

SILVER STATE GARDENER

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2017 CALENDAR

April 15: Rose Society Show

April 18-20: Regional
Convention

April 22-23: Iris Society
Show

May 16-21: National
Convention

June 3: Spring Meeting

FROM THE EDITOR

As Spring sets in, in fits and starts, we are all enjoying our gardening more. I hope you also enjoy this latest issue of Nevada Garden Club's newsletter. Thanks to everyone who sent me articles!

A reminder that Bob Middag is hosting an Open Garden at his home on April 29. If you didn't make the event on April 1, be sure to come to this one.

Vicki Yuen, Editor

BOULDER CITY GARDEN CLUB

Boulder City Garden Club has a committee working on an entry for the 4th of July Damboree Parade. Adults wearing our new garden club T-shirts and gardening aprons will pull wagons with plants and children dressed as flowers or even vegetables. Packets of hollyhock seeds (the official flower of Boulder City) will be handed to parade watchers, with instructions for planting and an invitation to attend a meeting. Announcers will tell of our two biggest projects, the cemetery rose garden and the Harmony Homestead atrium.

Our April 5th meeting featured Doyle Wayman teaching us about the Milkweed and Monarchs.

Boulder City meets at the public Library at 6:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month, except for July and August. Visit our Facebook page to see what we are doing and observe beautiful pictures of our efforts.



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Paradise Found – A Standard Flower Show

Presented by: **Las Vegas Flower Arrangers' Guild** – March 25 & 26, 2017

What a show it was!! Not enough can be said about Bob Middag. He received 9 first Place blue ribbons, 5 second place red ribbons and the **Growers Choice rosette** for his succulent and cactus entries.

Larri Tarver received a blue first place ribbon and the **Designers Choice award rosette** for her floral design.

Jean Engelmann received a blue first place ribbon for her floral design and Marie Kaplan a red second place ribbon for her floral design.

A new category this year was **Under Water Design**. All of the entries were so different and beautiful. The winners were Marcie Brown blue first place ribbon, Amy Boger red second place ribbon, Michelle Noe yellow third place ribbon and Nancy Bovill honorable mention.

Can you believe Linda Bloomstein received 13 first place blue ribbons and 3 second place red ribbons for her vegetables? I never thought vegetables could look so beautiful.

Dorlene Waite received first place blue ribbons and an **Award of Merit** for her beautiful irises.

Vicki Yuen and Beverly Noyer received blue first place ribbons for their horticulture entries.

Beverly Noyer received the Arboreal Award.

The best part is that there was so much talent and beauty to see. We can be proud of our members for their talent and accomplishments. If you did not take part in this flower show, consider taking part in the Fall Flower Show.

Celebrate! – A Standard flower Show

The Twenty-fifth Annual **Sunset Garden Club Flower Show**

We just had another beautiful Flower Show this past weekend. Check out the Rosette Winners

Educational Award – Nancy Chang

Petite Award – Sue Kebles

Growers Choice (Foliage Container-Grown)- Amy Boger

Award of Merit (Fruits & Vegetables) – Linda Bloomstein

Award Of Merit (Roses) – Marie Kaplan

Award of Merit (Cut Blooms) – Vicki Yuen

Award of Merit (Ornamental Foliage) – Sue Kebles

Arboreal Award – Jean Engelmann

Designers Choice – Larri Tarver

Horticulture Excellence – Marie Kaplan

Congratulations to the winners and all that participated for another great flower show.

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April 26, 2017 bus trip to Mount Charleston Visitor Gateway - There is still some space on the large coach we have reserved to go to visit the new Visitor Gateway on Mount Charleston. A USDA Forest Service Soils Engineer will speak to us about the recovery work after the Carpenter 1 Fire that burned 43,000 acres in July 2013 and will tell us how our Penny Pines donations of \$1564 are being used. Not only will we get to see the new Visitor Gateway and learn about fire recovery but we will have fun visiting with our fellow gardeners. Cost \$20 per person for the bus and optional \$10 for a box lunch.

Nevada Garden Clubs Spring Annual Meeting – Mark your calendars for Saturday June 3, 2017. This is the date for our Spring Annual Meeting. We would like to have a large turnout for this meeting. Our National Garden Clubs President Nancy Hargroves will be visiting us. She will speak to us and will also present a special program for us. Kristie Livreri will be catering the luncheon on fine china. We are also planning a Designers Hat Contest. More on this to come with the Call next week.

MEET BOB MIDDAG



Bob is our new Chair of the Board of Trustees. Born and raised in Long Beach, Calif, he graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a major in Geography. Logically enough, his first job was with Thomas Guides, which makes maps of much of Southern California and other metropolitan areas.

Bob had studied drafting in secondary school, so he soon went to work with the City of Long Beach, working on civil drafting in their Public Works department. Mixed in with a few stints at private engineering firms, he worked most of his career in Long Beach for the City. He drafted streets, sewer and gas lines, storm drains and so forth. After getting married, he moved to Las Vegas, and worked at Southwest Gas doing similar work, until he retired just last year.

His father was interested in gardening; on family vacations they would stop at a small nursery near San Diego and get small plants. They had a lathe house which provided some shade, and they kept many plants in there. Bob also had a small plot where he grew cactus, mostly in pots.

Since moving to Las Vegas, and buying his present house in 1999, Bob has gradually added cactus plantings to his side yard, until it is a lovely landscape. His wife suggested he get involved with the Cactus Society – and here we are. Bob offers tours of his landscape – there is always something new. If you missed the Open House on April 1, be sure to visit him on April 29. His address is in our Directory.

Las Vegas Iris Society



April is here again. All irises all month. We meet the first Monday of the month 6pm at the Nevada Garden Clubs Building in beautiful Lorenzi Park. Our meetings are designed to teach our membership and guests about growing, showing, and caring for irises here in Las Vegas. April is our local bloom season. My beds are blooming right now!! Our yard tour and judges training isn't until April 15 and our show is April 22 & 23. Will there be irises blooming on those dates? Drama every year. Last year a freak hail storm came during our yard tour and destroyed over 100 potential flower show entries. What will it be this year? We have never cancelled a show. Our plants take their cues from nature and don't consult our calendars and approved show schedules.

We welcome guests to drop in and visit with us. There is always a bite to eat. We have a wonderful youth outreach program this year initiated by Dorlene Waite. She has provided each 3rd grader child in Mrs. Moore's class their very own iris to grow in front of the classroom (and take home this summer). The kids potted, cared for, and get a monthly lesson from Dorlene who drives 90 miles one way each month. The kids have a workbook with a catalog picture of their named iris and the teacher gives them computer time to look up details on the American Iris Society web site.

We also have several places in the community where we are providing iris in garden spaces. Our AIS Region 14 made us a generous gift of 70 "re-bloomers" for our community projects.

Our club worked the Expo at Cashman Center to let the public know about all the clubs in Nevada Garden Clubs. We also showed up in the rain to prune the roses in the Pioneer Woman Garden. We are "Nevada Proud".

Aleta Mac Farlane President

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ROSE GARDEN CLUB

This past quarter we have been very busy. We held our annual Pruning Of The Roses, which the wonderful Aleta Macfarlane took lead on. Like with anything she touches it bloomed beautifully. We would like to thank all who showed up on such a rainy day; but the good news is everyone was repaid with beautiful roses. The group planted tomato plants in March for Deer Springs Assistant Living.

Vicki Yuen has been very busy planting with new roses in the Rose Garden at Lorenzi Park as well as new herbs/plants to our Touch and Smell Garden. Suzanne Henson, Aleta, Kathy and Karen Takos have had their own success with a momentous first year kids program. It's been great that as a club we've managed to give back to the community! Thank You for all who have contribute to the kids program. Let's keep it up!

Roberta Baltz

Co-President Rose Garden Club

Honoring Those Who have Served Our Country

The Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war, and in churches and businesses. This program has been active all through the years to the present, a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces.

In 2007, during the presidency of Jane Maria, a Blue Star marker was dedicated at the Desert Demonstration Garden and placed on the wall of the amphitheater building. After the closure of the Demonstration Garden, the marker was relocated, and was re-dedicated at the Springs Preserve during the 2016 Pacific Region convention. After the ceremony, attendees enjoyed a cookie and coffee reception at the Nevada State Garden Clubhouse.



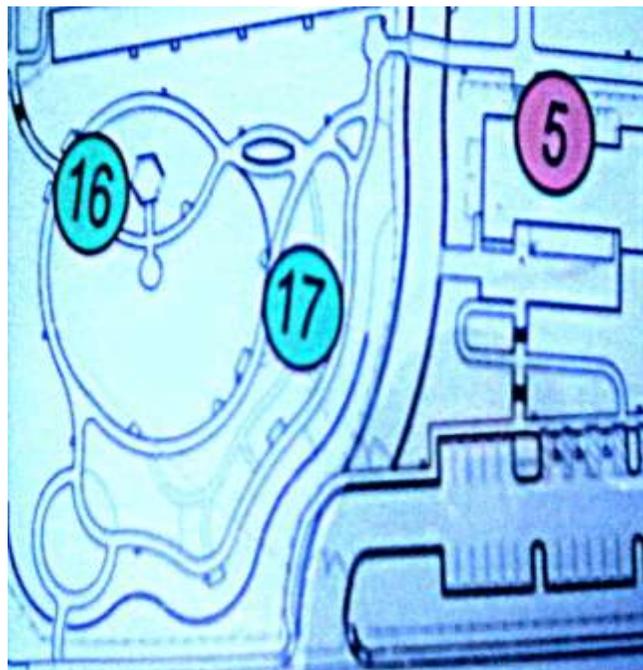
Rose Garden Fun

By Aleta MacFarlane

April 2017

As you know, one of our Nevada State Garden Club projects is to take care of the Rose Garden in the Garden of the Pioneer Women. We are committed to pruning, etc. four times a year. We just had our major pruning, planting and fertilizing project in February, so the roses are in good shape now. A friend of mine and I spent an hour hoeing weeds and soaping aphids. It was enjoyable being out there. Of course my mind started finding ways to make this more fun and not work.

- Rose gardens are divided into workable smaller areas
- Nature watch: Lady bugs, bees, butterflies, aphids, birds, chipmunks
- Healthy walk before meeting: walk garden, visit, report to club if anything needs to be done
- Shutter bugs: take as many digital pictures as you want
- Meet the public: meet a friendly person invite them to a meeting
- Dead heading is light pruning. Learn about 3 leaves (grow upwards) 5 and 7 leaves (grow outwards, produce flowers)
- Save dead heads for potpourri' and other projects
- Save prune canes for propagation (I have 3 growing in potatoes) internet find
- Spending a few minutes once a month can be more beneficial than trying to get everyone one out on a certain date.
- Bring a friend or grandchild, explain the wonderful things that Garden Club Members do.
- Think up more ideas

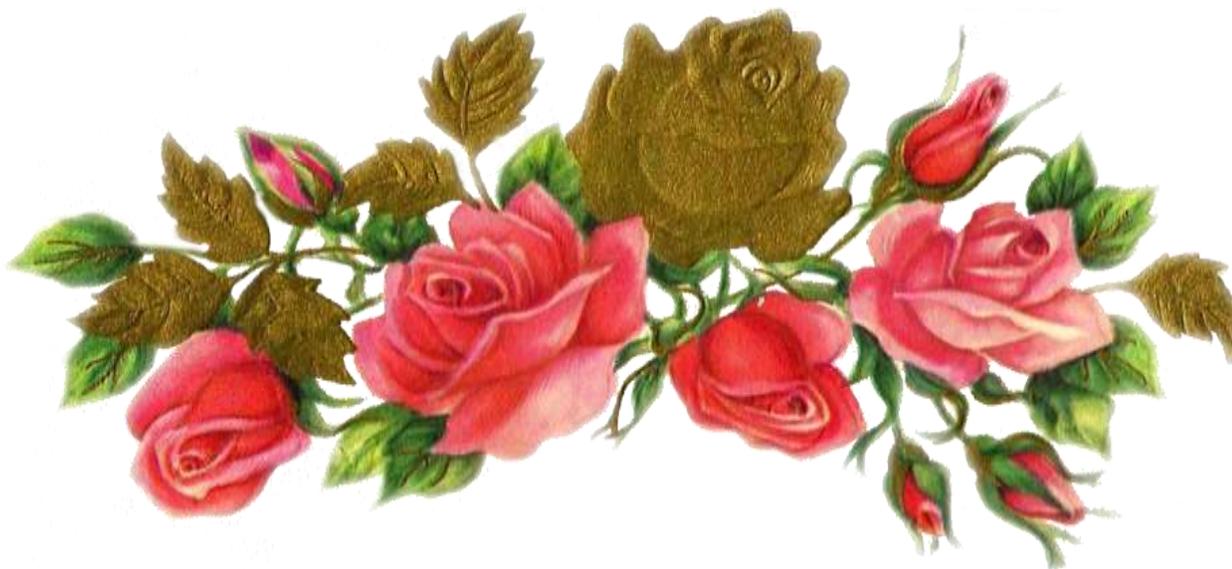


LAS VEGAS VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY. It is 125 years old this year. So old yet it is still growing. The ARS was founded in 1892 and is the oldest single plant horticultural society in America. It is an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses. There are more than 300 affiliated rose societies in the national network. The Las Vegas Valley Rose Society is a relatively new member as we have “only” been in existence for 48 years and an affiliate member since inception. The ARS is headquartered on the grounds of the beautiful American Rose Center near Shreveport, Louisiana. It features more than 20,000 rose bushes that comprise nearly 400 cultivars of modern and old garden roses. It is open to the public. The mission statement states that the American Rose Society exists to promote the culture and appreciation of the rose, through education and research, to members, to local rose societies and their members and to the public. Much of this is done through the Consulting Rosarian program. On November 20, 1986 President Ronald Regan signed a proclamation declaring the Rose to be The National Floral Emblem of the United States of America. With this proclamation the Rose took its place among the patriotic symbols of our nation-The American Flag, The Great Seal, The Bald Eagle, the National Anthem and the National Tree, the oak. So, Happy Birthday ARS may you be around another 125 years!

Steve Schneider, President

Las Vegas Valley Rose Society



SUNSET GARDEN CLUB

SPRING 2017

Great excitement for Sunset Garden Club! We just celebrated our 25th Annual Flower Show on April 8th. It was a wonderful presentation of horticulture, design and special exhibits. Appropriately the show was titled *Celebrate!* Under Educational Exhibits we presented *Nevada "The Silver State"*. It focused on Metals and minerals mined in Nevada past and present. The 2nd exhibit was a display titled "Antiques in the Garden" - homegrown Heirloom tomatoes, with that perennial question - vegetable or fruit? The 3rd exhibit "A Safer Garden" presented ideas to make the garden a safer place for all living things. There was also a new Section: Photographic Exhibit for those who wanted to show off photos of their favorite flowers or plants. This was an exhibit only – not judged display.

In January we had an eye-opening presentation "*Pruning Do's and Don'ts*" by Preston Goodman, Municipal Forester, of Henderson Parks and Recreation. He showed how residences, complexes & commercial properties can have attractive landscapes that allow plants to take their natural shape. Imagine bushes that flowered, instead of being pruned into balls & shapes. There would be less plants, but filling in spaces so beautifully. And using less water, resources and maintenance.

The mantra "Re-use, Reduce, Re-purpose & Recycle" has become real, thanks to our Conservation Chair, Nancy Chang. She has shown us ways to save water, re-purpose newspapers & empty containers and recycle electronic equipment. Our club also donates hotel toiletries to a local shelter, Street Teens.

I will retire as SGC President this May. It has been a wonderful experience, and I thank all the members who helped keep our club running smoothly. Art Loesch has been elected as President for 2017-2018. Congratulations to the 1st man to be President of Sunset Garden Club!

Happy Gardening, Nancy Bovill

