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### President's Message



**President Vicki Yuen**

I've just come back from the Fall Board Meetings held in St. Louis. There is always a lot of information, almost too much to absorb. We discussed lots of perennial favorites, such as 501c(3) status, nominations for the National Executive Board, parliamentary procedure, etc. etc. Of course networking and seeing friends is the best part of the meetings!

We had some delightful programs, including one about raptors. The speaker brought several rescued birds to the dinner, and had them swoop-

ing over our heads during his talk. Not something I experience every day, barn owls or hawks flying overhead, indoors!

I'm reminded at these meetings of how we benefit from being in a Garden Club. Our National Garden Club of course has terrific courses we can take. We are working on getting one started here, the Gardening Study School. National provides the course materials and structure for the classes. National officers also provide guidance in running a club at the local and State level. And there are so many intangible benefits, not just the friendships, but also the opportunities to grow as an individual. If you are willing to go a little bit outside your comfort zone, you will be surprised at what you can accomplish, in terms of leadership, public speaking, organization, and so

forth. And your Garden Club friends are there to help you out every step of the way.

I hope you have had a chance to look at our updated website. Anne Oney and I have been trained in doing basic updates ourselves, without the help of the web guy. Please do check it out if you haven't seen it in the last couple of months.

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



### SAVE THE DATE...

Nevada is pleased to host **2016 Pacific Region Convention**. Location Green Valley Ranch Resort, 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway, Henderson, NV and dates April 5-7. There will be a Pre-Convention Tour to Boulder Dam and Lake Mead on April 4. Hotel and registration information will be available soon on the Pacific Region Garden Clubs website:

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

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## Meet Our Kristie Livreri...



Kristie is a native Nevadan. She was born in Caliente, and grew up in the small town of Pioche. At Lincoln County High School she ran track, was a cheerleader, played clarinet in the band, and was in the school's marching group. She was also Homecoming Queen! She says when there are only 5 girls in your class, you pretty much got a chance to do everything.

After high school, Kristie came to Las Vegas to attend Dana McKay Business College. She worked as a

telephone operator during that time, back when operators were there not only to connect calls, but to answer all sorts of questions (weather, restaurant recommendations, and everything else).

She found a new job with the School District in Pioche. Although she had known her husband-to-be in high school, they had not dated. But on her return, they started going out, and soon got married. The town of Pioche practically shut down so everyone could attend the wedding.

Her mother was a charter member of the Pioche Garden Club (mentored by Linnea Domz). So when Kristie and Mike moved to Las Vegas, her mother asked Linnea to invite Kristie to join the Rose Garden Club. She has been Club President 3 times, and State President for two terms. And now she is serving as our Pacific Region Director. She also handled building rentals, when she and Mike lived closer to Lorenzi Park. We are so pleased that she is so devoted to Garden Club!

## Nevada Garden Clubs Annual Flower Show

On November 7th & 8th, the Nevada Garden Clubs will present its semi-annual Flower Show. It is free to attend and will be open to the public on that Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon - 4pm.

This show's theme is "It's That Time Again." There will be seasonal exhibits of gift boxes, wreaths, garlands and Christmas stockings. There will also be

many exhibits of Creative Flower Arrangements. A nice assemblage of cactuses and succulents is anticipated. Local gardeners will bring fall fruits, vegetables and herbs. In addition, there will be a special collection of bonsai and an educational exhibit about growing chrysanthemums as well as many lovely blooms of our show 'mums. The public is invited to bring exhibits of flowers, vines, tree branches and houseplants. We can help

with identification and filling out entry cards. Our show will be at the Nevada Garden Clubs Center, in Lorenzi Park. Follow the banners! The Rose Garden Club will have a special sale of miniature scented daffodils at the flower show. Flower show books can be picked up at the garden building. Plenty will be on hand during the state meeting in October as well.

## Las Vegas Iris Society News

Las Vegas Iris Society is off to a great start this year. We had two new members join our club. Welcome Dave and Skip, they both have been club friends for a while, coming to our sales and meetings. We are so happy they are officially club members. We kicked off the new season with a rhizome sale at Star Nursery and our sister NGC clubs came out to support us. Thank you so much. We harvested our beds to make

a nice selection of rhizomes to gift to The Old Mormom Fort, Las Vegas first settlement and now a State park. Beth Hewitt came to our meeting in October to pick them up and meet us. The Park is going to do all the work of planting and maintaining the bed. We are eager to see how they bloom this spring. We were able to make a club purchase of newer irises to give out as door prizes every meeting and we obtained Region 14 "guest" irises for our silent auction. What

this means to our members, is they get a chance to grow top of the line plants at a major cost savings. This savings allows them to participate in the rhizome sale and pass the savings on to our supporters. We grow them in our gardens to make sure they do well in Las Vegas. So look for them at our show and next sale. Please come visit our club. If you have iris questions we have the resources to help get you an answer.

## Carnation Garden Club News

We held our Fall kick-off meeting on September 3rd. It was really fun to get together after our "summer vacation", and we're all excited about the next few months of activities. Our speaker was Marie Kaplan, the Rose Lady, who gave us a wonderful presentation and answered many questions from the audience...so knowledgeable and a fun speaker!

On October 1st we will be taking our first "road trip" to Mount Charleston where we

will have a tour of the new visitors center followed by lunch at the Lodge.

November we will host a speaker from the Green Our Planet group. We will have an opportunity to explore the wonderful work this group is doing: bringing gardens to local elementary schools and learning to apply math and science principals to the gardening environment. If anyone is interested in attending this program please let us know. We are very enthusiastic to hear

about their accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year.

December will bring us together at the home of Beverly and John Noyer for our Christmas celebration.

Several members are participating in the planning and preparation activities for the Convention including Bev Noyer, Jackie Pucci, Alana Sullivan and Carol Wright.

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## Sunset Garden Club News

Our first meeting got off to a great start with happy, smiling faces. The programs this Fall will focus on the garden. In September, we enjoyed a presentation on butterflies and their gardens. In October we will learn more on planting and pruning roses. In November we will have tips for Fall planting.

Through the efforts of our new Conservation Chair, Nancy Chang, we will focus on ways to conserve resources and improve the environment. Nancy introduced a medicine container collection program. She

## Las Vegas Bonsai Society

In September, a dozen members of the Las Vegas Bonsai Society travelled to Phelan, California to visit Benny Kim's Bonsai Nursery. We were treated to a delicious lunch followed by a substantial class that offered a wealth of knowledge on the art of bonsai. We each received an extensive reference handbook to take home. Not only did this handbook summarize the main styles of bonsai but also explored deeper into the reasons behind why we participate in the art of bonsai according to Bonsai Artist Benny Kim.

has set up a box where members can deposit their empty prescription & medicine bottles at our monthly meetings. The bottles are sent to a charity which distributes them to clinics in Africa and Central and South America which need them to dispense medicines to their patients. A great way to reuse these plastic bottles, & keep them out of our landfills.

The Sunset Garden Club sponsors a **Yard & Plant sale** each year in October. This is our fund raiser for the year. This is the opportunity for all of us to part with the items that have been taking up room that we do

not use any more. Our own Christie Karicofe sponsors the plant sale. Christie has been growing many of the plants herself. This is an opportunity for all of us to restock our gardens and windowsills. The event will take place at Jean Engelmann's garage and yard located at 1784 Bridlegate Avenue, Henderson, NV. The sale is open 7am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 24. All members and your friends and relatives are welcome. The public is invited. Any questions, you may contact Marci Brown, Chairman, at 702/269-9631. All our members are encouraged to participate in the setup and sale.

After the class was completed, we toured Mr. Kim's expansive bonsai nursery, which is very impressive. There were countless types of trees on display including elms, junipers and pines, to name a few. They were displayed as formal uprights, informal uprights, cascades, forests and several other traditional bonsai styles. Most of us were lucky enough to purchase a few trees to bring back to Las Vegas and add to our own private collections. When asked which tree was his favorite, he immediately took us to the one pictured here. It also happens to be one of Mr. Kim's most valuable trees, a shimpaku juniper

that is close to 100 years old, valued at \$25,000. The trip was a huge success and we all left with plans for a return visit.



## Boulder City Garden Club News

The Boulder City Garden Club meetings resumed after our summer break with a great talk by Emily Beamguard on Cool Season Vegetable Gardening. The rest of the fall and winter season have talks lined

up on composting, butterfly gardening, bee keeping, irrigation and soils, and seeds and starts. The rose garden in the Boulder City Cemetery is looking lovely with regular fertilizing and dead heading by club mem-

bers. Roses were recently mapped and tagged. In January, we will be pruning the roses with the help of Maria Kaplan, Consulting Rosarian.

## Cactus & Succulent Society of Southern Nevada

Educational speakers and info on the website will be our focus for the next several months. The topics we hope to cover are irrigation, appropriate plant material, cultivation on large scales, propagation, and soils.

- October: Desert Irrigation 101; Pete Duncombe of the Springs Preserve and son John.

- November: Desert Appropriate Plant Material; Jean Cote at Mountain States Wholesale Nursery.

- December: Nopal Cactus with the University of Sonora in Hermosillo, Bob Morris, of the renowned blog, "Xtremehorticulture of the Desert."

- January: Propagation and Grafting, a "crazy smart kind a guy" named ML Robinson, UNCE Associate Professor/Area Specialist, Horticulture

- February: Soils, TBD

The Cactus and Succulent Society of Southern Nevada is not an ordinary garden club, unless you garden in the tough southwest without desert denial. We enjoy desert C&S and desert adapted life and plants. We welcome other individuals who are so inclined. We made it through Spring and Summer: HOORAY for Fall and an easy Winter.

# “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.*

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## WE'RE ON THE WEB!

<http://nevadagardenclubs.org/>

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## 2015-16 NV Garden Club Events Calendar

- October 3                      Fall Conference
- October 24                     Sunset Garden Club Plant & Yard Sale
- November 7-8                Fall Flower Show, “It’s That Time Again!”
- 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

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”

Marcus Tullius Cicero