

A Garden Fair  
Saturday, June 11, 2011  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Events:

- Garden Tours
- Plant Sale
- Garden Activities for Children
- Plant Clinic with NMSU Cooperative Extension Service

Mini-Lecture Schedule:

Topic: **Irrigation**

Speaker: Brad King, Oasis, Inc.

Time: 10:30 am

Topic: **Defensible Space**

Speaker: Captain Jon Pairett, LA Fire Department

Time: 11:00 am

Topic: **Children & Gardening**

Speaker: Marion Good, Master Gardener & Junior Master Gardener Program Director

Time: 11:30 am

Topic: **Bug Mugs-America's Most Wanted Pests**

Speaker: Carlos Valdez, County Extension Agent

Time: 12:00 pm

Topic: **Gopher Management**

Speaker: Lee Buelta & Kimberli Tanner, Master Gardeners

Time: 12:30 pm

**Garden History**

The Demonstration Garden is a Public Educational Garden started in 1990 by the Los Alamos County Cooperative Extension Service and PRIDE Committee. It was adopted by the Los Alamos Master Gardeners' Club(LAMG) in 1995.

LAMG maintains the Garden with support from Los Alamos County Parks Division, grants and memorial donations. The Garden is located at the southeast corner of Oppenheimer Drive and Central Avenue.

**Extension Master Gardeners**

The Los Alamos Master Gardeners' Club is a community service organization whose members have successfully completed the NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener Volunteer training. Our goals are to promote knowledgeable, effective, and safe horticultural practices consistent with the Cooperative Extension Service, and to promote goodwill in our community.

Locally, Master Gardener training began in the early 1980s. Our local club was formed in July 1994. Training is offered each spring. It is comprised of twelve weeks of lectures covering a variety of gardening topics.

For more information about becoming a volunteer please contact the Carlos Valdez at (505) 662-2656 or email at [valdez@nmsu.edu](mailto:valdez@nmsu.edu).



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Los Alamos Master Gardeners  
present

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Central & Oppenheimer across from Library



Join us at the Demo Garden in exploring a diverse, sustainable, and environmentally friendly world through gardening.

☼ – The Herb Gardens demonstrate a kitchen herb garden directly behind the Casita, featuring much beloved herbs used in cooking (e.g., tarragon, sage, basil, thyme), and household herbs, located below and West of the casita lawn, including herbs that have been used for centuries to meet household needs such as insect control (tansy), cleansing (soapwort), and healing (comfrey); to name but only a few; together with more culinary herbs. Feel free to pinch off a leaf and smell, but taste at your own risk.

🌸 – The area around the Casita was designed to illustrate a fire defensible landscape and water harvesting techniques. There is a small fescue turf area anchored by a shade tree. The Austrian Pines are far enough away to not be a fire hazard. Flower beds border the turf area, and plantings in front enhance the approach to the home. The poster on the Casita porch gives other guide-lines for fire-defensible landscaping.

☼ – The Children's Garden is the newest addition. This area is to be used by children to learn about gardening and to earn their Junior Master Gardener certificate.

🌀 – The Sensory Garden is designed and planted to delight the senses: sight, touch, taste, smell, and sound. Each raised bed is marked with its designated sense and has a correlating group of planter boxes complementing it. Take your time exploring each area; and all the while allow your sense of hearing to enjoy the gentle sounds of the water splashing over the fountain!

🌀 – The Artemisia Garden features Artemisia, plants that thrive in full sun and dry habitats. The variety of leaf textures provides visual interest. Color in the bed comes from flowering plants from other genera with similar interesting leaf textures and habitat requirements. The soil under the rocks retains moisture that nourishes the roots of the plants.

☆ – The Rock Garden, once it is finished, will show case plants that grow well with large daily temperature changes and very little water.

💧 – The Oasis Garden was planted May 2008. This garden contains plants that require extra water on a regular basis. In a xeriscape, the oasis zone is generally placed closest to the house to take advantage of roof harvested rain water.

🌿 – The Ornamental Grass Garden was planted in 2005. There are several varieties of ornamental grasses that are well adapted to the Pajarito Plateau.

☼ – The Industrial Strength Garden was planted May 2008 with hardy plants selected to require little water once established. The soil was not amended, but was mulched with shredded bark. The garden has both very hot dry and cooler shaded areas.

🌀 – The Perennial Mound was planted in 2004. Is an example of transition zone plants which require moderate water. The visual effect of a rise demonstrates a succession of bloom. There are many large rocks and they support the plants, divert water to them, and shade their roots.

☼ – The Mothers Garden was planted in 1990. This garden features xeric shrubs and a memorial fountain to mothers. Adjacent, is an area featuring rugosa roses.

🌸 – The Shade Garden was planted in the spring of 2010 with plants that tend to require more shade than others. The area beneath the Ponderosa Pine tree was selected, as there is plenty of midday and afternoon shade. Shade plants tend to require more water than average, and so the presence of plentiful natural pine straw as mulch is a benefit.



Many plants in the Demo Garden have identification makers. Handouts listing the plants and providing details for each garden area are available in information boxes located throughout the garden. Additionally, a complete database of all plants, along with images, is maintained by LAMG and is available online at: <http://lamgonline.org/index.php>.