(s).



Convention Tour at
UNITED WORLD COLLEGE
LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO



We are scheduled to tour the United World College (UWC) on April 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The tour is free however you do need to reserve your spot (see the registration form). The tour will include the Montezuma Castle and the UWC Farm and takes about 1 ½ hours. The Dwan Light Sanctuary can be visited if there is enough time. Carpooling from the hotel is highly encouraged as faculty will shuttle us up from the Visitor's Center to the Castle. Students will be our tour guides.

The **Montezuma Castle**, a 90,000 square foot Queen Anne structure, started life as a Harvey House Hotel. Built in 1881, it was Fred Harvey's first luxury resort. UWC purchased the building and 100 acres in 1981 and the Castle was completely refurbished in 2001. It now contains classrooms, offices, dorm rooms and the dining hall. The Castle has been designated as one of "America's Treasures" by the White House Millennium Council.



The **Farm** at UWC is one of their showpieces. Its official name is the Agroecology Research Center (ARC). The farm is on 20 acres of riparian land near Sebastian Canyon and an old hay barn is an outdoor classroom while an old stable houses chickens and ducks. The "ARC aims to achieve three goals:



- *Train students and community members in the skills and techniques needed to practice sustainable agriculture in an arid environment.
- *Provide a place for practical, hands-on work where students can learn new skills and discover meaningful applications of their classroom learning in math, economics, and the sciences.
- *Stimulate innovation by challenging students to think about new and different ways to approach problems such as pest management, habitat conservation, and waste management."

(from: <https://www.uwc-usa.org/page.cfm?p=672&newsid=84&ncat=8>)



The **Dwan Light Sanctuary (DLS)**, designed by Virginia Dwan (conceptualizer and funder), Charles Ross (solar spectrum artist) and Laban Wingert (planner-architect), has served the UWC "campus and the public as a refuge from the pace, conflicts, and anxieties of daily living" since 1996. If we don't have enough time during the tour, perhaps you can visit on your way home after the convention. There is no charge, just stop by the Welcome Center and you will be directed to the sanctuary. The DLS can be visited daily from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

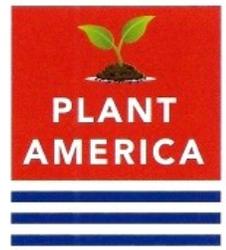
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For other things to do in Las Vegas, visit <https://www.visitlasvegasnm.com/>



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

(Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas)



South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen

The 89th National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting was held in Orlando, Florida. I along with our State President, Barbara Vance, Suzy Andregio, Debi Harrington, Doris Jackson, Jennifer Moreno, Mary Ann Moreno and Shirley Tetreault attended the meeting.

At this meeting, committee members work together to continue moving our organization forward. Thank you to these members for serving on the National Garden Clubs Board of Directors.

The 2019 NGC Annual Convention will be in Biloxi Mississippi at the Beau Rivage Resort starting April 29 through May 2. The Incoming NGC administration for the 2019-2021 term will be installed, so it will be a special time for President Elect, Gay Austin and others. If you are interested in attending you should make your room reservation soon to assure availability. You can contact the hotel online at the reservation website: <http://book.passkey.com/e/14287742> or call the hotel directly (888)567-6667 and give the Group Name: National Garden Clubs Conference. The Guaranteed Room Rate is \$145.00 per night, plus a daily resort fee of \$10.00 and 12% taxes. The cut-off date for the guaranteed rate is April 1, 2019.

I would like to talk about the College Student Scholarships that are offered not only at our state level, but also at SCR and NGC. At the South Central Region Annual Convention on April 12-13, 2019, a student from one of our four states will be awarded a scholarship. And at the National Convention, a student from each state is awarded a scholarship as well. So let's encourage any students that we may know who are studying in the fields that meet our criteria to apply.

I would like to close with some exciting news! Because many of you purchased the "Vase Brace" and other gardening items from the SCR Ways and Means, I will be increasing the monetary award for each state from \$100.00 to \$200.00 for the Director's Project, "Beautifying Our Communities". One garden club from each state will be selected to receive this money to help off-set the expense of their project. There will be one garden club from the region that will receive a high quality marker with their club name to be posted at their garden/project. The deadline to apply is Dec 1, 2018. You may contact SCR Project Chairman/Alternate SCR Director, Shirley Tetreault for more information.

Many of our garden clubs do wonderful things in their communities, and this is one way I would like to give back to you for doing so. Thank you gardeners for Planting America and making our state of New Mexico a more beautiful place!



SCR Director, Isabel Olsen,
NMGC President, Barbara Vance,
NGC President, Nancy Hargroves

CALLING ALL GARDEN CLUBERS!!

The time has come to submit your applications for our SCR Director's Project. We have just extended the entry deadline for "Beautifying Our Communities" to January 15, 2019. Our Director, Isabel Olsen, has worked extremely hard to make this project something you can be proud of. She will give \$200. to the winning club in each state. The top award in our Region will receive a high-quality marker with your garden club name proudly posted where the project is located. What a great opportunity to show who you are and you do. Let's make our Director proud!



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Director's Project Application



Date of Application:

Name of State Garden Club:

Applicant: (Club name)

Contact: (Name of individual representing club)

Address:

Email:

Phone#:

New Project: Yes _____ No _____ Beginning date: _____ Completion date: _____

Description of Project: (type of garden - vegetable, sensory, flower, native plant, cactus, annual, perennial etc.)

Brief statement of club members and outside volunteers:

Judging will be based on the following Scale of Points:

Impact on the community	30
Benefits and visibility	30
Involvement and participation by club members	20
Community Groups involved	15
Complete application with budget attached	5

Email or mail the completed application form and budget to:

Shirley Tetreault, 12404 Apache Pl. N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

Email: ammasangels@comcast.net

Director's Project Community Project Guidelines

Beautifying our Communities" is a project that will coincide with the National project, " Plant America." The Purpose is to beautify our communities within our four states and join with organizations, uniting to achieve a specific purpose. Projects to consider - gardens at schools, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, libraries, parks, adult centers, retirement homes, historical or art museum.

Prize Awarded: One award winning garden club will receive a high quality marker with their club name to be posted where the project is located. In addition, each state will be eligible to receive \$200. for the most outstanding community project. The prize money will go to the specific club responsible for the creation of the garden.

Who May Apply: Any individual garden club that is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and SCR.

Application Deadline: Chairman must receive on or before **January 15, 2019** via e-mail.

How to Apply: The application will be on the SCR website, "*The Communicator*" and available through the State President.

Program Criteria: Involving other community members, benefits to the community, total involvement and participation by club members, including youth from school or other public organizations. Other considerations will include reduce, reuse, recycle, composting, worm farms, vertical plantings and utilization of space. A short one-page report describing the project including before and after photos must be submitted to the Chairman.

Questions: Shirley Tetreault, Chairman of the Director's Project "Beautifying Our Communities", 12404 Apache Pl. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87112. **Phone:** (505) 294-4331 or (505) 259-2263. **E-mail:** ammasangels@comcast.net

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Awards, Sue Ferguson

It's time again to start putting together applications for the 2018 New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards. Please refer to the Awards Handbook for details of club and individual awards. There are so many different topics you can apply for. Most come with a monetary prize, but all certainly come with wonderful recognition of a worthy project. The deadline to apply is **February 1, 2019** to the respective NMGC chairman (eg Civic Development award goes to the Civic Development chairman, Photography award goes to the Photography Chairman, etc.), excepting for the **Yearbook**, and **Flower Show Schedule** awards which are due to the respective chairmen by **December 15, 2018**. The Awards Handbook can be read, and printed from our website www.newmexicogardenclubs.org.

Please also consider applying for regional and/or national awards. For regional awards information, you can go to the South Central Region website at scrgardenclubs.org/awards/. The National Garden Clubs awards list can be found at www.gardenclub.org. There are tons of awards to apply for, but I would like to bring your attention especially to **Page 19, Section Eight - Native Plants and Wildflowers**, where awards of up to \$1,000 may be awarded to winners. Two of our clubs were among the award winners last year in this Section.

Applications for NGC awards are due to me by **January 6, 2019**, and SCR applications should reach me by **January 20, 2019**. All applications (NMGC, SCR, and NGC) may be made electronically or by hard copy.

Please contact me at 575-625-9182, or by e-mail to sjferguson@plateau.email with ANY questions you may have regarding applying for awards. Good Luck!

Bees, Birds, Butterfly, Jo Ann Layden

Okay so what do I report about these amazing creatures in winter when it's cold and snowy? I'm writing this report on October 31st (Halloween) and looking out at a foot of snow we got last night! It's a blessing, for sure, since without moisture we can't have our beautiful summer and fall. The bees and butterflies have been gone from here for quite a while, about two months! The hummingbirds have also migrated south, the last ones leaving mid October, so maybe some of you members that live down south in warmer climates might still see them. I'm curious if anyone sees hummingbirds in New Mexico this late in the season.

I will miss the ones that have left, but know that I have lots of birds to look forward to in the winter and spring. As far north as we live, spring is still wintrier than in many other places, so our bees and butterflies are slower at arriving. We have just put our seed feeders up and will supplement with suet. They don't go up any earlier than this because of the bears that will make short order of the feeders, usually destroying them to get to the seed, then returning if they enjoyed them!

We will get many different types of birds once the feeders are up a day or so. The blue jays are always here, so they're first to notice them. Nuthatches are also constant visitors, followed by grosbeaks, both the black headed and the evening. Every now and then we are fortunate to see the rose breasted grosbeak. I have never seen a blue grosbeak here, although the books claim they are common to our area. We see many types of woodpeckers and one year had two pairs of the Lewis woodpecker spend most of the winter here. The most colorful of our frequent birds is the Western tanager, with its yellow and red markings! The large birds that frequent our area are the bald eagle, golden eagle and the red tailed hawk and also the very large ferruginous hawk. So although I won't see my bees and butterflies, the other birds keep me entertained all winter!

I can't write a report without going back to my concerns about how we are losing our bees and butterflies and asking everyone to please, please plant native plants in any place you can find and NOT using pesticides and herbicides that harm our pollinators! We had a beekeeper talk to our Angel Fire Garden Club and also to our District III meeting and one thing he mentioned that stuck was that when he hears that anyone within a 5 mile radius of his hives is using Roundup, he does not let his bees leave the hive. Just one bee touching that chemical can contaminate the entire hive and the honey in it!

Garden Therapy - Renaté Reisel

Gardening is an activity that nurtures us emotionally and spiritually and is physically stimulating and rewarding. Gardens are also places that heighten our awareness of the ways in which our senses enhance our lives. Change of the seasons will bring changes in gardens and parks as the leaves on trees and bushes turn golden and flowers as well change colors

This is a time to harvest your plant and create beautiful bouquets of flowers for a friend or nursing home. I encourage all garden clubs to send me your report on garden therapy and tell me about your successful programs where you share your garden knowledge and encourage participation in gardening.

NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Historian - Larry Layden

Next year (2019), will be the year that every club in the State of New Mexico submits their history to the State Historian. The by-laws state that the Historian shall obtain an annual history from each club. I am asking each Club Historian to send me your annual history by February 1, 2019. Then Barbara Vance and I will meet and decide specifically what history will be sent on to the State of New Mexico Archives at NM State University. We will also send a history summary to the South Central Region Historian and the National Garden Club Historian.

Earlier this year someone asked me what was the best way for each club Historian to compile their history. The best way to get your history to me is by applying for and submitting the State History Award found in the Awards Handbook. The Handbook can be accessed online on the NM State Garden Club web site. The easiest way to get your club history is from your monthly minutes plus the club scrapbook if you have one. By submitting a club history by February 1, 2019, your club will also fulfill one of the criteria for the Standard of Excellence Award plus your club might get a History Award. If your club submitted a History Award for 2017, you don't need to include that year since we already have it. However, if your club did not submit the History Award last year (2017), you will need to submit a history award for both 2017 and 2018. Looking forward it might be wise to simply submit the history award each year and be done with it. So basically all the Club Historian has to do is get the minutes from each meeting and then write a brief paragraph detailing club activities for each month the club met. If you have a question please call me at (575) 377-2743 or email at laydenlarry@gmail.com.

Wildflower/Native Plants - Rosemary Maddox

You will notice the Desert Marigold in the picture looks a little bit past its prime. When I tell you the story behind the picture, you will agree that it is beautiful.

This plant came up in a crack between the sidewalk and the curb right in front of my house, and all summer long has been covered with blossoms, asking for nothing more than the little crack offered. One day in mid September I looked out the kitchen window and saw a young man bending over and picking the flowers. I realized the area was public property, but I was not happy. Then I saw he was accompanied by a little girl who looked to be about five years old. He formed the flowers into a bouquet and handed it to her; she then walked away holding the bouquet carefully in front of her, exactly like a flower girl at a fancy wedding. Her first bouquet, probably, and hopefully the first of many. Now when I look at the plant the scene replays in my mind, and the fading Desert Marigold still looks beautiful to me.



Yearbook, Litter Control / Recycle - Judy Foster

People the time for awards is fast approaching as are the Holidays. We need to keep in mind what we have done and how it will fit into Award applications. It will make it easier to apply for awards when it is time to do so. Thank –you and have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District I

High Desert

Esther Russell is the Chair of our booth at the Holiday Fair at the Garden Center December 7-8. She will be selling some beautiful hand-made aprons along with several other crafty items. Kathleen will Chair the Kitchen with baked goods, breakfast burritos, posole and green chile stew. This is a very special time of year for us when everyone is happy and enjoying the festive feeling in the air.

In 2019 The Council of Albuquerque Garden Club is having another great flower show - "It's a Spring Thing". High Desert Designers will be preparing for that show in both Horticulture and Design. The show will be on the 23rd of March and everyone is invited to join us. Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Pinion room, at the Albuquerque Garden

Petal Pushers

Members of the Petal Pushers met on Oct 18 at Ginny Longbotham's house to make blankets for the Linus Project. Linus is a national organization of volunteers who make blankets that are donated to children in times of crisis at shelters or in foster homes. Petal Pushers will contribute 12 blankets in 2018. (Right)

The Petal Pushers are purchasing a grove of saplings through Penny Pines in honor of Lois Bryon's 90th birthday. Lois is a longtime Petal Pusher member. Penny Pines is a national program that helps replant forests in damaged areas from fires, national catastrophe. On 10/23/18 the Petal Pushers had their monthly meeting at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House. The Gutierrez-Hubbell House is a 5700 square foot adobe structure that dates back to the 1860's. We were given a tour by Mike Jay which was very informative.



Rt: Completing blankets for the Linus Project

NMGC CLUB NEWS

Uptown Garden Club

Uptown Garden Club celebrates 70 years of Gardening in Albuquerque. Many wonderful Winter programs planned to include:

- Annual Holiday Luncheon & silent Auction for November with our 70th Birthday party too!! Come have a piece of cake.
- President's Holiday Tea in December
- January we will have a "Fresh Look at Fresh Flowers " by Christine Longthorp
- February is " African Violets and Gesneriads" by Mary Ann Moreno
- March will have Beth Herschman presenting "The Curved Path: Straight Talk on Landscape Design"

District II

Floral Designers

This summer Sue-Ellen de Beer and Anne L. May were able to attend The Trend Summit Conference 2018 from August 17-21 under the auspices of Design 358 and held at the United Floral, Inc./Flower Growers Co-Op in Vancouver, Canada. The symposium was hosted by Hitomi Gilliam, AIFD with guest presenters Gregor Lersch, Holly Chapple, Debra Prinzing, and Leatrice Eiseman of Pantone Institute.

We learned how modern designs may be constructed without the use of a ceramic or metal container and how to make those designs. It was fascinating!



Summit Garden Club

At our August meeting, Summit member Judy Magelssen gave a presentation on photographing flowers. Of special interest were her images of flowers that appeared to have dewdrops on the petals. Judy explained to us that she had sprayed the flowers with water, just before photographing them. Judy repeated this talk as a community educational offering at our plant sale.

In September we held our plant sale in Los Alamos at PEEC (Pajarito Environmental Education Center). In addition to providing many excellent plants to the community, we raised more than \$1000 for our scholarship fund.



Los Alamos Garden Club

In August, our club members toured the print shop at the Los Alamos Monitor newspaper. It was so interesting to see the presses run. In September, we honored the six members of our club who have been members for 50 years or more. Yes, 50 years!! Congratulations to Jill Forman, Janet Clayton, Jane Sherwood, Joyce Cady, Trish Spillman and Nancy Bartlit. Our speaker from the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Santa Fe Field Office, updated us on reclamation and restoration of burned sites in NM. In October, our speaker from *Plants of the Southwest* gave a talk on native grasses. For a hands-on experience, she brought many different varieties of grasses. Several members attended Summit Garden Club's September program given by Larry and Jo Ann Layden from Angel Fire Garden Club. Recently, our Blue Star Memorial was vandalized. We will have it repaired and a re-dedication later.



The six women honored by our club for being members for 50 years

Larry and Joanne Layden of Albuquerque were speakers at our October meeting. Larry is the state coordinator of the Penny Pines Program. Each time we send \$68.00 to this project, 200 pine saplings are planted somewhere in the country. They are planted during the monsoon season, as watering is not part of the program, although special arrangements can be made. Next, Joanne spoke about bees and butterflies. She pointed out that pesticides and herbicides are very damaging to the bee and butterfly populations.

Throughout Summer and early Fall, Summit members maintained our gardens at Bandelier, and at the Community Garden in White Rock. We found that, with the late monsoon rains, the flowers perked up.

Member Laurie Hixson partnered with Los Alamos County to have raised beds built at the Senior Center in White Rock. Now Mike Mason, chef at the White Rock Senior Center, has an area to grow fresh herbs. Plus, guests at the Senior Center have some new plants to enjoy.

Time to put the plants to bed, and hope for more rain.

NMGC CLUB NEWS

District III, Jo Ann Layden Director

Because many of the members may not see the Annual Reports and because I'm so proud of our District III Clubs, I'm including my District III Annual report information in this Gardener report, plus adding some information on our 2019 State Convention that District III is hosting in April 2019.

AMOR de la TIERRA: This brand new Club in Las Vegas hit the ground with track shoes on! After a short organizational time, this Club of 15 members has shown they have the talent, expertise and motivation to be one of the top Clubs in the State. Their meetings are exceptional since they have provided excellent training to their members in tree pruning, composting, and gardening during drought issues. They have a focus of community service, fundraising and working within the school system to educate children on gardening. They have coordinated with the local school system to work with the school's agriculture based curriculum. They planted bulbs in planters at various businesses. Two Club members are working on having a Master's Gardener's Program in Las Vegas in 2019. Several members have been actively involved in the planning of the 2019 Convention to be held in Las Vegas. Because of their contacts and knowledge of the area, they have paved the way for an interesting and fun Convention! Wow, all this in just a short time! We are lucky to have this exceptional Club in our State Garden Clubs!

ANGEL FIRE: Angel Fire has a membership of 58 members; though many are part-timers, the Club maintains three signature gardens and the members are active in nursing homes, the local high school, Girl Scout camp, and the Angel Fire Earth day cleanup. Music from Angel Fire benefits from at least 3 floral arrangements each year. Angel Fire is generous in their contributions to Penny Pines, giving over \$400 a year. They provide scholarships, donating two \$500.00 scholarships to local students. Seeds were donated to the local library and elementary school. Donations also went to "Free the Girls" service project and a Women's shelter in Taos. Water irrigation projects are a top priority with Angel Fire and the three signature gardens and at least 8 members have home irrigation systems. After the Village stopped the recycling program, the Club formed a coalition with the Chamber of Commerce to reinstitute recycling and reduce the use of plastic bags and straws.

Angel Fire had their first flower show in 2017 and had the Garden tour in July. Engraved stepping stones and granite tiles for the Butterfly garden were sold in 2017 along with several raffles that raised funds for all the projects. Each meeting provides training and information to the members on all gardening issues, concerns or growth. Angel Fire has 10 members in State Chairman or Officer Status. No grass grows under their feet (no pun intended)!

SANTA ROSA: This club, though small (15 members), stays busy the entire year. Each year they have entries in the Smokey the Bear contest; in 2017 they had over 200 entries! The Club works with a Senior Citizens group and has a Flower Show at the local County Fair every year. This small Club boasts two Flower Show Judges and trains their members on floral design. They maintain an herbal garden at the local hospital and even provide scholarships to students! Two of their members are also State Chairman and State Officer. Wow, small but powerful and involved is my thought!

2019 State Convention: District III is proud to be the host for our 2019 State Convention on April 3, 4, 5th. Although it should be Angel Fire's "turn" to have the convention in Angel Fire, due to the early date and our unpredictable weather, we have decided to go to Las Vegas, which is more easily accessible at that time of the year. It will be at the historic Plaza Hotel, which is under new ownership and now includes The Range Café, well known for their fabulous food, so we know the meals will be the very best. We plan some amazing tours that will include the World College and the Dwan Sanctuary. There will be no charge for the tours as the students are generously volunteering to be tour guides and they will also provide shuttles to the tours. We look forward to seeing our friends from throughout the State at this Convention and believe it will be a memorable one for you!

Angel Fire Garden Tour Report

Because of the hard work from our members and community, Angel Fire Garden Club's 16th Annual Garden Tour was a great success. What a fun time to renew old friendships and make new ones while working double duty on making this an extraordinary event! The Pre-tour Gathering was at Page Steed's home and gardens. Those who attended this pre-tour event were the featured garden owners, the artists that would be at each featured garden and committee members who worked in other areas of the tour on Saturday morning. **We had a great variety with six amazing gardens that everyone enjoyed touring.** Our Garden Club Luncheon was held at Penni and Mike Davey's lovely home and gardens. Centerpieces of beautiful fresh native flowers were breathtaking. Our garden hat contest was lively as ever. The tour and luncheon brought in 87 attendees and 47 attended the tour only. With our guests and attendees, our luncheon totaled 102. The great success of our silent auction enables the Angel Fire Garden Club to fund all the worthwhile contributions to our loved Angel Fire community and beyond. Ellen Goins wrote a great article in the *Sangre de Cristo Chronicle* online paper featuring our wonderful tour.



Penni Davey, Chair of AFGC's Garden Tour

NMGC CLUB NEWS

Angel Fire Garden Club

In September, our club gathered at one of our member's beautiful homes, Camille Thompson, for a delightful presentation of two area florists, Kathy Moen and Amy Vigil, entitled "All About Glads!" These talented ladies demonstrated many ways to use Glads in arrangements, preparing soil for planting, and how to store gladiolus during the winter. Kathy brought an array of beautiful flowers to purchase and our members were able to make breathtaking arrangements for their homes. There were also beautiful hanging baskets of petunias that were given away by our hostess with the mostest.

Our Club's yearly seed exchange was quite a "ball" for our October meeting. It was held at Johnese Turri's lovely home with Suzanne Coyle teaching everyone about making seed balls. Our Club members also enjoyed meeting each Sunday in October for the ALM (Always Loving Mankind) Food Pantry to bag groceries for those in need. It takes only a few hands to fill 100 bags of groceries. What a great time together while helping our community!



Susan Stokes, JJ Huddleston, Johnese Turri and Georgeanne Fore help out at the ALM Food Pantry



Santa Rosa Garden Club

It has been a busy few months for Santa Rosa Garden Club. September found us meeting at the Veteran Memorial Building in Santa Rosa. Members shared & exchanged plants. We had succulents, Iris, aloe and sedum to share.

One of our long-time members, Betty Eastland, passed away on September 3, 2018. Her memorial service was September 15, 2018. Betty held several offices in the state including NMGC State President and was a Flower Show Life Judge. NMGC State President Barbara Vance, of Santa Fe and Debi Harrington and Mary Ann Moreno, from Albuquerque, attended Betty's service. Barbara, Debi, Mary Ann and Santa Rosa Garden Club members all placed a rose next to Betty's picture and said a brief remembrance of her.

In October the Moise Library of Santa Rosa asked the Garden Club to plant a flower bed to incorporate the new sign and the flag pole. They are celebrating their 50 year anniversary on November 10, 2018. Colleen Hinker bought shrubs and pansies in Albuquerque and Kristi Johnson, a local grower, donated rosemary and sage. Member Quinlin Lopez dug Iris from her flower beds to contribute. With help from city employees & the local garden club members planted a new bed and laid stepping stones so the flag could be raised. Pictures below.

Two members, Carolyn Bedford and Frances Speight, attended the NMGC Fall Board meeting in Alto, NM on October 24-26, 2018. Carolyn entered one design and five horticulture exhibits. Picture below. Nancy Hargroves, the National Garden Club President, gave a great program on container plantings.



Colleen Hinker builds water walls for plantings at the-Moise Library.



Quinlin Lopez (front), Eileen Moncayo & city employee and Colleen Hinker with rake.



Carolyn Bedford's Judge's Council design at Alto



NGC President Nancy Hargroves

District IV, Judy Laird, Director

The six Garden Clubs of District IV are busy starting up again in September with 84 members.

Our congratulations go to Flowering Desert Garden Club on their 60th Anniversary! Beginning in 1958, this club established a community Rose Garden that is still a public fixture in Alamogordo. A favorite spot for lunch or a quiet walk, the residents of Alamogordo can thank this ongoing treasure to the dedication of those garden members who have worked closely together with the city through the years to maintain the garden. We can all imagine how many active members it took to keep the roses blooming, replaced, watered, pruned, and fertilized for sixty years. They are also working with the city to replace the fountain. They also used the Earth Day Fair to sell succulents and yard flags.

The Fall Rose Award went to Ichiko Serna, a long time, talented and steadfast member of Flowering Desert.

A member of Desert Daubers Garden Club of Las Cruces reported that planting milkweed has attracted the Monarch Butterflies on their migration north and south.



Barbara Vance & Ichiko Serna

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District IV continued

Sunshine Valley in T or C and Flowering Desert are directly involved with the Floriculture Department at their County Fairs. In New Mexico, we have three National Veteran Cemeteries--Santa Fe, Fort Stanton, and Fort Bayard near Silver City. Evergreen Garden Club shared a program called 'Wreaths Across America'. On December 15th, starting at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC, evergreen wreaths are placed by volunteers on each of the graves. These wreaths come from Maine and many other communities sponsor the program for other cemeteries throughout our country. The Fort Bayard National Cemetery near Silver City is one of those cemeteries. With *enormous* local support, of the approximately 4300 graves, only 300 did not have a wreath last year. District IV and several District members personally are contributing to this year's wreath laying. If you are driving up to Silver City for the holiday season, stop by the Cemetery located on the grounds of Old Fort Bayard (Est. 1866) to pay your respects and be impressed with the wreaths of 'Wreaths Across America'. Lequita Lett may be contacted for more information or to donate to the program.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club

After our annual summer break we met at the Fabian Garcia Science Center in September, where Jimmie Zabriskie, City of Las Cruces' Community Forester, discussed his list of 13 top trees for our area. Afterwards, we adjourned to the Fabian Garcia Botanical Gardens next door where he identified most of the trees on his list.

October Mesilla Valley Garden Club met at the Village at Northrise, a local retirement center, where Judy Laird, a NGC accredited Flower Show Judge, demonstrated flower arrangements made from grocery store flower purchases. Several residents of the Village who participate in an informal garden club were our guests. .



Socorro Garden Club

In August we enjoyed a terrific presentation from John Allen, the Socorro County Extension Agent. He presented results of research programs in sustainable horticultural practices for New Mexico, indicating what plants grow best in various climate zones in New Mexico. He also spoke about vermicomposting or composting with earthworms, as an excellent technique for recycling food waste in apartments as well as composting yard waste in back yards.

In September, we were prepared to participate in the County Fair and managed the Flower Display booth at the Fair. Again, there were many flowers and plants entered and many of our Garden Club members won blue ribbons for their work. Sadly, the parade was canceled due to rain that morning.

In October, we held our annual plant sale at Oktoberfest. We had several members and friends donate many beautiful plants. We also recruited a couple of new members and we anticipate another full and eventful year in 2019. We continue to monitor our existing projects at Socorro General Hospital and Point of Lands at the Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge.

District V

Artesia Garden Club

Artesia Garden Club spent the majority of fall preparing for ENMSF and NMGC Fall Board meeting in Alto. Some of our members entered the State Fair Flower Show in Albuquerque and did very well. Home Garden Club invited us to attend their program on Petite designs given by Shirley Tetreault. I think we might have learned a thing or two, as always she is an exceptional instructor, especially for beginners.

We chaired the silent auction for NMGC Fall Board and created and received some very unique donated items. It was very well received by all who attended. Thanks to everyone for their support by participating in this. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed collecting the items, it was definitely "A Canopy of Colors".

NGC President Nancy Hargroves Presentation "Witches, Turkeys, and Reindeer" was all about transitioning containers with forethought on how they would be utilized from one season to the next, and the types of plants that would transition well also. She was a joy to visit with, and a fountain of knowledge to listen to. As always the Alto Country Club Staff were wonderful as the location is beautiful. Many Thanks to them once again.



District V once again went above and beyond in putting this special Fall Board Meeting together, Great Job Ladies!!! Julie Foster won the Designers Choice Ribbon for her entry in Section A "Yellow, Orange, Red, And Green". Bunny Mason, Nancy Jones, and Julie Foster all received Honorable mentions for their other design entries. Julie Foster also won six Blue Ribbons in Horticulture, it was a very competitive flower show with at least 36 entries in design. Pegi Naranjo (Roswell) won Award of Design Excellence, and Debi Harrington (Albq.) won Judges Council Award.

NMGC CLUB NEWS

Morning Garden Club

The members of Morning garden Club were involved in several activities this Fall. Members were invited to attend the ribbon cutting of the new bird blind at J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary in Roswell, NM. Planting the bird blind planter and the surrounding area with bird friendly plants was one of the club's projects in 2017-2018. In October, Morning Garden Club co-sponsored the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Flower Show entitled "Honoring All Who Served". The flower show was a great success with 305 horticultural entries, 46 being from the Youth Division. Fair attendees were also treated to special programs by club members for seniors and youth on planting and design. Also in October, Morning Garden Club assembled sixty Registration Bags for the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Alto. Additionally, beautiful fresh floral centerpieces were created for a patient banquet at a local rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility.



Home Garden Club

This hotter than normal Summer did not wilt the spirits of the Home Garden Club in Roswell. September 8th found club members busy with youth activities at the Dragonfly Festival held annually at Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Gloria Mendiola organized youth activities at our booth for those attending this one day event. Children were allowed the opportunity to color or create a small craft. Several club members assisted the children as well as providing information on both Home Garden Club and the Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club.

Fair time was in the air later in September. We were blessed to have a seasoned flower show exhibitor Peggy Voigt give a program at the regular September 20th meeting on "Preparing Entries for the ENMSF flower show". Many of the new members were first time exhibitors and we all benefited greatly from Peggy's tips on the finer points of showing plants. This all came to fruition with a great turn out for the ENMSF show held September 30th. Entries were numerous and very well done. Club members Gloria Mendiola and Renaté Reisel won Sweepstakes and Runner up Sweepstakes respectively. Section winners were Peggy Voigt (section 1) and Gloria Mendiola (sections 3 and 6). Isabel Olsen received a Special Award for her Shasta Daisy entry. A grand total of 124 entries came from our club members alone. It should be noted, that Sue Ferguson of Morning Garden club was the driving force behind setting up this wonderful show. One final observation on the ENMSF flower show was the youth division entries. The number and quality of the entries is worth special mention. Pecos Valley Youth member Kaliagh Hembree won the sweepstakes award with 14 blue ribbons. Her fellow club members Reagan Deen and Mireja Serrao each received special awards for their entries. The caliber and enthusiasm of the youth entries reflect immensely on the dedication to the youth club by Renaté Reisel. While many of our members attend and support the youth club, Renaté is responsible for the majority of support that goes towards making these youth meetings happen.

October brought cool wet weather and an exciting program by the talented Shirley Tetreault. The meeting was held in one of the larger rooms at the Roswell Adult Center on October 18th. Thankfully, a large room was reserved because what a turn out! Thirty people came to the workshop on Miniature Arrangements. We were honored to have members of Morning GC and Artesia GC in attendance as well as a major showing of our own members. Shirley was introduced by South Central Region Director Isabel Olsen. Her presentation consisted of very clever demonstrations of miniature arrangements followed by hands on creation by attendees using containers and unique materials provided. Special thanks to Isabel Olsen, Julie Foster and Jan Smith for providing much of the materials for the workshop. Having guests from the surrounding clubs at this meeting gave us the opportunity to briefly discuss the ENMSF flower show awards and properly thank Sue Ferguson for all her hard work on making the show happen.

So many things to look forward to this late Fall and Winter. We have several new and exciting programs at our regular monthly meetings along with the prospect of assisting Renaté with the Pecos Valley Youth Club! Holiday parties and perhaps a Habitat for Humanity ceremony are some of the special events on the horizon.



Miniature Arrangement workshop. Member Gloria Mendiola and guests construct their own miniature arrangement

Ways and Means Chair - Jennifer Moreno

The Ways and Means Committee raffle fundraiser supports NMGC President's Project. President Barbara Vance's Project is Grow New Mexico: **GROW**/expand our knowledge of Gardening & Conservation; GROW Membership, GROW in Leadership, GROW Friendships

The winner of the first of two drawings at the 2018 Fall Board meeting, Debora Bellinger (El Jardine GC) won an all-expense paid trip to the spring 2019 NMGC Convention in Las Vegas, NM April 3-5. The winner of the \$50 Lowes gift card was Lequita Lett, President of Evergreen GC. The Calvin Klein handbag was won by Rose Helmke with Lincoln County GC. Congratulations to all the winners! The second drawing will happen on April 5th at the spring 2019 NMGC Annual State Convention and will include drawings for items including: a beautiful turquoise necklace and pair of earrings, a stunning Ralph Lauren Orchid-pattern handbag, a gorgeous Liz Claiborne handbag (among other items). Raffle tickets are available from Garden Club Presidents and they may acquire additional tickets from me 505-217-4307 or at moreno_jen@aps.edu.



Raffle Winners:
Lequita Lett and Rose Helmke



Presidents attending the Fall Board Meeting

Shirley Tetreault 2009-2013

Isabel Olsen 2013-2015,

NGC President Nancy Hargroves 2017-2019

Donna Betty Turney 2001-2003,

NMGC President Barbara Vance 2017-2019

Lequita Lett 1993-1995

Suzy Andrego 2015-2017

Mary Ann Moreno - 1997-1999.

2019 Calendar

February 8-9	Gardening School II Rio Grande Nature Center
March 4	District I Spring Meeting Albuquerque
March 5	District III Spring Meeting Las Vegas
March 12	District II Spring Meeting Los Alamos
March 12	District IV Spring Meeting Las Cruces
March 13	District V Spring Meeting Roswell
April 3-5	NMGC 70th Annual Convention Las Vegas, NM
April 12-13	SCR Convention Oklahoma City
April 29 - May 2	NGC, Inc. Biloxi, MS

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