

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
87th Annual Convention
June 4-7, 2018 in Tuolumne, CA
Hosted by Valley Lode District



“Going for the Gold”

THE CALL TO CONVENTION

Registration for the 2018 Annual Convention is now open.

- The package price when postmarked by **Friday, May 4 is only \$264** and includes your registration fee plus three lunches and three dinners.
- When postmarked between May 5 and May 18, the price for the same package is \$289.
- No registrations will be accepted on or after May 19 and no refunds after May 24, 2018.
- **SAVE when you register early.** Register NOW. Do not risk the chance of getting busy and forgetting.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: May 13, 2018

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

Special Rate	\$119	Single or double occupancy
	\$129	Triple occupancy
	\$139	Quad occupancy

(There is a maximum of four guests permitted per room)

After the May 13 reservation deadline, any rooms that have not been reserved in our room block at THE HOTEL at Black Oak Casino Resort will be released. Room reservations made May 14 or later 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 1-877-747-8777**
- Mention **“California Garden Clubs, Inc. has a room block and special room rate”** 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.**



Reserve Your Room ASAP

THE HOTEL at Black Oak Casino Resort
19400 Tuolumne Road, North
Tuolumne, CA 95379
Reservations: 877-747-8777

Remember, cancellation of room reservations will be accepted by the hotel *without penalty* when cancelled more than 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival.

Hotel Amenities

- All hotel rooms are non-smoking.
- Self-parking and valet parking is available on a complimentary basis.
- Wi-Fi internet access is available in each room.
- Keurig Coffee Brewer & complimentary coffee in each room.
- Handicap rooms are available upon request and subject to availability.



- 24 Hour Fitness Center
- Heated Saline Pool and spa with seasonal poolside service.
- No pets other than registered “service animals” are allowed.
- Room service menu is available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- The Espresso Bar is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



THE HOTEL at Black Oak Casino Resort is located amidst the natural grandeur of the majestic Sierra mountains. This state-of-the-art resort is located a little more than hour from the north gate to Yosemite National Park, and just minutes from historic Sonora, Columbia State Park, and Dodge Ridge Winter Sports Area. Enjoy 9 Restaurants and bars including fine dining at the *Seven Sisters*, winner of Wine Spectator Magazine’s Award of Excellence. A separate Family Fun Floor in the Casino includes a 24-lane Brunswick bowling alley and a video arcade. The Casino (located in a separate building) features 1,300 of the latest slots with a separate no-smoking section, 26 table games, and access to live national music acts and comedy shows. *Newly open RV Park boasts 85 Full Hook-Up sites, Club House, Pool & Spa, and satellite TV and WiFi.*

Extend your stay to explore the Gold Country! Special rates have been negotiated for three nights before and three nights after Convention on a space available basis.

Extended stay rate shown below for Thursday or Sunday nights (May 31 or June 10).

***Add \$30 per night for Friday or Saturday nights (June 1, 2, 8 or 9).**

\$119 * Single or double occupancy

\$129 * Triple occupancy

\$139 * Quad occupancy

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Travel Information—recommendation is to travel by car. Don’t want to drive? Use your updated CGCI Roster to locate other members in your area to share a ride. If flying, perhaps you can share a car rental.

By Car - From the NORTH and HEADING SOUTH on Highway 99

1. From Stockton, take Farmington Rd, Hwy 4, through Escalon and Oakdale, onto Hwy 108
2. Hwy 108 East [Hwy 120 in Tuolumne County] (12.8 miles / 17 min).
3. Take Mono Way exit (right turn) from CA 108 East 0.6 miles.
4. Right turn on to Tuolumne Rd 6.7 miles to stop light at Tuolumne Road North; turn left. Resort is on your left.
5. The hotel’s registration desk is on the first floor, with Convention downstairs.

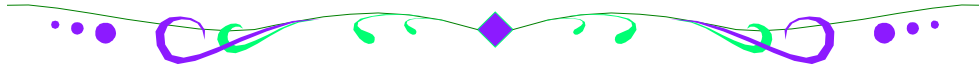
By Car - From the SOUTH and HEADING NORTH on Highway 99



1. From Manteca, take Hwy 120 east (E Yosemite Ave) through Escalon and Oakdale.
2. Turn left onto Hwy 108 East 40 miles into Sonora; take Mono Way exit; turn right onto Mono Way 0.6 miles.
3. Turn right onto Tuolumne Road 6.7 miles to stop light at Tuolumne Road North; turn left. Resort is on the left.
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By plane

Fly into any airport of your choice, i.e. Sacramento, Stockton, San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose. Procure rental car and follow driving instructions above or contact a member nearby to share a ride.



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS WORKSHOPS, PROGRAMS, MEALS, SPEAKERS and more

“Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode” a NGC STANDARD FLOWER SHOW

Anyone can enter. All garden club members are encouraged to participate. Entry tags provided to list classification and placement with correct scientific name or binomial name. Plant material must have been grown by the individual exhibitor.

Design: limit 12 designs: 4 in each class. Contact Carolyn Flynn 530-389-2549 by June 1 to pre-register an entry.

Horticulture: Contact Kathy Bramhall, Chairman 530-527-9403 or Carolyn Hoyum, Co-Chairman 530-547-5118

Section A – Cut Blooming Annual: Dianthus; Petunia; Marigold; other annual

Section B – Cut trees/shrubs: Broadleaf evergreen; Needled evergreen; Blooming evergreen; Deciduous; Blooming Deciduous; with fruits, berries, or nuts

Section C – Container Grown: flowers in bloom 6” or less; flowers in bloom 6”-12”; foliage 6” or less; foliage 6”-12”; cacti 6” or less; Cacti 6”-12”; succulent 6” or less; succulent 6”-12”

Section D – Cut Blooming Perennial: Chrysanthemum, Shasta Daisy, other; Gerbera; Iris, bearded, other; Rubeckia/Gloriosa, Black eye Susan; any other

Section E – Roses: Floribunda – single, spray with more than 2 blooms; hybrid tea – single stem; Miniature – single, spray; Ramblers & Climbers max 30”; Shrub, David Austin, Landscape, Musk, etc- single, spray

Sunday, June 3

Flower Show Design Entries Received 12 noon to 5 p.m. in hotel lobby

Monday, June 4

Flower Show Entries Received 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in downstairs Pre-function Area

Flower Show Open Judging begins at 3 p.m. **You are invited to observe the open judging process.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn what is considered during the judging process. Everyone that I know that has attended open judging has said they learned so much and that they could enter a flower show in the future. If you are not familiar with flower show judging, you won’t want to miss this opportunity.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings are scheduled throughout the day. * on the schedule indicates the meeting is a closed meeting.



Tuesday, June 5

Honored Guest

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Director, **Peggy Olin** is making an official visit to CGCI during our convention. When you have an opportunity, ask Peggy about her project or other State Garden Clubs in Pacific Region.



WORKSHOPS

- Photo Safari – bring your favorite camera or use your iPhone to learn more about taking great pictures in the outdoor walk-about Photo Safari, presented by member(s) of Modesto Camera Club
- ‘Adaptive Gardening’ by Sherrin Grout, Master Gardener
- ‘Vegetables in Your Landscape’, by Lisa Page, Master Gardener

LUNCH Honoring Club Presidents

Program *Insights into Bird Behaviors*

A video presentation by Barry Boulton, President
Central Sierra Audubon Society



As birds navigate their behaviors are varied and fascinating, having evolved and adapted with many different patterns. Using high definition video sequences for cranes, egrets & herons, blackbirds, bluebirds, ospreys, sapsuckers, owls, and grebes, we will observe and discuss topics such as courtship displays, sexual selection, sibling rivalry, altruism, foraging techniques and so on. We will discuss how and why different species adapted variously to the demands of survival, and in doing so we will appreciate so much commonality between avian and human behaviors.

Menu** **Southwest Cali Buffet** includes choice of Grilled Marinated Skirt Steak, Seared Red Pepper Pesto Salmon and Tequila Lime Chicken, plus a number of sides and condiments.

DINNER Honoring the Awards Committee

Program *Presentations of General Awards*

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

- Pork Tenderloin Medallions served with Creamy Polenta, Port & Berry Reduction, Honey Glazed Carrots and Patty Pan Squash.
- Chicken Cordon Bleu: Crusted Breast Filled with Ham, Swiss Cheese Topped with Creamy Mornay Sauce, Chili Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Asparagus.
- Vegetarian Lasagna: Spinach, Mushrooms, Cream Sauce, Peppers and Pasta with Marinated Grilled Zucchini.

Wednesday, June 6

WORKSHOP

- **Medicinal Uses of Native Plants**, by Dan Davis of *Four Seasons Nursery*

LUNCH Honoring District Directors

Program *California Forests Damage- the REAL Truth* by US Forest Service, Tuolumne

Menu** **Pacific Island Rim Buffet** includes choice of Vegetable Spring Rolls, Kahlua Pulled Pork and Teriyaki Chicken Thigh plus a number of sides.

DINNER Honoring Award Sponsors

Program **Presentation of Flower Show, Photography, Youth Awards & Sweepstakes + Recognition of Blue-Ribbon Achievement Clubs and their Districts**

- Menu**** Dinner selections must be made in advance and indicated on your registration form.
- Char Crusted Skirt Steak served with Truffle Mashed Potatoes, Seared Oyster Mushrooms, and Oven Roasted Tomato, Zucchini with a Brandy Cream Sauce.
 - Oven Roasted Atlantic Salmon with Red Pepper Pesto, Toasted Curry Tomato Relish, reserved Lemon, Sautéed Spinach and Three-Grain Quinoa Rice.
 - Mushroom Pot Pie: Mixed Wild Mushrooms, Peas, Carrots and Parsnips, Celery Potato, in a Flakey Pie Crust.

Thursday, June 7

LUNCH Honoring Scholarship Committee & Scholarship Recipients

Program *Youth Gardens That Change Lives* by Amy Thorpe, Administrator
This one of a kind pilot program prepares challenged youth with special needs to learn and use life skills by growing, cultivating, harvesting, preparing and preserving plants and foods.

Menu** **Italian Buffet** includes choice of Vegetable Lasagna, Meat Balls with Marinara Sauce & Penne Pasta plus a number of sides

DINNER Honoring Former Recipients of Special Awards

Theme *All that Sparkles in Gold* (Recommended attire is semi-formal in lots of gold.)

Program California Consultants Council, Merit and Special Awards

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

- Herb Seared Chicken Breast with Cauliflower Gratin, Fingerling Potato, Broccolini with Lemon Mushroom Scaloppini.
- Beer Braised Short Rib served with Chili Garlic Mashed Potato, Fried Lemon Agave Brussels Sprouts, and Dried Cherie Reduction.
- Stuffed Portabella Mushroom with Five Grain Pilaf, Mariana Sauce, Seared Seasonal Squash, and Fried Brussels Sprouts.

**The Hotel at Black Oak's Catering Department reserves the right to change menus if necessary.

Friday, June 8 Check-out day for most people

If you have extended your stay or would like to visit points of interest in the Mother Lode before heading home, following are suggestions:

Columbia State Historic Park – a living Gold Rush town with merchants dressed in 1850's attire. Experience gold panning, ride the stagecoach, discover unique shops, take in a guided town tour. FREE admission. FREE parking. FREE guided tours. Most businesses open 10am – 5pm. Address: 11255 Jackson St, Columbia, CA 95310 Phone: 209-588-9128

Historic Downtown Sonora & Jamestown with Historic 1897 Railroad. Address for Historic 1897 Railroad: 10501 Reservoir Rd, Jamestown, CA 95327 Phone: 209-984-3953

Tillandsia International – the largest grower and exporter of 'tillandsia' air plants. Address: 43714 Rd 415, Coarsegold, CA 93614 Call 559-683-7097 or 559-683-7087 for an appointment to visit. Coarsegold CA

Largest Gold Nugget - on display at Ironstone Winery. Address: 1894 '6' Mile Rd, Murphys, CA
Phone: 209-728-1251