

CGCI Convention 2017

Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Hello Everyone,

CGCI's 86th Convention is scheduled for **May 30 - June 3, 2017** - it will be here before you know it. The theme is *Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*. The deadline to **mail your registration form** is **Saturday, April 22, 2017***. The deadline to make **your hotel reservation** is **Thursday, April 27, 2017**. **No registrations will be accepted after May 10. No refunds after May 20, 2017.** An added invitation from the members of the Montana De Oro District, is attached.

**Registering for the early bird rate (postmarked by April 22) will give you a significant savings...so, take advantage of this opportunity and register early. Do check out the Package Plan savings! After April 22 prices go up (refer to Registration Form).*

Members have spoken and your CGCI Board of Directors has listened. Therefore, changes have been made to the Convention as noted with the schedule.

Chairman Robert Gordon and Montana De Oro District members have been working very hard to make the convention comfortable, informative, action-packed and enjoyable. They look forward to making it a memorable experience for all at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo. Make your reservations now.

District Directors are encouraged to

- Bring members to the Convention;
- Bring the 2017-2019 District Director to the Convention;
- Be prepared and bring those members who will be available to serve on the Nominating Committee (refer to *2017 - 2019 Nominating Committee* info);
- Take pictures with their district members after the Awards Banquet in the Awards room.
- Encourage your Presidents to stand with you when giving your report; or have them speak a minute or less about their club depending on how many clubs you have.

FORMS

- All convention forms (registration and credentials) are available online at <http://www.californiagardenclubs.com>. Click on "CGCI Convention 2017" under Calendar (in right sidebar on the home page).
- Submission of the Convention Credentials form determines voting privileges (checking *all those that apply* on the registration form does not determine voting privileges.) Board Members do not need to complete this form.
- The registration form can be completed electronically. Open the form, complete it and save it to your computer. Print the form and mail with your check payable to Montana De Oro District to the address specified on the form. Remember that the full-time package registration **INCLUDES** the registration fee and all the meals within the convention. The tours are extra.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Secretary of the 2015-2017 Nominating Committee Carol Jauregui presented the following slate of officers for the 2017-2019 term of office to serve with President Krystal Migliore.

1st Vice-President - Shane Looper, Bay Ocean District

2nd Vice President - Lynne Batchelor, Palomar District

3rd Vice President - Martha Smyser, San Fernando Valley District

Treasurer - Open

Financial Secretary - Launa Gould, Orange County District

Corresponding Secretary - Marlene Kinney, Diablo Foothills District

Recording Secretary - Gail Vanderhorst, San Fernando Valley District

Communications Director - Jane McKee, Palomar District

2017-2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Election of the Nominating Committee for the 2017-2019 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 2017 -2019 California Garden Clubs, Inc. Nominating Committee are: Buttes District, Channel Islands District, Desert Empire District, Golden Foothills District, Orange County District, Santa Clara Valley District and Valley Lode District.

Up to five minutes is allotted for Chairmen and District Directors to report. We are all excited to hear what has been accomplished during your term.

Bring with you a copy of the proposed CGCI Bylaw amendments to be considered at Convention.

CLUBS/ DISTRICTS/ CHAIRMEN: Remember to bring your banner for display.

See you in San Luis Obispo!

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District Sponsored Tour

District Sponsored Tour from 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3 to 1:00 p.m. Monday June 5

The Montana De Oro District invites you to extend your stay in San Luis Obispo for two more days to enjoy the central coast. You will need to register separately at the Embassy Suites to take advantage of the reduced rate for the two days. You will also need to register separately for the tour. The tour includes; Transportation, wine tasting in the Edna Valley, The Great American Melodrama, The Leaning Pine Arboretum, the finale of the 40th season of the Vocal Arts Ensemble in the magnificent Performing Arts Center, no-host dinner at the Madonna Inn and tour of a fabulous private garden and more. The tour is limited to the first 25 people who sign up, it does not include meals or housing. You can order from the menu and spend and eat what you want. Look for information regarding this tour at the CGCI website under Convention. I hope you can join us for this “once in a lifetime” central cost experience. Direct all questions to Bob Gordon at 805-541-1325 or email sloflwrs4u@aol.com.

Cost to attend is \$200/person. A \$100 deposit will hold your place until May 15. The total amount must be received by May 15. The tour is limited to the first 25 that make a deposit. Checks should be made out to Montana De Oro District and mail to Virginia Severa, District Treasurer, 1911 Sherwood Dr., Cambria 93428.

For Your Information - CGCI Convention 2017

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Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 27, 2017

Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo, 333 Madonna Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
Phone 805.549.0800

- To get the special suite rate of \$139* make room reservations prior to April 27, 2017 with Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo by calling 805-549-0800, ask for reservations.

To get discounted price mention **XCF**.

*A charge of \$10 will be added for a third adult sharing double suite and \$20 for a fourth adult.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday as well as peak season in the area - for any guest who may wish to arrive early or depart later, reservations are subject to space and rate availability, and will be handled on an individual basis. Requests for special room arrangements must be made when making your reservations. Rooms are available for check in after 4:00 p.m. and check-out is before 11:00 a.m.

Hotel Parking & Amenities

- Free refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker in all suites;
- Complimentary Internet in sleeping suites;
- Free self-parking;
- Cooked-to-order breakfast served from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. each morning at the Greenhouse Grille, Lobby Level;
- Two-hour hosted Evening Reception presented nightly in the Lobby Lounge and Garden Atrium from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.;
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle to and from the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport and the Amtrak Train Station 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

By Car:

From the North: Take 101 to Madonna Road (exit 201) off ramp stay in left lane. When you come to Madonna Road (light) turn left and follow Madonna Road to the traffic light at the post office. Turn left and follow it to the Embassy Suites.

From the South: Take 101 to the Madonna Road off ramp. When you come to Madonna Road (light) turn left and follow it to the Embassy Suites.

By Plane:

Fly to the San Luis Obispo Regional airport. The Embassy Shuttle will pick you up anytime from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Make reservations for the shuttle when you make your hotel reservation.

By Train:

From the south and north Amtrak stops in San Luis Obispo. A great ride. The Embassy Suites Shuttle will pick you up any time between 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Make reservations for the shuttle when you make your hotel reservation.

CGCI Convention 2017

Highlights: *Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*

Wednesday, May 31

- ❖ **Tour: Blue Star Marker Dedication, followed by tour of the historic Jack House and gardens featuring floral designs created by our members displayed throughout the house.**

The Jack House is a unique piece of California's elegant and colorful past which will transport visitors back to the Victorian era. The Jack family holds history with some of the most prominent players in the drama of Central California development. Active in ranching, politics, travel, banking and land development, the Jacks lived in this fine two-story Victorian house for over 90 years and much of the family's original furnishings, artwork, kitchen utensils, dishes and keepsakes are now on display for visitors.

Special bonus: "A Place in Time" - a special Placement Show featuring invited designers. Designs will be displayed throughout the Jack House. Tour attendees will vote for a People's Choice Award to be announced at Wednesday's lunch.

- ❖ **Lunch** - Honoring Club Presidents
- ❖ **Pre-convention board meeting** (ALL Board of Directors)
- ❖ **Convention Opening** (Open to all)
- ❖ **Business Meeting #1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS – ALL VOTING MEMBERS REQUIRED**
- ❖ **Awards Celebration Banquet** (Time to celebrate, open to all) - Honoring award sponsors

Awards will be presented to first place winners in all categories. Those who have won Pacific Region and NGC awards will be recognized as part of the Awards Ceremony. Rumor has it that the ceremony will be as long as there are first place winners there to accept their award. This is the time to celebrate!

Thursday, June 1

- ❖ **Parliamentary Workshop** Will focus on information club and district officers should know and that will help expedite your meetings and administer your organizations.
Questions regarding Parliamentary procedures, Leadership, how to conduct a meeting should be sent to Greg Pokorski at gregpokorski@earthlink.net. Please remember to bring your Club/District Bylaws, Policy and Standing Rules; especially if you have specific questions.
- ❖ **Advice from the Advisory Council, immediately following workshop**
Advisory Council members will devote time to specific topics: tips for hosting a CGCI board meeting, finance, "special" awards with Robin Pokorski facilitating.
- ❖ **Business Meeting #2**
- ❖ **Lunch** - Honoring Chairmen and Life Memberships
- ❖ **District Directors Forum - Current and Incoming**
- ❖ **Chairmen Forum - Current and Incoming**
- ❖ **2017 – 2019 Executive Committee Meeting***
- ❖ **California Consultants Council - MEMBERS ONLY.** Unfinished business and election of new officers are two of the agenda items.
- ❖ **President's Reception** honoring outgoing President Sue Bennett
- ❖ **Fundraiser Endowment Dinner** (Fun to be had by all) - Honoring Charter Endowment Members; With designs by a local Structural Display Designer, Jenny McNiece.
Bring money and/or checks as there will be unique, one-of-kind, prizes to bid on with our progressive auction to help raise monies for the CGCI Scholarship & CGCI Endowments (<http://californiagardenclubs.com/endowments>)

Friday, June 2

- ❖ **Business Meeting #3**
- ❖ **Lunch** - Honoring District Directors and Scholarship Winners (No Youth Luncheon)
- ❖ **Workshops**
- ❖ **Judges Council Meeting**
- ❖ **Installation Dinner** (Passing of the gavel)

Saturday, June 3

- ❖ **Post-Convention Meeting** (2017-19 District Directors and Officers only)
- ❖ **2017 - 2019 Organizational Meeting** (ALL Board of Directors)

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
TENTATIVE 2017 Convention Schedule
5/30 - 6/3/2017

***Denotes a closed meeting**

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Start and End	Function	Room
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Floral Workroom / Office	Los Osos North
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Awards – Setup*	Los Osos South
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Awards Committee Meeting*	
3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Awards Task Force*	
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Boutique/ Exhibits / Opportunity - Setup	Edna West/East
9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Exploratory Organization Study Committee*	Del Sol
10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Committee*	Del Sol
12:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Registration & Hospitality	Del Foyer
LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN		
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Executive Committee* 2015-2017	Del Sol
1:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees*	Del Mar
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Placement Entries	Jack House
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Endowment Committee*	Del Mar
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Bylaws & Policy Committee*	Del Mar
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Advisory Council*	Del Sol
DINNER ON YOUR OWN		

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration & Hospitality	Del Foyer
7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Floral Workroom / Office	Los Osos North
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Placement Entries	Jack House
8:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	TOUR: We will gather in the lobby to board the buses.	LOBBY
8:30 a.m. DEPART	<u>First stop:</u> Blue Star Marker Dedication at Veterans Memorial Building. <u>Second stop:</u> tour of historic Jack House and gardens featuring floral designs created by our members displayed throughout the house.	
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	SETUP: Awards*	Los Osos South
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	OPEN: Boutique/ Exhibits / Opportunity	Edna West/East
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon – Honoring Club Presidents Program: Working in Inter-Generational Organizations	SLO South
1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Board Meeting	San Luis Obispo North
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Ceremonial Convention Opening	San Luis Obispo North
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Business meeting #1	San Luis Obispo North
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	No Host Reception	Garden Atrium
6:30 p.m. -	Awards Celebration Banquet - Honoring Award Sponsors Ribbon Cutting and Opening of Awards Room	SLO Center & South Los Osos South

Thursday, June 1, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Floral Workroom/Hospitality	Los Osos North
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration & Hospitality	Del Foyer
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshop & Presidents Forum, ABC's of Parliamentary Procedures and Advice from the Advisory Council	San Luis Obispo North
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	OPEN: Awards Room	Los Osos South
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	OPEN: Boutique/ Exhibits / Opportunity	Edna West/East
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Business meeting #2	San Luis Obispo North
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon -Honoring Chairmen and Life Members Program: Sounds of the Forrest by Tessie Titwhistle	San Luis Obispo Center
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Chairmen Forum Current and incoming Chairmen	San Luis Obispo North
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	District Directors Forum - Current and incoming	San Luis Obispo South
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	2017-19 Executive Committee Meeting*	Del Mar
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	California Consultants Council*	San Luis Obispo South

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. No-Host Reception Honoring President Sue Bennett
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Fundraiser Endowment Dinner/ Design program/Auction
Speaker: George Perko
Honoring: Charter Endowment Members

Garden Atrium
SLO Center & South

Friday, June 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Floral Workroom/Hospitality	Los Osos North
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Registration & Hospitality	Del Foyer
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Business Meeting #3	San Luis Obispo North
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	OPEN: Boutique/ Exhibits / Opportunity	Edna West/East
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	OPEN: Awards Room	Los Osos South
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon Honoring District Directors & Scholarship Winners Program: Clivia by Ken Byrne	SLO Center & South
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Judges Council Meeting	San Luis Obispo North
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Workshop: Recycling ideas by Judy Unrine	SLO Center & South
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Workshop: Awards and Things	SLO Center & South
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Awards Room Teardown	Los Osos South
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Boutique/ Exhibits / Opportunity Teardown	Edna West/East
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	District Directors pick-up awards	Los Osos South
4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Installation Rehearsal (see Rehearsal below)	SLO Center & South
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	No-Host Reception	Garden Atrium
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Installation Banquet	SLO Center & South

Rehearsal: If you are an Outgoing and/or Incoming District Director YOU MUST BE HERE
If you are an Outgoing and/or Incoming Executive Committee Member YOU MUST BE HERE

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Post-convention Meeting* (NEW DD's & EC MEMBERS ONLY) San Luis Obispo North
Recess to reassemble
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Organizational Board Meeting (ALL BOARD MEMBERS) San Luis Obispo North

Detach here.

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District Sponsored Tour from 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3 to 1:00 p.m. Monday June 5

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Make check payable to: Montana De Oro District (Tour 2017 in memo line)

Mail form and check to: Virginia Severa, Treasurer

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805-927-4875

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