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President's Message



President Vicki Yuen

As we gear up for our big Regional convention, I want to thank all of you who have sent in your registrations in a timely manner. (If you are still looking for a good New Year's resolution, how about – *Don't wait till the last minute to send in my registration for Garden Club events!!* You can only imag-

ine what a challenge it is for the registrar to handle a deluge of these things, all in the last few days before, and after, the deadline.)

The convention should be a lovely affair, and there will surely be lots of discussion of where we are going as a Region. For some of you, the whole Region thing is a bit off your radar, I know. But for many of us, it has been a great source of support, smaller and closer at hand than National Garden Clubs. And of course the friendships are irreplaceable. I hope we will work out a way to keep getting together even if we don't have a formal Region to work with.

Looking ahead to our State meeting in June, I hope you all will plan to attend – we do have several important votes to make. This includes finding a replacement for me, as State President. I have enjoyed serving you, but it is past time for me to turn over the reins to someone else. Anyway, please send in your registration EARLY, as soon as you get the Call Letter announcing the meeting. The Call Letter should be out in April, and may come in your email.

Other than that – enjoy our lovely Spring weather! I bought some daffodil bulbs in support of a Rose Garden Club fundraiser, and I am enjoying seeing them bloom now.

SAVE THE DATE!! REGISTER ASAP AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN...

2016 National Garden Club Pacific Region Convention

April 5 thru April 7, 2016

Location: Green Valley Ranch Resort, 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway, Henderson, NV

Hotel and registration information available on the Pacific Region Garden

Clubs website: <http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

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Meet Our Alana Sullivan...



You may have noticed that we have a new face on the Executive Committee. Alana Sullivan has agreed to take on the position of Recording Secretary, after our previous RS wasn't able to do the job. We are happy to have her!

Alana was born in Brooklyn, and went to school at Hunter College in New York City. She met her husband at a hot dog stand at the beach, she says, when she was 15. They got married when she was 24. Alana has lived in a variety of

cities, as her husband has accepted positions as a resident and later a doctor, in Baltimore, Denver, Hawaii, and Detroit, before moving to Las Vegas in 1997. On the way, she has worked in medical research, as a used car salesperson, and in a greenhouse – and has gotten her black belt in tai kwon do! One of her proudest accomplishments was rebuilding her VW engine.

After arriving in Las Vegas, Alana saw a notice about the Iris Society. When she attended one

of their meetings, she learned that an assistant editor was needed for the Silver State Gardener. Always one to try something new, she worked with the then-current editor, and eventually took over the job herself.

The rest is history. Alana is now club president of Growers Study Guild, Chrysanthemum Society, and has chaired two flower shows. And she continues to expand her resume with this new position on the Executive Committee.

Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild

I joined the Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild because someone invited me. My first club was having a flower show and there were not enough design entries. At midnight, I hastily threw together a couple of entrees, so our club would qualify in that category. I had some fun conceptualizing the design but execution was frustrating. Larri Tarver came to visit our show. She said a lot of things were good about my design and showed me what would make it better. At her invitation, I came to a meeting. I have learned how you guide the eye with the design, using space, color, texture, size etc. Most fascinating to me is the mechanics. Spray painting a house-

hold object to transform it into a container, tools, wire, hot glue, tubes all the unseen things that allow the magic to happen. This is such a nice group of ladies who are willing to help and teach someone else. I could watch elegant Linnea Domz all day long as she critiques and slightly moves an element of the design to show a better effect. My long-time friend and Ways & Means mentor, Judy Stebbins, presides over these meetings in such a cheerful way. I feel very welcome there and I never would have gone without that invitation. — By Aleta MacFarlane

P.S. You are ALL invited to visit us and see what we're all about. Some of the

Designs we worked on this year were Synergistic, Hanging, Illuminary, Panel, and Tapestry. We also had a field trip to a wholesale florist and a floral supply store. This practicing every month gets us ready for Flower Shows and allows us to show our love of flowers, plants and designing arrangements. — Judy Stebbins, President



Sunset Garden Club Flower Show

The 24th Annual Sunset Garden Club Flower Show will be held on April 30 at the Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson 89012. The theme of the show is **"All The World's A Stage"**. The flower show is open to am-

ateur members of garden clubs and plant societies, as well as the general public. There is no entry fee. Entries should be made on Friday, April 29, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Late entries may be brought on Saturday, April 30 between 8:30 and

9:00 a.m. Judging will take place between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., April 30. The show is open to the public on Saturday 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Nevada Garden Clubs is delighted to host the annual Pacific Region Convention "Beyond the Neon," for 2016.

The Flower Arranger's Guild of Las Vegas will provide flower arrangements for over eighty meals. They were happy to find that the hotel will provide a mud-room for their messy and beautiful work.

Most of our Nevada Garden Clubs are participating in many ways, such as providing educational exhibits, work shops, making table favors and the many small details that will make our Convention fabulous.

There will be a speaker from the Audubon Society and a tour of the Springs Preserve. All Nevada Garden Clubs members are

encouraged to attend any or all of these events.

We are fortunate to have Green Valley Ranch in Henderson, an incredible destination resort, as our venue.

Details may be found on our website: NevadaGardenClubs.org.

Cactus & Succulent Society of Southern Nevada

The club says, Happy Spring to everyone! The weather has been the best many of us, and our plants, have experienced in years. This contribution to the Silver State Gardener will be brief! Almost every member of CSSSN that I know (self included) is spending their time working in their garden and/or greenhouse. That's where all of us garden folks should be rather than spending undo time on our computers! Save that computer stuff for the cold winter and squelching summer ☐ AND to add more work to the pile, there is the monthly (sometimes grind) of our own club meetings and this year a PAC Region event.☐ So in bullet form and with a photo for your pleasure here it is:

1. January, February, and March meetings featured (in respective order) ML Robinson (C&S propagation and grafting), Dennis Swartzell (Desert tree importance, growth, pruning), Angela O'Callaghan (Small space gardening in S. Nevada)

2. April, May, and June meetings will feature (in respective order) Jan Emming (Water harvesting), Bob Morris (Soils and amendments), and TBD

Weekend events include (in calendar order), Springs Preserve Plant Sale on 4/2/2016, CSSSN Plant Show hosted by Moon-Sun Cactus & Koi' sale 4/9&10/2016, (Tentative) UNCE Garden Tour 4/16/2016, Laura Dearing Elementary School Garden Tour 4/23/2016, Don Cromwell Residential Cactus Landscape Tour 4/30/2016.

I hope the other NGC Affiliate clubs are equally happy and as busy as are we. The photo is only one of many cactus that are blooming now. The plant was sold to me as a native "Hedgehog." I would agree that it is an Echinocereus, but not the one commonly called Strawberry Hedgehog, nor the one called the "Claret Cup." I'll get the name, most likely, from Jan Emming at the Moon-Sun sale. This blossom lasts for more than just a day. It was purchased about 3 years ago. Each year it performs more spectacularly. If cactus are not your thing, then I hope that the desert wild flowers provided you some joy.

Check out this link:

<http://www.desertusa.com/wildflo/nv.html>

HAPPY HAPPY SPRING IN THE DESERT!



Las Vegas Iris Society News

Our busiest month, April, is just around the corner. Every morning we rush outside to check the new growth, look for bloom stalks, dowse aphids, print new labels for plant stakes, check the weather forecasts, fuss over every detail of our yards. The Saturday, right after Pacific Region Convention we will have our yard tour where our club members and invited guests cara-

van to each other's gardens eager to see what is new since last year, at the last house we have lunch and socialize. Then we go back to one of the gardens so our judges can get credit for training in a garden. Even if we are not judges it is very educational to see how they critique iris in the bed. We need to enjoy the blooms now because the next

week snip snip. It's time for our 27th Annual Flower show April 16 & 17. We have several new members and are looking forward to their first time at exhibiting. Please come out to the club house and enjoy the beauty of iris. We will be open free to the public on Saturday 1 to 5 pm, Sunday noon til 4pm. We love to show off and answer questions. Happy gardening.

“Growing in Nevada”

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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!

<http://nevadagardenclubs.org/>



2016-17 NV Garden Club Events Calendar

- April 5-7 Pacific Region Convention
- April 16-17 Iris Show
- April 30 Sunset Garden Club Flower Show
- May 2-6 National Convention
- June 4 Spring Meeting

“ A weed is but an unloved flower.”

Ella Wheeler Wilcox