WAYS TO POT YOUR IRIS
Tips from Las Vegas Iris Society Member Aleta MacFarlane

In large pots in a venue setting:
- Hand watered, be careful to not wet the leaves.
- Make sure pots can drain.
- Iris don’t like wet feet.

Try potting with colorful companion plants with drip irrigation. Perfect for patio gardens.

Place newly divided rhizomes in one or two gallon pots. While viable, this is a nice way to share or hold till you have a new area prepared.
The Las Vegas Valley Rose Society is pleased to announce the President of the American Rose Society, Bob Martin, will be the featured speaker at their October meeting. In addition to his rose talents, Bob is a hybridizer and has patented several roses, including “Butter Cream”, “Peter Cottontail”, and “Pasadena Star”. He will be speaking on hybridizing. The meeting will be held on October 10th at 2:00 PM at the Nevada Garden Club Center. All Nevada Garden Clubs members and their guests are invited to join.

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY
Bob Martin has been growing roses for over 45 years and maintains a rose garden of more than 500 roses of all types. He is well known as a humorous and effective speaker, having spoken at national and district conventions and more than 250 times at rose societies and garden clubs. A prolific writer, Bob has authored more than 600 published articles on roses.

Las Vegas Bonsai Society

First Friday Event
November 1st, 5:00 – 11:00 PM
917 S 1st Street, Las Vegas

A Bonsai exhibit and demonstration in collaboration with S A R A P! and Janel Raihl Art

Viva Las Bonsai
Saturday, November 9th
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Nevada Garden Club Center, Lorenzi Park

A Bonsai exhibit and demonstration featuring Jan Culek, Bonsai professional from the Czech Republic.
**Rose Garden Club**

At the time of writing, the Rose Garden Club had not yet had its first meeting of the new club year. However, that doesn’t mean that the officers were taking the summer off! Newly elected President Vicki and VP Amy worked diligently to get the Yearbook updated and ready for the upcoming year. Roberta, who doesn’t even live in Las Vegas now (though she does visit from time to time) got the changes put into the new book and had it printed and shipped so that members can get started with it at the first meeting.

We look forward to our traditional assortment of interesting presentations, fun hands-on projects, and delicious lunch. We continue to work with the (evolving) kids’ programs that Aleta spearheads. We have had field trips to Pioche, to Kristie’s childhood home and the Blue Star Marker there, from time to time. And we are planning a delightful party to celebrate our 70th anniversary as a club, and invite all Nevada Garden Club members to join us! Look for details about this event on December 19.

We are taking a slightly different approach to our arranging this year. President Alana has chosen to focus on edible plant families – so our designs will use plant material from one family or another that includes edible plants. This will make them not only the particular type of design selected but also a “mono-botanical” design.

You would be amazed at what you can do with edible plants and their relatives, in a design. Although a restriction like this might sound difficult or confining, you might find that having one aspect of the arrangement already partially decided for you frees you to focus on other features of your design.

At our first meeting, we also discussed the upcoming Fall Flower Show on November 2-3 (be sure to bring an entry or two!), and the ongoing Flower Show School. We also considered a project with the Derfelt Center – presenting a flower arranging class for the seniors, in February.

If you have an interest in flower arranging, we would love to have you attend one of our meetings.

2nd Thursday of each month 9:30 AM
Nevada Garden Club Center
Summer is over, we wish the weather would remember Fall is here!

Desert Gardeners ended last year with our traditional potluck where we tied up loose ends. One of our members volunteered to check on the Serenity Garden we finished at Westcare in November 2018. Another member volunteered to weed the roses at the Garden of the Pioneer Woman.

Another member is going to work with Derfelt Senior Center’s Sherry Alexander on a summer reading program for children.

Desert Gardeners may go dark for the summer but we certainly don’t forget about our gardening programs!

I checked on the Serenity Garden at Westcare; you can see for yourself how well it’s growing. We obviously planted the right plants. We keep checking and assisting Westcare however we can!

We’re working to start our pre-K gardening program at Acelero Headstart school here in Lorenzi Park. We ended the program last June with Aleta MacFarlane handing out certificates to all the children. We have community projects in the works but have not progressed far enough for details. They’ll be coming.

Karen Elliott, President
Desert Gardeners

Cactus and Succulent Society of Southern Nevada

Our club continues to attract interesting speakers from around the Southwest. In August, we listened to Jan Emming tell us about agaves and other plants he had seen in South America. In September, Vicki Yuen explained the ins and outs of Haworthias. October will bring us Ron Parker, who will discuss his new book on an interesting aspect of desert plants – come visit us and find out!

We also took part in the Springs Preserve plant sale on September 14. One objective of this is to raise our profile a bit – it’s surprising how many people stop by our booth and tell us they had no idea there was a Cactus Society in Las Vegas. So we gladly offer them a plant or a magazine, and collect their email address in order to notify them of our upcoming events. In addition, we often give answers (or educated guesses) when people come by with questions about identifying or growing cactus and succulents.

Meet: 1st Thursday of each month - 7:00 PM
**Fall Birth Month Flowers and the Meaning Behind Them**

**SEPTEMBER - ASTER**
*Planting asters in your garden will make for a colorful show of flowers around your birthday. These fall bloomers represent daintiness and patience, fitting for a fall flower that's worth the wait. Asters are an easy addition to any fall container garden.*

**OCTOBER - MARIGOLD**
*Marigolds symbolize passion and creativity. These low-growing annuals come in hues of gold, orange, and red that mimic the changing leaves in fall. Enjoy your birth flower all autumn long—they're extra hardy!*

**NOVEMBER - CHRYSANTHEMUM**
*These stunning flowers are a no-brainer for the end of fall. They symbolize friendship and longevity. While they are often grown as annuals, they are actually perennials—cover them with mulch in the garden for protection and they should return the following year.*

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**IT'S FALL Y'ALL**

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**Halloween**
Thursday, October 31

**Veterans Day**
Monday, November 11

**Thanksgiving**
Thursday, November 28
Look for the official “garden tool” in this issue. The first person to respond correctly in an email to the editors indicating its location will receive a Finder's Award in the next edition of the SSG.

Winner of the June Finder's Award:
Aleta MacFarlane
Location of the "official" garden tool, page 3, lower right corner

Feel free to share the newsletter with family and friends.

Picture featured in the June 30th newsletter (page 10) with the caption "Can anyone identify this plant"? The clever and funny reply the editors received (and the only one) was "Dogwood" from Vicki Yuen. Thanks Vicki!