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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shirley Tetreault

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

In a few days, November the 4th, we will fall back one hour. It is time to prepare our gardens for winter and make sure all the bulbs are in the ground.

As I traveled the state in October I gave you many handouts and quite a bit of information that I received in Arkansas at the National Fall Board meeting. The first was information on our National website. The user name is **member** and the password is **proud**. You should be able to go to the site and find valuable, updated information at your fingertips. Member Services has a beautiful new scarf (with all 50 states on it) available for sale as well as books, jewelry, calendars, tools, hats and many other items of interest. These items can be purchased in bulk, at a discount, to be used as a club fundraiser. Individual orders are also very welcome. All of the books needed for any of the schools can also be ordered via the internet.



We also talked about the magazine "Flower" that NGC will partner with. For every \$17.99 subscription, which is a discounted rate, NGC will receive \$2.00. This is a great opportunity to support NGC and enjoy reading in the comfort of your own home. It doesn't get any easier than that.

NGC is also looking for a short, punchy tag line for publicity purposes. As in the example, "Gardeners know all the best dirt" as an example. If you have a great idea that is flashy and will catch the attention of readers, please send it to Great Ideas Chairman Sue Neuhart at sueneuhart@comcast.net. I spent a few hours with Sue in Arkansas and she does have a lot of ideas but is also willing to hear your thoughts.

In New Mexico, as I traveled to all of your District meetings I heard some wonderful reports about what you are doing. We need to tell the world what we are doing. Shirley Nicolai has some wonderful programs in force and she wants to be able to present some awards at the end of her term. Suzy Andregio handed out an "Award Quick Key" at the Fall Board meeting in Albuquerque. She did an excellent job of listing state, regional and national awards and when and where they must be submitted. Please send in these awards and get credit for what you have already done.

As always, if there are questions or concerns, you can contact me for help. Thank you to all who attended the Fall Board in Albuquerque. The costumes and carved pumpkins were wonderful and there was a lot of laughter in the room. Judy Grotts, our South Central Region Director, joined us which was an absolute pleasure. Betty Heisler worked round the clock with her committee to pull

everything together. Isabel Olsen and Suzy Andrego made sure that the Presidents Reception was fantastic. For those of you that still have not turned in money for the trakes, please send it to Norma Tech, our Treasurer. Thank you New Mexico Garden Clubs - It is a pleasure to serve as your President.



NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
64th Annual Convention
"Honoring Those Who Serve Us"
March 20 - 22, 2013
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Garden Club(s): _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Committee Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> SCR Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> State Officer |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Consultant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Life Member | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest | |

Please make checks payable to **District I, NMGC Inc. 2013 State Convention** and mail with this form to: Debi Harrington, 1228 Landman Dr., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112 (505) 296-8208, jdharri@mailaka.net.

Please complete either a FULL TIME Package or Part-Time Registration

Full-Time Package includes: \$25.00 Registration fee, Breakfast/Program, Lunch/Program, NGC President/NMGC President's Reception, Dinner/Awards Program & Breakfast/Awards Program
NOTE: Full Time Package Does NOT include Judges Program!

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked on or before **March 1, 2013**) \$150.00 _____

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked after **March 1, 2013**) \$175.00 _____

NOTE: No refunds on registration after **March 1, 2013**. Registration fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Dinner/Program Judges Fee *	\$ 40.00	_____
Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee *	\$ 50.00	_____
Program Only *	\$ 25.00	_____

(*DOES INCLUDE MINIATURE CONTAINER VALUED AT \$15)

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

PART-TIME REGISTRATION:

Registration fee	\$ 25.00	_____
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Thursday, March 21, 2013

Breakfast/Program	\$ 25.00	_____
Luncheon/Program	\$ 30.00	_____
NGC President/SCR Director's Reception	\$ 10.00	_____
NMGC Banquet/Program	\$ 45.00	_____
Evening Program Only	\$ 20.00	_____

Friday, March 22, 2013

Breakfast/Program	\$ 25.00	_____
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SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

Please contact Suzy Andrego, sandrego@qwest.net

HOTEL:

Sheraton, Albuquerque Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (800) 252-7772.

Single or Double Rate: \$109.00 (plus tax)

Make reservations using the name: NMGC/SCR 2013 Convention.

Deadline for special rate reservations is February 27, 2013.

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

64th Annual Convention

“Honoring Those Who Serve Us”

MARCH 20-22, 2013

Sheraton Uptown
Albuquerque, New Mexico

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

12 Noon – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	NMGC Executive Board Meeting
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	NM Judges Council Exec Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	NM Judges Council General Meeting
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	NM Judges Council Dinner
7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	NM Judges Council Program: (WEAR YOUR BEST RED!)

MYSTIFYING MINITURES
A HANDS ON WORKSHOP
with Shirley Tetreault,
New Mexico Garden Clubs Own,
NGC Design Instructor

Thursday, March 21, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
(WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE & BLUE)
"Honoring Our Presidents That Have Served"
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Official Opening of NMGC, Inc.
64th Annual Spring Convention
- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon NMGC General Meeting
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. NMGC Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. NMGC Program
"All the Rules to Flying Our Red White & Blue"
- 2:15p.m. – 4:15 p.m. NMGC General Meeting Continues
(if needed)
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. NCG & NMGC President's
Reception
(WEAR YOUR TRUE BLUE)
- 6:00p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar & Musical Guest
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. NMGC Dinner
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. NMGC Program
"Do You Know Your H2O"
Presented by: A.J. Olsen
New Mexico Natural Resource Specialist
- 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Installation of 2013-2015 Officers
9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Party with the New President

Friday, March 22, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30a.m. Breakfast Buffet
8:30 a.m. – 9:30a.m. NMGC AWARDS Presentation

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
84th Annual Spring Convention
“HONORING THOSE WHO BEAUTIFY OUR WORLD”
MARCH 22-23, 2013
Sheraton Uptown
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Print Your Name As you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ email: _____

Garden Club(s): _____

Please circle your classification (all that apply): NCG Officer, NGC Chair, NGC Committee Member, SCR Officer, SCR Chair, State Officer, State Chair, District Director, Club President, Club Member, Flower Show Judge, Landscape Consultant, State Life Member, Regional Life Member, National Life Member, Guest

Please make checks payable to: District I, NMGC/SCR 2013 Convention and mail them to: **Suzy Andrego, 6612 Dodd Pl N.E. Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 888-0480, Suzy email: sandrego@qwest.net**

Please mark either a FULL TIME Package
or Part-time Registration area:

Full Time Package includes: \$25.00 Registration fee, Bio Park Tour/ Train/Lunch, Dinner/Fashion Show/Program, Breakfast/Program, Lunch/Program, Work Shop, NGC President/SCR Director’s Reception and Dinner/Awards Program.

EARLY FULL TIME PACKAGE

(post marked on or before **3/1/13**) \$ 155.00 _____

LATE FULL TIME PACKAGE

(post marked after **3/1/13**) \$ 180.00 _____

NOTE: No refunds on registration after 3/1/13. Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE.

PART-TIME REGISTRATION

Registration fee \$ 25.00 _____

Friday, March 22, 2013

Tour, Train Ride, Zoo & Lunch \$ 40.00 _____

Dinner & Fashion Show & Program \$ 35.00 _____

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Breakfast/Program \$ 15.00 _____

Luncheon/Program \$ 25.00 _____

NGC President/SCR Director's Reception \$ 5.00 _____

SCR Banquet/Program \$ 40.00 _____

Evening Program Only \$ 20.00 _____

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Single or Double Rate: \$109.00 (plus tax)

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Board Bus For the ABQ Bio Park
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Albuquerque Bio Parks
"JAPANESE GARDEN" (A Desert Approach)
Train Ride and Zoo Tour
BOX LUNCHES WILL BE SERVED!

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SCR Executive Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Musical Guest
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet –
**(WEAR YOUR RECYCLED OUTFIT
And/Or Your DENIM TO DINNER)**

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Recycled Fashion Show
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. SCR Program
"That Container Looks Familiar"
A Design Program with Dorothy Gibbons

Saturday, March 23, 2013

- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
(WEAR A BUTTERFLY TO BREAKFAST)
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Program
WINGS OF ENCHANTMENT
"Life Cycle of A Butterfly" with Tatia Veltkamp
- 9:45 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Official Opening of the
84th Annual SCR Convention
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon SCR General Meeting
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Luncheon
"Honoring SCR State Presidents"
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Program
"The Tale Of Cynthia Ann Parker"
Presented by: Sarah McReynolds
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work Shop
"Creative Paper"
by Pam Schmille
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Continuation of General Meeting
(If Needed)
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. NCG President &
SCR Director Reception
(WEAR YOUR PRETTY PURPLE)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Musical Guest
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **AWARDS Program**
9:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Installation of New Officers
10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. New Director's Celebration

OKLAHOMA, TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS

Please go through jewelry boxes and other treasures and find items to contribute to the SCR Scholarship Fund. Get your items to your state president or anyone else attending the SCR meeting in Albuquerque. **CONTRIBUTE TO: 1PHYLLIS' HOUSE OF TREASURES IN ALBUQUERQUE.**

Suzy Andrego named our SCR Ways and Means room in Little Rock – *Phyllis' House of Treasures*. She suggested we do it again in Albuquerque at the SCR meeting March 22 and 23, 2013. It was so much fun for me, and many of you said you enjoyed hanging out there to visit and discuss the treasures. The nicest part was that we made \$1600 for the SCR Scholarship Fund and it was all profit. Suzy and Mary Ann Moreno will be the New Mexico committee members who will accept your donations of jewelry and other small treasures in New Mexico. If the two of them collect your things ahead of the SCR meeting, it will be easier to get them priced and arranged before the meeting. If you are not at a meeting where they will be, it is okay to take your stash to the SCR meeting in Albuquerque. Be sure to locate the place designated for PHYLLIS' HOUSE OF TREASURES as soon as you arrive at the meeting—so you can both contribute your donated treasures, and purchase some as well. In 2012 we had the most exquisite items contributed. I did not dream such lovely pieces could be "parted with" from so many of you. Many of our members simply cleaned out jewelry boxes, and looked around their homes for other items—small items that travel easily. Many of us came home with beautiful treasures, and the scholarship fund was \$1600 richer. I extend 100,000 thanks to you for your participation.

Phyllis Byrum

Ways and Means Chairman, South Central Region, 2011-2013

OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

**Bylaws Committee: Sally Warner, Organizational Studies Chair
Lequita Lett
Colleen Hinker**

The following bylaw revisions were presented at the Fall Board Meeting on October 26, 2012. These revisions will be voted on at the Annual Convention in Albuquerque March 19-21, 2013.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 2: QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Reads: To be eligible for nomination for President or First Vice-President, a member must have served on the Executive Committee a minimum of two (2) years in an elected capacity and an additional two (2) years on the Board of Directors by the time of election. The member must have attended two (2) of the immediate past four (4) annual state conventions.

CHANGE TO READ:

A. To be eligible for nomination for President or First Vice-President, a member must have served on the Executive Committee a minimum of two (2) years in an elected capacity and an additional two (2) years on the Board of Directors by the time of election. The member must have attended two (2) of the immediate past three (3) annual state conventions.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Section 1: Nominating Committee:

B. To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee, a member or an alternate must have served at least two (2) years on the Board of Directors of NMGC, attended at least two (2) of the last four state meetings one of which the convention prior to election and be knowledgeable about State Personnel.

CHANGE TO READ:

B. To be eligible for election to the Nominating Committee a member or an alternate must have served at least two (2) years on the Board of Directors of NMGC, attended two (2) of the last three (3) state meetings one of which is the convention prior to election and be knowledgeable of State Personnel.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Section 1: Composition:

A. The members of the Executive Committee shall be:

CHANGE TO READ:

A. The voting members of the Executive Committee shall be:

Awards – Suzy Andrego, Chair

Award Sponsors Needed

If you are interested in sponsoring an award for 2013 now is the time to let me know. Please email me at sandrego@qwest.net, for a complete up to date list of those awards still available for 2013 sponsorship. There are still many awards that need sponsorship.

In addition, if you have previously sponsored an award and want to increase your award..... please let me know.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our awards.

NMGC, Inc. Nominating Committee Report – Doris Jackson, Chair

2011-2013 Nominating Committee members:

District I Mary Ann Moreno
District II Doris Jackson, Chairman
District III Colleen Hinker
District IV Susan Miller
District V Georgia Schoenecker

NMGC, Inc. slate for 2013-15 announced at the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque, NM:

President	Isabel Olsen, District V
1 st Vice-President	Suzy Andrego, District I
2 nd Vice-President	Nancy Ketchum, District IV
Recording Secretary	Christine Longthorp, District I
Treasurer	Debi Harrington, District I
Historian	Diane Peterson, District II

Appointments by Isabel Olsen, Incoming President:

Parliamentarian	Sally Warner, District II
Corresponding Secretary	Peggy Voigt, District V

The appointed/non-voting positions will be approved by the new Executive Board following their installation at the NMGC 2013 Convention.



MEMBER'S CORNER

LET'S HEAR IT FOR ROSEMARY!

Submitted by Rosemary Maddox
Mesilla Valley Garden Club

Thank you. But I wasn't referring to myself. When researching herbs on the internet for the recent windowsill herb garden workshop, I came across an article that changed my life. I do that often. I eat two teaspoons of flaxseed a day because Dr. Oz said it would flatten my stomach. The article was about rosemary, the herb, which most of us have in our gardens.

The article was published by helpwithcooking.com, which as far as I can see has no connection with the Rosemary Growers Union. Here is a partial list of the benefits of rosemary. Prepare to be amazed.

It protects against cancer, stimulates circulation, can raise low blood pressure, promotes digestion, relieves flatulence, depression and anxiety; relieves arthritis pain; treats dandruff and makes hair shiny -- and here is a big one --improves blood flow to the brain, which can improve concentration and memory; delays or prevents baldness; restores energy; relieves respiratory problems -- the list goes on.

It also says that fresh rosemary is an excellent source of Vitamins A and C and B6, iron, calcium, folate, manganese, magnesium, potassium and copper. There is no information about how much one would have to eat to derive any of these benefits. Under "Rosemary Tea," which is simply a teaspoon of rosemary steeped five minutes in a cup of boiling water, the claim is made that this will relieve headaches and "eliminate free radicals," whatever they are.

There are many, many articles on the Internet about rosemary. I found one entitled "Rosemary Herb Truth" on which I could have found out if Rosemary Herb had ever been arrested. Don't go there. I recommend helpwithcooking.com rosemary as the best article on the subject. Click on the first article in the list that comes up, "Rosemary - guide to the herb rosemary..."

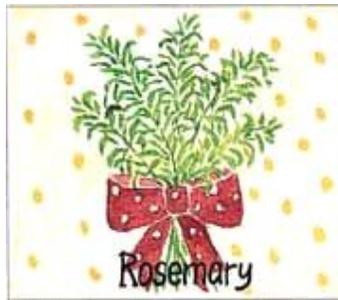
Confession: I had never eaten rosemary, pretty much for the same reason I had never eaten a bay leaf. I didn't think it was edible. When I use it in cooking I use the whole stem, as in Potatoes Rosemary and Rosemary Chicken, to flavor the dish and then throw it away. Last night I cooked Rosemary Pasta in Roasted Garlic Sauce, which has chopped rosemary. Not bad, but I'm looking for a way to eat rosemary every day.

I decided to try rosemary butter. I added two teaspoons of finely chopped rosemary to a little tub of soft margarine, stirred it and let it sit for the flavors to blend. My husband is a little bit wary of green food -- he says the only way kale is

edible is in Tuscany soup -- so I asked him to try my rosemary butter on toast. He pronounced it interesting and, with prompting, said he wouldn't mind eating it every day for breakfast. I plan to move on to using it in mashed potatoes and to flavor vegetables. I found a recipe for rosemary butter on the Internet which called for real butter, vegetable oil and buttermilk. I like mine better.

I am now halfway through a cup of rosemary tea with a teaspoon of honey --I have a thick printout about the wonderful things honey will do for you -- but honey is not an herb or a vegetable, so I won't go there.

I'm going to use the rosemary butter and drink the rosemary tea on a daily basis and keep on researching -- there is a lot out there that I don't yet know about rosemary. Move over basil, rosemary is now my favorite herb.



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

With winter approaching, Nancy Kanthack and her **Petal Pushers Garden Club** committee (Shirley Bray, Millie Ewing, Jackie Fallis, Cheryl McCammon, and Patty Williams) are active cleaning up the Marie Torrens Courtyard Garden at the Albuquerque Garden Center. The garden has showcased the ladies' hard work throughout spring, summer, and fall.

At the end of August, State Garden Club President Shirley Tetreault presented "simple flower arrangements with flowers from the garden" to Petal Pushers at the lovely home of Mary Frances Santistevan, Joan Higgs served as co-hostess. The members were excited to see Shirley's imaginative ideas for easy arrangements to place around the house. *(Photo: Shirley Tetreault w/her mother Norma J. Cilley celebrating Mrs. Cilley's birthday.)*



Mary Frances Santistevan continued to be busy the next month when she demonstrated topiary arrangements. She originally became interested in topiaries when she decorated for her son's wedding. Sandy Hollingsworth and Shirley Bray shared the hostessing responsibilities.

Lois Byron and Nancy Kanthack created clever Halloween treats for the October meeting. Jucy Nickell talked about Albuquerque water resources and the disappearing trees in the Albuquerque metro area.

After a fun-filled summer of gardening projects, Junior Petal Pushers are now bustling with school activities and have put their gardens to bed until next spring.

Trailblazers Garden Club has been quite intellectual the past three months. Let me impress you: Dendrochronology, Plant Propagation, and Xeriscape. Nothing fluffy for us!

As if all this intellectual stimulation weren't enough, we also participated in the San Juan County Fair. Our Floriculture Room was filled with arrangements but horticulture submissions were far fewer than in years past. We blame the weather. However blue ribbons abounded and surprised some of us! Dianne Lane did an excellent job of balancing all the entries, people who entered and the usual plethora of Fair details. Thanks, Dianne!

The club also took the brave step of changing our Fair participation. We voted to have a Small Standard Show next year which should make life easier for us all.

We are looking forward to the non-gardening season and all the activities that go along with this busy season.

District II

Fall has brought golden beauty to our aspens in Angel Fire and our three signature gardens have been bedded down for the winter. A new fountain/waterfall, donated by **Angel Fire Garden Club** member Dick Dickerson and Olguns Landscaping donating their labor costs, is an amazing and beautiful addition to the Blue Star Memorial Garden at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (Photo: *Diane & Pete Peterson at the fountain, photo by Dick Dickerson*)



Our September meeting was held at Enchanted Circle Pottery in Taos Canyon with a great tour of their studio and kiln. At our October meeting, we discussed our successes and failures in the garden and held our annual seed swap. Then we had great fun putting together Pine Cone Ristras with new members at Diane Peterson's house on October 17th. In November we plan to 'travel' the "Gardens of the World" courtesy of Richard Sides' photography.

Diane Peterson, Penni Davey, Fannie Mackie, and Betty Picquet attended the Fall District II Board Meeting held in Albuquerque. They all stayed on for the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting and had a wonderful time. Fannie's youth won 2nd place with their pumpkin and Diane got 3rd place for her costume.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas Party -- an old-fashioned Christmas Walk and Progressive Dinner. Wow, where has the time gone? Speaking of time, we better wish you all a great New Year!



*L-R: Judy Griffin, Johnese Turri, Joan Douglass, Fannie Mackie, Chris Love, Dorothy Thrasher, Mary Jo Weingart
Photo by Diane Peterson*

Floral Designers Garden Club: Since our club's objective is to stimulate interest in, and give knowledge of, the different forms of floral design and flower arranging our monthly programs are centered on that theme. When evaluating the designs we discuss the Elements and Principles of Design. We learn about horticulture, plant manipulation, drying, and preserving plant material. Also we discuss the style of container used in a design, mechanics to support the arrangement and how background color affects the interpretation of the design.

Many of our members entered horticulture and designs for state and county fairs, winning blue ribbons and top prizes. Those who are judges helped judge at various shows. Two members did a special exhibit for the Santa Fe Garden Club Flower Show in the Education Division titled "The Next 100 Years" celebrating the NM Centennial. They made six "Designs by Type" arrangements as a teaching tool for the members. Several of our members are regular arrangers for their church alter flowers, and do arrangement for civic groups. At our September meeting we were busy discussing a Hanging Design – Non-kinetic, Type 1, titled "Hanging Around." This design type resulted in a wide variety of interpretations. For our October program we studied and discussed a Creative Line Design, "Nature's Dynamics." We do not meet in November, December and January, but will resume again in February with a Creative Mass design program.



Hanging Type



Creative Line



Creative Line

Summit Junior Gardeners: It was an exciting day when several of the children who had completed the Junior Master Gardening Program last year decided to return this year. Unfortunately we could not use the plot we had last year but managed to rent a plot at the community garden in our town. The plot had been unused for some time, was weedy and needed soil care. The children were still in school but came to help whenever they could. A friend and member of our Summit club offered to help and brought in a rototiller and tilled our plot twice which improved it a lot.

Our project for this year was landscaping and growing food for the food banks. The children planned their own garden, each having their own area they

could plant out themselves. They had a great time preparing but it was getting late for planting so we needed to hurry. One of our children wanted to do container planting so she planted her popcorn seeds in a large pot! Two boys joined us, they were in charge of mulching the paths by putting down large amounts of cardboard then covering with lots of wood mulch. It worked well --- no more weeds in the paths! (L-R: Jon Stewart, Kalen Melton, Jackson Journey, Jenny Journey, their mother Jody and Kalen's mother Leslie)



It was a hot dry spring so we used irrigation. The children learned a lot about water conservation. The highlight of our summer was a field trip to the water gardens store in Santa Fe. The children enjoyed seeing the fish and learned about growing aquatic plants and marginals. The manager gave them a tour and they were thrilled when he gave them a large plastic container of water lettuce, water hyacinths and some small fish. We took a large tub to our garden and placed our treasures in it, so they had their very own pond!

Because spring was so hot and we were late starting our harvest was not big enough to supply the food bank this year but the children were able to take some squash, tomatoes and beans home to the delight of their parents.

We also had a competition for who would grow the tallest sunflower. The winner measured 8' 6".

For the fall and winter we will be meeting once a month to plan for next year, scrapbook our pictures, order our seeds, talk about how we can help in our community, possibly caring for the gardens around the Senior Center.

Presently we have 8 children registered with the NMGC. Hopefully others will join us for the next gardening year.

District III

District III is still looking to start new clubs in our surrounding town but our **Santa Rosa Garden Club** is thriving. Our District Christmas Project shipped out to Samaritan's Purse through the Calvary Chapel in Las Vegas, NM. It's a great way to share Christmas with the children all over the world. We chose Haiti and prepared shoe boxes decorated for Christmas, filled with flip flops, clothing, toothpaste and brushes, school supplies and candy for them.

Santa Rosa Evergreen Cemetery moves into its second year and final phase. The new redo on the entry and garden has made a beautiful site this summer. Trees and bushes will go in this fall. Our very successful Small Flower Show was in August along with the county fair. Club members, youth members and local contributors had lots of fun and won lots of ribbons.

Our club continues to work and cooperate on projects suggested by members and National Garden Club projects in competition with other clubs from our state.

Our elementary/middle school took prizes all the way up to Regional this year in the Smokey Bear Poster Contest, coordinated by Colleen Hinker and Carolyn Bedford. We placed arrangements in our local banks and city buildings for National Garden Week and finished our "Healing Herb Garden" on the south patio of the new Regional Hospital. Both visitors and staff enjoyed it as a place to relax this summer. Maintenance is on-going for our Blue Star Memorial and flowers will be placed in November for Veterans Day and two scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors of Santa Rosa High School at their awards day in the spring.

Our District III Director, Jean Digerness, attended the Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque.

District IV

In May, as we stated in the fall newsletter, **Desert Daubers Garden Club** planted three lantana plants in the Margaret Todsén Memorial Garden. They are quite colorful and are looking healthy. Jo Johnson and her husband deserve many thanks for their care of this Memorial Garden.

In September our meeting was held in the home of Fern Gold and refreshments were provided by Mary Beth Reinhart. An excellent program was presented by Nora Crisp on the Basic Design of Fresh Floral Arrangements. We hope it has inspired other members to make and enter designs for the Flower Show at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. We were very happy to welcome two new members to our club.

In October, Graeme Davis, Curator of the Arthropod Collection, gave us a tour of NMSU's Arthropod Museum at the Department of Entomology, Plant Pathology and Weed Science. This is an excellent collection started in the 1980's. It began with just a small accumulation of insects and has grown to over 150,000 specimens. The specimens are from all over the world, not just the state of New Mexico. The Arthropod Museum is a member of the Center for Natural History Collections at NMSU. After the tour we met at Carolyn Bersagel's home to conduct our meeting. Refreshments were provided by Sharon Gwin. And we happily added another new member.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club's September meeting was a variety of many activities. New members and guests were introduced. We discussed design arrangements for the up-coming State Fair Standard Flower Show. The Tour of Gardens selection committee gave a report.

Save the date! The Las Cruces Tour of Gardens will be on Saturday May 3, 2013. Many members were interested in purchasing the garden tool called a trake, the State Garden Club's fund raiser.

On a sad note, members discussed what we should do to honor the memory of Mary Jane Masters. Mary Jane was a 25 year member and two-time president of MVGC. She also was a district director.

At all of our meetings we contribute cans of food to the Gospel Rescue Mis-

sion kitchen.

At the October meeting, Sylvia Hacker a Las Cruces native and master gardener showed members how to make garden planters using ordinary Styrofoam, acetone and spray paints. The local hardware store was busy later that day. We also enjoyed our annual seed exchange, a treat for avid gardeners.

In November we had a field trip to Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. While there we enjoyed a picnic lunch and an informative tour by one of the Park Rangers. MVGC had visited the Bosque when it first opened in 2008 and we were impressed by how it had grown.

Our annual Christmas Dinner is always a time of sharing as well as enjoyment. We donate books for preschool children at El Jardin de los Niños and we also contribute monies to a family that they aid.

Sunshine Valley Garden Club does not meet during July and August. We continued to maintain our projects around town.

In September we started to get ready for the Flower Display at the County Fair. We had several members sign up to help with the Fair. Doris Adams gave directions and rules for cut flowers. She read a liquid recipe to help flowers stay fresh longer, and told us to cut flowers the night before bringing them to the Fair. Doris created and showed us examples of different style dry and cut flower arrangements. Refreshments were served by Florence Reddy.

In October we discussed the results of the Flower Display at the County Fair. We only had ninety-seven entries this year due to the hot and dry summer. Also the Fair was scheduled for the third weekend in October instead of the second weekend. Many of the flowers were finished blooming by this late date. We are looking forward to a better season next year.

Projects: At the Civic Center we put out our Harvest Decorations for Fall. We also purchased three small trees that we plan to plant in December to decorate for Christmas. The petunias and geraniums at Bullocks Store are still doing well. Also the hospital's marigolds and geraniums are doing well. Our guest speaker was Josie Robinson from Josie's Garden Escapes in TorC. She explained how to make a layered compost pile. She also she suggested that the fall is the best time to make a compost pile and to plant bulbs so that they will bloom in the spring. Refreshments were served by Prudence Thornton.

District V

Home Garden Club: Early September brought the Dragon Fly Festival to Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Members Peggy Voigt, Gloria Mendiola, Pat Krakauskas, Jan Smith, and Pat's guest, Edna, helped the attending children pot up plants to take home. The children also had the opportunity to color dragon flies for our annual coloring contest. McDonald's gift certificates were awarded to the winners in each age category.

Our September meeting was at the home of Peggy Voigt. She presented a demonstration on lasagna gardening. Many of our members were excited about upgrading the soil in their gardens using this technique. We welcomed new member Sharon Lombardi.

Morning Garden Club and Home Garden Club joined forces and entered a decorated vehicle in the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Parade held on October 1st in Roswell. Renate Reisel and Martha Morris, of Morning Garden Club, rode in a 1957 convertible decorated with flower garlands and banners. Melanie Deason and Brook Smith, our junior member, walked the parade route displaying a wealth of horticulture in their wagon. A fun time was had by all and we reminded Roswell that there are garden clubs in town. *(Photo: Renate Reisel, Melanie Deason and Brook Smith, HGC's Junior Member; photo by Martha Morris.)*



Members Daina Blount, Peggy Voigt, Rene McCoy and Jan Smith helped at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair Flower Show, chaired by Sue Ferguson of Morning Garden Club and Co-chaired by Peggy Voigt of Home Garden Club. Several members brought home awards for their entries.

Members Isabel Olsen, Peggy Voigt and Jan Smith attended the New Mexico Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting in Albuquerque. A fun time was had by those attending. The pumpkin decorations were inspiring. We came home with all sorts of ideas.

August brought **Lincoln County Garden Club's** annual Flower Show in Capitan during the 2012 Lincoln County Fair. Many gorgeous flowers were submitted. Winners from Lincoln County Garden Club were Connie Neubauer, Pam McArthur, Marilyn Barnes and Cynthia Shafer. Bev Yohner won 4 blue ribbons for her herbs and Imelda Horne's medicinal herb exhibit won Grand Champ! Congratulations! At the fair we sold the revised edition of the *High Altitude Gardening* book, handed out fire prevention information, landscaping techniques to reduce fire hazards and information on recovering from the Little Bear fire.

The August garden club business meeting was held at the library, followed by visits to community gardens and a plant exchange. Garden club maintains the library garden so we admired the extensive work the library garden committee did this summer to clean it up, weed, trim, water, etc. Next we toured the raised beds at Smokey Bear Ranger Station where vegetables and strawberries were growing. Then on to the atrium garden at the hospital where we enjoyed a picnic lunch in the shady courtyard.

Anita Powell, from the Lincoln County Bird Society, presented the September program, *Birds That Share Our Gardens*. Her colorful and informative power point presentation showed us how to identify birds right outside our windows at feeders and bird baths and how to use native and naturally occurring

vegetation to attract birds to our gardens. Imelda Horne made a beautiful bird feeder which was auctioned.

In October Betty Day, gourd artist, inspired and delighted us with her vibrant gourds. First she taught us how to clean a dried gourd, inside and out. A gardener and former art teacher, she discussed mediums and techniques to create everything from Kokopellis to canteens to hens! Passionate is the word to describe Betty! *(Photo by Marilyn Barnes.)*



Lincoln County Garden Club wishes everyone a peaceful holiday season filled with happiness and a bright 2013!

Morning Garden Club's September meeting opened with four new officers. There were displays for Working Mother's Day Nursery activities and for the 12 awards presented to our club at the State Convention. Sue Ferguson reported on the progress of preparations for the Flower Show for the State Fair in October. We were pleased to revive this event for the Fair. Plans were made for a "first" for our club: a car entry in the Fair Parade on Oct. 1. We were fortunate to have a 1957 Thunderbird convertible loaned to us for this event.

October was a very busy month! Many members entered specimens at the SENM State Fair Flower Show. There were over 200 entries, many from the general public. This was a great joint effort with Home Garden Club, as was the car entry for the parade. We had lots of fun decorating the car and passing out seeds, candy, and Smoky Bear bookmarks.

The Garden Clubs got some great exposure for gardening that day.

Later in October four of our members collected trash in the Toss No Mas campaign for Keep Roswell Beautiful. The month ended with preparations for the second session of the Flower Show School.



Fair Parade, photos by Martha Morris

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 21	Winter Solstice
Dec 28	Full Cold Moon
2013	
Jan 1	NGC Awards Deadline
Jan 26	Full Wolf Moon
Feb 1	NMGC, Inc. Awards Deadline
Feb 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Feb 25	Full Snow Moon
Mar 6	District V Spring Meeting, Cloudcroft
Mar 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 20 – 22	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Albuquerque
Mar 22 – 23	SCR Convention, Albuquerque
Mar 27	Full Worm Moon
May 3	Las Cruces Tour of Gardens, Las Cruces
May 24 – 26	NGC, Inc. Convention, Seattle, WA



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