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2017 CALENDAR

*Sept. 13-16: Fall Board
Meeting, St. Louis*

Sept. 30: Fall Conference

*October 28-29: Fall Flower
Show*



FROM THE EDITOR

During the hot Las Vegas summer, many of our Clubs take a break from gardening, and meeting. No fun in 110+ heat! But this too shall pass, and Clubs who have gone on holiday will come back in September.

Craft Fair! – We are partnering with the LV Craft Guild to have a craft fair at our building in November. If you are interested in selling any crafts, please let Nancy Bovill know. She will coordinate our end of this event. If it's successful, maybe we will have one next year too.

Vicki Yuen, Editor

Las Vegas Flower Arrangers Guild

By Joyce Rowley

Flowers bring joy and comfort. Designing with flowers brings excitement.

Our designers have spent much time creating and learning how to put together wonderful designs. At our meetings between September to May we bring designs and ideas to share with our members and we all learn from the experience.

Our knowledge is put to use when we put on our Fall and Spring shows.

Nancy Loesch did a great report on our Spring Show in the Spring Newsletter of the Silver State Gardener.

Our talents were called on again for the Spring Meeting of 2017. It was a colorful, flower filled event. Many of our members belong to other garden groups and we share in their projects as well.

While we won't be meeting again until September, I can assure you our minds will be working on designs.



NEVADA GETS AWARDS!

Nevada received several awards at the Pacific Region Convention held in Seattle in April.

Life Membership Award: Pacific Region Life Memberships are a way of supporting the Region's Scholarship Fund. The contest for this term was for the largest per capita (by State membership) increase in number of Life Memberships.

And it was a horserace! All the State Presidents raced around the room as Robin Pokorski announced the standings in the race. But Nevada came out ahead of all the other Pacific Region States, with 7 new Life Memberships. Yay! Nancy Loesch got to wear the Rose Collar to celebrate our winning, which included a check for \$180!

Director's Project: Kristie had encouraged all clubs and States to increase their involvement with youth activities and clubs. Each Youth Chair send a report about the activities of their State. Our own Aleta MacFarlane submitted the winning report, showing a wonderful commitment to working with kids in Nevada. This Award came with a check for \$500!

We also received a \$50 Award for the **President's Unified Project**, at the National Convention in Richmond, Virginia, recognizing our involvement with Youth.

And the Pacific Region won the **Ames Tool award**, for the greatest number of States applying for tools – and the award of a tool was donated to the Centennial High School garden project for Special Needs kids, in Las Vegas.

Growers Study Guild

The mission of our club is to choose a plant or group of plants, and to study this in depth.

This past year our focus has been on spices. Our members, along with members from the Rose Garden Club & Carnation Garden Club, have prepared and presented programs on cinnamon, nutmeg, mace, pepper, capers and at Christmas time, we learned all about Frankincense and Myrrh.

Growers Study Guild is delighted to have fostered this bit of cross-pollination among our clubs.

As a club, we can choose to study anything we like.

A few things under consideration for next year are palms. We call them palm trees but they're not much like other trees. An endless taproot and no branches.

Before our first meeting in September, we will send out an email and snail mail blast to invite you to join us at that first meeting and help us decide what to study next year and then stay for the coffee and cookies.

Hope to see you in September.

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The group that traveled to Kyoto, Japan was treated with wonderful weather with beautiful sights of the flowering Cherry Trees.

Each evening we tried different restaurants with unusual menu. (they do not do doggie boxes!)

Each student studied with a professor teaching their level of certification.

In 2019 there will be a study tour with time for sight seeing. We all are looking forward to 2019.

Beginners and other are welcome to attend workshop on the second Monday of each month at the Garden Club center, 10:00 AM.

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BOULDER CITY GARDEN CLUB

A work party occurred on Saturday, June 15th to pack hollyhock seeds into envelopes with our logo and meeting information. These will be passed out at the Damboree 4th of July parade. Members will pull wagons decorated with greenery and children, dressed in garden related costumes. Children will also be walking with us. One of the members will lead the group in a pickup decorated with red, white, and blue paper flowers, and carrying water for the participants. A banner with the club logo will lead the group.

Another work party will occur on the weekend before the 4th to decorate the truck.

Member Shelley O'Donnell came to the Community Gardens Saturday, June 24th, the first of several in a Master Gardener Series, to answer questions and disseminate information from the Cooperative Extension. She will be available on the 4th Saturday for the next several months.

The Committee for the Future of the Community Gardens has not met, but there is interest even from outside the garden club due to the proximity to the original water treatment facility in Boulder City. We are discussing the best way to collect ideas and have a discussion of sorts through the internet before we get together.

The gardens that seem to fare the best in the extreme heat, seem to be the ones that are covered to protect them from the sun. We use all sorts of netting, fabrics, and shade trees to accomplish this. The best time to garden is at sunrise. Looks like we are in for an extreme kind of summer!

Cynthia Simpson
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Classes in Preparation for American Rose Society (ARS) Rose Show on November 18th

July 15th, 8:00 AM---12 Noon - Rose Arrangement, content and rules, **taught by Marie Kaplan.** Marie is a Master Gardener, an ARS Arrangement Judge and a blue ribbon arranger.

August 26th and September 9th, 8:00 AM---12 Noon- Preparation for the Rose Horticulture Section, content and rules, **taught by Christina Ropeter and Judith Kafantaris.** Christina Ropeter is a Master Gardener, an ARS Consulting Rosarian and a blue ribbon horticulture winner. Judith Kafantaris is a Master Gardener, an ARS Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture Judge and a blue ribbon winner.

October 21st, 8:00 AM---12 Noon, Rose Photography content and rules, taught by Larry Kaplan. Larry is a blue ribbon photography winner and a computer guru in preparing photographs for judging.

Please contact the Master Gardener office for registration and questions, 702-257-5555. Classes will be held at the Cooperative Extension, Classroom B.

Meet Nancy Bovill...



Our 2nd Vice President was born in Watertown, New York. She attended Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, and majored in French, with a Spanish minor, and got her teaching certificate as well. She also met her husband there. Shortly after college, he joined the Air Force, so they did not stay put. Nancy's first daughter was born in Vermont. When her husband was transferred to Labrador, she stayed in the US, raising her daughter to speak French. This was a challenge when her husband (who spoke practically no French) came home...

They then were assigned to Sacramento, where he had several tours to Vietnam. This long-distance relationship was so challenging that Nancy finally persuaded him to retire from the service. They moved back to NY, where Nancy taught high school French. But after surviving a race riot there, she decided real estate was a safer career.

After retiring with 30 years in real estate, Nancy moved to Las Vegas to be near her son and his family. She had been a Garden Club member in NY, so when she met Beth Ryley, and the issue of Garden Club came up, they found the Sunset GC. Nancy says Marci Brown was so welcoming and friendly that they became members.

Nancy now serves as a substitute teacher at St. Viator School, and makes wonderful decorative banners for display and sale. She is enjoying serving as our 2nd VP as well.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY

With the hot weather we have already had and more expected there is very little “rose news” to report. Flowers are generally smaller and the bushes are struggling to just survive. Powderly mildew should be gone with the heat, which is the only good news. As with all our flowery friends they need water, water, water. Roses especially are food and water pigs. Many of us will water early in the morning and then give them a little sip in the evening. The roses feeder roots are small and close to the surface so a little water in the evening helps to cool the soil and gives them a drink after a long day in the sun. Feeding is another story. There is no consensus in the rose world regarding summer feeding in the desert Southwest. For years I have stopped feeding by now and would begin again in early September. The thought being that the new growth would not survive the heat of the summer. Some very knowledgeable rosarians in the Phoenix area continue to feed throughout the summer, giving them 1/2 the amount suggested on the package. I am going to try it this year and hope I don't kill them! Warning, try at your own risk. I take no responsibility for dead bushes.

Happy Gardening

Steve Schneider



Las Vegas Iris Society

Our first Meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2017, because the first Monday is a holiday. Our regular monthly meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6pm in the clubhouse. We start out with a social half hour with refreshments. Many of our members drive a long way after work so we like to make sure everyone gets there safely before our business meeting. We are serious about growing our iris and more serious about having fun and being with our friends.



Visitors are always welcome. Hope to see you this coming year.

We will have some new faces on our Executive Board. “New” at least in taking a leadership position. Fred Parvin is actually a founding member and this will be his first time as President. Michael Meagher’ our “go-to guru”, will be First Vice President, it has been a few years since he was an officer (officially lol). Dave Empey, one of our newer members, will serve as Second Vice President. Aleta Mac Farlane will once again become Secretary (and past president). Dorlene Waite (also a past president) will be our Treasurer.

There is no better way to take a leadership role than being with friends who have already served and who will guide you, lead you, push you etc . It’s like having your own personal fairy godmothers. I am grateful for what I learned and for all the goofy mistakes they helped me through.

Let’s have a bloomin’ great year!!



Sunset Garden Club

Arthur Loesch
President

On April 26, 2017 Sunset Garden Club members and several members of other Garden clubs took a bus trip to the USDA Forest Service Visitor Gateway on Mount Charleston, about one hour from Las Vegas. Our bus stopped at the Paseo Verde Library in Henderson and at the Nevada Garden Club Center in Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas to load Garden Club members. The trip up the mountain passed quickly as we all socialized.

Jim Hurja, Forest Service Soils Scientist, met us at the visitor center and took us to an outdoor area and discussed the work that is being done to help our Forest on Mount Charleston recover from the Carpenter 1 Fire in July 2013. Jim spoke for one hour and answered many questions.

Jim explained that the Forest Service had hoped to set out Rocky Mountain Maple seedlings from our Penny Pines donations this spring but had to hold the seedlings until fall. The snow melted quickly this spring and soil conditions became too dry for a good seedling survival rate. Jim described how he uses soil moisture monitors via an internet connection to monitor the soil moisture in forest areas. We learned so much and really appreciate the work that the Forest Service is doing.

After Jim's presentation, it was time to enjoy our box lunches and tour the wonderful new Mount Charleston Visitor Gateway. After an enjoyable time on the Mountain it was time for our return bus ride. One member of the group enjoyed the trip so much that they almost forgot to get off of the bus when it stopped at Lorenzi Park.



Mount Charleston USDA Forest Service Visitor Gateway



Jim Hurja - Forest Service Soils Scientist



Garden Club group with Jim Hurja



Enjoying the Visitor Gateway and our box lunches