

Civic Development News - Maple Levine, Chairman



I have received very few applications thus far for Civic Development awards. I do believe though, that COVID-19 was responsible for the decline in all of our attempts to achieve civic gardening projects. Having said this I do want to thank those few of you who did make submissions.

On the other hand, many of us did make major improvements in our own yards. During the quarantine I have had a chance to bond much more with my own yard. This resulted in significant changes and upgrades. Also, it meant that I had many more encounters with neighbors (from a distance) that I didn't even know before I was forced to stay at home. During the blooming season it was fun to talk to the many people who were walking their dogs, or wheeling their babies in strollers. They would ask about my yard and many had gardening questions.

While I loathe bragging, compared to most of my neighbors' yards, I have way more continuous blooming plants throughout spring, summer, and fall. Many who walked by told me that they deliberately choose to cruise by my house to see what is going on here. One lady thought that both the tall bearded iris and the *Lisianthus* were orchids. Also, one man thought that the many varieties of *Hemerocallis* were exotic topicals.

My point is that even though we as a group of more educated horticulturists (relatively speaking of course) we can educate and encourage others. If you can spark some interest in making your own neighborhood more attractive you will be creating an opportunity to participate in a quite meaningful version of "Civic Development!" Who knows; you might even recruit some of your neighbors to join your garden club.

There are many appealing reasons to beautify all of our neighborhoods and communities but when we come right down to it; the effort to do so is a win-win endeavor!

Happy Gardening! Maple Levine

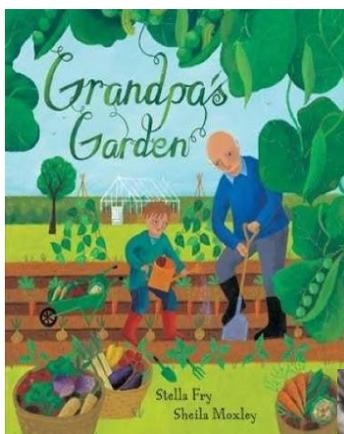
Youth Garden Chairman, Lynnette Walker

Youth Activities Springing into Spring

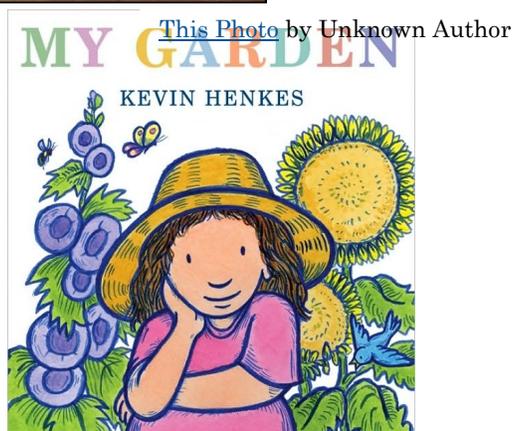
Even though there is still snow on the ground in shaded spots on our mountain property and the ground is still frozen, I'm getting excited for spring to arrive. If a 55-year-old can get antsy for spring; I just bet those many years younger than myself are excited too. The pandemic has been hard on us all and has made it very difficult to get together with your youth gardeners. According to Shirley Tetreault of Blooming Gardner's Youth Club, due to COVID they were not able to meet, but they are hoping to start a new project as soon as they are able. In the meantime, let's get those young people excited and hopeful for what spring has in store. Here are a few suggestions for activities you can do with them.

1. If you are planning a family garden let the kids help choose and order the seeds you purchase. Let them look in the seed catalogues with you and pick the seeds they want to try.
2. When the seeds arrive, involve them in helping to start the seedlings indoors. You can even put together a watering chart so everyone feels responsible for the nourishment of the plants that will eventually be transplanted in the garden.
3. Read a book from your local library about flowers and plants. For older children a book about the parts of a flower or why bees are important with get them thinking about the spring.
4. Go on a search in your garden for anything that may already be popping up through the ground

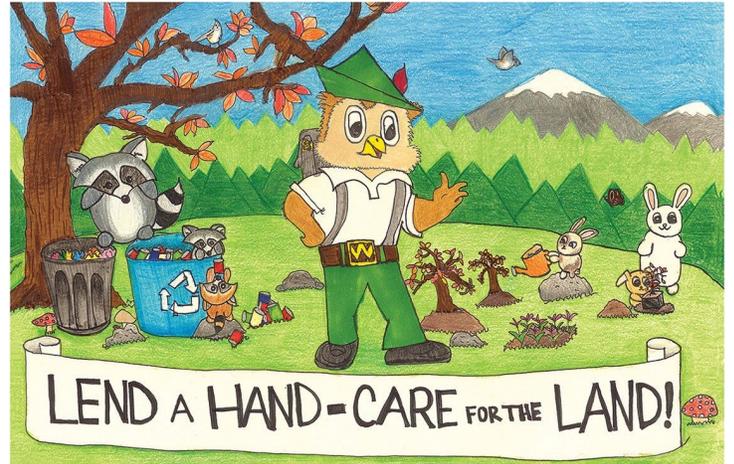
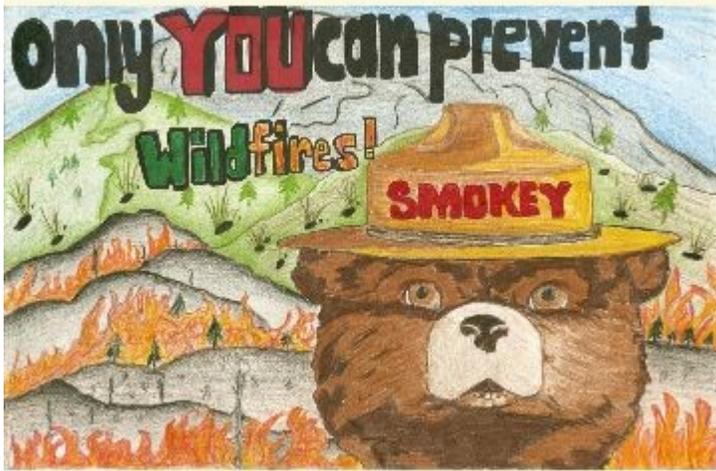
These activities can lead to excitement for spring to get here. It is my hope that you spend quality time with the children in your lives enjoying the signs that spring is almost here.



A few exciting pictures of the bulbs popping up in one of Suzy Andrego's flower beds taken on February 6, 2021.



Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Chairman, Jennifer Moreno



Home Garden Club, District V- Jan Smith, President

Home has been holding Zoom meetings to keep its members informed on gardening during this time of lockdown. In November Marisa Thompson, NMSU Urban Horticulture Extension Specialist did a Zoom presentation on "Sustainable Urban Trees in a Changing Climate." She covered how the changing climate is making us rethink what horticulture will grow in our areas. Overall New Mexico is getting warmer. The trees and shrubs that we used to plant may be too stressed to grow well in today's changing climate. She covered part of the Nature Conservancy's document "A Guideline for Selecting Climate-Ready Trees."

In January, guest speaker Barbara Scheer, did a presentation on the "Magic of Soil." We were able to preview YouTube videos - one was a talk by Allan Savory about world wide desertification and the second video was presentation by noted scientists explaining about healthy soil and what agricultural practices result in better soil which allows for more nutritious food. During the Zoom meeting Barbara answered members questions.

Members took time before the holidays to clean up the corner planter at Spring River Zoo. In early May members will be helping Main Street Roswell update the horticulture in the planters along downtown Main Street in Roswell.

Home has more Zoom presentations planned soon.

Floral Designers Garden Club, District II—Laurie Hixson, President

Floral Designers Garden Club is changing with the times. We have not met in person for over a year, but we meet virtually, having just resumed our meetings from our winter hiatus--we do not meet in November or December.

We are very fortunate that Pat Copple is one of our members. Pat is not only an outstanding floral designer, she is also a fabulous design photographer. For our February meeting, Pat will lead the meeting with the theme “Fire,” design type is designer’s choice. She may sneak in a primer on how to best photograph our designs. This is so important now that we are not judging the designs in person.

The remainder of this year’s slate of programs include: “Two for the Price of One,” a duo design and “Celebrations,” designer’s choice.

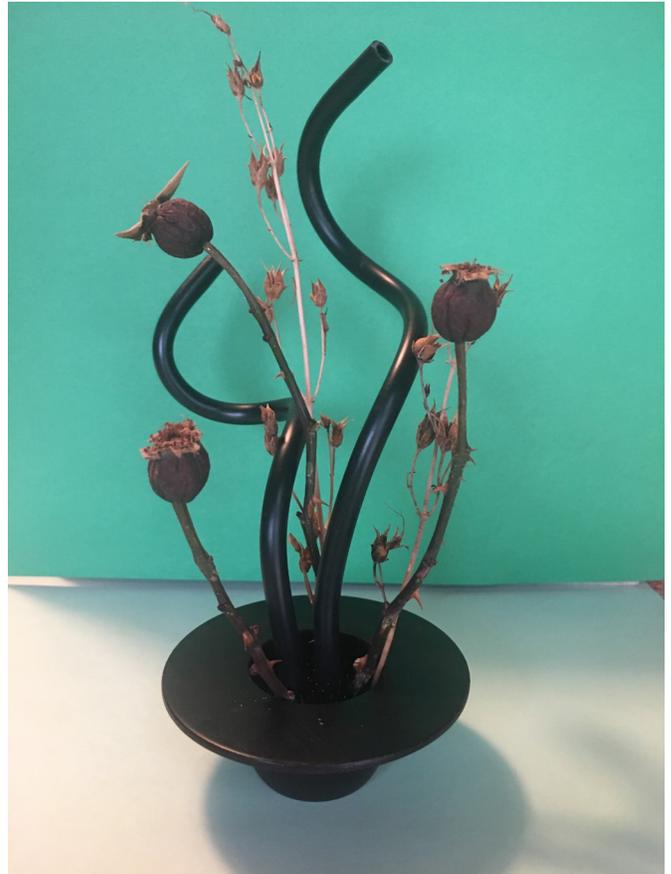
We have changed our by-laws to open up our club to new members outside of our District. This basically means anyone in the state can become a member of Floral Designers. We welcome new members who are eager to explore the depth and breadth of floral design.

Below are the design pictures from our last meeting “Fairy Tales and Flowers/Little Women.” The featured design was a Petite Design and the design type was either an American Traditional Design or any type of Creative Design. We hope you enjoy them.



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More designs from Floral Designers Members



Summit Garden Club, District II—*Judith Magelssen, President*

The Summit Garden Club got together once on Zoom for our annual Christmas Social. At this point in time we do not have anything planned for 2021.



Angel Fire Garden Club, District III- Susan Schultz, President

There was no fun “crafts” meeting held, there was no Christmas party held and there was no other events held. So much for the report! You have to have a sense of humor through all of this. You also have to look to Mother Nature for reassurance! It will get better!

The Garden Club did get the Vietnam Memorial Garden, Butterfly Garden and the Village Median Garden bedded down for the winter. There is a calming effect knowing that these will always bloom again.

The Village Median was once again decorated with Christmas lights and Elliott the Elk was adorned in his Christmas finery. The photos were posted on Facebook. In all, 327 people gave the Garden Club a thumbs up or a heart! Remember this project has only been in full swing for the last two years! Such a success! Here are a few comments from the villagers!

“I love it when he gets dressed in his holiday finery! It makes me happy every time I drive by him.”

“One of my favorite holiday decorations.”

“Spectacular!”

“Beautiful and so traditional!”

Susan Schultz, Club President, has been working with the Angel Fire Rotary Club to establish a community garden. The project is moving ahead with the property established, plans drawn, and seed money acquired. Mike Overby, Garden Club’s 1st

Vice-President is the Rotary Chairman for this and is doing a wonderful job. This project will be located by the Moreno Valley Clinic and will be a showcase for Angel Fire!

Kathy Davis, 2nd Vice President, is busy setting up the Zoom March meeting. Until the covid situation is resolved, the meetings will be conducted on Zoom. Hopefully, this will also be resolve.

Like weeds the Angel Fire Garden Club continues to grow despite the efforts of the covid-19 virus to keep us down. We will continue to beautify our community and provide knowledge and social interactions to our members. Here’s to spring and summer!



Santa Rosa Garden Club, District III- Colleen Hinker, President

Between the weather, politics and the Chinese virus, we have found some time to be together and share creative ideas and friendship. (of course we follow the safety measures) Only two of our members have contracted the Covid virus- one got it at the hospital after surgery and the other by meeting with family during the holidays. Neither were terribly ill and stayed isolated for a while. Our members concluded that most people who work outside (in the sun), exercise and keep a positive attitude are less susceptible to disease. Many participated in the vaccination clinic, while others are being “careful”



We look forward to next year with positive thoughts. After we put together our scrapbook and history, we planned next year with plant exchanges (my basement is full of seedlings) and floral design classes. We are being positive about having our flower show again at the County fair in August. Everyone missed our creative times this last year. We hope to tour the State Fair again and pick raspberries in the fall! Our members are

looking forward o starting Vegetables in my greenhouse and transferring them to their gardens come spring. We will get a head start on the growing season this next year.

As president, I have asked everyone to volunteer to be hostess for one monthly meeting. (to take pressure off me!) Plus everyone will be more involved I the planning. We have lost several members to ‘transplanting elsewhere, personal or family problems, or work-related changes. We are growing smaller, but we are still creatively active and beautifying our community. A cheerful smile goes a long way!

Socorro Garden Club, District IV- Millie Sigman, President

Socorro Garden Club has 8 members for 2021 year. We lost longtime member, Susan Miller this year. We have had zoom meetings over the last few months administered by Julie Johnson. Emily Bruton, Socorro County Extension agent did a Zoom meeting on preparing soil for planting and dealing with garden insects. Francie Durand will host a training on preparing and starting garden seedlings like peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables in February. Christine Longthorp will do a Zoom training in March on flower design. In April Julie Johnson will host a tour of her iris gardens. In May the club will take a tour of the NMSU Agricultural Farm at Los Lunas, New Mexico. At this time we don't know if Socorro County Fair will hold an annual flower show due to covid-19 precautions.



High Desert Design Club, District I-Shirley Tetreault, President

As of 1/1/2021 High Desert Design Club has 35 wonderful members who are very active in activities at the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Inc. We have participated in all Council activities on a very limited basis due to covid. Our meetings were cancelled, however, communication via email was fun and productive. I will focus on one specific event that was uplifting and encouraging to others. We put out a challenge to all members to send a picture of their Christmas tree which I forwarded to each member. It was so much fun to see all of the different trees and the individual personalities come through via their decorations as well as positive comments. I will attach as many as possible for your viewing pleasure. Enjoy!



Sunshine Valley Garden Club, District IV—Linda Brandis, President

The Club did not have a meeting in November due to the pandemic. However, members continued to be creative with their various garden projects during these trying times. They kept in touch through email, Facebook, telephone calls and snail mail. It is always "uplifting" to browse through flower and seed catalogs and gardening magazines during the cold winter months to get ideas and plan our Spring gardens.

We could not have our Annual Christmas Luncheon in December because of COVID-19. It is always a fun and festive time with lots of decorations, prizes and gifts, and it sure was missed. Hopefully, next December it'll happen and we can give lots of hugs. All members were mailed a Christmas card with an ornament enclosed and wished a healthy and happy holiday season.

No meeting was held in January because of the pandemic.

Several programs are planned for the year but, of course, it depends on COVID-19 status. Here they are: February-Annual Membership Tea; March-District IV Spring Meeting "Dabbling in Daffodils" in TorC (doubtful); April-Plant Exchange Party; May-Planting & Digging at a Member's home; June-Annual Summer Kick-off Luncheon; September-County Fair Flower Show Preparation; October-Annual Sierra County Fair Flower Show; November-Making Christmas Projects; December-Annual Christmas Luncheon.

Life's a Garden, Dig it! -- Gardeners know all the dirt -- Lettuce Turnip the Beet



Los Alamos Garden Club, District II—Kersti Rock, President

Los Alamos Garden Club, District II The last few months of every year always seem to be the busiest. The gardens have been put to bed for the winter but holiday season preparations easily make up for the respite from outdoor work. Even with Covid lockdowns there are still decorations to put up, presents to arrange for, cards to send and family and friends to connect with, even if only by phone and Zoom. In November, Los Alamos Garden Club members received some holiday inspiration with a Zoom presentation on making wreaths and garlands from NMGC President, Christine Longthorp. Suzy Andrego very generously provided her time and expertise

make the present- Our garden club Zoom again in socialize, talk for the holidays up. Doris Jackson man both of their beautiful With an eye for early spring January Zoom presentation on tree and shrub local arborist, Chris focused although he also shrubs. He spoke prune, when to techniques and He also showed pruning, specialty pruning



A backyard "winter garden".

with Zoom to tation possible. gathered on December to about our plans and just to catch and Trish Spill- showed us some holiday crafts. toward planning projects, our program was a various aspects of pruning from Chris Michel. mainly on trees prunes certain about reasons to prune, pruning mistakes to avoid. us about types of including to achieve

different shapes and visual effects. Chris closed his presentation with a memorable quote from artist Bob Ross that many of us can relate to: "There is nothing wrong with having a tree as a friend." In February we will continue planning for the spring with a presentation from one of our own club members, Joyce Zaugg, who will present a talk on "Tips for a Bountiful Vegetable Garden". This particular talk had been cancelled last year due to the Covid lockdowns. We hope this year will see a gradual return to some sort of "normal" and I am sure everyone is also looking forward to the annual return of spring. In the meantime, we can still enjoy our gardens in the winter.

Flowering Desert Garden Club, District IV - Jan Brooks, Secretary

This last year like most clubs, we didn't have any group meetings in the past year. We miss our fellow gardeners. However, we did manage to accomplish a lot! With many thanks to our Community Rose Garden coordinator, Shelley Wade, the garden project is looking good. She kept the garden watered all summer with the ons and offs of city water availability, and she put in a new drip watering system. Shelley also planted 9 new rose bushes. Several members removed the dilapidating white picket fences that surround the garden. They were sanded, hammered and glued to get them looking better. We then applied 2 coats of paint. A club member made new plant markers. Several members have kept up with the nutsedge weeding; it's not a long-term rewarding job as it keeps coming back. We will be planting creeping thyme this spring. Besides the rose garden several club members worked at the community vegetable garden during the summer, which started several years ago and has been very successful. Now, as we all look forward to spring, we are full of garden plans at home and our community gardens.

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The garden photo is from last fall before fences were removed for refinishing. The fence photo is self explanatory.

Petal Pushers Garden Club, District I—Ginny Longbotham, President

We've been busy, zooming away!!! At our meetings, we read greetings and updates from members who for a reason cannot attend or zoom. We have wonderful presentations thanks to our VP Melinda Merriam via zoom. One was given by Water Conservation Program Manager Carlos Bustos Landivar. Albuquerque and Bernalillo County has cut water consumption from 44 billion gallons per year to 30 billion gallons through conservation, while the city population has grown. Carol Stomp's son, John led the Albuquerque Bernalillo Country Water Utility Authority in creating a 100-year-plan, an innovative and unique endeavor among American water providers. In January we had a presentation on composting by John Zarola, very timely at this time of the year. We are growing with new members and now count 28 active. Our super Treasurer Viola Johnston fell and seriously broke her ankle in December, all the ladies showered her with cards, good wishes and even meals. Members are getting cabin fever, receiving seed and plant catalogues and wanting to get out in the dirt to garden!!! Covid prevented us from our usual Christmas luncheon and feisty ornament exchange. Instead, Santa president and her elf friend, Joan Higgs, delivered goodies to all the members and collected items for Barrett House, which Joan Higgs delivered on Jan 4th. The snow is melting, tiny greens are popping up and spring is less than two months away!!!!

The first pic is a flower I found in my garden, this little daffodil does not know winter is here, it has bloomed twice. The second one is self explanatory.



Pecos Valley Youth Gardeners, District V—Home Garden Club “Mother Club” - Renate Reisel

Pecos valley youth garden club didn't have any formal meetings I email parents with a little bit of information about craft projects and also posting on the youth club face book page . Some children are busy with making a drawing of a garden layout for future planting some Members are busy with rocks painting also one member painted a outside free library on the street for the public to check out books I am very proud of all the club members they are a very beautiful group of children with awesome parents who are always happy to bring the children to our meetings or places were the children enhanced public area's with planting flowers .



Valley Gardeners, District I— Gigi Zacharias, President

I have been keeping members informed via emails and phone calls. Keeping busy sending out information that I receive. Several members are looking forward to the rummage sale at the end of February. We have members who enjoy sorting and pricing. Thankfully, because that is a big job. Valley Gardeners is looking into beginning virtual meetings since in person meeting is still not feasible.

Most recently, like many, I have been gathering information for the standard of excellence. I look at required information the beginning of the year and try to keep track as the year goes along but I have discovered that I need to revisit requirements throughout the year. There are items that I can keep track of that will make completing the form easier. I can stay apprised of classes, check to see if members have attended; count articles in the New Mexico Gardener after each issue is received, and make a note of the articles Valley Gardeners submitted. In addition, most importantly, I will speak with members and take advantage of the information that they can provide.

Morning Garden Club, District V—Sue Ferguson, President

Several of us got together on a cold December afternoon to decorate the outside of the SENM Historical Museum for the Christmas holidays. We put up swags of greenery, and pine cone ristras, which the Museum Director later embellished with bright red ribbons, and lights. It was a fun collaborative effort, and the Museum looked gorgeous! We also baked cookies for the Community Kitchen, and collected gifts for residents at the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults.



We have added tulip, daffodil, allium and hyacinth bulbs to the Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park, and also thinned out some of the Maximilian Sunflowers. We've been sharing our gardening experiences, and tips via the club Facebook page. Hopefully it won't be too long until we will be meeting again in person.



Artesia Garden Club, District V—Julie Foster, President

Artesia Garden Club spends a great deal of time, energy, and funds each year on enriching our community.

In the beginning of 2020 we were off to a great start, we supported our seniors at the Senior Center with foods for the monthly Birthday Celebration, Evening Dances, our AGC



meeting discussing our plans to refurbish the Artesia Historical Museum Gardens, rewriting our Eddy County Fair Flower Show



for the 2020 Fair Book, and planning our part of the Senior Center Valentines' Day Celebration.

January we toured, planned, and met with city officials on what they would like done in the gardens, and what we were capable of doing, considering 60 years old was our youngest member. In the weeks that followed we gathered donations from businesses and prepped flowerbeds and garden areas by hand.



Applying organic soil amendments, planting bulbs and perennials, relocating existing plants to be saved.

All was going great the Museum gardens were looking good, awards had all been completed, Fair Flower Show Schedule was at the printers, we sent in our DV mtg. registrations, planted as much as we could, had to wait for spring to plant other items. We purchase several dozen roses to put in vases decorating the entire center and a vase for every table in the building for the Valentines Celebration. It is always appreciated by the 100s of Senior Citizens that attend different classes, dances, meetings, play games, or just have coffee and visit, as well as the staff.

We were prepping for decorating for St. Patricks' Day, and contemplating our spring field trip, the DV mtg., The NMGC Convention, and the fairs to follow, but we all had to freeze in our tracks because of a new enemy, COVID-19.

As we all know all activities were shut down due to Covid-19 in March and our beloved Senior Center is still closed to this date. So we all had to rethink our usual practices, we finished our ECFS schedule the Fair book was printed but no one expected this to shut down our EC Fair the end of July, so we prepared gathering supplies, and making plans. But to no avail it was also shutdown. We also fill the Center with homegrown roses and flowers for the Mothers' Day activities normally, but this year we made 2 18qt roasters full of beef and noodles, and delivered to shut in Senior Citizens along with flowers cut from those gardens. We also continue to plan for our 2021 meetings, Fairs, and other festivities just in case we don't have to wait until 2022.

Here's to 2022 may it be a great NEW YEAR.

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, District I—Adrienne David, President

Adjusting to the New Norm

In the middle of last September, between the ever-changing rules and restrictions of social gathering in public areas due to COVID, our garden club was able to schedule a field trip to the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in Albuquerque. It had been several months since our group had been able to get together, so when this opportunity presented itself several of us jumped at the chance of seeing each other again while enjoying the out-of-doors and all that nature brings.



Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to have the desired guided tour, but luckily for us, one of our members, Mary Lou Wilson, had been a volunteer at the nature center and said she would step in to be our guide. As we began our tour, we noticed it was a beautiful day and how the air was fresh and full of the smell of autumn. We all agreed it was good to be out-of-doors and in a new environment. Throughout the tour we meandered down the various garden paths of the park, and enjoyed learning about the various native flora and fauna thanks to Mary Lou's input. As time went on, some

of us splintered off into separate groups of five or less to explore the many less traveled paths while always respecting the new COVID rules of the park.

One of the last areas of the park we visited was the wetlands. There in the water, we were able to witness red-eared slider and painted turtles basking in the sun's warmth while resting on logs, stumps and rocks. We learned how to be able to distinguish between the two species of turtles by their markings. The red-eared sliders are identified by a reddish strip behind their eyes while the painted turtles have beautiful shells colored in a red, yellow and black patterns. The turtles seemed to enjoy the lazy, hazy autumn day while soaking up the sun's rays. We chuckled at the thought that they were relaxed and totally unaware of the new "norm" to which the rest of us had to adjust. After the outing in the park, we all went to lunch at the Range Cafe adhering to the strict protocol of outdoor dining. All in all, it was a wonderful day, and we enjoyed catching up with each other's lives.



El Jardin (Continued)

Regretfully, since the field trip we have had to cancel our in-house meetings and our December Christmas luncheon, but have started Zoom meetings to keep us together and informed. We have been fortunate to have Gil Giese, NMSU viticulture specialist give a presentation on “Grapes 101” and Miranda Kersten, NMSU (IPM) Plant Manager give a presentation titled “Creating a Habitat for Pollinators”. Both presenters gave excellent presentations, and they were asked many questions by our members. For many of us, not only are we continuing our gardening education virally, but also we are being educated on how to be a “little more” tech savvy.

In the upcoming months, we have more Zoom meetings scheduled and hopefully more of our members will jump on to this new way of learning. We will continue explore new ways of staying in contact until our county opens up, and we can get back to some of our former normalcy.

Until then, El Jardin Encanto Garden Club wishes health and safety to all.

Lincoln County Garden Club, District V— Cynthia Shafer

Due to the pandemic, we have not met for a meeting. However work continues.

Cinda Jennings, Co-Chair Water Wise Garden: pulled weeds and turned off the irrigation system for the winter.

Cinda Jennings, Sunshine Chair: Cinda sent out 12 cards in 2020. She includes a packet of seeds in the get well/encouragement cards.

Cynthia Shafer, Historian: LCGC’s History was completed and submitted to State Historian Julie Foster.

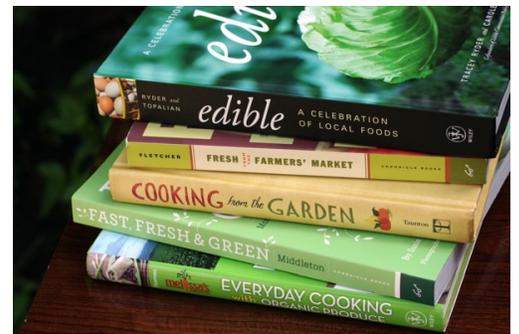
LCGC:

Our Cookbook is on hold for now. We hope to get back to it soon.

1st VP Carol Bleau has resigned due to family issues. Debbie Myers has stepped up to take her place.

We have made a donation to Penny Pines and have dedicated it to late member Sandy Park.

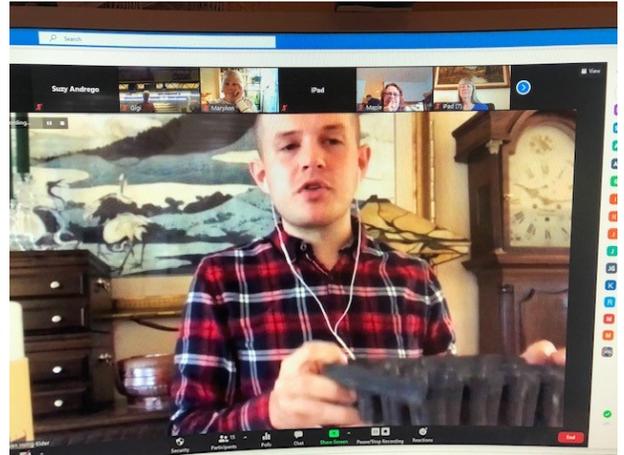
We are all anxious for restrictions to be lifted so we can get back to our meetings and activities. It’s been way too long and we miss each other.



Uptown Garden Club, District I—Mary Ann Moreno, President

Uptown Garden Club started 2021 with ZOOM Meetings. COVID has kept us apart too long, so members were given instructions on how to Zoom by Suzy Andrego, Computer Wizard. We had a test ZOOM in early January, and all systems were up and running. Valley Gardeners Garden Club was invited to join us to Zoom. The meeting room at The Community Center on 12th and Candelaria NW is closed to the public. We see happy faces from two garden clubs at our zoom meetings.

2021 started with a January 20th program on **STARTING SEEDS FOR SPRING** given by Uptown member, Steven Hong Elder. Stevens Horticulture background includes BS degrees and studies in soils, aspects of Landscaping in varied environments and use of plants suitable for the area and climate. Many of the seed planting techniques Steven demonstrated, involved using interesting antique tools and planting containers. He gave step by step instructions on seed preparations, planting, and care of seedlings. Steven also discussed different seed companies that he has had success with and urged us to give them a try.



February 17, 2021 our Zoom meeting was given by Adrienne Beyler. She is a new member of Uptown Garden Club and is a Floral Designer and business owner. Adrienne has a background in horticulture and Design and also spent two years in England Studying Floral Arts and Design. Adrienne gave her zoom program **USING SUCCULENTS IN DESIGN**. Her step by step instructions were: how to prepare the succulents before using them, cleaning, cutting, and choosing the appropriate sizes for your design. Adrienne's wiring technique and manipulating

the succulents were enhanced by the great photos she showed of her work that spotlighted her designs and ideas. The Garden Club members were given information on where to order and buy succulents.

March 17, 2021, Zoom meeting will feature Suzy Andrego, demonstrating how to make Kokedoma Balls, a new idea and exciting way to design and use plants.





South Central Region Penny Pines Program

Chairman -

Larry Layden, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Angel Fire Garden Club

The Penny Pines Program should be a project that all garden clubs in the South Central Region can get behind. Just imagine for \$68 you can purchase 200 tree seedlings plus you don't even have to plant them. The tree seedlings will be planted by the United States Forest Service in a national forest of your choice nationwide. You probably will never see the trees but you will have the knowledge that you or your club did a good thing. If this program was used on a large scale we might even make a dent in global warming. A more realistic goal would be to replace some of the trees lost to fire or disease.

My biggest problem with planting trees is they usually grow pretty slow. But guess what. I just looked out my front window to an amazing sight. About 15 years ago we planted 5 bristlecone pines also know as bottle brush pines. They are some of the oldest trees in the world with one in California estimated to be 4,852 years old. They are generally found growing above 10,000 feet in many western states. We planted them as seedlings yet today we have 5 mature trees 8 to 12 feet high. Trees are like the stock market - the sooner you buy them the quicker you can enjoy the benefits.



" Self-care is about listening to yourself. be attentive, and if a regimen isn't working anymore don't hold on to it".

Calendar of Upcoming Events

◆ **October, 2021**

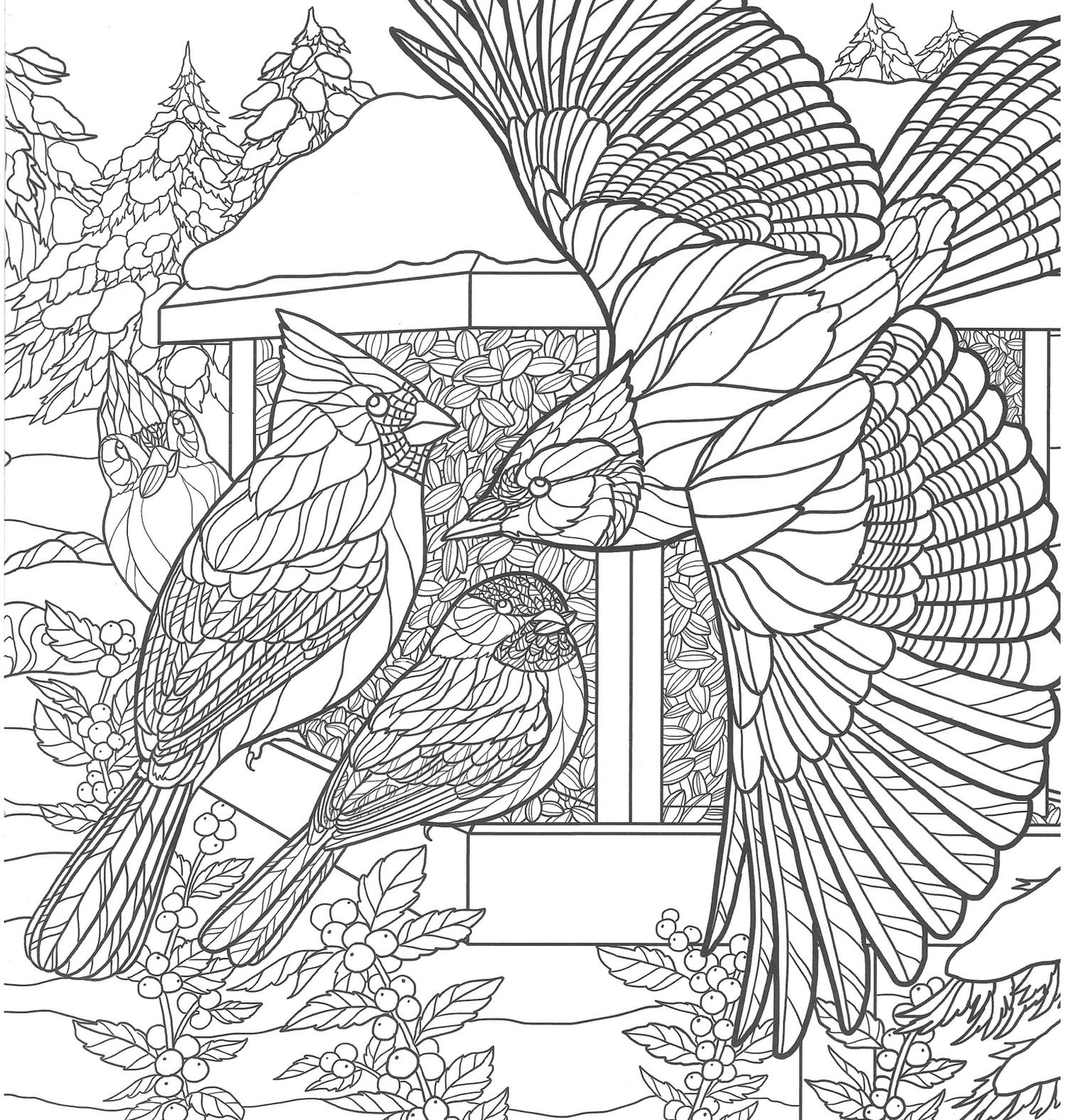
NMGC Fall Board Meeting

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