The newsletter of the Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.*

2019 CALENDAR OF NGCI EVENTS
- FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL II - SEPTEMBER 25-27
- FALL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 5
- FALL FLOWER SHOW - NOVEMBER 2 - 3

It is hard to believe that the second issue of the Silver State Newsletter is here already. Everyone who contributed an article to the first issue was greatly appreciated, and we have received many compliments.

I agreed to become a co-editor of this newsletter primarily because I was asked to assist Michele with this endeavor. I have not had any experience in editing or co-editing a newsletter, however, I was aware of Michele’s skills at not only editing, but her ability to expertly digitalize the articles into an easy reading format for everyone to read and enjoy. This made my job much easier.

My second reason for agreeing to volunteer for this assignment is because Nevada Garden Clubs Inc. has given me so much knowledge, enjoyment, and wonderful friendships.

I hope each of you will think of your reasons for being a member of the Nevada Garden Clubs Inc. and either consider writing an article for the next issue or enlist someone else to write one.

Rosalind (Ros) Cline, SSG Co-editor

A request from NGCI President, Judy Stebbins

WE CARE, PLEASE SHARE

Club Presidents,
Please send any news regarding club members (or their family) they would like shared with the general membership to SilverStateNews@gmail.com

Thank you.

*Distributed Electronically to Club Presidents and Officers to share with 200+ NV Garden Club members.
Robin Pokorski, Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc., is an active member of Southern California Garden Club. She is known as a talented, inspiring leader who loves garden club people, the work they do and making them laugh! Robin joined the garden club in 1989 because she was new to the area and wanted to know what would grow. She has enjoyed gardening since she was a child growing up in Illinois; and her favorite flower is the rose, in particular, tall stately pink roses!

As National Garden Clubs, Inc. Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, she experienced first-hand, the full picture of garden clubs – the wonderful projects and inspiring programs happening all around this great country and internationally.

As a former President of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Robin loved seeing the positive impact garden clubs make in our world and our environment. She was encouraged by the interaction between garden club members and the youth, the elderly, and the disabled.

Christmas is one of Robin’s great loves; in her home she puts up more than 30 trees! When you meet her, ask her about Blue Star Memorial Markers, The Trail of Trees, and her affinity with moose! She enjoys needlework, crafts, and singing, and is still working on getting the words right for one of her favorite songs: “God Bless America”! When you hear her sing, I know you’ll be impressed.

She worked for Aetna Insurance as a computer specialist for 10 years and then owned her own bookkeeping business for 20 years. Robin and her loving husband, Greg Pokorski, also a very active garden club member, have been married for 32 years. He challenges her and keeps her smiling, and they currently reside in San Fernando, California.

Robin is proud to be associated with garden clubs; an incredible force for good that makes our world a better place.
Dear Nevada Garden Club Members,

I have been privileged to visit some of your September club meetings recently. What a great experience!

My theme is “Make a Difference Whenever, Wherever and However You Can – in your Garden Club, in your Community and in Yourself! I’m so pleased to report that many of you are already doing this.

Michele Noe and Ros Cline are the Co-Editors of the Silver State Gardener (SSG), our quarterly State newsletter, and are doing a terrific job! They accompanied me on some of my club visits to explain what the SSG is, that we need input from all the clubs and that each member is a roving reporter who can contribute. Larri Tarver, our First Vice President, also came to some of the meetings to tell more about the Fall Conference on October 5th, the State Fall Flower Show* on November 2-3, and Awards. She is a busy and most valuable lady.

Not all of the Club Presidents were able to attend my President’s meeting on August 28, but representatives from the clubs took notes and carried the Guide and helpful hints back to their President. The Guide from the National Garden Club website stresses communication and the benefits of belonging to local, State, Pacific Region, and National Garden Clubs. There’s also valuable information about being proactive about Membership – Recruitment, Retaining Members and Revitalize.

We will be distributing information to your President to email to you – my messages, Silver State Gardener, WACONIAH (Pacific Region Newsletter), and Keeping In Touch (National). Please be sure to use our websites to keep up to date on Nevada and Garden Club news – nevadagardenclubs.org (Event Dates, Meeting information, member clubs, Silver State Gardener), www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org (WACONIAH newsletter - State Presidents articles, convention information), and National site: www.gardenclub.org (free National Gardener magazine, Awards & rules, Store for shopping, National officers, Projects & Grants, Schools, Contests, etc. - username and password needed - have your President contact me for these (as they are not to be printed).

I hope to see you all at our Nevada Garden Club FALL CONFERENCE on Saturday, October 5, 2019. Each Club is entitled to their President and two delegates being able to vote but we would like each of you to attend!

The theme is Getting to Know You and we will have the Club Presidents giving us a short presentation about your club, past and present activities, exciting projects, field trips and working with youth or in the community. A poster board with photos, brochures, yearbooks, and a sample of what you study will help us know what you are about.

Our special guest will be Pacific Region Director, Robin Pokorski! You won’t want to miss her! She is the most enthusiastic Garden Club Officer I have ever known – and her energy is contagious!

*Contact Larri 702.202.0849 if you have ?? about the flower show.
Another plus for this meeting is a delicious lunch prepared by our own Kristie Livreri!

Please get your reservations in right away. Dorlene Waite, our Treasurer is waiting for them.

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Our Flower Show School II is being held September 25-27, 2019, School III is February 19-21, 2020 and School IV will be June 24-26, 2020. We hope to have some attendees graduate to be Flower Show judges in training. It’s also a great way for anyone to learn Horticulture and Floral Design as well as Flower Show Procedure. These Schools are made possible by the wishes and generosity of our beloved first President of Nevada Garden Clubs, the late Linnea Miller Domz. Thanks to Marci Brown our FSS chair.

Thanks to all the members who have been so kind to me and do so much to support Nevada Garden Clubs:

Aleta MacFarlane for an enjoyable visit to J T McWilliams Elementary School to see the cutest and most attentive kids as the Green Our Planet “Farmer” spoke to them about growing things in their school garden.

Karen Hughes and her Boulder City Club team for their active member projects in the community and interesting meeting program by Angela O’Callahan about soil.

Karen Elliott and her Desert Gardeners group for great community project and educational program with Master Gardener - even the spiders and how to tell them by their web.

Vicki Yuen and her Cactus and Succulent Society of Southern Nevada with always something new to learn at their meetings.

Michael Meagher as he took over the leadership from Fred Parvin of the Las Vegas Iris Society and as the group was so helpful to new members about growing Iris.

Nancy Bovill and her “professional” team at Sunset Garden Club are so in tune with National Garden Club goals. Especially enjoyed the program given by Richard Craft and Joyce Stork from the Glitter Gulch African Violet Growers and their amazing work with Faith Lutheran 6th graders.

Ira Sisson and friends for their obvious passion for Bonsai and plans for their great upcoming events, speakers and workshops – and the outing to make containers/pots formed from clay and then fired.

Alana Sullivan and her talented Flower Arrangers for the interesting year planned and upcoming Flower Show participation.

JoAnn Richard and Steve Schneider and their Las Vegas Valley Rose Society for staying positive through difficult summer weather and offering encouragement and information to help each other.

Karen Elliott (Publicity Chair) and Aleta MacFarlane for representing Nevada Garden Clubs at the Springs Preserve Plant Sale Saturday, 9/14 as well as Vicki Yuen and the Cactus and Succulent Society having an information table there and gathering email addresses from potential members and visitors.

Nancy Lee and Art Loesch for their tireless work in the Rose Garden in Lorenzi Park (which we are responsible for). HELP is needed from each Nevada Club for future deadheading and pruning.

Your 2019-2021 Nevada Garden Clubs President, Judy Stebbins
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This past summer the Sunset Garden Club coordinated with the Henderson Libraries* for their summer reading program entitled, “Outer Space, Alien Landscapes”.

The library supplied the craft items and the Sunset Garden Club provided the rocks, soil and succulent plants. Our members explained to the children how to plant the succulents, and we provided typed instructions so they could care for the plants. The kids conjured up different designs and ideas for their projects, and each library was well attended. All the parents said their kids had a terrific time. This effort will bring our garden club and the elementary students together in the future to provide an enriching, fun, educational and love of gardening effort.

Dahl M. Capello, VP, Sunset Garden Club

* Gibson, Green Valley and Paseo Verde

On your next visit to the Nevada Garden Club Center pick up a trifold brochure for information about the 11 clubs in our organization. Time and place of meetings are included.
As co-editor of our Silver State newsletter, I feel obligated to write an article because I am asking everyone else within the gardening clubs to do the same. I am not an accomplished writer, so hopefully, my article will inspire some of you to contribute an article also.

My cactus garden was inspired primarily because my front garden beds face the hot west sun, in which nothing seemed to grow for very long periods. I then went to Bob Middag’s open house twice which was my secondary inspiration. For those of you who have not been, his cactus garden is enormous and he has a wealth of information and tips to be successful at growing, propagating, and enjoying the process of cactus gardening.

The next step was maintaining the cactus, and the person who has helped me with that has been Christie Karicofe. On her occasional visits to my home for gardening club business, she has inspected my cactus and has given me lots of handy hints in regards to types of containers, the importance of drainage, etc.

As you can all see by the photos, I do not have beautiful blooming cactus. However, I enjoy tending to them and propagating them, and they certainly look better than a bare garden bed. My goal is to eventually see some blooms. If that happens, I will be sure to write another article and post some photos.

Rosalind Cline

Do you have a Cactus in the Car Garden?