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President's Message



President Vicki Yuen

I hope you have all had a chance to review your Call Letter, inviting you to the Spring State meeting on June 6. We will be voting on some important issues, not least of which is changes to the By-laws (which you should also have received with your Call Letter). The Call Letters were delivered to each Club Presi-

dent, for distribution to members. So please ask your Club President if you haven't seen yours yet. One of the changes to the Bylaws is to include guidance in case the President-elect is unable to take office. Unfortunately we are faced with this situation. After a good deal of effort and asking the individuals who are both qualified to take the role and who are in a position to do so, the Nominating Committee has asked me to extend my own term as President until a successor can be found. This is not what I would have chosen, although I have enjoyed my two terms as State President! But it is also nice to be able to turn the reins over to someone with new ideas. However, given the situation, I am

happy to help out, and I have agreed to an extended term. Another change is to permit electronic notification of State Meetings. Postage has gotten more and more expensive, so we are planning to follow the lead of other states and send out Call Letters by email, on our website, and in the Silver State Gardener. If there are members of your club who do not have access to these, please help out and make a copy for them. The Executive Committee has reviewed and approved the changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee, and they will now come before the State Meeting for final approval. Please do review them carefully.

Reflections on Life...

"The first gathering of the garden in May of salads, radishes and herbs made me feel like a mother about her baby - how could anything so beautiful be mine. And this emotion of wonder filled me for each vegetable as it was gathered every year. There is nothing that is comparable to it, as satisfactory or as thrilling, as gathering the vegetables one has grown." - Alice B. Toklas

"Last night we had three small zucchini for dinner that were grown within fifty feet of our back door. I estimate they cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$371.49 each." - Andy Rooney

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Meet Our Jean Engelmann...



Jean Engelmann was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and grew up on a farm having many exciting adventures. She attended the University of Minnesota, the College of Education, College of Agriculture, College of Forestry and Home Economics. She did find time to meet and marry her husband Bill while a Senior at college. Here is some gossip - she left him 2 weeks later to do student teaching in a nearby small town. She is a natural teacher. She taught at a Lab school at the university of Minnesota and a school in Waconia, Minnesota. They lived basically in the Twin Cities area

while she coordinated the life of the family which grew to 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. Bill was offered a job in Las Vegas in 1989. There never was any doubt about accepting the job. He was a natural. Her only comment about the move is "moving out of state is not for the faint of heart". How true.

In 1992, Jean became a Charter Member of Sunset Garden Club in Henderson. Shortly after she held the position of 2nd Vice President of Nevada State Garden Clubs, Inc. She offered to publish the Sil-

ver State Gardener when Hiro Ureta was ready to give it up. She was editor for 5 years and published the Nevada Garden Clubs Annual Directory in 1999. She is an amazing woman with the following to her credit: Master Gardner, Flower Show Judge, State By-Laws Chairman, State Treasurer, State Flower Show Credentials Chairman and Judges' Council. She also served as Registrar of the 2001 Pacific Region Convention held in Las Vegas. She is currently Treasurer for Sunset Garden Club. And may I say she is a friend to all she meets.

Rose Garden Club News

The Rose Garden Club has been very busy in the past few months. We have planted over 30 vegetable plants at Deer Springs Assistant Living and started a revitalization in the Touch and Smell Garden at Lorenzi Park. We have planted over 500 bulbs as well as various other plants and are continuing to add to this. At the parks request, we have also taken over the maintenance of the roses in that section of the garden. This is a very big undertaking

for us and we welcome any suggestions or help with this project, especially when pruning time comes around. For the last month we have been working very hard on a Luxury Garage Sale at the Garden Center and are pleased to say that all of the hard work paid off. We raised \$2,886.00 which goes directly to the 2016 Convention. The Rose Garden Club would like to thank all of the garden club members who participated either with helping us or simply shopping the sale. Roberta Baltz



Las Vegas Bonsai Society News

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the LVBS. We will have our annual "Spring Awakenings" show on Saturday, May 2 at Moon Valley's Plant World Nursery at 5311 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas. Come and see what we have created. We have many extra events planned this year - from the Bonsai-A-Thon at the Huntington Library in March, a road trip to have a special workshop session in September with Benny Kim in Victorville, CA, another bonsai show in

Riverside in October and pot-luck get-togethers throughout the year. We are also working on arranging special volunteer days at the Huntington for us to help trim the bonsai in their Bonsai Garden. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the LV Garden Center. Two Saturdays each month we have workshops with our advanced bonsai artists.

Photo of the LVBS Board: Jim Buchanan, VP; Mary Reed, President; Bridget Kelly, Secretary; Ira Sisson, Treasurer.

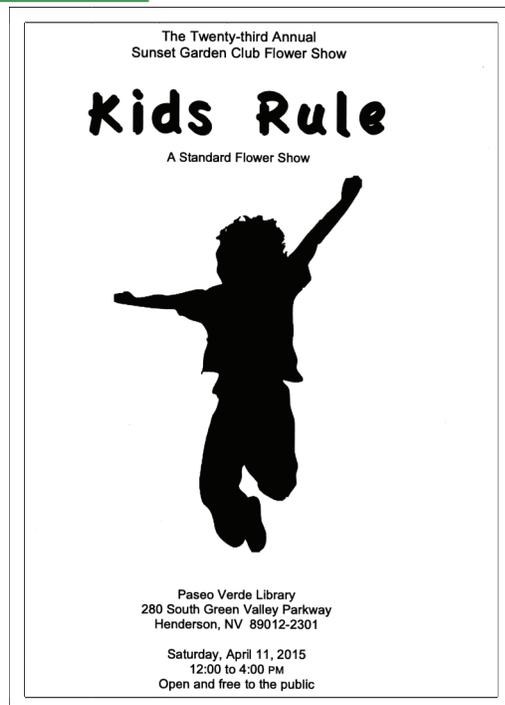


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Sunset Garden Club Flower Show

Join the Sunset Garden Club Gardeners on April 11th for the 23rd annual Sunset Garden Club Flower Show. The theme this year is "Kids Rule", with designs in the categories of "Roadside Treasures", "Ferris Wheel", "Creepy Crawlies" and others. The show will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway in Henderson, and is free to the public.

If you want to participate in the Design Division, call Marcie Brown at 702-269-9631 to sign up ASAP. Everyone is welcome to bring entries for the Horticulture Division - no sign ups necessary. However all entries should be brought Friday afternoon, April 10th, between 12 and 4 p.m., or Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Come join the fun!



Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild Flower Show

The Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild held their annual Spring Flower Show March 28 and 29, 2015 at the Nevada Garden Club Center.

The theme was "Cook's Corner" with design titles such as Forbidden Fruit, Veggin' Out, a duo design (one side Some Like it Hot and the other side Some Do Not) and miniature designs with titles of A Pinch of Spice, A Dash of Herbs and the Taste of Garnish. These were made with fresh and dried plant material including fruits and vegetables - colorful, fun and challenging. Thanks to all of the garden clubs who brought so much horticulture to complete our show. The Roses were especially spectacular. We also had good participation in the Artistic Crafts section of Collages which were inspired by French, Italian and Greek cuisine. Our chairs, Barbara Appel and Alana Sullivan are to be commended for a wonderful show! To all of our designing members -

I'm so proud of what you have accomplished and your willingness to share what we love with the community.

Awards – Design Div II

Designers Choice and Award of Design Excellence – Xem Hagenson
Petite Award- Judy Stebbins

Awards – Horticulture Div I

Arboreal Award – Roberta Balz
Award of Merit – Ornamental Foliage – Dolores Robles
Award of Merit – Roses – Merle Aufil
Award of Merit – Cut Blooms – Larri Tarver
Award of Merit –Cactus/succulents –Robert Middag
Grower's Choice Award – Amy Boger
Sweepstakes – Roberta Balz

Awards Special Exhibits Div III

Artistic Crafts Award – Joyce Rowley

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You can view the slideshow by pasting this into your browser:

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Designers Choice and Award of Design Excellence

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The Nevada Garden Club is an association of twelve garden clubs in Nevada. Our members have a variety of interests, from general gardening to specific plants to flower arranging.

Our History (as remembered by Linnea Miller Domz): The Rose Garden Club was organized around 1945, by Adeline Bartlett. Linnea was a member of that Club. She "discovered" a National Gardener Magazine on vacation one year, and was intrigued by the idea that there was more to gardening than just the Rose Garden Club. She saw that there was a Flower Show School being held in Tucson, so she and Hobby St. Denis attended. They came back quite enthused about "federating" with National, which finally happened in 1963, with ten clubs in Reno, Fallon, Ely, Caliente, Pioche and Las Vegas.

The Nevada Garden Club has long met in Lorenzi Park, but originally the meetings were in a small building by the lake (currently used for after-school activities for handicapped youth). The present building was erected in 1970.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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2015 NV Garden Club Events Calendar

- April 11 Sunset Garden Club Flower Show
- April 18 Iris Society Show
- April 18 Rose Society Show
- April 20-22 Pacific Regional Convention (Eugene, OR)
- May 15-17 National Convention (Louisville, KY)
- June 6 Spring State Meeting

"Advice from a cactus - Get plenty of sunshine. Accentuate your strong points. Be patient through the dry spells. Conserve your resources. Don't desert your friends. Wait for your turn to bloom. Stay sharp!"

- Anonymous -