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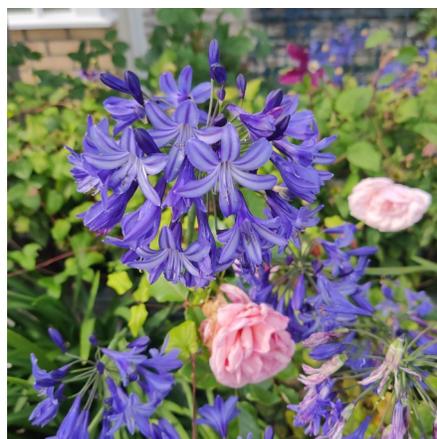
Fall 2021 Issue



President Christine & her Sister Kathryn, Cornwall, England



Flowers from Kathryn's garden





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

President's Message

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

I am writing this on my visit to Cornwall, in the UK. I wish I could have you in my pocket to see the views and amazing flowers. This county is sub-tropical, as it is in the Gulf Stream so it sports palm trees and rare flowers. Moors stretch down the spine of the county and are full of heather and gorse, whilst the coastal areas are full of hydrangeas at this time.

I have completed a series of Covid tests and quarantine and can now get out an about and relish this lovely land. Meanwhile, back in New Mexico we have just been informed that the NGC Fall board meeting has been cancelled in St. Louis, mid-September. Currently NMGC plans to continue holding its Fall board meeting in Las Cruces on October 27th and 28th. If there is a change, we shall send out messages to all presidents and I will confirm closer to the date to encourage all that can to attend.

My Spring and Summer has been full of installations of new board members and later I will attend at least four of our five Districts. To date we do not have a District II Director. If anyone from that District reading this and feels inclined to volunteer, I will be happy to explain the job description. It is a twice-yearly meeting where you follow a simple agenda. In between these meetings the Director attends each Garden Club in its District. Now, more than ever, we need to rally and get back the momentum and energy for our Clubs.

State and County Fair flower shows are scheduled, and we hope they will be well attended. I have been invited to judge several so getting back "into the saddle" again will do us all good as we get involved in what we are passionate about, whether it be horticulture and/or design. Lincoln County just held their flower show and Artesia and Socorro are scheduled soon.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

I have also been giving design programs and just love encouraging you all to find the joy in bringing nature inside and making our world beautiful, one petal at a time.

Be safe, be smart, but most of all be happy.

See you all in the Fall.

Christine Longthorp, President



Dr. Bosland will be the Luncheon Speaker at the Fall Board. He will also lead a tour of the Chile Pepper Institute Gardens

3 PM on October 28, 2021

Paul W. Bosland

Research area:

Dr. Paul W. Bosland, Regents professor of horticulture, is popularly known as the "Chileman." He leads the chile breeding and genetics research program at New Mexico State University. Dr. Bosland is recognized internationally as one of the foremost experts on *Capsicum*. He has published more than 100 scientific papers dealing with chile genetics, breeding, and germplasm evaluation. He is also the co-founder and director of the Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University. The Chile Pepper Institute is the world's foremost research-based resource center for chile pepper information. He serves as co-chairman of the International Chile Pepper Conference. The Conference has grown to become the world's largest conference dedicated to the chile pepper. He is the founder and curator of the Capsicum Genetics Cooperative and served as the chairman of the USDA Capsicum Crop Advisory Committee.





OFFICIAL CALL
Extended Fall Board Meeting
"Red or Green"
October 27 & 29, 2021
Las Cruces, New Mexico

This letter will serve as the official notice to all New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. members. The registration form will be found in the fall, 2021 issue of the New Mexico Gardener.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021:

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| 12:00 noon – 6:00 P.M. | Registration |
| 1:00 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 |
| 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. | NM Judges Council Dinner |
| 7:30 P.M. | NM Judges Council program, "Challenge Design Workshop", a Hands On Workshop. |

Friday, October 30, 2015:

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| 7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. | Registration |
| | Breakfast On Your Own |
| 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 noon | NMGC, Inc. General Fall Board Meeting |
| 12:00 noon | Luncheon & Chile Expert Program |
| 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. | General Meeting Continues (if needed) |
| 3:00 P.M. | Tour of Chile Pepper Institute |
| 6:30 P.M. | NM Garden Garden Clubs Dinner & Awards Banquet |
| 9:00 P.M. | Closing of NMN Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting |

District Directors: Please be prepared to give a 3 minute report on the activities of your district. Please provide two copies of your report, one for NMGC President & one for NMGC Recording Secretary.

Chairman: If you would like to report on your chairmanship, please let me know ASAP, so I can make sure that you are included on the Agenda.

Hotel Reservations:

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 Telshor Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88011 866-383-0443
Double/King Special Rate: \$105.00 (total with taxes and fees \$121.28)
DEADLINE for Special Rate reservations is 9/27/2021
When making reservations mention: "New Mexico Garden Club Group Rate"

Christine Longthorp, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., President



NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

Extended Fall Board Meeting

Red? or Green?

October 27–28, 2021

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces

Las Cruces, New Mexico

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Garden Club(s): _____

Please circle your classification (all that apply):

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| NGC President | NGC Officer | NGC Chair | NGC Committee Member | NGC Life Member | SCR Director |
| SCR Officer | SCR Chair | SCR Life Member | NMGC State President | Past State President | State Officer |
| State Chair | State Life Member | District Director | Club President | Club Member | Flower Show Judge |
| Landscape Consultant | | Environmental Consultant | | Gardening Consultant | Guest |

FULL TIME PACKAGE (Postmarked on or before **October 13, 2021**)\$130.00 _____

LATE FULL TIME PACKAGE (Postmarked after **October 13**)\$150.00 _____

Includes \$30.00 Registration fee, Lunch/Program, Buffet/Top Awards/Program & Awards Presentation.

NOTE: Full Time Package does NOT include Judges Council Program

PART-TIME REGISTRATION (Postmarked on or before **October 13, 2021**)

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Registration fee — Mandatory for Part-Time Registration\$ 30.00 _____

Luncheon/Program, Dr. Paul Bosland, "Chile 101"\$ 55.00 _____

NMGC Buffet Banquet/Awards Program.....\$ 55.00 _____

Late fee (Postmarked after **October 13**, non-refundable).....\$ 20.00 _____

NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL *All NMGC Members and Guests are welcome to attend.*

The program is a **Hands-On Challenge Design Program/Workshop**. Each person will be provided with a container, a needle holder, and plant materials to create a design to take home with them. *Bring your favorite clippers with you.*

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 NM Judges Council Dinner/Program\$ 80.00 _____

Late fee (Postmarked after **October 13**, non-refundable)\$ 25.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Luncheon Meal and Tour Options

Luncheon choose: Grilled Chicken Breast & Avocado Salad or Vegetarian Chickpea/Avocado Salad

Tour: The Chile Pepper Institute Teaching Garden with Dr. Paul Bosland. 3 PM, 10/28 (free) _____

Please make checks payable to: District IV, NMGC 2021 Fall Board and mail to:

Judy Laird, 3914 Quail Brush Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011

Special dietary needs or registration questions, contact Judy Laird, 209-769-6401, JLL4600@sbcglobal.net

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011, 866-383-0443.

Double/King Special Rate: \$105.00. (Total with taxes & fees - \$121.28).

Deadline for special rate reservations is 9/27/2021 and rate is inclusive from 9/24 -9/30.

When booking, mention *"New Mexico Garden Club Group Rate"*.



Message from Our First Vice President, *Debra Sorrell*

Hello everyone! Here we are, preparing for our Fall Board meeting, and our troubles are not yet over with the pandemic. But, for all who are itching to see some new faces and feeling safe enough, I can't wait to see you in Las Cruces! If you can, please come and spend some time with your garden club friends from around the state and catch up with what they have been doing. I hope to see you there!!



Message from Our Second Vice President, *Joyce Zaugg*

In April I sent all club treasurers and presidents a reminder that now is the time to send in rosters and dues. Each club decides what their annual membership dues will be, but \$8.00 of that dues goes to New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Your club treasurer sends me a check and an updated membership roster. I maintain a spreadsheet of all the clubs members, check to make sure the submitted dues matches the number of registered members, and then send the checks and membership list to the state Treasurer, Laurie Hixson.

The New Mexico Garden Club By-Laws state that dues are due on May 1st and delinquent after July 1st. A number of clubs do not hold elections and membership campaigns until after the May 1st deadline. So it is almost impossible for them to meet this deadline. But they are able to meet the July 1st deadline and most clubs manage to do this. It is important to try to meet the deadlines because some officers have reports to submit to South Central Region and National Garden Clubs with their own deadlines. When I can't give them the membership information they need in a timely fashion, then everything gets backed up. Thank you to all clubs for being diligent.

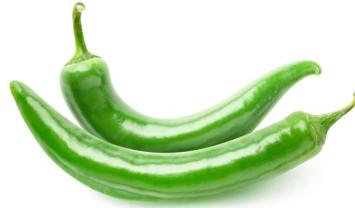
Most clubs have sent in their dues and rosters. Some of sent dues and no roster and some rosters and no dues. Only three clubs still need to send in their dues or rosters.

Just a gentle reminder to please make sending in your dues a top priority.

Message from District Director, Sonia James



The District 1 Officers are busy planning for our fall meeting and luncheon to be held on October 12, 2021. The clubs in District 1 have been active these past few months with monthly meetings and great programs



Message from District III Director, Johnese Turri



Happy Fall!



It's Not Easy Staying Green!



New Mexico Chile

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.

Make your hotel reservation and fill out the Fall Board Registration attached to this issue of the NM Gardener.

Message from Our District V Director, Julie Foster

See you in Las Cruces!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES Chairman, *Lynnette Walker*

Once again due to COVID-19 many youth activities (especially group activities) were not allowed, but Shirley Tetreault and Connie Elmore distributed hundreds of plants and seeds to some of their gardener's (BLOOMING GARDNERS Youth) and to member's grandchildren. They are hoping that they have planted the seeds and will enter in the State Fair this year. Finger's crossed.

Here is some amazing news for the youth activities future. There are new youth contests offered at the state level. "Hip Hip Hooray!" In addition to the youth activities club award, we will now be "piggy backing" on the SCR contests of the "High School Essay Contest" and the "Poetry Contest." We are also offer a coloring contest from the #Playoutside booklet from NGC at two age levels K-5 and 6-12 with a prize for the winner of each age level. Monetary prize for K-5 will be \$10.00 and 6-12 will be \$25.00. The coloring pages are included in this issue of the NM Gardener for you to duplicate and pass out to all the youth you know.

Please have them send their coloring sheets to Lynnette Walker at 114 Skyland Blvd, Tijeras, NM 87059 or they can bring them to the State Fair Youth Flower shows when they enter their horticulture and designs. Make sure they put their name, age and address on the back of the coloring page.

Specific details of the other contests will be available soon.

Penny Pines Chairman, *Mary Ann Moreno*

I have to report that both Petal Pushers and Uptown Garden Clubs sent in a Penny Pines request to National Garden Clubs. Thank You for the donations and 400 trees will be planted. We sure need more donors as fires are bad in our state, we are hot and dry. Contact me if your club would like to donate to Penny Pines ... It only takes \$68.00!



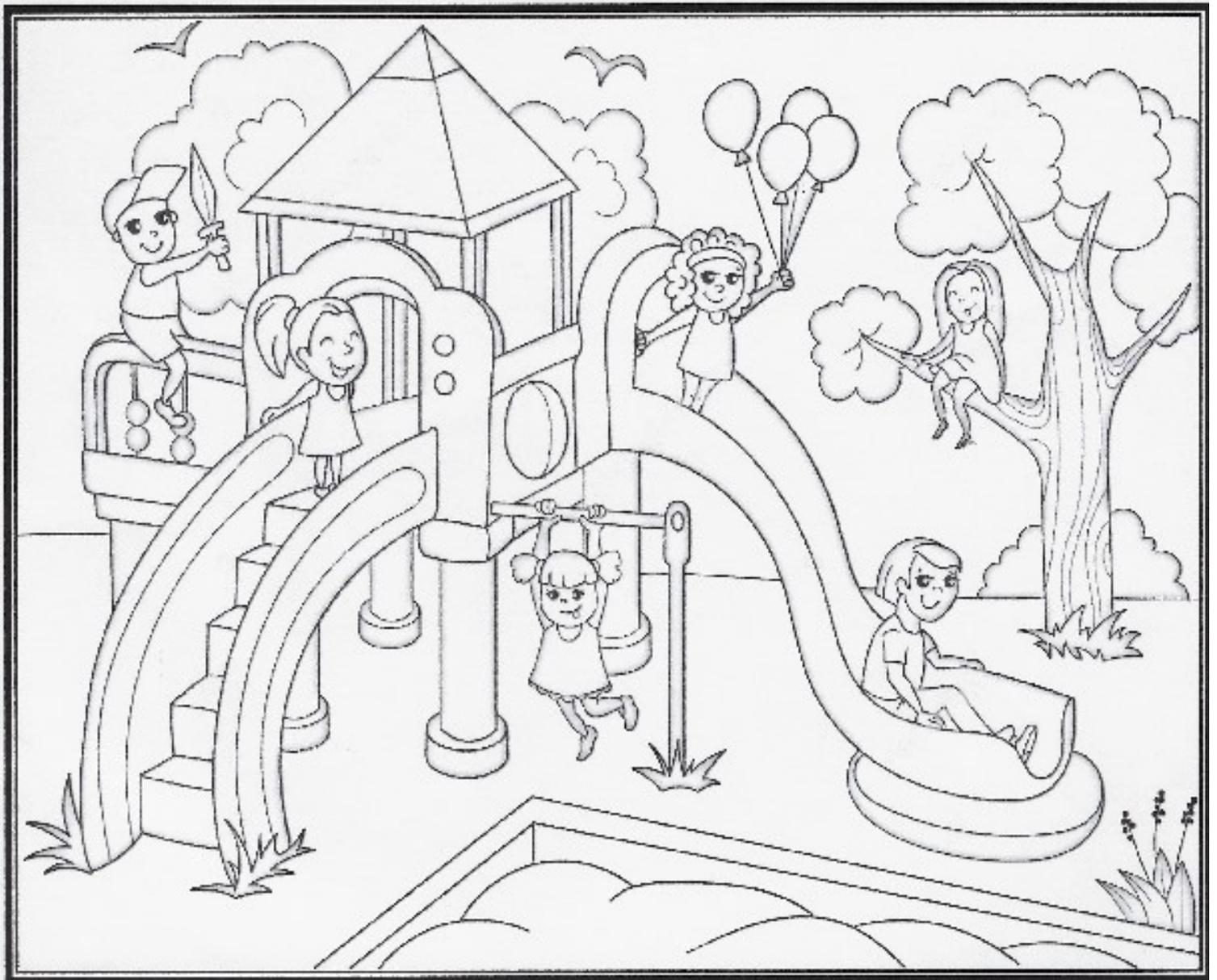
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Fall – A time to Take Cuttings

By Member Dorothy Duff

I have seen so many beautify gardens this year especially since in many areas we have been blessed with more rain that is customary for a high desert region. If you are like me you just want to sit back and enjoy your garden or maybe do some casual weeding and harvesting. However this is an excellent time to expand your perennial garden by taking stem cuttings and growing them on over the winter. So pick out some of your favorite plants in the garden and considerer propagating them by cuttings.

Plant Patents: There are some laws regarding propagation that I want to explain briefly especially since many garden clubs raise funds by selling plants from their gardens at a plant sale. If a plant is patented it is unlawful to propagate asexually (divisions and cuttings) and more especially to sell that propagated plant as in a club plant sale. How do you know if it is patented? Read the label. Often it is indicated by the letters “PP” followed by numbers such as “PP1224.” You can also check the plant data base at [Plants Database - Garden.org](https://www.plantsdatabase-garden.org) which indicates whether or not a plant is patented. Sometimes you may notice a trade mark symbol such as: **Starry Night Sweetunia® Petunia**

This means the “name” is registered and you cannot use the name but you can propagate these plants asexually. Roses are an area where you are likely to see plant patents especially with the new hybrids. But there are no limitations on propagating the species or older varieties.

Seed saving is another way to propagate plants in your garden but remember hybrid plants grown on such a way that they will often have less vigor than the hybrid and fewer the most desirable characteristics. So if growing a hybrid from seed it is better to by fresh seed from a known grower. Also growing perennials from seed is often a lengthy process and the plants may not bloom the first year. Consequently you will get bigger plants and earlier blooming with cuttings.

So let’s move on to propagating by cuttings: As I look through my perennial plant labels I have only found a few that are patented, that leaves me free to propagate many of the plants that have done particularly well for me and I will have fresh plants for next year.

What to choose: You may first want to expand the presence of plants that are your favorites and that grow particularly well in your garden. I also consider plants that I know will grow very slowly from seed and may not bloom the first year of growth. For example this year I am propagating 1) perennial salvia (*salvia sylvestris*), 2) a unique tender salvia (*salvia bonariensis*), 3) perennial agastache (*agastache rugosa* x *foeniculum*) and 4) a trailing *fuchsia* which is an annual for me.



Fall – A time to Take Cuttings (Continued)

Materials You Need: Sterilized container, sharp knife or secateurs, seedling medium (or some light soilless planting medium), rooting hormone, a hole maker such as a chopstick and plastic bag or humidity dome.

Gather your cuttings: It is best to gather cuttings in the AM when plants are fully hydrated. Your cutting should be 4-6" long, not too large as it may become too heavy. Make a cut just below a node. You want fresh plant material with no bud/bloom or if present remove them. A trick to remember if making several cuttings from a long stem is to cut the bottom straight across and the top at an angle so you know what end goes in the soil.



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Steps:

Fill your container with damp medium

Spread some rooting hormone in a shallow dish

Take your cutting and remove all but 2-3 small leaves or two larger leaves (cut leaf in half if a very large leaf)



Roll the lower portion (1-1.5") of the cutting in the rooting hormone (not just the tip)

Make a hole in the medium for the cutting

Place the cutting in the hole and press lightly to secure

Make sure leaves are not touching container or other leaves

Water lightly

Add humidity dome (plastic bottle or bag) or place in humid location.

MOST IMPORTANT - LABEL

You can place more than one cutting per pot but be sure to check weekly to be sure the medium remains moist (I prefer watering from the bottom). You know things are going well when you see roots growing out of the bottom of the pot (4-6 weeks). Cuttings can go in a bright location but not direct sunlight. Optimal temperatures are household temperatures.



Fall – A time to Take Cuttings (Continued)

Note: These directions pertain to perennial, mostly *soft* stem cuttings. There are a few different guidelines when taking more mature hard stem/wood cuttings as you might with roses.

It is just that easy! So go out to your garden right now and try propagating some of your favorite perennials and you will be excited to be adding essentially free plants to your garden next spring.



New Mexico Judges Council President, Suzy Andrego

I just want to remind clubs that when you hold a flower show and you do not use NGC Accredited Judges, you are devaluing Judges and all the time they spent going to Flower Show Schools. In addition, if there are any Accredited Judges entering the show you are holding, they cannot receive exhibiting credits; Top Awards cannot be given out and the club cannot apply for any awards for their flower show.

Please contact me and I will find judges to judge your flower shows.

Sandrego@qwest.net or 505-259-3318



Archives Chairman, Becky Fuller Chairman

Gardeners, bring your artifacts that you would like archived to the "Extended Fall Board" and I will have them entombed in the library at NMSU. Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone in October!



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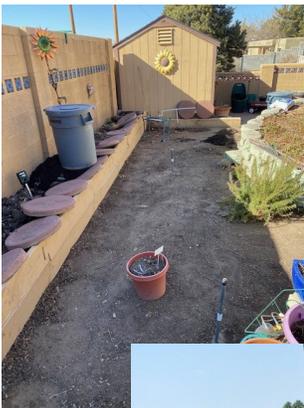
Garden Club News from Around the State

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

We are hopefully going to be up and running in September, we do not meet over the summer. We have been having meetings with our District Director, Ellie Nordgren, to plan the Extended Fall Board which will be held here in Las Cruces, October 27, 28 and 29. We extend our welcome and hope all of you have escaped COVID. More to come and look forward to as we progress into 2021-2022.

Petal Pushers, District 1, *Ginny Longbotham, President*

The club's June meeting had our very own State President and member of Petal Pushers, Christine Longthorp give us a wonderful presentation on arranging everyday flower. Club members are busy planning refreshments for the Grace Barnes dedication on August 12th at the Garden Center. We also are busy keeping the Marie Torrens Courtyard fresh and weed free. Our August meeting will be an afternoon tea at Mary Frances Santistevan's home. July found us at the home of Ginny Longbotham and touring her new tub planters, plus a sneak preview of their new pizza oven.



Angel Fire Garden Clubs, District 3, Susan Schultz, President

The Angel Fire Garden Club is finally starting to function as a real group after the year that wasn't. The meetings have been fantastic ranging from bees to beavers! The highest attendance was the presentation of our very own President, Christine Longthorp. She was accompanied by Suzy Andrego. The presentation entitled, Mechanics and Ideas for Flowers for the Home, was beautiful and helped raise funding with an auction after the show!



Suzy Andrego, Susan Schultz, Christine Longthorp, Johnese Turri, Diane Peterson, Arie Overby.



In July the Club and Chisum once again partnered for Red Day. This is an annual event that involves weeding, planting and camaraderie with the staff of the realty office. The Village Median is now planted with red and white petunias and is the showcase leading to the resort and ski hill. Thank you Chisum Realty for helping the Garden Club with one of it's prize Signature Gardens.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden at Shuter Library are doing fantastic with all the spring and summer rain we have had. Thanks to Janet Warner, Pete and Diane Peterson and Arie Overby. You all are so appreciated!



Janet Warner, thank you for all your hard work with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Garden!

Diane and Pete Peterson have chaired a Signature Garden for the Club going on 12 years. They have been involved longer than that in the Garden Club and we truly are indebted to their tireless efforts to make the Club successful and the community gorgeous! They have decided to take on a new role, Garden Club Mentors! It is time they sit back and smell the roses and watch the flowers grow. Thanks from the entire Village of Angel Fire and the Angel Fire Garden Club!

Angel Fire Garden Clubs, District 3, Continued)



Thank you for your service!

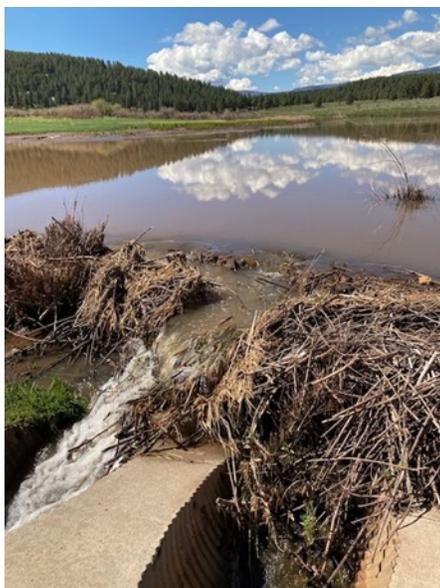
Diane and Pete in their Butterfly Garden!



Until recently Angel Fire has had a wonderful beaver wetland. There was vandalism that caused the major dam to breach. The wetland is almost gone and needs immediate rejuvenation. The Angel Fire Wetland Committee and the Garden club have joined forces to help replenish the wildflowers and willows in hopes of attracting more beavers, wild-life and vegetation to the area. August 14 is the date that the Garden Club will plant hundreds of seeds and red will starts. This is an effort near and dear to so many in our area and we as a group are so proud to help with.



Before Vandalism



The committees have been formed and our first fund raiser since covid will take place on Black Friday, November 26. Members are busy make handmade ornaments to offer. Page Steed will be offering a class in dot art and all proceeds will go to the Club.

Have a wonderful fall! Keep planting and most of all keep enjoying gardening and nature!

Most of this water has drained. The vandalism is apparent. The Garden Club will help replant the red willows and the wildflowers.

Floral Designers, District 3, Lori Hixson, President

Congratulations to member, Anne May! She received First Place in her class and also was given the Corinne Clarke Reynolds Award for the Best Interpretation of a Class Title. The Photo is by Marilee Ahalt of Seattle, WA. Newport Flower Show: *Class 8 - Full Moon, a mass design (traditional or modern) at the recent Newport Flower Show.*

Trying to source the flowers I need in the aftermath of Covid was an ordeal!

- ~ King Protea, Arctic Ice
- ~ Dusty Miller
- ~ Tillandsia
- ~ White Spider Mums
- ~ Ranunculus
- ~ Silver Brunia
- ~ Devils Claw



Pecos Valley Youth Club, District ,Renate Reisel, President

No activities July August with the youth garden club as many of our children got older and have different interests in High school and many moved to different area we need to train a new group the love for gardening.



Morning Garden Club, District 5, Renate Reisel, President

We celebrated National garden week at the butterfly garden at our local cahoon park we had special guests attend our National garden week und our Major Dennis Kintigh proclaimed June the 6th - 12for National garden week. Our District 5 Director Julie Foster attended the ceremony Peggy Voigt the National garden week Chairman was unable to attend. As this was our first get together the club members had a wonderful time visiting with everyone and enjoyed the delicious refreshment

Our club is very busy with watering all our planters in different locations 2 at the Fire station and one and the Refuge for battered Adults one at the Achieve building and another at a senior home.

We were busy weeding at our two butterfly gardens adding a variety of new plants hummingbird feeders and trying to improve our area for the public. Members got together at Pat's Krakauskas home touring her garden listening for information on the upcoming flower show plus working on our kindness rocks for the butterfly garden.



Garden Club News from Around the State

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, District 1, Debby Hasse, President



As with many clubs we have been conducting meetings using Zoom. Well not as personable as in- person they have still been informative and interesting. We were fortunate to have several specialists from the New Mexico State University Agricultural Science Center present to our club. Gill Geise, Viticulture Specialist, presentation was on “Grapes 101”. He discussed the many varieties of grapes that do well in our area of New Mexico Senior Program Specialist, presentation was on “Creating a Habitat for Pollinators”. Marisa Thompson, Horticulture Specialist, presentation was on “Landscaping with Ornamental Grasses” and “The Magic of Mulch”. We also had a presentation from our State President,

Christine Longthorp, on “Floral Design”. The designs looked so simple and elegant. We were finally able to meet in-person in May at Debby Hasse’s house with a sack lunch. It was nice to be able to see members face to face. We introduced the new officers but will have our installation in September.

Valley Gardeners, District 1, Dorothy Duff Co-President

Members volunteer at the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Garden Tour, at George Duda’s garden



Dorothy Duff & Christine Longthorp



George Duda, Donna Baremore, Suzy Andrego and NMGC President Christine Longthorp

Judy Nickell identifies trees at Montgomery Park



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

This summer the Los Alamos Garden Club's 1st Vice President, Joyce Zaugg, organized three summer programs - a visit to Suzy Andrego's garden that features many beautiful roses, a tour of the gardens at the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos, and a visit to Joyce's own gardens including her large, raised bed vegetable gardens.

Suzy Andrego Garden Tour



On Friday, July 16, five of our club members traveled down to Albuquerque for our first summer field trip. They gathered at Suzy Andrego's home to tour her garden and were all impressed by the variety of plants growing there. There were several shade trees in the back yard that created a wonderful oasis. The weather was surprisingly and pleasantly cool. Suzy must have a least 100 different varieties of perennials in her front and back yard. She rattled off all the botanical names of her plants and club members

tried hard to remember at least some of them. Suzy has a greenhouse where she keeps her more exotic plants that need more humidity and heat. Also attending were the State President, Christine Longthorp and State 1st Vice President, Debra Sorrell.

Unitarian Church Garden Tour

LAGC's second field trip for the summer was on Friday, July 30th at 10:00 am. Unitarian Church members Janet Van Cleave and Kok Heong McNaughton led LAGC members on a guided tour of the Unitarian Church's gardens. The attendees were amazed by the different



types of gardens maintained by volunteers. It was interesting to learn about the gardens the children were planting. The

Tranquility Garden with its beautiful black wrought iron fence was of particular interest since maybe something similar would work to deter the deer from eating the roses in the Fuller Lodge Memorial Rose Garden. Club members brought sack lunches to enjoy after the tour.



Los Alamos Garden Club, District II, (Continued)

Joyce Zaugg Garden Tour

The club's third field trip is scheduled for August 27th at 10:00 am at the home of Joyce Zaugg. Joyce has a simple garden plan and it is an example of what a suburban garden might entail with moderate effort. She will show us her vegetable garden, her memorial garden, and her meditation garden.

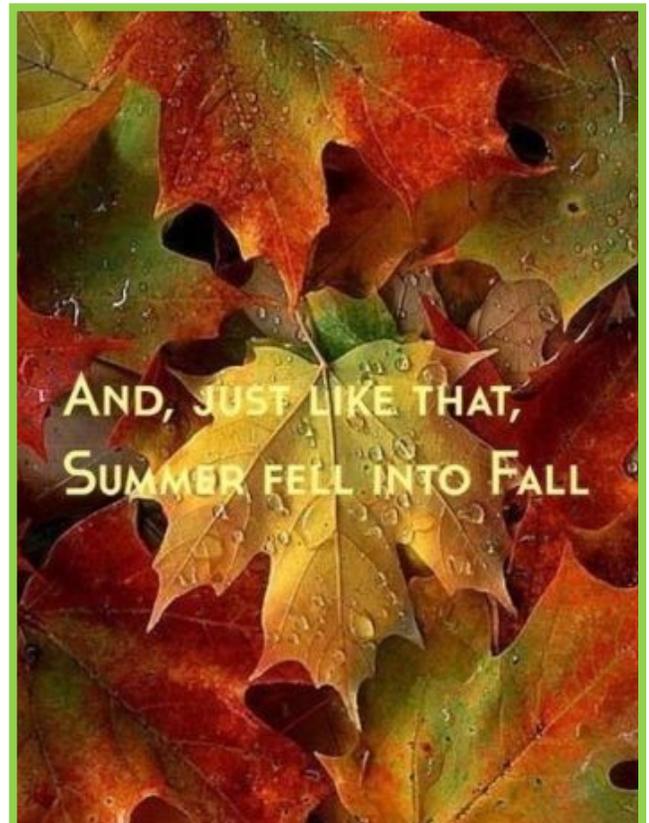
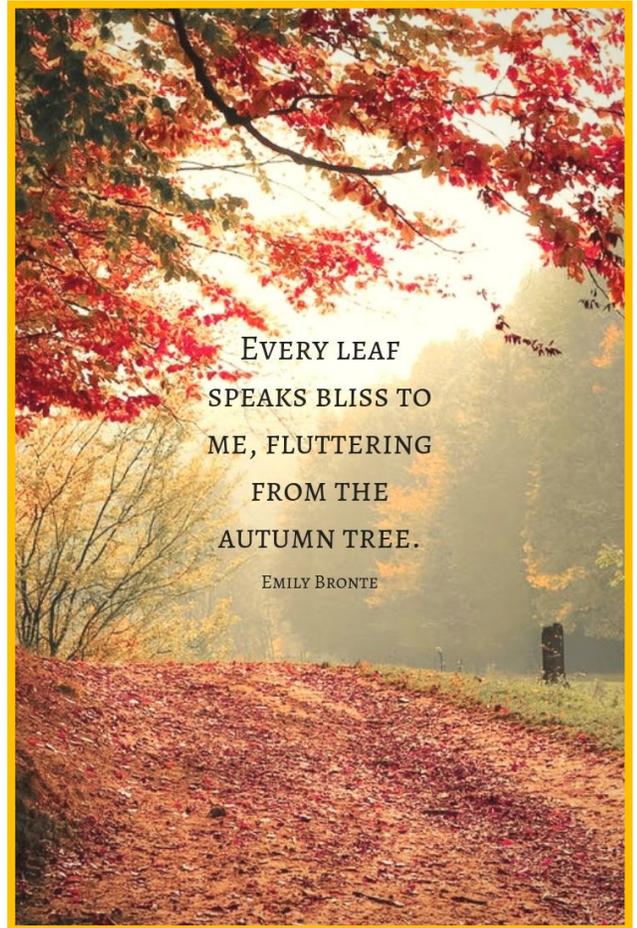
Memorial Rose Garden

Judy Handy, Chair of the Memorial Rose Garden committee, has had her crew out working in the Rose Garden by Fuller Lodge every Monday morning. They have been pruning, weeding, and fertilizing everything. Judy reports that the deer have been an extra challenge this year. They have eaten all the new growth. Judy and her crew, with advice from local rosarian Tracey Speyrer, have been trying to solve this problem. Ideas include using a chemical deterrent or a fence. Some plants have scents that deter deer and might work as companion plants to the roses. Judy is in contact with the county officials to see what might be done.

Meetings and programs, new and old members

Our board met during the summer to discuss upcoming programs for the year and will soon be meeting again to review and approve the club's budget for the new year. We have also had a couple a new members join us recently. Welcome to Pat Carney and Addie Jacobson!

Our first meeting of the fall will be at the Crossroads Bible Church in Los Alamos. We will be meeting the same third Monday as usual at 9:30 am for social time and 10:00am for the business meeting. A program will be presented after the business meeting. We will have our annual Harvest Luncheon following the September meeting. We look forward to seeing each other in person again, especially those members who did not join us for the online Zoom meetings over the past year.



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

Today we met and studied the Reflective Design. This is a creative design containing reflective materials giving back images of light to the viewer. The reflective materials are an integral part of the overall design. Staging in front of or on a mirror is not acceptable. It is amazing how many different types of materials can be used for this design. For example: iridescent dinner ware, silver aluminum sculptures, strips of copper or metal sheeting, car hubcaps, a metal cake pan, a shiny glass vase, an antique coffee pot, a piece of landscape edging, a silver platter, metal fencing, shiny decorative glass balls, key chain clips, just to name a few. These are fun designs and our members will be creating them for the New Mexico State Fair starting on September the 8th. Below are some of our creations for the day.

Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Albuquerque Garden Center. We laugh, visit, eat and learn a trick or two about designs. We are always adding to our membership and everyone is welcome.

These are reflective designs done today by High Desert Designers. Left to right: Leude Olson, Shirley Tetreault, Wendy Bedy, and Julie Foster. Julie Foster's design was done the Artesia flower show.



UPTOWN GARDEN CLUBS SUMMER IN PICTURES



The Uptown Garden at the ABQ Garden Center



Jennifer Moreno presented our Wreath program



Our Concrete Leaf Casting Program and Workshop



Garden club beautifies zoo, Historical Society



Submitted Photos

Members of the Pecos Valley Youth Garden Club have been planting flowers at some local venues in recent days, according to club organizer Renate Relsel. Working at the Spring River Zoo are Reagan Deen, Ryder Deen, Mason Deen and mom Jackie Deen, above photo and bottom right photo. Planting flowers in pots at the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico on March 31 is Kaylesh Hembree, bottom left photo.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

◆ October 27 & 28, 2021

NMGC Fall Board Meeting

Las Cruces, NM

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