



Sandoval County Master Gardener Newsletter

<http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/>



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articles, events and
photographs to:
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President's Corner

Fall is here and we have lots going on. Sandoval Master Gardeners and Interns, if you have not already done so, get your volunteer hours turned in ASAP!

Members are voting on a new slate of officers. Your vote counts! Our **Annual meeting on Oct. 26th** will install the new officers and honor the 2019 Intern Class as new members of SCMG. **Note new date for annual meeting.**

There are several events in October for us to participate in with the Tree Stewards Training Class on Oct. 10th, 19th, 23rd, and 26th if you want to learn about trees join this great class.

The Children's Water Festival is going to be Oct. 21st and 22nd at the Santa Ann Star Center for the county fifth graders.

We will be operating the Hotline through the middle of the month so please volunteer to man the phone and the email these hours will begin your hours for the 2019-20 year.

The Education Committee headed by Suzanne Bollenbach is working on the 2020 Intern Training Class, if you have suggestions for possible events please send her an email for them to consider.

I have enjoyed serving as your President for the last two years and thank everyone who stepped up to help me each time I put the call out for help. Please keep it up with the new slate of officers.

~ Julia



Lynda's Corner

Lynda is enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

She will be back with new information to share in the November newsletter.



2019 SCMG Calendar

SCMG Board Meeting

3rd Tuesday, Monthly @ 1 pm
@ Health Commons, Bldg.; B,
1500 Idalia Rd, Bernalillo, NM 87004

Tree Stewards Training Class

Oct. 10th, 19th, 23rd, and 26th

Corrales Grower's Market

April 28 – November 3
Every Sunday @ 9am – 12pm
Every Wednesday @ 3pm – 6pm
500 Jones Rd. Corrales, NM 87048

Annual SCMG Members Meeting

Sat, Oct 26th @ 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm @ St. Francis
Episcopal Church, Rio Rancho

The Children's Water Festival

Oct. 21 - 22, 2019s
Because of safety concerns all volunteer applicants will
have a background check. Go to
<https://rrnm.gov/334/Volunteer-Program> to fill out the
application

To ALL MEMBERS

The following items are due at this time:

SCMG Board Elections

October 1 – 25, 2019

Ballots will be emailed to veteran members on October 1,
2019. A downloadable pdf version of the ballot will be
available on the SCMG website.

SCMG Annual Hours Reporting

A volunteer time reporting form has been emailed to all
SCMG members via SurveyMonkey. Please fill out the form
with the totals for the hours you put in during the 2018/2019
fiscal year for continuing education, outreach and volunteer
work.

SCMG Annual Membership Dues (Veteran Members Only)

The \$25 dues for 2019-2020 are now due. You can pay
online at the SCMG Website. Or if you wish to pay by
check, mail your check to: SCMG at Post Office Box 400.
Bernalillo, NM 87004.

See the **SCMG online calendar** for further details about all SCMG Events and continuing education opportunities.

<http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/news-and-information/events-calendar/>

Signup to volunteer for these and other events, check out the SCMG Volunteer Signup Page at:

http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/project/volunteer-sign-up/?sheet_id=142

News You Can Use!

New Pins Debut at Annual Meeting

SCMG recognizes members at 15 years as Life Members. Life Members no longer pay dues or report hours.

This year we are starting to recognize members at the 5 year & 10-year mark. Since this year is the 1st year, we are giving everyone with 5-9 years the 5-year pin. And everyone from 10-14 years the 10-year pin.



Need Tree Mulch?

I have lots of tree mulch! Please stop by and pick up as much as you want. Pickup load, wheelbarrow, or buckets, whatever...

The mulch is right out in front of my house by the driveway. **You don't need to call.**

My address is:

195 Corsica Drive

Rio Rancho

Take Southern west to Atlantic, I am on the SW corner of Corsica and Atlantic.

Thanks,

Mary Clare Cobb

REMINDER – For Procrastinators

It's that time of year again when we SCMG members pay our dues. **Dues are \$25 a year.**

All veteran members, interns and members on leave of absence are required to pay their annual dues to maintain their SCMG membership.

There is a pay button on the SCMG website (top right sidebar) that you can use to pay your dues either via credit card or PayPal: <http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/>

Or, if you wish to pay by check, send your check via US Mail to: SCMG Post Office Box 400. Bernalillo, NM 87004



Lynda uses the reported hours in her reports on our chapter to the NMSU. So, hours reporting is important. If you have not reported your hours, you can do via the SCMG website. The page is password protected, so here's the password: **garden2015.**

<http://sandovalmastergardeners.org/resources/2019-scmg-hours-reporting/>

Using Facebook to Fill Intern Class

We are using Facebook to get the word out about the 2020 Intern Training Class starting in January. If you would post something similar, SCMG would appreciate it.

“The Sandoval County Master Gardener class gave me so many practical ideas for gardening in the ABQ area!

Signup is open now.

Go to www.sandovalmastergardeners.org for more info.

SCMG Inter Classes are on Tuesday afternoons from late January to late April.

“Your garden will thank you.”



You are invited to help select the awardees for the 2020 Local Food and Farm to School Awards!

The annual **Local Food and Farm to School Awards** celebrate individuals and organizations in New Mexico who are actively fostering innovation around our local food economy. The Awards are designed to ignite a statewide passion around local food that ultimately will create change in thinking, systems, and approaches to food production, use, distribution, and policy.

We are asking YOU to help us select the recipients of this year's awards.

Our approach is to see this work through a lens of equity, justice, sustainability, and innovation.

Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to land and culture, innovative and creative approaches to complex problems, and an investment in creating healthy food, a healthy economy, and a sustainable future for New Mexico.

The Award categories are:

Seeding the Future Award
for Best Farm to School Practices

New Mexico Grown Award
Celebrating Best Practices in School Nutrition

Good Food for New Mexico Award
Celebrating Farmers' Markets

Sowing Change Award
for Organizations Engaged in Creating Sustainable Food Systems

Heart of the Land Award
for Outstanding Leadership in Farming and Ranching

Awardees will be honored in person on **Thursday, February 6, 2020** at the **NM Food & Farms and School Nutrition Day** at the Legislature. The celebration will include a ceremony in the State Capitol Rotunda, followed by an Awards Luncheon. A committee from the New Mexico Farm to School Alliance and partners will select the awardees. Previous years' Awards are at <https://www.farmtotablenm.org/local-food-and-farm-to-school-awards/>

Nominations will close at 11:59 p.m. on October 18, 2019.

Thank you for participating in this year's nominations!

*Rio Rancho
Tree Steward Training
October 19, 23 & 26, 2019*



Registration deadline: October 13

**Love trees?
Join our team of
community volunteers!**

Saturdays, 10/19 & 10/26—
Classroom and field learning
Wednesday, 10/23—Paperwork &
administrative
Must attend all three dates

What you get:

- * Training from urban forestry experts
- * Fun quarterly activities
- * Pruning tools and shirts to keep

What we get:

- * Your assistance caring for park trees
- * Reports on tree & park concerns
- * 25 hours of your time per year
- * 1 year commitment



**Become a Tree Steward today by calling
Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful at (505) 896-8389**



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VolunteerRegistration

Application Form:

Introduction to AQUAPONICS Workshop

WHEN: Saturday, November 2, 2019 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

WHERE: 4-H Building; Bernalillo County Extension

1500 Manual Ext Blvd NW

Albuquerque NM 87107

PRICE: \$40 Cash or Check to NMSU

PAYMENT DUE by October 25, 2019

Space is limited to 60 people. Wait List is Taken

RSVP call 505-243-1386

Online: <https://bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu>



Learn the basics of aquaponics, water quality, fish and plant management. Registration includes lunch and a tour.

For Full Details go to: <https://bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu>
And Click **AQUAPONICS**

Beneficial Insect of the Month

Beneficial flies (Order: Diptera) *part II*

Tachinid flies (Family: Tachinidae)

The flies in this family are parasitoids, i.e., the females lay their eggs on or in the bodies of other insects, and when the fly larvae hatch, they gradually consume the host until it dies, and the fly larvae pupate. Many tachinids attack larval moths and butterflies, although some species parasitize other insect groups (e.g., cucumber beetles). The adults often resemble large houseflies but have a more bristly abdomen. They sustain themselves on nectar and pollen, and so are often found on flowers during the summer.



Adult tachinid flies. Note bristly abdomen.



Mature tachinid larva emerging from dead host (cucumber beetle) prior to pupating.

Beneficial of the Month material courtesy of NMSU ACES:

[Pocket Guide to the Beneficial Insects of New Mexico](#)

Southwest Plant of the Month

Butterfly weed

Asclepias tuberosa



Plant Form	Flower
Plant Size	2' X 2'
Plant Type	Perennial
Water	Low
Sunlight	Sun, Partial Shade
Colors	Orange, Yellow

Physical Description:

Brilliantly colored, 3" clusters of orange to yellow flowers favored by butterflies, atop thick erect stems with narrow gray-green leaves. Milky sap.

Care and Maintenance:

Very difficult to transplant. Re-sprouts late in spring. Aphids.

Gardener's notes:

Deep taproot promotes drought tolerance. Cultivars available with bi-color flowers in shades of cream and red.

Southwest Plant of the Month material courtesy of NMSU ACES

<http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/plantadvisor/>