



Quarterly Newsletter of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

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## Summer 2021 Issue



True Black Pansy

Photos  
from  
President  
Christine's  
Garden



Red Maple and Salomon Seal



Allium about to bloom



Renate Reisel & President Christine



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

## *President's Message*

**"Where flowers bloom, so does hope..."**  
*Lady Bird Johnson*

### **Greetings New Mexico Garden Club Members,**

I am reminded of the lyrics to a favorite song, "Summer time and the living is easy" from Porgy and Bess so that now spring is in our rear view mirror we turn our attention to cultivating our vegetable and flower gardens and prepare for the heat of the summer.

Clubs are having great success holding plant sales either home dug or nursery grown all around the state. The Council of Garden Clubs here in Albuquerque had their annual plant sale at the end of April and sold out and in many Districts, clubs are selling hanging baskets and home dug plants. This is a great way to educate the public and to introduce people to our clubs.

I am well aware that clubs have fewer members over this past year and so we need to get creative and encourage everyone to invite neighbors and friends. I know for me the response to in person meetings in my groups has been very favorable as people have missed face to face contact. Please choose someone in your club to think of ways to increase our membership and perhaps they can recruit another member to send out invitations and perhaps post gardening tips on the clubs FB page. There are ways to revive past member's interest also by giving them a personal invitation to a field trip or social or any way that makes them feel missed and special. Good luck on your recruiting efforts this year.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> Suzy Andrego and I traveled to Artesia for their District V meeting where Suzy installed the new Director Julie Foster and her board. It was well attended and great to see everyone again and encouraging to hear of their club plans for the year. I am traveling to visit Sunshine Valley Garden Club in mid -June as District IV will be hosting the Fall Board meeting in Las Cruces. If you are ready to have in person meetings in your county and would like me to attend one I am available so just let me know where and when.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

I would like to caution you all to not make the vaccine the criteria for attendance. That can be done on a personal level but garden club is a public forum and medical questions are private information. If you have been vaccinated you are in good shape and if you feel vulnerable, please stay home until you feel confident to attend. My experience is that most people openly share their vaccine type and details as it is their choice to do so.

The final news is that we have a date to put on your calendar for the Fall Board meeting which will be a combined Annual Convention and Fall Board. We will have the general business meeting during the day and the Awards Banquet for the dinner portion. The dates are October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and it will be at the El Encanto in Las Cruces. District IV will finally use the items they purchased for the 2020 Annual Convention that we cancelled.

Look for all the registration information in the next issue of the NM Gardener as I want you to make a special effort to attend. The Executive board and Judges Council meetings are on the 27<sup>th</sup> ending with a floral design program and the general meeting is on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We will all be free to travel home on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I am so happy to get back together and the Fall in Las Cruces is beautiful. Your support I need. So, please watch for details in the next New Mexico Gardener.

I send my best wishes to you all and gratitude for all we have weathered. I look forward to pictures posted on our website this summer.

Keep them coming.  
Fondly,

*Christine Longthorp, President*



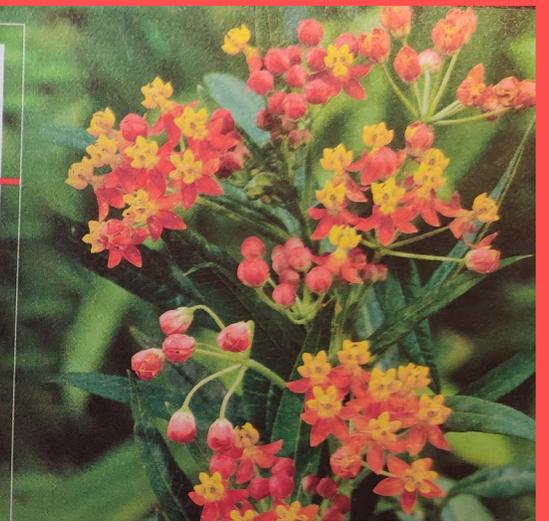
### Build a butterfly garden

in your yard with 3 free butterfly-friendly perennials.

With this beautiful garden addition, you will enjoy a fiery show of red, orange, and yellow blossoms all summer long — often through October. Plant in full sun and water regularly for this fast-growing garden standout to reach a height of 2'–3' and a spread of 2'. Once established, it is easy to care for.

*Asclepias tuberosa* (commonly known as butterfly milkweed) is deer- and rabbit-resistant. This perennial is also an important resource for monarch butterflies. The flowers are an excellent source of nectar, the plant itself is where the butterflies lay their eggs, and the leaves serve as the **only** food source for monarch caterpillars.

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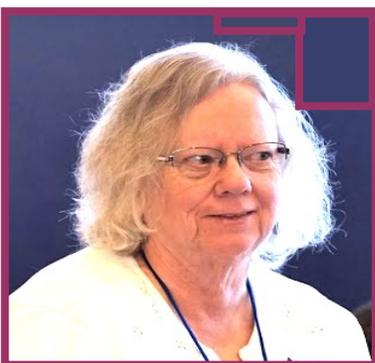
## Message from Our First Vice President, *Debra Sorrell*

Hello New Mexico Garden Clubs!

I have been so excited to see pictures on Face book of all the gardens around New Mexico that seem to be over the top this year! Beautiful things are growing in all corners of our state. Perhaps it's all the extra attention those gardens got with so many people at home. I've heard it said that we had just the right kind of spring weather to make the roses amazing.....and they have been. I don't remember when I've seen so many incredible iris, too. All of this to say that it seems you can always count on gardeners to produce happiness, beauty, peace and joy, no matter what else is happening around them. I love that about us!

I know that we are all very ready to get passed our current afflictions and go back to sharing our love for gardening and garden club. It seems that we are getting closer and closer. I can't wait to attend my own clubs meetings again. We have so much to share, much to learn and much to contribute to each other and our communities. Flower shows and plant sales and informative programs (and snacks) ARE in our future! I'm looking forward to being with you all again soon.

As your clubs are getting back to business, if there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know! I love to travel around New Mexico and to see the amazing projects and programs that you all come up with! Some are on-going and some are new but, all are wonderful! Keep up with the inspiring things you do!



## Message from Our Second Vice President, *Joyce Zaugg*

***Remember that your dues of \$8.00 per members  
needs to be sent to me by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.***

***If Your club Treasurer has not done this, please  
have them contact me, ASAP!!***

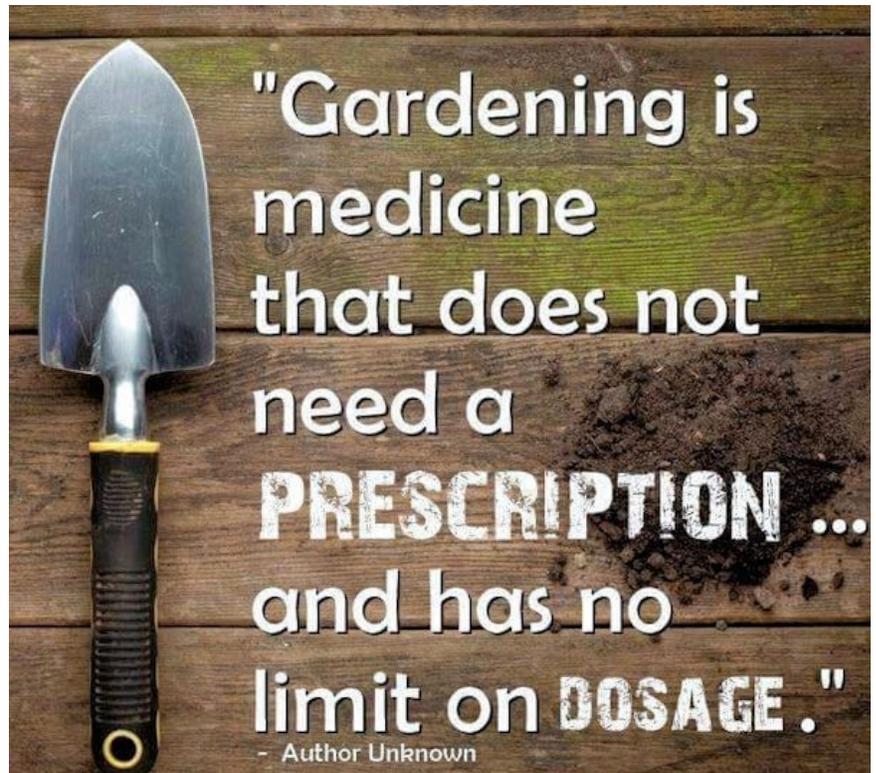
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## Message from District Director, *Sonia James*



## Message from District III Director, *Johnese Turri*

I feel like I've been a plant in the frozen ground and finally unfroze and am out in the sun!! I got to go to my first garden club meeting in over a year!!! Was soooo wonderful to see our wonderful gardeners!!!

Angel Fire Garden club just had their first in person meeting. They are starting working on the signature gardens, helping with Angel fire's Community Clean up day and Go Red Day on June 28th.

Santa Rosa Garden Club has been meeting and Colleen tells me they are planting and growing in her green house. What fun!!

Amor de la Tierra is collaborating with Mainstreet de Las Vegas for a Community Garden. And I understand that the mosaic wall that we saw at the last district meeting will be put with this garden!!

We want to invite everyone to our district meeting in Las Vegas on the 29th of September. So excited to have this meeting and for the fall convention!!! I miss seeing all your smiling faces!!



**Message from Our District IV Director, *Ellie Nordgren***

**District 4 is looking forward to seeing everyone for the Extra Special New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board meeting to be October 27 & 28, 2021, in Las Cruces New Mexico at the Encanto Hotel.**

**Details coming soon!**

**Registration will be in the September 2021 NM Gardener!**



**Message from Our District V Director, *Renate Reisel***

I passed the gavel on to Julie Foster. Congratulations Julie!





## Message from Our Corresponding Secretary, **JJ Huddleston**

Annual reports are due to me by **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. All Officers, District Directors, and Chairpersons are to submit a summary of activities covering 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. My article in the *Spring 2021 New Mexico Gardener* listed some ideas on what to include in the annual reports.

Please send reports as a Word document to [jjhuddleston78@gmail.com](mailto:jjhuddleston78@gmail.com). Questions? Contact me at 575-595-5147. Thank you, get vaccinated, and continue to stay safe.

## Archives Chairman, Becky Fuller

Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope this finds everyone well. I believe the NMSU Library is open for business. If not completely at least I can make an appointment to drop off Archival materials. We are making plans to have the NMGC Fall Board meeting in Las Cruces and this would be a perfect time for you to bring anything you may want archived. Please remember, no treasurers' reports or personal information. I look forward to seeing all of you. It's been too long!



**ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA:**  
Critical for Monarch Butterflies  
and Other Pollinators

This perennial is an important part of any pollinator garden. Monarchs cannot survive without it, as it supports the continuation of this butterfly population through its migration from California and Mexico to the northern U.S. and Canada ... and back again. It also provides valuable nectar resources to a wide variety of bees and other butterflies.



## Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Shirley Tetreault

As your Blue Star Memorial Chair I have spent several years concentrating on new dedications throughout our state. We have several beautiful markers and I have enjoyed the dedications honoring our veterans. As we move towards Memorial Day we should take the time to make sure that our markers are clean, planted, and in immaculate condition to honor our Veterans. I am currently on a newly formed committee with the city of Albuquerque to rework the Blue Star located at Louisiana and Gibson. This marker is seen entering the VA memorial garden and exiting as well. It was dedicated in 2011, funded by NMGC and Uptown Garden Club. Uptown Garden Club has maintained the marker since 2011. Our new committee will take out all of the Russian Sage, bark, check and rework the watering system, replace the soil and then complete the garden with plant material that will be in bloom (red, white and blue) most of the seasons. We will continue using Iris, Daffodils, Tulips for their color or their patriotic name.

Send me pictures of your markers and what you have accomplished this year. This is a great project to get you out of the house and working on a very special project. Below is a history of our Blue Star Marker.

### **HISTORY OF BANNER**

Displayed in front window of home.

Family member serving in Armed Forces.

Also known as "Service Flag"

### **COLOR OF STAR**

**BLUE** – Hope & Pride

**GOLD** – Lost Life

**SILVER** – Wounded, ill and injured (May 1st is Silver Star Day)



Since **WWI** a Blue Star banner displayed in the front window of a home told others that a family member was serving in the Armed Forces. Captain Robert B. Quiesser, an Ohio National Guard veteran of the Mexican Border, (1916) is credited with designing the original flag. In 1917 the congressional record stated: **"The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother – their children"**.

Also known as the Service Flag, the blue stands for hope and pride. When service members lost their lives, the blue star was replaced with a gold one representing the sacrifice. A silver star stood for someone invalided home for wounds sustained overseas.

**World War II** - The flag made its appearance again. On **October 17, 1943** -Congress authorized the flag - approved as an official design.

Although the service flags virtually vanished during the Korean and Vietnam wars, they appeared again during the Persian Gulf War in 1991, the Iraq War and the War on Terror.

# Growing Dahlias in Containers

*By Member Dorothy Duff*

Every year at the dahlia tuber sale at the Garden Center a frequent question posed to the dahlia growers is “Can you grow them in pots?” Many gardeners who have limited space but fall in love with the wide variety of dahlia blooms are wondering if they can still have those beautiful blooms in containers on a small patio. Bountiful dahlia blooms will cheer up any outdoor space. So here are my recommendations for growing dahlias in containers.

Why grow dahlias in containers? As previously alluded to often your garden is completely planted, you may have a very xeric area that would be unsuitable for dahlias or you may even have only a small patio or balcony but still would love to enjoy dahlia blooms. But other than space issues there are other reasons why many dahlias can do well in pots. We have rather cantankerous weather here in New Mexico which can include torrential rain and hail during monsoon season, blazing heat in midsummer, and fierce winds. Your container dahlias can be located in an area where they receive more protection from the elements while still getting the 6+ hours of sunshine that they like. Last year during a strong windstorm a few of my dahlias planted in beds blew over despite being staked. The large blooms of some dahlias make them top heavy and more vulnerable to those strong winds. Growing in containers gives you the flexibility to move pots around if you like. Lastly some of you may be struggling with rodents such as gophers who love dahlia tubers and growing in containers eliminates this problem. So let's get started. Often we choose the container based on the mature height and width of the plant; the taller the plant, the bigger the container. However, a general rule of thumb is to use containers with a width of 12- 14” or more which usually have minimum depths of 10-12” that will be adequate to the development of its tubers. Also, tuber development may not be so important to you if you do not store them and instead ~~trear~~ buy new tubers each year. You can use all sorts of containers such as old metal buckets or whiskey barrels; just make sure there are holes in the bottom for drainage.



## Growing Dahlias in Containers (continued)

Secondly, you need a medium. A good quality grow mix works fine although I prefer mixes with more of slow release fertilizers that you often find in organic mixes. Remember that the “food” for the plant comes initially from the tuber but as bloom time approaches the plants may benefit from fertilizer higher in phosphorus (remember N-P-K?)

Lastly, you will need some healthy dahlia tubers. If you purchased tubers from the NM Dahlia Society at the plant sale they will be individual tubers that have an “eye” from which the stem will emerge. When you buy from large commercial nurseries you may get a clump of tubers attached to a main stem and some will be viable and sprout but others may be dried out or do not have a strong attachment to the crown and neck of the plant which is essential for sprouting. You may even get a tuber that has already sprouted which makes orienting the tuber in the pot a bit easier.



Single tuber



dahlia tuber clump

When to plant: For those of use wanting to exhibit in the dahlia shows and getting a jump on the season we plant tubers sometime in April. To plant in April you must be in a warmer area of Albuquerque or willing to start your tubers inside your home or greenhouse (which we do). The soil needs to be about 60 degrees Fahrenheit for healthy growth and dahlias are also vulnerable to freezes. So you have to balance all these considerations when planting. Often when planting in a container in Albuquerque the container will be in an area protected from a freeze.

### Basic Planting Steps:

1. Choose your 12+inch container and make sure there is good drainage.
2. Add medium until the pot is 2/3 full
3. Place the tuber horizontal on top of the medium with the eye up (if you can see it)
4. Add a stake next to the head of the tuber (if added later you might damage the tuber)
5. Add 2-4 “of potting medium. As the shoots grow you can add more medium to bring it near the rim of the pot.
5. You want your soil medium slightly damp but do not over water; rotting can occur especially at the beginning of sprouting.

## Growing Dahlias in Containers (continued)

6. While the tuber will sprout with minimum light, as soon as you see the sprout you'll want to *gradually* introduce it to more and more direct sunlight. Doing this too quickly may lead to scorching.

7. After sprouting keep water away from the stem. I find that young tender dahlias are subject to damping off.

8. If several stems appear, when one is about 3-4 inches high you can cut it off and grow it as a cutting.

You can start your dahlia in a small pot then transplant into a larger container after established and hardened off or plant directly in the large pot when weather permits.

I just love dahlias as they bring so much vibrancy to a garden or patio. So have fun with your container choices and enjoy dahlias. Good luck.



Grown in a container 2019

**Congratulations to New Mexico Garden Clubs  
Scholarship Winner  
for 2021  
Laney White**



The recipient of the NMGC 2020 Scholarship is Laney White, a Junior at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, majoring in Ag Business and Economics. Laney's goal is to receive a masters degree in Ag Business with a concentration on Natural Resources from NMSU. As a lifelong rural resident of New Mexico and a farming community, she appreciates the everyday contributions that small community farms make. Last summer, she received an internship to work at a ranch in Santa Fe County and learned a lot about corn silage and the struggles (weather and field crop pests) that small farms can have getting their crops to harvest. Laney plans to use her degree to help small farmers and ranchers gain access to the most up-to-date programs in order to keep their operations successful for themselves and future generations of their families. As New Mexico's nominee, Laney was also awarded a National Garden Clubs Scholarship.

## **NM Garden Clubs has a 2021 SCR High School Essay Winner**

**Jennifer Tekut, Roswell, NM**

**Gateway Christian School  
12th Grade**

**Sponsor: Morning Garden Club, Roswell, NM**



### **Preserving the Future**

When most people think of adapting our actions to preserve our natural habitats, they usually think of large-scale efforts done by organizations far more powerful than the average person. However, the ability of ordinary people to help the environment by their own actions is also very important. It is perfectly possible for people to conserve biodiversity and protect habitats in their own communities. Some ways to accomplish this are by conserving water use, reducing our carbon footprint, and raising public awareness.

Water is one of our planet's most important resources. According to the US Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, only 3 percent of the Earth's water is fresh, and only 0.5 percent is drinkable. Reducing water usage not only prevents essential wetlands from being drained and damaged, but also reduces pollution. This occurs because using less water means less energy is needed for filtration and delivery. Commonly-heard-about methods to save water include taking shorter showers (20 percent of American water use occurs during showers according to the Water Use Foundation), collecting and using rainwater, and buying water-efficient appliances. Other methods that are equally viable and important include using the right size pans for cooking, not defrosting foods by soaking them in water, and using fewer or smaller dishes.

Another essential step to positively impact the environment is reducing one's carbon footprint. A carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases a person produces through everyday activities. The Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project, a global association which researches methods to limit global warming, found that, in order to reduce the annual rise in planetary temperature to 2 degrees Celsius or less, every person will need to have an average yearly carbon footprint of 1.87 tons by 2050. For comparison, the average carbon footprint of US citizens, as of 2018, was 18.3 tons. Easy ways to reduce one's carbon footprint include wasting less food, turning one's water heater down to 120 degrees Fahrenheit (saving up to 550 pounds of CO2 per year), driving less, and avoiding flying as much as possible.

One of the most important steps in helping preserve our natural habitats is raising public awareness of the need to protect biodiversity. We must remain educated and current on the

## NM Garden Clubs has a 2021 SCR High School Essay Winner

### (continued)

status of conservation efforts and the nature of problems that need to be addressed. It is imperative that as many people as possible understand and comprehend environmental issues. Utilizing a wide variety of educational media—books, articles, online courses, anything that holds reliable information on the state of the environment—will aid people in this essential task. To avoid being overwhelmed by the sheer number of issues facing our biosphere today, it is advised to focus on the most urgent problems. After doing research, people should interact with their communities, participate in relevant events, and promote environment-related causes. Another way people can indirectly help our natural habitats is by buying from local farmers and businesses. Finally, citizens should be politically active and support environmentally-sound policies.

Many people think that preserving our ecosystem only involves monumental, large-scale projects, and that individual citizens cannot do anything impactful enough to protect the environment. However, some of the most important steps in conservation can be achieved if every person makes their own effort to help. There are many ways individuals can help preserve our Earth's natural habitats. Two of these methods are conserving water and reducing the carbon footprint. Just as important is spreading awareness of environmental issues and solutions throughout communities. Individuals and local organizations can make an appreciable impact on our environment. Only when everyone joins together with a steadfast determination to make the Earth a safer place will our natural habitats be truly preserved.

*Jennifer received a certificate and check for her Winning Essay from South Central Region!*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### NEWS Alert for National Garden Clubs

**The National Gardener publication will no longer be printed.**

**You can sign up to receive the publication electronically.**

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## Garden Club News from Around the State

### **Mesilla Valley Garden Club, District 4, *Becky Fuller, President***

Mesilla Valley Garden Club has yet to have a meeting and as we do not meet in the summer, I am hoping to have a get together luncheon at my home in the near future. The District IV Board and club president's who can make it, are meeting at Judy Laird's home to discuss the NMGC Fall Board plans for Las Cruces in October. We will update everyone at a later date. Stay safe and keep gardening. I bet we all have some beautiful gardens!

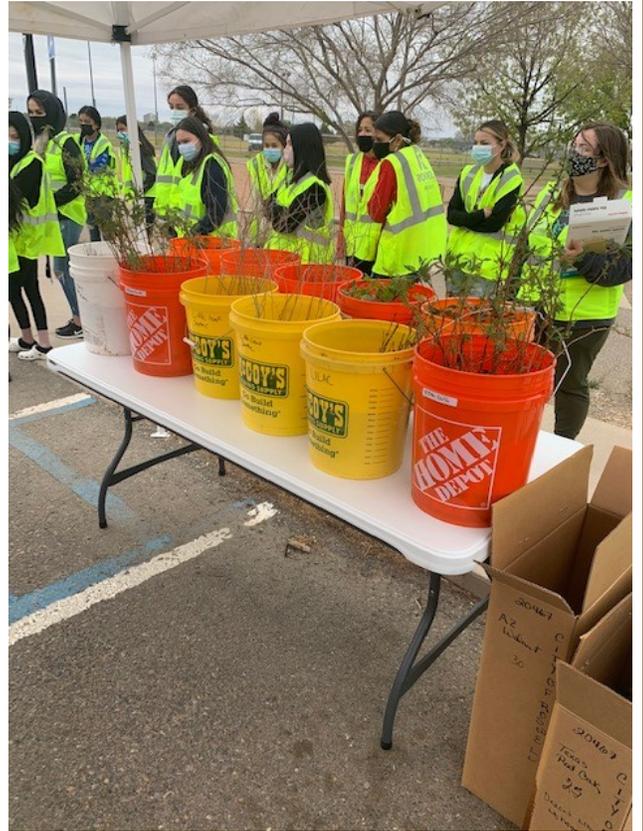
### **Morning Garden Club, District 5, *Sue Ferguson, President***

Morning Garden Club hasn't resumed in-person meetings yet, but we've kept busy with our projects around town. Planters at 2 Roswell Fire Stations have been reworked, and colorful annuals added. In early March we tidied up our large planter bed at the J. Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary and Nature Center, and plan to go again next week to add soil and new plants for additional summer color. The planters at the entrances to the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults, and Sunset Villa Care Center were decorated for Easter. MGC Garden Therapy Chairman, Renate Reisel, made gorgeous flower arrangements for the residents of Sunset Villa for Mother's Day using beautiful roses and greenery from her yard. For Arbor Day, we planted a flowering Pear tree in memory of our beloved member, Georgia B. Schoenecker, at Peachtree Village, Roswell, where Georgia and Fred had resided for several years.

The tree is flourishing, and one of the residents there, an old friend of Georgia and Fred, is assisting with its watering. In April we cleaned the flower beds at our Alena Garden at the Historical Museum and planted violas, pansies, geraniums, and zinnias ahead of their spring fund-raiser. We are planning a picnic plus a little cleanup work at our Butterfly Garden in Cahoon Park during National Garden Week. Our Facebook page is a big hit.

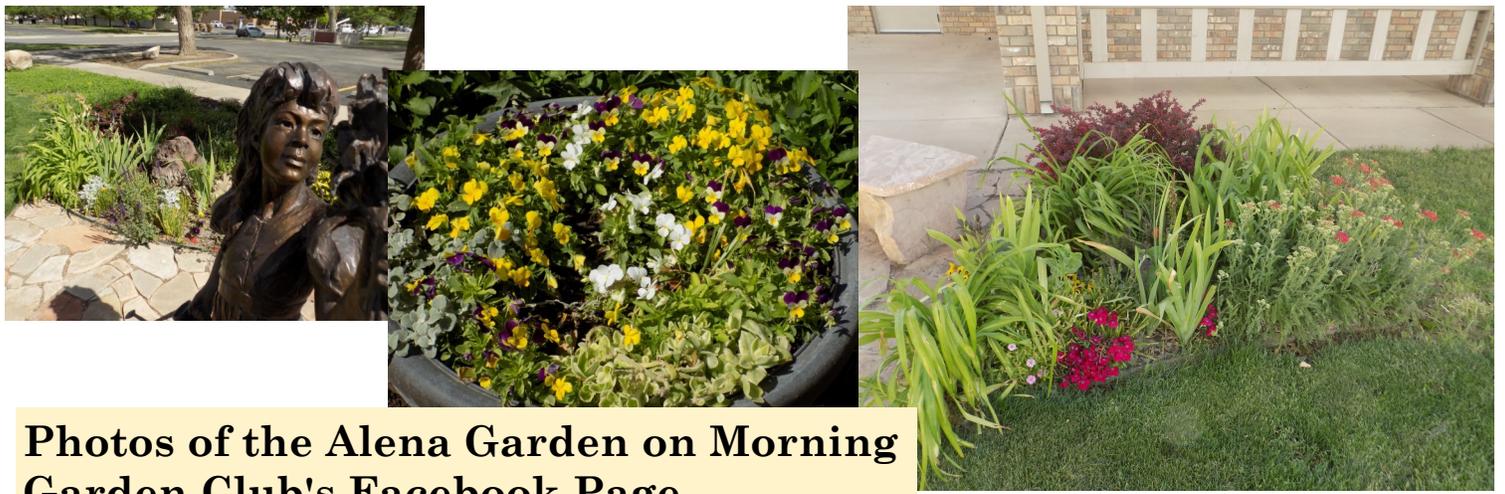


## Arbor Day in Roswell, NM District 5



Tree and shrub seedlings were distributed to Residents of Roswell, NM from the City of Roswell

Red Oak, Bur Oak, Arizona Walnut, Netleaf Hackberry, Little leaf Sumac, Desert Mountain Mahogany, Pecan and Juniper. Shrubs are Golden Currant, New Mexico Forestiera and Fernbush.



**Photos of the Alena Garden on Morning Garden Club's Facebook Page**

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

We are off and running to prepare for the New Mexico State Fair in September. The dates are September 8, 10, 13, and 17 with two youth shows on the 11th and 18th. The theme is "Back to the Fair." It should be an exciting year with a lot of entries, fun and knowledge to be shared.

We now have 35 members - One Council President, One National Flower Show Design Instructor, Two Master Judges, Five Accredited Judges and twelve Master Gardeners. Our members are very active in all events held at the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs. Each month we study specific designs and learn about the various types of mechanics that may be used. May was the study of the "Illuminary" design (pictures attached). June will be the study of the "Still Life Design" and July will be "Underwater".

High Desert Design Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 in the Pinon Room at the Garden Center. We always welcome visitors and encourage them to join our group.





Your going to love this... It's a memory tree. The butterflies represent people that have passed and that is why there is a name on each one. What a great idea for garden club members.



*Lincoln County Garden Club, District 5*



## **Los Alamos Garden Club, District II, Kersti Rock, President**

Our gardens are in bloom and so are our hopes for returning normalcy as Covid restrictions begin to loosen. The Los Alamos Garden Club plans to hold some outdoor activities during the summer and expects to begin meeting our regular indoor meetings in September. Zoom has been great but it is time to begin meeting in person again! Since the last issue of New Mexico Gardener, our club has continued our Zoom meetings and programs. In March, we learned many interesting facts about our local recycling program from Los Alamos County's Environmental Services Division Manager, Angelica Gurule. Angelica also answered our many questions about what can and cannot be recycled and, if not, why not. It really helps to understand the process so that certain recycling policies can be better appreciated. In April, a local organic farmer and professional gardener, Rachel LePage, provided club members with a very interesting discussion about garden soil and how to enrich and maintain it. She also gave us much good advice about composting and mulching. Our May program will be a presentation from LANL ecologist Jenna Stanek on how to better support Monarch butterflies and other pollinators in our gardens. Garden Club members successfully raised the amount needed for the club's 2022 scholarship award to a graduating high school senior by holding a yard sale on May 8. Judy Handy provided space for storage preceding the sale and for the sale itself. Helen Carpenter did a marvelous job of organizing! Many members contributed items for the sale, resulting in 17 tables filled to capacity. Many others, both Garden Club members and non-members, helped with preparing for and working during the sale. Their efforts and contributions are all much appreciated! It was a lot of hard work and an exhausting day for many but the community turnout was great! Now the summer season will soon be upon us and we are really looking forward to the activities that our club holds about once a month during that time. Not everyone was comfortable with Zoom and it will be wonderful to see more of our club members in person again.



Los Alamos Garden Club yard sale. Diane Thurston, Alahna Weller, Vicky Ricketts, Joyce Zaugg at the sale table.

## Los Alamos Garden Clubs (continued)



Judy Handy, Ann LePage, Helen Carpenter & Armando Inbody

Some of the 17 tables that were filled with items for the sale.

## A Sample of Roses from Suzy Andrego's Garden





## **DID YOU KNOW MARIE TORRENS of Albuquerque??**

"The tulips are blooming in the Marie Torrens courtyard, and we're sure she'd be happy. Marie was the driver behind building the Albuquerque Garden Center. She raised the funds for the Center and secured the land from the City of Albuquerque on which it was built in 1975. She developed many of the existing programs and fund-raising events for the Center – including the Master Gardener Program, the Harvest Fair, and the Holiday Fair. She was honored by the New Mexico Garden Clubs in 1965 as Member of the Year, in 1974 as Flower Designer of the Year, and in 1981 as Horticulturist of the Year. She loved bright colors and she would love the purple tulips we have now!

"Photo Credit - Kate Yu "

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

◆ **October 27 & 28, 2021**

**NMGC Fall Board Meeting**

**Las Cruces, NM**

# *New Mexico Gardener*

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Theme: Unite -Plant America

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## **Instructions for Publication**

The *New Mexico Gardener* is published quarterly: March, June, September and December. The Editor reserves the right to edit any copy for clarity, accuracy, or space requirements. It is the responsibility of the article writer to ensure that names are spelled correctly. All articles need to be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (unformatted) attached to an e-mail or submitted as email text.

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

**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.**

**Articles/Photos for the next *New Mexico Gardener* must be submitted by August 1, 2021**