NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC

ANNUAL REPORT

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Johnese Turri, NMGC President

2025-2027

"Planting Seeds of Joy"

Prepared by Mary Noskin
NMGC Corresponding Secretary
October 1, 2026

PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

STATE PRESIDENT LIST

1950 – 1951 Mrs. John McKnight (Dora Sanders) – Roswell
1951 – 1953 Mrs. Earl Powell – Ft. Sumner
1953 – 1955 Mrs. Harold Edwards (Mrs. Victor Berchtold) – Santa Fe
1955 – 1957 Mrs. Walter Denison – Santa Fe
1957 – 1959 Mrs. Horace Bounds (Ruth) – San Lorenzo
1959 – 1961 Mrs. C. F. McWilliams (Tura) – Carlsbad
1961 – 1963 Mrs. Jeff Good (Myrl) – Ft. Sumner
1963 – 1965 Mrs. Rebecca Vidal – Albuquerque
1965 – 1967 Mrs. Harvey Israel (Lillian) – Los Alamos
1967 – 1969 Mrs. Thomas K. Todson (Margaret) – Las Cruces
1969 – 1971 Mrs. John Burroughs – Portales
1971 – 1973 Mrs. Edward S. Lewis (Mary Frances) – Albuquerque
1973 – 1975 Mrs. Edward Johnson (Margaret "Peggy") – Santa Fe
1975 – 1977 Mrs. Haskel Smith – Las Cruces
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1979 – 1981 Mrs. S. E. Neff (Ginny) – Clovis
1981 – 1983 Mrs. Thomas P Johnston (Betty) Albuquerque
1983 – 1985 Mrs. George Boyce (Oleta) – Santa Fe
1985 – 1987 Mrs. James Knauf (Nita) – Artesia
1987 – 1989 Mrs. Walt Eastland (Betty) – Santa Rosa
1989 – 1991 June Wood (Mrs. Don) – Albuquerque
1991 – 1993 Sue Graves (Mrs. Glen) – Los Alamos
1993 – 1995 Lequita Lett (Mrs. James) – Silver City
1995 – 1997 Elane McIlroy (Mrs. James) – Hobbs
1997 – 1999 Mary Ann Moreno (Mrs. James) – Albuquerque
1999 – 2001 Sally Warner (Mrs. Larry) – Los Alamos
2001 – 2003 Donna Betty Turney (Mrs. John) – Alamogordo
2003 – 2005 Elizabeth O'Brien (Mrs. William) – Cloudcroft
2005 – 2007 Sally Warner (Mrs. Larry) – Los Alamos
2007 – 2009 Colleen Hinker (Mrs. Fred) – Santa Rosa
2009 – 2011 Shirley Tetreault (Mrs. Al) – Albuquerque
2011 – 2013 Shirley Tetreault (Mrs. Al) – Albuquerque
2013 – 2015 Isabel Olsen (Mrs. A.J.) – Roswell
2015 – 2017 Suzy Andrego – (Mrs. Thomas) – Albuquerque
2017 – 2019 Barbara Vance – (Mrs. Donald) – Santa Fe
2019 – 2021 Christine Longthorp – Albuquerque
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Mission Statement

- Provide education for gardeners and horticulturists
- Promote environmental stewardship and conservation
- Share knowledge through programs and publications
- Create volunteer opportunities for community beautification

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT – Johnese Turri



"Planting Seeds of Joy"

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by. It has been such an honor to serve as your State President, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with so many wonderful, dedicated members throughout New Mexico. Every time I visit one of our clubs, attend an event, or hear about a project being completed, I am reminded of what makes our organization so special.

We have accomplished so much together, and I am incredibly proud of the work being done across our state. From community projects and garden installations to educational programs, scholarships, civic beautification, and supporting our communities, our members continue to make a difference wherever they live.

One of the things I have especially enjoyed this year has been seeing our clubs come together to support projects that are meaningful to their communities. Our Blue Star and Gold Star recognition continues to be an important way for us to honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. I am proud of the work our members have done to maintain and improve these special places.

We have also continued with installations and projects that not only beautify our communities but tell a story about who we are and what we value. These projects take time, planning, and many helping hands, and I want to thank everyone who has been willing to step up and make them happen.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to our Board. I truly could not do this without each of you. Jumping willingness to help, share ideas, answer questions, and jumping in whenever needed has meant so much to me. I am truly fortunate to have such a supportive Board.

I also want to give a special thank-you to Laurie Hixson. Laurie has been such a wonderful support to me throughout this year. She has spent countless hours talking about things through with me, sharing ideas, helping me work through questions, while traveling with me to meetings.

A special thank-you also goes to our District Directors and all our Club Presidents. Your leadership and communication are so important to keeping our organization moving forward. I appreciate all the time and energy you give to your clubs and to our state organization.

Thank you as well to all of those who are chairing committees. So much of what we accomplish happens behind the scenes, and I am grateful for the time, creativity, and dedication you give to your committee work. Every contribution, large or small, helps make our organization stronger.

And a special thank-you to everyone who contributes to *The Gardener*. We are getting such awesome articles, photographs, ideas, and information from our members. It is wonderful to see the talent and enthusiasm throughout our organization, and I hope everyone will continue sharing what is happening in your clubs.

One of the highlights of my year was the opportunity to attend both the SCR Convention and the National Convention. I had such a wonderful time at both. It was so special to meet so many wonderful people from across the United States and to share our love of gardening, our clubs, and our communities.

I came home from these conventions with so many great memories, latest ideas, and most importantly, new friendships. I believe I have made some lifelong friends through these experiences. It is amazing how quickly you can connect with people when you share a common passion and purpose.

These conventions reminded me just how special our organization is and how fortunate I am to be part of such a wonderful group of people. I am grateful for every conversation, every laugh, every new friendship, and every opportunity to learn from others across our country.

I am especially proud to announce that the $2,500 raised through our Ways and Means raffles at the state convention. Debra Sorrell and me will donate to Philmont Scout Ranch to support its reseeding project following the devastating wildfires.

I have requested that the seedlings be purchased from the John T. Harrington Forestry Research Center at Mora, New Mexico State University (NMSU), in Mora, New Mexico. I believe this is truly a win-win. We are helping restore the beautiful Philmont property while also supporting an outstanding New Mexico research facility that plays such a significant role in our forests' future.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported our Ways and Means efforts. Your generosity is making this possible. I also want to thank Debra Sorrell for her contribution to the use of her remaining funds. Together, we can make a meaningful contribution toward restoring an area that means so much to so many people.

As I look ahead to the remainder of my term, I am excited about what we can continue to accomplish together. I will remain your State President through our convention next April, and I look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

There is still much to do, and I know that together we will continue making a difference. I encourage everyone to keep sharing ideas, supporting one another, welcoming new members, and celebrating the wonderful work being done by our garden clubs throughout New Mexico.
Thank you for your confidence in me, for your friendship, and most of all, for everything you do for our organization and our communities. It truly is a privilege to serve alongside all of you.

With sincere appreciation,



OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT – Laurie Hixson



It has been a pleasure serving as your First Vice President this past year. I have learned so many things and met so many wonderful people during my travels with Johnese, our President, to all the districts in the state. Johnese is an absolute gem, and I am so glad I have gotten to know her better through our travels.

We have gathered a lot of suggestions and gotten great meeting program ideas from you all. I hope you do not mind that I have brought back your many ideas for my own club's use.

Part of my duties include filling in for the President when she is unavailable. In June, I represented NMGC at the 'Meet the Clubs' event. This was an opportunity to display all the wonderful things in which NMGC clubs are involved. There was a good turnout, and we handed out brochures and gave away a basket of goodies, courtesy of our President, Johnese Turri.

Overall, it was a highly informative year shadowing the President around the state. I look forward to next year when I can reacquaint myself with those members I met this past year and meet new members whom I've yet to meet.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – Kersti Rock



This report contains the status of our organization's membership as of August 22, 2026.

1. Paid Dues: 361 paid members and $2888 income. There is 1 NMGC honorary member.

2. There are 2 youth clubs: Organic Planet (15 members) sponsored by Uptown GC and Ruidoso High School Garden Club (9 members) sponsored by Lincoln GC. 2. Outstanding Dues: All clubs have paid their dues!

3. All Clubs are in good standing!

4. Overall adult membership is slightly down from last year (362 vs 414 adult members). Not including the youth clubs, we are down 52 members or 13% from last year. Summit and Artesia saw membership increases of 12% and 11%, respectively. All other clubs have shown decreases in membership so far this year. The largest club is Angel Fire with 36 members. Ruidoso HS youth club has 9 members for 2026-2027, a decrease of 1 member from last year. Organic Planet youth club has 15 members for 2026-2027.

5. Action Items: Work with clubs to get dues submitted prior to May 1, 2027, but no later than July 1, 2027. Assist adult clubs as needed regarding membership efforts and/or creation of new youth clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersti Rock

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Membership
August 22, 2026

District	Club Count	Club Name	FY 2026 Paid/Honorary Members	FY 2026 Youth Members
I		El Jardin Encanto	16	
I		High Desert Design	31	
I		Moriarty	8	
I		New Mexico Floral Artists	16	
I		Petal Pushers	25	
I		Santa Rosa	7	
I		Uptown	21	
I		Organic Planet	N/A	15
I		Valley Gardeners	31	
Total D I	**9**		***155***	***15***
II		Angel Fire	36	
II		Floral Designers	6	
II		Los Alamos	28	
II		Summit	28	
Total D II	**4**		***98***	***0***
Total D III	**0**		***0***	***0***
IV		Mesilla Valley	12	
IV		Socorro	9	
IV		Sunshine Valley	13	
Total D IV	**3**		***34***	***0***
V		Artesia	20	
V		Home	11	
V		Lincoln	29	
V		Ruidoso High School Garden Club	N/A	9
V		Morning	15	
Total D V	**5**		***75***	***9***
Total NMGC	**21**		**362**	**24**

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

FY 2026-2027 Membership - percent change from FY 2025-2026

August 22, 2026

District	District Count	Club Name	Registration 2026-27	Youth Regis. 2026-27	Registration 2025-26	Membership Change	20	Percentage Difference
I		El Jardin Encanto	16		16	0		0%
I		High Desert Design	31		33	-2		-6%
I		Moriarty	8		10	-2		-20%
I		New Mexico Floral Artists	16		16	0		0%
I		Petal Pushers	25		29	-4		-14%
I		Santa Rosa	7		7	0		0%
I		Uptown	21		26	-5		-19%
I		Valley Gardeners	31		34	-3		-9%
Total D I	***8***		***155***	***0***	***171***	***-16***	***0***	**-9%**
II		Angel Fire	36		42	-6		-14%
II		Floral Designers	6		10	-4		-40%
II		Los Alamos	28		31	-3		-10%
II		Summit	28		25	3		12%
Total D II	***4***		***98***	***0***	***108***	***-10***	***0***	**2%**
III								
Total D III	***0***		***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	***0***	**0%**
IV		Mesilla Valley	12		15	-3		-20%
IV		Socorro	9		14	-5		-36%
IV		Sunshine Valley	13		14	-1		-7%
Total D IV	***3***		***34***	***0***	***43***	***-9***	***0***	**-21%**
V		Artesia	20		18	2		11%
V		Home	11		14	-3		-21%
V		Lincoln	29		40	-11		-28%
V		Morning	15		20	-5		-25%
Total D V	***4***		***75***	***0***	***92***	***-17***	***0***	**-18%**
Total NMGC	***19***	***(Without the 2 youth groups)***	***362***		***414***	***-52***	***0***	**-13%**

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

FY 2026-2027 Membership - percent change from FY 2025-2026

8/22/2026

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I		New Mexico Floral Artists	16		16	0		0%
I		Petal Pushers	25		29	-4		-14%
I		Santa Rosa	7		7	0		0%
I		Uptown	21		26	-5		-19%
I		Organic Planet (Y)	15	15	12	3		25%
I		Valley Gardeners	31		34	-3		-9%
Total D I	***9***		***170***	***15***	***183***	***-13***	***0***	***-7%***
II		Angel Fire	36		42	-6		-14%
II		Floral Designers	6		10	-4		-40%
II		Los Alamos	28		31	-3		-10%
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V		Home	11		14	-3		-21%
V		Lincoln	29		40	-11		-28%
V		Ruidoso High School GC (Y)	9	9	10	-1		-10%
V		Morning	15		20	-5		-25%
Total D V	***5***		***84***	***9***	***102***	***-18***	***0***	***-18%***
Total NMGC	***21***	***(Includes 2 youth groups)***	***386***		***436***	***-50***	***0***	***-11%***

RECORDING SECRETARY – Linda Frank



New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. Minutes
76th Annual Convention
April 8, 2026, Las Cruces, New Mexico

The 76th annual convention of the New Mexico Garden Clubs (NMGC) was held April 8, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The meeting was called to order by President Johnese Turri at 9:04 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies and Housekeeping

The invocation was given by Debra Sorrell, NMGC Immediate Past President and South-Central Region (SCR) Assistant Director.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Shirley Tetreault, former NMGC President, and Chairperson of the Blue Star and Gold Star Memorial program.

NMGC members were welcomed to the convention by Mary Gillard, District IV Director and President of the Socorro Garden Club; the response was given by Mary West, District V Director.

President Turri welcomed everyone and introduced the Board Members:

- Colleen Herman, representing Corresponding Secretary, Mary Noskin
- JJ Huddelston, representing Treasurer, Ginny Longbotham
- Laurie Hixson, 1st Vice President
- Linda Frank, Recording Secretary
- Kersti Rock 2nd Vice President
- Suzy Andrego, Parliamentarian, former NMGC President, and National Garden Clubs (NGC) 2nd Vice President

District Directors

- District 5, Mary West, Director
- District 4, Mary Gillard, Director
- District 2, Debi Harrington, Assistant District Director
- District 1, Colleen Herman, Assistant District Director

Special Guests:

- Christine Longthorp, SCR Director, and former NMGC President
- Donna Donnelly, NGC President

Linnea Egbert, Registrar for the 2026 Convention, gave preliminary credentials and registration reports. See Attachment A. The preliminary credentials and registration reports were adopted with a voting strength of 42.

Suzy Andrego, Parliamentarian, reported a quorum was present.

Colleen Herman, Uptown Garden Club, read the standing and general rules for the business meeting. The standing and general rules for the business meetings were adopted without objection.

Becky Fuller, President, Mesilla Valley Garden Club, presented no changes or additions to the program booklet. The program booklet for 2026 NMGC Annual Convention, which included the agenda for the convention, was adopted without objection.
See Attachment M.

President Turri appointed without objection the following individuals to approve the minutes of April 8, 2026, Annual Convention: Laurie Hixson, 1st Vice President; Kersti Rock, 2nd Vice President; and Mary West, District V Director.

Allison Grieggs, President of Summit Garden Club, was appointed without objection as Timekeeper.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Linda Frank read minutes from the New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc. 75th Annual Convention, which took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 15, 2025. The minutes were approved without correction. See Attachment B.

Treasurer's Report
JJ Huddleston, representing Ginny Longbotham

JJ reported there was a total balance of $20,839.78 in the checking and savings bank account; and a total balance of three CDs of $42,653.04 for a grand total of all funds of $63,492.82 as of March 1, 2026. A check for $75 was written to the Albuquerque Garden Center in March. See Attachment C.

There were no questions; the report was filed.

State Officer Reports

President: Johnese Turri noted how special this convention is for her as it is the first of her presidency, and in Las Cruces where she attended university, met her husband, and had her first baby boy. She spoke about getting to know so many fellow gardeners at conventions and traveling the districts as President. She thanked her 1st Vice President, Laurie Hixson, and the Board for their support. She plans to use her Ways & Means project to purchase trees. She thanked Donna Donnelly, NGC President, **and her husband for attending.**

1st Vice President: Laurie Hixson spoke about the job being a breeze and the easiest job ever. She highlighted the fun she and Johnese have had traveling around the state and visiting the Districts. She, humorously, suggested the NMGC buy a bus so more members could travel around together.

2nd Vice President of Membership: Kersti Rock, reported 413 paid memberships: one (1) honorary member for a total of $3304 in dues. All clubs have paid dues and are in good standing. See Attachment D.

Recording Secretary: Linda Frank, spoke about the responsibilities of taking minutes at the Executive Board meetings and Annual Conventions, obtaining feedback on draft versions, and incorporating feedback into final versions of the minutes.

District Director Reports

District I, Colleen Herman, Assistant District Director, reported the theme for this term is "Better Together." The District has a total of 171 members. In October Mary Noskin assumed the Director position when Kathleen Flanders stepped down due to unforeseen circumstances. The District boasts many accredited Judges, Region Officers, and National Officers and Chairperson. The District staged an NGC small Standard Flower Show in October and is looking forward to dedicating a Blue Star Memorial in October.
See Attachment E.

District II, Debi Harrington, Assistant District Director, reported the theme for the District is "Let's Root for Each Other and Watch Each Other Grow." The District has four clubs and 109 members. Debi gave details of activities of each club. See Attachment F.

District IV, Director Mary Gillard, reported the district has three clubs and 32 members. She gave details of activities of each club. See Attachment G.

District V, Director Mary West, reported the district has four clubs and 95 members. The District's theme for this term is "Let Us Get Together and Garden." Mary gave details of activities of each club. See Attachment H.

Special Guests Christine Longthorp, South Central Region Director, spoke about her theme, "Let the Good Times Grow" and her Director's project to install at least one Gold Star Memorial in each State in the region during her tenure.

Donna Donnelly, National Garden Clubs' President, spoke about the collaboration between Plant America and Keep America Beautiful; the history of National Garden Clubs and changes the organization has experienced over its 100 years. And she emphasized the overarching goals of the organization that have stayed the same throughout its history: gardening, environmental concerns, education, and membership. She was presented with a Nambe alloy tray as a token appreciation from New Mexico Garden Clubs.

Other Reports 2025 Annual Convention Report

Suzy Andrego, 2025 Annual Convention Chair, reported on the financial outcome of the convention. The 2025 NMGC Convention had total income of $13,654 with 46 registrations; expenses of $11401; net profit of $2253. See Attachment I.

Becky Fuller, Archives Chair thanked those who submitted documents to her to be archived. She noted that the NMSU Library, which houses the NMGC archive, invites anyone interested in a tour and information about accessing materials. She is happy to take any materials from our garden clubs and deliver them to the archivists.

Shirley Tetreault, Chair Blue & Gold Star Program, reported a Blue Star Memorial, and a Gold Star Memorial will be dedicated in Hobbs, NM on April 23 at 11 a.m. Mary West will attend along with another District V members. The city paid for the memorials along with the Iris Club. A gold star memorial will be installed in Silver City. The date is yet to be determined. Ms. Tetreault noted that Bob Wooley, former New Mexico State Representative and Board President of Healing America's Heros, has been supportive of the Blue & Gold Star program.

Debi Harrington, Gardening & Landscape Design Schools chair noted that she is the Chair for both the Gardening School and the Landscape Design School. Suzy Andrego is the Chair for the Environmental School. Ms. Harrington recognized Lincoln County Garden Club for receiving both the 2025–2026 Espoma Organic Plant America Grant and the 2026 AMES Tool Grant.

Linda Frank, Chair *New Mexico Gardener* & NMGC Website, thanked those who have contributed content for both the Gardener and the NMGC Website. She noted that she will be following up concerning accurate email addresses as these are so important for communication across the membership. She mentioned the website has completed an extensive content refresh with new emphasis on a comprehensive Events Calendar. Look for an updated design in the future.

Shirla Harris Plant-A-Tree: Chair, promoted the raffle of a quilt she made. All proceeds will go to the Plant-A-Tree program.

Mary Moreno, Ways & Means Chair, announced that raffle tickets are available for many prizes. The drawing will follow the banquet tonight. Funds raised will support President Turri's project "Trees".

Jennifer Moreno, Chair Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, thanked the volunteers who helped with this year's contest. She announced the First-Grade winners. Grayson F's 1st place winning poster also won 3rd place at the SCR level. Thirty-five posters were entered this year.

Debra Sorrell announced the Nominating Committee members & Awards Chairs:
District I, Colleen Herman
District II, Vacant
District IV, Becky Fuller
District V, Julie Foster

Concerning Awards, she noted that tree-related awards must be publicly available. Debra said that a 'humorous' category to the photography awards with some choice examples should be added; she would also like to split the landscape photography awards into 'natural' and 'planted.'

Suzy Andrego, Chair By-Laws Committee, reported there were few responses to a request for feedback concerning the proposed By-Laws amendments. Other than typographical errors, feedback centered on verbiage concerning, "in the event there are no active garden clubs in a district." See Attachment J. Revisions to the By-Laws were unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

Announcements

Those who were attending their first NMGC received a gift. There were nine first-time attendees.

Barbara Antos was thanked for being the Official Photographer for the 2026 NMGC Annual Convention. Details were provided concerning the afternoon's tour of the Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site and the sunflower power challenge by Judy Laird,

Convention Chairperson announced Auction details and included that there would be a "Buy It Now" for the first time, in addition to the acceptance of credit card payments.

The meeting recessed at 11:23 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m.

Program

Maria Massey, Regional Store Manager for Heart of the Desert Pistachio Ranch, spoke about the history of the pistachio ranch and the growing techniques used for pistachios.

Memorial Service

Sandi Davis read memorials for members who passed away during the last year:

• Charlene Brock, Mesilla Valley Garden Club
• Grace Cara Brunilde Mitchell, Petal Pushers Garden Club
• Ann Shafer, Los Alamos Garden Club
• Patricia Rae Walker, Petal Pushers Garden Club

Mary Noskin prepared memorials.

Awards Ceremony

Debra Sorrell, NMGC Awards Chair, presided over the awards ceremony, and President Turri presented certificates to the 2025 awards recipients.

1st Place awards were presented to the following:

Photographic Print of the Year – Alhana Weller, Los Alamos GC
Photographic Print-Horticulture – Dodie Bernal-Suhr, Valley Gardeners GC
Photographic Print-Landscape – Alahna Weller, Los Alamos GC
Standard of Excellence, Class II – Los Alamos GC
Standard of Excellence, Class III – Valley Gardeners GC
Civic Development – Los Alamos GC
Longevity – Uptown GC
Tree Award – Christine Longthorp, Multiple Garden Clubs
Bird Award – Alahna Weller, Los Alamos GC
Membership Increase – Socorro GC
See Attachment K for a complete list of award winners.

President Turri presented three special awards.

Kersti Rock received the Member of the Year award. Kersti kept her club, Los Alamos, alive during COVID by using her technological skills to conduct Zoom meetings. She organized the first district-wide flower show in many years. She is always willing to step in and take on difficult projects, like finding a solution to the problem of deer eating the community's historic rose garden. She has served in many roles: Club Executive Board, Club President, Program Presenter, Acting District Director, District II Director, and NMGC 2nd Vice President.

Suzy Andrego was awarded Mentor of the Year. Suzy has been a Master Gardener for 27 years and has served local clubs, NMGC, SCR, and at the national level for 18 years. She is always there to listen, help, and guide, making the most complicated things feel manageable. She is consistently gracious with her time and knowledge, which has made a lasting impact on so many.

Linda Frank received the Special Achievement award for taking on important responsibilities of managing the NMGC website and editing *The Gardener*, as well as stepping into the role of Recording Secretary.

Closing Ceremonies

Mary Ann Moreno, Ways and Means Chairperson, drew the raffle ticket winners.

Linnea Egbert, Convention Registrar, gave the final credentials and registration reports for the 2026 Annual Convention. See Attachment L.

Pegi Naranjo-Smith, 2027 Convention Co-Chair, invited members to the 77th Annual Convention which will be held April 15-16, 2027, in Roswell, New Mexico.

Becky Fuller and Debra Sorrell humorously gave courtesy resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Names were drawn for door prizes, which were southwest inspired container plantings of natives and succulents; these were components of the banquet centerpieces.

Carolyn Bergsagel, Mesilla Valley Garden Club and Convention Committee Member gave the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Submitted:
Linda Frank, Recording Secretary



TREASURER – Ginny Longbotham



New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. **Treasurer Report**

Balance as of August 1, 2026

Checking	**$18304.91**
Saving	**3,999.33**
Outstanding checks: 0	
Total	**$22304.24**

CD 6541	**$9,008.54**
CD 3395	**20,011.50**
CD 6248	**13,660.50**
TOTAL CD	**$42,680.54**

TOTAL FUNDS: $64,984.78

8-8-2026

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sept-2025	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	26-Apr	May-26	26-Jun	26-Jul
Savings	3399.08	3383.34	3407.62	3431.1	3455.37	3478.37	3503.15	3521.04	3521.13	3637.41	3881.63	3881.73	3899.33
Checking	16604.1	16852.88	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68	18627.12	17476.45	1830491
Bank Total	19963.18	20236.22	18469.88	20888.6	20902.3	20839.78	20807.38	20839.78	20773.31	20864.09	20541.66	21358.18	22304.24
Outstandingche	327.67	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1957.09	0	0
Previous Balance	14070.67	16604.1	16852.86	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68	18627.12	1747645
Income	2583.38	538.43	104.4	3481.41	0.43	24.44	0.44	32.4	8.44	448.43	1400.44	816.42	82845
Expenses	29.95	287.67	1895	1086.17	11	50	135.47	0	75	473.93	0	1957.09	0
Book Balance	16604.1	16852.86	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68	18627.12	17476.45	1830491
Interest:													
Cking	0.38	0.43	0.4	0.4	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.4	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.42	45
Savings	0.58	0.66	0.75	0.83	0.92	1.01	0.09	0.17	0.09	116.28	244.22	0.1	0.1
CD	23.5	13.6	24.28	23.48	24.27	23.5	24.28	17.89	0	116.2	244.12	0	117.5
All CD's matured in February/new interest rates and terms:													
CD6541												9008.54	9008.54
CD3395												20011.5	20011.5
CD6248						CD's now earning higher rate and posting quarterly						13660	13660

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

New Mexico Garden Club Treasurer's Report April-2025 – May 2026

Ginny Longbotham, Treasurer

	April=2025	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sept--2025	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	26-Apr	May-26
Savings	3287.81	3311.31	3335.58	3359.08	3383.34	3407.62	3431.1	3455.37	3478.37	3503.15	3521.04	3521.13	3637.41	3881.63
Checking	11927.14	12137.45	14070.67	16604.1	16852.88	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68	18627.12
Bank Total	15214.95	15448.76	17406.25	19963.18	20236.22	18469.88	20888.6	20902.3	20839.78	20807.38	20839.78	20773.31	20864.09	20541.66
Outstanding cks			200	327.67	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1967.09
Previous Balance	35869.36	11927.14	12137.45	14070.67	16604.1	16852.86	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68
Income	5543.75	1148.31	3323.28	2563.38	536.43	104.4	3481.41	0.43	24.44	0.44	32.4	8.44	448.43	1400.44
Expenses	29485.99	938	1390.06	29.95	287.67	1895	1086.17	11	50	135.47	0	75	473.93	0
Book Balance	11927.14	12137.45	14070.67	16604.1	16852.86	15062.26	17457.5	17446.93	17421.37	17286.34	17318.74	17252.18	17226.68	18627.12
Interest:														
Cking	1.11	0.31	0.34	0.38	0.43	0.4	0.4	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.4	0.44	0.43	0.44
Savings	0.32	0.41	0.49	0.58	0.66	0.75	0.83	0.92	1.01	0.09	0.17	0.09	116.28	244.22
CD	13.6	23.5	24.27	23.5	13.6	24.28	23.48	24.27	23.5	24.28	17.89	0	116.2	244.12
CD6541	9008.54	0.55				All CD's matured in February/new interest rates and terms:								
CD3395	20011.5	0.8												
CD6248	13660	0.55												

CD's now earning higher rate and posting quarterly

HISTORIAN – Arial Seamon

Club presidents may be more likely to submit individual club histories if they are provided with a clear template and submission deadline.

CORRESPONDING – SECRETARY - Mary Noskin

Prepared, edited, and printed the annual report for June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Suzy Andrego

I assisted the President during her meetings with Parliamentary procedure. I have provided tips for meetings with the District Directors and club Presidents. I answer any parliamentary questions that come to me.

I also Chaired the NMGC Bylaws Committee, where we revised the NMGC Bylaws, Standing Rules, and NMGC Manual, where all revisions were passed in April 2026 NMGC convention.



DISTRICT DIRECTORS' REPORTS

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR – Mary Noskin

On October 21, 2025, incoming District 1 Director Kathleen Flanders informed the District 1 Executive Board that she needed to resign because of a family emergency. Following the Board's October 29 meeting and in accordance with the bylaws, Mary Noskin was appointed District 1 Director and Colleen Herman was appointed first vice president. The Board unanimously agreed that Kathleen would remain on the Board as second vice president.

For my tenure, I chose the theme "Better Together" to emphasize teamwork, collaboration among all District 1 clubs, and membership growth.

District 1's project is to complete the installation of a Blue Star Marker at the Veterans Integration Center in Albuquerque. The dedication ceremony is planned for the Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, with Debi Harrington assisting in several aspects.

To help fund District 1 expenses for the 2025–2026 term, we organized a hot-air balloon raffle. My nephew, Nestor Peña, a master hot-air balloon pilot, donated the prize: a ride for two valued at $420. Each District 1 club president was assigned a set number of tickets to sell, while Mary and Colleen led the overall sales effort.

District 1 is home to 90% of NGC judges, and under Suzy Andrego's leadership, nine new judges were added in 2026. These judges play a vital role in evaluating flower shows both in New Mexico and beyond. District 1 club members also serve as valuable volunteers for Albuquerque Garden Center activities.

On March 21–22, 2026, District 1 hosted an NGC Small Standard Flower Show at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Suzy Andrego, Gina Thoma, and Gigi Zachaias chaired the event, with 15 additional District 1 members serving as committee chairs. The show exceeded expectations, featuring 119 total entries: 90 in Horticulture and 29 in Design. There were 15 horticulture exhibitors and 14 design exhibitors. Dorothy Duff received the Award of Horticulture Excellence; Suzy Andrego received the Award of Merit and the Horticulture Sweepstakes Award; Maureen Carson received the Award of Design Excellence; Christine Longthorp received the Designer's Choice Award; and Mary Ann Moreno received the Design Sweepstakes Award.

District 1 includes eight (8) clubs with 161 members, as well as one active youth club, Organic Planet, led by Lynnette Walker.

El Jardin Encanto Garden Club – Co Presidents Debby Hasse, Mary Lou Wilson – 16 members
High Desert Design Club – President Shirley Tetreault – 33 members
Moriarity Garden Club - President Amiee Elliott – 10 members
New Mexico Floral Artist - President Christine Longthorp - 16 members
Petal Pushers Garden Club – President Ginny Longbotham – 29 members
Santa Rosa Garden Club - President Dianne Lueras 7 members
Uptown Garden Club - President Vicki Frye – August 2026 Lynnette Wallker – 26 members
Valley Gardeners -President Debi Harrington – 34 members

Key housekeeping tasks completed included updating the District 1 Bylaws and revising the District 1 Awards Booklet.

Petal Pushers Garden Club – President Ginny Longbotham

Petal Pushers Update! Our president moved to be closer her grandchildren, our treasurer left to take care of her ailing husband. Plus, we updated to become a 501(c) (7) entity. With all these changes, we managed to have exciting meetings at Gardners homes full of flowers and bees! We carved pumpkins and participated in the Garden Center Glow n Stroll. We heard all about Smokey Bear from our State Chair, Jennifer Moreno, we enjoyed Christmas at the current sitting President's home, Ginny Longbotham. We had a lite lunch, white elephant gift exchange, everyone took home a plate of bake goodies because everyone brought 2 dozen of their favs to exchange. The club also brought items to donate to Barrett House. The new year found us cleaning out our closets for the annual Garden Center rummage sale, plus making bake goods to sell to all the workers and buyers that attended the rummage sale, one of our two fundraising events. February, we learned all about Prickly Pears from Penny and Gary Hoe, even got to sample juice and jelly! Spring will find us selling plants at the Spring Plant Sale at the Garden Center and furnishing the lunch at the District One Meeting in March. Membership has fallen to 28, but we are certain we will find new members during the coming months. We have two flower judges, the SCR Director, the State Treasurer, two council board of directors, and Gardening U Chair for Albuquerque Garden Center, plus the Building Chair of the council. Submitted: Ginny Longbotham, sitting President Petal Pushers Garden Club ABQ Postscript: The Spring Plant sale was an enormous success in April. Diedre Kahn is one of our favorite speakers, and she spoke on "Rainbows and Monsoons" for the May meeting Petal Pushers once again won the club competition in the Council Flower Show from Sea to Shining Sea. We have won this competition for three straight years. Also, in June we sponsored a table for the

Council to meet the clubs and obtain two new members. July found us touring the ABQ Water Gardens to visit their extensive nursery, including blooming aquatic plants and

goldfish. We anticipate Christine Longthorp, our current President teaching us in August how to enter the State Fair Flower Show in September.

High Desert Design Club – President Shirley Tetreault

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

In preparation for this report, I was proud and excited about what these ladies do in a year. So, I have listed exactly what this year consisted of. We are a design study group, so, we take the time to study techniques and various designs at each meeting. In addition, we take on Council activities and as of this year maintain the Memorial Garden with our Blue/Gold Stars.

1. June 2025 – We helped in the celebration of 50 years of the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs setting up a booth and discussing our club. Our meeting was the creation of "Exhibition Tables."

2. July – Julie Moss did an outstanding program with Reed. We all created a wonderful design and accessories. We participated in the Council flower show "Christmas in July" and we all created a snowman tree for a club competition.

3. August – We were creating designs for study that will be in the New Mexico State Fair.

4. September – Dark – Full concentration on the State Fair. However, we had full kitchen duty at the Council Harvest Fair selling hot dogs, chili dogs, burritos, baked goods drinks, etc.

5. October – We all created a beautiful Chili Ristra. At the end of the month, we participated in the Council Glow and Stroll.

6. November – We dedicated our beautiful Gold Star Marker that is in our Memorial Garden. We had a nice luncheon after the ceremony. Dorothy Duff, Catie Glover, and Beth Sneider spent hours removing rock, watering, placing pavers, & shopping for plants. Dorothy Duff did all the work for our Keep America Beautiful grant project and we received the award. It looks beautiful and is always on display.

7. December – This is the month that we party a little with lunch and a white elephant gift, but not before working hard in the kitchen at the Holiday Fair.

8. January 2026 – Debi Harrington gave a beautiful program on creating Mass Designs.

9. February - all members created Valentines' Day centerpieces.

10. March – Shirley Tetreault presented a power-point from the Florida Instructor's Symposium.

11. April – A hands-on collage workshop.

12. May - Design techniques and decorating cans for Share the Beauty Day.
Proud President
Shirley Tetreault
High Desert Design Club

New Mexico Floral Artists – President Christine Longthorp
New Mexico Floral Artists Annual Report 2025-26
NMFA meets at 10 a.m. in Grace's room at the Albuquerque Garden Center on the third Monday of the month unless it is a holiday, and then we will meet on the following Tuesday. There are no meetings in August and September. Our purpose is to study NGC designs where we create and critique our practice designs.

July: The Council of Garden Clubs sponsored "Christmas in July" flower show in which all members were required to enter designs in lieu of a meeting.

August: Our annual planning lunch, in which we decide what designs we would like to explore for the following year.

September: Meeting was cancelled for members to enter designs or judge the State Fair Flower Shows.

October: We studied a line or line mass design, which always challenges us.

November: We created a holiday centerpiece that could transition through all the holidays.

December: Our meeting is a traditional afternoon English tea at Christine Longthorp's home to celebrate the holidays and this year we extended an invitation to High Desert designers and Floral Designers of Santa Fe.

January: Our design was a cascade and in February we created a traditional mass design.

March: We used only foliage for designers' choice.

April: We designed an angular design in fresh or dried plant material.

May: We designed a framed spatial design.

Some of our members are seasoned and some are new judges and some just love trying the designs to enter and support Flower Shows, but all our members have a good time.
Respectfully submitted,
Christine Longthorp, President New Mexico Floral Artists

Valley Gardeners Garden Club – President Debi Harrington

Valley Gardeners Garden Club Annual Report

June 2025 – May 2026

Valley Gardeners meet on the 2nd Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Los Griego's Community Center from October through May. In the Summer, we meet for tours and lunch.

Our theme for 2025 – 2026 is: "Climate Resilient Gardening in New Mexico's Changing Environment"

Current officers include Debi Harrington, President, Maureen Carson, 1st Vice President; Jennifer Moreno, 2nd Vice President; Darice Ambrose, Recording Secretary and Gina Thoma, Treasurer.

VGGC currently has 34 members, most of which are very active within the club as well as in the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs. Valley's meetings focus on many aspects of horticulture and gardening and floral design. VGGC has four new gardens. Maureen and Gigi Zacharias provided delicious treats, and a wonderful time was enjoyed by 17 attendees. June also included many members actively participating in both the Council's Garden Tour and its 50th Anniversary Celebration.

July's Tour was at the gardens of Bill Walker, a Daylily Society member. Bill has over 500 varieties of Daylilies, but also many gorgeous, unusual, and wonderful old trees, shrubs, and perennials. Lunch followed the tour at a nearby restaurant. Also in July, numerous Valley members participated in many capacities with the Council's "Christmas in July" Flower Show.

In August of 2025, we enjoyed a delightful tour of Will and Dorothy Duff's gardens in the cool East Mountains, followed by a salad luncheon and a brief meeting regarding the 2025 NM State Fair.

September 2025 found us very busy at the four State Fair Flower Shows where we entered, judged, clerked, and served in about every capacity! Members also designed a wonderful educational display for the NM State Fair on "New Mexico's Treasure - The Rio Grande River."

The October 2025 meeting was a wonderful presentation of Cacti and Succulents by Michele Ann Tart. She brought 25+ varieties of succulents and cacti – many were quite unusual.

On Thursday, November 9th, Horticulturist and Valley member, Maureen Carson, gave a hands-on program/workshop on Dividing Houseplants. Members brought houseplants to be divided for Saranam, a local women's/family shelter. Members babysat the newly potted plantings until December when we brought them to our Annual Holiday Luncheon. The week before Thanksgiving, Valley Gardeners collected food for the Los Griego's CC Thanksgiving food boxes for Los Griego's area neighborhood residents. Our donations were a way to say "Thank You" to LGCC for allowing us to hold our monthly meetings there free of charge.

In December, our newly potted houseplants were reunited by our members and decorated for the Holidays for Saranam. Members donated over 50 plants to the residents' families and staff members at the two Albuquerque locations. Twenty-seven members and spouses also enjoyed a gift exchange and meal at our Annual Holiday Luncheon.

January 2026 brought members to a design program on NGC Petite Floral Designs – led by member, Maureen Carson. Maureen and Debi Harrington provided many samples of Petite Designs in all sizes.

In February, our focus was on "Drought Impact on Plants in the SW Landscape" and was given by John Garlish from the Bernalillo County Extension. John presented drought facts and suggestions for drought tolerant plants – especially ones for our pollinator friends.

In March 2026, our featured speaker was Elliott Gordon from the Xerces Society. Elliott spoke about our NM resident pollinators and how we can help them through our careful planning of plantings.

Our meeting on April 9th, was on "How to Grow and Show Irises" and was presented by Robin Kisbaugh, the Regional Vice President of the American Iris Society.

In May of 2026, we had our Annual Installation Potluck at the Albuquerque Garden Center. The following week we had a plant sale at the Los Ranchos Farmers Market to make money for a 2027 Valley Gardeners Flower Show.

Valley Gardeners welcomes guests and/or prospective new members anytime.

Uptown Garden Club – President Vickie Frye

Uptown Garden Club has been very active, as usual.

We had a design workshop "Design in a Hoop" given by members Debra Sorrell and Suzy Andrego. This consisted of dried plant material in an embroidery hoop.

We had a highly informative presentation by Marissa Thompson on Trees of Albuquerque. A lot of questions were asked, and she did an excellent job of answering them.

“What is Ikebana” was presented by Agnes Franzak which included an informative demonstration. Her designs were simple and beautiful.

Our annual plant sale was held at the AGCs Harvest Fair. We sold plants, id stakes, and other garden items. We had sales of over $600. We plan to move our sale to the Harvest Fair in the future.

Uptown member Jewel Cutter again hosted our pumpkin carving for the Halloween Glow and Stroll at the Garden Center. The 2025 Glow and Stroll will be the last.

Member Shirley Tetrault gave a program on Fall centerpieces that can be tweaked to take them into the Holiday season.

Of course, we had our annual holiday luncheon and white elephant gift exchange in December. This is always well attended and so much fun. Deirdre Kann gave an interesting program on weather with an emphasis on the weather in Albuquerque. It really explained a lot.

We had a last-minute cancellation by a speaker, so we took advantage of that and used the meeting to make suggestions for meeting topics for the coming year. We had some great ideas and used some in our new yearbook. Member Suzy Andrego gave us a presentation on bulbs which inspired us all to get out in the garden.

We had our Officer Installation and Social in April. The new Uptown officers are President Lynnette Walker, Vice-President Debra Sorrell, Recording Secretary Margie Lappin and Treasurer Suzy Andrego. Thank you, Ladies.

Our annual garden cleanup was in May. I have to say the garden looked particularly good. Our Garden Chairman, Jean Morse deserves a lot of credit. She usually is in the Uptown Garden every week.

El Jardin Garden Club – Co- Presidents Debby Hasse & Mary Lou Wilson

In October, members experimented with decorating butternut squash by decoupaging them with used napkins and adding decorative picks. They also explored several pumpkin-decorating techniques.
In November, members visited the ARCA greenhouse to view the poinsettias, followed by lunch.

In December, members celebrated lunch at a new restaurant in Los Lunas, held a brief business meeting, and enjoyed time together.

After a mild winter, the club planned a "Spring Picnic" with themed refreshments, including ants on a log, pretzel/Twix butterflies, a flower-pot dip with vegetables, and dirt cups. The meeting also included a discussion on the mental health benefits of hobbies such as gardening, with a handout from Dr. Laura Bittner, associate professor at NMSU.

In February, one of the club's favorite presenters, John Galisch, spoke about trees and drought stress.

Moriarity Garden Club – President Aimee Elliott

Moriarity Garden Club meets monthly, with each meeting featuring a program related to gardening or the community.

Santa Rosa Garden Club – President Diane Lueras – Kathryn Kelly

Santa Rosa Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Despite health challenges, members planted flower boxes at the Santa Rosa Library and will hold their annual flower show during the Sunflower Festival at the Santa Rosa Convention Center in the Blue Hole area.

Organic Planet – Coordinator – Lynnette Walker - No Report

DISTRICT II DIRECTOR – Joyce Zaugg

District II has 4 thriving clubs with a membership of 109, Angel Fire has 43 members, Summit has 26 members, Floral Designers has 10 members, and Los Alamos has 30 members.

District II held a successful Spring General and Executive Board Meeting on March 20th. The board invited State President Johnese Turri and First Vice President, Laurie Hixson as guests of honor.

The President of Angel Fire Garden Club is Shirla Harri. Angel Fire Garden Club has six meetings a year, in May through October. These meetings are much like most clubs with a business meeting, and program. The Resort and Village of Angel Fire provides several community activities throughout the year to bring volunteer organizations, local artists, crafters, etc., together. Angel Fire Garden Club has a presence at these events to promote their club. They also use these gatherings as opportunities to communicate the need to protect and reforest our state by providing an opportunity to donate to "Plant a Tree" by purchasing a raffle ticket for a handmade quilt at the end of the season. Angel Fire Garden Club also serves the community by maintaining three local gardens in their area.

The President of Floral Designers Garden Club is Christine Longthorp. The purpose of their clubs is to have a venue to practice intermediate and advanced NGC approved designs to create entries for Flower Shows state and nationwide.

These are the designs and programs we enjoyed in 2025:

Programs included a cascade design presented by Shelby Green; an October 23 presentation by Anne May on "Layered," a non-NGC design; a January 22 soup luncheon and challenge design hosted at Laurie Hixson's home; a February 26 transparency design titled "Hide and Seek," presented by Anne May; and a March 26 reflective design presented by Juanita Ortega. Members Debi Harrington and Suzy Andrego have designs featured in the NGC *Vision of Beauty* calendar. Debi was also invited to participate in the design program at this year's Organization of Floral Art Designers (OFAD) conference in San Francisco. Both recognitions are significant honors.

Alahna Weller serves as President of the Los Alamos Garden Club. Program highlights included a September 15 Garden Quiz presented by Helen Carpenter and Lida Hoffman; an October 2 demonstration by Anne May on a distinctive low floral table design; and a November 17 workshop, led by Joyce Zaugg and Sue Hansen, on creating standing holiday wreaths and paper-towel dolls. On January 19, local amateur naturalist Bob Dryja presented a slide show on Acid Canyon. On February 23, member Trish Spillman demonstrated how to make pinecone flower wreaths, and members also made pinecone feeders. On March 16, Laurel Hardin, a local nursery owner and professional arborist, presented a program on soil. The long-awaited deer-fence enclosure for the Memorial Rose Garden is complete, and the club thanks fellow member Kersti Rock for leading the project over the past three years. LAGC looks forward to participating in PEEC's Earth Day celebration on April 18 and holding a plant and yard sale on May 9.



Alison Grieggs is President of Summit Garden Club. Summit Garden Club is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year. Program highlights included an October presentation by New Mexico herbalist and natural medicine specialist Jessie Emerson, who discussed the importance of native pollinators and perennials and shared traditional recipes for teas and tinctures. At the February meeting, members shared updates on their saffron-growing experiments during a roundtable discussion. Summit awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior and maintains two gardens: one at Bandelier and one at the White Rock Community Garden.

DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR – Mary Gilliard

District IV includes three clubs with a total membership of forty-one (41). This year's theme is Gardening for Pollinators.

Mesilla Vallely is busy planning for the State Convention in Las Cruces and have been busy reviewing and updating the District bylaws. They made Veteran's Day flower arrangements for residents at local Genesis Village; some residents also participated. NMSU Floral Arranging Department gave a program on large arrangements. Mesilla Valley hosted the State Convention, with great attendance. The program featured was on the growth and propagation of pistachio trees. Proceeds from the convention were split by the clubs in the district to plant patriotic gardens celebrating the nation's 250th birthday.

Sunshine Garden Club had their annual Pot Party to exchange plants, learn about plant propagating, and were educated on the many uses for weeds. Participated in a booth at the county fair to encourage new members, held a holiday luncheon, pinecone craft meeting, and Valentine celebration.

Socorro Garden Club had a great showing at the County Fair, and has been busy maintaining the hospital garden, Bosque del Apache cactus garden and Pollinator garden. Flower arrangements were made for the Socorro General Hospital Spring Tea Fundraiser.

DISTRICT V DIRECTOR – Mary West

Artesia Garden Club made fall table arrangements for nursing homes. Worked on the garden at Carols Corner, cleaning, planting fall vegetables. Had a potluck and gift exchange for the holidays. Decided on themes for fair flower show in July, "Enchanted Spaces" and theme for Spring District meeting, "Lady Bug Trails" Programs Master Gardener showed us, hands-on, how to prune roses and look for and treat borers in roses. We had presentation on Lady Bugs at District meeting.

Home Garden Club was structured around learning and giving. Learned to make floral arrangements with pumpkins, gave them to Senior facilities. Learned how to cut fresh evergreens and make wreaths, gave wreaths to church. Learned about migration of birds at Bitter Lake Refuge, donated a native plant and cleaned up their area at the refuge. Learned about Pistachio Trees, planting, watering, and trimming. We also learned a lot about floral designs.



Lincoln Garden Club had a going away party for one of their members. Potluck and gift exchange for the holidays. Cleaned and groomed their community gardens around town. Step by step Program on How to grow microgreens. Participated with Youth Garden Club "Learn to Prune Fruit Trees;" program and how to use tools safely and effectively. Learned about "Seed to Supper Course" a club member will be teaching, includes planning, planting, maintaining, and harvesting.

Morning Garden Club workshop on decorating pumpkins. Guests from Roswell Parks and Recreations talked about the night of catastrophic flood and repairs that have been completed. Decorated Historical Museum for the holidays and made donations to the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults. A Roswell High School teacher came to explain FFA classes. Three students gave information on contests they entered, Floriculture, Horticulture and Landscape Designs. We also had a Program on Sharpening and cleaning our Garden Tools. A pollinator program is planned for June, and several planters around town will be filled with red, white, and blue flowers to commemorate the 250th anniversary.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS

ANNUAL FLORAL DESIGNERS – Christine Longthorp

New Mexico Garden Clubs
Annual Floral Designers report 2025-26

Floral designers currently has ten active members. We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 9:30am at the Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe, NM. The purpose of our club is to have a venue to practice Intermediate and Advanced NGC approved designs to create entries for Flower Shows state and nationwide. Our agenda is for one member to demonstrate a chosen design in which the members also participate and then as a group critique.

These are the designs and programs we have enjoyed since June 2025:

July: Hanging spatial design presented by Pat Copple.
August: Assemblage presented by Marian Knowles.
September: Cascade presented by Shelby Green.
October: Layered presented by Anne May.

We do not meet in November and December. We began the New Year with a soup luncheon on January 22nd held at the home of Laurie Hixson. The featured design was a challenge class where each member was given the same container and tropical plant material with an Aspen log and a vine woven ball to use as an accessory. It was a treat to see ten different versions and a lot of fun.

February, we did a transparency entitled, "Hide and go seek", which was presented by Anne May. March was a reflective design presented by Juanita Ortega. April was a low-profile design presented by Debi Harrington. There was no meeting in May. All the designs are photographed and are available to share if anyone is interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Longthorp
President Floral Designers

ARCHIVES - Becky Fuller

Thank you to all members who submitted documents for the NMGC archives. The NMSU Library, which houses the NMGC archives, welcomes anyone interested in touring the collection or learning how to access materials. I am also happy to collect materials from garden clubs and deliver them to the archivists.

AUDIT/FINANCE COMMITTEE – Laurie Hixson

In June 2025, the Audits/Finance Committee conducted an audit of the organization's finances. There were some questions that could not be answered at that time, so a more thorough review of the records is being conducted. This review has not yet been completed. Results will be presented to the Executive Board when completed. AUDIT/ FINANCE – Laurie Hixson

AWARDS – Debra Sorrell

The following awards were presented at the NMGC 76th Annual Convention

Standard of Excellence Class II – Los Alamos Garden Club
Standard of Excellence Class III – Valley Gardeners
Civic Development – Los Alamos Garden Club
Longevity – Uptown Garden Club
Tree Award – Christine Longthorp – multiple garden clubs
Bird Award – Alahna Weller, Los Alamos Garden Club
Membership Increase – Socorro Garden Club
President Johnese Turri presented three (3) Special Awards
Kersti Rock, Member of the Year
Suzy Andrego, Mentor of the Year
Linda Frank, Special Achievement Award

BEES BIRDS BUTTERFLIES – Sabina Kelly – no report

CIVIC DEVELOPMENT - Maple Levine – no report

ENVIRONMENT SCHOOL – Suzy Andrego

No Environmental schools were held during this period. Any Environmental ZOOM classes that were offered around the USA were advertised to encourage garden club members to take the courses to become an Environmental consultant. I also notified the Environmental Consultants of the opportunities to renew their credentials.

BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR – Shirley Tetreault

Blue Star/Gold Star

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Blue Star dedications 6/1/25 – 5/31/26

District IV – Mesilla Veterans Park, Mesilla Valley GC – Tuesday May 13, 2025
District V – Artesia, NM – Artesia GC – Thursday June 12, 2025
District V – Rock wind Community – Hobbs, NM – Thursday April 23, 2026
Gold Star dedication 6/1/25 – May 31, 2026
District V – Artesia, NM – Artesia GC – Thursday June 12, 2025
District V – Roswell, NM – Home GC – Thursday June 26, 2025
District I – Albuquerque Garden Center – High Desert DC – Wednesday November 12, 2025
District V – City of Hobbs NM – Thursday April 23, 2026
District IV – Ft Stanton Cemetery – Lincoln County GC – Monday June 29, 2026

Above is a list of Blue Star/Gold Star dedications for the past year. Artesia Garden Club and the City of Hobbs dedicated Blue and Gold during that time. We have markers in the works in District I and District II. Watch for dates and times. New Mexico works hard to honor our Veterans and our Gold Star Families. Gold Bless our beautiful state and God Bless the United States of America.

Shirley Tetreault – New Mexico Garden Club Blue Star/Gold Star Chair

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS – Suzy Andrego

Flower Show School Report:

No Flower show schools were held during this time. I mentored eight (8) flower show school students through their scheduled written exam. Seven (7) of those students are now Accredited Flower Show Judges.

We have two Flower show school students, who are student judges, which must complete their schools to write their schedules. I am looking forward to mentoring them and adding two more flower show judges to NM Judges Council.

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES – Committee does not exist

FOOD AND HERBS – Julie Foster – said no report

LITTER CONTROL & RECYCLING – Julie Foster – said no report

HORTICULTURE – Maureen Carson

I submitted an article for each quarterly issue of the *New Mexico Gardener* and attended the state convention in April. At the Valley Gardeners' November meeting, I presented a program on dividing houseplants. I served as Horticulture Classification Chair for District 1 Small Standard Flower Show, "Better Together," and co-chaired the Council's Standard Flower Show, "From Sea to Shining Sea," where I also served as Horticulture Chair.

NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK – Ginny Longbotham

The National Garden Week Committee published an illustrated article in the *New Mexico Gardener* about the June 2025 celebration. For both 2025 and 2026, the committee displayed posters and emailed copies to all club presidents. In June 2026, posters and information were provided for the Albuquerque Council's "Meet the Clubs" event on June 13 and posted on the Council's information board. Clubs were also asked to report how they celebrated National Garden Week. On June 1, 2026, members gathered at the Garden Center to fill 700 cans with flowers for delivery to local nursing homes and the VA hospital. Chaired by Shirley Tetrault, this 20-year tradition was featured on Channel 7 television.

Submitted by Ginny Longbotham, Chair

NEW MEXICO GARDENER – NMGC WEBSITE - Linda Frank

Linda Frank thanked everyone who contributed to the *New Mexico Gardener* and the NMGC Website.

She will follow up to confirm email addresses are accurate, as they are essential for communication across the membership.

The website has been extensively refreshed, with added emphasis on a comprehensive Events Calendar and plans for an updated design.

PLANT-A- TREE – Shirla Harris

A check for $1,231.90 was presented to Philmont Scout Ranch for its reseeding project and will also help purchase seedlings from the J. T. Harrington Forestry Research Center. For the past three years, Shirla has designed and handcrafted beautiful quilts that were raffled to support the NMGC Plant-A-Tree program. This project has raised both funds and awareness for planting trees throughout New Mexico.

PERSONNEL – No Chair

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS – Debra Sorrell

Debra Sorrell, NMGC Awards Chair, presided over the awards ceremony, and President Turri presented certificates to the 2025 award recipients.

First place awards were presented to the following:

Alhana Weller, Los Alamos Garden Club – Photographic Print of the Year
Dodie Bernal-Suhr, Valley Gardeners – Photographic Print-Horticulture
Alahna Weller, Los Alamos Garden Club – Photographic Print - Landscape

SCHOLARSHIPS/LIFE MEMBER – Christine Longthorp

New Mexico Garden Clubs Annual Report 2025-26

Scholarship and Life Member Report

NMGC has elected to give one scholarship per Presidential term and awarded a scholarship to LeShannon Begay in 2025.

LeShannon is a member of the Navajo Nation and has focused her degree on creating landscapes depicting her Navajo culture and indigenous perspectives. The project she presented was a healing garden at the community center on the reservation in northern New Mexico. Her application was forwarded to South Central Region and National Garden Clubs where LeShannon was awarded scholarships from both organizations.

Our next recipient for a scholarship will be awarded in 2027 or 2028. Applications will be accepted in January 2027. All the New Mexico graduate institutions will be contacted this fall to encourage applicants.

Only one New Mexico Garden Clubs Life membership was purchased in May 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Longthorp
Scholarship Chairman (2025-2027)

PROTOCAL – J J Huddleston

All protocols were followed at President Johnese Turri's request.

RESOLUTION – Becky Fuller – no report

NMJC SYMPOSIUM REPORT – Christine Longthorp

Albuquerque June 19-21, 2026

12 Master judges
4 Life Judges
9 Accredited Judges
5 Audits
2 Design only
TOTAL 32 Attendees

INCOME: $5,050.00

Expenses:

Flowers (design & Horticulture)	$317.04
Facility Cleaning	$125.00
Instructors Gifts $72.00	
Instructors Meals (evenings)	$71.05
Symposium attendee food	$649.66
Attendee bag supplies	$219.46
Copies of Outlines, Evaluations	
Point score sheets	$50.00
NGC Accreditation fee ($5x27)	$135.00
Priority Postage X5 $65.00	
Design Instructor	$1526.41
Horticulture Instructor	$1535.40
Outline copies Donated	
Garden Center Cost -0- (Covered in NMJC Sustaining fee)	
Instructors Lodging	Donated
Instructors Transportation	Donated
Saturday Lunch	Donated – Mary Ann Morneo
Saturday Dinner Donated – Christine Longthorp -husband.	

($4,766.02)

$283.98

Suzy Andrego, Local Symposium Chair

SMOKEY THE BEAR/WOODSY OWL POSTER CONTEST – Jennifer Moreno

Dear Members:

This was a busy year for the poster contest! A program about the contest occurred last November at the Albuquerque Garden Center with a focus on completing posters that met the contest specifications. Contest materials were distributed to the Petal Pushers Garden Club, who really enjoy the program!

A big thank you goes out to all of you for getting the word out in your communities about the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest! This year there were 38 posters submitted in New Mexico, and they represented both Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl, spreading their messages of fire prevention and environmental awareness in unbelievably beautiful and creative ways! Many thanks go out to the Garden Clubs and volunteers for their outstanding work with these young artists, and for helping to support the poster contest!

This year's NM poster contest winners are:

- 1st Grade, 1st Place – Delilah E., sponsored by Uptown Garden Club and Valley Gardeners Albuquerque, NM
- 1st GRADE, 2nd Place – Leila B., sponsored by Uptown Garden Club and Valley Gardeners Albuquerque, NM
- 1st GRADE, 3rd Place – Augustus H.D., sponsored by Uptown Garden Club and Valley Gardeners Albuquerque, NM
- 1stGRADE, 4th Place – Emma J., sponsored by Uptown Garden Club and Valley Gardeners, Albuquerque, NM
- Honorable Mention was awarded to the remaining 34 poster entries, which were all sponsored by Uptown Garden Club and Valley Gardeners.

Many thanks go out to Suzy Andrego and Mary Ann Moreno for collaborating with the school and the 1st grade students at Route 66 Elementary School.

The 1st place poster completed by Delilah E. went on to compete at the South-Central Region level where it placed Honorable Mention. The National winners' posters are displayed on the NGC website, so please be sure to check them out. Next year's contest will also be announced on the NGC website, so be sure to check the SBWO contest page often!

Congratulations to all contest winners! Looking ahead to next year, please help us share Smokey Bear's and Woodsy Owl's messages: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and "Lend a Hand—Care for the Land."

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Moreno, NM SBWO Chairman

TREES & SHRUBS – No Chair

WAYS & MEANS – Mary Ann Moreno

The Ways and Means Committee raised $2,500 through our raffle. This money will be donated to Philmont Scout Ranch to support its reseeding project following the devastating wildfires. The committee relies on the generosity of NMGC members. Each year, raffle tickets and featured items are sent to club presidents, and donations of raffle items from clubs or individual members are always welcome for future fundraisers.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES – Lynnette Walker no report

JUDGES' CREDENTIALS – Mary Gilliam

NEW MEXICO FLOWER SHOW JUDGES REPORT

May 2026
Judges:
As of May 2026, New Mexico has 32 Accredited Judges.
16 Master Judges.
5 Life Judges.
11 Accredited Judges.
4 Student Judges.

However, many advancements are expected after the Symposium in June!

Respectfully,
Mary Gilliam
NM Credentials Chairman



ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A

CREDENTIALS -Preliminary April 7
NGC Chairman 1
NGC Committee Members 5
NGC Life Member 9
SCR Director 1
Former SCR Director 1
SCR Officer 1
SCR Chair 2
SCR Committee Member 1
SCR Life Member 6
State President 1
Former State Presidents 5
State Officer 4
State Chair 11
State Life Member 13
District Director 2
District Director Rep 2
Club President 12
Club Member 40
Flower Show Judge 13
Environmental Consultant 6
Garden Consultant 4
Landscape Design Consultant 6
Guest 4
ATTENDEES
Total Attendees (Members) 40
Guests 3
TOTAL Attendees 43
Less Guests 3
TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH 40

"I move that the preliminary credentials AND REGISTRATION REPORTS be adopted").

Attachment B

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

75th ANNUAL CONVENTION

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

April 15, 2025

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Debra Sorrell, President of NM Garden Clubs, Inc., presided over the Opening of NM Garden Clubs, Inc., 75TH Annual Convention held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Albuquerque, NM.

Jennifer Moreno, Recording Secretary and Smokey the Bear/Woodsy Owl Chairman gave the invocation.

The Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was presided over/led by Shirley Tetreault, NMGC Blue Star/Gold Star Chairman.

NM Garden Clubs members were welcomed to Albuquerque and District I of NMGC by Past NMGC President, current Ways and Means Chairman, and all-around Matriarch of NMGC: Mary Ann Moreno.

President Debra Sorrell called the business meeting to order at 9:13 am.

President Sorrell introduced the District Directors and State Officers at the head table. They were as follows:

District 5, Julie Foster; District 4, Ellie Nordgren (incoming District 4 Director Mary Gillard stood in for Ellie); District 2, Kersti Rock (Allison Grieggs stood in for Kersti) and District I, Kathleen Flanders, incoming Director District 1; Joyce Zaugg, Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer Debby Hasse; Johnese Turri, President Elect; Jennifer Moreno, Recording Secretary; Ariel Seamon, historian.

Laurie Hixson, 2nd Vice President and Suzy Andrego, Parliamentarian President Sorrell, then introduced our NGC South-Central Region Director; Sarah McReynolds, and Past Presidents; Christine Longthorp, Shirley Tetreault, and Suzy Andrego.

ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

CREDENTIALS

NGC President 0
NGC Chairman 5
NGC Committee Members 4
NGC Life Member 16
SCR Director 2
Past SCR Director 3
SCR Officer 3
SCR Chair 8
SCR Committee Member 4
SCR Life Member 15
State President 2
Former State President 9
State Officer 9
State Life Member 18
State Chair 14
State District Director 6
Club President 8
Club Member 47
Flower Show Judge 14
Environmental Consultant 12
Garden Consultant 12
Landscape Design Consultant 8
Guest 2

ATTENDEES

Full-Time Attendees 48
Part Time Attendees 6
Guests 2
TOTAL Attendees 56
Less Guests 8
TOTAL VOTING Strength 48

ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

The Preliminary Credentials and registration reports were adopted with a voting strength of 48.

Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego declared a quorum present.

Suzy Andrego read the standing and general rules for the business meeting.

The standing and general rules for the business meeting were adopted.

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

Johnese Turri, NMGC President Elect, Laurie Hixson, 2nd Vice President, and Ariel Seamon, Historian to approve the meeting minutes for the 2025 annual meeting.

Mary Gillard was appointed as Timekeeper.

Kathleen Flanders, Convention Committee, presented the program booklet without corrections. The Program booklet which includes the agenda for this annual meeting was adopted.

Jennifer Moreno, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, which were approved and distributed electronically.

Debby Hasse, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The current general account balance is $10,739.41, plus a CD of $42,680.04 gives total assets of 53,419.45. Debby presented the NMGC Budget for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025.

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State Officers reports were given.

President Debra Sorrell report is attached.
1st Vice President report -Johnese Turri – verbal report given
2nd Vice President report – Laurie Hixson – *See attached*.
Adult Members of 426, Youth Members of 10, for a total NM Garden Clubs membership of 436, which is down 20 members or 7%.
Recording Secretary – Jennifer Moreno – *see attached*
Historian Report – Ariel Seamon - verbal report given
Corresponding Secretary report – Joyce Zaugg - verbal report given
Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego, verbal report given

ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

District Directors reports were presented.

District 5 – Director Julie Foster gave a verbal report
District 4 – Ellie Nordgren-Mary Gillard filled in and gave a verbal report
District 3 – No one representing this District. No report.
District 2 – Director Kersti Rock – Allison Grieggs filled in and gave a verbal report
District 1 – Incoming Director, Kathleen Flanders, gave a verbal report South-Central Regional Director Sarah McReynolds gave a verbal report on the region. Her theme for her term is "Pollinating South Central Region."

Jennifer Moreno, Recording Secretary, read the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

Recommendation 1.
That NMGC gives one scholarship in the amount of $1500 per Presidential term in the odd year. All in favor, none opposed: ***Recommendation passed.***

Recommendation 2.
That NMGC submits a letter of support to SCR and NGC to hold the 2029 NGC Convention in Albuquerque, with full support of SCR. Note: 2029 is the 100th NGC Birthday and Suzy Andrego will be installed as the NGC President. All in favor, none opposed: ***Recommendation passed.***

Chairman reports:

Blue Star Chairman – Shirley Tetreault gave a verbal report. There are 24 Blue star markers in NM with District 4 having the most. Three Gold Star memorial markers are being installed this spring/summer.

Ways and Means – Mary Ann Moreno gave a verbal report. See items on display for raffle and purchase tickets for $1 a ticket or 6 tickets for $5.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl - Jennifer Moreno –*see attached*.

Nominating Committee – Nominated the following to serve during the 2025-2027 term: NMGC President, Johnese Turri; 1st Vice President, Laurie Hixson; 2nd Vice President Kersti Rock; Recording Secretary, Jennifer Moreno; Treasurer Ginny Longbotham, Historian, Ariel Seamon; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Noskin; and Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego. All in favor, none opposed: ***Nominations passed***

ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

Plant A Tree – Johnese Turri presented a quilt made by Shirla Harris for raffle to support Plant a Tree

Archives – Becky Fuller asked that all items to be archived be brought to her at the banquet or in the morning.

Unfinished Business: None.
President Sorrell gave out Elephant Ear bulbs to all members attending the annual meeting for the first time.

Announcements:
Directions for the Garden Center Tour will be given out at Lunch. Ways and Means drawing will be this evening after the Installation of Officers. Please see Mary Ann Moreno, Ways, and Means Chairman, if you would like to buy tickets. Silent Auction will close immediately following the closing of the convention.

District directors and club presidents should meet Suzy Andrego in the convention hallway at 6:15 p.m. to line up for the President's Parade.
Barbara Thorn reminded everyone to sunscreen at the GC reception.

Becky Fuller announced that Mesilla Valley GC is celebrating their 95th Birthday.
Meeting was recessed at 10:59am.
Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.
Mary Noskin, Convention Registrar, gave the Memorial Service.

Ginny Longbotham, NMGC Awards Chairman, and NMGC President, Debra Sorrell, presented the 2024 Awards to the recipients.

NMGC President, Debra Sorrell, installed the Officers for the 2025-2027 term.

Mary Ann Moreno, Ways and Means Chairman, drew the raffle tickets winners.

Convention Registrar, Mary Noskin, gave the final registration report for the 2025 Annual meeting. No changes.

Laurie Hixson, 2nd Vice President, gave the final credentials report for the 2025 Annual meeting: No changes.

ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

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ATTACHMENT B (cont.)

The final credentials and final registration reports were adopted with a voting strength of 48.

The Mesilla Valley GC President presented the 2026 Convention Invitation and District 5 representative, Becky Fuller. The 2026 Annual Convention will be held April 7 & 8, 2026, in Las Cruces, NM.

Courtesy resolutions were given by NMGC 1st Vice President, Johnese Turri and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Moreno. The Resolutions were adopted.

Announcements:

Tour is on Wednesday and the bus will be here at 8 am.

The person wearing the most buttons at each table wins the Centerpiece.

Benediction was given by former NMGC president, Christine Longthorp.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Attachment C

Treasurer Report

New Mexico Garden Clubs Inc

Balance as of March 1, 2026

Checking	$17,318.00
Savings	3,521.04
Total	$20,839.78
CD 6541	$9,008.54
CD3395	20,044.50
CD6248	13,600.00
Total CD	$42,653.04

Grand Total Funds:

$63,492.82

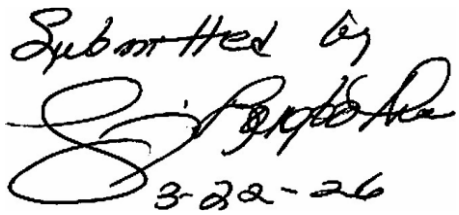
All CD's matured in February and were renewed at the best rate that day.

3/2/2026 Ck written to New Mexico Garden for $75

sustaining fee

Check Balance as of March 22, 2026, $17,243.00

Total Balance as of March 22, 2026, $63,417.82



Attachment D

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
April 7, 2026

This report contains the status of our organization's membership as of March 31, 2026.

1. Paid Dues:

413 paid members and $3304 income. There is 1 NMGC honorary member.

There are 2 youth clubs: Organic Planet (12 members) sponsored by Uptown GC and Ruidoso

High School Garden Club (10 members) sponsored by Lincoln GC.

2. Outstanding Dues:

All clubs have paid their dues!

3. Clubs in Good Standing: All clubs are in good standing!

4. Overall adult membership is slightly down from last year (414 vs 426 members). Not including

Excluding youth clubs, membership decreased by 12 members, or 3%, from last year. Socorro GC had the largest

growth from last year with an increase of 75%. The largest club is Angel Fire with 42 members. The

two youth clubs had 22 members in 2025-2026 compared with 33 members in 2024-2025.

5. Action Items: Work with clubs to get dues submitted prior to May 1, 2026, but no later than July

l, 2026. Obtain membership numbers for the two youth clubs once the 2026-2027 school year

begins.

Respectfully submitted,



Kersti Rock

Attachment E

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (9/2023)

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

DISTRICT 1 **Number of Clubs** _____ **TOTAL District Members:** 171

Director: Mary Noskin

District Theme: "Better Together" **Date Report Covers:** 10/2025 - 03/2026

A **District Director's Report** is a **BRIEF Summary** of all the Club reports in the district you are reporting on. This report should NOT be more than **ONE page.**

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

On October 21, 2025 Kathleen Flanders stepped down as District 1 Director due to unforeseen circumstances. Subsequently, at a special Executive Board Meeting held on October 29, 2025, and in accordance with the bylaws, Mary Noskin assumed the position of District 1, Director, Colleen Herman moved to 1st Assistant Director.

DISTRICT 1 OVERVIEW

District 1 encompasses four counties with a membership of 171. The District is proud to have 11 Accredited Master Judges, 4 Accredited-Life Judges, 8 Accredited Judges and 4 Student Judges. In addition it is represented by the incoming 2029 NGC President, the SCR Director and Two NGC Board Members.

EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

On March 21 and 22, 2026 District 1 staged an NGC Small Standard Flower Show. Looking ahead, on October 12, 2026 District 1 will collaborate with the Veterans Integration Center to dedicate a Blue Star Marker.

GARDEN CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

District 1 has a distinctive and talented group of garden clubs.

El Jardin Encanto Co Presidents Deby Hasse and Mary Lou Wilson, High Desert Design Club President Shirley Tetreault, Moriarty Garden Club President Aimee Elliott, New Mexico Floral Artists President Christine Lonthorp, Petal Pushers Garden Club President Ginny Lonbotham, Santa Rosa Garden Club President Diane Lueras, Uptown Garden Club President Vickie Frye Valley Gardeners President Debi Harrington and our youth club Organic Planet Garden Club under the mentorship of Lynnette Walker

Although the clubs differ in many ways, they share core goals for pursuing education and fellowship. Events may overlap but are tailored to each club, including discussions on orchid culture, perfecting floral designs, pumpkin carving, caring for cacti and succulents, simple flower arranging, learning about Smokey the Bear, NGC design studies, and youth planting, and caring for daffodils and tulip bulbs to enhance their environment.

Along with their club activities District 1 Club Members spend countless hours volunteering to make their community better.

Bring two 3 copies to the next meeting: 1 to District Director – 1 to Secretary – 1 – State President (Make a Copy for your file)

Attachment F

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (9/2023)
DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

DISTRICT II **Number of Clubs** 4 **TOTAL District Members:** 109

Director: Joyce Zaugg

District Theme: Let's Root for Each Other and Watch Each Other Grow. **Date Report Covers:** 09/25-03/26

A **District Director's Report** is a **BRIEF Summary** of all the Club reports in the district you are reporting on. This report should NOT be more than **ONE page.**

District II has 4 thriving clubs with a membership of 109. Angel Fire has 43 members, Summit has 26 members, Floral Designers has 10 members, and Los Alamos has 30 members. District II held a successful Spring General and Executive Board Meeting on March 20th. The board invited State President, Johnesse Turri and First Vice President, Laurie Hixson as guests of honor.

The President of Angel Fire Garden Club is Shirla Harris. Angel Fire Garden Club has six meeting a year, May through October. These meeting are much like most clubs with an in-gathering, business meeting, and program. The Resort and the Village of Angel Fire provide several community activities throughout the year to bring volunteer organizations, local artists, crafters, etc. together. Angel Fire Garden Club has a presence at these events to promote their club. They also use these gatherings as opportunities to communicate the need to protect and reforest our state by providing opportunity to donate to "Plant a Tree" by purchasing raffle tickets for a handmade quilt at the end of the season. Angel Fire Garden Club also serves the community by maintaining 3 local gardens in their area.

The President of Floral Designers Garden Club is Christine Longthorp. The purpose of their club is to have a venue to practice Intermediate and Advanced NGC approved designs in order to create entries for Flower Shows state and nationwide. These are the designs and programs theyhave enjoyed since September 2025: September 25, Cascade design presented by Shelby Green. October 23, Non NGC design, "Layered" presented by Anne May. January 22, Soup lunch and challenge design at the home of Laurie Hixson. February 26, A transparency entitled "Hide and Go Seek" was presented by Anne May. March 26, Reflective design presented by Juanita Ortega. Members Debi Harrington and Suzy Andrego have designs published in the NGC Vision of Beauty calendar in 2027. Debi has been asked to participate in the design program of the Organization of Floral Art Designers (OFAD) conference in San Francisco this year. Both events are great honors for their members.

The President of Los Alamos Garden Club is Alahna Weller. Program highlights: September 15, Garden Quiz presented Helen Carpenter and Linda Hoffman. October 20, Anne May demonstrated how to make a unique, low floral table design. November 17, Joyce Zaugg and Sue Hansen led the members in how to make standing holiday wreaths and paper towel (instead of corn husk) dolls. January 19, local amateur naturalist, Bob Dryja, presented a slide show talk about Acid Canyon. February 23, member Trish Spillman presented a demonstration on how to make pine cone flower wreaths. As an added treat they made pine cone feeders for the birds. March 16, Laurel Hardin, a local nursery owner and profession arborist, presented a program of soil. The much anticipated Memorial Rose Garden deer fence enclosure is almost complete. The club wants to give fellow member Kersti Rock thanks for spearheading the project these past three years. LAGC is looking forward to participating in PEEC's April 18th Earth Day Celebration and holding a plant/yard sale on May 9th.

The President of Summit Garden Club is Alison Grieggs. Summit Garden Club celebrated their 65th anniversary this year. Program highlights are: Their October program is especially noted. New Mexico herbalist and natural medicine specialist Jessie Emerson gave a program emphasizing the importance of native pollinators and perennials and offered traditional recipes for teas & tinctures. Members are trying garden experiments with Saffron; growers shared updates at a round table during the February meeting Summit awards a high school graduating senior a scholarship. Summit maintains two gardens at Bandelier and the White Rock Community Garden.

Joyce Zaugg, District II Director

Bring two 3 copies to the next meeting: 1 to District Director – 1 to Secretary – 1 – State President (Make a Copy for your file)

Attachment G

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC. (9/2023)

REPORT DISTRICT DIRECTOR

DISTRICT IV Number of Clubs 3 TOTAL District Members: 32

Director: Mary Gillard Dates: Oct 2025 - Mar 2026

A District Director's Report is a BRIEF Summary of all the Club reports in the district you are reporting on. This report should NOT be more than ONE page.

The Mesilla Valley club has been busy planning this convention. I hope all have an enjoyable and
engaging experience. They also made Veteran's Day flower arrangements for residents at the local
Genesis Village, this involved some of the residents. NMSU Floral Arranging Department gave a program on large arrangement.

Sunshine Valley had a booth at the County Fair to encourage new members and held Holiday luncheons for Christmas and Valentines and had a pinecone craft meeting.

Socorro club continues to volunteer at Bosque del Apache wildlife refuge in their pollinator garden and cacti arboretum. They made flower arrangements for the Socorro General Hospital Spring Tea fundraiser and maintain the flower bed in front of the hospital.

Attachment H

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT (9/2023)

DISTRICT V Number of Clubs 4 TOTAL District Members: 95

DIRECTOR Mary West THEME: “Let’s Get Together and Garden” DATES: 10/25-3/26

Artesia Garden Club made fall table arrangements for nursing homes. Worked on garden at Carols Corner cleaning, planting fall vegetables. Had a potluck and gift exchange for the holidays. Decided on themes for fair flower show in July, " Enchanted Spaces" and theme for Spring District meeting, "Lady Bug Trails"

A Master Gardener led a hands-on program on pruning roses and identifying and treating rose borers. The district meeting also featured a presentation on ladybugs.

Home Garden Club focused on learning and service. Members created pumpkin floral arrangements for senior facilities, made fresh-evergreen wreaths for a church, and learned about bird migration at Bitter Lake Refuge, where they donated a native plant and helped clean the area. They also studied pistachio tree planting, watering, and pruning, along with floral design.

Lincoln Garden Club held a farewell party for a member and a holiday potluck with a gift exchange. Members cleaned and maintained community gardens around town, attended a step-by-step program on growing microgreens, and joined the Youth Garden Club’s “Learn to Prune Fruit Trees” program, which covered safe and effective tool use. They also learned about a club member’s upcoming “Seed to Supper” course on planning, planting, maintaining, and harvesting a garden.

Morning Garden Club held a pumpkin-decorating workshop. Representatives from Roswell Parks and Recreation discussed the night of the catastrophic flood and the repairs completed since then.

Members decorated the Historical Museum for the holidays and donated items to the Roswell Refuge for Battered Adults.

A Roswell High School teacher explained the FFA classes, and three students discussed the floriculture, horticulture, and landscape design contests they entered. Another program covered sharpening and cleaning garden tools.

A pollinator program is planned for June, and several planters around town will feature red, white, and blue flowers in honor of the 250th anniversary.

Attachment I

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

75th Annual Convention

April 14-15, 2025

Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque

INCOME:

Registrations:
43 Early package at $175.00.... $7525.00
3 late packages at $200.00....600.00
NM Judges Council Dinners – 46 at $75.00....3450.00
Total Registration **$11,575.00**
Other Income:
Judges Council portion of meeting room....202.00
Silent Auction Sales....1236.00
Vendor Tables – 10 at $50.00....500.00
Watering Can centerpieces sales....141.00

TOTAL INCOME: $ 13,654.00

EXPENSES:

Meeting Rooms, Meals, and 2 nights sleeping rooms for
President Derba Sorrell, & SCR Director Sarah McReynolds
at ($183.84/night) $10,800.99
Honor Guard.... 50.00
Flowers: SCR Director design, NMGC President design, registration
Centerpiece, NMGC Pres & SCR Director sleeping room
Flowers, 3 corsages, welcome sign flowers....$150.00
Lunch Designs.... $100.00
Dinner Designs.... $100.00
Cake, edible logo, and paper goods....$100.00
Program and signs printing....$ 150.00

TOTAL EXPENSES $11,450.99

TOTAL PROFIT: $ 2,204.00

Respectfully submitted,
Suzy Andrego
Convention Chairman

NOTE: We would not have been able to make a small profit and have such a successful convention without the generous support of Convention Committee members, who donated goods and gave their personal time so unselfishly. THANK YOU, TO EACH ONE OF YOU!

Attachment J

ARTICLE IV - DISTRICTS

Section 1 - BOUNDARIES:

New Mexico shall be divided into Districts composed of certain counties as follows:

A. District I (Northwestern): San Juan, Valencia, Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, McKinley, Cibola.

Section 3 – UNOCCUPIED DISTRICTS:

If there are no active garden clubs in a district, the district will remain included in the garden club structure and be reserved for future active clubs.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

A. A nominating committee of five shall be composed of one member elected by each District at the Annual Spring Meeting in the odd-numbered years. At the same meeting, each District shall elect an alternate to serve in the absence of the member. If the District is unoccupied with garden clubs, the President shall appoint a member to fill the position.

Section 2 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

B. The selection of State President and 1st Vice-President shall continue to rotate by districts if possible.

1. District I Northwestern
2. District II North Central
3. District III Northeastern
4. District IV Southwestern
5. District V Southeastern

• If a qualified member is unavailable, the next District in sequence shall be offered the presidency. If the said next District in sequence is also unable to offer a candidate, then the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall nominate a candidate for the vacancy.

When a District has yielded, it shall be again eligible for the office of president in the same order of rotation. If a District is unoccupied with garden clubs, the district will be skipped over in rotation to the next district.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - ANNUAL CONVENTIONS:

B. The convention shall be held in the spring within six (6) weeks of the annual convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The location of the convention shall be rotated in order among the Districts. The District next in rotation shall issue an invitation naming the date and place pre-arranged with the President Executive Committee for the next convention. If a District is unoccupied with garden clubs, the district will be skipped over in rotation to the next district.

ATTACHMENT J (cont.)

CONVENTION

The ANNUAL CONVENTION is hosted by the Districts in rotation. The accepted rotation is NORTHWESTERN - District I, NORTH-CENTRAL - District II, NORTH-EASTERN - District Ill, SOUTH-WESTERN - District IV, SOUTH-EASTERN - District V. If a District is unoccupied with garden clubs, the district will be skipped over in rotation to the next district.

The STATE PRESIDENT issues the invitation call to the convention to all club presidents throughout the state; to state officers, chairmen and past state presidents; invites the National officers; and plans order of business. She appoints three (3) members to approve the minutes. She appoints tellers, (a teller is an individual appointed by the chair or the assembly to distribute, collect, and count ballots during a vote, when necessary), timekeepers and advises the registration chairman regarding credentials. She provides the general chairman a list of those presiding, giving the invocation, or otherwise, being honored, in ample time to be included in the printed program.

The CONVENTION GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Convention Chairman is required to make a detailed report of the convention in quadruplicate (4 copies) including a complete financial report: They also provide electronic copies to: The state President, District Director of the convention hosting district and Director of the next hosting district. and the permanent (1) copy to be filed with State President, two (2) copies to the Director of the hostess district of the next convention and one (1) copy to be retained in files of the district in which the convention is held. Distribute reports by the fall Executive Board meeting within two (2) months.

REGISTRATION AND FINANCE: The registration chairman is responsible for everything pertaining to both advance and arrival registrations. They shall supply all information needed by the credentials and protocol chairman. They supplied twelve (12) electronic copies of the registration list; one (1) to the State President; one (1) to State Personnel Chairman; one (1) to EACH of the five members of the State Nominating Committee, and one (1) to EACH of the five District Directors.

The first $200 profit of the Annual Convention will be sent to the State Treasurer to replace money advanced for pre-convention expenses. The annual convention remaining profit will be divided equally between the host district and the state. (ref. State Board Meeting, October 25, 1991). In years when a Fall Board meeting is held, any profit from the Fall Board Meeting will be divided equally between the host district and the state.

DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Is the official hostess for her District as each District assumes the responsibility of hosting the Annual Convention of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. every fifth year as the meeting is rotated around the state. The Region shall be hosted in conjunction with the Annual Convention every fourth year. If a District is unoccupied with garden clubs; the district will be skipped over in rotation to the next district.

GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL STATE CHAIRMEN

a. Any chairmen expenses must be approved by the Executive Board prior to purchase.

Attachment K

2025 AWARDS

Photographic Print of the Year – Alahna Weller; LAGC

Birds:

1st Selvi Viswanathan; LAGC
2nd Beverly Cooper; Summit GC
3rd Debi Harrington; Valley Gardeners GC

Butterfly:

1st Selvi Viswanathan, LAGC
2nd Dodie Bernal-Suhr; Valley Gardeners GC
3rd Shirley Tetreault; High Desert Design Club

Horticulture:

1st Dodie Bernal-Suhr; Valley Gardeners GC
2nd Debi Harrington; Valley Gardeners GC
3rd Beth Schneider; Valley Gardeners GC

Insect:

1st Selvi Viswanathan; LAGC
2nd Dodie Bernal-Suhr; Valley Gardeners GC
3rd Beth Schneider; Valley Gardeners GC

Landscape:

1st Alahna Weller; LAGC
2nd Debi Harrington; Valley Gardeners GC
3rd JJ Huddleston; Angel Fire GC

Wildlife:

1st Selvi Viswanathan; LAGC
2nd JJ Huddleston; Angel Fire GC
3rd Beverly Cooper; Summit GC

Standard of Excellence:

Class II

1st Los Alamos GC; 360 pts
2nd Summitt GC; 345 pts
3rd High Desert Design Club; 320 pts

Class III

1st Valley Gardeners GC; 920 pts
2nd Uptown GC; 840 pts

ATTACHMENT K (cont.)

Club History:
Class I
1st Sunshine Valley GC

Class II

1st Los Alamos GC

Class III

1st Valley Gardeners GC
2nd Lincoln County GC
3rd Uptown Garden Club

Civic Development:

1st Los Alamos GC; fence project for historic rose garden

Design of the Year Dorothy Duff

Longevity Award Uptown GC; 50 years of care for garden space at Album Garden Center

Tree Award:

1st Christine Longthorp

Butterfly Award:

1st Selvi Viswanathan

Bird Award:

1st Alahna Weller
2nd Laurie Hixson
3rd Christine Longthorp

Flower Show Schedule Award

HM NMGC District II

Member of the Year Kersti Rock

Mentor of the Year Suzy Andrego

Special Achievement Award/Silver Medallion Linda Frank

Membership Increase:
Los Alamos GC 3%
Valley Gardeners GC 3%
High Desert Design 6%
NM Floral Artists 7%
Artesia GC 10%
Angel Fire GC 20%
Sunshine Valley GC 40%
Socorro GC 75%

Attachment L

NMGC Credentials & Registration Report
2026 NMGC Annual Meeting

CREDENTIALS -Final April 8, 2026
NGC President 1
NGC Officer 1
NGC Chairman 1
NGC Committee Members 5
NGC Life Member 9
SCR Director 1
Former SCR Director 1
SCR Officer 1
SCR Chair 2
SCR Committee Member 1
SCR Life Member 6
State President 1
Former State Presidents 5
State Officer 4
State Chair 11
State Life Member 13
District Director 2
State Director Rep 2
Club President 12
Club Member 41
Flower Show Judge 13
Environmental Consultant 6
Garden Consultant 4
Landscape Design Consultant 6
Guest 5

ATTENDEES
Total Attendees (Members) 41
Guests 6
TOTAL Attendees 47
Less Guests 6
TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH 41

Attachment M

Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site

J Paul and Mary Daniels Taylor lived in their large home on the Mesilla Plaza for over 60 years. The architecture, design and décor of their home provides authentic examples of different architectural styles and traditional adobe construction. They were lifelong collectors of Spanish Colonial, Mexican and New Mexican artwork and textiles from all over the world and these are still in the home. Paul worked as an educator, legislator, community leader, and patron of the arts. Mary was an award winning writer, photographer and researcher. J Paul and the late Mary Daniels Taylor and their family generously donated their historic adobe home, furnishings, textiles, artwork, and the two stores adjoining their home to the Museum of New Mexico as a State Historic Site. Mr. Taylor died in 2023 at the age of 102.



J Paul Taylor



Sala Grande



Dining Room



Music Room



Christmas

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Where Old Mexico Meets New Mexico

76th Annual Convention

April 7 & 8, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn

Las Cruces, New Mexico

STANDING RULES OF THE 2026 NMGC, Inc. CONVENTION

New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. conventions are open to all interested garden club members. The General Assembly shall be made up of all members registered for the convention.

1. Members and Guests shall register before entering the business meeting.
2. Voting strength and representation for the General Assembly includes all garden club members who are registered at the convention. All votes shall be cast in person, in only one capacity.
3. Quorum for General Assembly shall be a majority of one-third of the delegates registered at the convention.
4. All meetings shall be called promptly. Delegates are required to be in their seats promptly for all sessions.
5. Members and guests shall wear their official name tags at all meetings.
6. A member addressing the chair shall rise and give his/her name and that of his/her garden club.
7. No member may speak in debate more than twice on the same question in each meeting, or longer than two (2) minutes.
8. All Chairperson reports shall be no longer than three (3) minutes unless receiving special permission from the State Chairperson.

GENERAL RULES OF THE CONVENTION

1. Meal tickets are to be presented at the door or at the table.
2. Seating at all meals shall be open seating or may be determined by the table number drawn at the door. Notice of special seating will be indicated by the Protocol Chairperson and placed in the respective delegates envelope.
3. A person must be present in order to claim a door prize.
4. Smoking is prohibited at any business meeting or during meals. Smoking is only allowed in areas designated by the hotel.
5. Cell phones MUST be in the "OFF" position during meetings and put away.

2:00 p.m. **Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site Tour**
Meet in front lobby

5:00 PM **Presidents Reception**
Antigua Room

6:00 PM Parade Line Up
Esperanza Hallway

Presiding: JJ Huddleston and Colleen Herman

6:15 PM **Awards Banquet**
Honoring All Former State Presidents, District Directors & Current Club Presidents

Presiding : Laurie Hixson, 1st Vice President

Blessing: Shirla Harris, President, Angel Fire GC

Program: Maria Massey, Regional Store Manager
Heart of the Desert Pistacho Ranch

Memorial Service: Sandi Davis, President Home GC

Presentation of top NMGC, Inc. Awards
Presiding: Debra Sorrell

Ways and Means Drawing
Presiding: Mary Ann Moreno

Final Registration & Credentials Report - Linnea Egbert, Registrar

Invitation to the 2027 Convention :
"I Went to a Garden Party"
Pegi Naranjo-Smith, 2027 Convention Co-Chair

Resolutions Becky Fuller and Ellie Nordgren

Benediction Carolyn Bergsagel, Convention Committee

Adjournment Johnese Turri, President

In Memoriam

Charlene Brock - Mesilla Valley Garden Club
Patricia Rae Walker - Petal Pushers Garden Club
Ann Shafer - Los Alamos Garden Club
Grace Cara Brunilde Mitchell - Petal Pushers Garden Club

2026 Convention Committee
Chairman Judy Laird, Linda Frank, Carolyn Bergsagel, Linnea Egbert, and Bel Meager

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