

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
88th Annual Convention
June 3-7, 2019 in Van Nuys, CA
Hosted by Southern California Garden Club



“Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future”

THE CALL TO CONVENTION

Registration for the 2019 Annual Convention is now open.

- *The early bird package price when postmarked by **Monday, May 13 is only \$240** and includes your registration fee plus three lunches and three dinners.*
- When postmarked between May 14 and May 24, the price for the same package is \$265.
- No registrations will be accepted after May 24 and no refunds after May 24, 2019.
- **SAVE when you register early.** Register NOW. Do not risk the chance of getting busy and forgetting.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: Saturday, May 19, 2019 by 12 noon

To receive the **special negotiated room rate** please make your room reservations ASAP to obtain the best availability of rooms.

Special Rate \$105 * Single or double occupancy (includes breakfast daily)
\$125 * Triple occupancy (includes breakfast daily)
\$145 * Quad occupancy (includes breakfast daily)

* The negotiated rate is available for three days pre- and post-convention dates, based on room type and group rate availability.

After the May 19 noon hotel reservation deadline, any rooms that have not been reserved in our room block at Airtel Plaza Hotel will be released. Room reservations made after 12:00 noon will be on a space available basis and are subject to the current rates at that time.

- Hotel reservations must be made by telephone.
- **Call 1-800-2-AIRTEL**
- Mention **“CGCI Convention”** to the hotel when making your reservation.
- Rooms are subject to availability in our room block. When the block is full, rates and reservations are subject to availability.
- **For the best selection and to guarantee the best rate, make your room reservation ASAP.**

Hotel Amenities

- All hotel rooms are non-smoking.
- Overnight parking is available at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per night plus 10% tax, with in and out privileges.
- Event parking is available at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per day plus 10% tax, with in and out privileges.
- High-Speed Wireless Internet Access is available in each guestroom, public areas and meeting rooms.

Reserve Your Room ASAP

Airtel Plaza Hotel

7277 Valjean Ave.

Van Nuys, CA 91406

Reservations: 1-800-2-AIRTEL

Remember, cancellation of your hotel room reservations will be accepted by the hotel *without penalty* when cancelled by 6pm the day before your scheduled arrival. When reservations are cancelled after 6pm the day before your scheduled arrival or for any no shows the hotel will charge a cancellation fee of one night's lodging and tax.

- Accessible rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis, so book ASAP. Upon request and subject to availability.
- Dogs are permitted with a non-refundable fee of \$75. No cats are accepted.

Travel Information

By plane

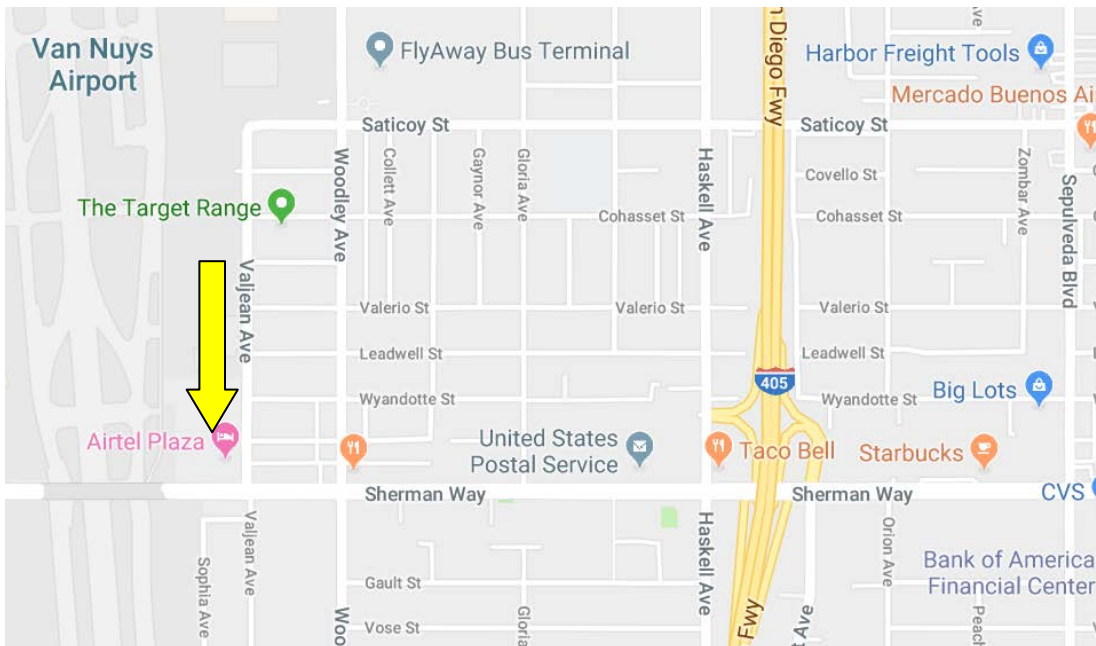
The **Van Nuys Airport** is located next door to the hotel; however, NO major airlines fly into this airport. IF you plan to fly into the Van Nuys Airport by private plane, contact the hotel to learn more about shuttle service to and from this airport.

Burbank Bob Hope Airport (BUR) is the closest airport (approx. 20 minutes away) with scheduled flights by major carriers. Before making your reservations to fly into the Burbank Bob Hope Airport please make sure you are able to find shuttle service or transportation to the hotel.

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is approximately 20 miles and 35 minutes from the hotel. According to the hotel, LAX FlyAway buses provide convenient, regularly scheduled round-trips between LAX and the Van Nuys FlyAway Terminal. For transportation from the Van Nuys FlyAway Terminal to the hotel, please contact the hotel for pick-up by the free hotel shuttle.

By Car

Airtel Plaza Hotel 7277 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406 (map obtained from Google.com)



By Train

The hotel's shuttle provides service to the Amtrak Station. Contact the hotel for more details.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

HONORED GUEST, WORKSHOPS, PROGRAMS, MEALS, SPEAKERS and more

Honored Guest

2017-19 National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Nancy Hargroves

will be attending the CGCI Convention from June 4 thru June 6.

When you have an opportunity, ask Nancy about her

President's Project: *Plant America Grants*

This project will continue through the NGC 2019-21 term.



The **2019-21 Slate of Officers** that must be appended to the call to convention is provided as a separate attachment.

PRESIDENTS: Don't forget to submit the **Credentials Form** to determine the voting privileges for your organization. It is to be submitted online - not mailed.

2019-2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Election of the Nominating Committee for the 2019-2021 term will take place. All districts are entitled to be represented in this important work that helps identify our future leaders and is significant for the future of our organization. Seven districts are represented on each Nominating Committee. Those districts who were represented this term are ineligible next term. So, all but the districts mentioned below are eligible to provide a member of the next committee. **PRIOR TO CONVENTION**, please identify candidates who are willing and able to do this work and who will attend all state meetings (it is necessary to have a quorum at each meeting to conduct business). It could be you! Be prepared for the election of the Nominating Committee.

Districts **ineligible** for representation on the 2019 -2021 California Garden Clubs, Inc. Nominating Committee are: Bay Bridges District, Cascade District, Diablo Foothills District, Montana de Oro District Palomar District, Sacramento River Valley District and Sequoia Foothills District.

EXHIBITS: District Directors and/or Chairmen

Space is available at the CGCI Convention in Van Nuys to display your exhibit material to promote your chairmanship. Share your information with garden club members throughout the state. To reserve space for your exhibit, submit the Exhibit Request Form to Exhibits Chairman Greg Pokorski by May 13. The form is available on the CGCI website on the 2019 Convention page.

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Lindbergh II & III

“Miniature Floral Design Techniques”

Presented by: Linda Lang

Linda is a Flower Show Judge and a floral designer whose specialty is miniature designs. She will help us understand the elements of miniature design and how to take a larger flower and make it smaller for designs.

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Lindbergh I

“Parliamentary Procedure Can Be Your Friend”

Presented by: Greg Pokorski

Greg is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and California State Association of Parliamentarians and serves as Parliamentarian for CGCI, San Fernando Valley District and Pacific Region. He will help take the mystery out of parliamentary procedure by providing a little basic knowledge to make it work for you. Bring your questions.

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Lindbergh I

“Techniques for Drying and Using Flowers”

Presented by: Sherry Molinari

Sherry Molinari is the President of Conejo Valley Garden Club and Woodland Hills Floral Designers. She is a floral designer and a gifted crafter. Sherry will teach us techniques for drying flowers and then using them in many different types of applications. From floral design to greeting cards, to wall hangings and more, learn how versatile pressed flowers can be.

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Lindbergh I

“Tea: A Journey from Leaf to Cup”

Presented by: Ben Vallens

Ben is a young entrepreneur whose love for tea started while he was still in junior high school. Ben’s knowledge of teas, the different types of teas and the correct method to brew each one has developed into a fine art. Ben will explain the process from leaf to cup and the role that tea has played in many cultures.

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Lindbergh II & III

“Make-it & Take-it Floral Design”

Presented by: Gail Vanderhorst

Gail is a member of the Woodland Hills Floral Designers and talented designer. Learn about the importance of “line” in floral design while making your own small floral design to take home with you.

LUNCH Honoring Club Presidents

Program *Decoding Botanical Names* presented by Marquita Elias

Are you one of those people that get confounded or even embarrassed about using the botanical name of a plant? Do those botanical names have any meaning? Do you say to yourself “it’s all Greek or Latin to me” and have no idea how to remember them or even pronounce them? The presentation will include pronunciation, how plants get their names and the history behind their names with emphasis on women’s contribution to botany.

Menu Lunch selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form. Lunch will be served buffet style.**

DINNER Honoring Award Sponsors and Winners

Program *Celebrate Achievement: Presentation of Awards*

Menu Dinner selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form.**

Wednesday, June 5

LUNCH **Honoring District Directors**

Program **Proactive Steps and Choices for a Safer “Fire Safe” Home, Garden and Community**
Presented by Ward Habriel

Menu** Lunch selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form.
Lunch will be served buffet style.

DINNER **Floral Design Banquet - Honoring Flower Show Judges**

Program **Presentation of Flower Show Awards by Flower Show Awards Chairman, Pat Clayes
plus a Celebrate Creativity Design Competition featuring our designers for the evening---our
three vice-presidents: Shane Looper, Lynne Batchelor and Carol Vallens**

Menu** Dinner selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form.

Thursday, June 6

LUNCH **Honoring Youth & Scholarship Recipients**

Program Join the fun as we celebrate Smokey Bear’s 75th Birthday Party and announce the Youth Award
winners
Celebrate the Future: CGCI Scholarship recipients

Menu** Lunch selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form.
Lunch will be served buffet style.

Thursday WORKSHOPS

1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Concorde I

“The Best of the Leadership Workshops”

Presented by: Robin Pokorski

Robin is a member of the Southern California Garden Club and travels the country presenting her Leadership Workshops. Learn leadership skills in this interactive workshop that will cover how to take minutes, dealing with difficult people, increasing membership and much more

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lindbergh I

“Adaptive Gardening”

Presented by: Robin DeRose and Kathy Warner

Robin and Kathy are licensed Occupational Therapists with extensive experience in teaching people how to adapt their lives to physical challenges they may have. As we get older it is easier to get injured working in the garden. Learn from the experts how to minimize the risk of injury.

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lindbergh II & III

“A Floral Designer’s Toolbox”

Presented by: Debbie James

Debbie James is the president of Woodland Hills Floral Designers. Debbie has won many blue ribbons for her floral designs and as an experienced floral designer she has a well thought out Floral Designers Tool Box. Discover some new tips and tricks to be prepared for any type of floral emergency at a flower show.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Lindbergh I

“Internet Security”

Presented by: Ben Vallens

Ben is a young entrepreneur whose love for technology began before age six. Today Ben has his own Internet Technology business and among other things Ben is trained in Internet Security. Ben will among other things be highlighting some of today’s most common internet scams and help us learn ways of recognizing them and how to protect ourselves from internet fraud.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Lindbergh II & III

“Broken Pot Succulent Designs”

Presented by: Phil Jiron

Phil is a long-time member of Southern California Garden Club and has been instrumental in helping with plant sales at club meetings. One of Phil’s special talents is creating beautiful Broken Pot designs using succulents and clay pots. Learn how you can create these beautiful succulent designs that will become a conversation piece in your garden.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Installation REHEARSAL

All 2017-19 Executive Committee and District Directors PLUS All 2019-2021 Executive Committee and District Directors **MUST** attend the rehearsal. If you aren’t sure if you should attend, contact 2017-19 District Director Coordinator, Shane Looper.

DINNER Installation Banquet

Theme ***“Celebrate: Achievement, Creativity and the Future”***

Program Installation of the 2019-2021 Officers and District Directors
 Installing Officer 2017-19 National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Nancy Hargroves

Menu** Dinner selections must be made in advance and are to be indicated on your registration form.

Friday, June 7

Post-Convention Meeting--All 2019-21 District Directors and the Executive Committee members should attend.

The Organizational Meeting is the first board meeting of the **2019-21 term**. **All 2019-21** members of the board of directors should attend. **Not sure if this includes you?**

CGCI Bylaws--ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Composition of the board of directors shall be: (a) officers; (b) district directors; (c) members of the nominating committee; (d) members of the board of trustees; (e) members of the advisory council; (f)

members of the bylaws committee; (g) members of the Circle of Poppies (ex officio); and (h) all committee chairmen.