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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isabel Olsen

"Helping Gardeners Grow"

The leaves have changed colors and they are now starting to fall; a sign that the season is changing. As we finish our planting and spread our mulch, now is the time when we put our gardens to bed.

Let me tell you a little bit about the National Garden Club's Fall Board Meeting that I attended in St. Louis, Missouri. I was able to network, share ideas and concerns with other state presidents. The workshops and well planned committee meetings were instructive, informative and provided me with information to better serve you as state president.



As I traveled to the five districts in New Mexico for their Fall Board Meetings, I received copies of their garden club's yearbooks. Each yearbook contained great programs and projects planned for the upcoming year. I appreciate the enthusiasm, hospitality and thoughtful gifts received from each district. At each meeting I spoke about our theme, "Helping Gardeners Grow." Particularly focusing on club membership, I asked members to go back to their individual clubs and have a discussion on how we can improve our welcome of new members. Regardless of how many years each of us have been in garden club, we need to remember what it was like being a "new member." Those new members will gravitate and reach out to the people with whom they feel most comfortable. So let's make them feel welcomed and let us be prepared to mentor, teach and encourage these wonderful new people!

George Burns once said "No {single} snowflake in an avalanche felt responsible." It takes the accumulation of all snowflakes just like it takes all the members to make a garden club. Every member is essential. Snowflakes, petals of a rose, or spokes in a wheel; whatever we are individually, together we are New Mexico Garden Clubs and we make things happen!

Many of our State Chairmen have been busy with programs, articles, and schools. Thank you for your dedication. Remember to keep track of your activities for your article in the Annual Report due February 1, 2014. Let's all remember to enjoy our projects, our clubs and our friendships with each other as we are *Helping Gardeners Grow*.

## NMGC, INC. 2013 FALL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Suzy Andrego



*If you missed the fall board meeting in Roswell .... You missed all the **SUNFLOWER** fun!*

**"Helping Gardeners Grow"** – was the theme for the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board meeting held in Roswell, NM at the Sally Port Inn. The convention committee was "Outstanding in their field" doing a fantastic job in the planning and preparations for our members' arrival. You should have seen all the wonderful NGC merchandise that Kathy Brown, Member Services Chair, had for sale. District Director, Rene McCoy, and all of her club members can "Hold Their Heads High!"

Thursday evening was the Judges Council dinner with sunflower pins for all who attended; followed by a program on "Sunflowers" given by Jay Burson, owner of the Greenery Nursery in Roswell. He also brought some new perennial introductions to share. And, "Spread seeds of happiness" when he gave them away to the members! I'll let you know how my jumbo "gomphrena" winters over.

Head Sunflower, State President Isabel Olsen, presided at the general meeting, giving us information from our National President, Linda Nelson and National Garden Clubs. She also "Stood tall" and told us about her goals for her term theme, "Helping Gardeners Grow." She gave us the ways and means project details, and drew the first drawing winner, Terry Fitzpatrick, Summit Garden Club, who won a 2014 Spring Convention registration, hotel cost and gas cost. I heard she was VERY excited after being told! Each one of us were given a copy of the, newly updated, NM Garden Clubs, Inc, By-laws.

Reports from District Directors and Chairpersons informed us of all the great projects and work that all of our club members do around the state. Sue Ferguson "Fed the birds" by giving us an awards update and each one of us went home with a new copy of the awards book. Georgia Schoenecker reminded us about purchasing life memberships to help in funding of the scholarship fund. And, Doris Jackson, NGC President's Project Air Steward, gave us ideas on projects our clubs could do with air. We had a sunflower hat contest and with so many gorgeous hats, it took the judges a while to choose the winners. The sunny results are: Julie Foster won the most creative sunflower hat, Colleen Hinker won the most unusual hat and Barbara Peters won the obsessed with sunflowers hat. One of the most exciting things that happened is when Blossom, the NGC honey bee, came to pollinate us in order to help us increase membership in our clubs. She gave all of us the "BUZZ" on the NGC President's Project!

Lunch was followed by a very motivational program on "Planting Seeds for Shade Trees You May Never Enjoy," given by Rick Kraft, attorney and writer who hails from Roswell, and reminds us to "never bend your head" ... "hold it up high" and "look the world straight in the face."

Hope to see all of you in Santa Rosa, NM, March 19 – 21, 2014 for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention where we will all learn about the famous Santa Rosa Blue Hole!

**NMGC, INC. FALL BOARD 2013**  
**Roswell, New Mexico**



*Membership Chair Kathy Brown &  
State President Isabel Olsen*



*Diane Peterson as "Blossom"*

**BLUE WATER-BLUE SKIES- BLUE HOLE  
WILL BE MEETING YOU AT THE SPRING STATE  
CONVENTION**

**March 19, 20, 21, 2014**

**Colleen Hinker co-chair with Jean Digerness, District III Director**

Our Convention Committee is already hard at work planning an interesting and informative convention for its members. We will be mostly meeting at the NEW Convention Center in Santa Rosa. The accommodations have been negotiated for reasonable rates and the meals already planned to titillate your taste buds! Programs are being planned to entertain you as well as educate you. Believe us, your time will not be wasted! President Isabel is planning break-out sessions and we are planning not only great programs including Scuba-diving, forestry and flower design, but also mini-tours to acquaint you with what's happening around Santa Rosa! The tours will include an inspection of the newly renovated Catholic church with its beautiful stained glass windows. Those interested in fishing will get a tour of the fish hatchery and those interested in old cars can inspect many at the Route 66 Car Museum. There even will be even a trip down to Puerto de Luna to see where Coronado built his bridge and where Billy the Kid is still haunting!

You will receive the registration forms, information on the hotels, and a simple map of Santa Rosa to guide you to the first meetings in the next NM Gardener. By necessity we will be scattered all over town, but then, you'll get to see more of our lovely Village! Come and welcome spring of 2014 with us! Get together your western clothes, swim suits and boots. And if you are so inclined, bring your scuba gear.

See you here in the spring!

This event will be hosted by District III. Angel Fire and Santa Rosa Garden Clubs will welcome you.

## DISTRICT DIRECTORS' BIOS



**District I Director – Betty Heisler:** Betty has been a resident of New Mexico since 1943 and has been a resident of Albuquerque the entire time. She has been a garden club member since 1968. She has been KoShari Garden Club President since 1997; it seems no one else will take this office and her members continue to re-elect her every year! Betty is Past President of Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, managed the Garden and Gift Shop at the Albuquerque Garden Center for two years, and has held many chairmanships for Council. Betty served one term as NMGC Historian, one term as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Director of District I, and is serving her second term as District I Director. She served as Co-Chairman and Chairman (two years and one year, respectively) of the NM State Fair Floriculture Department. She has served many years on the SF Floriculture Tally Committee and currently serves as Chairman of that committee. Betty enjoys interacting with young people and has encouraged many to enter the Youth Shows at the State Fair. She encouraged her niece and nephew to enter when they were four and six years of age, respectively. Her niece has been a member of KoShari Garden Club for the last four years and has attended many District, State and National functions in Albuquerque. When Betty is not gardening or attending meetings, she can be found at her home at Elephant Butte Lake boating, fishing, and enjoying water sports, and going on vintage car tours with her nieces and nephews.

**District II Director – Barbara Vance:** Barbara is an Accredited-Master Judge and serving her 11<sup>th</sup> year as State Credentials Chairman. She received the NMGC Silver Medallion which was the highlight of years of service in garden clubs. As a charter member of ABC Garden Club in 1975; she helped form the club and applied for membership in NMGC and NGC. The club will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February 2015.



Barbara also is a charter member of Floral Designers when it formed in 1994. She is active in her church, creating banners to enhance the church services and serving as mission coordinator of United Methodist Women. Barbara married Donald in 1968 and has two children and two grandchildren and a dog, "Skipper." Gardening has changed over the years resulting in more container grown plants in Santa Fe and lots of flowers and vegetables at the lake house at Conchas Dam where the weather is warmer for longer growing periods..



**District III Director – Jean Digerness** has been a member of Santa Rosa Garden Club for nine years and past president for two terms. She is a graduate of Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Missouri, 1971. Her great aunt was a member of the St. Louis Garden Club from its earliest days, her mother was a member of the Potosi, Missouri Garden Club and she always loved "helping" her when the county fair flower show occurred every year. There was a rose garden and a vegetable garden at her childhood home so she came by her interest naturally. She loves a home filled with flowers and plants and enjoys sharing this interest with others.

**District IV Director – Mrs. Ralph Thayne (Barbara) Peters:** Barbara and Thayne are long-time residents of Silver City, New Mexico; Barbara since birth and Thayne --- a little later. These two thrive on gardening and are pleased to see the heritage of parents and grandparents being worked out in the soil around their "country-estate" which exists just south of Silver City. Coaxing blooms from their rocky crest is a challenge they both undertake with skill, fervor and a lot of laughs.



Barbara was preceded in her interest in garden club work by her mother, the late Martha Y. Little; Martha was a member of the Evergreen Garden Club for more than 50 years, holding many local offices and keeping a challenge to the other club members to always do their best. Martha was fortunate to see her daughter join the garden club when she was President. Now, Barbara, following in her mom's footsteps, has held office at all state levels.

Barbara and Thayne enjoy their yard every day and share it frequently with their grown children and many grandchildren --- not to mention other family and friends and their church family.



**District V Director – Rene McCoy:** Rene grew up in the beautiful Ruidoso Hondo Valley. She played in apple orchards and rode horses through green rolling hills with cattle and sheep grazing nearby. Her grandmother inspired her to be a gardener and share the bounty of her vegetables and flowers with family and neighbors. Her aunt gave her a love of cut flowers, letting her help her place beautiful peonies, lilacs and other flowers in vases in preparation for her parties. Being raised on a farm and ranch has given Rene a great appreciation of how precious our natural resources are. Once out of college; Rene and her husband lived in Nevada and Oklahoma

before he transferred to New Mexico as an agriculture banker. She has had an eclectic professional career as a clothing store owner, realtor, title company document reviewer/manager of a land sales contract company, and paralegal. As a cancer survivor, her yard has been her spiritual therapy as she enjoys listening to the birds, her pond gurgle and watching her turtles "running" around. She especially enjoys growing native plants, lilies and iris. As a garden club volunteer and master gardener, if she can inspire one person or youth to garden or to enter a flower show horticulture exhibit or a floral design, then she feels that she has accomplished something special. As District Director her theme is "Learn to Grow – Plant a Seed." Rene challenges you today to plant a seed of friendship, plant a seed of interest to your meetings, and plant a seed and invite a new member to your meetings to grow your club and so your members will become more informed gardeners.

## **OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Nancy Ketchum, Membership**

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. now has 504 members. This includes 481 paid members and 23 youth members in 23 adult clubs and three youth clubs. At the Fall Board Meeting in Roswell, President Isabel Olsen reminded everyone that as part of her President's Project she is sponsoring a contest to enroll new members. She is offering \$200 to the district with the most new clubs and \$50 to the club with the most new members. Many clubs have welcomed new members and are in contention for that prize. Ending date for both is February, 1, 2014. So now is a perfect time to invite a friend or neighbor to the next meeting of your garden club.

Please don't wait to send information and dues for new members. It's very important that this is sent in a timely manner. Remember that state dues are \$8.00 per member. Send a check payable to NMGC, Inc. for the correct amount, along with the member's current information (address, phone and email) to Nancy Ketchum, HC 68 Box 2552R, Mimbres, NM, 88049.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Peggy Voigt**

February 1, 2014 is the due date for reports of officers, chairmen and district directors to be compiled into the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. 2013 Annual Report. Please mark your calendar - FEBRUARY 1, 2014.

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## **Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair**

1 A revised Awards Handbook was distributed at the Fall Board Meeting in Roswell to NMGC, Inc. President Isabel Olsen and her officers, to the District Directors, and to the club presidents. Copies will be sent to state chairmen. The Handbook can also be accessed on the NMGC, Inc., website [www.newmexicogardenclubs.org](http://www.newmexicogardenclubs.org).

Principal changes are:

1. Award applications may be submitted **electronically** or by **mail**.
2. Maximum number of pages allowed in each application is 3, one side of the paper only.
3. Maximum number of photos allowed in each application is 6. (Excepting Photographic Print of the Year, Design of the Year and Beginning Designer, where the limit is four.)
4. Publicity Press book (Page 26) no longer needs page numbering or a "Table of Contents."
5. Obsolete information regarding signatures on SCR and NGC award applications has been deleted from Page 33.

These changes were adopted to make the award application process easier and more user-friendly. South Central Region and National Garden Clubs also have a 3-page limit for their award applications.

The deadline to submit award applications to the appropriate NMGCs, Inc., chairman is February 1, 2014. Applications for National Garden Club awards should be sent to me by January 7, 2014, and South Central Region award applications should reach me by January 24, 2014. All club presidents have received copies of SCR and NGC award lists. These can also be found at [www.ngcscr.com](http://www.ngcscr.com) and [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

Please keep us all very busy with your award applications and contact me at any time if you have any questions. Many thanks.

## **Civic Development – Jan Smith, Chair**

It is time to start thinking about awards. I encourage your club to apply for the Civic Development Award.

Does your club have a landscape project at a school, public building, hospital, shopping area, cemetery, roadside, historic site or have you done a project that enhanced a park, trail or have you created a small pocket garden or created a street planting in your town? Then your club is eligible for the New Mexico Civic Development Award. Applications are due to the State Civic Development Chair-

man, Jan Smith by February 1, 2014. You can email them to Jan at [jds7jds7@hotmail.com](mailto:jds7jds7@hotmail.com).

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

I would like to thank all who sent me well wishes via phone, e-mail and cards. All are greatly appreciated. Recovery is progressing well.

**Any photos submitted for the *Gardener* that are of poor quality or poor composition will not be published. When taking photos please keep in mind the following:**

- Look at your composition with the naked eye first. If someone's face is being blocked by an object, move it or the person.
- When photographing an object, once again look at it with the naked eye. Are there unwanted objects such as salt & pepper shakers, etc. in the photo? Move them.
- When photographing objects, concentrate on the object. Get the whole object in the photo, eliminate as much background as possible.
- When taking group shots, be sure all are visible, not blocked by others. Move people around as necessary to get everyone in the photo.
- Make sure there are no objects "sticking out of someone's head" or anywhere else.
- Most importantly, FOCUS. There are so many photos submitted that are out of focus.
- Always check the photo after taking it for composition and focus. If it needs to be taken again, do so. This is easy to do in the digital age.
- Photos need to be submitted separately as a .jpg file attached to an e-mail. Photos embedded in a document will not be used as extracting them diminishes their quality.
- One to three photos will be used per article. The number used depends on the number of photos submitted overall per issue. Any photos submitted that are not used, can be sent to Cindy Hills, [cinzh@aol.com](mailto:cinzh@aol.com), to be uploaded to the photo gallery on NMGC's website.

## **Ways & Means – Isabel Olsen**

If you recall, we have two prizes for our Ways & Means drawing this year. At the NMGC Fall Board Meeting we drew one name for an all expense trip to our Spring Annual Convention in Santa Rosa. At the convention we will draw the winner of the Metal Iris Sculpture. Well... we have our first winner! **Terry Fitzpatrick** of the Summit Garden Club in District II was our lucky winner. Congratulations Terry! We look forward to seeing you at the convention!!! You can still purchase tickets; so Clubs keep selling the tickets you have and contact me if you need more. The person and the club that buy and sell the most tickets will get a prize from me! Thank you for your support of Ways & Means.

## **World Gardening – Virginia Podmenik, Chair**

### Crocus Nursery and the Chelsea Flower Show, London, England

Keep the date open; May 20-24, 2014 for your visit to the Chelsea Flower Show. The show itself has been in the planning stage for months. I had the opportunity to visit Crocus, a wholesale working nursery, which has been supplying plants for two of the show gardens every year. Founded by Mark Fane and Peter Clay in 2000, [Crocus.com](http://Crocus.com) UK has won 19 gold medals at Chelsea in 13 years.

Early on after they are selected, the designers submit to a chosen nursery a plant list of up to 10 thousand plants. Nurseries usually try to double this amount to allow for those plants that are not up to par. Plants are pampered with light or darkness, cold or heat so as to be in perfect bloom for the show. Every plant in the show garden is left in the pot. Trees used in the designs can weigh up to 5 tons. I saw a group of 11 trees, 2000 lbs. each, which had been imported from Belgium. Whatever a designer wants the nurseries must find and they travel the globe to find them be it plant, pond or stone wall. The next task is getting it all to Chelsea in the heart of London. Crocus has 9 big flat bed trucks which make 9 deliveries a day. The design teams are allowed to start their gardens with hardscape 21 days before the show. Planting is allowed only 6 days. On the last day of the show, most gardens are broken down and the plants are sold to the public.

Crocus told us of a lady who parked herself in front of one of their gardens for a period of time and returned later with her husband. She then asked if the garden was for sale and was given a price. She asked her husband if she could have it. He told her the diamond ring she had selected for her birthday or the garden. She picked the garden. Crocus moved and planted it.

## **Youth Therapy/Activities – Esther Russell, Chair**

I hope you are all still working away in your gardens. I would like to enlist your help with our youth garden club program. I have been informed that two of our youth clubs have folded because their adult leaders have moved. Could you please consider taking over one of these clubs? I have had the privilege of helping with the Blooming Gardeners Club here in Albuquerque and these children are amazing and are eager to learn. If we do not make an effort to teach our children about gardening, our love of gardening may cease to exist. Please help keep our youth involved and our gardens growing for the future.

If you would like to form a new youth club, please contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your support.

## **WHY ATTEND FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL?**

By Shirley Tetreault

We completed Flower Show School IV in Roswell, NM on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of October. I had the opportunity to team teach with Judy Newman from Wisconsin. Mary Ann Moreno (FSS Chair) had a fabulous group of ladies to make it a success and a great learning opportunity. Suzy Andrego, Rene McCoy, and Peggy Naranjo did an outstanding job at the local level by pulling it all together and making everything flow just perfect. In addition, Suzy, Mary Ann, Christine and Debi Harrington provided the table designs and horticulture for the students to critique. It takes a great deal of planning and scheduling to put on a school and everyone is invited to attend. It doesn't matter if you are a judge, plan to be one, or just interested in expanding your horticulture and design knowledge, the experience is invaluable! Home cooked lunch was provided by Morning and Home garden clubs. Boy was it yummy! The next series will begin in March 2014, in Albuquerque. Watch for more information. Hope to see you there!





## MEMBER'S CORNER

### MOTHER NATURE AND ME

Submitted by Rosemary Maddox  
Food & Herb Gardening Chair  
Mesilla Valley Garden Club

While scanning my books for our garden club garage sale on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, I found something in "The Quotable Gardener," edited by Charles Elliot, which I would like to share:

"Nature is the gardener's opponent. The gardener who pretends he is in love with her...has to make an alliance with her which she will be the first to break, without warning, in the most treasonable way she can. She sneaks in, she inserts her weeds, her couch-grass, her ground elder, her plantain, her greenfly and her slugs behind his back. The b\_\_\_\_\_." (Rhymes with witch, as Barbara Bush so quaintly said. RM) Geoffrey Grigson, "Gardenage," 1952.

I couldn't have said it better, except I suspect his list is of English pests. Mine would be much longer, and the uncontested leader would be prostrate spurge. I am obsessed with this weed, and spend the majority of my time in the garden pulling it up. Mother Nature is a master of camouflage; she colors it brownish-maroon on the bare dirt, and green in the grass. I have found long tendrils of it entwined with and pretending to be tarragon. A new variety in the front yard rocks is so fragile and lacy it is necessary to paw through the rocks and grasp the roots; however, it is impervious to Roundup.

The second item on my list is not considered a weed but is threatening to take over my garden: Jerusalem artichokes. About ten years ago my sister-in-law, who always seemed to like me, brought me a tuber from her winter stay in Yuma. I thought the sunflower-like plant would look nice next to the rock wall so I planted it. The artichoke bed is now approximately 20 feet wide and extends out about six feet into the garden beds. Harvesting the tubers is like gold mining; moving lots of dirt for very little reward. And most recipes start out "peel the artichokes." Forget it! They're knobby! A good scrubbing is all they will get from me.

I Googled "Jerusalem Artichoke Culture" and learned that the entire bed should be dug up once a year and replanted with a few of the best tubers. I'm in my ninth decade and on a first-name basis with the admitting clerks at the local hospital, so I think I will just let the artichokes fight it out with the out-of-control garlic chives. A dear friend who has since passed away gave me "a little start" of a succulent, which is advancing from the other side. When I find a sprig in a gardening bed I gently move it back behind the red line I have drawn. And

redrawn.

Mother Nature has my number: She knows a "no-kill" gardener when she sees one and she can get away with anything in my garden. And she knows I love it--I can't wait to go out in the morning and see what the b\_\_\_\_\_ has been up to. Keeps me on my toes. But I won't forgive her for nematodes.

A parting thought: same book: "Genesis got it just wrong. Adam should have been exiled from town as a punishment and put to slave in a garden."  
Clarence Day, "Humpty-Dumpty and Adam."



## GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

### District I

At **Petal Pushers Garden Club's** August meeting Debi Harrington demonstrated how to make sunflower wreaths out of cornhusks. This inspired us to create wreaths which we sold at the Harvest Fair. Creating the wreaths was a very pleasant activity to welcome New Mexico's beautiful fall season.



Thank you Debi!

*(Photo: Petal Pushers Officers 2013 - 2014 (left to right); Lois Byron -Treasure & Council Rep., Sonia James - Vice President, Joan Higgs - President, Patty Williams - Secretary, not pictured Nancy Davis - Parliamentarian)*

In September we had a workshop which involved the art of decoupage to decorate flower pots. While decoupage we enjoyed planning our booth and items to be sold at the Harvest Fair held at the Garden Center.

At the September meeting Curtis Smith, Bernalillo County Extension Horticulture Specialist, demonstrated how to make *ollas*, the ancient art of clay containers used to water plants underground. The history of *ollas* was fascinating. We were inspired to apply this technique to our own gardens and container plants. It is a very water wise way to water here in the Southwest.

Flower pounding, the transfer of pigments directly from the flower or leaf onto paper or fabric through the use of a hammer, was an interesting art form brought to our attention by artist Beverly Meredith at our October meeting. This intriguing and refreshing art form inspired many of us to some very interesting new projects.

Marie Kellerman, your move to beautiful Colorado will be Colorado's gain and our loss of a very valuable member of 40 years. We have all enjoyed you very much and appreciate your loyal dedication and contributions to our club. You are a treasure!

We welcome new members. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30am at the Albuquerque Garden Center.

### District II

**Floral Designers' Garden Club** continues to have each member as they are able to bring a design to share and be critiqued. In 2013-2014 we continue to use

the book "Designing by Types" and the "Handbook." Members are presenters each month.

August was a pilgrimage and luncheon to Trish Stammberger's garden in Taos featuring dahlias of all colors and sizes. Trish used dahlias throughout her home and patio in an innovative a manner.

September was a challenge in design: "Thumbelina's Harvest"; a miniature of any design style, traditional or creative, but reduced in size, with fresh and/or dried materials used. Designs may not exceed five (5) inches in height, width, or depth. The importance of scale and proportion of container and plant material was emphasized. *(Photo by Pat Copple)*



October brought another challenge to expand our horticulture knowledge with a Mono-botanic Design, "Turning to Fall." It is a creative design using multiple parts of a plant(s) of one family or genus. Parts may be stems, bloom/s foliage, roots, fruit, etc. *(Photo by Pat Copple)*



As Floral Designers plan for 2014, we are the host for the NMGC District II Spring Meeting and will provide a design program. Our members will help with the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe.

As its theme for 2013 – 2014; **Los Alamos Garden Club** chose "Stimulating Our Growth – Both for Ourselves and Our Club." First Vice President Ann LePage and local artists held a drawing for painted rain barrels. The project furthered our continuing interest in water conservation. During the summer, members traveled to the Valle Grande and the Estrella del Norte vineyards. Several members participated in the District II Judges Council Small Standard Flower Show. Fall meetings focused on Bee Keeping for the Gardener and Holiday Crafts.

In November we will pursue our annual wreath making fundraiser for our scholarship program. We will go into the national forest and gather greens which we will make into holiday wreaths to be sold. In December we will have our annual holiday gathering for members and spouses or friends.

**Summit Garden Club** Fall programs include: Los Alamos Trails Restoration, Attracting Migratory Birds to Your Garden, Christmas Cookie Exchange.

For the November meeting, invited guests including District II Director Barbara Vance, members of Floral Designers' and Los Alamos Garden Clubs. Juanita and Jack Ortega provided the program: "Rose Planting and Care" from the Santa Fe Rose Society. They are award winning rosarians and Juanita (a member of Floral Designers') has won several awards with her designs featuring roses.

President Laurie Hixson (also District II Treasurer) attended the NMGC District II Fall Board meeting in Santa Fe. She reported on district and state activities at the Summit November meeting.

President Laurie Hixson and Member Norma Tech attended the NMGC Fall Board in Roswell and reported NMGC happenings at the November meeting. Member Terry Fitzpatrick was the winner of the President's fundraiser, the all expense paid attendance at the NMGC 2014 Spring Convention in Santa Rosa.

There are plans to donate a decorated Christmas tree for the Los Alamos Senior Center Festival of Trees.

Summit Garden Club continues to support the White Rock Community Garden. Our gardening days are Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Over the course of the summer, on these gardening days, volunteers have planted over 100 plants and bulbs and installed innumerable feet of irrigation lines. Because of the size of the garden, we've only planted in three of the seven beds this year. But they are turning out so well. The flowering perennial bed, right beside the main sidewalk, bloomed profusely (after the deer decided they really didn't like coreopsis after all.) We have almost every color of the rainbow represented: yellow, orange, red,



pink, and purple and we only have a few plants in that bed so far. The grasses have done outstanding. We have nearly a dozen different varieties planted and they have taken off. Note the Karl Forester feather grass in the picture. All those feathers sprouted after being planted! The remaining bed that was planted this year contains a variety of shrubs, including several varieties of potentilla, sumac, and even a Mugo pine. All these plants have been donated by various people and organizations. (Attached photos courtesy of Laurie Hixson)

The garden is being developed, in part, to demonstrate the types of plants that perform well in the high desert of northern New Mexico. So far, the plants we've chosen are doing just that. Our first year also proved to be successful in that we have gotten the word out that there is a community garden and people are starting to see results. A few weeks ago, while planting some iris, we noticed a profusion of worms! Even the fauna are getting the word.

## District III

District III is looking forward to working with **Angel Fire Garden Club** and their talented group of designers and workers. We whole-heartedly welcome them to our district. Of course, the biggest project for our district for the next 6 months plus is the 2014 Spring Convention. This project is well underway with both clubs contributing great ideas and time.

Angel Fire Garden Club is proud of their education publication; "Nature has its Way" because it won first place at the National Level and was well received. They hosted a successful Environmental School in July that was held in conjunction with their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour. The beautiful gardens set in the mountains and forests of Northern New Mexico educated many new gardeners to high altitude gardening.

Both clubs promoted National Garden Week in June by displaying flower designs in public buildings. These promotions attracted interest in NGC goals and knowledge was welcomed. It was particularly appreciated that the beautiful flowers lasted a long time to bring joy to everyone. **Santa Rosa Garden Club** and Angel Fire Garden Club both have long term and on-going projects that require a lot of maintenance. Both maintain Blue Star Memorials. Angel Fire has two public gardens and Santa Rosa maintains three educational, public gardens. Santa Rosa organizes and hosts a standard flower show held at the Guadalupe County Fair in August. They provide horticultural and floral design education to all that attend. The showroom also provides a welcome respite from the August heat!

In September, Santa Rosa Club members enjoyed a day of raspberry picking (and eating) in Mora.

Our members have already begun filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as our district project. These fun boxes will be distributed during the holidays to children in a third world country.

Extreme harsh weather has challenged many of our gardeners, yet they still cheerfully pull weeds, plant new specimens, water religiously and share their knowledge and friendship.

## District IV

**Evergreen Garden Club** is sponsoring "The Enchanted Christmas Tree Tour" again this year. We have already started to decorate over 22 full size Christmas trees that will be displayed in a historical home in Silver City. We work 3 days a week, until Thanksgiving, to complete the transformation of this historic home into an enchanted Christmas with wreaths, garland and trees. The dates for the tour are December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-8:00pm and December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Hot cider and homemade cookies by club members will be served during the tour. The proceeds will benefit several local children charities in Grant County. Tickets are \$5.00 adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. We hope to see you there.

In October **Mesilla Valley Garden Club** visited the Margaret Todson Memorial Garden near Fort Selden. A bag lunch was held at the home of Jo Johnson. Jo is one of many members responsible for starting the garden in the late 1980s and she, with her husband Max, care for the Memorial. After lunch our group visited the Fort Seldon Winery owned by Desiree and Franklin Simon. We were able to view the vineyards and Franklin explained the basics of wine-making. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Dr. Bill Linderman, a professor at NMSU who is also on the Las Cruces City Works Committee, will speak on "Water, Plants and Soil" in the area at MVGC's November meeting. A seed swap and ideas for next year's gardens will follow.

During the holiday season members and guest will enjoy our annual "Christmas Holiday Dinner Party." Members bring can goods to give to the Gospel Rescue Mission at every meeting, however at this time of year we also donate warm clothing and blankets. MVGC also gives unwrapped books to El Jardin de los Niños a preschool for homeless children.

**Sunshine Valley Garden Club** did not meet during the summer months. However, we did maintain our flowers and plants at our projects. We made sure they were watered and all dead flowers removed and new ones planted.

In September we held our first meeting. We discussed which kind of fall flowers and plants we would buy for our planters. We also discussed having our annual Christmas party on December 13, 2013 at the Elephant Butte Inn. All members were in favor of presenting Emma Asbell with the Lifetime Membership Pin. We will be presenting it to her at our next meeting. We have three members that will be traveling to the Fall District Meeting in Tularosa. Our guest speaker was unable to attend the meeting. Doris Adams gave a talk on everything you wanted to know about growing roses.

In October we held our annual Flower Display at the County Fair. We received one hundred sixty-two (162) entries. We were all surprised that we received so many due to the hot weather and the bad storms. We also had eighteen entries in our Junior Division.

Our next meeting will be on October 18, 2013. Our program will be about gardening in earth boxes.

## District V

Since **Home Garden Club** does not meet from June through August, Publications Chairman, Jan Smith, implemented a monthly newsletter so members are kept up on National, State and District information during the months we do not meet. The newsletter also covers topics of interest to members.

Several members attended the Flower Show School on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Every Saturday, July through October, members have manned a table at the Roswell Farmer's Market. Informational papers, provided by the Chaves County Extension Office, about plants that grow in our area were available to the public. We also invited the public who may be interested in joining the Garden Club. Through this effort we have added members to our club and let Roswell know that there are Garden Clubs in town.

In September, club members journeyed to the home of Fred and Colleen Hinker. We had a wonderful time learning about organic farming and how it benefits both land and animals.

Home Garden Club joined forces with Morning Garden Club to decorate a float in the ENMSF Parade that was held on Sept 30. Isabel Olsen, State President; Jan Smith, representing Home Garden Club and Renate Reisel, representing Morning Garden Club waved their garden gloved hands to the crowds as they rode in the back of a 1950's decorated pickup. Pam Davis, Denise Schmidlen and Brook Smith, our youth member, pulled a wagon filled with plants in the parade. They handed out flyers about the Garden Clubs. Jan Smith and Jan Dunahoo of Morning Garden Club joined forces and created an educational display at the ENMSF.



At our October meeting we worked on the "goodie bags" for the NMGC Fall Board meeting.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** August brought the annual Flower Show in Capitan during the 2013 Lincoln County Fair. Many gorgeous flowers were submitted. Winners from Lincoln County Garden Club were Connie Neubauer, Pam McArthur, Marilyn Barnes and Cynthia Shafer. Pam McArthur's sunflower won Grand Champ! Congratulations!

At the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of National Garden Club, Inc. in Seattle, Washington, NMGC Inc won first place for the *New Mexico Gardener*. Lincoln County's Cynthia Shafer is the editor. Imelda Horne, Nannette Tanner and Barbara Bauer also won for Community Landscape Design! Way to go ladies!

Elena Hansen and Judy Peterson presented the program for the August meeting at the home of Marilyn Barnes. Their topic was "Coming to America" featuring herbs and spices that make American cuisine a blend of ethnic flavors. Elena made and served delicious cookies with 3 forms of ginger and gazpacho. Judy Peterson served sage and poblano cheese spread and Cuban black beans. Delicious! Lisa Peake decorated with bouquets of basil, rosemary, thyme and Thai basil. She also brought turnips from the garden to share with the club. Lunch of pasta salad with artichokes, olive bread, fruit and dessert flower pots followed. *(Photo: Lisa Peake & Elena Hansen, photo by Marilyn Barnes)*



As autumn grew near, garden club made scarecrows for the gardens at the library and the hospital. A tree was planted at the library garden and shrubs at the hospital.

When school started we were asked to help Parks and Recreation with a children's garden project. Planted during the summer, a garden behind the Parks and Recreation office was ready to harvest in late August. Garden club members talked to the kids about maintaining a garden and helped them pick zucchini, carrots, turnips, basil, radishes and eventually corn. One week we talked about thistles; another week LCGC member, Connie Neubauer, brought zucchini bread for tasting; another we cooked pizza with fresh vegetables and basil on it. By the first week in October the frost ended our adventure.



The September meeting was rained out so we went to PLAN B, bring your favorite garden tool and tell why you like it. One favorite was an antique that was 4 different tools in one; another was an ergonomically correct spade with a round handle; another was the Hula Hoe with a round blade; one member brought a fork (can be pretty handy) and of course the TRAK, part rake and part trowel.

Photographer David Tremblay presented October's meeting at his studio. After giving us hints and tips on taking pictures we walked his nature trails finding autumnal subjects to photograph. Delightful!

Lincoln County Garden Club wishes everyone a peaceful holiday season filled with happiness and a bright 2014!

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(2007 edition) Pages 159-166.**

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**SCHEDULE**

**March 1, 2014 Saturday**

8:00 - 8:30 am **Registration**  
8:30 - 9:30 am **ALLIED TOPIC**  
*Conformance Revisited*  
Barbara May  
9:30 - 9:45 am Break  
9:45 - 11:45 am **DESIGN**  
*A View From Within*  
**Abstract Creative Design**  
Barbara May  
12:00 - 1:00 am LUNCH  
1:00 - 3:00 pm **Design Lecture**  
**Practice Pt. Scoring**  
3:00 - 3:15 pm Break  
3:15 - 5:15 pm Written Point Scoring

**March 2, 2014 Sunday**

8:00 - 8:30 am **Registration**  
8:30 - 9:30 am **ALLIED TOPIC**  
*Viva Viola*  
Gay Austin  
9:30 - 9:45 am Break  
9:45 - 11:45 am **Horticulture**  
*Connections to Collections Don't Delay -  
Display*  
Gay Austin  
12:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH  
1:00 - 3:00 pm **Horticulture Lecture**  
**Practice Pt. Scoring**  
3:00 - 3:15 pm Break  
3:15 - 5:15 pm Written Point Scoring

**INSTRUCTORS**

**ALLIED TOPIC & DESIGN  
BARBARA MAY**

Barbara D. May is a past President of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and past President of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.; a Trustee Emeritus of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and holds a Master's Degree from Boston University. She now serves as the NGC FSS Instructor's Chairman/Design and the new Handbook Revision Committee. She has been actively involved in garden Club since 1972. She is also a Master Judge and a NGC, Inc. Instructor in Design, Flower Show Procedure and Symposium.

**ALLIED TOPIC & HORTICULTURE  
GAY AUSTIN**

Gay is an accredited Master Flower Show Judge and Horticulture Instructor for the NGC Flower Show Schools, teaching both at the school and symposium level. She served as President for The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. 2009-2011 and is currently serving as 2013-2015 NGC Third Vice-President. She is an active garden club member in McComb, Mississippi, where she also enjoys her time as a Master Gardener and President of the PALS Rescue, a local no-kill animal organization with shelter. Mrs. Austin and her husband, Will, live near McComb. They have three sons, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren, seven dogs and three cats – all bring joy to their lives.

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**ALL Judges** (attending for credit) are **REQUIRED** to bring the **2007 NGC HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS** (with updates from *The National Gardener*),

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 17	Full Cold Moon
Dec 21	Winter Solstice
2014	
Jan 1	NGC, Inc. Awards Deadline
Jan 15	Full Wolf Moon
Feb 1	NMGC, Inc. Awards Deadline
Feb 1	SCR Awards Deadline
Feb 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Feb 14	Full Snow Moon
Feb 28 – Mar 3	New Mexico Judges Symposium, Albuquerque
Mar 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 11	District V Spring Meeting, Roswell
Mar 16	Full Worm Moon
Mar 19 – 21	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Santa Rosa
Mar 28 – 29	SCR Convention, Addison, TX
Apr 30 – May 3	NGC, Inc. Convention, Norman, OK



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