



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

(Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas)

The Communicator

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Isabel Olsen, Director 2017-2019

Message from SCR Director...

As I blinked my first year as Director passed. I must say it has been a wonderful year filled with travel and many special moments. Our 89th Annual Convention titled “Wonders of the Coastal Prairie” was a big success! Chairman Nancy Giffhorn and the committee of the Houston area did a fantabulous job! We are fortunate to have many sensational members in our region that volunteered and contributed to make this an enjoyable convention for all that attended. Corrie Ten-Have an Accredited Life FS Judge, depicted famous pieces of art in floral form in her inspiring presentation. Kathy Cox, Website Manager and Idalia Aguliar, NGC Social Media Committee Member enlighten us with a workshop about technology as we enjoyed chocolate and wine. A great hands-on Petite Design Workshop with power-point information was presented by Barbara Baker, Immediate Past Director and former FSS Design Instructor. Vast quantities of containers, fresh flowers and materials to choose from were provided by Barbara. The Gardener’s Market gave us “shopporotunity” thanks to Phyllis Byrum and April Pratt, our Ways & Means team. I want to thank Phyllis and all those that donated items for the market and those who made purchases raising money for the Director’s Project and the Scholarship fund.



Director Citations were presented to Suzy Andrego - Editor of *The Communicator*, Kathy Cox - Website Manager and Idalia Aguliar - Social Media Committee for increasing our communications with up to date information for the members of the South Central Region. Corrie Ten-Have and Barbara Baker also received citations for presenting a floral design program and workshop.

Message from Director, Isabel Olsen, continued

Bobbie Verser for her outstanding dedication as Awards Chairman and Nominating Committee Chairman, and Nancy Giffhorn - Convention Chairman received a citation for hosting and organizing the well planned event. There were many more wonderful moments during the convention so please enjoy the photos featured in this issue. Mark your calendar for the 90th Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, OK next year titled "PLANT-ASTIC!" on April 12-13,2019. Invite a garden club member to attend and let's break this year's record of 23 first time attendees!

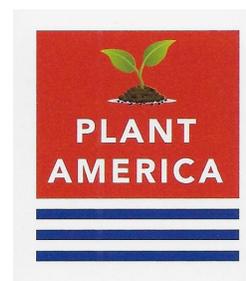
Several SCR members attended NGC Annual Convention titled "LOVE Blooms in Philadelphia". Many of us enjoyed the marvelous tours to various gardens and landmarks throughout the area. In addition to outstanding programs with keynote speakers, several seminars were available to attend of various subjects. At our regional breakfast a fun STAR theme reminded us that we are all Stars of the South Central Region. Roundtable discussion took place with many thought provoking ideas of workshops, programs and tours for future SCR or State Conventions. This list will be shared in our next newsletter, if you would like to make your suggestions you can email me your ideas and I will add them to our list. This will give some guidance to all those that are Convention Chairmen and Committee members for successful future conventions.

The members of South Central Region showed their team spirit for Plant America (led by Alternate Director Shirley Tetreault) by shaking pom-poms and cheering the director and our four state presidents as they read their dynamic oral reports. Special aprons made by Betty Edwards were worn by the State Presidents with the Plant America theme as we all wore shades of red, white and blue. Our four states received many Awards for their outstanding projects and efforts, and I would like to give a big CONGRATULATION to those clubs and individuals.

Happy Gardening as you enjoy the summer and continue to PLANT AMERICA!



Isabel



PHOTOS FROM NGC Annual Convention South Central Region Breakfast



PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON, TX



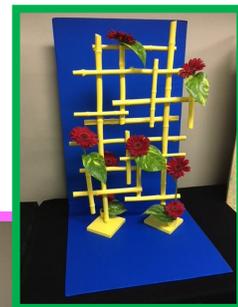
TOUR, LEARN & SHOP TRIP



FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES



WINE, CHOCOLATE & TECH TALK

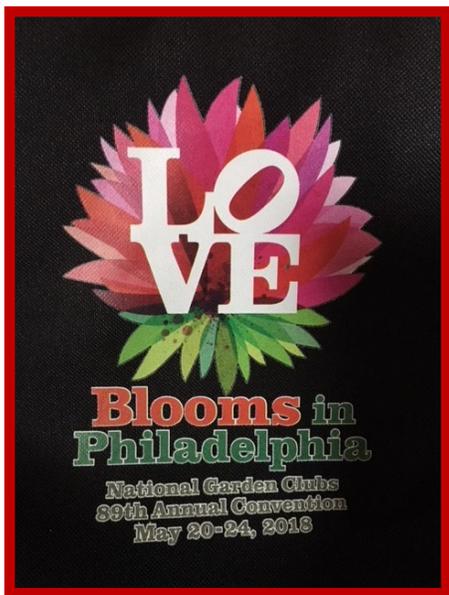


HANDS ON PETITE DESIGN WORKSHOP BY BARBARA BAKER, Immediate Past Director



DRESSED FOR DINNER

PHOTOS FROM NGC Annual Convention Philadelphia, PA



Street View out the Door of the Convention



Director Olsen & Alternate Director Tetreault at Longwood Gardens



Director, Isabel Olsen & Former Director, Nancy Voyles
At NGC Life Member Dinner



Longwood Gardens & Famous Glass House



Designs at Convention



A PHOTO OPP with Woodsy Owl. (From Left to Right) Betty Edwards- Texas State President, Isabel Olsen - SCR Director, Shirley Tetreault,-Alternate Director, Woodsy Owl, Linda Lawson- Oklahoma State President, Drenda Stanley-Arkansas Sate President and Barbara Vance-New Mexico State President.



OKLAHOMA STATE PRESIDENT, Linda Lawson

"Planting Oklahoma for Growth and Beauty"

Hello from Oklahoma! Greetings to one and all!

Oklahoma Garden Clubs are proud to have received the Lorena Martin Spillers Scholarship from National Garden Clubs Inc. The Oklahoma President was indeed happy to be one of Director Isabel Olsen's Stars when reporting happenings in S.C.R.

New clubs are hard at work planting youth gardens, planting memorial gardens, school gardens and community gardens. Some of the new concept clubs have participated in all state projects and meetings, district meetings and local activities. Members have helped youths enter contests.

Project Save the Monarchs has had statewide support. Events have included a visit to the state capital, an event at the zoo, and lectures at libraries and councils. Programs on protecting the pollinators have been given statewide.

Ten garden clubs have joined the president's project on 3 peas in a pod!

The state continues to raise funds for protection of Monarchs. Oklahoma Garden is currently selling a large Monarch brooch not to compete but to bring attention to the plight of this beautiful creature. It was decided that lectures were not enough. Garden Clubs needed to provide seeds and milkweed plants. Programs by smaller Garden were given. Protecting other Pollinators has become paramount to Oklahoma Garden Clubs. Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. Programs have been presented at clubs, District Meetings and State conventions.

The President's project three peas in a pod includes Promoting, Partipating, and Planting. Each club receives a pea for their pod when they complete a project in each category. When all the projects are complete the club receives \$100.00

New concept garden clubs were developed. Clubs that had quarterly business sessions. Monthly actives and projects, Family Clubs, Clubs with Master Gardeners, Clubs with members of Plant Societies.

The State president has learned not only administer state programs, but to couch, mentor, and most of all be a cheerleader for Garden clubs to Plant America!



TEXAS STATE PRESIDENT, Betty Edwards

"Plant America, "Sowing Seeds the Texas Way"

Gardening aprons is my two year project. It was my privilege to make aprons for the 4 State Presidents, SCR Director Isabel Olsen and SCR Alternate Director Shirley Tetreault to wear at the NGC Convention.

Texas Garden Clubs has 253 Federated Clubs, 6 Judges Councils/Clubs, 10 Councils other than Judges Councils and 39 Affiliates. At this time we have a membership of 9, 237.

We support NGC schools by having Garden Study Schools, Environmental Schools, Flower Show Schools and Landscape Design Schools.

Clubs in Texas have been so busy that it is hard to write everything that they have been doing. So many clubs work with the youth which is so important. There are a lot of youth garden clubs in Texas. Clubs have been learning how to plant in buckets, and recycling has become so important to so many. We are leaning to reuse our things that at one time went straight to the landfill. Bats have been call polite pollinators and did you ever think you would ever call a bat polite. How about habits of the bees or studying the migration of the butterfly. Have you ever thought about sanctuary gardens that you plant to calm yourself? Wouldn't it be fun to plant an English Garden in a downtown area for everyone to enjoy. Maybe one of the most important programs we could put on for our community is water wise gardening. We keep hearing that we could run out of water. How about a program called WORMS, the ultimate Recyclers. Sound interesting. Let's all paint rocks to place in empty non watered flower beds throughout a park. Two Texas Garden Clubs received Plant America Grants.

NEW MEXICO STATE PRESIDENT, Barbara Vance

Plant America - Grow New Mexico!

Thank You to all members who took the time to apply for awards at many levels. New Mexico members are very proud of Renate Reisel of Home GC and Morning GC. Renate received The Member Award of Honor from New Mexico Garden Clubs - South Central Region, and National Garden Clubs. Debi Harrington is the first person in New Mexico to win the Four Star Award for completing all four NGC Schools. She received the award at the recent NGC Convention. My congratulations to members and clubs who were honored with awards at our NMGC Convention, SCR and NGC.



Flower Show School III and IV continue through fall. Environmental School and Gardening School will begin in August. We will be busy planning/planting for the upcoming county and state fairs in September. We share the love of gardening, concerns about our environment and conservation. By sharing knowledge of gardening we learn more about horticulture that might grow in our areas of the state. Especially important during this time of drought in New Mexico.

To Serve As SCR Director and Alternate Director, 2019-2021

Director, Linda Lawson, OK

Alternate Director, Donna Marsheck, OK

Slate of SCR Officers for 2019-2021

Announced at SCR Convention in Houston, TX

(Election will be held during the 2019 SCR Convention)

Recording Secretary, Jan Smith, NM

Treasurer, Sherrie Eoff, AR

Historian, Idalia Aguilar, TX

RECYCLING - Carol Moore, Chairman

STUFFOCATION! WHAT IS IT?

Do any of you have; too many clothes in your closet? Clothes you haven't worn in years? Clothes with tags still on them? Clothes you wore and didn't like? Clothes you ought only because they were on sale? Clothes you bought and meant to return? Clothes that might fit again someday??? Have any of you ever made an impulse purchase? Like purchasing extras; shoes, boots, purses, totes, coats, sweaters or scarves, belts and jackets? Has anyone ever bought something because you friend said you just had to have it?

In your bathroom are there any partial containers of cosmetics? How about lotions, potions or miracles in a bottle? What about assorted hair goop, blowers, curlers, straighteners? What about gadgets and gizmos??

Do you have any unfinished projects at home?

Have you ever stored stuff in a rental unit or pod? Have you ever purchased stuff to store in? Have you ever avoided going into your attic? Can you barely fit your car in the garage? Do you have collections that you have held onto and can't say why???

If any of this applies to you, then DONATE to a worthy cause! RECYCLE all your newspapers, magazines, plastics, cardboard, glassware, etc. and re-purpose towels, blankets, sheets throws and bedspreads. Or, donate tem to an animal shelter for dog beds.

Choose a decluttering method that will work for you and DONATE – REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE – REPURPOSE – RETHINK. Author: Linda Dyer of Azalea Garden Club of Texas

CONGRATULATIONS

**South Central Region
2018 Member of Honor**

**Awarded to
Renate Reisel
of New Mexico Garden Clubs,
Home Garden Club
& Morning Garden Club**



The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contribution(s) to club and community in one or more of the following areas: Civic Development, Conservation, Design, Horticultural Therapy, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Youth Activities and/or All Around Excellence. Renate received this award from the State, Region and National Garden Clubs.

At the Flower Show Schools Committee meeting in Philadelphia,



Shirley Tetreault was approved to teach Flower Show Procure. **CONGRATULATIONS SHIRLEY!** May you have many happy years teaching the students.



Congratulations to **Debi Harrington** of Albuquerque, New Mexico for earning the ***NGC Four Star Award*** presented at the National Convention in Philadelphia.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

AWARD WINNERS FOR THE YEAR 2017

#1, ARBOR DAY DEDICATION

1st Place, Bentonville Garden Club, AR, \$25
Sponsored by Idalia Aguilar
2nd Place, Bella Vista Garden Club, AR
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

#2, CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

1st Place, Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$25
Sponsored by Isabel Olsen
2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM
3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

#3, CLUB PROGRAM

1st Place, Home Garden Club, NM \$25
Sponsored by Nancy Voyles
2nd Place, Garden Club of Rogers
a skit, "Goin' to the Fair"

#4, YEARBOOK THEME

1st Place, Lincoln County Garden Club, NM, \$25
"Planting in the Southwest" - Sponsored by Betty Edwards
2nd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR
"Keep Arkansas Beautiful Through Gardening and Civic Beautification"

#5, NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

1st Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR, \$25
Sponsored by Sally Warner
2nd Place, Harrisburg Garden Club, AR
3rd Place, Hondo Garden Club, TX

#6, COMMUNITY CONCERN

1st Place, Bella Vista Garden Club, AR, \$2
Sponsored by Colleen and Fred Hinker
2nd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR
3rd Place, Morning Garden Club, NM

#7A, SINGLE CLUB FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

1st Place, El Dedon Verde Garden Club, TX, \$25
Sponsored by Judy Grotts
"Celebrating Our National Parks' 100th Anniversary"

#7B, MULTIPLE CLUBS FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

1st Place, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, AR, \$25
Sponsored by Jo Krallman
"ART-rageous"
2nd Place, Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club
"95 and Still Alive"

#8, WATER CONSERVATION, no entries

#9, LANDSCAPE DESIGN

1st Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM, \$25
Sponsored by Nancy Voyles

#10, RECYCLING/LITTER CONTROL

1st Place, Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$25
Sponsored by Liz Howell
2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM
3rd Place, Morning Garden Club, NM

#11, MEMBER AWARD OF HONOR

Renate Reisel, is a member of Home Garden Club and Morning Garden Club in New Mexico.

#12, FLORAL DESIGN PROGRAM

1st Place, Artesia Garden Club, NM, \$25
Sponsored by Doris Jackson

#13, YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD

1st Place, Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$50
Sponsored by Linda Lawson
2nd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR
3rd Place, Morning Garden Club, NM

ADULT AWARD WINNERS CONTINUED

#14, PUBLICATION AWARDS, (A, Clubs) (B, Groups)

Sponsors: Shirley Tetreault, Melanie Spence, Derenda Stanley

Bobbie Verser

#14-A-1, 1st Place, Brochure, Hondo Garden Club, TX, \$10

“New Members”

2nd Place, High Desert Design Study Club, TX
“Flower Designing”

3rd Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

“What Is a Garden Club”

#14-A-3, Newsletters, (3 pages +)

1st Place, Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$10

2nd Place, Rainbow Garden Club, TX

B-3, Newsletters, 1st Place, New Mexico Garden Clubs, \$10

2nd Place, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

#14-A-6, 1st Place, Cookbook, Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$10

“Out of the Garden and Into the Kitchen”

#14-A-7, Other

Garden Club of Rogers, AR, \$10

Business card with club contact information

#15, CONTAINER GARDENING

1st Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR, \$25

Sponsored by Derenda Stanley

2nd Place, Morning Garden Club, NM

#16, YEARBOOKS

#16-1, (under 20 members) 1st Place, Kermit Garden Club, TX

2nd Place, Dardanelle Garden Club, AR

3rd Place, Dahlia Garden Club, OK

#16-2, 1st Place, Harrisburg Garden Club, AR

#16-3, 1st Place, Abilene Garden Club, TX
2nd Place, Lincoln County Garden Club, NM

#16-4, 1st Place, Garden Club of Rogers, AR

2nd Place, Hondo Garden Club, TX

#16-5, 1st Place, Frisco Garden Club, TX

2nd Place, Angel Fire Garden Club, NM

#16-6, 1st Place, Hunt Garden Club, TX

2nd Place, Tulsa Garden Club, OK

3rd Place, Bella Vista Garden Club, AR

#16-7, Group of Clubs

1st Place, Garden Club Council of Fort Worth, TX

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD,

Grapevine Garden Club, TX, \$25

Sponsored by Debra Sorrell

DIRECTOR'S PROJECT

“Plant America”

To be awarded at 2019 convention



YOUTH AWARD WINNER For the Year 2017



YOUTH CONTESTS

YOUTH SMOKEY BEAR

/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST

First Grade

1st Place, Emme Howell, sponsored by Greenkeepers G.C., AR

2nd Place, Novelyn Spence, sponsored by Dahlia G.C., OK

Second Grade

1st Place, Joslyn Lee, sponsored by Dahlia G.C., OK

Third Grade

1st Place, Jacy Lee, sponsored by Dahlia G.C., OK

2nd Place, Haddi Hulse, sponsored by Iris GC., AR

3rd Place, Linlee Brummett, sponsored by Dahlia G.C., OK

Fourth Grade

1st Place, Hannah Howell, sponsored by Greenkeepers G.C., AR

2nd Place, Buckler Gonzalez, sponsored by Pansy G.C., OK

Fifth Grade

1st Place, Kayla Meason, sponsored by Dahlia G.C., OK

2nd Place, Kenley Holland, sponsored by Iris G.C., AR

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

“Community Gardens—A Solution to Blight, Crime, and Hunger”

1st Place, Kayley Lawson, sponsored by Greenwood G.C., AR, 11th grade student

YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

“Let It Grow”

1st Place, Mylah Young, sponsored by Uptown G.C., Albuquerque, NM

YOUTH BIRD POSTER CONTEST

(Male Eastern Bluebird)

First Place Winners—
all from West Brownsville Garden Club
in Brownsville, TX

- 1st Grade, Michelle Jimenez
- 2nd Grade, Iris Cantu
- 3rd Grade, Claire Remy
- 4th Grade, Crystal Altamirano
- 5th Grade, Julian Martinnez

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

Fifth Grade

1st Place, Callie Rowland, sponsored by Harrisburg G.C., AR

Sixth Grade

1st Place, Jesalyn Carpino, sponsored by Harrisburg G.C., AR

SCR LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, Doris Jackson

***CONGRATULATIONS to the new
South Central Region Life Members!***

Joyce Zaugg, New Mexico Garden Club member

Nancy Griffhorn, Texas Garden Club members

Lyda Smith, Texas Garden Club members

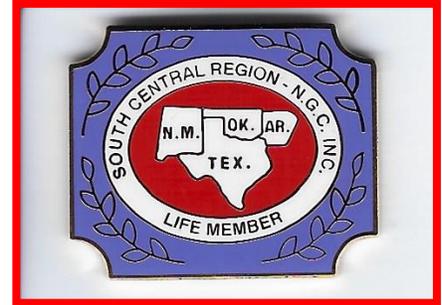
Dana Serafine, Texas Garden Club members

Sharon Wegenhoft, Texas Garden Club members

Carol Coughran, Texas Garden Club members

Kathy Cox, Texas Garden Club members

Ann Gay, Texas Garden Club members



**ARE YOU A SOUTH CENTRAL REGION
LIFE MEMBER?**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$50 + PIN \$ 5 = \$ 55

Pins are available with a magnet back or standard pin back.

All proceeds from the SCR Life Membership sales now go to the \$1000 SCR Scholarship given in the second year of a term. I encourage SCR members that do not have an SCR Life Membership to consider purchasing one during this new term. These memberships also make wonderful gifts for honoring members in your Club, District, State or our Region.

Order from: Doris Jackson, SCR Life Membership Chairman

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National Garden Clubs 2018 Tour will be in the South Central Region!

ARKANSAS GARDENS AND ART
WITH A DAY AT MOSS MOUNTAIN FARMS

October 8-13, 2018

Lodging: 3 nights at the Capital Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas

2 nights at 21 C Museum Hotel, Bentonville, Arkansas

Meals: Included meals are breakfast each day, 4 dinners, and 2 lunches

Transportation: The group will travel in a motor coach of suitable size for the group. Transportation from the airport to the hotel on October 8 will NOT be provided due to varying flight schedules of tour participants. The hotel is easily accessible by taxi.

Itinerary:

October 8 – Tour participants arrive independently and check into the Capital Hotel in downtown Little Rock. Those arriving earlier in the day can easily visit Little Rock sights such as the Clinton Presidential Library, the Arkansas State Capitol, the Old State House Museum, and more. Tour participants will gather for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

October 9 – Visit Garvin Woodland Gardens and Hot Springs National Park. A guided tour of the Fordyce Bath House Museum. In the evening, a tour Marlsgate Plantation and its garden (designed by P. Allen Smith for a former owner) and have dinner at Marlsgate Plantation.

October 10 – Travel to Moss Mountain Farms for lunch, a tour of the gardens, and a workshop. Dinner at Moss Mountain Farms before returning to the hotel is also included.

October 11- Depart Little Rock for Bentonville. Lunch and tram tour of historic Eureka Springs and Thorncrown Chapel and some free time in the historic town. In Bentonville, the group will be on their own in the evening to enjoy the Walmart Museum, shopping, and dinner at one of the many restaurants in the quaint town center.

October 12- The entire day is devoted to touring Crystal Bridges Art Museum and tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright House at the museum, also options for touring the artwork and the gardens. A farewell dinner is included.

October 13 – The coach will return to the Little Rock Airport. For member preferring to fly out of Fayetteville rather than Little Rock, the coach can take them to the Fayetteville airport.

Price: \$2050, including \$100 donation to NGC

Contact Tour Chairman: Mary Ann Bryant for further information, maryannbryant1@gmail.com or the NGC website, gardenclubs.org

PLEASE READ

May 26, 2018

To: All NGC Judges

From: NGC Flower Show Schools Committee

This letter is to be shared by the State Judges Council Chairman/IA Judges Council Chairman with all NGC Judges in each jurisdiction as soon as possible. All Judges and Flower Show Chairmen should be aware of the following:

The *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2017 Edition, has been in effect for less than a year. (Since July 1, 2017.) During that period, you have been generous with your comments about the various aspects introduced in this latest volume. We are listening. Every communication was read, considered, and/or answered, if requested. We delight in your positive comments. We appreciate your constructive comments. We understand how difficult it is to accept change, especially when those changes cause us to get out of our comfort zone. In every case, the rationale for making even the tiniest change was to uphold the aims and objectives of NGC, Inc. The intent was to enable each of us to become a better judge, to share his/her specialized knowledge and training with others by participating regularly in the club's activities and educational experiences.

The NGC Flower Show Schools Committee met at the NGC Convention in Philadelphia, May 22-24, 2018. The following was presented to the Executive Committee of NGC, Inc. for consideration. That body endorsed this proposal which will become effective immediately.

Refer to *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Pages 114-119

I. The number of Exhibiting Credits and Judging Credits required for each for the first four levels of NGC Judges (Student Judge, Accredited Judge, Accredited Life Judge, Accredited Master Judge) remains unchanged.

II. The definitions of Exhibiting Credit and Judging Credit have been redefined:

A. Accredited Life Judge and Accredited Master Judge may earn a **Horticulture Exhibiting Credit** by exhibiting in Horticulture Division, a Botanical Arts Horticulture Section or the Education Division.

B. Accredited Life Judge and Accredited Master Judge may earn a **Design Exhibiting Credit** by exhibiting in the Design Division, a Botanical Arts Design Section (Exploration designs not included) or the Education Division.

C. Judging Credit: Student Judge, Accredited Judge, Accredited Life Judge, Accredited Master Judge

Defined as one of the following options:

1. 3 classes Horticulture, 3 classes Design in an NGC Standard Flower Show or Small Standard Flower Show.
2. **2 classes Horticulture, 2 classes Design and 1 class in Botanical Arts Horticulture or Botanical Arts Design, Competitive Youth or Competitive Education Divisions as needed to complete the three classes each of Horticulture and Design in a Small Standard or Standard Flower Show,**
3. Judging 6 classes in an NGC Specialty Flower Show remains the same.

III. Judging Credits may be accrued over two shows.

A. Judges may judge part of the required number of classes in one show and earn the remainder in a second show. Final tally must fulfill one of the first two options as stated above.

B. It is the responsibility of Judges to keep accurate records of their exhibiting and judging credits.

Ribbons and schedules should be kept as proof of fulfilling the exhibiting and judging requirements when applying to the State Credentials Chairman on the proper form to attend a refresher for credit. The Flower Show Chairman is not responsible for keeping those records for you.

By expanding the opportunities for earning exhibiting and judging credits, NGC FSS Committee hopes to lessen the stress while maintaining high standards and expectations of its Judges. Best wishes to all for a fun filled and exciting year ahead of growing, learning and sharing with others.

Dorthy Yard, Chairman, NGC Flower Show Schools Committee

2018 YOUTH BIRD CONTEST, *Mardi McKenzie*

Male Ruby Throated Humming bird

On an 8.5 by 11 sheet of paper , You can paint. use markers. colored pencils, crayons . Please send only the first place winners in each age



WORLD Gardening—Sarah McReynolds, Chairman

Lullingstone Castle World Garden



(Photo Gardenvisit.com)



(Photo Charlotte Weychan)



(Photo Charlotte Weychan)

Tom Hart Dyke decided in order to save his family home, Lullingstone Castle he had to convert the land to a world class garden. On 16th June 2000, during Tom's 9-month kidnap ordeal in the Colombian jungle, Tom opened his diary and began plans for a garden which would contain plants from around the globe planted in their respective continents of origin. His plan became 'The World Garden of Plants'.

Tom Hart Dyke converted the castle's 2 acre walled gardens into a World Garden of Plants to raise funds for the upkeep of his ancestral home. The design of the World Garden is a map of the world consisting of continent-shaped beds. Plant species from around the world are planted in the map according to their country of origin. Notable specimens include a Wollemi Pine and Silver Princess Eucalyptus Caesia. The planting design, by Adam Bailey, is good. But the world map cannot be seen from eye level and, had the ground been level, the design idea would have worked very much better if the land between the continents had been water and all the pedestrian routes were on bridges or dry land.

The old residential castle and chapel are exceptionally fine and a good selection of plants is on sale.

Nursery contact: email: Jim@worldgardenplants.com .

NGC SCHOOLS OFFERED IN OUR REGION

**Flower Show School II -
Midwest City, OK
July 11-13, 2018**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Donna Marsheck, Registrar
dmarsheckgardenclub@yahoo.com C
918.440.1325

**FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL III
July 20-22, 2018
Albuquerque, NM**

**David Robson from Illinois
will teach Horticulture
(Daylilies & Roses)**

&

**Mary Huntoon of Massachusetts
will teach Design.
School III covers Creative Designs**

**FOR DETAILS or to REGISTER,
Contact Suzy Andrego,
New Mexico State
Flower Show Schools Chairman
Sandrego@qwest.net or (505) 259-3318**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL I -
August 29 & 30, 2018**

**Will be held
at the Rio Grande Nature Center,
ABQ, NM**

This is a National Garden Clubs School with 10 hours of instruction. School I is an introduction to Environmental Studies and covers, Land, Air & Water, as it relates to the environment and environmental issues. We will have classes taught by Professors, Professionals and Environmental Consultants. Classes will be held at the Rio Grande Nature Center and the Albuquerque Garden Center in air conditioned classrooms, and a tour of the Nature Center.

For more information please contact Suzy Andrego (sandrego@qwest.net) or Debra Sorrell (jdsorr@msn.com) Registrar.

**Gardening School I
August 31 and September 1, 2018,
Albuquerque, NM**

Gardening School) provides continuing education in the study of horticulture.

Debi Harrington and Mary Ann Moreno will serve as co-chairs for the Gardening School Series. The fee for GS I is \$65 including lunch and the test fee.

Brochures will be sent electronically to all NMGC Club Presidents before the end of May. Questions may be directed to Debi Harrington by email at: photodebi@gmail.com, or by phone at 505-206-0930.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION:

- ♦ **JULY 11-13, 2018** Flower Show School II - Midwest City, OK
- ♦ **JULY 20-22, 2018** Flower Show School III, ABQ, NM
- ♦ **AUGUST 29 & 30, 2018** Environmental School I, ABQ, NM
- ♦ **AUGUST 31- SEPT 1, 18** Gardening School I, ABQ, NM
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 14-16, 2018** Flower Show School III - Midwest City, OK
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 16-18, 2018** Flower Show School IV, ABQ, NM
- ♦ **APRIL 3-5, 2019** Flower Show School IV - Midwest City, OK
- ♦ **APRIL 12-13, 2019** **Annual SCR Convention, Oklahoma City, OK**

The South Central Region Website address: scrgardenclubs.org

To access the Members Section use the password - GROW!
(Don't forget the exclamation point)

South Central Region is also on Facebook and Twitter!

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