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A Tapestry Design to Honor National Garden Clubs President ,Mary Warshauer at the NGC Instructors Symposium, held in Albuquerque February 22-24, 2023.



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

President's Message

**Greetings
Garden Club members,**

New Mexico

We are certainly having a mild winter and so far very little moisture. Remember to deep water trees and shrubs as we look ahead to spring bulbs and budding branches.

In December Debra Sorrell and I travelled to enjoy a Christmas lunch with Mesilla Valley Garden Club and had a lovely visit with longtime friends and some new. Also the annual tea party at my home for New Mexico Floral Artists was extended to High Desert Designers who came and shared some holiday fun and food. Sunshine Garden Club will be holding their tea this month and Suzy Andrego will be attending in my place. Sunshine is always true to their name when they host a party and all who attend have a good time. Clubs all around the State are adding new members and planning great programs to educate and entertain their members.

As we begin the New Year I am scheduled to give several design programs as I attend four of the five District meetings around the State. All the District Directors are preparing reports from the Club Presidents ready to report to the membership at the Annual Convention to be held in Albuquerque on April 11th and 12th. As we have announced this Convention will be attended by our National President Mary Warshauer and our South Central Region Director, rose Knight. So, please put it on your calendars and show them our splendid New Mexico hospitality.

There will be a "Petite" Flower Show which will be very easy to enter and will be judged by Mary and two other Judges. Please plan to enter as there will also be a petite horticulture show and by then we will have many blooms emerging from their winters sleep.

This will also be the installation of our incoming State President Debra Sorrell and a little bird told me that it will be full of fun. This convention will be very special for many reasons so please support the efforts of the planning committee and attend. There is always a lot to learn and it is good to hear how clubs around the State are growing.

I expect members to make New Mexico proud as we celebrate and show our finest at the NMGC State Convention in April. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christine Longthorp, President



OFFICIAL CALL
Annual Convention
“Diamonds in the Desert”
April 11 and 12, 2023
Albuquerque, 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 Spring 2023, issue of the New Mexico Gardener.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:00 noon – 4:30 PM	Registration
12:00 noon – 2:30 PM	NMJC Flower Show Entries accepted
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	NMJC Flower Show Judging
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	NM Judges Council General Meeting
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	NM Judges Council President Reception
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	NM Judges Council Dinner (You DO NOT have to be a Judge to Attend!)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	NM Judges Council Design Program – <i>“New Design Techniques for 2023” Presented By Thia Smith</i>

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 12 noon	NMGC, Inc. Annual Meeting
12 noon – 2:00 PM	Luncheon & Program <i>“The Diamonds in the Desert”</i> <i>Presented by Joan Karrie, Geologist & Member of Petal Pushers Garden Club</i>
2:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Balloon Museum Tour – <i>carpool and self-pay entry of \$4-\$6 each</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	NMGC President Reception
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Awards Banquet & Awards Presentation (Wear ALL your “Sparkles” to Dinner!)
9:00 PM	Closing of NM Garden Clubs Annual Meeting

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

Chairmen: 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: Marriott Courtyard Journal Center, 5151 Journal Center Blvd. NE , ABQ, NM 87109 (505) 823-1919_Two Queens or One King \$149 (plus tax). ***Deadline for special room rate is March 24, 2023. When making reservations mention: “New Mexico Judges Council”.***

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



Message from Our President Elect, *Debra Sorrell*

We are quickly approaching Spring and I am very excited about the future! We have all been looking through seed catalogs and dreaming of what our gardens might look like over this growing season. Spring always brings beautiful things popping up in our gardens but there's soooo many plants! I don't know any gardeners that aren't constantly looking for the next great thing to plant.

I am also honored and excited to be installed as your next NMGC President! There are so many challenges with garden club these days. Membership is a difficult issue across the state. Hopefully, we can put our heads together for some solutions that will actually work. I am a firm believer that our meetings and field trips need to be FUN! People love to make things, laugh, chat and hang out when they're having fun. Sometimes we take ourselves way too seriously. If there is conflict, complaining, and dissension at our events, the only result is that we lose people. We never want that to happen! I am interested in hearing from every member about ideas to improve the way we do things

I am looking forward to being invited to ALL the garden club meetings and events over the next two years. I am committed to attending as many as I possibly can. It will give me the opportunity to learn what each club is doing and to share all your great ideas around to the state's other clubs. We can learn from each other and encourage our membership to serve their communities and promote gardening and the art of floral design.



Message from Our Second Vice President, *Joyce Zaugg*

This is the last time I will be writing an article for the New Mexico Gardener. My term ends this April at the State Convention in Albuquerque. It has been a pleasure serving as 2nd Vice President under President Christine Longthorp. She has been an inspiration. A new 2nd Vice President will be installed in April. I hope all of you will give her/him your full support. I will, of course, be available to help with a smooth transition. Covid-19 was horrific for our clubs but I'm happy to report that we're recovering and growing stronger with each passing season. Our current membership is 454 in five districts and 21 clubs. We lost our youth clubs to the pandemic but I'm optimistic that in the next year or two they have risen from the ashes like a beautiful phoenix. You'll still see me around at the state conventions. The conventions are one of the opportunities made available to all members. They're a lot of fun and educational with wonderful programs, banquets, social times and more. Goodbye for now.



Message from District I Director, *Sonia James*

Hello District 1 Club Members, It is going to be busy three months for District 1! Our annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon will be held On Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Teresa Edens will present a great program on Growing Flowers in Containers. Debi Harrington will be installed as the new District 1 Director.

We are looking forward to The annual New Mexico Garden Clubs Spring Convention, to be held here in Albuquerque on April 11 and 12, 2023 at the Marriott Courtyard on Journal Center. Suzy, Debra, and Debi have been working on the plans and am sure it is going to be a great one! LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEW MEXICO GARDENER.

I have been attending the conventions for many years, (held in different parts of the state) and have enjoyed them all! Have made many dear friends over the years and have so many fond memories! Do try to attend the convention and learn about the different garden clubs all over New Mexico.

I have enjoyed being your District Director and wish you a Happy Spring and Happy Gardening!



Message from District II Acting Director, *Kersti Rock*

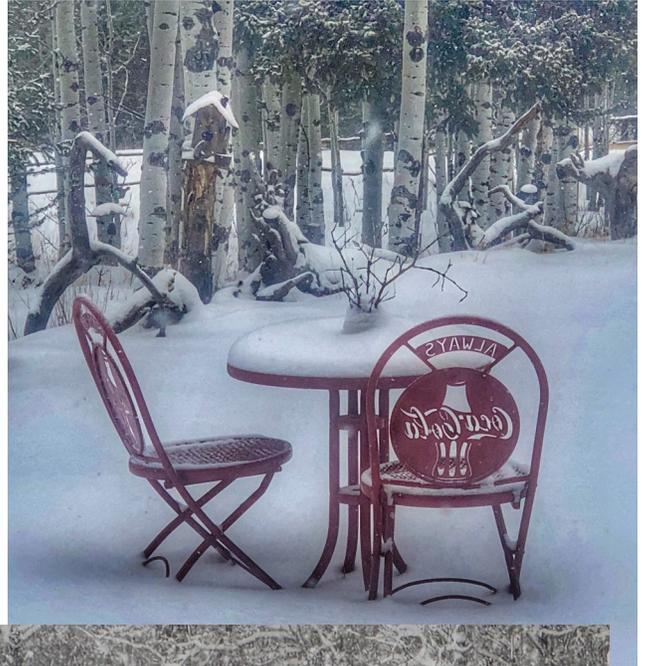
District II is finding its feet again after a two year hiatus. We resumed activities last year with an organizational meeting on June 9, 2022 followed by a Fall Board Meeting on September 30, 2022. Christine Longthorp and Debra Sorrell were the honored guests at the DII Fall Board meeting. On November 18, DII hosted a Blue Star Memorial Dedication of the Blue Star ByWay Marker purchased many years ago by the now disbanded Las Sembradoras Garden Club. NMGC Blue Star Chair Shirley Tetreault made the necessary arrangements to get the marker mounted on posts and installed at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. The ceremony took place on a very cold day but was very beautiful and memorable. We are so appreciative of everyone who

helped make it possible! The Winter issue of the New Mexico Gardener has more description and photos of this event. DII will have its Spring meeting in March 2023 and will officially vote and install the incoming officers for the next two years. DII will be hosting the NMGC 2024 State Convention in April 2024. We are looking forward to announcing the 2024 theme and location at this year's convention in Albuquerque, hosted by District I on April 11 and 12, 2023. The coming year will be a busy one for District II and we will need all the wonderful creativity and energy available in our small but mighty District.

Message from District III Director, *Johnese Turri*



Happy snow from Angel Fire!! We haven't had as much snow as we want for this time of year, but our winter won't be over for another couple months. I'm sure looking forward to the convention and seeing everyone!!

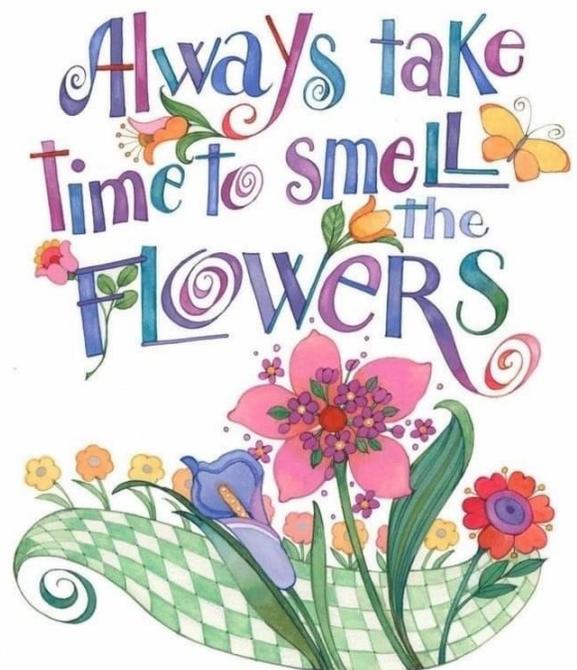
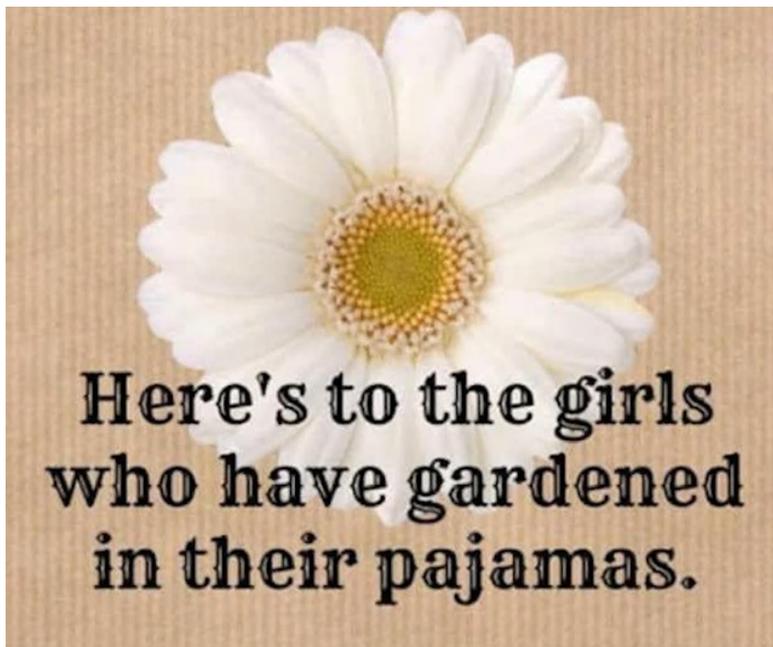


YOUH ACTIVITIES, Lynnette Walker, Chairman

INFORMATION WANTED

For almost a year now there has been very little to write in the NM Gardener about the youth activities around the state. The youth clubs have disbanded and it appears that none will be starting up soon. This is a plea to everyone to send me information about any youth gardening, designing, creating activities that are happening in New Mexico. Let's try to influence the gardeners of tomorrow, by sharing our knowledge with them now. Looking forward to hearing from everyone about all the exciting youth activities in the next few months.

Please contact me at Lynnette.Walker@q.com



Archives Chairman, *Becky Fuller Chairman*



Nothing new, just letting members know they can bring materials they want archived to me when they are at the annual convention, April 11 & 12, 2023 in Albuquerque, at the Courtyard Marriott Journal Center.

Also, whenever they are in Las Cruces I will take items also and get them to the Library.

Life Membership & Scholarship *Sue Ferguson, Chairman*

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They make great gifts for anyone!

The NMGC Membership pin costs \$20

and again makes a great gift for yourself or a friend.

**More details about the Scholarship Program can be found on our website.
Please visit and see the different ways you could help support this most worthwhile project.**

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CONGRATULATIONS

**to Gigi Zacharias of Valley
Gardeners!**

**She is now a National Garden
Clubs Life Member!**

Blue Star Memorial, Shirley Tetreault, Chair

When to Fly Your American Flag in 2023

The American flag should be displayed on all days and especially the holidays listed below. The dates marked in red color indicate when you should fly your flag at half staff. Sign up for our Flag Alerts to receive timely emails alerting you to flag events such as when to fly the flag at half staff.



New Year's Day - Jan. 1 (fixed) Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 16

Inauguration Day - Jan. 20

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President's Day - Feb. 20

Washington's Birthday - Feb. 20

St. Patrick's Day - March 17 (fixed)

National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29 (fixed)

Gold Star Spouses Day - April 5 (fixed)

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day - April 9 (fixed)

Easter Sunday - April 9

Earth Day - April 22 (fixed)

International Firefighters Day - May 4
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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service May 7 (half-staff)

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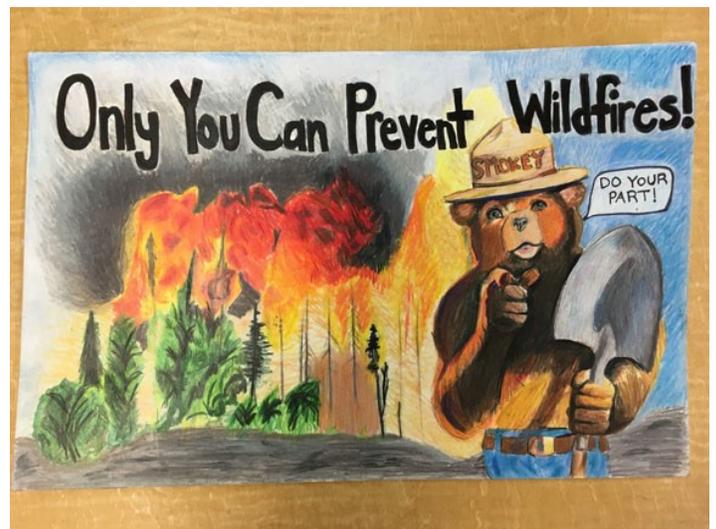
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Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. *Jennifer Moreno, Chairman*

The 2023 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest officially ended on January 20th. Although no entries were received at the NM state level this year, I anticipate receiving posters at the South Central Regional (SCR) Level this month, in late February. The SCR poster contest winners will then be announced. In anticipation of next year's contest, children from first through fifth grade will be invited to participate in the 2024 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest this Fall. For complete rules, ideas, etc...go to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org and then go to Youth Contests>Smokey Bear Poster Contest. Next year's contest information will be uploaded there in a few months and it provides invaluable information about the contest requirements as well as helpful tips for submitting posters. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions! I'm here to help!

Jennifer Moreno,
NM State and SCR Regional Chairman
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
Email: Moreno_jen@aps.edu
Phone: 505-217-4307



Penny Pines. *Mary Ann Moreno, Chairman*

We have LOTS of need for Penny Pines Plantations in New Mexico!

Consider Giving a Penny Pines Plantation for an outgoing Club President or District Director.

Support Penny Pines at the state, district and your club. For More information, please contact me, Mary Ann Moreno at (505)266-8498.





Garden Club News from Around the State

Summit Garden Club, District II, by Kersti Rock

Summit members have been busy in the cooler months with meetings, and maintenance of the White Rock Community Garden and three gardens in Bandelier. At our plant sale, we not only raised enough funds to cover our high school senior scholarship, but also had the joy of seeing many people so pleased with their new plants. Special thanks to the United Church of Los Alamos, and Gillian Sutton of Flowers by Gillian. Programs at our meetings included Bob Pennington of Agua Fria Nursery in Santa Fe, who spoke on “Putting the Garden to Bed”, and Los Alamos Living Treasure Chick Keller, who spoke on “The Weeds of Los Alamos County”. A cookie exchange social, with a lively discussion on paper whites and amaryllises, completed the year. We are now preparing for Spring planting, weeding, and enjoyment of our gardens.



Los Alamos Garden Club, District II, by Helen Carpenter

On November 5th Los Alamos County Council presented a Proclamation to Los Alamos Garden Club in honor of the Los Alamos Garden Club's 75th Anniversary. The proclamation was accepted on behalf of the club by Kersti Rock and Joyce Zaugg.

November 18th some members of the District II clubs attended and participated in the dedication of the Las Sembradoras Garden Club (now defunct) Blue Star Memorial at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Also attending were NMGC State President Christine Longthorp, Blue Star Memorial Chair Shirley Tetreault, and New Mexico Gardener editor Suzy Andrego. New District II Director Kersti Rock led the dedication. Anne May from the Floral Designers Club designed and made the beautiful wreath. The Memorial was placed at the entrance to the National Cemetery. Thanks to Shirley and Kersti for organizing the whole event.



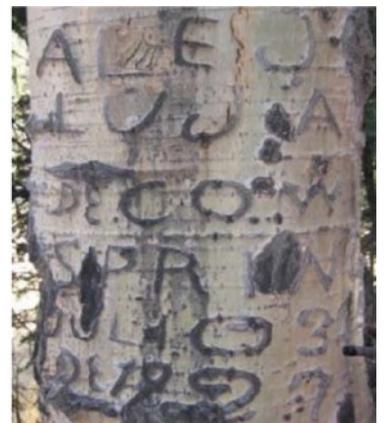
On the cold winter day of November 19, nine club members and three club member's husbands spent 3 hours spreading a heavy layer of compost on the Memorial Rose Garden. The weather was cold, but sunshine and no wind made for a pleasant outing.

December 12th, we held a potluck Holiday Luncheon attended by most of our members. The main dishes were catered. Trish Spillman (along with helpers) provided beautiful centerpieces, table linens, etc.



Our January 16 speaker was Bob Dryja, an amateur naturalist from the Nature Center. He gave a very interesting illustrated nature and archaeology talk about the regrowth of aspens after the Cerro Grande Fire in May 2000.

Aspens may appear to be small groves but many trunks grow from the shallow spreading roots (this is called cloning). In hikes thru the aspens he has noted Dendroglyphs, carvings of initials, names and dates in the older aspen trees containing clues of previous visitors or seasonal residents.



A carving in an aspen trunk: "Alejo Lujan de Cowspring, Julio 31 de 1927."
NPS

Lincoln County Garden Club—District IV, *Mary Lemmond, treasurer*



Lincoln County Garden Club had a wonderful fall season. We've welcomed several new members and hosted terrific programs for both new and seasoned gardeners.

September: The program was a vitally important topic presented by two members, Pam McArthur and Judy Ellis, based on the book *To Speak for the Trees: My Life's Journey from an Ancient Celtic Wisdom to a Healing Vision of the Forest* by Diana Beresford-Kroeger. We heard of her fascinating life growing up in Ireland, and then her scientific journey in the US and ultimate residence in Canada. Judy and Pam gave away lots of eco-friendly door prizes. Six guests attended, half of whom joined the

club.

September also saw members managing the garden at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Located in an enclosed courtyard, it is enjoyed by employees and patrons of the hospital. We also continued helping The GoodLife Assisted Living Center by donating Hydrangeas to their garden area.

In addition, LCGC hosted a District V meeting at Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop in Ruidoso. President Debbie Myers welcomed participants from District V to our Village as District business was discussed.

Another fun event, the club purchased Aprons for members. These will be wonderful at functions such as our annual Plant Sale, and other events where we are visible to the community.

On a sad note, we had lost a member and her dog. Earlier in the spring we planted a tree at the Ruidoso Humane Society in honor of Marilyn and Mary, and now we have placed a plaque at the site to recognize them and their contributions to the club and community.



Lincoln County Garden Club—Continued

October: Another terrific program for members and guests. Jim Seore, former owner of ZiaScapes Nursery, discussed hydroponics, aquaponics, best fertilizers and composts. These fascinating topic brought ideas of different gardening options in our high mountain desert area, but hydroponics is a great option for any climate.

We also initiated a committee to work on revisions and updates to our *High Altitude Gardening Book* which is revised periodically and sold to members and the public as another fundraiser. The book is now available and filled with information about gardening in the high desert country of New Mexico.

No meeting was held in November, but **December** brought our annual Holiday Luncheon. Members and guests brought potluck sides and desserts while the Club provided



the meat. Several of our honorary members were able to attend to enjoy the meal, the games and the door prizes. President Debbie and First VP Patty Citrowske outdid themselves with the decor, door prizes, games and the fun.

Fall was full of activity for Lincoln County Garden Club members; the spring promises to be just as fulfilling and enjoyable.



El Jardin Encanto Garden Club, District I, Shar Marquez, Co-President

We started our year with a presentation from Debby Hasse, where she gave us wonderful facts about tomatoes from around the world. She also shared with us lots of fresh tomato recipes great for dips and salads. She brought in 3 different dishes to try and all were phenomenal. The next month we all learned how to make red chile Ristras. Everyone shared in construction their own Ristra to take home for a decoration or to use once the red chile's had dried. In November we had planned to go see the homegrown poinsettias at the Alameda Green House, however their crop had to be replanted twice and no one was allowed in the growing room. Instead, we got a great tour of other plants in their greenhouses. They have a propagation room that was filled with unique plants including some rock plants and pineapple bushes. Our Holiday party this year was at the Longbow Diner in Belen. We gave away 2 white and 2 curly leaf poinsettias and Debby made everyone a dried okra Christmas ornament. In January we watched a presentation on Medicinal plants in New Mexico. We learned how to recognize them and cultural uses passed down through the ages. Dr Ivette Guzman emphasized the importance to buy from a professional who will replant to ensure the plant is not overharvested and will prepare in the proper way to get the sot after benefits



Floral Designers, District II, Anne May, Coordinator

On January 26th, following a two-month holiday hiatus, **Floral Designers** Suzy Andregó, Shelby Green, Doris Jackson, Christine Longthorp, Anne May, and Juanita Ortega, gathered at the Los Alamos home of Laurie Hixson for a luncheon meeting and design program.

Several years ago, this January tradition was started by Dorothy Crawford and since her passing, it has been continued by Laurie Hixson.



After a brief business meeting, members of **Floral Designers** enjoyed a Soup and Salad Luncheon prepared by Laurie Hixson and enhanced by magnificent views of the Rio Grande and the Jemez Mountains. Lunch was punctuated by desserts of chocolate cake and spiced pear Bundt cake.

As this month's presenter, Christine Longthorp overcame the challenges of single degree temperatures and assisted by Suzy Andregó, transported to Los Alamos from Albuquerque, two exquisite table centerpieces for the **Functional Table Design** program. While discussing the construction, mechanics and concepts behind the designs, Christine shared with us the latest trends and materials that brides are requesting for wedding and reception designs.

Each of us departed with a well sated appetite and creative visions for future projects.

Upcoming **Floral Designers'** presentations will include: Luminary Design, Transparent Design and Mono-botanical Design.



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

The holidays were full of fun, food and laughter for Petal Pushers! We gathered for a Christmas Lunch at Las Cumbre's Restaurant in Old Town. Tables were beautifully decorated with center pieces by Debi Harrington. The food was delish and wine great. A usual, our gift exchange was a tug of war over one or two beautiful gifts but all in good fun. We donated all the table centerpieces to Barrett House along with all of our items we collected to give to them. We kept one table centerpiece and gave it to Sue Wasson to give to her mom, Shirley Tanzola who is currently in a retirement home. We left wishing all good cheer and looking forward to a whole new year!



January found us meeting at the Garden Center and hearing a great teaching lecture from John Garlisch, an expert in "Heirloom, Hybrid, or GMO". Our two Joans (Karrie and Higgs) furnish delicious refreshments.

We are busy cleaning and prepping our yards, gardens and pots for soon (we hope) spring weather and the Spring Plant Sale. Petal Pushers are also cleaning out items and bringing them to the Center for our annual Rummage Sale, Feb 24 & 25th.

We are so proud to announce that members Pam Walker and Susan Head will be chair "Gardening U" at the center. The first class will be "Fabulous Roses" by Claudia Bonnet. March 1, 6:30 pm. The next "Gardening U" will be April 5, 6:30 pm which will be a program on Planting containers for Mother's Day. Check the Garden Center web site for more classes to come in the future. The charge is a mere \$5.00 at the door.



Another member, Joan Karrie, will be the key speaker at the State Convention held at the Marriott Courtyard on April 11, and 12th. As President, may I say "way to go" Petal Pushers! You rock! Can't wait to see all of fellow gardeners from around the state and meet our National President.

Heads up! March we will have an awesome guest speaking on: "The Role that Fungi Play in the Natural World". March 28th 9:30 am, Garden Center. All invited. Please RSVP to Ginny Longbotham 505-280-2660 to make sure we set up enough chairs and furnish plenty of yummy refreshments.

WANTED:

Person who LOVES to do graphics on the computer and coordinate and format all the FABULOUS information for all around the state for New Mexico Garden Clubs Quarterly Newsletter.

Some experience required. Training is AVAILABLE!

Contact Suzy Andrego to become the Newest Editor of the New Mexico Gardener.

Sunshine Valley Garden Club, District IV, Cindy Johnson, Acting President

In November we learned how to make macrame plant hangers. It was lots of fun and we made a plant hanger to take home. Everyone brought good eats to share. Three people won plant door prizes.



We had a nice gathering at our Annual Christmas Luncheon with a scrumptious Cowboy Bar-B-Q buffet. Even the birdies got a gift.

We were finally able to return to our regular meeting place. The January meeting was our Annual Business Meeting. We discussed items for 2023, including Elections, Programs, Yearbook, Projects, Dues, Committees and Facebook. We are looking forward to the many great programs for the year, including our Annual Membership Tea on February 10, plant exchange party in April, and Flower Display at the Annual Sierra County Fair in October.



Mesilla Valley Garden Club, District IV, Becky Fuller, President

Mesilla Valley Garden Club celebrated our Christmas party at the Fuller's home with President Christine Longthorp and Vice-president Debra Sorrell. A Jolly time was had by all. Christine brought us up to date on her project at the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque and her plans to continue bringing it to fruition after her term.



For our January meeting we met early at Good Samaritan Resident Center and made table decorations from winter greenery and dried plants with the residents. One of the women was a retired florist and another a garden club member. The arrangements were fun to make and really very pretty.



This month our meeting lands on Valentine's Day and we are meeting at Judy Laird's home to make flower arrangements for ourselves.

In March we will have a presentation on Vegetable gardening from seed. Something to look forward to.



Valley Gardeners, District I, Gigi Zacharias and Dorothy Duff Co-Presidents

It feels so wonderful to back in the swing of things with wonderful talks and activities. We began the holiday season with our traditional luncheon and white elephant gift exchange. Food and Fun. Valley Gardeners take the prize in that category.

You were also likely to see several Valley Gardeners volunteering at the annual Garden Council Holiday Fair. What a great way to enjoy the holiday season.



Again this year Valley Gardeners collected house plants to donate to Saranam, a residential program focused on helping individuals and families regain housing stability, employment and basic financial security. We always have a great time working together on projects like this one. We received a delightful card from Saranam members thanking us for our efforts.

Valley Gardener Gary Mallory got our year started by talking about a topic near and dear to us all....water. Gary has exceptional experience and expertise in water management for gardens and landscapes and

has been a consultant to the state government on these issues. We can all benefit from learning how to better manage this scarce resource.

We are so proud that Valley Gardeners Gigi Zacharias and Gina Thoma enrolled in Flower Show School I on the path to becoming National Garden Club Flower Show Judges. Several current judges from Valley Gardeners also audited the school and provided designs and horticulture as examples for the students.



Designs for Flower Show School –Jennifer Moreno

At Valley Gardeners we have our eye on the upcoming flower show to be held at the NMGC Spring Convention. In February NGC Instructor and Flower Show judge Shirley Tetreault will lead a workshop on Petite Design. After Shirley's talk there will be time for members will try their hand at creating a petite design. We hope our members will carry on with what they learn with Shirley and enter a petite design at the convention flower show.

Visitors are also welcome at our March Meeting which will focus back on gardening with a talk on dividing perennials. Our speaker Barbara Shapiro is an experienced Master Gardener and teaches the class on ornamental horticulture

Visitors are welcome at our meetings but please contact Gigi or Dorothy in advance so we have adequate materials for hands on activities.



Cushing Gladiolus and Tulsa Garden Clubs

Present



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The Living Earth

March 31 and April 1, 2023

Via Zoom

NGC ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL

**ALL STUDENTS NEW TO ZOOM MUST ATTEND ZOOM
TRAINING**

7 – 8 p.m., March 29, 2023

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT JUDY GROTTTS

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COME ENTER THE New Mexico Judges Council Flower Show

“Diamonds in the Desert” Petite Flower Show!

April 11, 2023 at the at the Marriott Courtyard, Journal Center.

Entries are excepted April 11, 2023, from 12 noon to 2:30p.m.

The Flower Show schedule is attached to the NM Gardener email you received.

Any New Mexico Garden Club member may enter the flower show!

New Mexico Judges Council, Suzy Andrego, President

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II is COMING

Flower Show Procedure on Zoom, Saturday July 15, 2023

Design and Horticulture are **in person** Saturday July 21 & Sunday July 23, 2023

Design (Table Designs (Functional & Exhibition) and Petite Designs
& Horticulture (Salvias & Succulents)

*If taking for credit to become a flower show judge—
the written exam will be Wednesday July 26, 2023*

Cost is \$125.00 (included a light breakfast and nice lunch for both in person days)

*Or if just wanting the information one day is \$60.00 or both days \$120.00
(Zoom is included)*

You don't Want to miss this!

***You do NOT have to want to become a judge to take flower show School -
It makes you a better exhibitor and helps you understand the way a flower show works!***

***New Mexico Flower Show Judges Come Support our future judges!
Your cost is \$ 60.00 for both days with breakfast & lunches included.***

Sign up TODAY Deadline is JULY 3, 2023

To register—Contact Debra Sorrell (505)615-8564 or Email at jdsorr@msn.com

***For more information, contact Suzy Andrego, NM Judges Council President
(505)259-3318 or Email: Sandrego@aol.com***

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