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President's Message



President Vicki Yuen

Happy New Year! I'm sure you all are enjoying our unseasonably warm weather (at the time of writing, at least).

I hope by now you have all heard about the "Luxury Garage Sale" for Nevada Garden Clubs, being spearheaded by the Rose Garden Club. This event is to help fund the

2016 Pacific Regional Convention. They will be looking for donations of nicer items, rather than knick-knacks. (See Roberta Baltz's article in this newsletter for more information.)

Nancy Loesch, who is chairing our **2016** Regional Convention, has been visiting the clubs to talk about the convention, and to encourage all members to help out in some way. This event cannot be completed successfully unless we all lend a hand.

The Registration Forms, Tour forms, Hotel information etc. for the April **2015** Regional Convention in Eugene, Oregon is now online. Please take a look at our website, www.nevadagardenclubs.org

and find it on the Home Page. I hope as many of you as possible will attend this event - at the least to support our Kristie Livreri as she is sworn in as Regional Director. She is only the second one we have had in Nevada (Lee Pearn being the first).

Our Boulder City Garden Club is now in operation. They have had a couple of meetings, and are working to get their structure into place (bank account, bylaws, projects, etc.). Marci Brown and I have been attending their meetings, which have been a lot of fun.

Looking forward to a great 2015!

Winter 2015

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Resolutions for Gardeners

The new year typically brings about resolutions, and Gardeners are no exception for wishing for the better. Here are five resolutions that we wish every gardener, no matter their level of expertise, will embrace.

* I will not blame myself for gardening failures. Often, Mother Nature is not our friend when it comes to gardening. Or life gets in the way. I will not despair! I will simply try again and learn from experience.

* I will not be afraid to ask questions. How else can we learn? I will take advantage of my neighbor, my aunt, the garden center employee or the cooperative extension.

* I will try something new.

* I will share my passion. Many of today's gardeners got their start by learning from someone else, often a parent or grandparent. I can be that mentor. I can be the reason my child serves homegrown vegetables to my grandchildren. I can be the reason my neighbor plants window boxes for the first time.

* I will embrace nature and my garden for the birds, the bees and the butterflies (and the bats, too). Let's Go Garden!

- adapted from a National Garden Bureau article (ngb.org)

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Meet Our Judy Stebbins...



Our very busy Corresponding Secretary was born in Niagara Falls, New York. She grew up in Troy, NY, with six siblings. (Her youngest brother was born on Judy's 20th birthday.) After high school, Judy started at Albany State, majoring in Math and Physics. But the commute, via 3 buses, was too much. Judy found a job, which turned into a career, at NY Telephone company, where she worked for 34 years. She continued her education through company courses and Community College courses. While working there, she met Fred, who was attending RPI.

They dated for a couple of years, before getting married on a Friday the 13th. (8/13/65) It hasn't been unlucky for them! After military service, Fred began working as an engineer at GE in Syracuse. He spent 19 years there, and then left to manage his investments in the stock market. When Judy retired in 1997, they decided to move to Las Vegas. They had visited on vacation for many years, and liked the climate (not to mention the lower taxes). Judy wasted no time getting involved with social and service

organizations here. She is a member of the Westside Newcomers Club, the Las Vegas Towne Club, the Mesquite Club, two Red Hat Society groups, a Canasta Group, a Bunco group, a Nickels group, the Southern Nevada Women's History Project, and of course the Flower Arrangers Guild, where she has served in every office, most more than once. She says she often becomes an officer of an organization shortly after she joins. We are very lucky to have her as an officer in the Nevada Garden Clubs!

Las Vegas Flower Arrangers Holiday Pot Luck

The Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild held their annual Holiday Potluck luncheon meeting at the home of President Judy Stebbins on Dec.11, 2014. Not only are the members great at Creative designs, but they are also wonderful cooks! It was a good day of fellow-

ship, sharing ideas for our upcoming flower show as well as bringing donations for those less fortunate in our community.

Picture: Amy Boger, Barbara Appel, Lee Pearn, Linnea Domz



Las Vegas Bonsai Society News

The Las Vegas Bonsai Society is celebrating its 25th year in 2015! We have a talented group of long-term members who mentor the new members. This coming year we will be having demonstrations and workshops on air-layering, proper wiring techniques, grafting, creating rose bonsai, cascade bonsai, and informal upright bonsai. We have a special trip planned to

Victorville, CA to have a class with Benny Kim, a 50 year veteran of teaching bonsai and owner of Kim's Bonsai Nursery. Our annual LVBS show called "Spring Awakenings" will be on May 2, 2015 at Moon Valley's Plant World Nursery in Las Vegas. If you live near Las Vegas, come to our show!



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Rose Garden Club News

Our club is gearing up for the Luxury Garage Sale to be held on March 20-21 to raise funds for the Regional Convention in 2016. After the great garage sale that was held in October at Jackie Pucci's house we are hoping to be just as successful.

We are asking for assistance to setup, working the garage sale and tearing down, as well as donations for the sale itself. We will have tables setup beginning March 2nd in the Garden building to make it easy for everyone to bring in items. This way when we meet for the garden club meetings that month it will be easy for drop-off. We will give the person donating

the items the option to price you own items, or we can price them for the sale. We will have more detailed information as time gets closer. If you have any questions please feel free to contact. RobertaBaltz@yahoo.com.

As spring gets closer we are continuing our work at Deer Springs Assisted Living. At the end of January we plan to thin out the Iris's that have taken over the flower bed, moving some Spanish Lavender around, and making sure our fruit tree's that were planted last year are in good shape for the new year. Roberta Baltz, President Rose Garden Club



Boulder City Garden Club Joins NGCI

A new Garden Club for Boulder City was launched on November 4, 2014 with Vicki Yuen and Marci Brown of Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc. leading the way with a film about National Garden Clubs, Inc. It has been over 10 years since Boulder City had a Garden club and the response was enthusiastic. We now have over 20 Charter members and our membership represents a wide variety of interests and love of garden-

ing. We are excited about the all the possibilities for friendship and learning new skills and have earmarked our March Meeting for discussing possible programs and projects for the club. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Boulder City Library at 6:45 pm. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to have you join!

President Elizabeth Powell - libnlars@yahoo.com



Health Tip from National President Linda Nelson

Here is a little health tip I just read: A study has just shown that 20 minutes of brisk walking raises the chemicals needed for growth of healthy new brain cells. This cuts your risk of dementia and Alzheimer's in half. So, instead of your brain's memory center getting 1% smaller every year after age 50, the brain cells grow 2% bigger, helping keep short-term and long-term memory intact! So, I'm off to buy me some new walking shoes!



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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

- March 20-21 NGCI Garage Sale
- March 28-29 Spring Arrangers Guild Flower Show
- April 18 Iris Society Show
- April 11 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

"Volunteering: It is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this Earth."

- Anonymous -