



Sandoval County Master Gardener Newsletter

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Greetings Master Gardeners!

We are starting the 2014 fiscal and volunteer year with our new Agriculture Agent Lynda Garvin. If you did not attend the September 28th Annual Meeting on September 28th, we now have 22 newly certified Master Gardeners.

Please meet and welcome Lynda Garvin, and our Class of 2013 SCMG graduates.

At the Annual Meeting, we honored the Life Membership achievements of Master Gardeners Darlene Bassett and Connie Walsh. Be sure to read their stories and philosophies on life and gardening in this issue. Their dedication to the Master Gardener organization is inspiring.

The September 28th Annual Meeting date turned out to be a beautiful early autumn

day in Corrales. There were times we had to share Main Street and the Hendren Hall parking lot with the Harvest Festival parade vehicles and pedestrians, but all made it to the meeting okay. The local festivities just added to our occasion. Thanks to Chris Buhl and Rex Franklin, Donna and Tari did not have to share the kitchen with the local Firemen who make burritos for the yearly church fund raising. Maybe next year we can just eat burritos instead of doing the Potluck.

Julia Runyan and her Annual Meeting Committee did a fine job of organizing the annual meeting event. The raffle prizes were numerous and well appreciated.

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers and Board Members: Gretchen Neiman (2011). Assistant Coordinator; Mickey Fra-

zier -Koontz (2013), Secretary; Keith Lewis (2013), two-year Member at Large; Rex Franklin (2011), one-year Member at Large. As you guessed, I was elected to a second term as the Coordinator, since I am writing this blurb.

I look forward to serving Sandoval County Master Gardeners as the Coordinator for another year, and working with both the new and current board members.

Sandy Liakus,
SCMG Coordinator

Welcome Lynda!

Greetings Master Gardeners,



First I'd like to thank all of you for your contributions of time, talent, and spirit to your communities and the extension service as Master Gardeners.

Extension would be severely limited in its outreach and effectiveness without you. Bravo and keep up your excellent work.

I am thrilled to be the new agriculture/horticulture agent in Sandoval County. The diversity of Sandoval County in its culture, history, heritage, and geography is one of the main reasons I accepted the position.

Having worked in agriculture, food security, and livelihoods in Africa, the Caribbean, and South Pacific over the last 27 years, I needed to live in a place that wasn't cookie-cutter suburbia and appealed to my sense of adventure.

I was raised in the burbs of Dayton, Ohio and escaped as soon as I was old enough to do so.

The only positive aspects were the beautiful deciduous forests and wildflowers.

In college I studied botany and geology, working many co-operative education jobs as a field botanist. That was a long while back, but I still love learning the native plants and birds wherever I live.

To feed my desire to travel to exotic places and to serve the poor I joined the Peace Corps in 1985 and served 2 years as a community forestry volunteer in Burkina Faso West Africa and another 2 years as an Environmental Education volunteer in Jamaica.

I then went on to earn my Master's degree in Crop Protection from Colorado State University. I went back to Africa and worked managing agriculture and food security projects in Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Liberia.

Somewhere between Mozambique and Liberia I lived in Tampa, Florida first working for the extension service as the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods agent and transitioned to the Florida Department of Agriculture's Office of Agricultural Water Policy managing grants and cost share projects aimed at improving water quality and irrigation efficiencies.

I am an avid birder, hiker, gardener, native plant enthusiast, and scuba diver. I am always eager to go on a birding or plant walk and looking for fellow birders to share adventures. Give me a call.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and working closely with you. You are quite an impressive bunch.

Be well,

Lynda





ROSE NOTES
FROM MARYELLEN SHERMAN, MG

Hello Master Gardeners,

And more rain, Wow! I've lived in Rio Rancho for four years and for three of those years we didn't get any rain. This has been wonderful.

I haven't had our irrigation system on for at least two weeks, but when the rains do stop coming, one should water only once a week. You just want to keep the soil from drying out completely.

In November water every other week and in December and January water once a month.

My roses are beautiful this time of the year and it's really difficult not to deadhead but we must stop. The plant will complete its natural cycle and enter dormancy until next spring. Some roses will produce rose hips during this process. Leave the hips on to feed the birds

during the winter.

Near the end of the month is a good time to transplant roses to a more favorable spot. Move roses from pots to the ground and also the planting of bare root roses can be done.

Winter protection of the crowns will only be needed for your tender varieties if you have a cold micro climate in your yard. Tie up climbers and cut off very long canes on your other roses so the winter winds won't break them off.

If you have any questions, please send me an email using the SCMG roster

for my email address or phone number.



2013 SCMG Life Member Darlene Bassett

HOMEscape Solutions is the perfect destination for my life as a master gardener."

Bio

In 1998 when I began master gardening training I didn't know what deciduous meant. Fast forward 15 years: hundreds of plant choices; planting plans; books read; classes taken; xeric landscaping classes taught, I found my master gardening home with the HOMEscape Solutions team co-creators Cathryne Richards and Denise Davis and team leaders Suzanne Maxwell, Charlene Spiegel, and Sue Trevor.

I fell in love with the possibility that my garden could be an outdoor home. I knew how to make a home, why couldn't I, *why shouldn't I* employ the same instincts in my garden?

The Visionary Gardener!



Sandoval County

2013 SCMG Life Member Connie Walsh

Fifteen Years and Still Smiling!



“It has been an honor and privilege to volunteer with the Sandoval County Master Gardeners.”

Bio

Never be late to a Board meeting because you just might be elected to a challenging job. That is what happened to me in 2007. Chris Behl and I got appointed to organize the 2008 Training Class with Rudy Benevidez.

My adventures in gardening have included SCMG Board positions, Histo-

rian, Plant Clinics, Bernalillo Grower’s Market, Gardening with the Masters, Senior Gardening Series, Water Wise Demonstration Garden, Rio Rancho Tree Inventory, and the founder of Rio Rancho Tree Stewards.

It is never too late to learn something new!



Thank You Sandoval County Master Gardeners-Corrales Garden Tour

I am an Albuquerque Area Master Gardener and the new Chairperson for the Corrales Garden Tour. I met many of you when I was on the Xeriscape Council of NM and in charge of volunteers.

I wanted to thank the Sandoval County Master Gardeners for their participation in making the tour a great success. In 2013 we had record attendance and sold over 1000 tickets. The feedback we received from visitors was very gratifying for all of us who worked very hard to make it a success.

The garden tour will be in its fifth year in 2014. It started as a way to raise money for a landscaping project in Corrales, to bring people into the village and introduce them to its restaurants, grower's market, wineries and shops, and to show them the diversity of wonderful gardens that we have in Corrales. It has grown into a wonderful event, welcoming over 1000 visitors, most from outside our small village, to enjoy a wonderful day in beautiful gardens, talking with others who enjoy gardens and gardening.

The Sandoval County Master Gardeners have made a great contribution to the tour. Each year, volunteers visit their assigned garden, talk with garden owners and then answer questions during the tour. This year at the suggestion of MG Volunteers, they also joined the committee on the Saturday pre-tour so that they could be sure to visit all the gardens.

Three master gardeners coordinated the volunteers this year: Nancy Rutland, Cathy Elliot and Jaime Gardner. They provided on the volunteers' behalf great, thoughtful feedback, and we will continue to strive to improve the visitor and volunteer experience. As Master Gardeners, our key mission is to assist the Extension Service in educating the public and answering gardening questions.

The Corrales Garden Tour provides a wonderful opportunity for us to interact with a large number of visitors who are interested in gardening and motivated to learn. We hope that it provides a rich, productive volunteer experience for all of you who volunteer.

In addition to volunteering to work the day of the tour, we would like to encourage Master Gardeners to suggest gardens that might be appropriate to be on the tour. Corrales is a small community. We have some wonderful gardens, but they aren't always easy to find. We try to display the diversity of gardens that you find in Corrales from those along the Bosque to those of the Sandhills. Even in this relatively small area, growing conditions vary dramatically. Gardens near the Bosque have access to water from the Rio Grande, clay soil and towering Cottonwoods. In contrast, the west side of Corrales known as the Sandhills is dry and sandy with lots of rabbits and scrubby native plants. If you have suggestions for gardens that you would like to see on the tour, please contact a committee member.

Committee members are: Jill Bolton, Debbie Dapson, Linda Fahey, Mimi Glover, Sandi Hoover, Barbara Kline, Ann Kostrzewa, Bonnie Lake, Cheryl Mitchell, Nancy Renner, Jae Riebe, Pat Obrey, and Ann Taylor.

The Corrales Garden Tour Committee in partnership with Main Street depends on many volunteers to make the event successful. In addition to the Master Gardeners, we have Charming People who greet visitors, take tickets and provide general information, Traffic Directors to aid the flow of traffic and parking, and this year even Artists who practiced their art forms in the gardens.

Thank you again for your contribution and support!

Cheryl Mitchell –Albuquerque Area Master Gardener
-Chairperson Corrales Garden Tour
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Congratulations Sandoval County
Master Gardener
Class of 2013!



Jan Atha
JoAnn Beuerle
Shannon Eubanks Blake
Mike Bornfield
Nancy Bresenham
Judith Carter
Karen Dhanens
Becky Dell
Mickie Frazier-Koontz
Heidi Hamlow
Nancy Kenney

Nancy Kirkwood
Carey Lee
Keith Lewis
Harry Linneman
Patricia Moore
David Pojmann
Don Rush
Richard Taylor
Mary Vesely
Dudley Vines
Benjamin Wakashige
Thomas Wilson

