



Quarterly Newsletter of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

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President Sorrell presented Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham a Penny Pines Plantation in her Honor for having NMGC hold the 2024 annual convention at the Governor's Mansion



Message from Our 2023-2025 President,

Debra Sorrell

“Grow Through What You Go Through”

“Grow Through What You Go Through” has turned out to be a more significant theme for my term than I ever imagined! I have grown personally in ways I did not expect. I certainly have a better picture of the “layout” of New Mexico Garden Clubs. Some of that is geographical but much is really in the hearts of our members.

Because the Executive Committee put forth a recommendation to redistrict, rousing discussions occurred everywhere! That’s good! I would hope that one of the results of those discussions is the realization that leadership and representation **MUST** come from every corner of the state. If your club/district is not feeling represented in this organization, it may very well be because your members regularly turn down offices that need to be filled. I know that I had a hard time getting people to say yes to jobs when I asked. This was the entire reason for even considering the idea of new districts. The rationale was that combining 2 districts with fewer clubs in each would decrease the number of offices to fill while increasing the pool of human beings who would be willing to fill them.

I completely understand the reasons why clubs who are alone would desire to group up with some other clubs. I also completely understand why some districts have great concerns about the distances that would be added to their travels. I really want everyone to be happy and have what they need from their participation in New Mexico Garden Club. There were very serious discussions in the Executive Committee meeting in Santa Fe about how to move forward. Your current District Directors are working hard to bring their districts back together after all the shut downs and are justifiably proud of the growing participation they are generating. They would like to see things continue to grow. Our conclusion from the meeting was to go back to the membership for potential solutions.

I am **VERY** interested in hearing from you! Please offer your input on some of these issues that we are forever trying to figure out: How do we raise up people who are willing to participate in District and State level offices? What is the perceived down-side of holding an office? Does your club pay for your President to attend the annual NMGC convention? Could your club send a new member to the annual convention? Why don’t more people attend/support district and state conventions? What do districts and the state need to provide to members to make them feel connected beyond their own club?

Message from Our 2023-2025 President (continued)

Let's figure out how to grow through this period we are growing through, together, and help New Mexico Garden Clubs be the best it can be!

If you did not attend this year's annual convention, you missed an amazing event! The Convention Chair, Laurie Hixson, and all her team from District II absolutely outdid themselves! I was so honored to get to preside over our meeting at the Governor's mansion and to be able to present Governor Lujan-Grisham with a Penny Pines certificate in her name. The convention committee arranged wonderful accommodations, food, tours and an incredible luncheon speaker. It all ended with the distribution of annual awards and the crazy "silent auction cash out". All in all, a very memorable event. Congratulations Laurie and District II !!! Be sure to be at the next one! It will be NMGC's 75th birthday and LOTS of surprises will be in store.

In late April, four of us from New Mexico attended the South Central Region (SCR) convention in Little Rock, Arkansas. The speakers were awesome, the theme was a fun tour around the world (including passports), the food was good and the friendships and laughter were unbeatable. I am looking forward to attending the National convention in Denver the first week of June.

There may be some changes coming, through National, to the Penny Pines program. I don't know any details at all but I will keep you all posted after I return from the convention.

I hope your summer is bright and warm and that everything you plant flourishes and makes your garden a beautiful place of refuge.

Debra Sorrell, President



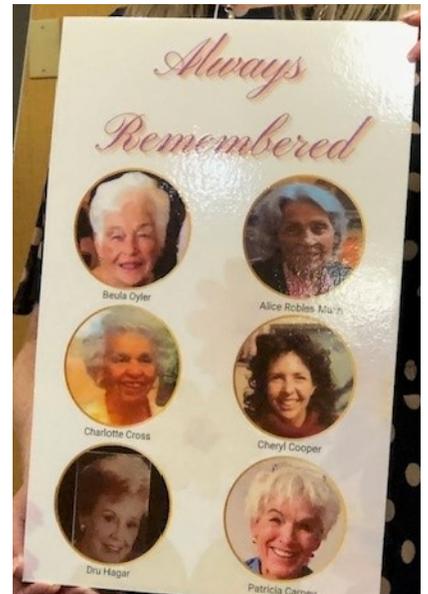
2024 Convention PHOTOS



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SCR Director, Sarah McReynolds addressing the membership



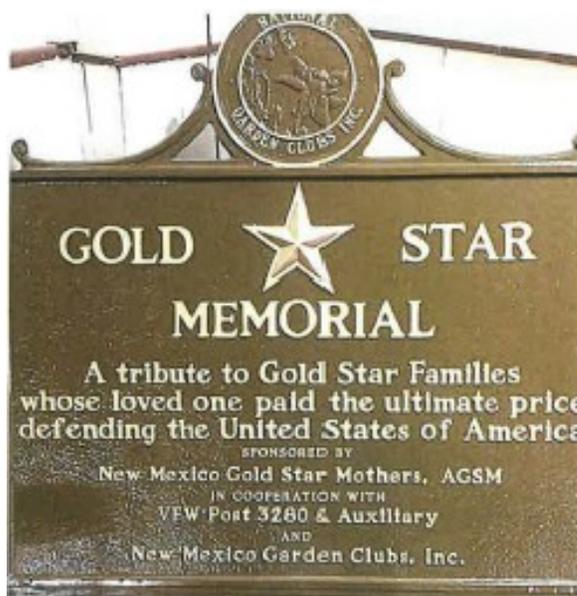






Gold Star Families Memorial Dedication

The New Mexico American Gold Star Mothers,
VFW Post 3280 and
the New Mexico Garden Clubs,
wish to invite you to the dedication
of this Gold Star Marker.



Clovis Veterans Park
W Grand & W 7th
Clovis, NM



Saturday, June 8 at 1:00 pm

**A tribute to Gold Star Families whose loved one
paid the ultimate price defending the United States of
America**

For more information contact Karen Alexander 575-799-3577



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Joyce Zaugg

The Annual Report is our historical documentation of our activities for the year. With that in mind, all Officers, District Directors, and Chairpersons need to send me their annual reports by July 1st, 2024. Your reports should cover June 1st, 2023-May 31st, 2024.

If you're a club President, you are invited to send a year end report but it is optional.

Please send your reports to my home address which is 115 Fort Union, Los Alamos, NM 87547 or email at greenleavesjoy@gmail.com. Thank you.



Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego

Three (3) TIPS for June

- 1. a member should always rise to make a motion or to address the group**
- 2. when making a motion, a member should say "I move to...", not "I make a motion..."**
- 3. a motion should always be approved by a second person who says, "I second the motion".**

The motion makers name is recorded. The person seconding the motion does not have their name recorded.

If you have parliamentary questions, email me at Sandrego@aol.com





Message from District I Director, *Debi Harrington*

"Going Green Through Education and Application"

District I met on March 11, 2024 at the Albuquerque Garden Center for its Annual Spring meeting, luncheon and program. A wonderful Italian buffet was prepared by Valley Gardeners and the 42 members in attendance were treated to an educational program on Dahlias by Dorothy Duff and Edith Iwan. Attendees each received a Dahlia tuber from Bill Shen. Awards for 2023 were given to several clubs, as well as individual members. All seven District I clubs were well represented in attendance.

During the next several months, District I clubs and their members will be busy with their club projects, as well as their individual gardens.

Many members will participate Share the Beauty Day, Council's Annual Parade of Gardens, Council's Flower Show in mid-June, floral design education, plant society activities, the NM Expo State Fair Flower Shows and much more!

District I members are very active in gardening, floral design and other National Garden Clubs objectives. Fun, educational opportunities abound this Summer, so be sure to enjoy fellowship with fellow gardeners and designers at these various club events. And, invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to join you. You never know when they might become a new member!

District I members, keep up the great work and I'll see you at an upcoming activity or program! And should I miss seeing you at one of the many events, I hope to see you at the Annual Fall District I meeting on Monday, October 14th, at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Uptown Garden Club will provide a delicious lunch and our program will be "Floral Design Inspiration -It Comes in All Shapes and Sizes!"



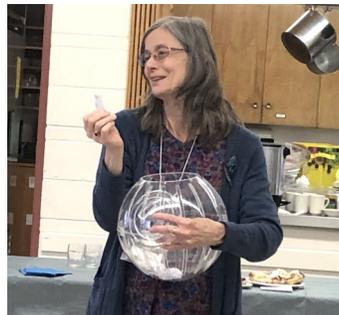


Message from District II Director, Kersti Rock

Wow! This winter and spring have been a whirlwind for District II but also a lot of fun! The first months of the new year were spent preparing for both the District II Spring Meeting and the District's hosting of the NMGC 2024 State Convention.

The District II Spring Meeting was held on March 8, 2024 at the United Church in Los Alamos.

About 23 people attended. We were delighted to have both New Mexico Garden Clubs State President Debra Sorrell and NMGC Past President, Christine Longthorp attending. During the State President's report in the General Meeting, Debra Sorrell presented Los Alamos Garden Club member Helen Carpenter with the Rose Award for her great work in supporting the District in addition to everything she does for her garden club. Helen contributes to garden club projects with energy, organization and a great sense of humor! It is much appreciated. Following the Executive Board and General Meetings, attendees enjoyed a lunch catered with food from Smith's Deli and El Parasol as well as some delicious goodies baked by some



of the garden club members. Local Penstemon expert Larry Deaven gave a fascinating presentation on the many varieties of penstemons that grow in New Mexico with a focus on the gorgeous penstemon gardens developed by Larry at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center in Los Alamos.

District II Annual Convention



Helen Carpenter receiving her ROSE Award



President Debra Sorrell & District II Director Kersti Rock

Message from District II Director, Kersti Rock (Continued)

In April, District II hosted the New Mexico Garden Clubs 2024 State Convention in Santa Fe at the Courtyard Marriott. The Pre-Convention Day, April 10, included the NMGC Executive Board Meeting and the Judges Council Meeting, Banquet and Program. This year the program was a viewing of the movie "Greenfingers", a delightful British comedy about a prison inmate who competes in a national gardening competition.



General Meeting at Governor's Mansion

On Convention Day, April 11, the General Meeting was held at the Governor's Residence at the invitation of Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham. The Santa Fe High School NJROTC presented the colors for the meeting in a very professional and moving ceremony. The Governor spoke to the attendees about ongoing work to landscape the areas around the Residence to be representative of plants and trees that grow well in different parts of the state. NMGC President Debra Sorrell presented Governor Lujan-Grisham with a framed Penny Pines certificate for trees donated on her behalf by NMGC. South Central Region Director Sarah McReynolds drove through the night to make the meeting after her flight from Dallas was seriously delayed. She gave a delightful extemporaneous speech as her notes were at the airport along with her luggage.



South Central Region Director Sarah McReynolds addressing members

Message from District II Director, Kersti Rock

Attendees enjoyed hearing from all the state officers as well and the meeting concluded with a brief walk around the landscaping projects outside the Residence. Everyone returned to the hotel for lunch and enjoyed an excellent talk by George Duda, retired New Mexico State Forester. The talk, titled "Trees are Killing Our Forests", discussed the state of our forests and forest management. The Silent Auction and Ways and Means raffle wrapped up after dinner and were followed by the Awards presentation.

The two days of the Convention included three tours. There was a tour of Rancho de las Golondrinas on the morning of April 10. A tour of the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens followed the lunch program on April 11. The final tour on the morning of April 12 was a visit to the Allan Houser (Haozous) Sculpture Garden. Each tour included a knowledgeable guide. The weather was good and attendees had a great time.

State Convention Chair Laurie Hixson and all the garden club members who chaired or worked on committees did a marvelous job! As always, the Conventions are a wonderful time with seeing friends from other parts of the state and many fun activities and learning.

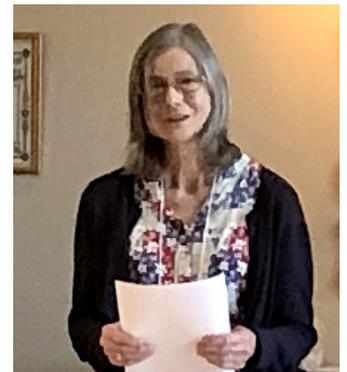


Governor's Speech

If you have not yet attended a NMGC State Convention, please plan to put April 14 and 15 on your calendar for NMGC's 75th Anniversary and Annual Convention in Albuquerque!



NM Judge Council Dinner before the Movie



Kersti Welcoming All



Lunch Centerpieces



Dinner Centerpieces



Silent Auction Tally



President Sorrell presenting Doris Jackson with NM Garden Club's Honorary Life Membership



Diane at Registration Table



At Alan Houser Sculpture Garden



At Santa Fe Botanical Gardens



Message from District IV Director, *Linda Brandis*

District IV had its Annual Spring Meeting in March at La Cocina Restaurant in Truth or Consequences. Our honored guests were NMGC President, Debra Sorrell and NMGC Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego. We had a wonderful and informative program on “Hummingbirds” by Marcy Scott, author of Hummingbird Plants of the Southwest and co-owner of Robledo Vista Nursery, Radium Springs.

District IV has only three clubs now: Mesilla Valley, Socorro, and Sunshine Valley. Each club continues to be very diligent in the pursuit of their various projects.



Life Membership & Scholarship *Christine Longthorp, Chairman*



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



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

The NMGC Membership pin costs \$20!

SUPPORT OUR NMGC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2024 AWARD WINNERS

Photography

*Photographic Print of the Year -
Beverly Cooper Summit GC
Landscape*

Birds:

1st Beverly Cooper Summit Garden Club

2nd Selvi Viswanathan Los Alamos GC

3rd Page Steed Angel Fire GC

Butterflies:

1st Debi Harrington Moriarty GC

2nd Selvi Viswanathan Los Alamos GC

3rd Vicki Hobson Morning GC

Horticulture:

1st Susan Schultz Angel Fire GC

2nd Debi Harrington Moriarty GC

3rd JJ Huddleston Angel Fire GC

Insect:

1st Page Steed Angel Fire GC

2nd Michelle Hembree Morning GC

3rd Selvi Viswanathan Los Alamos GC

Landscape:

1st Beverly Cooper Summit GC

2nd Page Steed Angel Fire GC

3rd Michelle Hembree Morning GC

Wildlife:

1st Beverly Cooper Summit GC

2nd Page Steed Angel Fire GC

3rd Joan Karrie Petal Pushers GC

Standard of Excellence

Class III 1st Uptown GC 1140 pts

Class II 1st Petal Pushers 460 pts

2nd Morning GC 400 pts

3rd Los Alamos GC 365 pts

Class I 1st High Desert Design 330 pts

Club History

Class I 1st Sunshine Valley GC

Class II 1st Morning GC

2nd Petal Pushers GC

Class III 1st Los Alamos GC

Civic Development - 1st Morning GC

Garden Therapy—1st Morning GC

Longevity Award - 1st Petal Pushers GC
- 2nd Uptown GC

Membership Increase

Petal Pushers 15%

Moriarty 21%

Uptown 19%

Floral Designers 10%

Los Alamos 11%

Summit 19%

Artesia 13%

Lincoln County 38%

Honorary Member - Doris Jackson



Scholarship Recipient Nikoma Hen-



**Design of the
Year Kathleen Flanders**



SCR AWARDS

CE-1 Community Concerns 1st place - Morning GC (\$25)

SCR Director's Project Pollinator Partnerships - Adult 2nd place - Socorro GC (\$50)

Scholarship: Nikoma Henkles

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



“3,2,1 Houston we have lift off.” We are in full Mars mode at the youth garden club Organic Planet sponsored by Uptown Garden Club. We planted 34 chili seeds and within 5 days we had 15 germinated. Two week later we had 32 germinated and growing. We are documenting the germination and growth along with several other students throughout the US. NASA has provided the chili seeds and we planted the seeds in a controlled environment (inside the classroom) and are recording data to share with NASA scientists.

[This Photo](#)



We had such great plans for our pollinator garden, but “the best laid plans often go awry” APS decided that we needed a handicap ramp right next to our flower bed, so we had to delay that until we have access to the bed again. We may all get together when school is over and have a planting day. Our milkweed that we planted in February is ready for the outdoors.



Looking for a fun activity for June? Enter in the Council of Albuquerque’s Garden Clubs annual Flower Show youth division aptly called **“Ain’t We Got Fun” on June 14th & 15th, 2024**. Get an old had to design, or upcycle a found item for your container. Even the younger kids can have fun gluing seeds, flowers, sticks, on a 1920’s face. Come join the fun and see all the flowers on display along with educational exhibits.

If you have any youth gardening activities Please contact me at Lynnette.Walker@q.com



Chili seeds 4/30/24



Chili seeds 5/24



Showy Milkweed

Trees & Shrubs, Dodi Bernal-Suhr, Chairman

It was a most productive convention in Santa Fe for your Trees and Shrubs Chairman. I was relieved to be able to share with you my disappointment at not having a Tree and Shrub award this year. I am confident, however, that 2025 can be quite different.

We will all be planting trees and shrubs! Hopefully!!

I am formulating a plan for this year that can include the entire NM Garden Clubs group.

We have an opportunity to volunteer to plant a tree(s) at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe, NM with a group of arborists.

On September 18, 2024, arborists will volunteer their time to remedy neglect at local national cemeteries throughout the USA as part of a nationwide movement called “Saluting Branches”. This would be our way of joining a national day of service to honor our veterans.

For now, I am including the link for Saluting Branches. (<http://salutingbranches.org>) The person heading up the group at the Santa Fe National Cemetery is **Ryan Brenteson** of Very Good Tree Service. This will be the national organizations 10th year of service and New Mexico’s third year of participation.

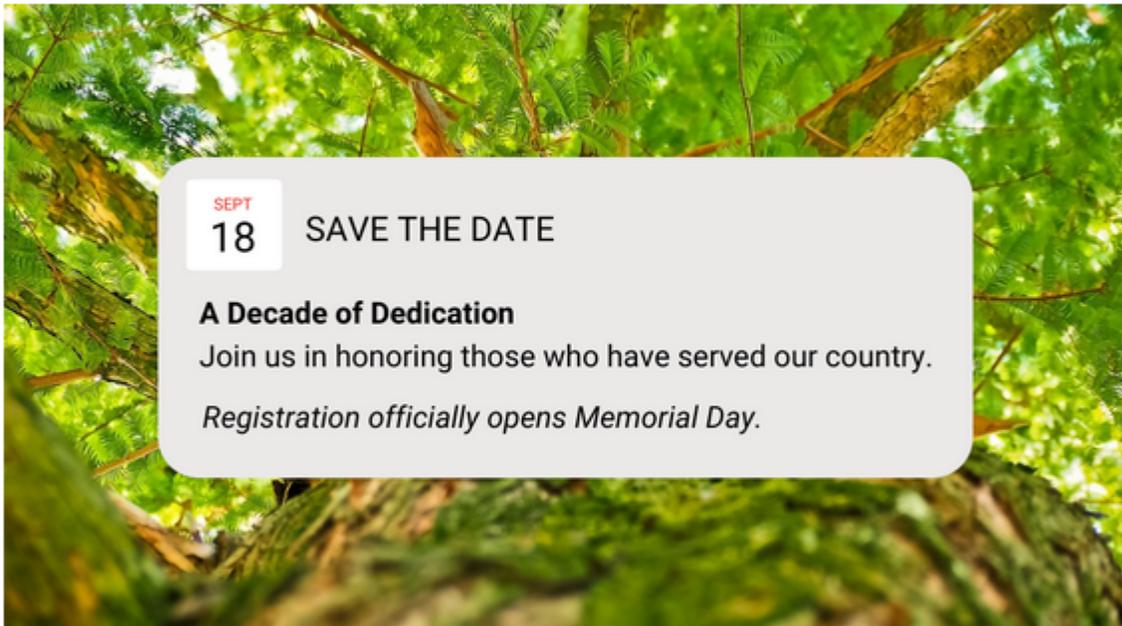
Lastly, to learn about our awards process and procedures please go to our website:

newmexicogardenclubs.org

Once there look for the **Awards Handbook**. All details, requirements and applications are there. Specifically, Trees and Shrubs are on page 27! Be sure to read all the general requirements first.

You are welcome to reach out to me, Dodie at bryan.suhr@verizon.net





Happy Spring! As we embark on the journey of 2024, we are thrilled to kick off our 10th year of service – a Decade of Dedication to honoring our nation's veterans through tree and landscape care. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication over the past decade.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our generous sponsors and partners who have stood by our side, enabling us to make a \$4 million impact on veterans' dedicated properties nationwide in 2023. Your support has been instrumental in our success, and we are immensely grateful for your continued partnership.

Blue Star/Gold Star, Shirley Tetreault, Chairman

Saturday, April 27, 2024 was a historical day for New Mexico. We dedicated the first Gold Star Marker at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park in Albuquerque. This event was emotional, but the Gold Star Mothers stayed strong and unveiled the marker. Suzy Andregro read the history of the marker and Christine Longthorp gave a Tribute to the families. Brigadier General Jamison Herrera Dedicated the marker. We had great participation from High Desert Design Club, Uptown Garden Club, Blue Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers, and the Kirtland Spouses Club to make this dedication a great success.

Attached you will see a flier for the 2nd marker that will be dedicated on the 8th of June. If you live in Texas and are close, we would love to have you attend this dedication.

Respectfully submitted.

Shirley Tetreault

President High Desert Design Club,

NM Garden Clubs Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman

South Central Region Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman

Gold Star Mother



THUGGS IN THE GARDEN

As I cleaned my garden this spring, I thought about problem plants I had intentionally introduced. They come in several varieties.

Many annuals will self-sow but can be useful fillers of empty spaces between fading spring bulbs and later blooms. Shirley poppies, larkspur, bachelor buttons, snow on the mountain *Euphorbia marginata*, Money plant (lunaria) and cosmos are ones that work for me. They will give a better show if emerging seedlings are thinned. Pulling out undesirable colors and forms and allowing desirable plants to reseed will improve your personal strains. Hybrid annuals such as zinnias or marigolds will not be true to the original variety in the second generation and are best started from new seed.

There are perennials with invasive roots such as many Campanulas, Spanish Bells or Lady Bells *Adenophora*, Yarrow, Russian Sage (*Perovskia*), some species Roses, ribbon grass, Bishop's weed (*Agopodium*). Violets may spread invasively by runners and by cleistogamous seed pods which develop without blooms. I have evicted many Asters from my garden for their invasiveness. One called "Audrey" that I can only think was the namesake of "Audrey II" from "Little Shop of Horrors"! *Euphorbia myrsinites* is invasive except in extremely dry sites.

Lilly of the Valley, though slow to establish, will fill large beds if conditions of moisture and shade are right. Many clumps of perennials increase and may be dug and divided with friends, but thugs run faster than are easily controlled and often travel widely underground and root along the ranging surface shoots. The native yellow Columbine self-sows wildly, the seedlings sprout in the midst of everything and they develop deep strong roots.

Some seeds are bird disseminated and some have parachutes like dandelions, sweet autumn Clematis, *Amsonia tabernamontana* and Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus*). Tumble weeds, tansy mustard and fox tail grass blow in from empty lots and should be recognized early and eliminated.

There are a few invasive bulbs. Many Alliums develop tiny side bulbs which are shed easily when the bulb is disturbed. They also set seeds which become wispy seedlings and are difficult to spot and eliminate. Certain species Tulips produce tiny bulbs that result in lawns of leaves which crowd out other plants and seldom flower. The lady or Candy Stick (*T. clusiana*), lilac gem (*T. bakeri*) are two of these. Spring star flower (*Tritile a uniflora*), species Crocus, Grape hyacinth (*Muscari*) will become invasive through seeds and bulbs. Those are difficult to deadhead because they are so small.

THUGGS IN THE GARDEN (continued)

English ivy spreads up walls, trees and into flower beds. When it becomes mature (arborescent) it blooms and sets seed which is spread by birds. Wisteria will travel under walls and by seed to neighbors yards. Silver lace vine spreads by seed and runners as does Virginia creeper and Honey suckle.

Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven), Hackberries, Locusts, Cotoneasters, Vitex (they are not cannabis) Crepe Myrtle, Buddlea, Honeysuckle, all produce viable seeds most of which should be eliminated.

Learning to recognize seedlings early will help eliminate pest plants and allow the gardener to take advantage of “free” plants. Pass along plants are a good source of sturdy garden materials, but beware of why the donor has excess to share and be alert for unwanted invasives that may tag along.



Invasive Alliums



English Ivy



Hackberry



Ailanthus



Bishop's weed

**The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc.
would like to invite all fellow gardeners and designers
to its 2024 Council Flower Show**

Presented by the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF JAZZ



**ALBUQUERQUE GARDEN CENTER
FLOWER SHOW**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1 PM TO 4 PM
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 10 AM TO 4 PM**

OPEN & FREE TO THE PUBLIC

10120 Lomas Blvd NE (inside Los Altos park)
AlbuquerqueGardenCenter.org * 505-296-6020

Entries Accepted: Friday, June 14th, 7 am - 10 am
Awards Ceremony: Saturday, June 15th, 3:30 pm

And please join us
on Saturday @ 2:30 pm
for our Jazz Era Tea



For ticket info email
tea@abqgardencenter.org

A NGC Standard Flower Show
Member of:
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
South Central Region
NMGC, District 1

The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. was formed in 1950 with the goal of educating the public on horticultural matters. The council currently includes 16 gardening clubs in the Albuquerque Area, many of which are also members of NMGC, Inc., coordinating the activities of those clubs and overseeing the Albuquerque Garden Center.

This year's show includes Horticulture, Design, and Youth Divisions where you're sure to find a class or two to enter your favorite plants, flowers, and arrangements. The link to the show schedule can be found here: <https://www.albuquerquegardencenter.org/flower-show>

We hope to see you there!



Garden Club News from Around the State

Los Alamos Garden Club, District II, by Joyce Zaugg

Our February speaker was Angela Prada from the Los Alamos County Extension Office. She discussed rose diseases and how to properly treat them.

In March, a very interesting presentation on The Mathematics of Sunflowers by local naturalist Robert Dryja. He showed how the designs of florets in sunflowers follow the Fibonacci numbers overlay. The same principle can be seen in pine cones.

Los Alamos Garden Club hosted the District II meeting in March. Local resident and author Larry Devan presented a colorful program on Penstemons. Dr. Devan maintains a Penstemon Garden at the Nature Center.



April 10 and 11 District II hosted the New Mexico Garden Clubs annual convention in Santa Fe. LAGC helped to make it a very successful convention. The highlight was having the convention's official opening and general business meeting at the Governor's Mansion. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham gave a brief presentation on the use of native and low water use plants around the mansion grounds. Doris Jackson was given Honorary Member status and will not have to pay dues going forward.

Our club meeting in April, was our installation of new officers, spring luncheon and our own Laurie Hixson helped us make spring flower designs. We also honored Harvey Cruz for being a member for over 50 years. It's been a very busy Springtime.

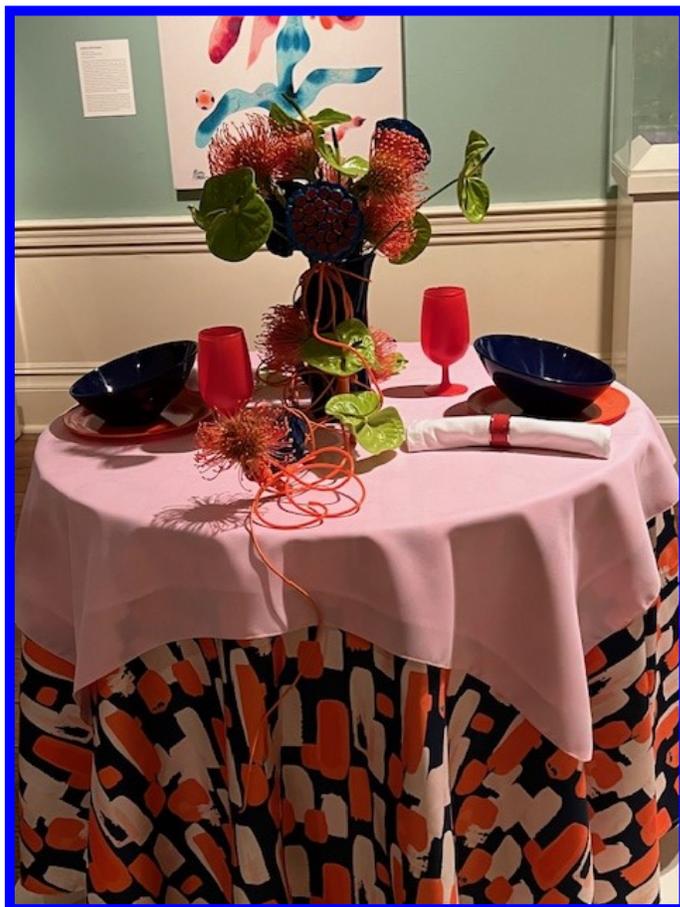


Floral Designers, Anne May President

President May participated in a Flower Show in Boston.

Theme: “Creating a twist in the morning, fantastical forms and colors transition from dreams Into the waking world.”

Below are the 3 pieces of art that I had to interpret as 1 and then use as inspiration to create a functional table, last photo. It was an enjoyable challenge!



High Desert Design Club, Shirley Tetreault President

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00. Our purpose is to enjoy each other's company and learn something in the process. At this time we are busy working on designs to enter in the Council Flower Show "The Golden Age of Jazz" on June 14-15, 2024. This is a great opportunity for showing horticulture and design. In June, right before the show, we will be working on leaf manipulation that you may see in some of the designs. We also begin working hard in the summer to get ready for the New Mexico State Fair.

Morning Garden Club, District IV, *Cindy Johnson, President*

At our February meeting we discussed bulbs. Each member talked about their favorite bulb. It was hard to pick just one!

Our March meeting was all about seeds. We planted seeds in a variety of containers, learning how to get the best results, and a start on the growing season.



In April, we had our meeting at President, Cindy Johnson's home for a most enjoyable pot/plant exchange party. Everyone went home with new plants to try. The weather was good, refreshments were great. Prickly pear lemonade made by Cindy was very refreshing.

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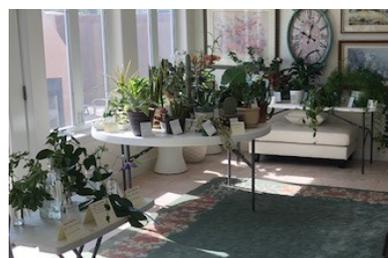


"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments." -- Janet Kilburn Phillips

Home Garden Club, David Blount, President

Home Garden Club held a Home flower show for the first time in many years. A great learning time and fun was had! We also installed new officers!

CONGRATULATIONS
to Sandi Davis on
her new Presidency
and to all the other
Home Garden Clb
Officers!



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

Spring found Summit Garden Club members working on our Phoenix bird centerpieces for the state convention.



Also, we have continued to tend the gardens at Bandelier National Monument and the White Rock Community Garden.



At our May meeting, we installed our new officers, and were able to honor and thank Norma Tech for fifty years of being our scholarship chairman.



Morning Garden Club, District V, Vicki Hobson, President

Morning Garden Club's parliamentarian and fantastic design mentor, Pegi Naranjo Smith, recently installed our newly elected officers for 2024-2026. Our officers are: David Cox, president; Pat Krakauskas, 1st VP; Amy Tellez, 2nd VP; Sue Ferguson, treasure; Debbie Rodriguez, recording secretary; and Whitney Hobson, correspondence secretary. These thoughtful and enthusiastic members will be planning for our upcoming year full of programs, community gardening, and donations to our chosen charities.



Our member, Renate Reisel has been beautifying the Historical museum with planters overflowing with welcoming blossoms, as well as caring for numerous other planters around Roswell.

Our club is now working toward our second pollinator party on June 22 at the Roswell Spring River Zoo. We are hoping to include more groups and have various give aways for the families of Roswell in hopes they will help spread the word on saving the pollinators.



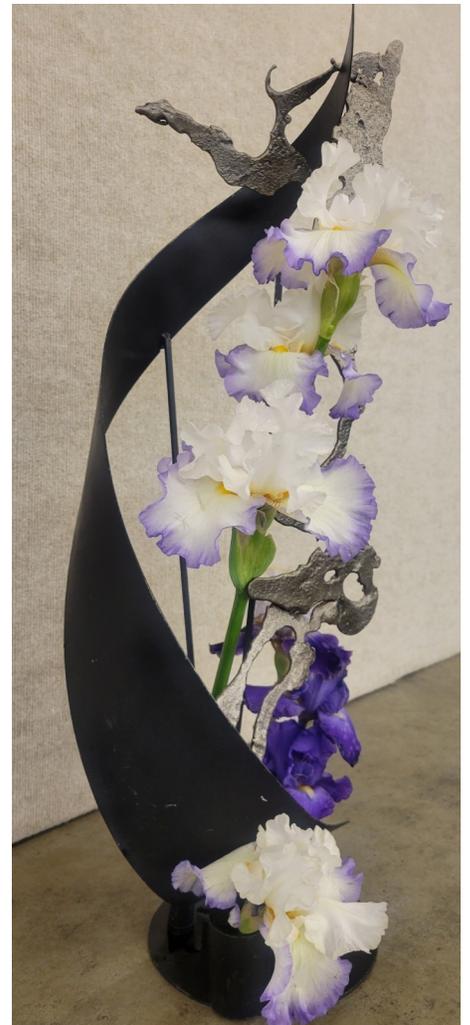
Advanced Design Class Albuquerque Garden Center

This year was the first year for the Advanced Design Class at the Albuquerque Garden Center. It was an experiment to see how many were really interested in the study of creative designs. My concern was that we needed to have at least ten (10) students to make it worth opening the Garden Center. I'm proud to say that on 5/21/2024 we will graduate fourteen (14) students who have successfully completed all the designs in this program. I prepared the curriculum with information and pictures that I handed out weekly. They did not receive the information all at once. It was a challenge to see what each of them would come up with on design day and they were amazing. We started off with Tubular, then Multi-Rhythmic followed by a Duo design. The last three designs were Low Profile, Transparency and on graduation night they will construct and Armature Design. This class has been fun, therapeutic, educational, and amazing. I hope this will be a yearly event at the Garden Center.

Shirley Tetreault, NGC Design Instructor



Transparency Design



Multi Rhythmic

Advanced Design Class (continued)



Duo Design Side 1



Duo Design Side 2



Tubular Design



Low Profile Design

Mesilla Valley Garden Club, District IV, Linda Frank, President

Our February 13 meeting took place in the Lush & Lean Garden of the Las Cruces Utilities office building. Rhonda Dia, Las Cruces Water Conservation Specialist, provided handouts and gave a presentation on Las Cruces water source, use, and concerns. Discussions included the hotline for reporting waste water, watering restrictions, and the Las Cruces Utility Hawk system for detecting leaks.

Las Cruces staff also led the presentation for our March meeting, "City Compost". Utilities Assistant Plant Manager, Joaquin Murillo and his crew, talked about the 3.3 billion gallons of sewage that passes through the waste water treatment plant, separation of solids, treatment and disinfecting of wastewater so it can be safely discharged into the Rio Grande, and the resulting class "A" compost. The compost is available in 10-gallon buckets, free to the public. Many of the Club members have since taken advantage of the compost, and we're eagerly waiting to see the results of using this free resource in their gardens.



While the Club did not meet in April, we participated in two events in May. The first weekend in May we provided assistance to the Mesquite District Plant Share. Club members brought plants to share, picked up a few goodies, and offered assistance to the organizers by arranging the free plants into appropriate categories and answering general gardening questions from the public.

On May 7 we had our end of season luncheon hosted at Vice President, Carolyn Bergsagel's, spacious and comfy home. We were honored to have Debra Sorrell not only join our meeting but also lead a workshop in Flower Pounding. We sure worked off our

lunch! The workshop piqued the interest of many members in what flowers from their gardens might lend themselves to pounding.

One member is planning to pound on fabric to see what might result.



Our planning session for the 2024-2025 season will be June 11, 1pm, at La Posta restaurant in Mesilla.



NEWS FROM New Mexico Judges Council

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

See the attached Brochure for Flower Show School 4
or Email NM Judges Council President,
Suzy Andrego at Sandrego@aol.com

NGC FLOWER SHOW JUDGES SYMPOSIUM

October 9 & 10, 2024

Emerson House
1556 Emerson Street, Denver, Colorado

The instructors are:

Claudia Bates - Design - Allied Topic will be "Interpretation versus Expression"

Darlene Newell - Horticulture - Allied Topic will be "Vertical Gardening"

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