



CGCI AWARDS APPLICATION 2019-2021

AWARD #: _____

AWARD NAME: _____

Applicant: _____

Enter name exactly as it should appear on any award received. Applicant may be an individual, club or district.

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Contact Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Address: _____

Email and Phone: _____

This is the contact information for the club or district awards chairman, an individual (if for an individual award) or the nominator for Special Awards.

Number of Members for whom CGCI and District dues are paid: _____

Application limited to three printed pages. **USE THIS PAGE AS A COVER SHEET ONLY** with no further information. You may then add a total of three (3) additional pages. No report covers, binders or plastic page protectors are allowed unless otherwise stated in the Awards Manual or on the evaluation form. Copy entry for your files before submitting as entries going on to National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) and/or Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. will not be returned, no exceptions.

See 2019-2021 Awards Manual for a list of awards and full award descriptions. Check evaluation forms for required award criteria and where to send award entry. **Note the deadlines: December 1 or January 1** – see Awards Manual, evaluation form or contact the Awards Chairman at awards@cagardenclubs.org.

Is this a new project? _____ **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **Beginning Date:** _____

Expected Completion Date: _____ **or Ongoing** _____

See Awards Manual or evaluation sheet for items required to be placed on the next three pages. If award is eligible for NGC awards, also give a brief summary and objectives, involvement of club members, other organizations, project expenses and means of funding, continuing involvement, follow-up, maintenance, if applicable. Attached or insert photos, digital photos and/or landscape plan – does not need to be professionally drawn.

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Summary and Objectives:

Our small garden club of thirty members organized and visited five well-known gardens during the awards year. The tours promoted fun and educational opportunities for club members and their guests as is evident below:

Tours:



The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, CA was our first tour. This tour took place on Thursday, March 20, 2019. There we spent the day strolling through the botanical conservatory, art galleries and acres of spectacular gardens. Twenty members and five guests attended the tour. Everyone car pooled. As it was a Thursday, so everyone received free admission! Some actually enjoyed English Tea while there!



Descanso Gardens in La Canada Flintridge was our second tour. Our tour took place on Wednesday, April 3, and we car pooled. Here you can see two of our twenty-five participants walking through the spring tulip garden. After the guided tour, members participated in a spring bulb planting workshop at the Gardens and learned all about the planting and caring of spring bulbs. Many members and guests purchased unusual plants at the gift shop to take home.



The Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia was the third of our club tours. Fifteen of us plus three guests car pooled to our destination on Saturday, May 10, 2019 where we were trilled to experience an extra treat -- the International Fern Society's Show. After learning all about ferns, members walked through the enchanting gardens and learned all about the peacocks which roam throughout the Arboretum and the gardening techniques used by the various school gardens on the premises.

The Living Desert in Palm Desert was the fourth of our tours. This tour started early in the morning on Thursday, May 25, 2019 and it was hot, hot, hot! Fifteen members and two guests carpooled. At The Living Desert, we learned all about desert plants and animals from around the world. We even visited the Veterinary Hospital where we saw actual surgery being performed on some small exotic/almost extinct animals. After our guided tour was completed, members attended lectures on butterflies (at the butterfly exhibit) and the care of desert plants. What we really took away from this tour is not to overwater desert plants – you can kill them with kindness!





Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona Del Mar was our final tour for the year. We toured this wonderful wealth of horticulture knowledge on Saturday, June 10, where we (19 members and two guests) visited every nook and cranny of this special place in Orange County! Members toured the greenhouse, walked along the beautiful paths of the garden, had lunch at the adorable restaurant, and we were able to

spend some time in the famous library. The Gardens provide a museum of living plants, displayed amidst a setting of fountains and sculptures and an abundance of seasonal flowers. From the Gardens' website, "The Gardens provide a tranquil environment simply to be enjoyed for the beauty or, if desired, a place to observe and study firsthand plant life from various parts of the world."

Involvement of Club Members:

This project was planned by a "Committee of 4" garden club members. All club members and their guests were invited to participate. During several of these tours, a few guests (5) joined our club!

Project Expenses and Means of Funding:

As we all car pooled, no transportation costs were involved. However, with a generous donation from a member's husband, all admissions were pre-paid. With the sale of plants from the 2018 year, \$100 was budgeted for snacks and drinks before and after the tours. The only thing that members had to pay was for their lunches.

Continuing Involvement and Follow-up: The "Committee of 4" is in the process of planning our next year's education tours! We just can't wait!