

California Garden Clubs, Inc.

All board members are called to assemble for
2019 Winter Meeting January 29 to February 1, 2019 in San Diego
Hosted by Palomar District

Theme: *Fiesta Fun*

Meeting Registration

Registration for the 2019 Winter Board Meeting is now open. When your registration is postmarked on or before Friday, December 21, you qualify for the *early bird* package price of only \$202 and included is your registration plus two lunches and two dinners. When postmarked between Saturday, December 22 and Wednesday, January 16 the package price for the same package is \$227. **SAVE** when you register earlier rather than later.

With the holiday season approaching quickly, it is even more important to register NOW. Don't risk the chance of getting busy, losing track of time and forgetting to register. No registrations will be accepted when postmarked on or after January 17. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made on or after January 23 or for no-shows.

Hotel Information

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Diego/Mission Valley located at 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Check In Time: 3 p.m. Check Out Time: 12 p.m.

Hotel Reservation Deadline – To receive the special negotiated per night room rate, reservation must be made **by noon on Monday, January 7, 2019.**

Single or double occupancy	\$109* (\$123.22 w/tax**)
Triple occupancy (3 ppl)	\$119* (\$134.47 w/tax**)
Quad occupancy (4 ppl)	\$129* (\$145.72 w/tax**)

Breakfast each morning is included for those qualifying for the negotiated CGCI hotel room rate. Breakfast coupons will be provided by the hotel when you check-in.

* Plus tax in effect at the time of stay ** Estimated based on tax rates currently in effect.

The per night rates shown above are valid for up to three nights before and/or after our meeting but are subject to availability.

Any reservations made after 12 p.m. (noon) on Monday, January 7, 2019 are subject to the going room rate available and quoted at the time the reservation is made.

Reservations may be made online or by telephone.

- *Online* using a dedicated booking website for our CGCI Winter Board Meeting:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/49792282>
- *By telephone* call 1-888-233-9527. Please ask for the "CGCI Winter Board Meeting" rate or Group Code "CGC" when calling. Reservation hours are from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., EST.

Anyone who is required to limit walking, or cannot use the stairs, please inform the reservation agent of this when making your reservation. FYI--The hotel rooms providing the shortest walk are on the ground floor and nearest to the meeting rooms, but not further back than the elevator. The next best option will be a room on a floor other than the ground floor and nearest to the elevator.

Cancellation Policy-All reservations have a 48-hour cancellation policy meaning should you need to cancel you must contact the hotel and cancel 48 hours or more before 6 p.m. on your scheduled day of arrival to avoid being charged a cancellation fee. Reservations cancelled less than 48 hours before 6 p.m. on the day of your arrival or are no-shows, one night's lodging plus taxes will be charged as a cancellation fee.

There is no reason to delay---remember a credit card is only required to hold your room for late arrival but will not be charged unless you don't show up or a cancellation penalty is charged for a late cancellation.

Hotel Parking & Amenities

- A discounted self-parking fee of only \$3.00 per vehicle for overnight guests and locals will be charged. No valet parking is available.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guestrooms and meeting space.
- Fitness center and heated outdoor pool.
- Handicap/accessible rooms are available upon request and subject to availability.
- Pets and service animals are allowed. There is a non-refundable fee of \$75 per stay. One animal maximum. No cats allowed.
- Dining options – The Islands Restaurant, Kona Café and Islands Sushi, Grill & Bar.

Travel Information

By Car – Directions provided on the Crowne Plaza hotel website.

Highway 5 North or South to I-8 East. Exit Hotel Circle/Taylor Street. Left at stoplight. Left at stop sign. Left and quick right at light. Hotel is located ¼ mile up street on left.

By Plane

San Diego International Airport

Distance: 4.7 miles

Drive Time: 12 minutes

The hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from the airport.

By Train

Old Town Station

Distance: 1.3 miles

Drive Time: 5 minutes

Winter Board Meeting Workshops, Programs, and Meals

No tour has been arranged. Please see the List of San Diego Attractions near the hotel, with some of them serviced by hotel shuttle. Why not coordinate with your CGCI friends for your own low cost or no cost tours. Remember, the negotiated hotel room rate is good for three days before and after the Winter Board Meeting on a space available basis.

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – Workshops

The Fiesta of Dia de Los Muertos presented by Kathy Taylor de Murillo

The celebration of Day of the Dead grew from the blending of Aztec beliefs and Catholic beliefs brought to Mexico by the Spanish conquistadors. We will learn a brief history of this colorful holiday *and make vibrant paper flowers* like those which are used to decorate the fiestas of our neighbor's to the south.

Tillandsia presented by Sharon Tooley

Tillandsia is a genus of around 650 species of evergreen, perennial flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae. They are commonly known as air plants. We will learn how to care for these interesting plants and *you will create your own miniature tillandsia design to take home with you.*

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – Lunch

Program: *Raptors*

Presented by *Danny Sedivec, founder of The Raptor Institute and Master Falconer*

The Raptor Institute will bring several local raptor species native to San Diego for guests to meet and learn about. Topics will include raptor biology, natural history, and conservation. Emphasis will be placed on the important role these apex predators play in our environment and why their success benefits us all. Discussion will include ways to attract raptors to your neighborhood or garden using methods such as nest boxes or artificial perch installations.

Lunch Menu:

Three Cheese Enchiladas, roasted tomatillo sauce, Mexican rice & black beans (V & GF)

-or-

Quinoa Pilaf w/Balsamic Garlic Drizzle, herb grilled vegetables (V & GF)

Dessert: Double Chocolate Mousse Cake (V & GF)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – Dinner

Program: *Designing Your Own Succulent Tapestry*

Presented by *Laura Eubanks, Founder and CEO of Design for Serenity*

Award winning succulent designer, Laura Eubanks travels worldwide teaching her techniques and installing her signature "Succulent Tapestries". She will provide an insider's look at how to create succulent living works of art. You will leave her presentation inspired and prepared to create a succulent masterpiece in your own garden space.

Dinner Menu:

Marinated Flank Steak served London Broil style and topped with a peppercorn sauce, rice pilaf (GF) When you check the gluten free box on the registration form; gluten free salad dressing, roll and dessert options will be substituted.

-or-

Baked Mahi Mahi served with a mango cream sauce, rice pilaf (GF) When you check the gluten free box on the registration form; gluten free salad dressing, roll and dessert options will be substituted.

-or-

Portobello Mushroom Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, fresh seasonal vegetables (V)

Sorry, no gluten free option is available for this entrée.

Dessert: Carrot Cake (V)

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – Lunch

Program: *San Diego River Park Foundation*

Presented by *Rob Hutsel, President & CEO of San Diego River Park Foundation*

San Diego River Park Foundation, a nonprofit established in 2001 to serve as a catalyst in creating a 52 mile long system of parks, trails and open spaces along the San Diego River. Understanding the importance of making connections, San Diego River Coalition consisting of 78 non-governmental organizations was founded to partner with the San Diego River Park Foundation. Rob Hutsel will provide an overview of the programs and outreach to and involvement of the local youth, followed by a deeper dive on their education programs - how their programs got started, how fast they grew (and what keeps them from growing faster), how they are funded, who participates, who leads the classes, etc.

Lunch Menu:

California Chicken Salad with celery, red onion, cranberries & walnuts on flatbread, served with sliced seasonal fresh fruit.

GF * gluten free option without flatbread and dessert substituted when you check the gluten free box on the registration form.

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Rainbow Vegetarian Wrap with chipotle pepper flour tortilla, alfalfa sprouts, tomato, shredded jack & cheddar cheese, avocado & chipotle mayonnaise, served with pineapple raisin cole slaw (V) GF* gluten free wraps and dessert substituted when you check the gluten free box on the registration form.

Dessert: New York Style Cheese Cake (V)

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – Dinner

Fiesta Fun - Join in the fun and wear festive colors!

Program: *Hot Colors, Dry Garden*

Presented by *Nan Sterman, Garden Designer, Author, Botanist, Award-Winning Garden Communicator, and Host of the television show A Growing Passion.*

Learn how to create colorful gardens that need little if any water, along with the best plants for the task. Nan will focus on some of the many dry growing plants that offer great color. She will have copies of her newest book for sale and will do a book signing.

Pre-Dinner Entertainment: *Youth Mariachis*

Dinner Menu: Served Buffet style – Baja Caesar salad, southwest roasted corn & bean salad, carne asada (GF), red snapper (GF), Mexican rice, refried beans, assorted condiments, flour & corn tortillas, assorted Mexican desserts. All side items (V) and (GF *)