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Message from Our 2023-2025 President, *Debra Sorrell*

“Grow Through What You Go Through”

We are almost at the end of a very long hot summer. I am certain that everyone is ready for some easier days and cooler nights. I have had the privilege of doing a lot of traveling around our state and the hot weather has taken a real toll on trying to grow anything, anywhere. It's not easy to “GROW Through What You Go Through” when it's 100+ degrees for weeks on end! Consequently, entries have been down at all the county fairs I have attended. It will be interesting to see how that plays out at this year's State Fair, which is coming right up. Hopefully, we will indeed have a great El Niño year, get lots of snow over the winter and have another great runoff next spring!

Let me tell you about some of the details of my President's Project for the term of 2023-2025. My heart has really gone out to the individuals, communities and businesses that lost so much in the devastating fires of April 2022. The statistics are grave and stunning. An escaped prescribed burn caused the devastation of 341,471 acre (534 sq miles!)....the largest wildfire in the US in that year. It destroyed 903 structures and damaged an additional 85. These were people's homes, barns, businesses, grocery stores, churches and schools. Everything that made up a normal daily life was obliterated. To make things worse, all this took place in one of the poorest parts of our state. There is little money or resources to restore people's lives. As garden club members, we have no real ability to change people's individual lives who have been affected by the fire.

However, there IS something we can do to make a difference. We can help them grow through what THEY have gone through.....literally. Another sad statistic of the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire is that the Santa Fe National Forest lost **62 million trees!** We have, already built in to National Garden Clubs programs, PENNY PINES! \$68 will buy a plantation of 200 tree saplings and we are able to designate in what forest we would like our trees to be planted. So, my goal is for NMGC to plant 500 Penny Pines plantations in the Calf Canyon/Hermit's Peak burn scar area over this 2 year term. I have seen a little eye-rolling at the ambition of this goal, but, WE CAN DO IT!

Message from Our President, Debra Sorrell—Continued

There are 21 adult clubs across the state. If you break down the numbers, it would take 12 plantations from each club for each year. That is not impossible! I am certainly not assigning that goal to each club but, it helps to visualize the possibility of success. I will be having descriptive signs made for each club that could be taken to any event your club/members may attend. That, along with a Penny Pines collection jar, and you'd be all set to collect people's penny's, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars at moments notice.

My husband and I are going to buy a plantation for each of our 5 children and ourselves. Everyone will receive a certificate showing that a NGC Penny Pines plantation has been planted in their honor. That's 7!

Next year, we will do the same for each of our 7 grandchildren. For each of you, it's a lovely gift idea, will help our environment and the Santa Fe National Forest in a concrete way.

I have been invited to several clubs to present a program or attend a meeting. I hope to have the opportunity to visit with every single club at least once each year. Please let me know if something special is going on in your club or if you would just like me to visit. I'd be thrilled and will travel to any of you, happily! Our members and their clubs are backbone of this organization. As President, I am committed to being your back-up, cheerleader, advisor, question answerer, problem solver buddy and whatever else will be of any help you.

I feel very blessed to be in a leadership position in New Mexico Garden Clubs. This is an organization with a rich history and tradition. Garden club connects folks with similar interests and broadens their knowledge, friendships and horizons. I will be forever grateful for the chance to participate with you all!!

Debra Sorrell, President



Beulah Frances Oyler (Hunter)



New Mexico Garden Clubs has lost an incredible woman, friend and garden club member,. Beulah Oyler 7/18/1926 to 8/24/2023 FOREVER BLOOMING!

Beulah joined garden club in 1967. She was a member for 46 years. She wore MANY hats but she is best know for her welcoming smile, caring encouragement and mentoring various minds. She loved gardening and gardens. She was 97 years young and is a very big asset to the heavenly gardens!

Beulah Hunter Oyler passed away quietly on August 24, 2023, at Mesilla Valley Hospice with family present. She was born on July 18, 1926, to Houston and Wynogene Hunger in San Saba, TX. She grew up in Roswell, NM the third of nine children. She graduated from Roswell High School and was an operator for the phone company. She met the love of her life and lifelong friend, Bob Oyler, at a rodeo in Capitan, NM while he was stationed at Alamogordo Airfield. They were married in 1946 and had six children. Robert, Rebecca, Roger, Rex, Randy and Reggie.

When Bob returned from service they moved to Las Cruces, where he graduated from New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (NMSU). They then moved to Laramie, Wyoming where my dad studied to be a farrier and their first child was born; but he decided it would be better to return to military service.

Beulah loved to travel and though the military life would give her the opportunity to see the world. However, her growing family moved to Texas, California and then back to Roswell.

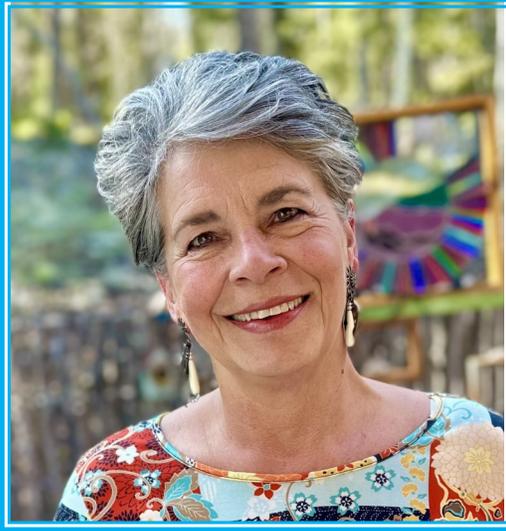
Although Beulah said she would never live in Las Cruces again, when bob retired in 1967 that's exactly where she landed, Beulah didn't skip a beat and thrived in Las Cruces, for the rest of her life. Beulah was a fantastic mother! Hers was a bustling home, that was always open and always had room for more around the table. She always provided a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and a warm hug whenever needed.

She was a Scout leader and taught Red Cross courses. She loved bowling, hiking, camping, and sledging. She also loved playing games including bridge, dominoes, cards and dice. She was active in the PTA, attended every sport event, band, orchestra and symphony concert her children were in. she was a member of the Mesilla Valley Garden Club for 46 years and served many capacities including president.

Beulah and Bob were active in St. Paul's United Methodist Church-teaching Sunday School, helping in the nursery, leading the youth fellowship, and starting a Bible study group, dubbed Moocher's anonymous" by her children. The moochers became a group of lifelong friends who gathered weekly to eat and play dominoes. Beulah was the last surviving member of this close-knit group.

The family built a cabin together in Ruidoso. With the help of their extended family, the cabin was completed in a year and a half. Wonderful memories were created both during the building and the many years that followed.

A memorial service will be held, Saturday, November 25, 2023, 10:00 am at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 West Griggs Avenue., Las Cruces. Beulah's family request memorials be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Mesilla Valley Hospice or the Humane Society of your choice,



Meet the 2023-2025 1st Vice President of
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Message from the 2nd VP of Membership,

Laurie Hixson

Hello from your Membership Chairman!

I want to give a big shout out to all of the clubs who have sent in their dues and updated membership rosters! There are only a few of you left that need to send in your dues, and I look forward to receiving them. In a nutshell, dues (\$8/club member) need to be submitted, along with an updated membership roster, to the Membership Chairman by May 1 and are delinquent after July 1.

These first few months have been a learning experience for me. I thought, how difficult could it be? But there are nuances to being Membership Chairman I didn't expect. Turns out our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Manual are great resources. I recommend browsing them again if you haven't done so recently.

I've got some ideas floating around to try and increase our membership. I've also got some plans for the club registration process for next year. I'm thinking some light competition amongst clubs and districts.

Our statistics to date show:

District	% Dues Paid	% Change in Membership (from last year)
I	57%	-43%*
II	100%	3%
III	66%	-30%*
IV	100%	-40%
V	50%	-39%*

Congratulations to Districts I and V—they both have new youth clubs this year! We haven't had any youth clubs since the Pandemic started. It's so good to have young people involved again!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Another Long Time Member
and a Fabulous Long time
Flower Show Master Judge ,

Dru Hager

has also passed.

Dru was instrumental in the
founding of the
Albuquerque Garden Center,
in Albuquerque.

She was a founding member of
Uptown Garden Club.

She was a mentor to many!

She will be dearly missed!



Drucilla "Dru" Hager

Dru was born on May 16, 1930 in a farmhouse on a dry land farm outside of Dumas, Texas to parents, Lloyd "Bus" Brown and Tolene Burks Brown. She attended a one room schoolhouse at the beginning of her education, and graduated salutatorian from Dumas High School. She married Frank Hager in 1947 and remained his wife for over sixty years, suffering his loss in 2008. Together they raised three children living in Albuquerque and South Carolina and since 1959 back in New Mexico.

Dru was a housewife and also a successful realtor for over twenty-five years. She was active in Daughters of the Nile and White Nile. Dru pursued a number of artistic and gardening activities. She was a longtime member of the Uptown Garden Club of Albuquerque and helped establish the Albuquerque Gardening Center. Her gardening led her to flower arranging and flower arrangement judging. Her many ribbons in these areas give testament to the level of her achievement. She was honored before her passing as the Flower Judge Emeritus of New Mexico. She also loved to paint in watercolors, and the family proudly displays many of them in their homes. Dru was extremely competitive. She liked to win and hated to lose at the card games she played. She and Frank partnered in many contract bridge clubs before his death, and she continued to play up until a year or so



ago. She also loved to play Skipbo with her granddaughters and gave no quarter there either.

She is survived by her son, Noel Hager and his wife, Susan of Albuquerque; her daughter, Renee Claffy also of Albuquerque; her

sister, Bobby Widener of Aiken, SC; seven grandchildren survive Dru, they are Gina Sims and husband, Scott of Lubbock, TX, Cara Claffy of Albuquerque, Evan Hager and wife, Sovereign of Albuquerque, Sarah Hager of Albuquerque, Todd Hager and wife, Allison of Littleton, CO, and Bonnie and Lexi Hager both of Salt Lake City, UT; great-grandchildren include Zach Sims and wife, Koryn of Lubbock, TX, Ava Sims of Canyon, TX, Grant Sims of Lubbock, TX, Phoenix McGill of Oklahoma, and Neil and Ray Hager of Albuquerque. Dru was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; and their son, Brent Hager.

Special thanks to Angela Walker for her steady help. Also appreciation is given to The Retreat Gardens of Rio Rancho and the many caregivers that helped Dru at the end of her life. No public services are scheduled. A private family memorial will be held in the future. Please visit our online guestbook for Dru at www.frenchfunerals.com.

Dru was known for her beautiful dry designs and LOVED the NM State Fair. Debi Harrington created this design (left) at the NM State Fair in her honor !



Parliamentarian, *Suzy Andrego*

Do you or your club have a parliamentarian question or know anyone that does? I am always available to help . If I do not know the answer right away, I have plenty of resources to find the answer. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available to help! Sandrego@aol.com

Ways and Mean Chairman, *Mary Ann Moreno*

Items available now for the 2024 Ways & Means Raffle are Four unique purses, a \$50 Home Depot Gift card, a Handmade Southwest design beaded necklace, a Blue stone & Sterling earrings and necklace set, and a Turquoise & sterling bird pendant.

All clubs will received photos and raffle tickets before the end of October, 2023.

The Ways and Means money raised will support the NMGC President's Project to purchase Penny Pines Plantations to help reforest the burned areas in our beautiful state.

The raffle will be held at the 2024 Convention in Santa Fe, April, 2024

If you are interested in donating anything towards the Way and Means , or want to come join us as a committee member, Please call Mary Ann Moreno (505) 266-8498 or email her at jbmamoreno@gmail.com or Suzy Andrego (505) 259-3318 or Sandrego@aol.com.

Gratefully the Ways and Means Committee Members: Mary Ann Moreno, Jennifer Moreno & Suzy Andrego for the Presidents Projects.



Message from District I Director, *Debi Harrington*

In March of 2023, District I installed a new slate of officers for 2023-2025.

I am happy to recognize those who will serve with me: Kathleen Flanders - 1st Vice Director, Mary Noskin - 2nd Vice Director, Dorothy Duff - Secretary, and Debby Hasse - Treasurer. Thank you ladies for accepting these leadership roles!

District I currently has five active Garden Clubs and two active Floral Design Clubs. They are: El Jardin Encanto GC - Debby Hasse and Shar Marquez - Co Presidents, Moriarty GC - Aimee Elliott - President, Petal Pushers GC - Ginny Longbotham - President, Uptown Garden GC - Vicki Frye - President, Valley Gardeners GC - Donna Baremore and Judy Nichols - Co Presidents, High Desert Design Club - Shirley Tetreault - President and New Mexico Floral Artists - Christine Longthorp - President.

On June 22nd, as District I Director, I was honored to attend a 75th Anniversary Gala for Uptown Garden Club. The wonderful celebration was held at the home of Jewel Cutter and included many past presidents and long time members, as well as brand new members. Jewel's gardens were beautiful, the food was delicious and the socialization was delightful!

In July, I was honored to present a floral design program for Moriarty Garden Club members to help prepare them for their August 9th Valencia County Fair flower show. Accompanying me was Michelle Ann Tart, who helped field questions on Horticulture from the members. Michele Ann also helped with Horticulture classification and entries at the show in August. District I Judges, Dorothy Duff, Maple Levine and myself judged an abundant show of Horticulture and Floral Designs. Congratulations to Moriarty Garden Club for putting on a wonderful show!

District I Clubs are so active in their communities and I often hear of their MANY contributions. I am proud of each and every club! Soon, the four NM State Fair flower Shows will be filled with entries from District I members and they will also fill the majority of all of the numerous volunteer positions.

The Fall Meeting for District I will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Albuquerque Garden Center, which is located at 10120 Lomas Blvd NE in Albuquerque. An announcement and Official Call will be sent in early September. ***If you are a District I Club member, please plan to join us at 10 a.m. for a short business meeting, lunch, fellowship and an educational program.***

Gardening Blessings,

"Going Green Through Education and Application"



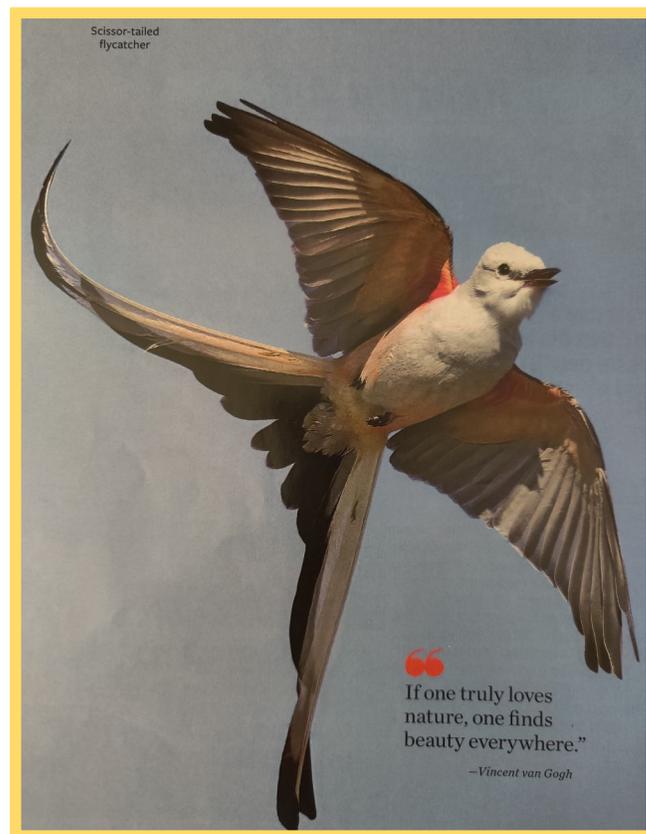
Message from District II Director, Kersti Rock

District II clubs have been busy with their summer schedules. I expect everyone has been busy either traveling, taking care of their own gardens or just kicking back for the summer. Both Los Alamos Garden Club and Summit Garden Club have held a couple of field trips so far. In June, Debi Harrington invited LAGC to visit the Albuquerque Garden Center and Summit learned about penstemons from Larry Deaven at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center in Los Alamos. Interestingly, both clubs visited the Santa Botanical Gardens in July but at different times. LAGC has one more field trip planned, a visit to Siegfried Ludwig's cactus garden in White Rock, before resuming regular meetings in September. LAGC and Summit have also been busy caring for their respective community gardens this summer.

District II's 2024 Convention Chair, Laurie Hixson, has filled a number of the chair positions for the 2024 Convention Committees but there are still a few important positions remaining to be filled.

Plans for a kickoff meeting are in the works.

The District II's Fall Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 29, 2023.



[YOUH ACTIVITIES, Lynnette Walker, Chairman](#)

Happy Fall!

Our new youth garden clubs are in full swing for the fall season. County fairs are showcasing horticulture at peak of perfection. Youth Garden clubs are spending time weeding and harvesting. There are two youth flower shows at the State Fair in Albuquerque on September 9th and 16th. Youth from all over our beautiful state are encouraged to enter horticulture and design. I hope that gardening lovers encourage the youth to participate in this wonderful event. If you have any youth gardening activities, please contact me at Lynnette.Walker@q.com.



Organic Planet club and flower beds.

Archives Chairman, *Becky Fuller* Chairman



Nothing new, just letting members know they can bring materials whenever they are in Las Cruces I will take items also and get them to the Library.

Life Membership & Scholarship *Christine Longthorp, Chairman*

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS MAKE GREAT GIFTS or HONORS for ANYONE!



THE NMGC Annual Scholarship is funded by the sale of NMGC Life Memberships, NMGC Membership pins, and Book of Memory donations. A NMGC Life Membership comes with a Commemorative Life Membership pin and costs \$40.



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

Shirley Tetreault & Wendy Bedy attended the New Mexico Fold of Honor Banquet which raises money for those that have lost a patriot serving our



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**JOIN GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE US for
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(New Mexico is a Member of NGC South Central Region)**



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Date**

November 4 and 11, 2023

VIA: ZOOM

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Trees and Shrubs, *Dodie Bernal-Suhr, Chairman*

Hello, please call me Dodie. My position, as our President Debra Sorrell described to me, is Trees and Shrub Chair of NMGC, Inc. for her term of "Grow Through What You Go Through".

I did say yes, but frankly since April, I have found myself asking long time members and officers what is my role? I know

what trees mean to me. I have good experience looking at trees not only for their beauty and strength but also answering questions about their health and care.

So now I am asking the membership to provide some ideas. What are your interests when it comes to trees? And shrubs? I am proposing that we grow together. What can we explore together? As garden club members we are first and foremost GARDENERS. We share! We share information. We share plants. We share the workload at meetings and flower shows. I am ready to answer questions. If needed I will do the research to give you sound information.

Reach out at bryan.suhr@verizon.net.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that we, NMGC, have a program that recognizes the club, all districts included, that plant the most trees during the year. For most of us in New Mexico, we are approaching the best time of the year to plant trees. How many garden clubs in your district have a fall tree planting project this year? Plant trees and apply for the Tree Award!



Blue Star Memorial, Shirley Tetreault, Chair

The Blue Star is going strong in the state of New Mexico and is number one in honoring our Veterans. At this time, we have one working in the Southern part of the state that will be seen from a beautiful and unique section of the city. As you may remember in the last issue of the communicator, I did a large article on the Gold Star marker placed in Texas.



It was an amazing effort and presentation by the club and the American Legion. New Mexico does not have a Gold Star marker; however, things are starting to explode here in our state. I am sending out a challenge to all clubs that may be looking for a great project. The marker cannot have a personal name; however, VFW or other organizations are always welcome to join in the effort.

As I am writing this report – 8/16/2023 the Foundation Board for the Viet Nam Memorial Gardens has voted to pay for half of a Gold Star Marker and the Gold Star Mothers in the area are working on donations for the balance. They will be working with Angel Fire Garden Club, and I should have paperwork soon.

The Gold Star Mothers in Albuquerque have a donation of \$1,000. For a marker at the VA Memorial Gardens in Albuquerque. We have several garden clubs in Albuquerque that may want to be a part of that events.

The Guideline for memorial markers can be obtained on the NGC website or you can contact me, and I will send it directly to you. You will also be able to see how both programs started and what they mean. This is a very important project created by NGC and we have a very patriotic state. I am really looking forward to hearing from you with any questions. Let's make it happen!



2024 Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. *Jennifer Moreno, Chairman*

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in the 2024 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest! The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. are giving students the opportunity to demonstrate through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl their understanding of wildfire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles. All poster entries must be sponsored by a local NGC-affiliated Garden Club. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only You Can Prevent Wildfires! Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's environmental message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land! Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires and protecting the environment. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size. The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner: the artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number. Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club as well as an address, phone number, and email for the local Garden Club. (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.) If you have a grandchild or know of young children that would qualify to enter, please sponsor them! For complete rules, ideas, etc...go to the NGC website at www.gardenclub.org and then go to Youth Contests>Smokey Bear Poster Contest. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions! I'm here to help!

Jennifer Moreno,
New Mexico State Chairman and SCR Regional Chairman
Email: Moreno_jen@aps.edu; Phone: 505-217-4307;
Address: 305 Fairmount Park Ave NE, Alb, NM 87123



Penny Pines. *Mary Ann Moreno, Chairman*

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

We collected enough for 3 plantations at the Annual Convention!

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. Your new Chairman will be announced soon.





Garden Club News from Around the State

Sunshine Valley Garden Club, District IV, by Linda Brandis

The Truth or Consequences Sunshine Valley Club has had fun and interesting activities lately. Since we didn't have an article for the Summer edition, here are some highlights from past events. We had our Annual Membership Tea in February. We were honored to have Suzy Andrego as our special guest. At our March meeting we made milk jug planters. Our Annual Plant Exchange Party (aka Pot Party) was held in April.



Tea



Milk Jug Planters



Plant Exchange

We had a delightful presentation by Karen Fiato, certified herbalist from Truth or Consequences, in May. She told us all about tea friendly herbs and their properties. She gave us samples and made us some lovely tea and biscuits made from her home-grown herbs.

In June we met at Geronimo Springs Museum to dedicate a memory bench in honor of Doris Adams, a very beloved garden club member for 21 years and long-time supporter of the museum. We celebrated with friends and family and followed with a delicious potluck at the museum. Doris' daughter is a member of our club and Doris' brother and local artist, Delmas Howe also attended. This was truly a very special event for our Club and one we shall always cherish.



The Club does not meet in July and August.

Summit Garden Club, District II, by Betsy Comly, Vice-President

This Summer, we have spent our time and energy keeping our own yards, small community areas, the White Rock Community Garden, and our Bandelier gardens as healthy as possible. The White Rock Community Garden, in addition to enduring constant heat and drought, also experienced a major hail storm. Four weeks later, and all the plants are blooming again.

In May, we held our business meeting, learned about Bobbex deer repellent, and presented our college scholarship to Los Alamos High School senior Ginny Pickett. As early as Junior High School, Ginny knew she wanted to study insects as a career. She will attend NMSU in the Fall, and major in entomology, with the intent of using her knowledge to improve world food production. In addition to her strong academic record, she is a Championship level Irish dancer. We are very pleased to be able to give our scholarship to Ginny.

In June, we met at The Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Los Alamos, where Larry Deaven spoke to us about penstemons, and in July, we toured the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens.

Now, we await the Summer monsoons.



Attached photos:

1. Photo of Daisies etc. in WRCG
 2. Photo of Entrance to Bandelier
- Summit ladies at SF Botanical Gardens

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration (In Photos)

**Thank you to Jewel Cutter for hosting in her lovely home and gardens.
It VERY was a special evening!**



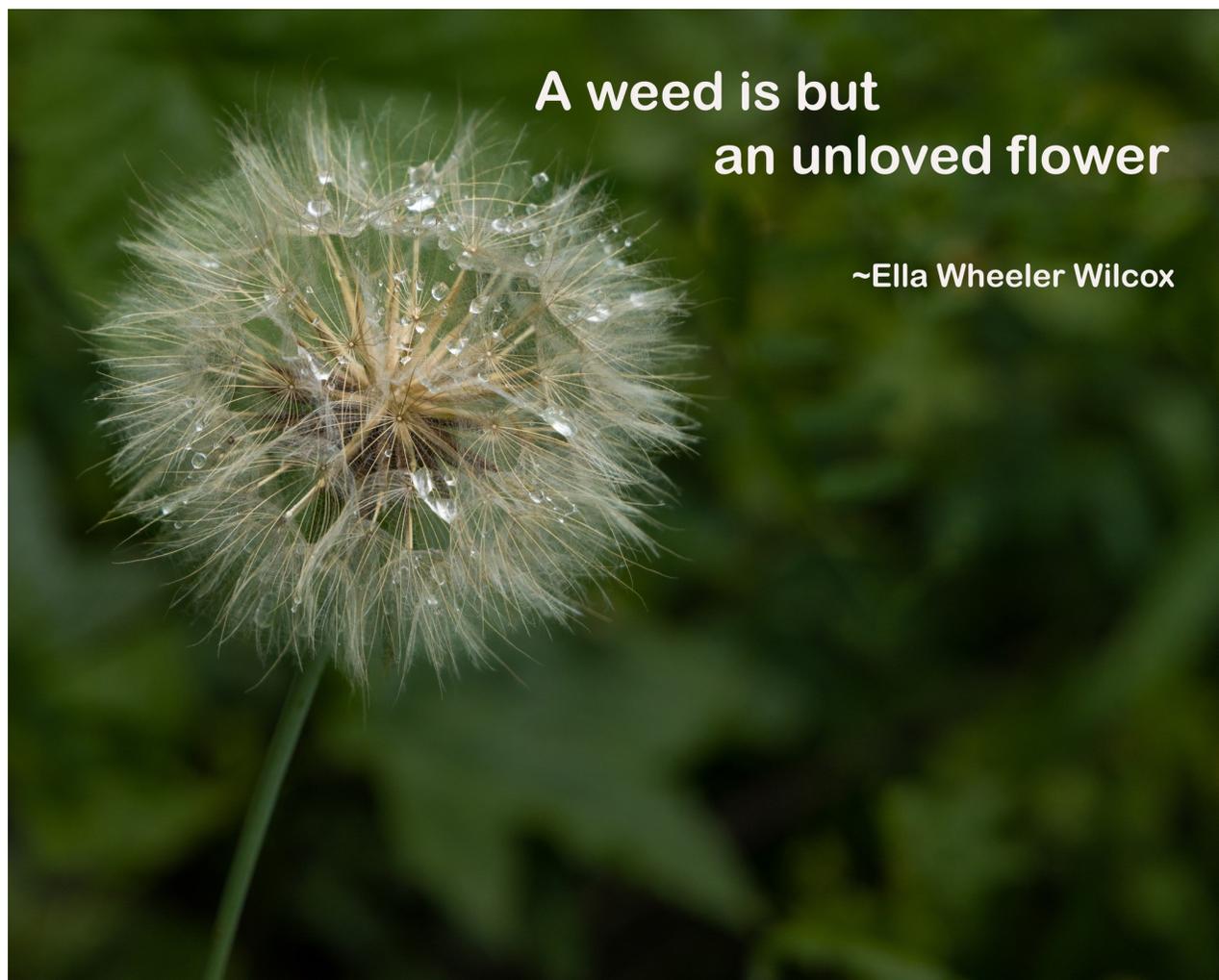


High Desert Floral Design Club SHINES at the NM State Fair



High Desert Design Club, Shirley Tetreault President

High Desert Design Club is a high functioning design group, however in May we took a bit of a detour and tried something different. It was very educational to have plant societies join us for a few months. We had Sharon Shannon Master Judge demo growing African Violets and designing with them. A great plant for creating petite designs. In June we were also very involved with the Council Flower Show "Alice in Wonderland". Our own Gwen Thorman created and painted the staging throughout the show. In July we had Stefani Yates-Groff, Beth Schneider and Eva Berry demo digging and dividing Iris. Everyone participated in potting an Iris to take home. Claudia Bonnett, Master Rosarian was the star of the show in August. She taught propagating Roses. It takes a little time but a very worthy project. In June we also studied Underwater, Transparency and Tubular Designs. It is so exciting to learn about the different types of plant material that we can grow ourselves and use in our designs. Now we are ready for Fall and the New Mexico State Fair.



Socorro Garden Club, District IV, Millie Sigman, President

June 21, 2023, Tuesday

A big thank you to Hope for helping with the weeding of the Socorro Hospital flower bed. We worked for 1.5 hours. Also, thanks to hope for the donation of the red Texas sage that will attract butterflies and hummingbirds. A hospital visitor was stirred up because she and her granddaughter heard a rattlesnake in a bush in the hospice flower bed in back of the hospital. Maintenance checked and didn't find it.

We think weeding every two weeks is good to keep grass and mustard weed at bay. Any one is welcome to join us.



EXCITING NEWS



While attending the Memorial Day events on May 29th, 2023, at the VA Gardens in Albuquerque I was approached by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to be on her Veterans Advisory Council. The Council is established and administratively attached to the Department of Veterans' Services and shall consist of eleven members. There are 11 members – 9 men and 2 women. We will conduct research, gather information, and analyze data related to veterans' needs, as well as reviewing existing policies, programs and services provided by state agencies, non-profit organizations, and private entities to identify areas for improvement. I have taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico. I am honored and excited that I was chosen to help our Veterans who serve this great country.



Our very own, Former NMGC President and Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman, Shirley Tetreault, has been appointed asked by the Governor of the state of New Mexico to the Veterans Advisory Council!

Thank you for your service to New Mexico Garden Club and to the State of New Mexico Shirley!



NEWS FROM New Mexico Judges Council

New Mexico Judges Council

is excited to announce that we will be hosting a

Design program and Workshop *presented by David Robson,*

October 13 & 14, 2023

ANYONE can attend this wonderful program and workshop!

Flower Show School 3 will be held January 20-21, 2024

Flower Show School 4 will be held July 27 -28, 2024

Watch for more information

or Email NM Judges Council President,

Suzy Andrego at Sandrego@aol.com

Want to put on a Flower Show

but your club is not sure where to begin??

Contact NM Judges Council President,

Suzy Andrego at Sandrego@aol.com

and she can put you in touch with Flower Show Mentors.

Dinner and Designs with David Robson



October 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m.

Albuquerque Garden Center
(10120 Lomas Blvd NE, ABQ, NM)

Italian Buffet will be served.

David is a National Garden Club Master Judge since 1992, and Flower Show School and Symposium instructor since 2008, teaching Horticulture Judging and Flower Show Procedures, traveling to all but 5 states. He is the past chairman of Horticulture and Flower Show Procedure Instructors for the NGC Flower Show Schools. Designing is a Passion of his. (a few of his designs below).



Then join us the following morning—Saturday October 14, 2023

For a Hands On Design Workshop—from 9:30-12 noon - Cost \$75.00

Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Blvd NE, ABQ, NM

David will show us how to create a wooden sculpture which will be already cut for you.

You will finish the wood, build the structure and design with Tropical flowers.

Then you can take it all home to enjoy and use again at a Flower Show.

Everything supplied except your apron and clippers. Bring those with you.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY Friday October 6, 2023

Call or Text NM Judges Council President, Suzy Andrego (505)259-3318 or

Email her at Sandrego@aol.com

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