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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 2018 Annual Meeting was held on October 20th at the Saint Francis Episcopal Church with 35 member and 7 guests attending the pot-luck luncheon.

Two Lifetime Members, Peter Colton and Charlotte Wilson, were honored. Tom Neiman introduced the new members of the Board of Direct elected by the membership for the 2018-2020 year. Charlene Spiegel, Vice President; Eileen Welsh, Treasurer; Joe Martinez, Member at Large; John Thompson, Member at Large and Mary Vesely, Member at Large.

Continuing to serve on the Board are: Julia Runyan, President; Colleen Friel, Secretary; and Sandra Fraley, Marianne O'Sullivan, Rebecca

Pulford, As Members at Large.

I am pleased to welcome our new members from the 2018 Intern class: Nancy Bigelow, Suzanne Bollenbach, Barbara Boyd, Peggy Butzer, Matt Custer, Kenneth Dehoff, Catherine and David Doyle, Lynette Fields, Karen Jacobs, Vickie McConnachie, Tammy Meyers, Karl Reineke, Josh Roberts, Paget Rose, Kate Shaddock, John Thompson, Chrissi Vergoglini, Linda Walsh, Donald Welsh and Walker Wharton.

During the event door prizes were given out to those present.

We are now taking applications for the 2019 Master Gardener Intern Training class and if you know of any-

one interested in becoming a Master Gardener please give them our website address where they can register for the class, which starts on January 15, 2019.

We are now moved into our office at the County Administration Bldg., room 1047 at 1500 Idalia Blvd., to date we still do not have a telephone installed, will let everyone know as soon as we have the number.

If you have any suggestions for the Board, please remember that we meet on the third Tuesday of the month and members are welcome to attend all the meetings.

Julia

LYNDA'S CORNER

Congratulations to our newly certified Master Gardeners. Welcome to a community of caring, dedicated, and passionate gardeners. I look forward to working with you and am grateful for the knowledge, skills, and experience you bring to the program.

It's been an amazing week for me. I was invited to be part of the facilitation team at the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance's *Seed School Teacher Training for Agriculture Professionals* in Denver the week of October 22-26. Twenty-three amazing people covering the Rocky Mountain region from Idaho to Arizona and New Mexico

participated. We even had the in-country manager for Global Seed Savers in the Philippines join us.

If you want to be inspired and feel connected to the greater good of humankind, I encourage you to save seeds. Nothing ties you to a place more than collecting seeds from your own vegetables, flowers, and native plants.

Each one tells the story of the soil, water, sun, and the person who nurtured them. As our climate becomes more erratic it is essential for us to select the seeds that adapt to those changing conditions.

Lynda





The Annual MG Meeting and Graduation Ceremony took place at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Rio Rancho on Oct. 20. Twelve newly-minted Master Gardeners were there to get their pins and certificates. New board members were also introduced at the potluck. Photos of all the activities are on the next pages of this newsletter.



More Annual Meeting photos...



Door prizes were happily distributed! New board members to the right— (L to R) Joe Martinez, Treasurer Eileen Welsh, Tom Nieman, Vice President Charlene Spiegel, John Thompson and seated, President Julia Runyan.

Photos: Janet Blair



New lifetime member Peter Colton (right) receives his award from SCMG Vice President Tom Neiman. Charlotte Wilson, who did not attend the ceremony, was also honored as a new lifetime member.

2019 Master Gardener Intern Classes start Jan. 15, 2019

Help us recruit the next class of interns!

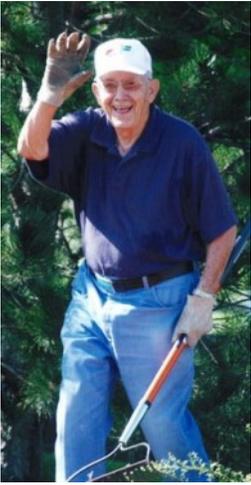
The application is online at

<http://sandovalmastergardeners.org>

Cost is \$175

Classes begin January 15 and meet every Tuesday afternoon 12:30 – 5:00 through April 30. The classes will be held at the Sandoval County Administration Building, 1500 Idalia RD, Room 2047 (2nd floor), Bernalillo, NM 87004.

Lifetime SCMG Otto Stangl Honored at Rio Rancho Waterwise Garden with Memorial Bench and Oak Tree



A short ceremony was held (indoors because of rain) to dedicate a Shumard oak tree and bench at the Water Wise Demonstration Garden in memory of Lifetime Master Gardener Otto Stangl. Stangl was an original member of the Sandoval County Master Gardeners' team that partnered with the City of Rio Rancho to create the Water Wise Demonstration Garden in 2006. He worked there faithfully almost every Thursday morning until he passed away after a short illness at age 90, in September of 2017. A memorial plaque near the Shumard oak tree and memorial bench will also recognize family members who predeceased him, including his wife Marie (1928-1991) and son Kelly (1960-1974). At right, his daughter Karin, a MG, eulogizes her father. Above, part of the group that gathered to honor him.

Photos by Jeanne Favret and David Trujillo

New Digs—decorated!

Charlene Spiegel and Jae Reibe decorated the front desk at the Sandoval County administrative building, where the new SCMG offices are located.



Garden Tour Thank you, State Master Gardeners Conference, Aug 31 – Sept 2, 2018

We were remiss in acknowledging and thanking the State Conference Sunday projects. We know the **Seed-2-Need Garden**, **Water Wise Demonstration Garden**, and **Desert Oasis Teaching Garden** volunteers worked tirelessly in preparing their projects for the State Conference tours.



Above, the Water Wise Demonstration volunteers, ready to go to work! Below, the Seed 2 Need Garden and to the right, the Desert Oasis Teaching Garden, all looking just beautiful for the Conference.

Many, many thanks for all the work you put in to welcome the conference guests and to provide them with an opportunity to get to know all the wonderful, innovative work going on in your gardens.

Your selfless and cheerful service, the literature on gardening, the posters & maps (with accompanying wooden number signs for each planting, laboriously and lovingly made JUST for the conference), the fresh garden produce for tasting and the displays of tools that help create the magic, all contribut-

ed to an educational and inspiring morning for the visitors.

Thanks to all your efforts the conference ended on a well-rounded, high note. We are indeed blessed to have you as part of our community!





Continuing Education Classes, 2018 November-December Schedule FREE & OPEN to the public

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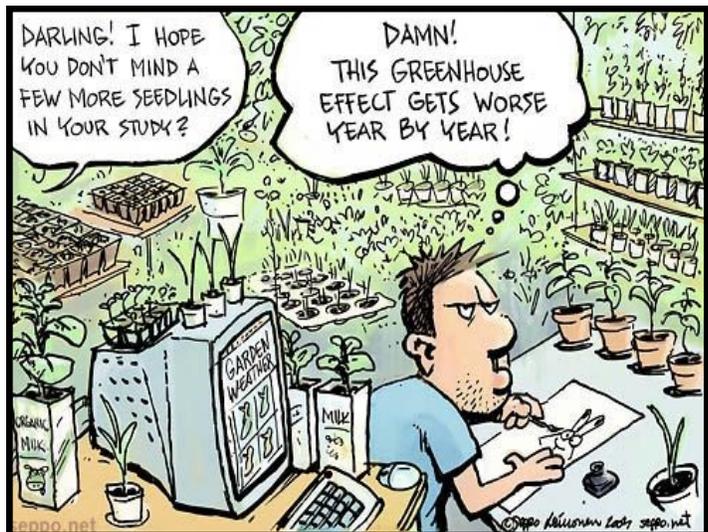
DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER	TIME	LOCATION
Tues Nov 13	Designing Optimum Backyard Habitats for the Two Eco-Regions in Rio Rancho	This presentation will focus on using native plants to create landscapes that attract a diversity of birds, butterflies and other pollinators.	George Miller <i>Past President, New Mexico Native Plant Society (ABQ Chapter)</i>	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Meadowlark Senior Center * <i>Gardening with the Masters Series</i>
Thurs Nov 29	Plants You May Want to Avoid in Your Garden!	This presentation will focus on plants that are highly invasive and noxious. We will also discuss plants that are toxic to humans and pets.	Lynda Garvin <i>Agriculture Agent / Extension MG Co-ordinator</i>	1:30 - 3:00 pm	Meadowlark Senior Center * <i>4 Seasons Gardening Series</i>
Tue Dec 11	Holiday Plants: History and Interesting Facts	This presentation will give the history of common holiday plants like poinsettia, mistletoe, holly and more. Information will also be given about their care and propagation	Sharon Walsh <i>SCMG</i>	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Meadowlark Senior Center * <i>Gardening with the Masters Series</i>

*Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Ln SE, Rio Rancho

Notes:

There will be no Urban Horticulture class in November-December (still settling into the new venue...)

There will be no 4 Season's Gardening class in December (busy holiday season...)



Mentors Needed: Let's Make 2019 a Great Year!



We are excited about our new Sandoval County Master Gardener Intern Class of 2019. Each year we have an opportunity to welcome new applicants and ensure their successful integration into our organization as community volunteers.

Over the last five years our Mentoring Program has successfully evolved into an invaluable resource that strives to support, guide, and encourage each intern. It has also become an excellent means of networking and becoming familiar with the many educational and demonstration projects we offer to our community.

We are thankful for each and every mentor who has served over the last five years and look forward to another year with a new group of interns who will bring "new eyes" on our operations and program goals and a wealth of untapped talent. As Veteran Master Gardeners we share knowledge, listen to problems, inspire, and help each other set and reach goals. Why not start off the New Year as a mentor to a new intern and perhaps gain a new friendship that lasts a lifetime?

Volunteers are now being sought for the upcoming year. Training for the mentors will be given prior to meeting your interns. This training will include information on mentor goals, guidelines and responsibilities, the revised intern classes, and bios on your assigned intern. If you are interested, please contact Gailen Zody at gzody@msn.com for inclusion in this wonderful program.

Thank you, Gailen Zody, Mentor Chairman



"I have no plants in my house. They won't live for me. Some of them don't even wait to die, they commit suicide."

Jerry Seinfeld

November 2018 SCMG Calendar

- 6th—Rio Rancho Tree Stewards Steering Committee 4 pm at Rio Rancho City Hall
- 8th—Water Wise Garden work session at 830 am at 950 Pinetree Rd SE, Rio Rancho
- 13th —Designing Optimum Backyard Habitats for the two eco-regions in Rio Rancho 7 pm at Meadowlark Senior Center
- 21st SCMG Newsletter article deadlines
- 29th—Plants You May Want to Avoid in Your Garden 130 pm at Meadowlark Senior Center