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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Educate, Communicate and Leave a Legacy!”

September and October were unbelievably busy for your State President. We started off with five shows at the New Mexico State Fair working the design classification table. Betty Heisler was right by my side and actually took over that task when I headed for the National Fall Board in Great Falls, Montana. The fair had a total of 3,328 entries which included a good portion from the children. A \$30.00 monetary award gift certificate to High Country Gardens was given to the top award winners. The council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs donated \$1,087.06 this year. Hopefully, next year we will have even more entries.



On September 11th and 12th I taught the design section of Flower Show School II at the Albuquerque Garden Center. I hope within the next year we will have seven or more new judges in New Mexico.

On September 22nd I headed for Great Falls, Montana for our National Fall Board meeting and to learn about the many up and coming programs. We need to take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities. For children, we have the Smokey Bear/Woodsy owl poster contest, essay and poetry contest, and many scholarships available. There are new jewelry pieces available for club fundraisers, daffodil bulbs etc. Please access the national website at www.gardenclub.org for more information.

In October, I attended all five District meetings with pleasure as always. It is a great experience to travel around the state and see the different projects in motion. District V is extremely organized and working hard on the annual convention to be held in Roswell. We also had our own Doris Jackson do a workshop on making pinecone ristras at the fall board in Albuquerque. Everyone laughed and had a great time. Nancy Core did a great job of organizing things. My great friend of many years, Esther Russell, made beautiful personalized aprons for me to hand out to all club presidents. I want you all to know how very special you are and I thank you.

The following week, I left New Mexico and went to Houston, Texas to teach FSS III and to do a miniature design program for their Judges Council. It was a wonderful experience and it allowed me to see how other states work out the details of their schools.

As the holidays are almost upon us, I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and happy times with friends and family.

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NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
62nd Annual Convention
Enchanted Gardening West of the Pecos
March 28-30, 2011
Roswell, New Mexico

Print Your Name (as you would like it to appear on your nametag)

Name: _____

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Please check your classification(s) (all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> State Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> State Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> District Director
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Please complete either a Full-Time Package or Part-Time Registration*:

Full-Time Package includes: \$20.00 registration fee, two breakfast, lunch/program, President's reception, installation ceremony, dinner/program and gratuity.

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked on or before March 11, 2011) \$ 90.00 _____

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked after March 11, 2011) \$105.00 _____

NOTE: Registration fee in NON-REFUNDABLE after early registration closes on March 11, 2011.

NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL DINNER/PROGRAM (not included in package plan)

Monday, March 28, 2011

Dinner/Program Judges Fee	\$30.00	_____
Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee	\$35.00	_____
Program Only	\$10.00	_____

NOTE: All NMGC members and guests are welcome to attend the NM Judges Council dinner and program.

***PART-TIME REGISTRATION:** (Part-time registration is for those who only wish to attend part of the convention activities for Tuesday, March 29 and/or the Awards breakfast on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Registration fee and meals are priced separately.)

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Breakfast Buffet	\$13.50	_____
Luncheon/Program	\$12.50	_____
Dinner/Program	\$24.00	_____
President's Reception & Installation	\$12.50	_____

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Awards Breakfast Buffet	\$12.50	_____
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Part-Time Total \$____.____

Please make checks payable to **District V NMGC Inc. 2011 State Convention** and mail with this form to:

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SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: Isabel Olsen, issyolsen@yahoo.com or #575-627-0534

HOTEL: Best Western Sally Port Inn & Suites, 2000 N. Main St., Roswell, NM 88201, #575-622-6430. Single or double rate, two queen beds: \$75.00 plus tax; Suite with king bed: \$80.00 plus tax. **Please be sure to mention NMGC, Inc. 2011 Convention. (Hotel reservations can not be made until after January 1, 2011 as the hotel is closed for remodeling.)**

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
62nd Annual Convention Programs
Roswell, New Mexico

Judges Council Dinner Program, Monday, March 28, 2011

Hi, I'm Esther Mancillas Davis, AIFD. I am a native New Mexican, having been born and raised in Cloudcroft. I am married and have three sons, two granddaughters and one grandson.

I have been in the florist industry since 1978. I started as a floral designer in Spokane, WA. I then designed for a year in Alamogordo before moving to Florida from 1981 until 2003. While in Florida, I was part owner of Something Original Florist in Fort Walton Beach, FL with Roger Donnelson for 17 years. I was involved with the Florida State Florist's Association as a member and on the board of directors. I was a member of the Northwest Florida Florist's Association and served as vice-president and secretary. I was voted on and made an honorary member for life. I was also a member of the Emerald Coast Florist's Association, the Panhandle Florist's Association and the Southern Retail Association.

I served on the Florida Teleflora board of directors for twelve years as a director, secretary and vice-president. I was also on the Florida FTD board and on the Carlstedts Wholesale education and design team for 20 years and did numerous design shows throughout the southeast.

In 1996, I was inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designers in Palm Desert, CA and in 2005 I was honored to be able to assist on the floral design team for the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Since returning to New Mexico, I opened The Florist Shoppe and Gifts in Alamogordo with my partner Roger, have joined the New Mexico State Florist's Association and have been co-chair of the state conventions in Farmington, Las Cruces and Bernalillo. I have been on the board of directors for District V, vice president, president-elect and currently president of Mountain Garden Club.

I believe in sharing the knowledge that has been shared with me over the years by my fellow florists and I enjoy making new florist friends whom you will find in any floral association.

Esther M. Davis, AIFD.NMSMF

NMGC, Inc. Lunch Program, Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Be prepared to be **DAZZLED** by the ladies of Morning Garden Club at the lunch on Tuesday as they present **"FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA & TOOL PARTY 201."** This fashion show will feature beautiful clothes from local merchants, Roswell Livestock and Farm Supply and Bealls along with couture creations from our members. You will also be exposed to innovative gardening

tools used by real gardeners. This light hearted program will offer a few **SURPRIZES** so be sure to attend.

NMGC, Inc. Dinner Program, Tuesday, March 29, 2011

TAX, a Great Horned Owl from the Spring River Zoo will be the star of the presentation at the dinner on Tuesday night. TAX was hatched on April 15, 2006 at the zoo in Roswell and has become an exceptional ambassador for the zoo. TAX's special friend, Head Zoo Keeper Marge Woods has worked with TAX from the day he was hatched and they share a special relationship. As an adult Great Horned Owl, TAX has a wing span of over four feet and his beauty will amaze you. It will be a once in a lifetime experience to see TAX up close and to learn about these amazing birds of prey.



OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

1st Vice-President – Doris Jackson

The NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque was fun, interesting and educational. Nancy Core was Meeting Chairman and Betty Heisler, Meeting Co-chair at the Courtyard by Marriott Journal Center in Albuquerque.

The NM Judges Council held their meeting and dinner on October 21st. Linda Whetsell presented the program following dinner. Her program was "Orchids: the Modern House Plant". We were shown and given a lot of good information on some of the easier orchids to grow.

The morning of October 22nd started off with breakfast which was followed by a welcome to Albuquerque by John Sena, President of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. The table decorations were provided by Santa Rosa Garden Club. Following breakfast, we moved to the Santa Domingo Room for the Official Opening and General Meeting.

Angel Fire Garden Club provided the centerpieces for the luncheon. Following lunch, the program: "Native American Basketry & Plants/ Materials/ Techniques" by Pearl Sunrise, was educational and interesting.

After Pearl's program, Doris Jackson led a hands on workshop on constructing pine cone ristras. Many participants finished their ristras and others were going to finish them when they got home. Angel Fire GC is going to have pine cone ristra workshop in November for all their members. I hope that many of the participants will also share the technique with their club members.

There was a Silent Auction of four centerpieces and Best Children's Garden Club Craft Idea Contest. Members that entered the contest brought a sample of an idea and the directions. There were creativity, simplicity and originality awards for these ideas.

Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

It is time again to start finalizing applications for the 2010 New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., awards. Please refer to the Awards Handbook for details of club and individual awards. There are so many different topics from herbs to water conservation. Most come with a monetary prize, but all certainly come with wonderful recognition of a worthy project. The deadline for applying is February 1, 2011. All club presidents and state chairmen have copies of the Awards Handbook to share with you. The Handbook can be read and printed from our website, www.newmexicogardenclubs.org.

Also, please consider applying for regional and/or national awards. For regional awards information, you can go to the South Central Region website at

www.gardencentral.org/scr. Scroll down and click on "Awards Guidelines" at the bottom of the home page. For national awards, you can go to www.gardenclub.org and click on "Awards". One can apply for a myriad of awards. The deadline for applying for regional or national awards is January 1, 2010 and the award applications should be sent to me for forwarding.

Please contact me at 575-625-9182 or by e-mail to ferguson@rt66.com with ANY questions you may have regarding applying for awards. Good Luck!

Judges Council Nominating Committee – Elizabeth O’Brien, Chair

The nominations for Judges Council are as follows:

Judges Chairman – Christine Longthorp

Vice Chairman – Suzy Andrego

Secretary – Colleen Hinker

Treasurer – Elaine Warden

These names were submitted at Fall Board as nominees.

NMGC, Inc. Nominating Committee – Georgia Schoenecker, Chair

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2011-2013:

President: Shirley Tetreault, District I

1st Vice-President: Isabel Olsen, District V

2nd Vice-President: Nancy Ketchum, District IV

Recording Secretary: Fannie Mackie, District II

Treasurer: Norma Tech, District II

Historian: Doris Jackson, District II

Members of the nominating committee are: Suzy Andrego, District I; Maggie Rubino, District II; Colleen Hinker, District III; Becky Fuller, District IV; Georgia Schoenecker, District V.

***New Mexico Gardener Report* – Cynthia Shafer, Editor**

As of October 20, 2010, 315 members have received the *Gardener* via e-mail and 200 via USPS. Our membership is at 594.

It is extremely important that e-mail addresses are correct and if a member changes their e-mail address, please notify myself (mcschafer@valornet.com) or Sue Ferguson (ferguson@rt66.com) so their next issue will reach them. This is also true for members receiving the *Gardener* via USPS. If a member is part-time, they should submit both their summer and winter addresses along with the dates for each. With the Fall mailing we had 16 mail delivery failures in e-mail and eight hard copies returned.

With the Winter issue we will be at 200+ hard copies; therefore, we will be eligible for the bulk mail rate again.

All articles need to be submitted via e-mail. If the person who does your article does not use a computer, I am sure there is someone in your club who does have e-mail and would be willing to type in the report for that person and send it.

All photos must be sent as separate .jpg files attached to an e-mail. Any photos sent imbedded in a document or other than .jpg will be returned. Also, please do not format any articles or forms. Send as a straight e-mail text or Word document. The hard copy format that goes into Copy Rite is not the format that comes out of Copy Rite. Thank you to all who send in reports.

We received lots of photos for this issue. Unfortunately, due to space constraints we could not use all of them (see article below.)

NMGC, Inc. Website – Cindy Hills, Chair

Club photographs can be displayed on our website in the Photo Gallery section. Photographs should be sent in jpeg format as attachments to email. One photo per jpeg file. The body of the email should contain an explanation of the photographs. Email and photos should be sent to Cindy Hills at cinzh@aol.com with a "cc" to Shirley Tetreault at ammasangels@comcast.net.

ATTENTION ALL GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

We are going to add a new column to the *New Mexico Gardener*, "Member's Corner." We have so many talented gardeners throughout the state and we want to hear from you.

Any member can submit an informative article and we encourage you do so, **don't be shy**. We want to read about your expertise in growing certain plants, flowers, herbs, vegetables, gardening techniques. We are also interested in any gardening experience that you learned from and would like to inform other gardeners of what worked and what didn't work. Even if you only have a couple of tips and tricks, please send them in.

Along with the article, include your name, garden club(s) you are a member of, an e-mail address and phone number in case someone has questions. You may also submit photos. Due dates and publication guidelines are at the end of this newsletter.

HORTICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

I. REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Applications due to the State Awards Chairman by **February 1st**.
- B. Applications are sent out of state for judging.
- C. Follow "APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES" on Page 2.

II. **AWARD:** The Horticulturist of the Year Award presented by NMGC, Inc.

III. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- A. Any member of a garden club belonging to NMGC, Inc.
- B. A gardener who does ones own gardening (spouses may assist).
- C. Any paid work must be listed in application.

IV. TO BE INCLUDED IN APPLICATION:

- A. List methods of soil and water conservation which you practice.
- B. Give approximate size of garden(s).
- C. Number of blue ribbons won in Standard Flower Shows or Plant Society shows in horticulture. Also, state number of shows entered. (No photographs needed.)
- D. Names, types, and numbers of plants in your garden: annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, etc. Give both botanical and cultivar name, if possible.
- E. List types of gardens: perennials, rock gardens, herb gardens, patio plantings, fruit and vegetable gardens, etc.
- F. What is the source of your plants and/or seeds?
- G. Describe how your garden looks during the year, in the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.
- H. Have you tried any new cultivars within this award time frame?
- I. For this award application include any food grown, listing cultivar names.
- J. Describe any plant breeding, such as vegetative propagation, grafting, or developing new varieties.
- K. Did you share your gardening knowledge with Club members, neighbors, Club programs, or others? Explain.
- L. Show your garden(s) with no more than 6 photographs.
- M. What plant is the greatest horticultural challenge in your garden?

GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

Moriarty Garden Club's flower show at the Torrance county fair grounds in August went quite well this year. We had more room this year and took advantage of it with larger displays and more flowers. There were more junior flower show entries (Amber Maberry at right; photo by Debby Maberry) and with the People's Choice award we received many compliments. We are now starting to plan for the show next year.



For our September 27th meeting, the club had a presentation by June Spooner on "Reading our Plants." It was very interesting on how to look at a plant and figure out what was wrong with it and how to correct the problem. We were given some wonderful handouts with colored pictures so we would be able to have a reference at home. She informed us on the proper use of fertilizer and how to decontaminate our soil from bugs. She also explained the benefits of the usage of diatomaceous earth and how plants grown in natural light are greener.

The October 25th meeting was held at the Southwest Soaring Museum on Route 66 in Moriarty. Each member gave them ideas of how to landscape their "Front Yard" to attract more customers. Diagrams were drawn by each member and submitted to the museum to choose from. We all wrote down the names of any plants, trees, bushes that we have had good experience with. Using these lists, the museum may purchase or seek a grant to get landscaping funds.

The members of **Petal Pushers Garden Club** met at the lovely home of Mary Frances Santistevan for a pot luck luncheon and new officer installation. The 2010 officers are President, Carol Stomp; Vice President, Sonia James; Yearbook, Susan Olinger; Secretary, Joan Higgs; Treasurer, Ginny Rigby; Council Representative, Lois Byron; Parliamentarian, Nancy Davis.

Members also welcomed new member, Margaret Quintana.

A group of hard working members meet every Monday morning to maintain the beautiful patio garden at the Albuquerque Garden Center. These industrious ladies are Nancy Kanthack, Grace Barnes, Shirley Bray, Jackie Fallis, Millie Ewing and Cheryl MacCammon.

Other members volunteered at the State Fair Flower Show. Lois Byron, Sonia James, Joan Higgs and Anna Mulkey all worked at the Fair.

Sonia James lined up many excellent programs for the year. Doris Eng shared her knowledge of house plants and even shared many cuttings with the

club. Ellen Reed invited the club to visit her shade garden. Nancy Kanthack hosted members in her outstanding yard and shared her horticulture expertise. Madge from Wildlife Rescue, Inc. spoke about their mission in treating injured and abandoned wild animals. The members were in awe of the two owls that she brought to demonstrate the work of Wildlife Rescue, Inc.

District II

Angel Fire Garden Club now has 70 members. We have had a wonderful, busy summer; it seemed to hang in there this year. The gardens and wildflowers were just beautiful!! Lots of weeding went on; so well worth it, though. A group of us went to the Salmon Ranch Raspberry farm. Picking the berries and touring their lovely garden was a nice outing. Our September program was on awards - what they are and how to submit a Book of Evidence by Awards Chairman, JJ Huddleston. The horticulture segment was a talk on birding by member Ann Supple. We also discussed how to enter a horticulture specimen in the State Fair. The month of October was the month of our annual seed exchange with a round table discussion on how to collect and plant seeds as horticulture. We discussed the ever ongoing problem of critters and the many tricks to rid them. Does anything really work?? They seem to get past almost everything we try. The November meeting will be a show and tell along with workshops on holiday decorations. Horticulture will be on the poinsettia plant; plans are to make the pine cone ristra that Doris Jackson showed us how to do at the Fall Board meeting. Four club members were fortunate to attend the meeting and I will add that we enjoyed it very much. Thank you to those who made it happen. The food and programs were great. Wish more could attend these meetings. They are so much fun and you meet some really nice people. We have a hard working Executive Board. In October, club members were delighted to give a presentation to grades 5-8 at Eagle Nest Elementary School on several plants that grow here. It was so rewarding to watch the faces as they listened to the speakers. They were presented with daffodil bulbs to take home to plant as well as a dish of bulbs for the classroom to watch the progress of forced bulbs growing. We have put our three signature gardens, as well as our own gardens, "to bed" and planted more bulbs. Our fall colors have been just fantastic. Halloween night we served hot chocolate and cookies to the "Trunk or Treaters" at our Chamber of Commerce. The gold and yellows continue. Some snow appeared in the higher mountains. Now we are waiting for ski slopes to open. It can't be all work and no play. Come on up and visit with us.



Tubular, Angular and Underwater designs were executed and critiqued by **Floral Designers Garden Club** members at the May, June and July meetings in White Rock and Santa Fe. Also, many awards were received by members at the Santa Fe Iris Show, Albuquerque and Santa Fe Rose Shows and State Fair. The meeting in October will deal with a Transparency Design. (Photos by Pat Copple.)



Los Alamos Garden Club enjoyed a potpourri of activities. In the summer they did the Taos homes and garden tour. Fall meetings covered an Ikebana arrangement, the Los Alamos County Big Tree Project and table trees for the holidays. Money making projects punctuated the schedule with an early Plants and Things Sale and a December Fresh Wreath Sale.

Summer found **Summit Garden Club** members touring the Santa Fe Greenhouse, Bishop Lodge Gardens and the lavender farm at Abiqui. We visited the historic Evelyn Frey Garden at Bandelier National Monument. One of our members and her husband are tending the garden and working with the staff to restore it to its original design. Other programs included spring bulbs, lasagna pots and a talk on native plants.

Members continue to participate in the children's program at Pajarito Environmental Education Center and provide seasonal wreaths for the main and branch libraries. Each year we decorate a tree for the Festival of Trees in support of the Senior Center.

Summit Garden Club will celebrate its golden anniversary with a luncheon in February. Our first meeting was in September of 1960, sponsored by the LA Garden Club. We became a member of the NM Garden Clubs, Inc. and District in March of 1961

District III

Santa Rosa Garden Club's flower show in August was a huge success. There were 62 flower design entries in different categories.

In September, Antje Postl hosted the meeting at her home in Pureto de Luna. After a delicious potluck lunch, the members had a fun time picking raspberries in her backyard. They didn't have to travel to Mora this year for some tasty raspberries.

Speaking of growing locally, several garden club members had a great harvest of crops this summer. Maybe it's the right combination of weather and good soil for their bounty.

Colleen and Fred Hinker had some 7,000 chile plants as well as several other vegetables. Have you seen okra plants that grow up to six feet tall? Their fruit trees were also loaded and they are all organic. Connie and Merle Guinn's garden did well too. Even Rita and Lee Ferrell didn't do too badly either. Many garden club members and friends shared in the abundance. There is nothing like eating fresh produce right from the garden. We have many things for which to be grateful and thankful for.

November 11th, Veteran's Day, is a special day for District III. Blue Star Memorial Dedication is set for this date. Place of venue, the newly restored old courthouse square on Old Route 66 in Santa Rosa. Jean Digerness and Bess Kline have been very busy in preparation for this great event. Invitation letters were sent out to both local and state representatives and, most importantly, to our military personnel who served and continue to serve our country. They sure do have a special place in our hearts and in our country as a whole. *(Mary Ann Moreno, Donna Turney, Colleen Hinker & Shirley Tetreault explaining the history of the Blue Star Memorial. Santa Rosa veterans standing around the plaque.)*

Karen Bell from **Nara Visa Garden Club** put on a flower show in Quay County in August. The theme was "Travel the USA." They also hosted the Fall District Meeting in Logan at the Methodist Church.

Karen Bell, Sandy Evans, Colleen Hinker and Ruth McCormick are organizing a "Children's Garden Club" in Logan, in anticipation that the adults will be motivated to join the club themselves. They are targeting the "after-school" kids.



District IV

District IV's fall board meeting was held at the Bosque Del Apache. It was a beautiful day and the facilities have improved greatly in the last 5 years. Dr. Jeanne Dixon gave an interesting and informative program entitled, "Yerba Manso and other Plants for Healing." She explained what native plants may be used to make teas, tinctures and salves creating traditional medicines of this area. Our state President, Shirley Tetreault, mentioned that New Mexico was the first state to donate money to the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAPA) USA fundraising project. A tour of the cactus garden was given by Daniel Perry who has been working on this project several years.

Desert Daubers Garden Club toured Sierra Vista Growers in La Union and attended the Tour of Gardens. They had a program at Color Your World by owner, Gary Guzman, on growing roses and another program on growing in water containers at the Enchanted Gardens. Several members won horticulture and design awards at Southern New Mexico State Fair and Rodeo which is a joint effort between Desert Daubers and Mesilla Valley Garden Clubs.

Evergreen Garden Club has been very busy keeping involved with community activities. They toured Sharlene Gruertud's organic Mimbres Farm and had a Tour of Gardens which raised enough money to donate to three local community gardens. They had programs on design and horticulture, insects and the environment and had a flower show in September. The club will be making Suzy Andrego's bulb lasagna for the Silver City's women shelter and another one for Habitat for Humanity. They will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary in the Spring.

On July 21st, members of the **Flowering Desert Garden Club**, family, friends and guests gathered at the Memorial Rose Garden for a dedication ceremony of a memorial bench and rose to honor Mable Janes who passed away October 2009. She was a member of FDGC, Mountain Garden Club and Parajos Garden Club. A miniature rose named "Popcorn" was planted.

Family, friends and garden club members contributed to the memorial bench which was positioned in the park facing the rose garden. Light refreshments were served as fond memories of Mable were shared.

FDGC member's attended the Tour of Gardens in Las Cruces and observed National Garden week by displaying their club's banner at the Memorial Rose Garden and the Corner of Color which they maintain. They sponsored the Otero



County Flower Show which is horticulture only; Cleo Torres chaired this event. Nellie Baker was named Woman of Merit for her work in water exercise with a local group. Donna Turney, President, has also attended meetings in Atlanta, Georgia; Great Falls, Montana and is serving as Intermediate Youth Chairman for the SCR Region Board and is on the National Nominating Committee as well as the State Blue Star Memorial Chairman. She has also help judge flower shows in Lovington, Artesia, Silver City and Las Cruces this fall.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club doesn't meet during the summer but our September meeting was packed with plans for the annual Standard Flower Show at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. The show theme was Come Dance with Us and every dance you have ever heard of was represented in the design department. At the meeting, Nora Crisp gave a program on floral design techniques and President Rosemary Maddox reminded us all how to choose and groom horticultural entries. It was helpful advice as the show went smoothly and we had wonderful entries in all categories.

The large design by Fern Gold won Tricolor and the Excellence in Design awards. The herb is Rosemary Maddox's white sage or salvia apiana which won the Tine Crawford Award. Elsie Pippingos' Empress Toad Lily took Excellence in Horticulture and the Virginia Kane Award (petite) went to Virginia Podmenik.



In August **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** cleared out the weeds and dead flowers at the Triangle at Date Street. We also had the stones around the flower bed repaired. Then we planted two red lantanas, Russian sage and Mexican sage. In September, our guest speaker was Jackie from Enchanted Gardens in Las Cruces. Jackie brought in many of her perennial native plants that she sells at her nursery. Some of our members bought some of the plants she had with her as they will grow all winter. In October, we had our annual Flower Display at the County Fair. Entries were down considerably this year due to the hot summer. However, we still had one-hundred-sixteen entries including beautiful dahlias grown in Hillsboro, roses, a few annuals and perennials as well as houseplants and arrangements. In November, we are driving to Las Cruces to the University of New Mexico to

tour their green houses. In December, we will have our annual Christmas party. We will also place poinsettias at the Nursing Home, Assistant Care, Veterans Home and Fellowship Alliance Church.

District V

September started **Home Garden Club** off busy as usual. Members Renate Reisel, Peggy Voigt, Gloria Mendiola, Beth Keenan, Pat Krakaukas, Isabel Olsen and Jan Smith manned a booth at the Bitter Lake Dragonfly Festival on September 11. We held a coloring contest and helped the children who attended the festival plant violets and daffodils. After much discussion, five winners were chosen from the coloring entries. Each winner received a gift card from McDonalds. The raffle for an Alice Seeley bracelet was a huge success and we raised \$133.

We welcomed back our members at our first meeting in September and discussed plans for the coming year. The membership is excited to be working on the State Convention slated for March 2011 in Roswell. The Home Garden Club will be making the centerpieces for our convention dinner.

The September speaker, Patti Mitchum, chef at Tinnie Mercantile, discussed how to use herbs and flowers in unusual ways in cooking. She roasted a chicken using sage, rosemary and other herbs. Yumm....

As fall approached, our October meeting speaker Mary Shier Virden, owner of the Gift Pantry Florist in Roswell, demonstrated how plants and seeds are used in the Rose Parade floats. Mary has worked on the New Mexico State float. We were amazed at the amount of work that goes into creating one of the Rose Parade floats. Mary demonstrated how we can use the techniques used in float making on pots and vases. Members loved the chili seed pot and thought it utilized a common item here in New Mexico in a new dimension.

We welcomed two new members at the October meeting; Cathy Brown and Gary Miller (husband of Michal). The membership is looking forward to the fall planting of bulbs and winter hardy plants.

Lincoln County Garden Club organized and judged the annual Flower Show on August 3rd at the county fair in Capitan. Five club members won multiple ribbons as follows: Joyce Davies, five; Cynthia Shafer, two; Imelda Horne, six; and Leila Adams, two. Best of all, Imelda Horne won Reserve Champion for her Hollyhock! Congratulations to these winners!



We had an informative visit to Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farm later in August to learn that pistachio farming is labor intensive, including shaking trees, collection of pistachios then processing them into a variety of products (photo by Marilyn Barnes.) In September, we were invited to the studio of David Tremblay, whose specialty is photographing nature.

After a few tips on using our camera, we enjoyed a walk around the grounds to take pictures. How appropriate that the October meeting included how to care for houseplants during winter, presented by member Majel Powell who keeps 100 plants!

One hundred daffodil bulbs have been planted by club members at the library water wise demonstration garden and the hospital courtyard garden. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest packets have been mailed to elementary schools in Lincoln County and Mescalero. Our newest fund raising project is Bloomin' Bucks, selling bulbs using the internet. Cynthia Shafer was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation from National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Lincoln County Garden Club also received a Certificate of Appreciation from National.

In June, **Morning Garden Club** celebrated National Garden Week which ran from the 6th to the 12th by having the presidents of Roswell's garden clubs and our district director, Isabel Olsen, receive the proclamation from Roswell's Mayor Del Junney. The event was commemorated by a photo in the paper.

At our September meeting, we enjoyed visiting with each other and sharing all of our summer stories. Our program had beekeeper, Don Mason, explain the importance of bees in the environment. He also had honey, pollen and royal jelly for sale.

At the October meeting, we reported all the great favors, door prizes and silent auction items being collected for the March convention. We also discussed and organized various other things for it as well. We had several people volunteer to decorate the Roswell Historical Museum on November 2nd for the holidays. We decided to participate in Roswell's Trek for Trash on November 6th. Dr. Curtis Smith, Extension Horticulture Specialist, NMSU and USDA, gave our program about flowering shrubs and trees along with an awesome slide show. In late October, we were so sorry to hear of our friend Mryl Good's death. She was a lifetime member and also a past state president.



IN MEMORIUM
Mryl Good
Morning Garden Club
Passed Away October 19, 2010

Myrl's most passionate affiliations included the American Needlepoint Guild, Past National President and Life Member; New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Past State President; Museums of New Mexico Foundation; Board of Regents of the Museums of New Mexico; Board of Directors of the College of Santa Fe; Member Emeritus, New Mexico Governor's Mansion Foundation; Life Member, National Skeet Shooting Association. Among others, social associations included the Monday Lunch Bunch of Santa Fe and the Monday Lunch Bunch of Roswell; the Roswell Jr. Book Club; the Ft. Sumner Dance Club; the Los Borrachos Gun Club, the Alley Cats of Roswell, the Dugettes, and she aspired to the Balboa Club of Mazatlan.



Shirley Tetrault: I believe that Mrs. Jeff Good was the 7th president of New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. A Brief History of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. was compiled and written by Jean Burroughs. It was called "After Twenty Years 1949 - 1969." I was fortunate to have had this book passed to me by my good friend Nita Knauf. Following is what has been written about Mrs. Jeff Good.

The first year of Mrs. Good's term was marked by the publication of a list of 79 judges qualifying since the beginning of the flower show schools in New Mexico. Mrs. Dora Sanders* was the first New Mexico judge to be awarded a Life Certificate by National Council. Mrs. John Torrens of Albuquerque won honorable mention in the Jackson-Perkins Serling Bowl Tournament. A State Flower Show Award was originated to allow shows which rated 95% to receive this merit award though not qualifying for a National Award.

Flower Show awards for 1961 went to Los Alamos and Trailblazers Garden Clubs; also Desert Optimist, Pajaros de Paraisco, Trowel and Trellis, Rayo del Sol, and Albuquerque Council.

Jane Powell and Lois Minton** added School III to their instructors courses. Junior Garden Clubs continued many activities as well as participation in flower shows by adult clubs.

State and National Life Membership Roster showed names of increasing number of New Mexico Gardeners. Mr. Cecil Pragnell was the first man honored with State Life Membership for his work in establishing Glorietta Gardens and Garden Club Day. Green Thumb Garden Club of Albuquerque awarded Mrs. George Doolittle the first Honorary State Life Membership for her distinguished service in horticulture.

Mrs. George Hoopes was the first chairman of a new committee added by National Council – World Gardening. She explained the National People to People program sponsored by the National Council.

Albuquerque Council assisted in landscaping of grounds around the new State Fair Flower Show Building where shows will be held during the annual fairs. This very active Council also originated the Holiday Idea Show with proceeds to go toward a Garden Center. Mrs. John Torrens served as the first chairman.

New Mexico Garden Clubs again received \$4000 from the Sears Committee and had increased participation by clubs and projects.

Many clubs used the 50th anniversary of New Mexico Statehood as themes for flower shows in 1962. The second South Central Regional meeting was held in Clovis with the annual fall convention. Mrs. Taylor Buchanan, second vice-president of National Council was the honored guest. Mrs. John Minton repeated a program for convention which she had presented at a four day workshop in Calgary, Canada. She also was a contributor to the Flower Arrangers Calendar for 1963 and in addition published articles in Better Homes and Gardens and Flower Grower Magazine. Mrs. C.F. McWilliams presented a unique table setting display "Tables by Tura".

Mrs. Good retiring president, gave a beautiful silver Presidents medallion to the New Mexico Garden Clubs, to be worn by each succeeding president, Mrs. Rebecca Vidal, having the first honor.

Her President's Message. . . . "For the years to come I hope that more residents of New Mexico will become acquainted with the many benefits of gardening and Garden Clubbing. We, the present members, can encourage this by exposing others to the advantages we have derived from our organization.

* Dora Lewis McKnight was the first state president and also the founder of Morning Garden Club.

** Lois Minton was a member of Morning Garden Club.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 21	Full Cold Moon
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Jan 1	NGC & SCR Awards Deadline
Jan 11 - Mar 1	Beginning Design Class taught by Shirley Tetreault, Tuesday nights at Albuquerque Garden Center. \$75.00; students bring own materials; contact Laurie at the Garden Center #505-296-6020
Jan 19	Full Wolf Moon
Feb 1	State Awards Deadline
Feb 18	Full Snow Moon
Feb 28	District I Spring Meeting, Albuquerque Garden Center
Mar 7	District V Spring Meeting, Artesia
Mar 11 – 12	SCR Spring Meeting, Norman, OK
Mar 14	District IV Spring Meeting, Elephant Butte
Mar 18	District II Spring Meeting, Los Alamos
Mar 19	District III Spring Meeting, Santa Rosa
Mar 19 – 20	Flower Show School, Albuquerque Garden Ctr
Mar 28 – 30	NMGC, Inc. State Convention, Sally Port Inn, Roswell
May 27 – 30	NGC Convention, Washington DC



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