



# Sandoval County Master Gardener Newsletter



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## October 2014

### COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Happy Autumn Master Gardeners! Welcome to the Class of 2014, our newest master gardeners. I hope that you have a long and wonderful experience with this great organization.

I appreciate your support and it is my pleasure to serve as coordinator of the SCMGs. Each of us owes a special thanks to Sandy Liakus for her tireless work as coordinator for the last two years. We need to thank members of the board who are going off this year for their time and hard work – including Sue Trevor, outgoing Treasurer, and Members-at-Large Pat Barger, John Zarola and Rex Franklin.

Those attending the annual meeting know that we owe many thanks to those who put on such a wonderful party: Donna Popp, our extraordinary Refreshment Committee Chair who goes out of her way time and again to make certain our events are great and her team members Tari Thornton, Judy Carter, and Mickie Frazier-Koontz; and Julia Runyon and her committee members Charlene Spiegel, Babs Langner, Jaime Gardner, Ginger Golden, and Mike Maurer for all of their efforts to ensure we had a great party.

I look forward to working with our Extension Agent Lynda Garvin. She is devel-

oping a new series of classes that I think you will find exciting and innovative. In addition we are organizing advanced classes covering a range of topics so you should find something to interest you.

Please watch for a survey that I will be sending out this month. I want your ideas about ways we might improve our organization. This organization belongs to us all and your opinion is vital.

Please keep Master Gardener Rex Franklin in your prayers, he is still in the hospital.

Sam

### FROM LYNDA'S DESK

Congratulations to the Graduating Master Gardener Class of 2014 and thanks to everyone for making the graduation and Annual Meeting a huge success on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the new Board Members and those who continue to serve. I appreciate your commitment of time, resources, and skills.

*"Many people are good at talking about what they are doing, but in fact do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they are the ones who make community live."* Jean Vanier. Master Gardeners are the epitome of the latter.

Project leaders please have a brief summary into me by October 17 telling me what

you did, who you served and how many (demographics please), and what good things happened as a result of your efforts. Refer to my email sent 9.25 that included a report form and PowerPoint tips on reporting. Don't be shy, toot your horn, no one else will.

Happy autumn!  
Lynda

## Master gardener tells how to welcome wildlife to landscape

Pat Barger, SCMG

It's my belief that a wildlife-rich garden provides a far greater source of interest, relaxation and pleasure than one from which nature has been virtually banished by pesticides and herbicides.

When my family moved from the "low desert" of Palm Desert, Calif., to the "high desert" of Rio Rancho, we knew we would be making some adjustments as we were going from 30 feet below sea level to 5,282 feet above sea level.

However, we did not anticipate the adjustments that would be necessary to build a successful garden in this climate. However, our most rewarding adjustment was learning to co-exist with the wildlife that we would encounter in our Cabelon neighborhood.

Our initial impression of our property was a barren, sterile, scraped-clean lot with a great view of the Rio Grande Valley below.

Upon closer inspection, we could see field mice scurrying into holes along the bottom of the block wall, beetles burying into the sand, ants scurrying into their perfectly formed hills, rabbits hopping down the street, quail walking along the top of the block wall and coyote tracks and scat in the dirt.

It would be my challenge to create an environment that would allow me to garden, then to thrive, and one which would attract other native creatures such as butterflies, birds, bees, ladybugs, praying mantises, hawks, lizards, shrews, toads, squirrels and chipmunks.

### To share or not to share

We're all animal lovers, right? So what's so difficult about sharing our backyard bounties with our fellow earth travelers? For gardeners, that's easier said than done. Even the most humane among us can get cranky when the kale becomes a midnight bunny snack and the sunflowers lose their heads to a feasting rodent before the first bloom.

I have a New Mexico shrew living in my large raised bed that I have named Katy (for Katherine in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew") and a New Mexico spade foot toad I call Sammy (for the fictional detective Sam Spade) and his girlfriend Effie (for Sam Spade's loyal secretary) living in my smaller raised bed.

These carnivorous creatures eat a large array of insects, spiders and beetles. I am positive that they munched on the roots of my asparagus plants and devoured my potatoes, beets and carrots.

The theme here is that Katy, Sammy and Effie do a great job of insect control and the tradeoff is that I no longer plant root vegetables in anticipation of serving them to my human family.

Because I have these creatures (some of which are protected by law) that I have encouraged to reside in my garden, I have made adjustments in how I garden.

I work around the entrance and exit holes to Katy's burrow each spring when I am planning the layout for my garden and I make sure that Sammy and Effie have a moist, undisturbed environment in which to burrow and hibernate between monsoons.



## Master gardener tells how to welcome wildlife to landscape (continued)

I also make sure that when the monsoons come and the creatures travel about the yard at night making their characteristic mating call, that they are safe from my tenacious Cairn Terrier.

### 4 basic needs of wildlife

The four basic needs of your wildlife visitors are food, water, cover and nesting. I kept these needs in mind as I planned my backyard wildlife habitat and whenever I added to or made changes to my garden.

I have a water fountain and two birdbaths placed in shady areas (one on a stand and one on the ground) for the various birds and butterflies that visit. I have always had swallow-tail butterflies coming to eat, and lay their caterpillars on the dill I plant for them in my herb garden.

This year, in addition to the multi-colored species, I have finally seen a black swallowtail!

I plant sunflowers for the finches that entertain me by eating upside-down and provide bee boxes to shelter the struggling bee population. To encourage lizards and rabbits to live in my yard, I have built a brush pile in one corner of the yard to provide safe shelter for them. I have planted trees to encourage nesting and hung bird houses. My bird feeders are always full and I plant a wide variety of flowers and bushes that attract hummingbirds, bees and other pollinating insects.

### Changing landscape

In the seven years we have lived in Rio Rancho, we have seen the open space around us disappear.

We no longer have coyotes running down the street, as they have moved up higher on the mesa. We do not see as many rabbits, quail, chipmunks and squirrels as we once did.

I blame this on the domestic cats that are allowed to roam the neighborhood. But I still leave corn out for the few that occasionally visit.

### Reality of wildlife

Because I attract a wide variety of birds, I must be realistic that I provide an easy meal for the Cooper's hawk that has been visiting my backyard since we moved in.

One day I even witnessed him pluck his dinner off the water fountain while we were sitting at the dinner table. Talk about an unwanted dinner guest.

At first, this was disturbing, but I have found that the simpler and more rewarding strategy is to embrace coexistence. Why would I want to chase such beauty from my garden?

Every time I see a new bird, ladybug, praying mantis, lizard, butterfly, bee, rodent or amphibian, I am inspired to create a habitat for even more species. It is my privilege that wildlife call my garden home. There is no definitive guide to all the wildlife likely to occur in your garden, which may support as many as 2,000 species, most of them invertebrates.

Instead, I suggest focusing on a relatively small number of "creatures" that are both distinctive and desirable.

It is not logical, or even possible, to exclude all the species that most gardeners would find undesirable, such as tomato horn worms, squash bugs, slugs and snails. These critters may seem undesirable, but there is no escaping them.

On the plus side, they provide food for animals and birds which we enjoy seeing. They also play a valuable part in breaking down dead and decaying vegetation.

It has always been my aspiration to have my yard recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a certified wildlife habitat. I attained this goal three years ago and strive every day to contribute to local flora and fauna conservation.

Enjoy your garden and remember to work with nature to create a garden that is beautiful and full of life.

*This article reprinted in part from a previously published article in the Rio Rancho Observer <http://www.rrobserver.com/>*

## **GARDENING WITH THE MASTERS**

### **Public Lecture Series at Meadowlark Sr. Center**

**Oct. 7 : Selecting & Growing Xeric plants - Margo Murdock**

**Nov. 4 : Raised Bed Gardening and Shading - Loren Meinz**

*Inclusion for special needs populations is standard for all Senior Service Programs. If special accommodations are required please contact the staff upon registration.*

Meadow Lark Senior Center  
505-891-5018  
4330 Meadowlark Lane SE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

## **START COLLECTING 2015 VOLUNTEER HOURS NOW**

**Water Wise Garden Trail Completion Work Days: October 1st and 2nd 8:30am to 11 am. Questions? Contact Connie Walsh.**

## **2015 HOTLINE HOURS AVAILABLE NOW**

**Hotline closes October 17th. Hours volunteered in October count as volunteer hours for 2015. Get a jump start on next year and do a Casita Hotline Shift! Call Elizabeth at the office (867-2582) and reserve your time slot.**

## **MASTER GARDENER TREE STEWARDS**

**Rio Rancho Tree Stewards are looking for Master Gardeners who are Tree Stewards to lend a hand in reorganizing our training classes. We are meeting October 7th at 3pm in the Parks Dept. Suite 100 Rio Rancho City Hall. Questions? Contact Connie Walsh.**

## 2014 SCMG Annual Meeting

### Staff

The SCMG Annual Meeting was held on September 20 for the purpose of electing officers for the upcoming year, and for conducting the graduation ceremony for interns completing their training during the current year.

The newly certified Sandoval County Master Gardeners from the class of 2014 are pictured below:



Standing, L-R: Mike Stoy, Carol Dimeff, Carol Madden, Bill Dineen, Deborah Goss, Ginger Golden, John Millard, Charlene Spiegel, Linda Shaughnessy, Nancy Lanzilla, Carol Groppe, Joan Roschevitz, Christine Tade, Russell Husted, Beverly Parzyck, Annette Glore, Patricia Mehlhop, Sandy Stoy.

Seated, L-R: Sandra Liakus, 2014 SCMG Coordinator; Lynda Garvin, County Extension Agent; Gretchen Neiman, 2014 Assistant SCMG Coordinator.

Not shown: Janet Blair, Lorraine Garvey, Sandra Farley, Pat Gillett, Buck Glen, James Harding, Cynthia Harper, Mariam Joseph, Roxanne Kopacka, Janet Longhurst, Judy Mascarenas, and Cindy Ramotnik.



The potluck buffet offered bountiful amounts of culinary delights.

## 2014 SCMG Annual Meeting

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Sandy Liakus introduces the newly-elected SCMG officers for 2015. From left to right: Sandy Liakus, outgoing SCMG Coordinator; Sam Thompson, 2015 Coordinator; Gretchen Neiman, 2015 Assistant Coordinator; Nancy Bresenham, 2015 Board Member-at-Large; JoAnn Beuerle, 2015 Board Member-at-Large; Mary Vesely, 2015 Treasurer; and Julia Runyan, 2015 Board Member-at-Large.

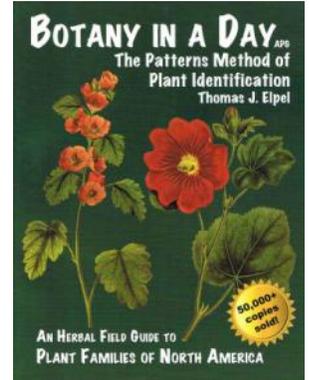


The dessert table was replete with homemade temptations.

## Plant Identification

### Dudley Vines, SCMG

In the last few issues, we have been discussing plant identification using characteristics that are unique to a specific plant family. If we learn what to look for in common plant families, we can avoid the tedium of working our way through a formal dichotomous key in a reference book (see the book review in the June issue). Plant identification articles in July, August, September, and this October edition have been drawn from *Botany in a Day (The Patterns Method of Plant Identification)*, by Thomas J. Elpel, 6th Edition, HOPS Press, 2013.



In July, we started off deciding first whether a plant was a **monocot or a dicot** to narrow our search down. Then, if it was a dicot we looked for a compound flower head to decide whether our plant was in the **Aster family** or not.

In August, if it wasn't an Aster family member, we checked Mint and Mustard family characteristics: the **Mint family** has square stems and opposite leaves that are usually aromatic, and the flower of **Mustard family** members has 4 petals with 6 stamens - 4 tall and two short.

In September, we pointed out that the **Pea family** has irregular flowers with distinctive *banner, wings, and keel* petals. Also in September, we said the **Parsley family** has compound umbrels.

So what other unique characteristics can we use to identify other plant families? Let's finish this plant identification series with a look at a couple of monocot families.

Most showy monocot flowers with parts in threes belong to the **Lily family** or one of its allies. You might think lilies have six petals, but you would be wrong: the sepals and the petals are usually identical in this family. There are 3 petals, 3 sepals, a 3-part stigma indicating 3 carpels in the ovary, and 6 stamens (see photo).

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The **Grass family**, also monocots, have hollow flower stems with knee-like nodes or joints where the leaves are found. Grass flowers are usually not much to look at, but in general you know what the grass family looks like because you see it in lawns and weeds all the time.

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## A TRIP TO MAINE

Dudley Vines, SCMG

In July we visited our son's family in Maine. We like to visit his in-laws about a quarter mile down a dirt road. Delton and Becky Curtis have 68 acres and more or less live off their land. They raise chickens and turkeys, and sometimes a pig. Delton hunts deer and fishes in his 6 large ponds. And they grow vegetables which they can or freeze. Delton grafts 5000 fruit trees each spring for a local nursery, and teaches grafting classes. Here are a few photos you might enjoy.

One of five ponds on the Curtis property. Lupens, like those in the foreground, grow wild all along the dirt roads.

*All photos by Dudley Vines*



We found Becky working in the garden. It's big, and looks like a lot of work to me. But the Curtises grow most of their own food.



The beautiful landscaping seems to take care of itself, with the exception of Delton mowing the grass with a big riding mower.

## A TRIP TO MAINE

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We went to the village of Brooks for a 4th of July celebration. Other than a four-way stop with a flashing light, there are no traffic signals in Brooks. Following the parade, which featured every fire truck from nearby counties, the village had a fund raiser at the park. Because the price of pigs was up due to a porcine virus across the US, the greased pig chase was replaced with a chicken scramble for the kids. At the Brooks parade, you better remove your hat when the VFW passes with the flag, or the Women's Auxiliary is going to talk to you right there in front of everyone.



The event at the park featured "Homestead & Farm Skills" demonstrations, under canopies due to a little rain - which is another difference between New Mexico and Maine! Here are the scheduled demonstrations:

Homestead & Farm  
 \* \* Skills \* \*  
 \* \* TENT 1 \* \*  
 11:00 - Skirt, Wash & Card  
 Wool  
 - Meredith Toumayan  
 12:00 Yarn Making with a Spindle  
 - Meredith Toumayan  
 1:00 Avoiding Cancer and Cancer's return  
 - Joan Willey  
 2:00 Working Horses & Oxen - Learn and  
 Share at a teamsters Round table  
 Ed Hamel, Loran Erickson, Don Nickerson, Jen Rie  
 & Bennet Verbeck  
 3:00 Traditional Rug Braiding  
 Kris Beorne  
 4:00 Come hand churn Ice Cream  
 Sarah Vatter

HOMESTEAD & FARM  
 \* \* SKILLS \* \*  
 \* \* TENT 2 \* \*  
 11:00 John Bunker  
 FEDCO founder & fruit growing guru  
 12:00 Backyard Pigs  
 - Rose Rapp  
 1:00 chickens for the home  
 - Rose Rapp  
 2:00 felt your Wool  
 - Rose Whitehead  
 3:00 Indian Corn to Cornbread  
 - Bob Klein & Kim Jacobs  
 4:00 Homestead Resiliency and  
 Adaptation with Climate issues  
 - Peter Baldwin

HOMESTEAD & FARM  
 \* \* SKILLS \* \*  
 \* \* TENT 3 \* \*  
 11:00 How to Milk a Cow or Goat  
 - Carrie Whitcomb Mike Switzer  
 12:00 Learn to Make Butter  
 - Roxy Hall  
 1:00 Traditional Haymaking & Scything  
 - Lap Gilliam  
 2:00 Wine making from the stuff  
 Around you  
 - Betsy Garold  
 3:00 Introduction to Timber Framing  
 - Bud Menard  
 4:00 Beekeeping  
 Sophia Lindsay

## Lily's Adventures in Tomatoland

By Sandy Loam

It was late afternoon, almost dusk really, and Lily was in her garden checking her vegetables and looking for any weeds that might have popped up. As she moved from plant to plant, Lily liked to feel the leaves and examine them to make sure the plants were healthy and pest-free.

"My," she thought. "I put these tomatoes too darn close together! I can't quite reach those in back." She gently spread apart the tomatoes in front to try to check those in the back row. "Oh!" she cried, spotting what appeared to be some well-chewed leaves. But try as she might, she couldn't quite reach the area she wanted to see.

Lily went to the shed and got her little step ladder. It only had two steps, but it might let her reach over the front row. She opened the ladder and placed it in front of the tomatoes. She went up both steps, but she still couldn't quite reach where she wanted. She knew she wasn't supposed to, but she stepped up onto the top of the ladder anyway. She wobbled a little, standing with both feet on the little platform at the top of the ladder, but quickly gained her balance. "Ah!" she thought. "That's better!" She could see the back row pretty well now. She leaned over and reached for the chewed leaves, and the back legs of the ladder sank into the soil, the ladder tipped, and suddenly Lily was falling.

And falling. And falling. After a long while, the surprise of falling sort of wore off, and Lily wondered why she hadn't hit the ground yet. "Well, this is strange," she thought. And she wondered why she was falling what seemed to be an awfully long way from such a short step ladder.

Finally, plunk! She landed gently on the ground. She thought that was odd, too – that she had fallen so far and yet touched down so softly. Lily picked herself up and looked around. She saw only tree trunks. No, wait. Not tree trunks, but the fuzzy stems of her tomato plants, as big as tree trunks, reaching up and up, bushing out into a canopy far above her, almost blocking out the sky. She was thinking, "Well, now that's weird. I fell, and I seem to be very tiny, and yet I really don't seem to be as upset as I would expect."

And not being as upset as she would expect, Lily calmly decided that if she found her way out of the garden, things would get back to normal. So she set out walking. She rounded a corner and was startled to see a huge tomato hornworm, bigger than she was. "Oh, my," she cried.

Hearing this, the hornworm turned and looked at Lily. "Who are you?" it asked.

"Why, I'm Lily. This is my garden," she replied.

"Your garden?" the great green caterpillar mused. "How did you get here?"

"Well, you see, I was looking at my tomato plants and I thought I saw some leaves that had been chewed," Lily said. "And I reached over to see better and the next thing I knew I was falling and I landed here, and now I don't know why, but I'm tiny. Wait! I'll bet it is you who has been chewing my tomatoes!"

"Now just one moment!" bellowed the hornworm, growing agitated. "These are *my* tomatoes! What right do you have to call them your own?"

"Why, I planted them, and watered them, and pulled weeds, and took care of them all this time," sputtered Lily. "This is *my* garden. How can you possibly have any claim to them?"

"How can I claim them?" he roared. "How can I claim them? My mother gave me these tomatoes. I have lived here my entire life."

"*Your mother gave them to you?* That's just silly," laughed Lily.

## Lily's Adventures in Tomatoland

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"My mother was a great hummingbird moth, I'll have you know," said the giant worm. "She came here to lay her eggs, and she claimed these tomato plants for her children."

"Well, let me tell you something," Lily said, hands on hips. "These are *my* tomatoes, and I squish worms like you all the time!"

"You squish worms like me?" growled the hornworm, standing up tall, towering over Lily. "Why, you're not big enough to squish anything! We'll see who squishes whom!" And he started toward her.

Lily turned and took off as fast as she could, marveling at the worm's excellent grammar. Then, wham! She ran smack into a huge tomato stem and fell over backward, out cold.

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Slowly, Lily became aware of birds singing. She felt a cool breeze on her face. She opened her eyes. It was twilight. She was sitting at her patio table. "I must have dozed off," she thought, pulling herself up straight. She shook her head and rubbed her eyes. "Wow! What a strange dream!" And Lily decided right then and there that she would never again have more than one glass of white wine before dinner.

- - With apologies to Lewis Carroll and "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".



Photos by Dudley Vines. Don't you take photos of all the weeds and bugs in your garden?

Bruce, the inspiration for this story. Bruce was actually a tobacco hornworm, which looks a lot like a tomato hornworm (Google it!) and also eats tomato plants. This is the last known photo of Bruce, who disappeared shortly after it was taken.

PS - Hornworms are not worms at all, but are caterpillars, the larval stage of butterflies and moths. Worms are worms their entire life, but caterpillars pupate and turn into adult insects like their parents.

PPS - The horn is on Bruce's rear end. His head is shown in the photo below:



## Fundraising News

Gretchen Neiman, SCMG, Fundraising Committee Chair

### NOTICE!! CHANGE OF DATE FOR CAN COLLECTION

Our schedule date for aluminum can collection has been overcome by circumstances beyond our control. **Please note the new date:** We will have members of the Fundraising Committee and other willing volunteers ready to receive cans on Saturday, 11/15/2014 from 10-12. Coffee and muffins, gratis, will be waiting for all of you at the county extension office parking lot. This change gives you a little additional time to save those cans!



## SAVE THE DATE!

**The 2015 SCMG Annual Meeting will be held  
September 19, 2015  
At Hendron Hall in Corrales**

## Selecting and Growing Xeric Plants

### Staff

Gardening With the Masters is a SCMG project that presents a public lecture the first Tuesday of every month at the Meadowlark Senior Center in Rio Rancho, from 7:00 to 8:45PM. The address is 4330 Meadowlark Lane. See the [Gardening With the Masters](#) website for complete information on the program, including upcoming lectures.

On Tuesday October 7 the lecture will be "Selecting and Growing Xeric Plants". If you are new to the Albuquerque area, learn about how xeriscaping began, the principles behind it, and what's different about gardening in this area. If you already know it all, come to hear about a different way of selecting and planting xeric plants. The presenter, Margo Murdock, has been a Master Gardener in the Albuquerque area for 13 years. She has had a lot of experience killing plants and trying out new ones.



Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus Ruber*)  
Photo: Margo Murdock



Chocolate Flower (*Berlandiera lyrata*)  
Photo: Margo Murdock

## SCMG Raised Garden Bed Presentation at the Zia Bernalillo Farmer's Market

Sandra Liakus, SCMG

Sandoval County Master Gardener, Loren Meinz presented on "Raised Garden Beds and Shading" at the Zia Bernalillo Farmer's Market on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Loren talked to gardeners about the benefits of raised beds for growing vegetables in our tough climate conditions, and the versatility it provides the gardener for containment and management of soil and plants. The benefits of raised garden beds include the containment of soil, compost and mulches to override compacted/ poor ground soils, and to better manage watering and the effects of evaporation. Raised beds can be constructed with a variety of materials and designed to provide easy access to plants and to provide shade to sensitive vegetable plants. Loren demonstrated different types of shade cloth and row cover that can be used to block the effects of extreme sun, wind and insect attack.



photo: Carol Dimeff

Loren was asked to present in combination with Sandoval County Master Gardener volunteers who regularly man a horticulture information table. Zia Farmers' Market manager Scott Pino (505-553-3290/ [sjpino@ziapueblo.orf](mailto:sjpino@ziapueblo.orf)) is pleased with the regular presence of Sandoval County Master Gardeners at the Bernalillo market this past summer, and welcomes presentations from Master Gardeners. The Zia Bernalillo Farmers Market is open on Tuesdays and Fridays 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm through the end of October and hosts a variety of local vendors selling fresh produce, canned items and baked goods.

SCMG Loren Meinz gave a presentation on raised bed gardening at the Zia Bernalillo Farmer's Market. SCMG Margaret Vedeler is shown seated.

*Ed. Note: Lauren Meinz will be presenting a Gardening With the Masters lecture on Raised Bed Gardening and Shading at 7:00pm on November 4 at the Meadowlark Senior Center in Rio Rancho.*

## Plant Clinic at Home Depot

Staff



Pictured L-R at the recent Home Depot Plant Clinic: Russ Husted, Kristen Ikenberg, and Martha Mann. Photos by Carol Dimeff (not pictured).

Check out the nice "Garden Oasis" arrangement.



## Board Notes

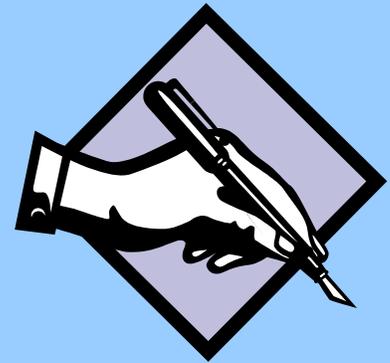
### Staff

At the September 16 meeting, the SCMG Board:

- received and discussed the August Treasurer's Report
- received and discussed the Extension Agent's Report
- discussed the status on 2014 volunteer forms received and verified
- was advised that Class of 2014 certification/graduation/badges for interns were received
- received a budget request for the annual SCMG Garden Party
- discussed allowing Corrales Harvest Festival credit to apply for either the current year or the coming year
- received a budget request for SCMG support of the 2015 State Fair
- was advised of the status of 2015 training class applications
- discussed various details of the fiscal year transition, budgeting for 2015, and updating the SCMG roster
- discussed plans for beta testing of the new SCMG website
- heard a report from the Publicity Committee
- heard a recap on Hotline advertising
- heard a report from the Fund Raising Committee
- discussed annual Meeting plans for ballot collection and counting
- received and discussed the following Project Reports:
  1. Hotline Credit Summary for class of 2014
  2. New Beginnings/Parish Bernalillo Community Garden Report
  3. Corrales Harvest Festival Reminder

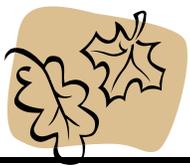
## START YOUR JOURNALISM CAREER

**The newsletter is always looking for people interested in writing a column or article.**



- A recurring column on a topic such as herbs, house-plants, landscape design, or even *how not* to do any of the above.
- A book review.
- Gardening couture; the latest in fashion and style for dirt grubbers that want to impress their SCMG friends.
- Gossip and rumor-mongering. Well, OK, maybe not. How about an advice column to answer readers' horticulture questions?

Email [scmgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:scmgnewsletter@gmail.com) for more info



# SCMG Oct 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>SCMG Board Meetings</b> Third Tuesday of month, Sandoval County Extension Office, 3:00-5:00pm</p>	<p><b>Click on links for details</b></p> <p><b>Telephone Hotline Daily 9:00am-12:00, 1:30-4:30pm in Casa until October 17</b></p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><a href="#">-DeLavy House garden</a> 9:00am</p> <p><a href="#">-WaterWise Garden</a> trail completion 8:30</p> <p><a href="#">-Placitas Caterpillars Club</a> 3:00-4:00pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><a href="#">-WaterWise Garden</a> trail completion 8:30</p> <p><a href="#">-New Beginnings</a> 10:00-11:30am</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>-Zia Pueblo Farmers Market (Bernalillo) 4:00-7:00pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>-Jemez Springs Farmers Market 9:00-Noon, Father Fitzgerald Park</p>
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