



California Garden Clubs, Inc.

All board members are called to assemble for the
2018 Fall Board Meeting – September 11-14 in Auburn
Hosted by Golden Foothills District

Theme: Treasures of the Golden Foothills

MEETING Registration Deadlines & more

Early bird special by August 8, 2018

Regular registration between August 9 & August 21, 2018

NO registration accepted August 22, 2018 or later



Registration for the 2018 Fall Board Meeting is now open. You save when you register early! When your registration is **postmarked by Wednesday, August 8, 2018 you qualify for the early bird special**. The discounted rate package is only \$189 and includes your registration fee plus two lunches and two dinners.

When postmarked between **Thursday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 21, 2018**, the package price is \$214. *No registrations will be accepted August 22, 2018 or later. Sorry, no walk-ins.*

REFUND POLICY: The refund policy is that NO REFUNDS will be issued for any cancellations made after August 26 and that the remittance will be considered a donation.

HOTEL Reservation Deadline & more

To receive the special room rate of \$116.99 (*plus tax) per night and you must make your room reservation on or before Friday, August 10.



Holiday Inn Auburn
120 Grass Valley Highway (Highway 49)
Auburn, CA 95603
530-887-8787

Reservations must be made by telephone. After you have been connected with the hotel's reservations department, please mention "**California Garden Clubs has a special room rate of \$116.99***". Room reservations are subject to availability so book ASAP. This special room rate is valid for the nights of Sunday, September 9 through and including the night of Thursday, September, 13. If you wish to extend your reservation to include the nights of Friday and/or Saturday the rate is \$179.99* for September 14 and/or 15. *Guest room rates do not include the applicable 8% occupancy tax and .195% California Tourism Tax. Cancellation Policy: No-shows or cancellation of hotel room reservations made less than 24 hours prior to arrival (6 p.m.) will be charged one night's lodging plus tax.

Unfortunately, any room reservation made August 11, or later will be subject to availability and the significantly higher per night room rate quoted at the time the reservation is made.

Hotel Information

Rooms

The Holiday Inn Auburn Hotel offers 96 finely appointed guest rooms decorated with your relaxation and comfort in mind. Features include:

- HD televisions through Direct TV with over 150 channels including HBO
- Work desk with complimentary wireless high-speed Internet service
- Complimentary morning newspaper delivered to room (Monday – Friday)
- Coffee and tea maker
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Voicemail
- All guest rooms are non-smoking

Services and Amenities

- Complimentary wireless Internet access throughout all public spaces, meeting rooms and guest rooms
- Courtyard Patio with pool and whirlpool spa
- Business Center with computer work station, printer, and photocopier
- Complete Fitness Center with treadmill, elliptical, recumbent bike, and multi-gym weight station
- Max's restaurant adjacent to the hotel. Room Service Available 7:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Bar with 3 large HD televisions and 6 local beers on tap
- On-site guest self-laundry facilities (washer/dryer)
- Pickup laundry and same day dry cleaning
- Free parking including ample parking for large vehicles
- Interior corridors with locked entry doors
- Handicapped accessible rooms available

Policies

- Hotel tax and visitor assessment: 8.195%
- Check-in: 4:00 pm Check-out: 11:00 am
- Pet policy: Service animals and other pets under 30 pounds. Must not be left unattended in room. \$30 non-refundable fee.

Travel Information—

Driving directions provided on the Holiday Inn Auburn website. The Google map shown below was provided online.

By Car

Driving I-80 eastbound:

Exit Hwy 49 in Auburn
Left on Hwy 49
Proceed under I-80 then first right to hotel



Driving I-80 westbound:

Exit Hwy 49 in Auburn
Proceed straight at stop light to hotel



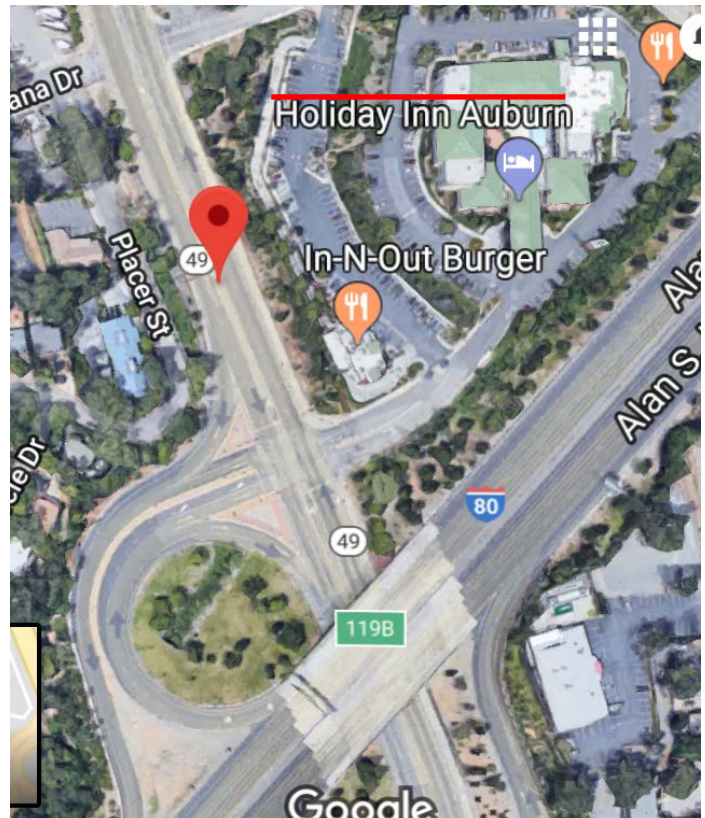
By train
The Amtrak train station is located approximately ½ a mile from the hotel.



By plane

Sacramento International Airport (SMF)

Distance: 40 Miles
Drive time: 40 minutes



Workshops --- Wednesday, September 12

A Cultivating Practice for Gardeners presented by Traci Preble, Certified Yoga/Group Fitness Instructor & Personal Trainer. This morning workshop is a wonderful way to start the day, especially if you were cooped up in a car, plane, train or meeting room the day before. During the workshop, don't worry about what you can't do, do what you can do. "Yoga can be intimidating to many people; they feel they aren't flexible enough and never will be. The truth is that if you do it, you will slowly be it." Most of the exercises can be done in your garden using a chair, garden seat or bench, tree, stump or other steady, stable object. Everyone will have a chair to use during the workshop.

Create a Bird Nesting Materials Bag ----- *Hands-on make & take!* *

With guidance, making selections from the wide variety of the nesting materials available, you will create a Bird Nesting Materials Bag. When you finish you'll have nesting materials in your mesh bag. When you get home hang it outside and then step back and watch. Birds will stop by to select their favorite nesting material before taking it home to add to their nest. What will they select when on their next visit? *Limit of one Bird Nesting Bag total per person for anyone attending the workshop(s).

Garden Knowledge Game presented by Chris Bushman, a long time gardener, a recipient of a Scientific /Technical Academy Award (from his Motion Picture Industry career) and he was bitten by the orchid bug about 45 years ago. Perhaps, bitten more than once since he has about 150 orchids! During Chris' presentation he will share interesting garden terms and information. Do you think you will have some of the answers needed? We hope you will because this is an interactive experience and audience participation is encouraged. Well actually...audience participation is required so just shout out the answers. Let's play the educational and fun Garden Knowledge Game!

Programs, Speakers and more

Wednesday, September 12 --- Lunch

Program: *Getting to know you* ---- Members of our board and Golden Foothills District clubs have the opportunity to share with one another what makes their club, or position on the board special!

Menu: Buffet featuring Sandwiches including Roasted Turkey on Wheat, Max's Chicken Salad on Sourdough and Portabella Mushroom on Ciabatta (vegetarian).

Wednesday, September 12 --- Dinner

Program: *Birds of the Sierra Nevada* --- Presented by Ted Beedy. Ted Beedy began birding over 60 years ago. His master's thesis concerned birds of the Donner Summit region, and his doctoral research focused on conifer forest bird communities of Yosemite National Park. He is co-author of [Birds of the Sierra Nevada: Their Natural History, Status and Distribution](#) (published by UC Press). This photo-illustrated presentation: *Birds of the Sierra Nevada* draws from the 448 book of the same name.

After his presentation, the speaker will have a limited number of copies of [Birds of the Sierra Nevada](#) available for sale at a reduced rate. After making your purchase don't forget to have your new book autographed by Ted Beedy. Note: Each species account features original illustrations by Keith Hansen. The book contains 448 pages with a total of 293 color illustrations.

Menu: Buffet entrée selections include Chicken Piccata and Tri Mushroom Fettuccine (vegetarian).

Thursday, September 13 --- Lunch

Program: *Harvesting and Preserving our Treasures* --- Presented by: Earlene Easley-Freeman, a.k.a. Garden Goddess from Easley Nursery. Before, you plant your fruit and vegetable garden think about what you want and how you will use your bountiful harvest. Will your produce be consumed fresh, preserved or both? When you plan ahead it is easier to select varieties with the characteristics that will produce the desired results. For the best results when canning, always use the best produce available, "your own carefully selected and home-grown treasures".

Menu: Buffet entrée selections include Chile Verde Carnitas and Cheese Enchiladas (vegetarian). .

Thursday, September 13 --- Dinner ... an evening of *food, floral design and song*.

Program: **New NGC Designs: Cascade, Grouped Mass, Challenge and Featured plant material** presented by a very talented mother-daughter duo, Lili Aram-Bost and Mary Arakelian

Lili Aram-Bost is an NGC Accredited Life Flower Show Judge who began her creative floral design passion in 2010. She serves as the 2017-19 CGCI Symposium co-chairman.

Mary Arakelian is an NGC Accredited Master Flower Show Judge and currently serves as 2017-19 CGCI Symposium co-chairman. In 2018, Mary was awarded the Helen Hull "NGC Floral Designer of the Year" for her design "One World, Many Colors". Mary is only the second recipient from California.

Entertainment: *Sierra Gold Chorus* - a chapter of Sweet Adelines International

Menu: Buffet entrees include BBQ Tri-Tip Roast and Roasted BBQ Pulled Pork. The vegetarian dinner is served half plated and half buffet style. The entree is a Veggie Black Bean Burger which will be plated and delivered to your table. Then to select your side items, simply take your plate to the buffet to make your choices.

TOUR – Friday, September 14 --- Easley Nursery --- Behind the scenes tour of the propagation of vegetable and flowers using seeds and cuttings.

Founded during the Great Depression, Easley Nursery has been family-owned and operated since 1932. The wholesale operation is on 11 acres and includes 45 greenhouses. The nursery supports northern California growers by supplying other mom-and-pop nurseries throughout the region. Easley Nursery is known for their Poinsettia production. In addition to their wholesale operation, there is a retail nursery with gift shop that, among other things includes a good selection of canning supplies.

Easley Nursery located at 380 Nevada St in Auburn is only about 1 ½ miles from the Holiday Inn. Pre-registration is required. We will meet in the hotel lobby at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure. We will caravan over to the nursery with members providing their own transportation or making their own arrangements for sharing a ride.