

## SILVER STATE GARDENER



Nevada Garden Clubs members who attended the Pacific Region Garden Clubs (PRGC) Convention April 5-10, 2019 in Van Nuys, California.

L-R Back row: Kristie Livreri, Karen Elliott  
L-R Front row: Beverly Noyer, Larri Tarver

NGCI attendees not shown: Judy Stebbins,  
Nancy Lee Loesch and Art Loesch.

*Note: The PRGC Convention will be held in  
Las Vegas, Nevada, in April 2021.*

## Cactus and Succulent Society of Southern Nevada

Members enjoyed a summer potluck at Rick Holmes' house in June. Lots of good food and fellowship. Even former member Dick Askew attended, as well as several new members. We discussed the possibility of holding a Cactus Show at some point, and some possible future programs. Phil Lawton brought along a quiz on Succulents that was, shall we say, challenging for many of us! Try your hand at this sampling:



Which country has the most native cactus species?

- A. United States
- B. South Africa
- C. Bolivia
- D. Mexico

What method of propagation (starting new plants) is almost exclusive to succulent plants?

- A. Leaf cuttings
- B. Dividing with roots attached
- C. Stem cuttings
- D. Seeds

What do Opuntias (Prickly Pears) have that other cacti don't?

- A. Glochids
- B. Caudexes
- C. Areoles
- D. Cotyledons

Many succulents are named after animals. Which of the following is not a succulent plant?

- A. Ant Plant
- B. Panda Plant
- C. Cockscomb
- D. Bunny Ears

See following page for the answers

**Vicki Yuen**

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**S e e d l i n g s**



*In January of 2020 Seedlings will complete two years as a Nevada Garden Club member.*

During this last term we have enjoyed a variety of programs including:

- Everything you wanted to know about pumpkins
- The life of the Monarch Butterfly
- Edible plants of the Southwestern Desert
- Studying the book **Las Vegas Valley Gardening** by *Cecelia "Hobby" St. Denis*.

We also enjoyed being creative by creating pine cone wreaths and learned the principles of a simple design with Artistic Designer, Larri Tarver.

Membership has increased due to interesting programs and by invitation of members to join.

Our services projects included the rose pruning in the Park of the Pioneer Woman and the refurbishing of a Therapy Garden for the clients of Grace of Monaco assisted living home.

Bonnie Graney will remain as our President for the next term with Dawn Mangum as Vice-President and Linda MacDuffee as Secretary-Treasurer. Judy Stebbins installed Bonnie in a special ceremony in Pioche, Nevada while placing a wreath at the Blue Star Memorial there.

We look forward to the new term. Come join us on the 4th Tuesday at the NGCI Center at 6:30 p.m.

**Kristie Livreri** on behalf of Bonnie Graney

**"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." -Audrey Hepburn**

***Question and Answer Section***

Can anyone identify this plant?



Send your reply to:  
**silverstatenews@gmail.com**

Seriously now, if you have any gardening questions send them to the above address. An expert will be consulted for an answer and the Q & A will appear in the next edition of the SSG newsletter.

Thank you!



**The answers to the quiz on the previous page are  
D A A C  
How did you do?**

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### Dahlia "Dahlia"

✿ Ideal choice for beds, borders, and cutting gardens. Perfect for all kinds of containers. Cut flowers are long-lasting in fresh bouquets.

**Height:**  
10-12 in

**Color:**  
Multi-Color

**Spread:**  
20 in

**Hardiness Zone:**  
9-12

Dahlinova Hypnotica® are real eye catchers in landscapes or containers, and especially on your balcony or patio. The radiant colors of the very large, elegant flowers are overwhelming and will always attract attention.

This variety combines nicely with other bedding plants and they also contrast nicely against landscape shrubs, in these conditions their beauty is then even more brilliant. The Dahlinova Hypnotica® series offers you an abundance of flowers throughout the summer and autumn, from May to October.

**Characteristics of Dahlinova Hypnotica® series:** Large flowers, Vigorous plant habit, Good branching, Uniform in flowering, Flowers through summer, Abundance of flowers

**Unique facts:** Very good branching, Rain and mildew tolerant, Uniform flowering series, Short crop time

**Culture:** Only one cutting needed per gallon, Little to no PGR's required, depending on light level and temperature, Abundance of flowers, Constantly flowering during the summer

**Pot sizes:** Dahlinova Hypnotica® can be grown in pot sizes of 5 - 7,5 inches and up

**Timing:** 8-10 weeks in early spring, 7-8 weeks in late spring/summer. Longer day of 12 - 14 hours will make them bloom faster. Unpinched culture makes faster blooming, but plant habit is less vigorous, Pinch culture 1-2 weeks after potting; Pinched culture makes stronger growing varieties

Tips for making the most of your colorful Dahlinova Hypnotica®. Your garden will be flowering as never before.

**Location:** Dahlinova Hypnotica® can be grown in borders, pots and containers. Dahlinova Hypnotica® needs enough light and water, Always keep the soil moist. The strong, voluminous plants need enough space; plant the varieties about 50 cm apart.

**Care:** If you pinch the shoots of the young plants, they will branch even more and you will enjoy voluminous strong plants with even more flowers. Depending on the kind of soil Dahlinova Hypnotica needs nutrients on a regular basis. Taller Dahlinova Hypnotica's can be supported as an extra assurance against strong winds if the flowers are very large and heavy.

Let yourself be hypnotized and enjoy a brilliant season!



### Characteristics & Attributes for Dahlia 'Hypnotica Icarus'

**Exposure**

- Full Sun
- Partial Sun

**Critter Resistance**

- Deer Resistant

**Attributes**

- Cut Flower/Foliage

**Season of Interest (Flowering)**

- Summer
- Fall

**Uses**

- Containers
- Bedding Plant

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### Rose Garden Club

**W**e have had a year of good variety. We focused on Native Plants this year and had programs on various subjects related to this. We had a joint field trip with Seedlings, to Pioche, for our end-of-year installation of officers. Our (then) incoming State President Judy Stebbins performed the honors; then we visited the Blue Star Marker in Pioche's Veterans' Park. After a delicious lunch hosted by Kristie Livreri, we took in the town's Historical Museum and the Cathedral Gorge on the way home. Perfect weather – and then it poured there the next day.

Our annual rose pruning was not as well attended as last year, although the lunch on offer was yummy as usual. Our City Councilman Cedric Crear stopped by. Several members



of Nevada Garden Clubs did come back another day to finish the pruning duties.

Several new members came to us this year, many of them due to the increased efforts of the Publicity Committee to get the Garden Club name and contact information out there. They come with various backgrounds and interests. Some have experience in Flower Arranging and enter our shows. Others enjoy working with children. And our club is much the richer for their membership.

Looking forward to a new year with new leadership.

**Vicki Yuen**



### Summer Birth Month Flowers and the Meaning Behind Them

#### JUNE - ROSE

Like carnations, roses have different meanings for each color, but the family of flowers is widely known as the symbol of love. Red roses are for passionate love, while yellow roses would be the perfect gift for a friend with a June birthday. If this is your birth month flower, you're lucky—you have so many types of roses you can grow!

#### JULY - LARKSPUR

Nothing is more eye-catching in the garden than a brightly colored stalk of larkspur blooms. These flowers are associated with positivity and grace. Plant the color that best defines you: pink represents fickleness, white is for those who are happy-go-lucky, and purple is for those with a sweet disposition.

#### AUGUST - GLADIOLUS

This tall flower with delicate blooms has come to symbolize integrity and persistence, capturing its endurance through the hottest months of the year. Gladiolus are also seen as old-fashioned flowers, as they have been gracing gardens for centuries. Plant these tall spires toward the back of a border garden for dramatic height and a subtle nod to your birth month.

## SILVER STATE GARDENER Youth Committee

**Calling all Clubs!** Let's have a great youth year. In addition to focusing on the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster contest I am asking clubs to get involved with the Poetry contest. I think it will be great fun. Yeah I know, when I was a kid all the rules sucked out the joy. Forget counting syllables and rhyming. There are so many styles of poetry. This is a good way for a kid to express themselves. We all have had those special moments that we want to hang to forever. My favorite is coming down Kyle Canyon road and that spot where you can see forever and I feel God. Poetry is song lyrics, prayers, jingles, ways to teach the ABC's.

Take a short word common in the garden or nature and play with it.

### Ant

A rmies red and black marching on  
N est builders, hill dwellers, earth tillers  
T eam workers all working as one

**Aleta MacFarlane**, Nevada Garden Clubs Youth Chair and Pacific Region Poetry Contest Chair

Please email your poem [aletainlv@cox.net](mailto:aletainlv@cox.net)

Poetry Contest 2019-2020  
Encourage Creative Writing  
2019-2020 Theme: "Adventures in the Garden"  
2020-2021 Theme: "Exploring Backyard Mysteries"

Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!



### Eligibility:

Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

### Dates for Submission

Club entries must be sent to YOUR State Youth Chairman (Aleta MacFarlane); observe your State Deadline.

State Winners must be sent to Regional Chairman by February 1.

Regional Winners must be sent to National Chairman by March 1

### Contest Rules

1. All entries must be typed and titled
2. Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry
3. Sponsoring garden club and state garden club name must also be identified
4. Sponsoring garden club may be that of a grandparent
5. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
6. Poems do not have to rhyme
7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku

### Scale of Points

Title: 10%  
Content: 40%  
Creativity: 30%  
Style: 20%  
Total: 100%