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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

Fall is absolutely the busiest time of year; however, I feel that we are off to a great start. Isabel and I had a fine time and learning experience in St. Louis at the National fall board meeting. She was able to meet our National President, Shirley Nicolai, and several other officers that she will be serving under. It is wonderful to be able to dine with these individuals and put a face with a name. We were proud to be there representing the state of New Mexico.



Our fall board held at the Courtyard Marriott was again a success. My wish is that more members could attend. It is a time for knowledge and friendship that is shared throughout the state. Esther Russell did a wonderful program on recycled products with the help of Joanne Case and Maxine Harrington. Everyone had fun and there was a lot of laughter in the room. I hope that the hand made products will be shared with your club and passed on as gifts to others. Suzy had a power point presentation on the awards. The majority of which will be sent in via e-mail. If you do not have a computer please ask another club member to help you in your submissions. National and Regional have now made it mandatory to submit applications in this manner. As is usually the case, the decision to change was due to expense. All Directors and Executive Board members have a CD that was constructed by Suzy Andrego. She is available for any questions that you may have.

Christine Longthorpe and Suzy Andrego had a great program on leaf manipulation at the judges' council dinner. There are still books available at \$40.00 each if you did not get one.

We just completed another judges symposium at the Albuquerque Garden Center with Julia Clevett and Dottie Howatt as our instructors. They have been teaching for several years and have a unique method that keeps the students very involved. The symposium was very well attended. Betty Heisler and Debi Harrington played a major role and were outstanding. Christine Longthorpe was fabulous to work with as our new state symposium chair. We now have our new team in place and functioning – Barbara Vance, Credentials, Christine Longthorpe, Symposium and Mary Ann Moreno, Flower Show Schools. Please help them in any way you can to make their jobs easier.

How exciting is it that on 11/11/11, Socorro will dedicate the next Blue Star Memorial marker for the state of New Mexico. This is a fantastic way to honor all of our veterans. It will be on the Plaza at 11:00 a.m. and you can contact Susan Miller, District IV Director if you have any questions.

Enjoy the holidays.

OFFICER/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Environmental Studies School IV – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

Environmental Studies School IV, Series I, The Living Earth, was held at the Albuquerque Botanical Gardens class rooms on August 24-25, 2011 in Albuquerque, NM. Those attending the school were Suzy Andrego, Debbie Harrington, Nancy Core, Thelma Escalante, Maple Levine, Fred and Colleen Hinker, and Jennifer and Mary Ann Moreno.

Teaching the 2 day school was Dr. Joe and Linda Whetsell from Tyler, Texas, Fred Hinker from Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Dr. Debra thrall and Joran Viers from Albuquerque. The curriculum included a field trip and we gladly spent several hours touring the gardens and learning about the water systems at the Japanese Gardens. Five students attending the ESSIV have completed all four ESS Schools and are applying to NGC for certification to be an Environmental Consultant: Fred and Colleen Hinker, Nancy Core, Jennifer and Mary Ann Moreno.

Our next Series (II) of Environmental Studies School will start with Course I and be held in Angel Fire, NM on July 19-20, 2011. The two day school will coincide with the annual Angel Fire Garden Tour to be held on July 21-22, 2011. The New Mexico Gardener will have more information in the Spring issue.

Flower Show School I – Mary Ann Moreno, Chair

Flower Show School I is to be held at the County Extension Office in Roswell, NM, March 16 – 18th 2012. The cost for the School is \$95.00. We start on March 16th, Friday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 PM with Flower Show Procedure with the emphasis on the purpose and kinds of Flower Shows. On Saturday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) Judy Newman from Wisconsin, will be our NGC Horticulture Instructor. She will teach us about the basics of horticulture including the study of spring bulbs and flowering shrubs. Sunday, our NGC Design Instructor will be Jo Krallman from Arkansas. She will give a brief history of Designs, introduce the students to Floral designs, Color, and Elements and Principals of Design. We will study out of the 2007 Edition of the Handbook for Flower Shows, and other readings. Our goal is to start Garden Club members on the road to become a National Garden Club Accredited Flower Show Judge. We will have a lot of fun, have light snacks, and lunch together for two days. This is a great way to gain new knowledge and help our communities with what we learn at our FSS's. The brochure will be available when everything is finalized. For information: Mary Ann Moreno, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc., State Flower Show School Chairman 505-266-8498 or jbmamoreno@gmail.com

MEMBER'S CORNER



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**Submitted by Imelda Horne, Lincoln County
Garden Club, Ruidoso**

What a great time shared at the August garden club meeting at Floy Ana Lane and Linda Field's home. Thank you ladies for lunch, dessert and sharing your beautiful gardens.

When we arrived at Floy Ana's home, I noticed that a golf cart was protecting a flower growing in her driveway. I couldn't remember the name although I have seen it growing in Little Rock, AR. After doing some research, the plant is called Rocky Mountain Beeplant, Bee spiderflower, or Stinking-clover. Its scientific name is *Cleome serrulata*. Floy Ana collected the seeds along the roadside in Colorado where it was blooming profusely. This plant has no value as forage for wildlife. Native Americans used them for medicinal purposes. They pound the seedpods into a meal and then used it as a mush or mixed with flour to make bread. A poultice made from the pounded, soaked leaves has been applied to sore eyes. An infusion of the plant is drunk in the treatment of fevers and stomach disorders.

Beeplant is an annual or biennial. It blooms July through August. Judith Phillips recommends, collecting the seeds in the fall and sowing immediately. Seeds need light to germinate, so press them into the soil and firm surface without burying the seeds. The flowers are attractive to bees and also provide a wonderful addition to a garden. Floy Ana, we will be anxiously waiting for some of your seeds so we too can enjoy this native plant.



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

Dan Caudillo, owner of Sandia Environmental Design, spoke to the members of **Petal Pushers Garden Club** in August. Dan's topic, "Our Quirky Weather", was clearly appropriate after last season's climate changing extremes of heat and cold plus severe drought. Dan cautioned on giving a plant sufficient time to recover from these harsh conflicts and suggested replacement ideas for those plants that did not survive the year.

In September, club members met in the beautiful garden owned by Pat Scharrer. Suzy Andrego and Pat showcased her over 300 rose bushes plus her lovely pond. After the tour, members held a short meeting on Pat's patio.

The courtyard committee continues to maintain the Albuquerque Garden Center courtyard garden. Other members made arrangements for the Cancer Center and worked at the State Fair flower shows. Carol Stomp and Sonia James attended the fall District I board meeting.

Petal Pushers Juniors planted early, mid, and late tulip bulbs in the John Torrens rose garden at the Garden Center. They also took bulbs to plant at home. Carol Stomp, Sandy Hollingsworth, and Joan Higgs instructed the children and helped them with their project.



Petal Pushers Junior Members

*Back row l-r: Isabel Roberts, William Roberts, Sophia Roberts, Lindsay Stomp,
& Peyton Shorwood*

*Front l-r: Lila Ward, Maggie Ward & Suzanne Stomp
not pictured: Alyssa Bernandone, Tao West & Skye West*

Trailblazers Garden Club of Farmington has been busy. In August, we held the annual flower show in conjunction with the San Juan County Fair. The theme this year was "Denim and Sweet Dreams." Dorothy Gibbons was the flower show chairman. Nancy Rehbein, our club vice-president, earned the Horticulture Sweepstakes for the most first place ribbons.

In September, the members visited Wines of the San Juan to learn the methods of growing grapes for wine. The setting along the San Juan River is

beautiful and very pleasant place to hold an outdoor meeting. The Wines of the San Juan was preparing for their Fall Festival which includes an arts and crafts show, grape stomping, live musical entertainment, wine tasting and refreshments.

A highlight of the October meeting at Becky Houghton's home near Aztec, was a tasting program of new recipes that include pumpkins or squash. The delicious dishes, prepared by Constance Riggie, included pumpkin soup, pumpkin and raisin chutney, muffins and pumpkin bread. The members brought and shared their favorite recipes.

District II

Honoring Our Veterans While Serving Our Youth is the theme for the New Mexico Garden Clubs State Convention. Mark your calendars for May 29 thru 31, 2012 and plan a trip to Angel Fire! The NM Judges Council Dinner and Program is Tuesday, May 29th. All NM Garden Club members and guests are welcome to attend. The 2012 State Convention kicks off Wednesday, May 30th with a breakfast buffet. Interesting programs, floral designs, delicious food, important meetings, awards, the Presidents Reception, a banquet and entertainment are planned for members and your guests. Discover the beauty of Northern New Mexico and the fellowship of our state's gardeners.

Why not plan a vacation around the convention dates? Here are some of the fun things to entertain your spouse, family or friends: golf, fly fishing, ATV tours, gourmet cooking class, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, line dancing, art tour, painting class, Vietnam Memorial and the Enchanted Circle. Check out the activities and lodging opportunities. Information on campgrounds, mountain homes and condos is available through the Angel Fire Chamber of Commerce 575-377-6661 www.angelfirechamber.org. The convention meeting site and hotel rooms are at The Lodge at Angel Fire www.angelfireresort.com 575-377-6401. The Angel Fire Convention and Visitors Bureau staff are a great resource for activities www.angelfirefun.com 575-377-6555. Come early – stay late!



Angel Fire Garden Club has been very busy bedding their three signature gardens down for the winter. We have been honoring our President Shirley Tetrault's request and message "Serving Those Who Serve Us" -- starting with arranging thirty five wildflower vases for the Veteran's Wellness and Healing Retreat held in August at the Angel Fire Resort. These Veterans suffer from P.T.S.D. and come with a spouse or significant other to the week-long retreats. We placed a vase in each of their rooms to welcome them to Angel Fire.

We decided to pack Christmas boxes for the Military. They will be mailed in November with our thanks. Goodies, necessities, and home baked cookies should make them feel loved and appreciated.

Fannie Mackie, Betty Picquet, and Diane Peterson attended the flower show school at Albuquerque Garden Center in August (photo.) Instructor Fran Wittgartner at left. We had a great time and learned so much.



In October, we had our annual seed swap and members brought their favorite gardening tool. We all got ideas for our wish lists. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in December which has an Italian theme. Sooooo, Buon Natale everyone!

Los Alamos Garden has 38 members. We hosted the March 18, 2011 District II Spring Meeting at Fuller Lodge. Three members attended the March NMGC, Inc. Spring Convention in Roswell. Our May 21st "Plants and Other Things" sale raised \$407.78 for our High School Senior Scholarship Fund. This spring the \$500 award went to Meredith Webster, who is now attending the University of Minnesota. Members Sally Warner and Doris Jackson went to the May National Convention in Washington DC. Sally is the National Organizational Studies Chair and Personnel/Convention Chair and Doris the National Historian and Protocol Chair. The pair also attended the NGC Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis in September. Sally serves as the NGC Board of Directors as Credentials Chair and Doris serves as the Board as Air Quality Chair. Sally and Doris also attended the SCR Convention in OK in March. Sally is the SCR Protocol Chair and Doris the SCR Credentials Chair.

In June, several of our members toured the Albuquerque Botanic Garden. The flowers and flowering trees were most beautiful. On July 12, 16 of the members toured the Estrella Del Norte Vineyards in Nambe. The grounds were spectacular, complete with espaliered grape vine and fruit trees. The wine wasn't so bad either! We followed the tour with a picnic lunch under an arbor. Bobbie Hall, Dr. of Herbology, presented the program, "Herbology in Los Alamos," for the September meeting. This was followed by a Garden Produce Potluck luncheon. At the October meeting Dorothy Crawford of Summit Garden Club presented a program on "Fall Arrangements."

District IV

Evergreen Garden Club in Silver City picked up trash, 12 bags, just prior to the Tour of the Gila Cycling Race, nice job. They participated in Earth Day by selling plants grown by members and giving seeds to children to plant in their newspaper pots made by themselves. Their second trash removal yielded only 6

bags which is an improvement. The club continues to grow, five new members, by getting the community involved in their projects.

Donna Turney, President of **Flowering Desert Garden Club** is recovering from recent surgery on her eye. The club sponsored the Otero County Fair Flower show in August. Judges of the Southwest Judges Study Club were invited to judge the show. FDGC still maintains the roses in the Memorial Garden in Alamogordo, but this year was especially hard as the weather gave them a double whammy freezing nights and very dry summer. The club had tours of two gardens using different water systems one regular and the other low flow. They have one new member.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club begins their calendar year of meetings in September, taking June-August off. Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month, through May where we meet in member's homes or at a program site.

September: A bountiful summer salad luncheon was enjoyed by all. Then Jo Johnson gave a fun overview of the club's long history. A lively discussion followed on member's favorite gardening tool. Yearbooks were passed out to the 24 members and a new member was welcomed. The Standard Flower Show preparation for the Southern NM State Fair was finalized. A fund-raising garage and plant sale is scheduled for October 29.

October: A seed exchange with many varieties was held to get members started planning for next spring's gardens. A talk on winter vegetable gardening and other cold tolerant plants was presented by *Enchanted Gardens* owner, Jackye Meinecke. Chairperson, Rosemary Maddox, reported the successes of the Standard Flower Show at the NM Southern State Fair. Many blue ribbons were received by members for their entries. Date and time for the garage and plant sale was finalized.

November: A tour of the NMSU *Fabian Garcia greenhouses* will be held, led by Sabine Green, Floriculture Department Professor. We expect to see many colorful holiday plants.

December: The annual Christmas Holiday Party with canned food donations for *The Gospel Rescue Mission* and preschool books collected for *El Jardin de los Ninos*, a daycare for homeless families children will be held at Helen (President) and Jerry Moser's home.

January-May 2012: The New Year will bring programs on trees and planting techniques at the NMSU campus and Las Cruces landscapes, new, spring flower varieties for the area and a combined three-garden club luncheon with a historical NM-LC Centennial program. Our last program will be expert advice on iris culture given by one of our members, and in May, finishing the garden club year our spring potluck dinner will be held.

Eight of our club members attended the District IV Fall meeting October 10 in Las Cruces. We met Isabel Olsen, Vice President, NMGC, Inc. and learned a lot of interesting information from her and the other District IV members. Three

members attended the *New Mexico Garden Club, Inc.* Fall Board meeting in Albuquerque on October 20-21, 2011.

We continue to look for ways to extend the knowledge and benefits of gardening to the Las Cruces public.

Socorro Garden Club will dedicate our Blue Star Memorial on November 11th at 11: am near the plaza in Socorro. This project went pretty fast, the chairperson Betty Easley was able to raise the money in a few months. According to Donna Turney, Blue Star/Memorial Gardens chairman, District IV will have six of the fifteen in the State. This all was inspired by attending the dedication of the By -Way marker in Albuquerque at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Socorro Garden Club attended a rose trimming workshop put on by the Albuquerque Rose Society. We then trimmed the roses at our local nursing home. Later, we found out the roses have to be removed do to a re-stuccoing project that is beginning shortly. We were asked if we wanted to maintain the Healing Garden at the Hospital which led to several other offers, planters by main entrance, patio garden by cafeteria and garden in front of the hospital. We conducted a Flower show at the County fair and participated in the 9-11celebration by providing potted plants and flowers to decorate the plaza where the color guard ,fireman and police force walked to the stage in honor of those who died on September 11th.

In September, **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** discussed the up coming County Fair where we will be having a Flower Display. Doris Adams gave a demonstration on how to make a flower arrangement. We discussed going to the Fall District Meeting in Las Cruces.

In October, we held our annual Flower Display at the County Fair. We were surprised to receive 158 entries. Even though the spring was very windy and the summer was real hot we received roses, dahlias, annuals, perennials and house plants. We did very well with our raffle and made a good profit so that we will have extra money for purchasing flowers for our projects. Our guest speaker was Jeff Dorbush. He is a rock collector and knows many of the different kinds of rocks in our state. All members brought in rocks that they have collected from places they have visited.

Our guest speaker for November will be Sharon Peca. Sharon will be doing program on wildlife.

We will be have our annual Christmas Party at the Golf Course in Elephant Butte in December. We will take Poinsettias to the local hospital, nursing home and the Veterans home for Christmas.

District V

Home Garden Club kicked off our fall meetings with a discussion of herbs that we grow in our gardens and how they can help us medicinally. Deidra Arthur who owns a local herb shop discussed the uses of garlic, oregano, and cayenne to mention a few easily grown garden herbs.

Several members helped at the Bitter Lake Dragon Fly Festival which was held on September 10th. The committee, headed up by Peggy Voigt helped over 90 children plant violets, primroses, mint and ivy. Children of all ages entered our coloring contest. We had over 75 entries, and deciding upon the winners was a real challenge. Thank you to Peggy Voigt, Melanie Deason, Gloria Mendiola, Pat Krakauskas, Beth Mendiola and Barbara Sheer for helping out at the Festival. The raffle of dragonfly jewelry by Alice Seeley earned \$100 for the club.

In October, we met at the Hondo Valley home of Dorothy Torrez. After we arrived, we journeyed to the San Patricio home of Lynn LePort. Lynn's hillside garden reflects a southwest style. Many of her plants grow wild in her garden. Members were able to collect seeds to take home for their own gardens.

After returning to the Torrez Farm, member Melanie Deason demonstrated growing mung beans and sunflower seeds for our sandwiches and salads. She also brought along the product EM – effective microorganisms (<http://www.emearth.com>). EMTM1[®] was recently used by all countries impacted by the Tsunami Wave Disaster in curbing the spread of pathogen diseases. EMTM1[®] is now being produced in 54 countries and is being used for a broad variety of environmental-quality applications which include natural purification and treatment of wastewater, production of organic fertilizer and improved livestock health maintenance. Those attending the October meeting ate lunch while enjoying the fall colors of the Hondo valley. Dorothy's husband provided fresh vegetables and red hot poker plants to take home.

August 2nd **Lincoln County Garden Club** worked the annual Flower Show in Capitan during the Lincoln County Fair. Despite the windy, dry weather of spring and summer, many beautiful flowers were submitted. Linda Field won Reserve Champion for her Royal Sunset Lily; Cynthia Shafer won second place for her Black-eye Susan and Connie Neubauer placed second with her Salvia. Congratulations!

Books were donated by the garden club to Ruidoso Public Library.

The August garden club meeting was a treat to all who attended! We enjoyed visiting the beautiful gardens of Floy Ana Lane and Linda Fields. Members attending enjoyed strolling through lovely flowers, eating a wonderful lunch and a variety of delicious desserts. Our appreciation and thanks to Floy Ana, Linda and Gloria Powers. As we left, we were blessed with a cool summer afternoon shower!

Garden club partnered with Scholtzsky's for a fundraiser September 13th by delivering orders, cleaning and busing tables from 4 p.m. to close for a percent of

the evening's sales. No one dropped any orders or tripped, so the evening was a success! Plus, we earned over \$200 dollars!

Marsha Palmer, Lincoln County Home Economist, demonstrated making Kosher Dill Pickles, complete with a hot chile pepper added to the cucumbers, in a boiling-water canner during the September meeting. Marsha also made a piquant Balsamic Strawberry Freezer Jam. High altitude processing of fruits and vegetables was discussed, as well as making jellies and preserves with green chile.

Lincoln County Garden Club member Rhonda Davis and her husband, Mike, recently donated an arbor to the Ruidoso public library garden. Garden club members, with the help of village parks and recreation personnel, installed the arbor. Garden club members look forward to planting vines to attract butterflies and birds to the arbor next summer. *(Photo l-r: Lorel Bromley, Imelda Horne, Beverly Yohner, Barbara Bauer, Ann Lohrey & Betty Lawless.)*



In October, organic gardener, Karen Flint inspired and entertained us with raised gardening plans, composting do's and don'ts and building an earthworm farm. All were inspired to improve our garden soil this winter in preparation for spring!

In September, **Morning Garden Club** met at Shawn Grizzle's lovely home on the campus of New Mexico Military Institute. Louetta Bonham, a partner of Mountain States Pecan Orchard in Roswell, presented a program on their orchards including some of their history. She shared lots of techniques when working with pecan trees and pointers dealing with orchard pests. We welcomed two new members. Special thanks were given to Melanie Deason and Martha Morris for reading stories, leading artwork, and teaching gardening techniques to the Working Mothers' Day Nursery kids from May through October. Many more activities for them are in the works.

In October, we met at Dean Day's brand new home. Pegi Naranjo reported that the Spring Flower Show Judges' School will be in Roswell. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about horticulture and design as well as becoming a judge. Curt Jaynes and his wife, owners of the Garden Source Nursery in Portales, presented our program. They brought many colorful mums, pansies, and decorative objects to sell to our members. They also sold some jars of flower fertilizer. Also this month, several members worked on landscaping the home for Habitat for Humanity. Several garden tools were purchased by Georgia Schoenecker to be given at the presentation of the home. Five members also participated in the Toss No Mass effort for Keep Roswell Beautiful. Twelve huge bags of trash were collected.

NMGC, Inc. Fall District Meeting, Albuquerque



*Above: Shirley Tetreault & Esther Russell
Below: Al Tetreault*



NGC, Inc. Fall Board, St. Louis, MO



*l-r: Isabel Olsen, Sally Warner, Shirley Nicolai, NGC President,
Shirley Tetreault & Doris Jackson*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 10	Full Cold Moon
Dec 21	Winter Solstice
2012	
Jan 1	NGC Awards Deadline
Jan 9	Full Wolf Moon
Jan 10 – Feb 28	Design Class, Albuquerque Garden Center, Tuesday nights 7-9pm; instructor Shirley Tetreault; make reservations through Laurie at the Garden Center
Jan 26 – 28	NGC, Inc. Winter Meeting, Albuquerque
Feb 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Feb 1	State Awards Deadline
Feb 7	Full Snow Moon
Mar 8	Full Worm Moon
Mar 5	District I Spring Meeting, Garden Center
Mar 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 16	District II Spring Meeting, Los Alamos
Mar 29 – 31	SCR Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas
Apr 16	District V Spring Meeting, Roswell
May 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
May 16 – 19	NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY
May 29 – 31	NMGC, Inc. State Convention, Angel Fire
Jun 1 – 4	Rose Society Convention, Albuquerque



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