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# New Mexico Gardener

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Organized 1950	Incorporated August 5, 1952
24 Clubs	539 Paid Memberships
2 Youth Clubs	71 Youth Members

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Deadline	Dates
Spring	February 1
Summer	May 1
Fall	August 1
Winter	November 1

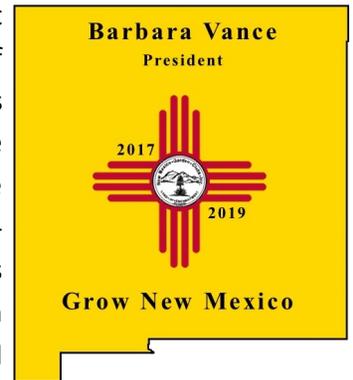
Articles/Photos for the next *Gardener* must be submitted by May 1, 2019

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www.newmexicogardenclubs.org  
NMGC User name: nmgc  
www.gardenclub.org  
NGC User name : Member



The mind is a garden where memory flowers grow. My garden has beautiful memories of this administration and wonderful experiences during these past two years. Memories – the act of summoning up the past – thinking about friends - activities – sharing stories and experiences that enriched our lives. Remembering times traveling to Club and District meetings around our beautiful state of New Mexico with such a variety of climates – flowers – vegetation – wildlife - bees, birds butterflies. Meetings are opportunities to greet friends and meet and make new friends. The same opportunities when traveling to SCR and NGC functions. What we all have in common – the Joy of Gardening. Many memories are showcased in the issues of the NEW MEXICO GARDENER, expertly put together with photos and reports highlighting our accomplishments, conventions, events. Our website showcases the activities in the districts and our communities, is user friendly and updated with lots of photos and information.



The Nominating Committee chose wonderful, dedicated members to serve on the 2017-2019 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members each did a fantastic job and kept me up to date on all matters. When I was filling chairmanship positions I asked the person if they would like to continue in that position. Almost all liked what they were doing and agreed to continue. Thank You to you all for your contributions in your chairmanship position and submitting articles in the New Mexico Gardener.

Ways & Means Projects were met. GROW Expanded our knowledge of gardening, conservation. We had Flower Show Schools, Environmental, and Gardening Schools. A very special Thank You to our Educational Schools chairpersons for their excellent planning and conducting the schools. GROW Membership. Many clubs have new members. GROW in Leadership. We all worked to be better leaders. GROW Friendships – enjoyed by all of us.

Members – clubs - won top awards at the State, South Central Region, and National level and they continue to apply for awards, with guidance from our Awards Chairperson. We had articles recognizing the work of our members/clubs in the South Central Region publication, *The Communicator* and National Garden Clubs publication, *Keeping In Touch*. NGC President, Nancy Hargroves, visited our 2018 Fall Board Meeting and gave an inspiring program on Container Gardening. She was one of the judges for the “Los Colores de Otono” Small Standard Flower Show and was impressed with the variety of horticulture specimens and creative floral designs. In the February issue of KEEPING IN TOUCH she wrote an informative history on “SMOKEY BEAR”. New Mexico clubs donated \$1,496 to Penny Pines - 4,400 tree seedlings planted in New Mexico.

My term as President of New Mexico Garden Clubs will end at the 2019 State Convention in Las Vegas in April. I will represent New Mexico Garden Clubs as State President at the SCR Convention in Oklahoma City and National Garden Clubs Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi and President Elect, Christine Longthorp, will be ratified as our new State President.

THANK YOU for supporting me as your State President and giving me an opportunity to work and learn with you about our clubs and districts and the wonderful work being done throughout our state. We all supported **PLANT AMERICA** and **Grow New Mexico**. We worked as a **TEAM Together Everyone Accomplishes More**.

Thank you for making events, meetings, conventions joyful experiences – these memories will bloom in my garden. Bloom where you are planted.

# FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christine Longthorp



Hello New Mexico Garden Club members,

The New Year is underway and members of the Executive Board and several Chairmen are making plans to attend the three Spring Conventions. The first will be our own NMGC convention held in Las Vegas, NM on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. At this time we can show our gratitude to Barbara Vance for her excellent leadership as State President for the last 2 years and support me as she passes the gavel for the next 2 years. We can celebrate the future with our new and amazing board members. NMGC success depends on our team effort as you all know. I look forward to seeing all that can attend our State Convention.

As your State President I will be asking you for comments and suggestions to increase membership and provide a fun and educational environment for NMGC. During the month of March when the District meetings are held I will be visiting each District with Barbara and look forward to meeting each of you again and hearing your opinions so that I can address them during my term. Please feel free to email me also.

The second convention is the South Central Region, with New Mexico's very own Isabel Olsen as President and held in Oklahoma City on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

NM State President Barbara Vance and I will be creating a floral design depicting the four corners of our beautiful state, which will then be displayed with similar themed designs from our other Region States: Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. We plan to make you proud.

The third and final convention is National which will be held at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi Miss. starting April 29th. Those of you who attended the Fall Board meeting in Alto NM will have had the pleasure of meeting our National President Nancy Hargrove who's term is ending. The incoming National President is Gay Austin who many of us met when she was our Horticulture Instructor for a Judges Symposium. If any of you want to attend please get in touch with me or Barbara so we can share rooms etc. and travel together if possible.

Each of us has a vision and passion for gardening, nature, flowers and beautifying our world. In our small way we can bring energy, harmony and happiness to this beautiful state and organization. Your attendance is always noted and makes a difference to NMGC and brings life to our membership who cherish the environment.

Many blessings of Spring to you all...

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## Reminders:

State Convention – April 3, 4, 5, 2019 – Las Vegas, NM

Remember to send in your registration early: Deadline for hotel special rate reservation is March 20, 2019. The Official Call, Official Schedule, Registration form and information about tours are in this issue of the GARDENER.

District Meetings: Club Presidents remember to highlight your most interesting program/s and activities from these past months. Your reports will be the basis of the District Director's Report at the State Convention in April.

## Club Histories

Club Presidents – please send in a brief history of your club's activities as soon as possible so the information can be consolidated for the State History Report due to SCR and NGC. A copy to Barbara Vance, State President and copy to Larry Layden, Historian.

Photo Opportunity: NGC Becky Hassebroek, NGC Representative to National Wildlife Federation sent the following message to members:

There is a national press release coming out real soon regarding the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. They are looking for some high quality pollinator friendly garden photos with gardeners working in them – and they're so appreciative of all of the work NGC has done that they want to put the spotlight on us! Please have the pictures that are sent identified as to "what and where".

Send photos to [beckyhasse@aol.com](mailto:beckyhasse@aol.com) Questions: MPGC Liaison 1 (907) 456-3066.



**OFFICIAL CALL**  
**70<sup>TH</sup> 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 Spring 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**  
**70<sup>TH</sup> 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	<b>REGISTRATION</b> – 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**

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

**Friday, April 5, 2019**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>CONVENTION</b>
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast- Buffet
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	NMGC, Inc. Awards Presentation
10:30 AM	Final Credentials, Resolutions
	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.

## 70<sup>th</sup> 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):

- |                      |                   |                          |                      |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 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             |

Please mark either a FULL TIME Package or PART TIME Registration

**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

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

Description on page 8 No charge for the tour.

\_\_\_\_\_ Montezuma Castle and Agroecology Research Center Tour

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#### **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-USA) on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The tour is free to registrants however you do need to reserve your spot (see the registration form). The tour will include the Montezuma Castle and the UWC-USA Agroecology Research Center 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 UWC-USA **Agroecology Research Center (ARC)** is one of their showpieces. The ARC 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 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 you don't have enough time during the tour, 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.



(from: <https://www.uwc-usa.org/page.cfm?p=528>)

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

# PLANTASTIC

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION'S 90th ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 12 - 13, 2019

Hosted by

OKLAHOMA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.



### Hilton Garden Inn – Bricktown

328 E. Sheridan

Oklahoma City, OK 73104

call 1-405-270-0588 and mention

SCR Annual Convention April 2019

for special pricing of \$109 (plus taxes and fees).

Deadline for this special rate is **March 11, 2019**.

Any late reservations will be at the standard room cost of approx. \$189(+). **No exceptions.**

\*Hotel is approx. 13 miles (17 minutes) from Will Rogers World Airport -- Uber, Lyft or Taxi avail.

There is NO courtesy transportation to the hotel. Valet parking \$20/day, Self-parking \$12/day unlimited access for hotel guests. Other parking options will be provided.

**?'s:** April Pratt -- [april.pratt@cox.net](mailto:april.pratt@cox.net) or 405-812-5902  
Convention Chairman (text is OK)

### FRIDAY, April 12

Registration 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tours to Myriad Gardens and Bricktown Shops & Restaurants (OYO all day)

2:00-3:30 Executive Committee Meeting

3:30-5:00 Incoming Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 Dinner 'The Artful Gardener, Making a New View Using Art in the Landscape,' Allan Storjohann  
(Business/Smart Casual dress)

### SATURDAY, April 13 (breakfast on your own, Hotel restaurant avail.)

Registration 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9:00 Official Opening of Convention

\*Wear your favorite Flower or Pollinator pin

11:30 Luncheon and Awards

'PLANTASTIC,' Linda Vater

3:00 Workshop 'Wrap, Pack & Plant,' Suzy Andrego

6:00 Reception for Regional Director and State Presidents  
(Hotel bar available, Cocktail/Business dress)

7:00 Dinner – New Officer Installation

Detach Here, complete ALL info, please, and mail with your check:

PLEASE PRINT clearly, completely and legibly:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Text OK?  Yes  No

\*Credentials: Check all that apply-  
(don't forget to complete this  
Important information!)

1. <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Director	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Club President	11. <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman
2. <input type="checkbox"/> State President	7. <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member	12. <input type="checkbox"/> State Chairman
3. <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Officer	8. <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member	13. <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Attendee
4. <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Chairman	9. <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Life Member	14. <input type="checkbox"/> Guest/Spouse
5. <input type="checkbox"/> District President/Director	10. <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member	15. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

**Total Event, Full-time Registration** ..... **\$145.00**

♦ **FULL-TIME REGISTRATION** includes ALL workshops, meals (excluding breakfast), special speakers and events, streetcar day pass & entry ticket to Myriad Botanical Gardens for all day Friday. Streetcars will take you to Myriad Gardens and Bricktown every hour.

**PART-TIME Registration** \$ 30.00 (Required -- add indicated price of events you are attending to this price)

FRIDAY, April 12	SATURDAY, April 13 (breakfast on your own)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 Luncheon	\$ 35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Incoming Executive Committee Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 Workshop: Wrap, Pack & Plant	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 Dinner \$ 38.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 Dinner	\$ 40.00

**Check here if you are planning to stay in the hotel so that we can confirm your reservation and ensure your special rate before the event (you must still make your reservations by calling hotel or completing online)**

LATE REGISTRATION (POSTMARKED AFTER 3/09/19) ADD \$10.00 to total

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$**

**Mail to: DONNA MARSHECK, 402163 W. 2650 Dr.**

**Bartlesville, OK 74006-0555**

**Make checks payable to: SCR**

**Registration deadline: MARCH 9**

**No refunds after March 29, 2019.**

**Detail any MEDICAL dietary restrictions:**



## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

(Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas)



### South Central Region Director, Isabel Olsen



Rebirth, renewal, regrowth – these are the words we typically associate with spring, and for good reason. It's also a time for our organization to install new club and state officers for the next term. As we congratulate those taking new positions, let us not forget to thank those outgoing members for their service. Because of those dedicated individuals, we continue to have our garden clubs.

This time of year is when we begin planning for our district meetings and state conventions. We get the opportunity to hear wonderful speakers, and have hands on workshops to continue our knowledge and love for gardening. All four of our states are having their annual state conventions in April, so my travel schedule will be a bit challenging.

The South Central Region Convention will be April 12 -13, 2019 immediately following the Oklahoma Garden Clubs Spring Convention in Oklahoma City. If you go onto the [scrgardenclub.org](http://scrgardenclub.org) website you will see the registration form on the home page. Simply click on the purple box and you can print the form. You can also click on the blue letters; [Hilton Garden Inn Bricktown Hotel](#) and it will take you to the site to book your room. Remember to mention SCR Annual Convention April 2019 for the special group rate when you call or book online. I can tell you this convention will be "Plantastic" and one you will not want to miss! Information of the speakers, hands-on workshop was in our December issue of *The Communicator* and will again be in the March issue. We will have the Gardener's Market General Store again but with plants offered for sale. Other activities will include: a hands-on work shop where you will get tips on how to travel with plants and you will get to make a kokedama which is a popular gardening trend right now; A streetcar day pass taking us to Myriad Gardens and Bricktown shops; the SCR Awards Ceremony; Installation of the 2019-2021 Officers; along with other special surprises for everyone. So I look forward to seeing you there!

## NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

### Awards, Sue Ferguson

Our Awards Fund is unfortunately running on "Low" at the moment, and so I need to ask for award sponsors. We try to give cash awards to all of our first place award winners - usually between \$15 and \$25 per award. If you would like to sponsor an award, please send your check to NMGC, Inc., Treasurer, Laurie Hixson, 307 Potrillo Drive, Los Alamos 87547 made out to New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.. noting Awards Fund in the memo line. You can mention a specific award, or that the sponsorship can be applied where needed. Thank you SO much in advance.

### Bees, Birds, Butterfly, Jo Ann Layden

This is a very short article, since winter leaves me only dreaming about bees and butterflies and the birds have been sporadic to my garden. I'm looking forward to spring, which in Black Lake (near Angel Fire) doesn't start showing its face until around May and even then we might get snow! We've had the usual Stellar Jays that are so raucous that many folks don't like them, I do like them; they're beautiful and friendly, though aggressive for food. I just have to make sure there's enough food to keep them happy and allow the smaller chickadees, nuthatches and sparrows some food also. Those are my "staple" birds and although we usually get Grosbeaks, I have not seen them this year. I'm sure members in the southern part of New Mexico see many different birds and I sure hope you're enjoying them, because I sure have missed seeing them this winter!

### Blue Star, Shirley Tetreault

We are so blessed to have our Veterans among us who have served this wonderful country with pride. We thank them for their service and hope that our Blue Star Marker program is a special reminder that "we care". Clubs in the Southern part of our state are in the process of refurbishing a marker and getting ready for a re-dedication as well as working towards the construction of another. In the Annual report I will again post our markers that are placed all over the state. Please let me know if this is a project that your club would like to sponsor. I will continue with the Blue Star Chairmanship throughout the next administration and I take this position with pride. Please contact me with any questions. (505) 259-2263

### Garden Therapy, Renate Riesel

Thank you to all the clubs for sending me their reports on garden therapy. Everyone can benefit from creating and visiting habitat gardens as it is cleansing to get out and pull weeds and work with your hands in the soil .

If you work with senior centers encourage creating homes for wildlife. Children and adults are helping with our community container planting and I know many of you are working on beautiful projects with your club and probably discovered it is very rewarding to be an inspiration to children and seniors . Happy gardening!

# NMGC CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

## Parliamentarian, Isabel Olsen

When I receive a question requesting for Parliamentary assistance, my response is usually, "what do your bylaws say"? For most organizations the highest level of rules are the bylaws which contain the group's own fundamental rules.

These can be considered the clubs contract with its members. They state, interpret or implement the general governance policies of the club, the rights of the members and the framework within which those rights are exercised. How long has it been since your club bylaws have been amended? All proposed changes to the bylaws or standing rules are worthy of the respectful consideration of the voting body. Remember that your right and ability to shape the basic rules of your club is one of your chief benefits of membership and, like the right to vote, should be exercised carefully and with full information on the pending issues.

## Scholarship, Christine Longthorp

Once again we happily announce that an applicant for the NMGC Annual Scholarship for \$2500 has been chosen. She is a Masters candidate from UNM and a delight. You will all need to wait until the Annual convention in early April before she will be proudly introduced.

The scholarship is given to a young man or woman who has achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and who is pursuing a degree in Horticulture, environment or related studies and who has a desire to further their education to impact our state positively. The educational institution that they attend must be in New Mexico and the scholarship is paid directly to the financial office of the school.

Please keep a lookout for a candidate for 2020 so we can get several applicants. The scholarship chairmanship was held for many years by Georgia Schoenecker of Roswell and if you would like to make a donation in the memory of her husband Fred who passed away in recent weeks please send checks to me at the address on the website. This is a very satisfying endeavor to support.

I encourage you all to donate any amount to the Book of Memory in memory of a garden club member or a relative who has passed. This amount is added to the scholarship account. Also a NMGC Life member pin can be bought for \$40 and is a great way to honor a committee chair or Past President. You can buy a NMGC pin for \$20 "Just because" for yourself or as a thank you to someone in your club who is deserving of a special thank you. You can contact me for any of these. I will also have these pins available at the spring convention in Las Vegas NM. Hope to see you all there.

## Wildflower/Native Plant, Rosemary Maddox

"It was the worst of times"--those words occurred to me while I was cleaning up my perennial wildflowers. The dead stems from last year's blooms on the Mexican Hat and Chocolate Flower had to be cut back to the ground--who does this for them in the wild? But the green leaves show at the base of the plants, promising beautiful things to come. And I see a California poppy blooming in a corner of the garden, so the best of times is just around the corner.

When I open the door in the morning to get the newspaper, I am greeted by a huge mound of yellow blossoms. Winter jasmine (*Jasminium polyanthum*), as its name indicates, blooms in winter, January, to be specific. Every wildflower gardener should have this plant to boost their spirits at this time of year. I don't think it is a native plant here, but it is well adapted and asks for very little. I have never fertilized the plant, and water it occasionally, and after blooming its tiny leaves stay green throughout the rest of the year.



Another plant to ease the winter doldrums is euphorbia myrsinitis, or myrtle spurge, which is just beginning to bloom in late January. My start of this plant was given to me by Donna Holland many years ago--other old-timers will remember Donna--and it also is easy to grow, in fact, it reproduces readily.

Perhaps the weed henbit should be classified as a wildflower. Its leaves form beautiful rosettes, and its flowers--well, they are fuschia but I don't see many of them because the weed is so invasive I try to get them before they bloom. But you don't need an almanac or calendar to know when winter is over. When prostrate spurge replaces henbit as the most prolific weed, spring is here!

## Yearbook, Litter Control / Recycle - Judy Foster

Thank-you for all of you who applied for Awards...Great Work!!! The Panel had a really tough time judging once again.

Look forward to seeing you at Convention.

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District I Director, Maple Levine

I hope that each of you are keeping those New Year Resolutions. A few of mine are totally do-able including sharpening and cleaning all of my garden tools. There certainly are a number of tasks that can be accomplished in the dead of winter. Of course there are plenty of days that are down-right pleasant so the pruning tasks should occur without much corporal cold stress.

Council is planning a huge event which will take place on 23 February 2019 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. This will be a Council sponsored Auction at which time all kinds of In-good-shape household items will be for sale. Donations are welcomed and much needed which may include furniture, lamps, equipment, exotic plants, restaurant coupons, time shares, garden equipment, personal services (yard work, housecleaning, pet sitting), etc. Items can be dropped off at the Albuquerque Garden Center from 9:30 to 2:30 Monday through Friday. This is a 501 charity so please be generous and be sure to get a receipt for any donation.

March 11 will be a celebratory meeting and the District One catered luncheon. It will be held at the Albuquerque Garden Center but other details for the meeting will be forthcoming soon. We did need to change the date from the original plan of 4 March to accommodate some very important dignitaries. So please adjust your plans to attend. All club presidents should also be thinking of a candidate for the coveted Rose Award.

Have a great winter and stay away from people who cough too much!

## Petal Pushers Garden Club

A Christmas luncheon was held on December 18, 2018 at the Special Touch Tea Room. After a wonderful lunch the Petal Pushers participated in a gift exchange. A good time was had by all.



## High Desert Garden Club

High Desert Design Club is changing their program structure just a little bit. Several of our members are presenting specific programs that covers their line of expertise. In January Mary Noskin brought in a large heat machine and acrylic tubing. Working with Mary and Kristin Thompson everyone was able to heat, melt and reconstruct the plastic material. I'm sure you will see some of their creations in future flower shows. In February Carolyn Bucklen will demo the Tapestry Design and Maple Levine will show us how to Skeletonize plant material in March. We always invite interested designers to join in on the fun. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Garden Center at 1:00 p.m.

## District II Director, Juanita Ortega

### Los Alamos Garden Club

In November, a representative from our Nature Center gave an overview of all the programs that are available to patrons and club members made a Christmas craft project. There was no meeting in December, but we enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant that was attended by 21 of our members. Our January meeting was a planning meeting with good food and coffee. Members were encouraged to bring their own reusable coffee cups, plates and silverware as part of our striving to achieve zero waste. Many participated and we half-filled one small trash bag after the meeting.

### Summit Garden Club

Summit Garden Club met in November, to put together a very large Christmas wreath, which was the club's contribution to the Festival of Trees Auction in Los Alamos. This auction is a fundraiser for the Los Alamos and White Rock Senior Centers. Also, utilizing ideas and supplies provided by member Laurie Stunkel, we worked on small individual wreaths.

The focus of the December meeting was our annual cookie exchange and social. In addition, we reviewed our efforts in 2018, and discussed expectations for 2019.

In late December and throughout January, we watched as snow fell at last, and celebrated the moisture for our trees, shrubs, and groundcover.



# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District III, Jo Ann Layden, Director

Winter time finds Northeastern New Mexico buried in cold and snowy weather. The three clubs, Amor de la Tierra (Vegas), Angel Fire and Santa Rosa, on the surface, seem dormant since there's little or no activity in the dormant gardens. However, the members themselves are NOT dormant, there's still activity and much planning and dreaming going on about the spring, summer and fall projects.

Amor de la Tierra continues to meet throughout the winter and have had speakers on hoop houses, medicinal herbs, tree trimming and keyhole gardening. The members arranged for a Master Gardeners class that starts February 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through May 8<sup>th</sup> with several of their members enrolled in the class. The Club places ads and articles in the Las Vegas newspaper monthly to advertise their meetings and also talk about the Club's activities in the area, which include placing planters in various Vegas locations, donating books with their logo in it, have toured member's yards to see their various projects, and have joined the Gallinas Water project, spending a day planting grass seedlings. Several members of the Club have been actively involved in the planning for our 2019 Convention to be held in Las Vegas.

Snow has blessed Angel Fire this winter but included very cold weather. Although many of the members leave for the winter, they continue to interact through emails and plans are underway for another interesting and productive gardening year. The Nominating committee has been active recruiting a new Board. Meetings begin in May when the new Board is introduced, with new ideas and plans. Some of the members are in the Planning Committee for the 2019 Convention.

Santa Rosa continues to meet throughout the winter and work on projects at their meetings, such as designing and creating their scrap-book, making floral arrangements for the senior center for Valentine's Day, and planning their projects for the coming year. Members are a part of the Planning Committee for the 2019 Convention.

District III is very fortunate to have such active Clubs that contribute greatly to the communities they live in. We make a difference in our northeastern part of the State! I'm very proud of these Clubs!

## Angel Fire Garden Club



Diane Peterson, Co-Chair -  
Shuter Butterfly Garden;  
Janet Warner, Co-Chair -  
Veterans Memorial Garden

Preparing for the 2018 Awards spectacular is hard work, heavy thinking and fast-paced. Through preparing our award entries, it is a joy to reflect on why we do what we do. The endless hours and tender-loving care that our garden club members give to our signature gardens is enjoyed by thousands of people each year. The median garden is the entrance into our mountain haven. The peaceful tear-drop garden is the entrance to the Veteran's Memorial and speaks to all who enter this tranquil setting honoring veterans who have kept this great nation free. Our butterfly garden that surrounds the Shuter Library is a delightful fairytale trail for all to enjoy and reflect on the beauty of God's creation. Our Awards Chair Page Steed is tireless and gracious as she assists our members submit their works of art.

Christmas for Angel Fire Garden Club is a time for family and friends. Having our Christmas party at a member's home in our winter wonderland is always delightful. Arie and Mike Overby were incredibly gracious hosts and we appreciate them inviting us into their home. With lots of snow, freezing temperatures and elk on the road, our members enjoyed a warm and cozy time with delicious holiday delicacies.

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work finding members to fill our Board and we are excited to have seasoned and new members to continue our dynamic Angel Fire Garden club's legacy.



Gracious Hosts Arie & Mike Overby

## Santa Rosa Garden Club

We want to thank Colleen Hinker for filling in for our President for the past three months. She did a great job organizing the group. In November the club met at the Santa Rosa Methodist Church to make Fall arrangements that could be easily converted to Christmas arrangements with the change of seasonal flowers. All members present took home an arrangement.

Several members attended the 50th anniversary of Moise Public Library. Previously members planted a flower bed around the new sign and flag pole. Garden Club members planted trees and shrubs 50 years ago at the opening of the library.

December is our annual Christmas party which includes spouses or significant others. This year it was held at the home of Rose Passmore who lives on a ranch south of Santa Rosa. Members exchanged "white elephant" gifts which was a lot of fun. One spouse received a size 40 black bra and panties to match decorated with Christmas bells. His modeling of the gift caused lots of laughter. (We understand this gift was re-gifted along with wine & 2 wine glasses at the local Rotary party). All attending enjoyed the ham provided by our hostess/host and the side dishes provided by other members.

January found members gathering in Colleen Hinker's craft room to put together the annual yearbook. All enjoyed lunch provided by Colleen and the camaraderie of the afternoon.

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## District IV, Judy Laird, Director

District IV is enjoying sunshine as our winter is progressing. Despite the cold weather, daffodil shoots are starting to appear in the garden. Our clubs have enjoyed talks on bees and herbs. Sunshine Valley Garden Club of Truth or Consequences is planning their annual Membership Tea for the 69<sup>th</sup> year and Desert Daubers in Las Cruces are honoring their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary with a luncheon. Jean Hanson, member of Mesilla Valley Garden Club, has shared her extensive knowledge of succulents with the two Las Cruces clubs. We send our regards to Lequita Lett as she recovers from a kneecap injury and hope she is taking it easy as the cold weather remains in Silver City.

## Mesilla Valley Garden Club

Our November meeting featured a workshop with Judy Laird making Holiday Wreaths using dry plant materials. Pictured are finished products by Becky Fuller, Ruth Barrett, Beulah Oyler and Marianne Hayes. Three ladies pictured plan to hang their wreaths on a door—we aren't sure about Becky.



Barbara Vance, NMGC President was our special guest at our annual Christmas Party at Becky Fuller's home where she presented member Charlene Brock with a State Life Membership.

Member Jill Kendrick gave a very informative talk on her bees at Charlene Brock's home. We then went next door where Jill suited up (left) and showed us her beehives. It was too cold to open them and show us her sleeping bees.

We are busy now planning the District IV meeting at the Mesilla Valley Bosque, preparing for a new project at the Mesilla Plaza, refurbishing the Blue Star Byway at the Las Cruces Veteran's Park and planning an installation of another Blue Star Highway Memorial.

## District V, Nannette Tanner, Director

There are few things more exciting than finishing with a Fall Board Meeting. I never fully appreciated all the work that goes into these gatherings. I want to *thank all* of those that helped to make this a memorable occasion. We have all been busy not only with programs for our clubs but putting together this meeting.

As always, Artesia was busy with their projects. They were invited by Morning Garden Club to work on projects and enjoy the mountains. MGC also worked with approximately 50 preschool children on a program on Butterflies and their habitat at the Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park. Their club member, Renate Reisel was awarded NMGC Award of Honor.

Home Garden Club continues to maintain The Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge garden and the Spring River Park and Zoo Garden.

Lincoln County Garden Club was busy in August with the flower show at the fair. They also gave a program on Bird Songs at the Ruidoso Public Library and the children made bird feeders. They also received the National Garden Club Award for the Penny Pines Program.

Be sure to check out each of our clubs for more exciting activities. The flower show at the meeting was a wonderful idea that the Judges Council put on and I think it should be a yearly program. Many of our clubs are having their final luncheons for the year and getting ready for the coming year. Thank you for helping to encourage beautification and conservation and to educate in the sciences of horticulture.

## Artesia Garden Club

In November Artesia Garden Club reviewed information from the Judges Council Flower Show. We celebrated our success with a potluck on a job well done for the 'Silent Auction' and the Kudos received. Many Thanks to All that participated making it so AWESOME.

The annual Christmas Party in December was at the Senior Center with staff. We collected gifts for our local shelter and had a Chinese gift exchange. Finished up Holiday Decorations throughout the center and later learned we won 2nd place for best decorated city facility, earning another pizza party in the weeks following with the staff.

January we went over our Eddy County Flower Show Schedule making changes for July's Fair book. In February we will create table centerpieces and designs for the annual Seniors Valentines Party.



# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## Home Garden Club

Winter Greetings from the Alien capital of Roswell to all our fellow New Mexico gardeners. Our November meeting, "Propagating Plants from Starts", allowed us to start plants for our annual plant sale in April at Cahoon Park.. Club members enjoyed the added bonus of sharing cuttings from different plants brought to the meeting for demonstration.

The club started 2019 off with an exciting program presented at our January meeting held at the Chaves County Extension building. Roswell Herbologist Sandra Stewart talked about Plants as Medicine. As owner of Down to Earth Nutrition Center she is well acquainted with nearly every aspect of using plants both as supplements or consumed in the form of food or drink

Home Garden Club members had the opportunity to welcome a new family into their Habitat for Humanity home on January 31 in Roswell. Our members donated a \$50 Home Depot gift certificate along with a house plant and beautiful Christmas wreath created by our own Julie Edgett. The turning over the keys ceremonies are short and very moving for those who want to participate in future dedications.

On a sad note, member Suzanne Lamontine passed on Christmas Eve very peacefully. Her gardening expertise, entrees in local flower shows and especially her delectable home canned goods will be greatly missed. We were so blessed to have her attend our Christmas party at the home of Pat Greenwade earlier in the month. The club intends to plant a tree or shrub at the Roswell Bird sanctuary in Suzanne's honor at a later date.

My final comment to wrap up this Winter narrative, is to send out a special thanks to all or club members who support our Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club. Read more about this active youth club on the back page.



Habitat for Humanity wreath  
constructed by Julie Edgett

## Morning Garden Club

This final quarter of 2018, Morning Garden Club was involved in both new and old projects. One of the club's new projects was the presentation of large containers of plants to the five Roswell Fire Stations. These containers, recycled from feed containers, were planted with seasonal appropriate and low maintenance plant material that will be modified each season and will be displayed at the entrances to the Fire Stations. Another new project involved putting together sixty registration bags with donated and purchased items for the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Alto. One of our most gratifying continuing projects was the decoration of the Historical Society for Southeast NM Museum for the Christmas Holidays. Many citizens of Roswell and their guests enjoy visiting the Historical Society at this time. Our Christmas program was held at the Clary Sage Bed and Breakfast in Roswell with Musician Maureen McGinn. This was a beautiful program in a very beautiful setting.



## Lincoln Garden Club

Kenzan's poem reminds us how temporary beauty and joy can be. Our autumn in Lincoln County has been truly beautiful. Russet browns, bright yellows, and vibrant reds decorate our landscape adding dimension to the mountain sides and valleys.

Like those brilliant colors, Lincoln County Garden Club enjoyed fun and informative meetings adding dimension to our members. In August, we went to an organic farm in Nogal. Owned and worked by Myron and Dena Coelho, we learned of the difficulties they face. Drought, then too much rain were particularly hard. Yet, they continue to provide fresh, organic produce to restaurants in Capitan. They shared their cantaloupes with us; a variety that was developed in Israel. On a personal note, they were the sweetest, juiciest cantaloupe I have ever tasted.

In September, we headed to the Blue Star Memorial at Fort Stanton cemetery. Tim Roberts, Regional Manager of NM Historical Sites, spoke to us about the history of the Fort. The Fort had a variety of uses over the years; protection, tuberculous hospital, home to non-combative German sailors and more. So many people came to the area for tuberculous treatment, that it spurred statehood. History is such an important part of our county and state. Tim Roberts made it come alive for us.

In October, our guest speaker was Melanie Gutierrez, our newest Lincoln County Extension Agent. She, too, was a wealth of information. She discussed the importance of soil sampling, plants for our area, and problems of which to be aware.

December was a holiday celebration with a wonderful luncheon menu provided by our members. We hosted a few new faces, and Rosemary of Rosemary's Herb shop. Rosemary has been in business for 22 years, sharing her experience, as well as samples of herbs and spices, hand-outs, and several interesting facts and anecdotes for meal preparation. That meeting was a graceful ending for 2018.

*Autumn Ivy  
even as it envelopes me, it is not mine, this autumn;  
that wind blowing through the pines,  
i regret how it makes them fall - the leaves, the scarlet leaves of joy.*

*--Ogata Kenzan, Japan*

# NMGC CLUB NEWS

## Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club

A special thanks to all Home GC members who support our Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club. The children have been very active this winter with a number of craft projects as well as their continued attention to the butterfly garden at Spring River Park and Zoo. Those who have not been to the zoo in a while should stop by and check out the new planters the children installed near the bird exhibit.

The driving force behind the youth club is Renate Reizel. She provides most of the guidance, however, a number of our members assist with the their meetings on a regular basis, (Gloria Mendiola, Suzanne Lamontine, Isabel Olson, Karen Henderson, Grace Scott, Allene Hardcastle, Sharon Lombardi and Pat Krakauskas) and other adults who spend their valuable time on a Saturday afternoon to help these kids strive to be future gardeners. There is no greater reward than to pass the gift of knowledge on to our children.



Container Gardening with Pecos Valley Youth Club

## 2019 Calendar

March 5	District III Spring Meeting Las Vegas
March 11	District I Spring Meeting Albuquerque
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	<b>NMGC 70th Annual Convention</b> Las Vegas, NM
April 12-13	SCR Convention Oklahoma City
April 29 - May 2	NGC, Inc. Convention Biloxi, MS

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