



# SILVER STATE GARDENER



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### President's Message



**President Vicki Yuen**

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the Flower Show on October 18. This is a big part of why we are members of a garden club - to show what we have grown, or designed. It helps to educate the public, and encourages us to display our efforts to each other.

And I hope you will all attend the Fall Conference on November 1. Your Club Presidents have received the Call Letter, and your clubs should have selected your delegates to attend. (Of course, all are welcome to attend, though only delegates and officers may vote.) We will be elect-

ing our slate of officers to lead the State organization, starting next June. We will also be celebrating 150 years of Statehood for Nevada. It should be a terrific event!

I attended the National Garden Club Fall Board meeting in Des Moines in September. We covered a number of topics, but the most controversial was the proposed increase in dues, beginning in June of 2016. Do you realize we pay National only 50 cents per member per year? And that this has not increased in 20 years? The proposal is to increase the dues to \$1 per member. It's a small cost for the benefits we receive - scholarships (we did have a recipient a few years ago, and are sure to have others in the future), guidance on flower shows, training in landscape design and other areas, projects, disaster relief (such as the Penny Pines program replanting trees in are-

as burned in the Mt. Charleston fire), and of course nation-wide friendships.

We also went through some of the opportunities we have in social media, and how we can make our website the best it can be. We will be exploring ways we can do this in the next year or so.

You have all heard by now that Nevada will be hosting the Pacific Region convention in April 2016. I hope you'll all start doing your part by supporting the various fundraisers we have to pay the up-front costs of this convention (most of which we should recover, if the convention goes well). Our Ways and Means Chair, Aleta MacFarlane, is working on this. We have held a garage sale, and sales within our clubs, to add money to the fund we'll use for these costs. We are also considering a Garden tour. If you are willing to show your own garden, or know of someone who would like to, please let me know.

### NGCI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NGCI is proud of its college scholarship program which offers financial aid to students majoring in fields of study related to horticulture and the environment. Applicant must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture. One-year scholarships are available to undergraduate juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing a Master's Degree. Sophomores may make application for their junior year. College/university must be accredited and listed on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education. People can support the Scholarship Fund by becoming Nevada Garden Club Life Members, for \$25. For more information click on "Forms & Resources" on our website at [www.nevadagardenclubs.org](http://www.nevadagardenclubs.org)

### 2014-2015 Officers

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## Las Vegas Flower Arrangers Update...



Linnea Domz  
Award of Design Excellence

If you listen carefully, you may hear the sigh of relief from the plants as the weather begins to cool. It's an opportunity for the plants to rejuvenate and perhaps get in the last of their blooms for the year. It's time for us to get out of our air conditioning and help them. We re-unite with our gardening friends and plan for our garden shows. We want all of Nevada to know what we can do. Finding plants that can tolerate extremes is an interesting challenge. I would like to

invite all of you to e-mail me with your successes of gardening so the information can be shared with our fellow heat dwellers. The Las Vegas Flower Arrangers have an additional goal in mind. We want everyone to know what beauty comes from arranging flowers, bringing their beauty indoors. Here are some winning arrangements from the October 18/19, 2014 Flower Show—theme "My Vacation" Joyce Rowley  
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Alana Sullivan's Desert Bloom — Award of Horticultural Excellence

## Rose Garden Club News

The Rose Garden Club has taken under our wing Deer Springs Assistant Living. We have planted over 12 fruit trees and for the last two years we have planted and maintained a vegetable garden there.

In addition, we are taking on the National Garden Club project, A Drop in the Bucket. We take up a collection at meetings and use the money to help provide clean water to villages in Latin America. We are a second generation garden club: three of our members

have their daughters as members as well. We also claim bragging rights to Linnea Miller Domz who joined the club in 1950 and is the state's oldest member. She is our guiding light at 101.



Linnea & Kristie

## NGC Fun(d)raising Events Update

Boy! Have I been busy. I am so glad to be working with people so willing and able to help. Garden Club members are truly "the can doers of the community".

I grew up here, I learned to ride a horse at the Twin Lakes Stable. My grandfather would get a room there when he came to visit. I love that our club house is there; it brings back so many good memories. As a young adult I discovered a beautiful rose garden and a sensory garden for visually impaired persons. I was amazed at the flower shows. This memory did

lead me to join the Las Vegas Iris Society when I retired.

Our garden clubs should not be the best kept secret in Las Vegas. We have a convention coming up and a newly re-modeled venue. I am so excited about the upcoming garden club events this year. I hope that everyone will invite a neighbor to come visit.

So far we held a fundraising "Silent Auction" at LVIS: raffle and Boutique table at Fall Flower Show and a yard sale same weekend at Jackie Pucci's home. My friend and local artisan, Juan Perez,

has helped me turn discarded chairs into unique hand painted flower pot holders. We hope to be putting together some interesting yard tours. There will be a Boutique Table at Fall Convention and a raffle.

We need to get ready to put on an awesome Pacific Regional Convention in April 2016. I want your ideas.

Thank you,  
NGC Ways & Means,  
Aleta MacFarlane  
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## Cactus Club News

This summer Laura Dearing Elementary School had a community service work day, and Bob Maddig's church participated. Bob could not attend, however, his pastor told him that they had a cactus garden that needed work. Bob is the only one with cactus garden landscaping experience who could tackle their cactus garden. He met with the principal, Dr Christy Beard, and she was excited to have someone volunteer to transform what was left of the cactus garden.

On another community service day, Bob began the 'extreme make-over'. Their five surviving cactus were able to be saved-in-place. He had a small budget for plants, and Dick Askew donated a number of plants/cutting/rocks. Bob donated a number of cactus from his garden and rocks (red rock from Flagstaff) as well. He knew where to collect additional rock

and materials around Las Vegas to provide some interesting character as well as more items for the kids to study.

Bob basically completed the make-over in one day. He has since been there two other times to 'remodel'/add items. Currently there are over 50 plants, thousands of pounds of rock and miscellaneous items.

As with all gardens, this is a work in progress and a 'living cactus garden' and subject to on-going improvements. The painted wall behind the cactus garden is from the previous garden and makes for a nice background.

The school also has raised vegetable gardens. They have asked Bob to be a part of their 'Garden Team' and participate in various events. The school is using both gardens as an educational tool for the kids, and they will have responsibilities in their maintenance.



Garden July 30, 2014



Garden September 18, 2014

## Carnation Club News

The Carnation Garden Club is off to a wonderful autumn season....the cooler temperatures seem to energize everyone including our "gardens"! Helen Brown joined us for our September meeting, our first since the summer break. As always, Helen delighted us with a wonderful program and some inspiration; a Fall veggie fest including New Zealand spinach, a perennial that grows 12"-18" and is prolific and delicious. Reicherts in Toronto, Canada is a wonderful seed source as well as Johnny's Seed in Maine. Helen also mentioned not to overlook the benefits of fish emulsion to keep your plants happy, green and healthy! In October we made a road trip to the Pahrump Valley

Winery for a tour of the facilities and a wine tasting, where we sampled several of their current offerings. The Symphony Restaurant provided a delightful setting as well as a delicious luncheon menu. The food was excellent and the service superb. It was a delightful day and an interesting peek at this expanding local winery. President Jackie Pucci hosted the NGC Fund Raising Garage Sale on October 17th at her home. A special thank you to Jackie, Carol Wright, Delores and Ernesto Robles and Nancy and Art Loesch who helped with donation "deliveries", set up, staging, organizing tables, and the ever popular "cleanup" chores including taking the remaining donations to Savers after the sale. The proceeds of

the event will help fund the 2016 Pacific Garden Clubs event which will be hosted by the Nevada Garden Clubs. Our Boy Scout Troop 770 continues to thrive and grow. Eight new scouts have moved up from cub to scouts and continue their journey to develop leadership skills and life skills as they work toward completing merit badges. Currently they are preparing for their "Family Camping Trip" and are very excited to demonstrate their newly honed skills. If you would like to check out their summer and autumn photos and snapshots, check their website at:

<http://lasvegastroop770.com>.

## Remembering Charlie Cantrell...

One of our long-time members, Charlie Cantrell, has passed away. He was a member of the Carnation Club for many years. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the Building and on the Anniversary Committee that planned our wonderful celebration last October. His cheerfulness and willingness to help will be missed.

# "Growing in Nevada"

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*The Nevada Garden Club is an association of eleven 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.*

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## WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[www.nevadagardenclubs.org](http://www.nevadagardenclubs.org)

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## 2014 –2015 NV Garden Club Events Calendar

- November 1 Fall Conference
- November 8 Sunset Garden Club Garage Sale
- March 28-29 Spring Arrangers Guild Flower Show
- April 18 Iris Society Show
- April 18 Sunset Garden Club Flower 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

"It is not what you gather but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you've lived."

- Helen (Mrs. Sam) Walton -