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Some of the many adventures of our President, Christine Longthorp



*Growing in Harmony in the Land of
Enchantment—Christine Longthorp*

President's Message

Hello Garden Clubbers,

This summer began late but has caught up weather wise this month. Our peach and apricot crops have been the best for several years, and the cool start was ideal for tomato plants. I hope you have found the same.

The Daylily and Dahlia Shows are as stunning as usual here in Albuquerque. I am always amazed at the standard of perfection after hail, wind and torrential rain. Those of us who are Flower Show Judges have been all over the State to County Fairs in Eddy County, Santa Rosa and Lincoln county in Capitan. Santa Rosa had many novice designers who are now bitten by the bug and will be ready to exhibit next year. Always a stunning show for so few members, as was the Eddy County Fair, where the youth had a workshop and created many, many designs. That was a joy to see, and special thanks to those who coach and encourage new entrants.

We in New Mexico are such a caring and enthusiastic Garden Club community, and I continue to be proud and grateful for the many ways we support each other.

As Fall approaches, we also prepare for the NM State Fair Flower Shows—all four of them, and two youth shows. All five District meetings will culminate with the NMGC Fall Board meeting held in Albuquerque on October 17th and 18th.

Angel Fire Garden Club is also holding a public outreach day, called "Garden Splendor" at El Monte Sagrado in Taos on August 23rd. I will be the lunchtime speaker and will be showing different floral designs. The other speakers will illustrate how to infuse cocktails with herbs and flowers, how to paint a flower picture, and the grounds landscaper will take us on a tour - great idea to increase interest in Garden Clubs!

What a tribute we are to National Garden Clubs, and I am happy to be your President. Looking forward to seeing you all as I travel the State.

Christine Longthorp, President



OFFICIAL CALL
Fall Board Meeting

“Bloom where you are planted...”

October 17th and 18th 2019
Marriott Courtyard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

This letter will serve as the official notice to all New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. members.

The registration form is ATTACHED to this Fall issue of the New Mexico Gardener and on the NMGC website.

Thursday, October 17th, 2019

12:00 noon – 6:00 P.M.	Registration – Marriott Courtyard.
1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	NM Judges Council Executive Meeting
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	NM Judges Council General Meeting
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	NM Judges Council Dinner
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Judges Council Program & Workshop - “A pocket full of posy pins” <i>(you do NOT have to be a judge to attend this dinner & program/workshop)</i>

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Registration
8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	NMGC, Inc. General Business Meeting
11:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M.	Luncheon
12:30 P.M. -1:30 P.M.	Program “Get More Bloom from Your Club” presented by Heather White, of College Station, Texas
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	General Business Meeting resumes and concludes.

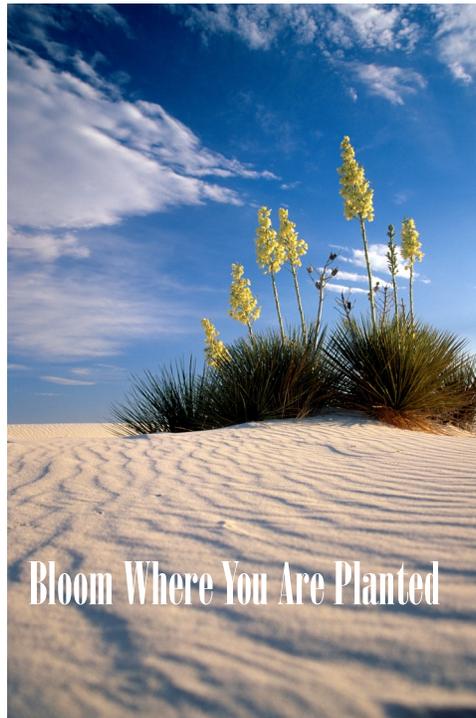
District Directors: Please be prepared to give a 3-minute report on the activities of your district and provide 3 copies one each for NMGC President, NMGC 1st VP and NMGC Recording Secretary.

Chairmen: If you wish to give a report please let me know so I can add you to the agenda.

HOTEL: Marriott Courtyard Albuquerque NM *Mention NMGC, Inc. 2019 Fall Board Meeting*

Christine Longthorp, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. President

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
Fall Board Meeting
October 17 & 18, 2019



“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
Albuquerque, NM

Why should you come to the Fall Board meeting? “Bloom Where You Are Planted” is the theme for the NMGC Fall Board. There will be LOTS of information given out at the Fall Board meeting. Kathleen Flanders, Way and Means Chair will have all the items for the raffle drawings available for your viewing, The President’s Project “Sensory Healing Garden” will be explained in detail; NMGC Chairman, District Directors, Club Presidents and members from all around the state will be there to visit with and get ideas from! And the best reason: the program will be “Get MORE Bloom from Your Club” with Heather White from College Station, Texas. This program will provide plenty of smiles, laughter and fun! Surely a program you do not want to miss!

The New Mexico Judges Council Program will be “A Pocket Full of Posy Pins” with a hands-on workshop presented by Master Flower Show Judge and NM Garden Clubs President, Christine Longthorp. If you ever wanted to learn more about the why and how of Posy Pins, attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program and you are sure to discover a lot! REMEMBER: You DO NOT have to be a NMJC Judge or student judge to attend the dinner and program!



Message from Our First Vice President, Carolyn Bedford

What an exciting time of year for all garden clubs in New Mexico. Nearly every county has a fair. I've seen reports from Artesia, Lincoln County & took part in the one in Guadalupe County. These events are great opportunities to show your horticulture & design skills. It is also a great way to add members. In Santa Rosa/ Guadalupe County we added two new members & got two prospective members.

If you don't have a local fair, enter the State Fair in Albuquerque. They have 4 shows on September 4, 6, 9 and 12th. For schedule information you can contact Mary Noskin at mnoskin@aol.com. Another show coming up is the Dahlia Show at the Garden Center in Albuquerque.

There are a lot of opportunities to enter flower shows and possibly meet new friends & add new members. Let's see how many new members we can recruit in the next couple of months. It will be fun to accompany Christine Longthorp, our NMGC State President, as she visits all the Districts, for their fall meetings. I look forward to meeting more garden club members.

And lastly, don't forget the Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque on October 17-18. There are great programs planned. See you there.



2nd Vice President Message, Joyce Zaugg

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our club Presidents and Treasurers who have sent in their dues and rosters. You are awesome. As of this writing we have 496 members in 23 clubs. This does not include the two youth clubs. I'll report on the youth clubs as those numbers come in. I'm waiting for only a handful of adult clubs to send in their dues and rosters. When they do, I'll have some final numbers.

Our membership numbers are down by 15% so far this year. This might be a good time to think about how to retain members. People drop out for many reasons. Some leave because they lose interest, they have health or financial problems, they move away or pass away, or because they are no longer being served by the club and the programs and activities it offers.

Some clubs don't have a clear idea what their members are looking for. They may think they know, but it's easy for long time members to assume that everyone in the club thinks the same way they do and is looking for the same things. And it's easy for member needs to change without the club quite realizing that this is happening.

One idea is to ask your members from time to time why they joined and how satisfied they are with the club's programs and activities. Ask for suggestions of other activities and programs they would like to see happen. It is especially important to conduct "exit interviews" when members don't renew their memberships. Finding out why they left can lead to improvement possibilities for the club. The reason maybe because of relocation or health issues. But, sometimes it's because their needs are not being met.



Message From District I Director, Debra Sorrell

District I is getting into the swing of things! I am very honored and excited to be the new District I Director. I hope to support clubs in their projects, programs and growth so that Garden Club can be fun and informative for everyone.....current members and all the new members to come! The executive board has planned the fall meeting which will be held at El Pinto in NW Albuquerque on September 30. We welcome all members of our district and encourage you to attend. Suzy Andrego will be giving a great program on planting bulbs in the fall. Quite timely! I'm sure there will be bulbs to take home and plant! You'll be able to put all your new knowledge and tips into your next spring sensation! For additional information and an RSVP, please contact me, at 505-615-8564 or jdsorr@msn.com.

Our executive committee and club presidents have met to make plans for "Bloom Where You Are Planted", the NMGC Fall Board meeting on October 17-18, 2019. It will take place here in Albuquerque at the Courtyard by Marriott on Journal Center Blvd. We are very pleased to be hosting the first big meeting for our own member and new State President, Christine Longthorp. We are hoping for a big turnout to show our support and to hear about Christine's President's Project, a new healing garden at the VA Hospital! The luncheon speaker is Heather White, a garden club, SCR and NGC member from College Station, Texas. Heather is a warm and welcoming person who will be giving you all inspiration on how to "Get MORE Bloom From Your Club". Of course, come prepared for the Silent Auction. We will have many wonderful items to bid on! And, just an extra plug for the Judges Council dinner and program on Thursday night.....a lovely dinner, program and hands-on workshop you don't want to miss. It is not required that you be a judge to come to this fun event. Look for the registration form attached to this edition of The Gardener for additional information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at each of these events!



Message From Our District II Director, Sue-Ellen deBeer

The Summit and Los Alamos garden clubs have completed a joint project to replace a dried wreath arrangement at the Fuller Lodge. For more details call Doris Jackson.

The Los Alamos Garden Club LAG has replaced the vandalized Blue Star Memorial in the historic rose garden next to Fuller Lodge. We hope to have a rededication ceremony soon.

The Floral Designers have had a difficult time meeting with many of the membership away or recuperating from surgery but they're planning a full and more membership.



Message from District III Director, *Johnese Turri*

Angel Fire Garden Club is presenting a new event, "A day in the living spa of El Monte Sagrado Garden" on August 23rd. You will learn about aesthetic gardening-how to connect with what we see. There are wonderful presenters with one of them being our very own Christine Longthorp!

Amor de la Tierra Garden Club Is working on the Las Vegas Gallinas River Restoration project. The presentation at the convention about this wonderful project was very exciting for their beautiful little River.

Santa Rosa Garden Club's members have been busily getting ready for their annual flower show on August 2nd & 3rd. The theme this year is Children's Stories & Fairy Tales. Can't wait to see all these wonderful designs!

It's great being in touch with our clubs. We've got such wonderful members.



Message From Our District IV Director, *Ellie Nordgren*

District IV has six clubs, all with new Presidents for the 2019-2021 term. Desert Daubers President is Bill Anderson, Flowering Desert President is Kerry Coleman, Ever Green Garden Club's new President is Lequita Lett, Socorro Garden Club's President is Millie Sigman, Mesilla Valley Garden Club's President is Beck Fuller and Sunshine Valley Garden Club's new President is Linda Brandis. Welcome to all.

All the clubs in District IV have been very busy since the spring, with planting, Field trips, maintenance on planters at hospitals, Veterans Homes, Bosque's and celebrating 50, 60 and 70 year club anniversaries. We are just having "Way to Much Fun in the Sun".



Message from Our District V Director, *Renate Reisel*

Lincoln county garden club is busy with preparation for their yearbook as are Home Morning and Artesia garden club . Lincoln celebrated National garden week also the were having there annual plant sale very busy bees.

Morning garden club celebrated National Garden Week by placing information on gardening at the local Library and donating large Planters soil and flowers to Los Positos Learning Center.

Home Garden club celebrated National Garden Week by adding a poster with Photos and information about gardening plus there last meeting in May the enjoyed a program on herbs for cooking and medical purposes .

Artesia garden club members are very busy in Preparation for the Flower show at the Eddy county fairground.

Life Membership & Scholarship Chairman, Sue Ferguson



**ARE YOU A NM Garden Clubs
LIFE MEMBER? You COULD BE!**



The white NMGC Member pin costs \$20, and the NMGC Life Membership pin costs \$40. All proceeds go to the NMGC Scholarship Fund. NMGC offers an annual scholarship of \$2,500 to a student majoring in Botany, Horticulture, or related fields, at a New Mexico college/university.

Order Yours TODAY from Life Member/Scholarship Chairman Sue Ferguson, 5065 Bright Sky Road, Roswell, NM 88201, sjferguson@plateau.email. **THANK YOU!!**

Awards Co-Chairmen, Nancy Hardwick and Nanette Tanner

"The New Mexico Garden Club awards program provides an opportunity for clubs and individual members to share their garden and garden-related talents and accomplishments".



We hope club members will review online and/or print the Awards Booklet from the New Mexico Garden Club website and open a discussion on what awards your club would like to apply for. To review the

Awards Booklet type the URL www.newmexicogardenclubs.org, click the 'Awards' tab, and then click on 'Award guidelines,

NMGC Handbook' located in the left hand column. The booklet contains general application requirements and guidelines, table of contents of state awards, and detail application guidelines for each award. All award applications must be received by the specific NMGC chairman by Feb 1 with the exception of the Yearbook and Flower Show Schedule award applications which are due by December 15. The NMGC Chairpersons are listed on the NMGC website under the 'About' tab followed by the 'Officers and Chairpersons'. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

Youth Chairman, Lynnette Walker

There is no better way to stimulate interest in horticulture than starting with children. If children become excited about horticulture at an early age; they will continue their interest in horticulture as they grow older. The hope is that they will share their enjoyment with others along the way. This is exactly what the Albuquerque Blooming Gardeners do when planting flowers in the state fair planters each year. In fact, Shirley Tetreault said that some who helped with the planters this year have been involved with the group for more than 10 years and returned to help younger siblings and family members share their love for horticulture.

Other busy groups include Morning Garden Club members who were busy at Las Posito Learning Center in Roswell, NM, planting tomatoes and flowers to help teach the children about the importance of water to plants, Home Garden Youth club (location?) help celebrated National garden week (June 2-8, 2019) by adding succulents to the planters donated the previous year to the local library. In addition, the club is looking forward to the 18th annual Dragonfly Festival on September 7th.

All around the enchanting state of New Mexico youth are entering their horticulture and designs at the county fairs near them hopefully gearing up for the youth shows at this year's state fair. Make sure you encourage the youth groups in your area to stop by and enter or just take a peek in the floriculture building while visiting the 2019 State Fair. Maybe this will spark their interest in horticulture.



Blue Star Marker Chairman, Shirley Tetreault



What a great time to get something new and exciting started. Tell your members that our State President, Christine Longthorp has a great new Presidents Project that includes a Blue Star Marker. The plan is to put in a beautiful sensory garden for Veterans at the VA hospital in Albuquerque. This is a State project so we all want to be a big part of this undertaking. This is a large commitment so I will be asking for donations from individuals/clubs at our fall board meeting in October. Please be prepared to show our Veterans how important they are. What a great tribute to our Veterans and knowing that we were the ones personally responsible for the purchase and installation of a new Blue Star Marker. This is an exciting time for us all to take part in a very meaningful project.

There are two other markers that are in progress. Our next newsletter will have more on those markers. I have also requested lists from all four states so that when traveling, we can locate them. Please contact me

The Lost Trebah Gardens

Welcome to the jungle... which lay undiscovered in Cornwall, UK for 100 years.

Lost beneath the undergrowth of Trebah gardens for over a century was a secret jungle garden of exotic plants. Gardeners found the rare foliage as they cut back overgrown bushes on the slope of a valley. Curtains of vines, once cleared, revealed Chinese palm trees and giant ferns believed to be the handiwork of a former owner of the estate who had collected seeds and plants from around the world during the mid- 19th Century.

The land is just a few miles from Falmouth, which was then just a growing international port, and these exotic plants unloaded at the docks were able to thrive in the Cornish gulf stream climate. Charles Fox, a member of a local shipping family, was passionate about horticultural imports and designed the 26 acres of garden where he lived.

The head gardener, who discovered the jungle, said he had never seen anything like it in the eighteen years he had been employed at Trebah. The "Jungle" is on a steep hillside surrounded by a mass of Ponticum and Rhododendron plants. The staff had seen the top of a palm sticking up, but assumed it was just one. However, once they removed the overgrowth, which took two weeks, they then discovered exotic species, including Chinese Dichroa Febrifuga, which still is not growing anywhere else in the country. Other plants were Canary Island Date Palm and exotic Hydrangea shrubs native to East Asia and South America. Charles Fox, who was a Quaker, planted these rare species together hoping for a jungle garden in the future.

Every time a new sapling was planted, Charles instructed his head gardener to build a scaffold tower to represent the eventual height of the tree. The youngest garden boy was then sent up the tower with a white flag so that Mr. Fox could view it from his house, giving orders with a megaphone and using his telescope from an attic window. Thanks to eccentric horticulturists like Charles Fox, we now can view trees that have been protected from extinction and industrial harm.



Note the lady standing in front of the tree.

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Claire Vickers, manager at Trebah Gardens, is dwarfed by the huge plants of the newly revealed vista



Litter Control & Recycle/Reuse Chairman, Julie Foster

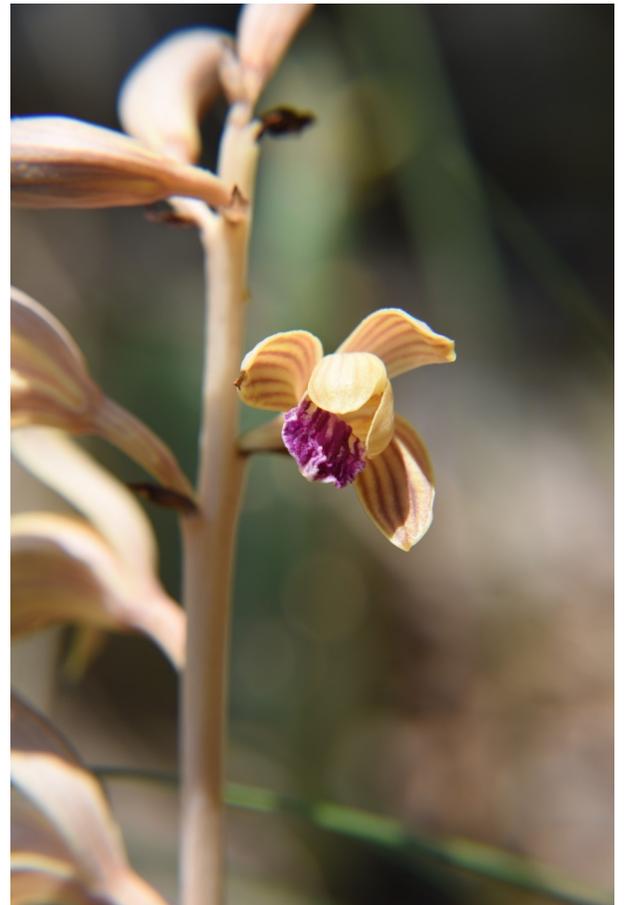
Hello New Mexico Garden Clubs,

Now is the time to record all the recycle /repurpose projects that you do as you are doing them. We love to see all the wonderful projects to keep New Mexico Clean and Beautiful.

Please try to remember to record and report club or individual projects for Awards time this year. It can be as simple as drying fresh plant materials from fair flower shows and reusing them for fall designs. You do not have to wait until January/ February to send reports to the Chairmen. Have a great summer/ fall, see you at Fall Board.

Native Orchid found in Guadalupe County

By Colleen Hinker, Santa Rosa Garden Club President



Wildflowers abound around Guadalupe county- coloring the prairie like a rainbow! Most are small, except the sunflowers and mulleins, but all are beautiful in their own ways. Even the mesquite are now blooming prettily with creamy yellow clusters. Our ranch on the Pecos River is a riot of Cota (green thread) and Blanket flowers. But to rival them all are the coral root orchids. I was cleaning up wood pieces under a cottonwood tree when I discovered some "odd" sticks poking up 10" skyward. There was no green coloring, no leaves, but they were covered with tiny buds and flowers. After researching this strange plant, I was amazed to find it labeled as an orchid! The 'corallorrhiza striata' or 'striped coralroot orchid' was growing up through the leaf and stick mulch where it was getting its nourishment. It is parasite on the fungi in the soil and is normally found farther north and west than dry New Mexico, as it needs more moisture and leaf debris. The stems are cream colored with small, dime-sized flowers that are striped pink with a purple tongue peaking out underneath. What a joy to have found such a treasure!

Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos Gets a New Wreath in the Pajarito Room

The Pajarito wreath is a donation by Summit and Los Alamos Garden Clubs to the Fuller Lodge for the Pajarito Room.

Shirley Carter of Summit Garden Club and a Landscape Architect did the major work and collection of dried horticulture on the four feet wide wreath, as it has been stored and designed in her garage. The three pine needle baskets on the wreath were handmade by Shirley and each basket contains Pajarito Plateau dried horticulture.

Doris Jackson of Los Alamos Garden Club and an NGC Master Flower Show Judge helped with advice, design and donated some of the horticulture that was used in the wreath. Summit Garden Club and Los Alamos Garden Club members also contributed dried horticulture for the wreath. The two Clubs are in Los Alamos and are members of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., New Mexico Garden Clubs and District II.

The dedication ceremony will be in Los Alamos at the Fuller Lodge on October 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.



Penny Pines Chairman, Mary Ann Moreno

Penny Pines is a great way to help New Mexico Forests

Just a reminder: to all Garden Club members. Our forests are tinder dry around the state. Please pass the bucket at Garden Club Meetings and give your change or Big Bucks for Penny Pines. It takes \$68.00 to buy 200 trees to go

to the NM forest area you support. The Forest service plants the trees. I will be passing out the forms at our NMGC, Fall Board Meeting here in Albuquerque. Your club fills out the form for where the trees will be planted and mail form and a check made out to NCG, Inc. for \$68.00 to NGC Headquarters, in St Louis, Missouri. All details will be explained at our NMCG Fall Board Meeting.



Creating a Butterfly Garden



So, you have decided to create a butterfly garden. Here are some steps to think about when planning. Plan on using local trees, grasses and wildflowers. Your plan should include a sunny open space filled with wildflowers. Meadow like habitats attract more varieties and numbers of butterflies.

Create large blocks of various colors. Butterflies generally prefer white, yellow, pink, orange, red and purple flowers. Group five or more plants of the same species together. Incorporating a variety of colors will increase your chances of attracting a diversity of butterflies and other pollinators.

Plant for continuous bloom. You may see more activity in the summer, but many species will arrive in the spring and some may visit in the fall. Early bloomers include wild lilac, cherry trees and serviceberry. Plants that provide nectar in the fall include asters, goldenrods and sunflowers.

Make the most of sunny areas. Butterflies need warm temperatures to fly and forage. Plant in areas that receive at least 6 hours of sun. A southern exposure will help. Be sure to add places for butterflies to sun themselves – gravel paths, large rocks and branches provide just such a place.

Provide areas that are unkept. Brush piles, shedding bark of trees, grass tussocks and leaf litter. These areas provide a place to shelter in inclement weather and a place to pupate. You can always hide an unsightly area behind shrubs and trees.

Provide water. Rocks that have natural indentations that hold water, a pond with a shallow area, or a rain garden created from rain runoff all work.



Uptown Garden Club's Youth Club, "The Blooming Gardeners" Planting Pots for the NM State Fair



Message from NM Judges Council President, Suzy Andrego

NM Judges Symposium Coming NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019

You DO NOT have to be a Flower Show Judge to attend the NM Judges Council Symposium. You just have to be a member of NM Garden Clubs.

Attending a Judges Symposium makes you a better exhibitor. We all learn A LOT at Judges Symposium.

Come see Dot Yard, immediate past NGC Flower Show School Committee Chairman, tell us how to create a book of evidence for applying for the NGC

Flower Show Achievement Award, help us with all about house plants and explain the Botanical Arts Division of a Flower Show. Penny Decker, world renowned and award winning creative Design Instructor will present Tapestry Designs, Abstract Designs and show us some Design techniques and how to use them! Lunch will be included in your registration for both days. See the Symposium Registration Attachment to this newsletter.

NM Gardener Editor, Suzy Andrego

Club Presidents, you will notice that there are no Club articles. The December issue of the NM Gardener will have a focus on all clubs in NM Gardens clubs and what they are doing. It should be about a great program your club had, a fantastic fundraising idea, a community or civic project that they participated in or maybe a super fun fieldtrip you went on. Please include lots of photos, attached as jpegs to my email address: Sandrego@qwest.net or sent via text to my cell phone (505)259-3318. Each Club will be given one FULL page to update us on your club and their activities. Articles are due to me by November 1st.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| ◆ September 30, 2019 | District I Fall Board Meeting— | ABQ |
| ◆ October 9, 2019 | District II Fall Board Meeting— | Los Alamos |
| ◆ October 10, 2019 | District III Fall Board Meeting— | Las Vegas |
| ◆ October 11, 2019 | District V Fall Board Meeting— | Roswell |
| ◆ October 17 & 18, 2019 | NMGC Fall Board Meeting— | ABQ |
| ◆ October 31, 2019 | District 4 Fall Board Meeting— | Socorro |
| ◆ November 1, 2019 | NM Gardener Articles Due | EMAIL |
| ◆ November 1-3, 2019 | NM Judges Symposium— | ABQ |

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2 Youth Clubs	91 Youth Members

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Photos must be sent as .jpg files, maximum three per file, as an email attachment. Do not frame or otherwise enhance. Poor quality photos will not be accepted (i.e. out of focus or grainy.) Photos that are submitted with the photographer's name will receive photo credit.

Deadline

Fall
Winter
Spring
Summer

Dates

August 1
November 1
February 1
May 1

**Articles/Photos for the next *New Mexico Gardener* must be submitted
by November 1, 2019**