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Santa Fe, New Mexico*

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*Standing l-r: Christine Longthorp, Sally Warner, Peggy Voigt, Shirley Tetreault,
Suzy Andrego, Linda Nelson, Isabel Olsen, Nancy Ketchum & Debi Harrington*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Isabel Olsen

"Helping Gardeners Grow"

This time of year reminds us of nature's beauty. As I'm writing this, I'm looking out the window at a beautiful tree with golden leaves and before long, the same tree will be white with snow.

As I traveled to all your district meetings I heard of the many wonderful programs and projects that you are doing. I want to encourage you to apply for awards. What better way to share your club's work and accomplishments by winning certificates with monetary awards. In my report I shared many details of my enjoyable trip to the National Fall Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.



After 20 years of having the National dues at .50 cents per member, it was recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Board to increase the National dues to \$1.00 in 2016. After much discussion and a ballot vote, the increase was passed. New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. currently collects \$8.00 per member from each of the clubs and we send .50 cents to national and keep \$7.50 for our state. In 2016 the increase will take affect and we will then send \$1.00 per member to National and keep \$7.00 for our state treasury. We, the Executive Board, looked at our financial funds and felt there was no need to increase the current \$8.00 and could financially continue to operate with \$7.00. So I'm very pleased to announce that.

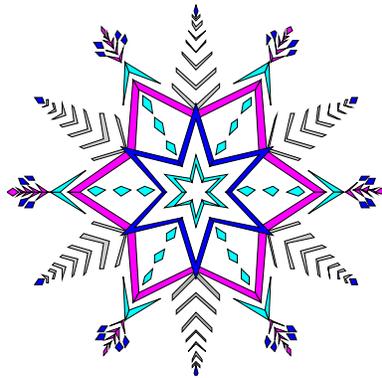
I also would like to announce the new membership contest for NMGC. Each new club will receive \$50.00 to start their treasury. The club with the highest increase in membership will receive \$200.00 and the district with the highest percent of increase in membership will receive \$200.00. This will be for the period of September 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015. Winners will be announced on March 27th at the Spring Convention in Silver City. So good luck to you all!

At the South Central Region meeting last year, it was decided to have the booklet "A Gardener's Book of Inspiration and Smiles" reprinted. SCR had printed the booklet approximately 17 years ago. Before reprinting more issues, it was suggested to add new material. If you have a special poem or blessing that you would like to submit, please email it to Diane Peterson at lloydanddiane@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all that attended the Fall Board in Santa Fe. It was wonderful to see members having the opportunity to meet and converse with National

President Linda Nelson and SCR Director Nancy Voyles. And of course, we must not forget "Blossom the Bee."

I want to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season. Let's all enjoy our projects, our clubs and our friendships with each other as we are *Helping Gardener's Grow*.



FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Suzy Andrego



I have just returned from our Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. It was "Fall in Colorful Santa Fe." The weather was beautiful, the leaves were turning and the sun was shining. We had a busy two days.

Thursday evening, we started the event with New Mexico Judges Council dinner and a wonderful program on "Judging Roses," given by Jack Ortega (the husband of Juanita Ortega of District II.) Jack reminded us what we should be looking for as judges and as exhibitors when we are dealing with roses. In addition, Andy Core of Valley Gardeners, in Albuquerque, presented a short program on "Judging Rose Arrangements." MaryAnn Moreno and Debi Harrington, of Valley Gardeners, created the beautiful rose arrangements that Andy judged for us. The center pieces were created with beautiful orange with red edge "High Intensity" roses by Sonia James, Shirley Tetreault, Dru Hager and our National Garden Clubs President, Linda Nelson. Rose water and rose bath salts were the table favors. And, we had a very successful auction thanks to the generosity of Julie Foster of Artesia Garden Club! The evening was very colorful and rosy!

The board meeting on Friday was very informative. We had the National Garden Clubs President, Linda Nelson tell us what is happening at the National level, including a fifty cent increase in dues to National Garden Clubs, which will go into effect in 2016. Our South Central Region Director, Nancy Voyles, filled us in on what is happening at the regional level and how she is involved, on our behalf, at the national level. Our South Central Region Assistant Director, Bobbi Verser also attended. She was wearing her National Garden Clubs Awards Chair hat. Bobbi spoke of all the information she needs for South Central Region to apply for the National President's Project award. Anything that your club does that is educational and shows that "Choices Matter" should be reported to her. She needs to gather all this info for the awards application due to National December 1, 2014. Reports from District Directors and Chairpersons informed us of all the great projects, activities and work all of our club members continue to do around the state.

Shirley Tetreault, our Blue Star Chair reported that Roswell has just re-dedicated a Blue Star Memorial and will dedicate a second marker on November 8, 2014. Way to go Roswell! Cindy Hills told us all about the website (www.newmexicogardenclubs.org). User Name = nmgc and password = yucca. Sue Ferguson reminded us all about state, regional and national awards. Blossom the Bee buzzed into the room to pollinate us with a great handout; "Be Proactive about

Membership" to help each of our clubs increase membership! And, membership is growing! Three new clubs were awarded \$50 each from President Olsen. Congratulations to the new clubs. NM Judges Council recognized the county fair chairs and the helpers of the NM State Fair. Fair show chairs do a lot of work that goes unnoticed and they wanted to make sure they know we appreciate them! Mary Ann Moreno reminded us about Flower Show School III in January, in Albuquerque and Environmental School III will be sometime in spring 2015. Beulah Oyler presented the Nominating Committee's slate for my 2015-2017 term. We were all so efficient that President Isabel Olsen was shocked that we finished with forty-five minutes to spare. Way to go Madame President!!

After a wonderful lunch, we were treated to an excellent program on "Bees" from the "Buckin Bee" of Santa Fe. President Olsen drew for the "all expenses paid" trip to the Spring Convention in Silver City. The winner is Laurie Hixson, of Summit Garden Club. Laurie was VERY excited to be the winner! Congratulations, Laurie!! After that, everyone headed home.

We hope to see everyone in Silver City, March 25-27, 2015 for the Spring Convention "The Jewels of New Mexico," an installation year. NM Judges Council will be having a jewelry sale and it is rumored that the very famous "Madame Milly" might be making an appearance.

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
66th Annual Convention
Jewels of the Desert
March 25-27, 2015
Silver City, 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"/> State Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> State Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> District Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Cons. | <input type="checkbox"/> State Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Life Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nat'l Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Past State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest |

Please complete either a Full-Time Package or Part-Time Registration*:

Full-Time Package includes: \$25.00 registration fee, one breakfast, lunch/program, President's reception, Installation ceremony, dinner/program and gratuity.

EARLY FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked on or before March 1, 2015) \$100.00 _____

LATE FULL-TIME PACKAGE:

(postmarked after March 1, 2011) \$110.00 _____

NOTE: Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after early registration closes on March 1, 2015.

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Dinner/Program Judges Fee \$25.00 _____

Dinner/Program Non-Judges Fee \$30.00 _____

Program Only \$10.00 _____

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

*PART-TIME REGISTRATION: (Part-time registration is for those who only wish to attend part of the convention activities for Thursday, March 26 and/or the Awards breakfast on Friday, March 27, 2015. Registration fee and meals are priced separately.)

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Registration Fee	\$25.00	_____
Luncheon/Program	\$20.00	_____
Dinner/Program	\$30.00	_____
President's Reception & Installation	\$10.00	_____

Friday, March 27, 2015

Awards Breakfast Buffet	\$20.00	_____
Part-Time Total	\$	____.____

Please make checks payable to District IV NMGC Inc. 2015 State Convention and mail with this form to:

Buelah Oyler
 2715 Ridgeway Ct.
 Las Cruces, NM 88011
 #575-522-0143
 bboyler@centurylink.net

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS OR HOTEL QUESTIONS: Nancy Ketchum
nanketch1@gmail.com or 575-956-3024

HOTEL: **EconoLodge** 1120 Hwy 180 E 575-534-1111 \$69.95 + tax
The Copper Manor 710 Hwy 180 E 575-538-5392 \$45 + tax

For both of the above please be sure to mention New Mexico Garden Club, Inc., March 1, 2015.

Other choices include

The Murray Hotel: 200 West Broadway 575-956-9400

The Palace Hotel: 106 West Broadway 575-388-1811

(These hotels are historic and are located downtown. Both have on-street parking. The Palace Hotel does not have an elevator. Be specific if you are sharing a room and need two beds.)

OFFICERS/CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

2nd Vice-President – Nancy Ketchum, Membership Chair

The membership of NMGC, Inc. is 611 with 517 paid members and 94 youth members.

Congratulations to District I. In the past 12 months, District I added four new clubs. The adult clubs are High Desert Design Club and New Mexico Floral Artists. The youth clubs are Double Eagle Elementary Diggers (DEEDs) and Manzano Mesa Awesome Gardeners. In District III, Ponderosa Pines, the youth club sponsored by Angel Fire GC, is active again.

These additions to NMGC, Inc. are important, but so is each new member added through individual efforts. Other clubs around the state have added new members recently. Please send the information and dues as quickly as possible.

An informative and attractive membership display was viewed at Fall Board in Santa Fe. A poster of photos, along with club information, can be displayed at Farmer's Markets and other community events. The use of a wheelbarrow and the addition of plants indicate that we are working groups. This activity is something to consider.

Awards – Sue Ferguson, Chair

Report given at the NMGC's Inc., Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe October 24, 2014

I'd like to encourage you all once more to be collecting information for your award applications. You will remember that last year we changed our application requirements to make it really easy for clubs and individual members to apply for awards. The application can be made electronically or by mail, and we've limited it to a maximum of 3 pages.

All club presidents have a copy of the Awards Handbook to share with you. And, of course, it's also on-line on our website. The deadline for applying is **February 1, 2015** to the appropriate chairman.

It would be wonderful if every club would apply for every award they are eligible for. We really want to congratulate and thank you for the great projects you carry out. And not to forget our individual members - please let us know about your vegetable or wildflower garden, or how you attract butterflies and bees. And that's only a few of the awards on our list.

We had a great showing earlier in the year at the South Central Region awards ceremony. Congratulations again to Home Garden Club for the Sweepstakes Award. Let's do this again this time and also with National Garden

Clubs awards. The South Central Region and National Garden Clubs awards handbooks are also on our website. **(SCR deadline - applications due to me by January 25th and NGC deadline is January 10th for your applications to reach me for forwarding).** Please try to take time to familiarize yourself with these awards. I try to keep up with club activities and contact clubs to let them know of awards they are eligible for. Of course, I am always available to help with the actual application.

I would like to ask our chairmen to promote the award under their chairmanship. Please keep in regular touch with the club presidents and do write an article for the next *New Mexico Gardener*, which is due by November 1st. If you are pro-active, it really helps.

As you know, we try very hard to give cash prizes for our awards. I'd like to thank all of our sponsors and if anyone would like to sponsor an award, please let me know.

Thank you again for all your hard work. We really want to celebrate your achievements.

Blue Star Memorial – Shirley Tetreault, Chair

Alicia Berroteran, a very special member of Home Garden Club took on a tremendous task this summer. Their Blue Star marker that was originally located in front of the Chaves County Government building in 2000 had been removed by the city. Alicia spent several hours locating and negotiating with the city of Roswell to reinstall the marker and to have a re-



dedication with veterans and garden club members present. Her efforts paid off when the marker was re-dedicated on September 18, 2014. It is now located at the War Memorial site on the Court House lawn in downtown Roswell. Way to go Alicia and thank you for your efforts to honor our veterans.

Jan Smith, Blue Star Memorial Chair of Home Garden Club has been working very hard all year for the dedication of a new marker. The marker is located at General Douglas L. McBride Cemetery and will be dedicated on November 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Andrea Little, our National Blue Star Chairman will be in attendance to present the history of the marker, as well as our honored veterans and club members. Thank you Jan for your hard work.

I still have money in the President's Project Ways and Means fund for those willing to work on their existing markers or to install a new one. Send me a request and I will send a check for \$100.00 (one time only.) Our state continues to

grow in this area and I will help in any way possible with efforts on the Blue Star Marker.

Civic Development – Jan Smith, Chair

What Has Your Club Done for your Community?

Has your club done something for the community? Planted or updated a garden area; planted trees in a burn area; weeded a cemetery; enhanced the plantings at a park or along a street? Then your club is eligible for the Civic Development Award. Please take pictures and submit your project for a New Mexico Garden Clubs award. Deadline is February 1, 2015.

Habitat for Humanity New Mexico – Jan Smith, Chair

In May 1999, a partnership was formed between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity. HFH's mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the face of the earth. NGC's goal is to encourage garden clubs across the nation to participate in the landscaping of HFH homes. The theme of this project is "**Open Your Heart and Hands,**" and the philosophy is that no commitment--physical or monetary--is too small. An added bonus to your donation.

The emphasis is to plant native plants and shrubs at these new home sites. Clubs have worked with a local nursery to procure plants and shrubs that will grow in our environment. Members and the new homeowners plant large containers with vegetables or flowers. A donation of gardening tools is always appreciated.

New Mexico Garden Clubs wants to know about your partnership with HFH. Take pictures and write an article for the *New Mexico Gardener*.

I challenge each Garden Club in New Mexico to contact their local Habitat for Humanity program and work with them to landscape the new homes. Your club may be eligible for reimbursement of your donation.

<p>ALAMOGORDO Otero County Habitat for Humanity 1109 B 10th Street Alamogordo, NM 88310 (575) 437-6562 http://www.oterohabitat.org</p>	<p>HOBBS Habitat for Humanity of Hobbs Area PO Box 5833 Hobbs, NM 88241-5833 (575) 397-4398 http://www.hobbshabitat.org</p>
<p>ALBUQUERQUE Habitat for Humanity of Greater Albuquerque 4900 Menaul NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 265-0057 http://www.HabitatABQ.org</p>	<p>LAS CRUCES Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity PO Box 3484 Las Cruces, NM 88003-3484 (575) 525-0475 http://www.lascruceshabitat.org</p>

<p>ARTESIA Habitat for Humanity of Artesia PO Box 686 Artesia, NM 88211-0686 (575) 746-6365 http://www.artesiahabitat.org</p>	<p>LAS VEGAS Habitat for Humanity of Las Vegas, NM PO Box 2933 Las Vegas, NM 87701-2933 (505) 454-4434</p>
<p>CARLSBAD Habitat for Humanity of Carlsbad PO Box 277 Carlsbad, NM 88221-0277 (575) 234-9658 http://www.hfhcarlsbad.org</p>	<p>PORTALES Habitat for Humanity of Roosevelt & Curry Counties 620 West 1st Street Portales, NM 88130 (575) 359-1344 http://www.habitatrcce.com</p>
<p>DEMING Habitat for Humanity of Deming PO Box 1104 Deming, NM 88031-1104 (575) 544-2110</p>	<p>ROSWELL Habitat for Humanity of Roswell PO Box 254 Roswell, NM 88202-0254 (575) 624-2138</p>
<p>ESPANOLA/LOS ALAMOS Habitat for Humanity Espanola/Los Alamos PO Box 238 Espanola, NM 87532-0238 (505) 747-2690 http://www.habitatcvla.org</p>	<p>SANTA FE Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity 2414 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505) 986-5880 http://www.santafehabitat.org</p>
<p>FARMINGTON Tres Rios Habitat for Humanity PO Box 324 Farmington, NM 87499-0324 (505) 326-5379</p>	<p>SILVER CITY Habitat for Humanity of Gila Region PO Box 5025 Silver City, NM 88061-5025 (575) 538-9540 http://www.hfhgilaregion.com</p>
<p>GALLUP Habitat for Humanity of Gallup PO Box 1777 Gallup, NM 87305-1777 (505) 722-4226 http://www.habitatgallup.org</p>	<p>TAOS Habitat for Humanity of Taos PO Box 1888 Taos, NM 87571-1888 (575) 758-7827 http://www.taoshabitat.org</p>

Garden Therapy for Winter 2014 – Helen Moser, Chair

November is here; almost wintertime and colder weather, shorter days and longer periods of darkness. Most of the garden cleanup is done and we look forward to the Holidays: poinsettias, paper white narcissus, amaryllis and fragrant pine trees in our homes.

The Winter solstice on December 21st can evoke memories of sadness and loss or it can remind us that the days will be longer and give us a sense of rebirth and renewal. This should inspire us and remind us that the gardens, whether big or small, even a large flower pot, are a central aspect of connectedness to our lives and a growing, changing world that we witness through the growing garden. This should lend insight and illuminate our passage through life.

My husband and I have recently returned from a very extensive trip around China. In the huge cities of Beijing and Shanghai, we marveled at all the "pocket" parks full of trees and numerous trees along all main roads. We visited ancient gardens full of trees (again) and lacy, limestone rocks full of holes that are worshiped as ancestral beings. We also toured *hutongs*, historical living communities mostly inhabited by elderly folks who don't want to give up the old timey ways of living, even though it means drawing water from a communal well and using a shared kitchen and bathroom. But inside each little compound was a tree, pomegranate, apple or apricot and a multitude of potted plants. In several windows I noticed bonsai trees. This gave proof to me how the people dealt with very primitive circumstances with grace and happiness throughout the seasons of the year and their lives.

In closing may I give to you these words from Richard Sackett, horticultural therapist:

"The song we sing best...is the best song to sing..."
What we bring to all through our garden groups besides willing hands, is a willing heart. How we convey this message will enrich our lives and the lives of those we encounter bringing "Peace and Goodwill to All."

National Garden Week – Donna Turney, Chair

District V Clubs reported National Garden Week activities in 2014. These were detailed in the Fall issue of *New Mexico Gardener*. In brief: Home and Morning Garden Clubs in Roswell and Artesia Garden Club observed National Garden Week. Activities included displays in the library and a nursery as well as receiving a proclamation from the Mayor. Flowering Desert in District IV purchased a large all weather sign "NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK" and placed it at the corner of its garden in downtown Alamogordo.

These are all great ways to call attention to the good works of Garden Clubs. The posters distributed last year are good for 2015. If you should need more call headquarters in St. Louis and request them. They are useful for posting in public places and are very attractive.

It is never too early to start thinking of novel ways to showcase your club's contributions to the beauty of your community.

NGC Air Quality – Doris Jackson, Chair

NGC RESOURCE BOOKLET – Ecology Warriors

Members of the NGC Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee have produced an Ecology resource book to promote environmental education for the classroom, youth groups and garden club meetings. There are eleven topics: Air, Bees, Birds, Butterflies, Energy, Forests, Invasive Plants, Land Conservation, Recycling, Water and Wildlife. The topics featured have information that is suitable for a classroom lesson, youth meeting or a five-minute garden club presentation.

The **Ecology Warriors** workbook "Making a World of Difference - Choices Matter" provides creative learning experiences and educational opportunities focused on the natural resources of planet earth. This resource book is available for downloading on the NGC website www.gardenclub.org. Electronic copies may be requested by email from NGC Headquarters at: headquarters@gardenclub.org. If you do reproduce pages from this booklet, we do request that you cite NGC as the source of the material.

NGC & AMES Garden Tools – Sue Ferguson

National Garden Clubs has formed a new partnership with AMES Garden Tools. Over the coming year, AMES will grant tools up to a total of \$5,000 (retail) for all approved state or club landscaping projects/programs. The total amount available for all grants is \$5,000. Clubs can apply for portions of the \$5,000, as this amount is available to share. This partnership commences October 2014 for one year. Please visit www.gardenclub.org, On-going Projects for all the details.

NMGC, Inc. Nominating Committee Report

2013- 2015 Nominating Committee members:

District I	Shirley Tetreault
District II	Maggie Rubino
District III	Colleen Hinker
District IV	Beulah Oyler, Chairman
District V	Peggy Voigt

NMGC, Inc. slate for 2015 – 2017 announced at the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe, NM:

President	Suzy Andrego, Dist. I
1 st Vice-President	Barbara Vance, Dist. II
2 nd Vice-President	Jan Smith, Dist. V
Recording Secretary	Carolyn Bedford, Dist. III
Treasurer	Laurie Hixon, Dist. II
Historian	Becky Fuller, Dist. IV

Appointments by Suzy Andrego, Incoming President:

Parliamentarian	Sally Warner, Dist. II
Corresponding Secretary	Penni Davey, Dist. III

The appointed/non-voting positions will be approved by the new Executive Board following their installation at the NMGC, Inc. 2015 Convention.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl – Colleen Hinker, Chair

Thank you to everyone at the Fall Board who showed enthusiastic interest in this National Contest.

I am looking forward to more participation, especially from our state members. After all, Smokey came from here!! And we have had so many devastating fires. Our children need to be aware of these dangers and how to handle them.

The deadline for all posters in the state need to be in my hands by January 23, 2015. My suggestion is to get the information and forms to the schools, clubs, organizations as soon as possible and hold the contest before the Holidays. Please attend a teacher's meeting and explain the contest to them. Then you have time to judge your posters and send me the firsts in each grade level, so I may judge all those and get them to the regional chairman. Please remember each poster must have a information sheet attached to the back. As you judge yours, make sure they are NEAT, ACCURATE AS TO COLOR AND SPELLING, THE CORRECT SIZE (11X17), AND CORRECT INFORMATION. ALL THESE ARE NECESSARY TO WIN. Of course, encourage all to be CREATIVE TOO!!!! I encourage each club to provide appropriate prizes to at least the first place winners.

Plan to have an award assembly/program in the Spring to recognize your winners. The State winners will receive a really neat prize for their efforts. The Regional and National winners get wonderful recognition at all levels. Those who did not pick up information at the State meeting, call me or e-mail me for what you will need to conduct a successful contest. Always get permission and support from your principal, group leader, etc. Be enthusiastic and maybe offer to help. It is really fun for ALL. Please keep information concerning number of children who participated.

THANKS, Colleen Hinker (spirithaven@plateautel.net) (1-575- 472-3699)

Trees and Shrubs – J. J. Huddleston, Chair, cshjjh@aol.com

From the "Tree Hugger"

Autumn is a wonderful time to plant trees and shrubs. It is also a good time to start collecting information from your club members for the Trees & Shrubs Award. This is a numerical award so the Club that plants the most trees and shrubs gets 1st place; the next highest number, 2nd place; etc.

The trees and/or shrubs planted must be at least 3 feet tall. The report must include the following information:

Date(s) planted

Location(s) planted (street address)

specie(s) of trees and shrubs

Photographs are welcome but not necessary.

I developed a spreadsheet to collect this information for Angel Fire Garden Club and would be happy to share it with your Club. Just email me and I'll send you a copy.

Ways and Means – Isabel Olsen, Chair

For those of you that are wondering who won the first part of the Ways and Means raffle of the all-expense paid trip to the Annual Convention in Silver City, it was the lucky Laurie Hixon from the Summit Garden Club in Los Alamos. Congratulations!

But you still have another chance with the same tickets! At the Convention on March 26, 2015 hosted by District IV we will draw for a beautiful genuine stone necklace and earring set. So for those that haven't bought your tickets yet, you still have time! See your club president or contact me. The club that sells the most tickets will receive a special gift. **Good Luck to You All!**

Wildflower/Native Plants – Carolyn Bedford, Chair

I hope all of you have taken pictures of your wildflower gardens this year so you can submit them for state awards. Entries must be received by February 1, 2015. You can either submit them by email at bedford.carolyn@yahoo.com or to me at P.O. Box 509, Santa Rosa, NM 88435.



The photo at right are of verbenas that were prolific on our ranch last spring.

World Gardening – Virginia Podmenik, Chair

March 22, 2015 is World Water Day

Water is a precious commodity that many of us take for granted. As Americans we use 50 to 100 gallons a day. It is a sad fact that 783 million people around the world do not have access to clean water. 1.1 billion people around the world get their water from rivers, ponds, and other sources that are subject to contamination. Almost 4 million people die each year from water related diseases.

Through our Garden Clubs we can make a difference. We have the opportunity to participate in helping to bring clean water to Latin America. Our National Garden Clubs has partnered with "Global Partners Running Waters Inc.," a non-profit working with the United Nations, to increase access to safe water in Latin America.

As N.M.G.C. World Gardening Chairman, I am asking our clubs to consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. All donations will be acknowledged with a printed tax receipt and certificate.

Donations in any amount are payable to: National Garden Clubs, Inc. Indicate "Global Partners" on the memo.

Mail checks to: National Garden Clubs Inc., 4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110-3492.

More information, as well as a donation form can be found on the Internet.

Youth Activities and Therapies – Esther Russell, Chair

Hello fellow Gardeners,

Just a short note regarding our youth garden clubs. Albuquerque now has four youth clubs with the promise of one new club in the making. Ponderosa youth club is in the process of reorganizing. We also hope to have a new youth club in Artesia.

I would like to ask our sponsoring adult clubs to encourage your youth clubs to apply for our awards. Please send your entries to me so I can get them submitted.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a youth club, please contact me and I will be happy to give the necessary information and answer any questions.

Remember, the youth of New Mexico are our future Gardeners.

Have a wonderful holiday season.



NEW MEXICO JUDGES COUNCIL, Suzy Andrego,
President



NM Judges Council
Ways and Means project
for the Spring Convention
"Jewels of New Mexico"
in Silvercity, NM
will be a

"JEWELRY SALE"!
Come prepared to shop till you
drop!!

If you have ANY items
to donate to the sale,
contact Debi Harrington at
photodebi@gmail.com



*“Love Blooms Amidst Midwinter's Cold ”
A Standard Flower Show*

*presented by
The Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs
of Albuquerque, New Mexico*

*Saturday, February 21, 2015
from noon until 4:00 p.m.
and
Sunday, February 22, 2015
from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

*This Flower Show will be held in the Piñón Room
of the Albuquerque Garden Center
10120 Lomas Boulevard Northeast
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112*

*A Bridal Party Fashion Show
will take place at 2:00 p.m. on both days
and
A Bridal Faire featuring Wedding Vendors
will be featured during daily show hours
in the Patio Room*

*The Flower Show, Bridal Party Fashion Shows, and
Bridal Faire are Free and Open to the Public*

*Flower Show Entries are open to all Amateur Growers or Floral Arrangers of New
Mexico.*

Entries will be accepted from 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2015.

*Please download a Flower Show Schedule with instructions for entering the
Horticulture and Design Divisions from the website: albuquerquegardencenter.org.
or pick up a Flower Show Schedule at 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE in
Albuquerque.*

MEMBER'S CORNER



RED OR GREEN?

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

If you have lived in New Mexico long enough to join a garden club, you know the title refers to chile. My answer: GREEN! I process and freeze red chile puree for the occasional red chile enchiladas and even rarer posole, but green chile is a staple in our diet. What would life be without green chile on cheeseburgers, in omelets, in stews, and Chicken Guadalajara (see below). Do I grow my own chile? Well, that's a long and sad story.

When my husband, Howard, and I came to Las Cruces in 1987 our first home was in the North Valley, near the river on an old alfalfa farm. With minimal effort I could grow enough chile to fill my freezer and then invite friends to come in and pick. The soil was dark and compact, we irrigated from the river, and chile fields were all around us.

Seventeen years ago we moved to the Telshor area, which is in the foothills of the Organ Mountains, near the Mall. The soil is almost pure sand. After 17 years of lasagna gardening and composting and trying to grow chile, I fill my freezers (I have two now) with beautiful green chile from Joe Lujan Farms in Dona Ana. The situation was a little scary this fall because of the late rains; when we had a few dry days, Lucinda, Joe's daughter, would email me: "Rosemary, we're picking Big Jim on Friday. Send Howard!" I've never actually met Lucinda. I just send Howard.

In my own little sandy garden I put out about 20 Big Jim plants, four of which were Big Jim Heritage which I got from the University. The results were, as usual, disappointing. Most of the fruits turned red before they were fully developed. However, a small patch of Joe E. Parker planted from seed is, at the end of October, still producing enough beautiful chile pods for Howard and I to have soft tacos (corn tortillas, green chile and cheese) for lunch every other day. I'm not sure what to make of this, but I'm planning to seed chile directly in my garden next year, half Joe E. Parker and half Big Jim. But the truth is I don't want to grow enough chile for my freezers -- I'd have to roast it myself on the barbecue grill, and that would be a bummer.

I recently purchased a poster from the Chile Pepper Institute -- not a thing of beauty, it features what appears to be a naked man about three feet tall -- but it has some interesting information about chile. For example: "Green chiles have twice the amount of Vitamin C by weight than citrus." And "Chile peppers are good

sources of iron, potassium and dietary fiber." Good news, but I would still eat chile if I knew it was bad for you.

Here is a recipe from "Seasoned With Sun," a Junior League of El Paso cookbook published in 1987. It is unique because it uses green chiles which have not been roasted and peeled. I expect a lot of you already have it, but for those who don't:

CHICKEN GUADALAJARA

4 to 6 boned and skinned chicken breasts, cut into strips

1/2 C all-purpose flour seasoned with salt and pepper

2 to 3 TBS margarine

1 to 2 TBS butter

1 medium onion, sliced and cut in half

2 to 3 fresh long green chiles, sliced into rings and seeds removed - DO NOT ROAST OR PEEL, MUST BE FRESH

1/2 C heavy cream

1 C shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Sauté floured chicken strips in margarine until browned. Remove from skillet and keep warm. Add 1 to 2 TBS butter to pan drippings and sauté onion and chiles until limp and browned slightly. Add cream to mixture and mix well. Add chicken strips and cook until chicken is heated again. Turn off fire. Sprinkle cheese over chicken and immediately cover. Let stand 3 to 5 minutes until cheese has completely melted. Chicken mixture may be turned onto a warmed platter before cheese is added and "held" for a while. Reheat, add cheese and melt in oven before serving.



GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

District I

Double Eagle Elementary Diggers Youth Club (DEED's) began its second year in September of 2014. Students in grades 1-5 meet weekly at the school, which is located in far NE Heights of Albuquerque. The group of 51 students is led by Debi Harrington and the group is sponsored by Valley Gardeners Garden Club of Albuquerque.

In September, students readied areas at the entrance to the school for planting chrysanthemums, pansies, kales and spring bulbs. While participating in this activity, the children learned about soil composition, invasive plants and weeds, earthworms, cutworms, centipedes and composting. They also learned that some litter items decompose very slowly or never!

Sadly, in October, it was discovered that the drip system in the 10 beds was not working properly and would need to be redone by APS. For this year we will only be planting bulbs. So far this year the students have planted over 150 daffodils and 50 tulips.

In October, the students designed their own gardening journals and have completed worksheets to include in their journals. Worksheets will be added throughout the year. A couple of weeks were spent studying pumpkins, squash, gourds and their many facts. The children created pumpkin poetry, sang pumpkin songs, roasted pumpkin seeds, worked pumpkin puzzles and tried pumpkin recipes!

Beginning the first week of November, Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl will be emphasized and students will take home poster materials and their ideas. In the coming weeks we will study birds, build bird feeders and build a bird shelter. For Thanksgiving, DEED's members will make small cornhusk wreath centerpieces. Students will also make living pinecone/succulent Christmas ornaments and paint gourd ornaments to take home.

Children's after school garden clubs cost money! DEED's was very fortunate to benefit from the Past President's Project Ways and Means money of \$100 from Shirley Tetreault's term as NMGC, Inc. President and most recently from President Isabel Olsen's Ways and Means Donation of \$50 for a new club! These funds are a tremendous help. Thank you ladies and NMGC, Inc. - you are making a big impact on these young gardeners!

If you attend a meeting of the **High Desert Design Club**, chances are you will hear laughter and members having a great time. This club grows every month and has attracted the new designers and the seasoned ones.

The exciting news about this new club is the activity from our new members. During the summer we had a Council show at the Botanical Gardens where several blue ribbons were won by Debra Sorrell, Joanne Case, Esther Russell, Jewel Cutter, Kathleen Flanders, Diana Doddridge, Maple Levine, Sue McCall and Leude Olson. These members continued to compete in the Rose Show and Day Lily Show and on to the State Fair. Sonia James and Carol Stomp were first time exhibitors winning blue ribbons and top awards. These members are learning and excited about competing in the next show.

In November, we will work on fall and Christmas centerpieces just for the fun of it. These designs will be placed in our homes for our own enjoyment throughout the holidays. The date is November 12th (1:00 p.m.) in the Patio Room at the Garden Center. On December 10th we will have a Holiday Social at Suzy Andrego's house.

Come and join the fun.

On September 2, 2014 a new youth garden club was started at the request of APS at Manzano Mesa Elementary School in SE Albuquerque called **Manzano Mesa Awesome Gardeners**. The group is being led by Debi Harrington and is sponsored by Valley Gardeners Garden Club.

Currently the group includes 14 students in grades 2-5 and meets weekly after school. In September, several planters at the front of the school were fixed to plant chrysanthemums, kale, pansies, and spring bulbs. These have all been planted in the last three weeks and are being watered by hand by the students during the week. In September, the students also designed their Garden Journals which will be used throughout the year.

Students have studied seeds, plant requirements, composting, and earthworms. Students were filmed recently by "PBS Kids" and we are waiting to see when this little gardening spot will air!

Students also completed a unit on pumpkins, gourds and squash. The children created pumpkin poetry, sang pumpkin songs, roasted pumpkin seeds, worked pumpkin puzzles and tried pumpkin recipes - just like the DEED's club!

Last week, the children helped identify areas in the schoolyard to plant a Pollinator Garden and a Vegetable/Compatible Flowers Garden which will be planted in the spring. During the winter semester, we will start seedlings and plant indoor containers since we benefited from a donation of grow lights for indoor gardening!

The members of MMAG will also study Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl, birds and make Thanksgiving centerpieces. Pinecone/succulent ornaments will also be created and gourd ornaments painted.

This group also received \$50 from NMGC, Inc.'s Ways and Means from President Isabel Olsen and should be receiving \$100 from the NMGC, Inc.'s Past President's Project by Shirley Tetreault. Thanks again, NMGC, Inc - with your monies, you are inspiring a new generation of young gardeners!

Moriarty Garden Club received a leadership award at the fall meeting of Keep New Mexico Beautiful on October 25th. It was for getting local organizations involved in the KNMB grant for improvements to the Moriarty Memorial Garden this past summer.



New Mexico Floral Artists is a floral design club which formed to advance the art of floral design. Since forming, members have studied and practiced designing many of the NGC recognized design types, including: Abstract-creative, Assemblage, Collage, Creative Line, Line-Mass, and Mass, Parallel, Stretch, and Underwater Designs.

New Mexico Floral Artists first met in December of 2013 and then met the first three months of 2014 at the Albuquerque Botanic Garden. In February, bylaws were adopted and dues were set at \$25 per year. The fiscal year is January 1st thru December 31st. NMFA currently has 19 paid members along with several other regular attendees. Elected officers include: Debi Harrington, President; Adrienne Ewing-Meyer, Vice-President; and Carolyn Bedford, Secretary/Treasurer. NMFA has six NGC Judges as members and three NGC Student Judges as members. We have members who are officers, chairpersons, and/or serve on committees at local, state, regional and national levels.

Members have actively participated in several Council of Albuquerque Garden Club events. The club also had a Floral Design Exhibit at the 2014 ABQ Botanic Gardens Garden Week Event in June. Several designs were created to be exhibited for the event and other designs were created while the public looked on.

In September, all members entered designs in the NM Expo Flower Shows. Most members entered an average of 3-4 designs per show for each of the four shows. Members served on committees and some were chairpersons. Members also judged and clerked these important public shows. Several members won top awards and all members won several blue ribbons.

Also in September, five members entered 25 designs in the Albuquerque Dahlia Society Show! This was the first year that the ADS show included designs to be judged. Their Design Schedule "A World Tour - The History of the Dahlia" was written by Debi Harrington. Members also judged and clerked for this show. The show was very well attended and the Dahlia Society was very grateful for our participation. The design competition was very stiff!

In the October meeting, NMFA revisited the importance of good mechanics in floral design, as well as conditioning plant materials in a program that was presented by member Christine Longthorp.

For the November meeting on November 17th, members will create Holiday Table Designs for a potluck luncheon and several members will design Exhibition Tables. In December, members will enjoy fellowship with one another at a Holiday Brunch on December 22nd. (Guest designer and location to be announced soon.) In January of 2015, we will meet at the Albuquerque Garden Center on January 26th where the members will create either a breakfast tray or an Exhibition Type I Table Design.

New Mexico Floral Artists meets at the Albuquerque Garden Center on the fourth Monday of most months from 11 am - 1 pm so that our members from throughout the state may attend. We welcome visitors and new members who desire to share the joy and art of floral arranging. Come, be our guest anytime!

Petal Pushers Juniors had a fun, busy educational summer. Their sweet potato plant project of growing potatoes in just water allowed them to see the basic development of roots, leaves and flowers. Another project involved the children making and painting decorative terra cotta turtle sculptures for their home gardens. The turtles came alive with cute personalities through the use of magic markers. They had a great time! Filler, thriller and spiller was the lesson in combining flowering plants in a container which they created and took home to share with family. Their guided tour of the large gardens at Manzano del Sol was enjoyed by all. Beverly Meredith introduced the children to the art of flower pounding. Using flowers, watercolor paper and hammers the children had a great time and produced some unique designs to take home. After the flower pounding project at the Garden Center, the Juniors toured the gardens at the center. They were impressed with the 10 foot sunflowers.

In August, **Petal Pushers Garden Club** met at the beautiful home and gardens of Irene Kersting in the South Valley. The enjoyable and relaxing tour of the gardens included a 130 year old cottonwood, a memorial garden to Irene's Grandmother, vegetable garden, barn, horses and cattle. It was a treat for us living in Albuquerque. Before our meeting, we also toured Karen Bauer's garden, Irene's neighbor and friend, which featured a beautiful fish pond. Thank you Irene.

In September, our guest speaker was Joran Viers, the City Forester in the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Albuquerque. Joran is familiar to many of us as he formerly held the position of Bernalillo County Extension Agent. We enjoyed his informative presentation of columnar genetics forcing apple and dwarf peach trees to grow vertically. Fascinating!

October's meeting featured our own member and Master Gardener Penny Goldstine. Penny's topic was "Gardening Older, Gardening Wiser." Penny brought special tools to the meeting which enables the gardener to work easier in the garden. Penny is the coordinator of three handicap gardens at the county extension facility where the handicap can easily work in the gardens as they are designed for the handicap.

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Guests welcome!



Petal Pushers volunteers at the Harvest Fair, left to right; Linda Lapp, Sonia James, Viola Johnston and Mary Frances Santistevan

Valley Gardeners Garden Club meets the second Thursday of most months at the Los Griegos Community Center which is located at 1231 Candelaria NW in Albuquerque. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm, when the center closes. So the meetings are always short and sweet! Mary Ann Moreno is the President for 2014-2015.

Members met in June in the gardens of Gary and Thoula Mallory for a tour of their beautiful home and an Ice Cream Social. It was a great time and we all enjoyed delicious ice cream with all the toppings including the biggest bowl of berries we'd ever seen! July's meeting was the annual Daylily Garden Open House at Jim and Mary Ann Moreno's home with members enjoying the wonderful gardens, fresh lemonade and cookies and wonderful fellowship.

The August program was given by Suzy Andrego and was a refresher on how to groom and enter plant specimens at the State Fair. Members brought in plants so Suzy could give a hands-on demonstration using plants one might actually enter in the flower shows.

In September, members were busy entering, exhibiting, judging, hosting and chairing all six shows of the New Mexico State Fair. Many members won many awards in both the Horticulture and Design Divisions.

In October, Valley Gardener members cooked delicious items for the Council's annual Harvest Festival's kitchen booth that they manned for two days. They donated the proceeds to the Council. October's program was entitled: "Container Gardening with Bulbs, Looking Forward to Spring!" and was presented by President Mary Ann Moreno. She demonstrated a new method of arranging

spring bulbs in a pot using recyclables. This method results in a miniature naturalized bulb garden look. The demonstration container of bulbs was presented to Debi Harrington, President Elect for the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs.

November's meeting will be on the 13th and will be a program on Birds of New Mexico. On Saturday, November 15th, members will travel to Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge for a tour given by the docents. December's meeting will be the Annual Holiday Luncheon at a local restaurant where members will bring toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Los Griegos Community Center's Dental Clinic.

Valley Gardener's many members are active in the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs and its many events. Members also present programs throughout the state and serve on the Board and Committees of Council, District I, NMGC, Inc., SCR of NGC, Inc., and NGC, Inc. Valley also sponsors two Youth Garden Clubs: Double Eagle Elementary Diggers and Manzano Mesa Awesome Gardeners.

Valley Gardener's invites you to come as a guest, or join the club, at any of its fun and educational meetings!

District II

District II News: The NMGC, Inc. 2014 Fall Board Meeting, "Fall in Colorful Santa Fe," was hosted by District II (Floral Designers', Los Alamos and Summit) Garden Clubs October 23rd and 24th at the Lodge at Santa Fe. Thursday afternoon the NMGC Executive Board and New Mexico Judges Council held meetings.

Linda Nelson, NGC President, Nancy Voyles, SCR Director, Bobbie Verser, Alternate SCR Director and Isabel Olsen, NMGC President were honored at the President's reception.

Following the reception the New Mexico Judges Council, Suzy Andrego, President presided at dinner followed by the Program. Jack Ortega presented information on "Judging Roses" and Andy Core shared information "Judging Rose Designs." The centerpieces for the dinner were creative designs featuring ROSES and were awarded as door prizes.

Friday morning, Barbara Vance, District II Director welcomed members and guests at the official opening with some of Santa Fe's history. Isabel Olsen, President, conducted the business meeting. Following lunch Steve Wall a Master Beekeeper from Santa Fe provided information for raising Honey Bees and their value to the environment and how we can protect the bees in our gardens. Favors for lunch were Bee Boxes with miniature jars of honey. Baskets of fall grasses, gourds, miniature pumpkins, pine cones, red chiles were centerpieces reflecting "Fall in Colorful Santa Fe" and were given as door prizes following lunch.

There were educational posters from the five districts featuring concerns to our environment. Doris Jackson, NGC Air Quality Chairman, NGC Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee, NGC President's Project Committee, prepared the poster for District II with information resources on Air Quality. *(Photo at right)*



President Olsen provided a display supporting garden club membership and Colleen Hinker, Smokey Bear Chair, had information available for the Smokey Bear Poster contest.

Just for fun and income, District II held a silent auction and appreciates all who participated.

In early October the District II Fall Executive Board Meeting was held with NMGC President Isabel Olsen and 1st Vice-President Suzy Andrego attending. During lunch following the business meeting, Doris Jackson shared information about Air Quality and Maggie Rubino shared house plants that can help our indoor air quality.

Floral Designers' continues to have each member as they are able to bring a design to share and be critiqued. In 2014-2015 we continue to use the book "Designing by Types" and the Handbook. Members are presenters each month. "I See the Light" was the title for a reflective design in August. *(Photo at right designed by Juanita Ortega)*



Floral Designers' members participated in the State Fair Flower shows with entries in design and horticulture and judges. Members also participated in the Santa Fe Rose Show in September and received many awards for Designs, Photography and Horticulture.

A Sculptural Form design was the design in September. The definition is a creative design featuring a three-dimensional form and the form must dominate the design. The members used a variety of sculptural forms e.g. cactus boot, metal forms, weathered wood, container and handmade forms. *(Photo at right designed by Shelby Green)*



Member Barbara Vance, District II Director shared plans for the District II Fall Board Meeting and the NMGC Fall Board Meeting being hosted by District II.

All Floral Designers' members participated in the NMGC Fall Board meeting on the various committees and attended.

(Photos courtesy Juanita Ortega)

Though during the summer months **Los Alamos Garden Club** did not hold any regular business meeting, the club was busy attending organized outings. A trip to the Santa Fe Botanical Garden was enjoyed by all. Visiting member Selvi Viswanathans National Wildlife Registered garden was a treat. Selvi planted a Sensory Garden and it was really a great experience to see. Selvi's garden is visited by many animals. She has a critter cam installed in a tree. This provides wonderful photos of the visitors.

At the September meeting members enjoyed making simple bird feeders using paper tubes, peanut butter and bird seed. Each month Program Chairman Joyce Zaugg has a project set up for the members to do. In October they made cute tea cup bird feeders. Selvi put hers in the garden and found the birds loved it. She sent wonderful photos via email to the club. There was a program on Community Gardening.

Some members attended the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. They enjoyed meeting Linda Nelson, NGC President and Nancy Voyles, South Central Region Director.

The next couple of months members will be busy with holiday events. Juanita Ortega, of Floral Designers Garden Club will give a program on making Potpourri. A Gently Used Ornament Sale will be held in November. This fund raiser gives members a chance to clean out there unused Christmas decorations.

The Annual Wreath Sale will be held in December. The members collect the greens and make the wreaths which are sold. All proceeds from the sale go into the scholarship fund.

The Annual Holiday Social will be held at Ann Shafer's home and will be enjoyed by all.

Summit Garden Club sponsored community program is supporting Bandelier National Monument with landscape planning around the Visitors Center. Many discussions have been held and a landscape plan with as many native plants as possible has been included. After much preparation the plants arrived in mid- October and were planted by our members. *(Photo at right)*



Our programs have included the August summer social potluck with emphasis on home grown items and using "green friendly" tableware.

"What are the Weeds of Los Alamos County and how to control with as little impact to the Environment as Possible" was presented by Carlos Valdez, Los Alamos County Extension Agent. Planning continued for our plant sale.

A fall plant sale in September to support our annual scholarship was successful. All the plants were starts from our gardens and sharing of houseplants.



The members provided information about the plants and how to grow them and about our Summit Garden Club.

An October garden pilgrimage to the Santa Fe Rose gardens at the home of Jack and Juanita Ortega was lovely and fragrant event. *(Photo at left)*

October also brought our members to the District II Fall Board Meeting. And in preparation for the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting hosted by District II, Summit members prepared the bee boxes that were favors for the luncheon.

As winter approaches we provide a decorated tree for the Los Alamos Senior Center Festival of Trees and have a December cookie exchange.

(Photos courtesy Gracia Coffin, Summit member)

District III

District III members met at the Salmon Raspberry Ranch on October 10th. We nominated our officers for the next term. They are Colleen Hinker, Director; Joanne Layden, Assistant Director; Penni Davey, Secretary and Carolyn Bedford, Treasurer. The merger between Angel Fire and Santa Rosa is working well and we are working out the inconveniences of being 2 ½ hours away from each other. We enjoyed a program given by the Forest Service on ways of planning our gardens to discourage fires. In both of our environments this can be a very large problem - the mountains and the plains. Believe it or not, it was raining on this day, but a few intrepid souls picked berries anyway. The rest of us enjoyed raspberry desserts. Thank you to both Isabel and Suzy for attending so far away.

Angel Fire Garden Club's 12th annual Garden Tour in July was a huge success; the Committee was hard working, organized and innovative, for example, a hat committee decorated store-bought hats and we sold them before the tour at the registration desk. The gardens selected were unique and the luncheon delicious. We sold 130 tour and luncheon tickets and 109 tour only tickets, which coupled with the silent auction and hat sales made for a very profitable (and fun) tour. Our August meeting was held at a local artist's home and she showed us her gardens and talked to us about rock gardening. This summer we won second place for the Median (one of our Signature Gardens) in "*Angel Fire Proud's*" contest for beautification. We planted



snapdragons and other flowers, including daisies in containers, plus our golden yarrow plants, day lilies and other in-ground plants were tall and bloomed non-stop.

In September we had a "Farewell Party" meeting to say goodbye to past President Fannie Mackie and long-time member Joan Douglass, who have both sold their homes and moved away; Joan to Amarillo and Fannie to San Carlos, Mexico. Both were made Life Time Members. In October, we held our meeting at the Girl Scout Ranch and our program was using dried flowers, grasses, etc. to place in picture frames to make beautiful framed art, provided by local artist Carol Rupp and we had our annual seed exchange, with members bringing seeds and taking home seeds from other gardens.

We have revived our Youth Group, **Ponderosa Pines**, beginning this summer when one of the members, along with Girl Scouts planted flowers in planters our club provided at the Girl Scout Camp in Angel Fire. The group, seven girls, ages 7 to 10, had a lesson on how to plant the flowers and a discussion about how plants grow and what they require in order to grow and thrive. After this they each planted seven



flowers for a total of 49 plants, and finished with writing a synopsis of what they had learned and how they will care for the plants. This month we have prepared a flyer that will be sent home by the students from the local Elementary School and the local Charter High School, asking for new members. Our first meeting will be on November 12th. After some treats, they will be making "hedgehogs" from rocks and pine needles and we will let them know about upcoming projects. We will wait until spring to start a project in a section of the Butterfly Garden at the library. The Youth Group will choose and plant whatever type of plants they want after learning about what plants benefit the butterflies. They will also enter the Smokey Bear contest.

We had six members attend the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe, everyone reported they had a great time and said they learned more about what other clubs throughout the state are doing. A big plus was we had the privilege of meeting Linda Nelson our National Garden Clubs President and Nancy Voyles our South Central District Director.

Our Christmas party will be held at the Girl Scout Camp again, with a theme of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." Sounds like it will be beautiful and fun again! We are also entering the Rotary's "Enchanted Christmas" contest where trees are decorated and auctioned off. Our theme is of course, a gardening tree and we hope to raise lots of money for our club!

Santa Rosa Garden Club had a very successful Flower Show entitled "Let the Rodeo Begin, Again" the first weekend in August. The title brought more than usual attendees. Being at the Guadalupe County Fair, there was much interest in the designs, plus we had more than usual participation by our juniors. There were 56 designs, but a much smaller amount of horticulture exhibits. We are still in drought conditions around here. In September, our club went raspberry picking up in Mora and enjoyed touring their gardens (set among adobe ruins). Colleen Hinker and Carolyn Bedford judged at two State Flower Shows. Both entered designs and won Blue Ribbons - Colleen was excited to win the State Designers Choice Award. Our two Judges again judged at the Eastern New Mexico Fair along with Rita Ferrell. These ladies are so gracious and kind. Each show gets better and better with these talented ladies.

Colleen Hinker and Francis Speight attended the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. They were excited to learn about roses and bees, but perhaps more excited to meet friends and exchange information about floral design! We have four club members in the floral artists design group in Albuquerque and travel a 100 miles just to learn more. We are looking forward to designing for the Holidays now!

District IV

Flowering Desert Garden Club received a big boost from sixteen young enlisted persons lead by Sgt. Jason Peterson from Holloman Air Force Base during its annual community outreach. They dubbed the project "Big Give" and dedicated many hours to work at the Memorial Rose Garden over a period of three weeks.

With the help of several Master Gardeners, the Otero County Fair Flower Show came off without a hitch. A new club member was indoctrinated to be Chairman and will take over that job next year.

A speaker from New Mexico State University's Chile Institute spoke to members of Desert Daubers, High Hopes and **Mesilla Valley Garden Clubs** at our annual Tri-club luncheon.

This past April and May, all three clubs successfully presented a Flower Show at the Good Samaritan Village and also the annual Las Cruces Tour of Gardens.

Mesilla Valley Garden Club purchased four flowering cherry trees which were planted at new Habitat for Humanity homes in the Las Cruces area.

In May a delicious salad luncheon was enjoyed as a welcome ending to a busy calendar year.

This fall, Kristi Lane, owner of Wild Birds spoke to the club about "Caring for Birds in the Winter," and also we enjoyed a tour of the J. Paul Taylor Home, a New Mexico State Monument in Mesilla.

After a two-month summer hiatus, the **Sunshine Valley Garden Club** reconvened on Friday, September 12th. Doris Adams did a floral arranging presentation, primarily to demonstrate how to make arrangements for entry in the upcoming County Fair.

Four members attended the District IV Fall Board Meeting on October 1, 2014 in Las Cruces (Mesilla). Many thanks to the Desert Daubers Garden Club for hosting such an informative and enjoyable event.

The club had a Flower Show at the Sierra County Fair in Truth or Consequences from October 9-12. There were 200 entries, 36 of which were in the Junior Division. Nancy Ketchum did the judging for us. One of our members, Marion Butler, handmade a lovely queen-sized quilt and pillows for our raffle; we made \$181 for the club.

Our regular 2nd Friday monthly meeting was pushed up to October 17th due to the County Fair dates. Member, Lindy Rose gave a presentation on how to paint terra cotta flower pots with acrylic paints and had several on display. Color wheels were distributed and we discussed how to use them.

Our next meeting is on Friday, November 14th. The program will be Xeriscaping for Yard and Gardens to be presented by Doris Adams.

District V

Artesia Garden Club assisted the Senior Center Personnel in landscape maintenance and replaced three rose bushes.

We had the most entries at Eddy County Fair Flower Show in over a decade.

Had one member become a NGC student judge.

Members also assisted and entered Eastern New Mexico State Fair placing and winning with several entries.

Julie Foster taking "Best of Show" in Farm & Garden Division, with a veggie basket. She also entered two miniature and four other design classes. Julie was awarded the NGC Petite Award for her combo miniature. Isabel Olsen entered & won "Best In Show" arrangement in the Roller Coaster Class. *(Photo at right)*



We wish to thank everyone that made the journey down to Artesia for our District IV Fall Board Meeting. It was a very nice luncheon on a beautiful day.

Great support of our raffle, and informative program on water usage by Aron Balok.

Julie and Isabel made the trip to the NMGC, Inc. Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. Met NGC President Linda Nelson and South Central Region Director Nancy Voyles. It was great fun for all. Awesome programs on roses, growing, arranging and showing. The arrangements were fabulous of course, High Intensity Roses were Gorgeous! *(Photo: l-r: Julie Foster, Linda Nelson & Shirley Tetreault)*



Every Saturday morning from July through October **Home Garden Club** set up a table at the Roswell Farmer's Market. We handed out brochures about plants that grow in our area and also signed up several new members.

In August, Peggy Voigt had a hands-on mini workshop to discuss the 2014 ENMSF Flower Show schedule. She also gave us pointers on preparing and displaying entries for the flower show.

September 6th the Dragon Fly Festival was held at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Pam Davis coordinated the event and many club members showed up to help. We had a coloring contest and craft project making Dragon Flies out of pop-sickle sticks for all the kids.

On September 18th the Home Garden Club had a re-dedication of the Blue Star Marker at the Chaves County Court House. Alicia Berroteran worked very hard tracking down the missing marker and having it installed at the Veteran's Memorial.

Again this year the Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club had a float in the ENMSF Parade. Isabel Olsen and Renate Reisel rode in a decorated 1968 Pontiac GTO.

Peggy Voigt of Home Garden Club and Sue Ferguson of Morning Garden Club co-chaired the ENMSF Flower Show. The Sweepstakes Award - Horticulture, was won by Renate Reisel with 25 Blue Ribbons and Peggy Voigt Runner-Up (18 Blue Ribbons). The Sweepstakes Award for Best of Show Design went to Isabel Olsen. *(Photo at right)*

Renate Reisel made center pieces for the Make-A-Difference Day and delivered them to Sunset Villa assisted living home for the residents to enjoy. For our October program, Dr. Robert Flynn of the NMSU Agriculture Science Center in Artesia, did a program on the Chaves County soil and soil additives to help you have a better garden.

Many Home Garden Club members attended the NMGC Fall Board Meeting in Santa Fe. The programs were very informative. We learned what to look for

when judging and designing with roses and how important the honey bee is to a great garden's survival.

Lincoln County Garden Club's annual flower show was held the first week in August at the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan. Many beautiful flowers were entered and the display looked wonderful. Several garden club members won awards.

Garden Club was on hand to discuss the progress of the vegetable and flower garden at the Smokey Bear Ranger Station August 9th during Smokey's 70th birthday party.

The August meeting was a field trip to a wonderful water harvesting system at the Sawyer's home in Ranches of Sonterra. Our hosts explained how they put the catchment system together and all the details. A fun picnic followed at the pavilion at Ranches of Sonterra, with lots of door prizes and a vegetable and flower exchange.

Early in September, Lincoln County Garden Club, presented *The National Horticultural Society Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* to the Ruidoso Public Library as an honorarium to Lisa and Gordon Peake for their superior, exceptional and faithful support to each and every project of garden club. They grow gorgeous plants for the garden club plant sale, support the Mountain Living Home and Garden show, mulch and weed the library garden, offer their barn for work on garden club projects and the list goes on and on.



In September, we visited the Senger Gourd Farm in Tularosa. We observed the growing gourds, so heavy they needed support and were able to purchase cured gourds for projects at home.

Eight garden club members attended the District V Fall Board Meeting in Artesia October 14th. While the drive was long, the meeting was fun! Raffle prizes were pumpkins, fresh eggs, pansies and more original and creative things.



October brought a field trip to Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Roswell. Steve Alvarez taught members about birds' beaks and feet, habits of dragonflies, migration routes of birds and much more.

It's been a busy spring and summer for Lincoln County Garden Club and we anticipate a beautiful autumn and holiday season.

Morning Garden Club had no meetings in June, July and August, but our club was always busy. June 1-7 was National Garden Week and our club was very busy at the time cleaning up the grounds around the Historical Society Museum and planted some new shrubs.

In July and August we were occupied with getting our Yearbook ready and for our first meeting in September. We were also maintaining the Archive Museum weekly by watering and cleaning up the Alena Garden.

In September, dermatologist Dr. Jacqueline Youtsos came to visit the club members with health tips and information on preventing skin damage caused by the sun. In September we also did some charity work, first we collected some hygiene products and donated them to the Roswell Battered Adults Program. We then collected aluminum cans which we recycled and donated the money to the Chaves County Casa Program, the donated funds will go towards the training of service dogs in the area.

October was the busiest, it started off with Morning and Home Garden Clubs joining forces for Eastern New Mexico State Fair activities, which consisted of participating in the parade and flower show together. Many plants and designs were submitted, everyone was happy with the blue ribbons received, both club members and public entrants. Extra congratulations are in order for Peggy Voigt and Sue Ferguson for their extra time and effort spent to make the flower show a success.

Next we joined efforts with a local Boy Scout troop, and along with their parents and grandparents help, we all had a good time planting lilies, irises, and lots of perennials at Cahoon Park.

We also participated in two out of town meetings, the first one was the district meeting in Artesia, and the second was the state meeting which was in Santa Fe at the end of the month. Participating members came back with some new information, some of which covering water, bees, roses and other garden related topics/issues



Planting in Cahoon Park

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FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

Judy Newman

HORTICULTURE

Judy Newman

DESIGN

Jo Krallman

DAILY SCHEDULE

January 9th – FRIDAY

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Flower Show Procedure

January 10th – SATURDAY

7:30 am – 8:00 am Registration
8:00 am – 10:00 am Horticulture Lecture
10:00 am – 10:30 am Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Horticulture Lecture
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **LUNCH**
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Practice Point Scoring
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Break
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Written Point Scoring

January 11th – SUNDAY

7:30 am – 8:00 am Registration
8:00 am – 10:00 am Design Lecture
10:00 am – 10:30 am Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Design Lecture
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CURRICULUM

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE

HB - Chapters 1, 3, 11, 13, and 14. Explanation of Special Exhibits Division; Top Exhibitor Awards; Judging Educational Exhibits; Additional Requirements for Flower Shows; Requirements to become a NGC Judge; Judging Etiquette, Ethics, and Procedure.

HORTICULTURE

HB - Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 14 and Required Reading for Selected Plant Groups to be studied. Also, general horticulture course curriculum, anatomical features of plants, environmental factors, introduction and explanation of nomenclature and classification of plants. Also, exhibiting & judging procedures, etiquette, ethics, and procedure for judging horticulture and horticulture comments, requirements for all Horticulture Top Exhibitor Awards, Judging Procedure, and Point Scoring Exam. Combination plantings, also. **Study selected plants: Conifers and Saintpaulias (African Violets)**

DESIGN

HB, Chapters 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 14, and Required Reading. Review ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES of DESIGN with emphasis on Form, Texture, Dominance, and Contrast. Review American Creative Design w/minor & moderate abstraction, and featured objects and accessory objects. Also, review Requirements for all Top Exhibitor Awards and Design Top Exhibitor Awards especially "Award of Design Excellence", "Holiday Excellence", "Designer's Choice Award", and "Club Competition Award". Study the judging qualities which appear on all Design Point Scoring Forms, Point Scoring Procedure, Point Scoring Exam, Design Judging ethics, etiquette, and procedure. Discuss Design commenting vocabulary.

***FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE, DESIGN, AND HORTICULTURE EXAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2015, IN THE STUDENT'S HOMETOWN OR DESIGNATED PLACE. *THERE WILL BE NO OPEN-BOOK TESTING IN ANY OF THE FOUR COURSES IN THE SERIES. A STUDENT MUST EARN A MINIMUM GRADE OF 70 ON THE WRITTEN AND POINT SCORING EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL SUBJECTS.**

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GENERAL ATTENDANCE

___ Complete School for Credit (includes lunch both days)	\$100.00
___ Accredited Judges (2 days-w/lunch)	\$50.00
___ Two Day School (information only) (includes lunch both days)	\$100.00

ATTEND PART-TIME - NON-JUDGES

___ FSP & Horticulture/with Lunch	\$50.00
___ FSP & Design/with Lunch	\$50.00

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SEND CHECK & REGISTRATION TO:
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**REQUIRED READING FOR
FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL III**

The National Gardener – 3 years
 (Reference: Updates/Changes for the Handbook)

HANDBOOK FOR FLOWER SHOWS
2007 Revised Edition – 3 ring binder
 (Be sure to enter the HB changes from FS I and II)
Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, & 14.

FLOWER SHOW PROCEDURE
 FSS III – HB, Chapters 1, 3, 11, 13, and 14.

HORTICULTURE
 FSS III – HB, Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, and 14 and
 REQUIRED READING for Selected Plant Groups.
Conifers and Saintpaulias (African Violets)
 **Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging* - NGC
 Supplement to the Handbook
 Suggested reading, if available.
 **Hortulana*, Revised – Heber: Those pages/paragraphs
 pertaining to members of the plant groups being studied
 in this course.

***Download from the internet:**
www.gardenclub.org
Plants and Their Respective Families and
Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows

DESIGN
 FSS III – HB, Chapters 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 14 and
 REQUIRED READING.
 **Designing by Types* - Osborne
 **Table Settings For All Seasons* by Wood & Smith -
 Chapter 7 & pages showing design types

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 6	Full Cold Moon
Dec 21	Winter Solstice
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Jan 5	Full Wolf Moon
Jan 9 – 11	Flower Show School III, Albuquerque Garden Ctr.
Jan 10	NGC Award Deadline (due to Sue Ferguson)
Jan 25	SCR Award Deadline (due to Sue Ferguson)
Feb 1	NMGC Awards Deadline (due to appropriate Chair)
Feb 1	Article Deadline for <i>New Mexico Gardener</i>
Feb 3	Full Snow Moon
Feb 21 – 22	Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Flower Show "Love Blooms Amidst Midwinter's Cold"
Mar 5	Full Worm Moon
Mar 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 12	District V Spring Meeting, Roswell
Mar 25 – 27	NMGC, Inc. Convention, Silver City
Apr 10	SCR Convention, Tulsa, OK
May 12 – 18	NGC, Inc. Convention, Louisville, KY



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