



California Garden Clubs, Inc.

78th Annual Convention

June 6-7, 2009

San Mateo Marriott, San Mateo, CA

President Robin Pokorski

Hosts: Bay Ocean District and Santa Clara Valley District

Business Meeting #1:

President Pokorski called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Without objection, President Pokorski appointed Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian pro-tem in the absence of Parliamentarian Carol Sexton.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Chuck Goodwin, Legislation Chairman

Conservation Pledge: Donna Thomas, CA Natives Chairman

Inspiration: Greg Pokorski, Chairmen Coordinator and Parliamentarian pro-tem

President Pokorski introduced the Executive Committee seated at the head table; former CGCI Presidents Mary Lou Goodwin, Beverly Brune, Virginia Bennetts and Robert Gordon; Circle of Poppies members Helen Gates, Gertrude Paul, Betty Taylor and Martha Ann Walter; President's Page, Deedee Speer and Timekeeper, Martha Ann Walter

Shane Loper, Convention Chairman reported 187 voting members and moved to adopt the report. **PASSED**

With a voting strength of 187, President Pokorski declared a quorum.

Shane Loper, Convention Chairman reported registration of 402 to date.

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian Pro-tem read the Convention Rules of Order and moved to adopt. **PASSED**

The Convention Program has been amended as follows: Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski to replace Carol Sexton and the Friday night raffle postponed to later date. Shane Loper moved to adopt the program as amended. **PASSED**

President Pokorski appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this Convention: George Speer, 3rd Vice-President, Chairman, Kathy Bramhall, Cascade District Director, Mary-Jo Noth, Bylaws Committee Chairman.

President Pokorski thanked Bay Ocean and Santa Clara Valley Districts for hosting the convention.

Joelle Holford, Chairman of the review committee moved to approve Minutes of 2008 Convention Meeting in Woodland Hills as distributed. **PASSED**

Financial Reports

Treasurer, Ed Dempsey reminded all clubs and districts to cash award checks received and reported that funds in CDs have been moved to take advantage of the best interest rates. (See Attachment A)

A Memorial Service was conducted by Costa Verde District.

Executive Committee Recommendations

- Accept the offer of Sacramento River Valley District to host the 2012 CGCI Convention. **PASSED**

President Pokorski announced the following recipients of Presidential Winners certificates: Bev Brune, Pat Clayes, George Speer, Deedee Speer, Greg Pokorski

Election of Officers

Robert Gordon, Chairman of the Nominating Committee read the names of the proposed slate of officers for 2009-2011:

1st Vice President: Julie West

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Johnson

2nd Vice President: Pat Clayes

Financial Secretary: Joelle Holford

3rd Vice President: Rita Desilets

Treasurer: Ed Dempsey

Recording Secretary: Greg Pokorski

Golden Gardens Editor: Lynne Hansen

President Pokorski declared nominations from the floor open. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Election of officers was conducted according to CGCI Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1 (6c): "Vote shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, when election shall be by voice vote." There being only one candidate for each office, a separate voice vote was taken for each office. President Pokorski declared that by the vote taken the following were elected: 1st Vice President: Julie West, 2nd Vice President: Pat Clayes, 3rd Vice President: Rita Desilets, Recording Secretary: Greg Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Johnson, Financial Secretary: Joelle Holford, Treasurer: Ed Dempsey, *Golden Gardens* Editor: Lynne Hansen to serve with Maryanne Lucas now serving as President-Elect and who will serve as President for 2009-2011.

Election of Nominating Committee

Recording Secretary, Jane McKee read the bylaw pertinent to the election of the Nominating Committee:

- Article VI, Sec. 2. Nominating Committee: **(a)** When elected and term of office: 1. A nominating committee of seven (7) shall be elected following the election of officers at the convention in odd numbered years. 2. Term of office of all nominating committee member(s) shall be two years, or until their successors are elected or appointed. **b)** Eligibility: 1. Each member shall have served on the board of directors and shall be present when nominated. 2. No member shall serve more than two terms and the terms shall not be consecutive. 3. No district shall be represented on the committee two consecutive terms. **(c)** Election: 1. Following the election of officers, the chair shall call for nominations from the floor. 2. Vote shall be by ballot unless there are only seven (7) members nominated, when election shall be held by voice vote.

President Pokorski announced nominations for the 2009-2011 CGCI Nominating Committee would be in order with the exception of: Bay Ocean District, Cascade District, Channel Islands District, Diablo Foothills District, Golden Foothills District, Montana de Oro District, Valley Lode District.

Nominated were:

Robin Pokorski, San Fernando Valley District	Dolores Moffat, Bay Bridges District
David West, Luther Burbank District	Jane McKee, Palomar District
Dwight Holford, Mendo-Lake District	Linda Riddle, Roadrunner District
Gwen Nansen, Santa Clara Valley District	

Julie West moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

According to the CGCI bylaws, there being only seven (7) members nominated election was held by voice vote.

President Pokorski declared that by the vote taken the following were elected to serve on the 2009-2011 Nominating Committee: Robin Pokorski, San Fernando Valley District, David West, Luther Burbank District, Dwight Holford, Mendo-Lake District, Gwen Nansen, Santa Clara Valley District, Dolores Moffat, Bay Bridges District, Jane McKee, Palomar District, Linda Riddle, Roadrunner District.

Officers Reports

Parliamentarian – No report

Golden Gardens editor – No report

Treasurer – No further report

Financial Secretary – Joelle Holford reminded all to use the appropriate forms for deposit of funds or to request reimbursement.

Corresponding Secretary – No report

Recording Secretary – Jane McKee moved to ratify the following dates:

- August 12-13, 2009: Landscape Design Study Program, Course 4, Series 23, Temecula, Chairman: Felicia Hogan, Registrar: Joan Patten
- Sept 22-23, 2009: Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course I, Sponsor: Golden Foothills District, Loomis, CA, Chairman - Patsy Jeffery
- May 15-19, 2011 CGCI Convention (date only) (Host: Luther Burbank and Mendo-Lake Districts) **PASSED**

3rd Vice President, George Speer

- moved to ratify the following new clubs:
 - Hughson Garden Club, 16 members, Valley Lode District
 - Inland Empire Master Gardener's Club, 15 members, Palms to Pines District.
 - Northern California Japanese Maple Society (a garden club), 20 members, Diablo Foothills District
 - Concow Garden Club, Inc., 11 members, Buttes District
 - High Country Garden Club, 10 members, Palms to Pines District **PASSED**

- announced that CGCI membership contest resulted in over 400 new members; there are 120 clubs on zip code finder and 40,000 book marks have been distributed.
- announced results of the "Frosting on the Cake" membership contest winners:

<p><u>Club</u> – highest total new members</p> <p>3rd – Palms GC & Temecula Valley GC</p> <p>2nd – Sutter Buttes GC</p> <p>1st – Mission Hills GC</p> <p><u>Club</u> - highest percentage new members</p> <p>4th – 100% Kids Growing Strong</p> <p>3rd – 128% North Lake GC</p> <p>2nd – 160% San Diego GC</p> <p>1st – 250% Woodland Hills Floral Design</p>	<p><u>District</u>– highest total new members</p> <p>3rd – Buttes</p> <p>2nd – Golden Foothills</p> <p>1st – 120 members Palomar</p> <p><u>District</u> – highest percentage new members</p> <p>3rd – Buttes</p> <p>2nd – Golden Foothills</p> <p>1st – 16% Top o' the State</p>
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President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Officer reports continued

2nd Vice President, Julie West

- Policy: The policy committee successfully reached its objective of a Website Policy which became new Standing Rule #60
- CGCI 75-Year History Book: *The Diamond Years* has been published and is available for sale. 317 books were pre-sold; \$2,080 collected to date. The book includes chapters on Structure, Charter Clubs, Publications, Awards, Horticulture, Conservation, Education, Public Interest, and Presidential Highlights that were all part of *The Golden Years*. The last chapter covers New Programs, Projects and Events of the past 25 years.

President-elect, Maryanne Lucas

- moved to ratify the following clubs for 501(c) 3 exemption: San Dieguito Garden Club, Poway Garden Club, Bakersfield Green Thumb Garden Club, Anderson Valley Garden Club, Gardeners of the Grove, Blackhawk Bloomers, Redbud Garden Club, Concow Garden Club, Cayucos Garden Club, Carlsbad Garden Club. **PASSED**
- Presented third and final reading of President's Project resolution and moved to adopt. **PASSED** (See Attachment B)

President, Robin Pokorski reviewed the following accomplishments during the 2007-09 term:

- logged more than 50,000 miles appearing at more than 300 club, district, council, school, symposia and state events.
- the first full-color, 3-ring binder yearbook was produced and won NGC Awards both years
- 21 Blue Star Memorial Markers were dedicated. Through a partnership with Principal Financial Group, a grant program was established for Blue Star Byway Markers with nine clubs participating.
- full-color banners were developed for the state and clubs, districts, schools and councils and more than 75 banners have been ordered, Membership was increased through the "Frosting on the Cake – and We'll Throw in the Cake" program.
- parliamentary workshops were held at each state meeting (4 boards and 2 conventions).
- six NGC/Principal Financial Group "Let's Go Native" grants were received for projects. Seventeen other projects were deemed so worthwhile CGCI set up its own grant program and funded all projects that didn't receive NGC/Principal Financial Group grant money.
- helped to greet 120,000+ visitors at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show 2008 & 2009
- more than \$75,000 donated to Penny Pines.
- four state and two national scholarships were awarded to worthy California students.
- a CGCI 75-year history was produced .
- *75 Years of Inspiration from Golden Gardens*, a new installations book and *How to Be a Blue Ribbon President* books realized revenue as did sales of Blue Star pins, NGC snowflake pins, and CGCI license plate frames.
- President's Project the "Trail of Trees" at the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden raised over \$30,000

Members of Channel Islands District presented the invitation to the 79th annual CGCI Convention, June 4-7, 2010 in Westlake Village, CA. Tours will include the Malibu Getty Museum and the Reagan Library.

President Pokorski recognized members serving on the Pacific Region Board of Directors the NGC Board of Directors.

President Pokorski presented certificate to new NGC 4-Star Member, Julie West. There are less than 200 4-Star members in the nation.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Council – No report

Awards – No report

Board of Trustees – Bob Gordon reported that the board has elected its officers; has reviewed restricted funds list and will provide to Budget and Finance Committee for implementation

Budget & Finance – No report

Bylaws – Mary-Jo Noth moved the adoption of the following amendments:

(Words to be inserted are shown in ***bold italics***. Words to be struck out are shown as ~~strikethrough~~.)

- Article V, Sec. 9. The parliamentarian shall: (a) advise on points of parliamentary law and procedure when requested, (b) maintain a record of all resolutions and motions adopted during each term of office which affect procedure or policy and provide a copy for the policy chairman and the permanent files, (c) serve as advisor to the bylaws committee, ~~and~~ (d) give instruction to the nominating committee following the organizational board meeting, ***and (e) may vote only by ballot.***

~~Sec. 10. The parliamentarian shall have the right to vote on all matters except those where (she or he) is serving as parliamentary law advisor.~~

Rationale: to conform with standard parliamentary procedure. **PASSED**

- Article XII, Sec. 4 Interest from investments of Scholarship Funds shall accrue to the Scholarship Fund. Interest from all other investments shall accrue to the General Fund. ~~with the following exception: The Wil J. Tebo Scholarship Fund shall be allocated its portion of interest.~~

Rationale: The Wil J. Tebo Scholarship Fund has been depleted. **PASSED**

- Article XIV, Sec. 3 (d) monitor the bank accounts in regard to the FDIC \$100,000 limit. ***to be sure they do not exceed the limit insured by the FDIC.***

Rationale: the FDIC limit has been increased to \$250,000 until at least January 1, 2010. **PASSED**

- Article XIX, Sec. 2. Proposed amendments to the bylaws must be submitted to the bylaws committee chairman. ~~by November 1.~~

Rationale: Allows more time for submission of amendments. **PASSED**

Life Memberships – Carlotta Wixon reported 34 new CGCI Life Memberships which added \$3400 to the scholarship fund, three Pacific Region and 5 NGC Life Memberships. She moved to ratify the following memberships:

- CGCI: Sally Bagley, Rose Mary Gaspari, Carole Lung, Ted Burg, Virginia Lloyd-Butterfield, Connie Brown, Pat Miller, Homer Wishek, Kris Ethington, Elaine Billeter, Paige Peter, Linda Latimer, Kathlyn Green, Willy Nederbragt, Corky Huffsmith, Evelyn Kent, Denise Davis, Mary Baldi, Mary Boster, Renee Oliver, Marion Oster, Maile Melkonian, Mona Restuccia;
- Pacific Region: Mary Waddington-Merritt, Edith Fodrea, Sharon Kessey;
- NGC: Eileen Fiumara, Julie West, Barbara Dodge, Evelyn Rogers, Carole Lung.

Nominating – No further report

President Pokorski presented the following NGC citations and certificates:

NGC Certificate of Merit for membership ideas to Ripon Garden Club

NGC Presidential Citation for Reforestation to Art Loesch

NGC Presidential Citation for designing new NGC banners to Maryanne Lucas

NGC Presidential Citation for creating banner stands to George Speer

NGC Cert of Appreciation for serving on NGC Committees to Cheryl Smith, Greg Pokorski, Marilyn Oberti, Joan Craig, Mary-Jo Noth, Art Loesch, Nancy Lee Loesch

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 11:11 A.M.

Business Meeting #2 - Sunday, June 07, 2009

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Inspiration: Margaret Strachan, Channel Islands District Director

Shane Looper, Convention Chairman reported 187 voting members and moved to adopt the report. **PASSED**

Shane Looper, Convention Chairman reported registration of 402 to date.

Recording Secretary Jane McKee moved to ratify the following dates:

- Gardening Study School, Series 21, Sponsor: Golden Foothills Dist, Loomis, CA, Chairman - Patsy Jeffery
 - Course 2 April. 20&21,2010
 - Course 3 Sept. 21&21,2010
 - Course 4 April. 12&13,2011 **PASSED**

President's Project: Trail of Trees: Beverly Brune and Jean Reilly, co-chairmen, reported on the successful completion of fundraising for the project. President Pokorski read a list of over 300 donors.

Chairmen & Team Reports: (See attachment C)

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 9:20 A.M.
President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

District Directors Reports: (See attachment D)

President Pokorski made presentation to George Unrine and Judy Laird incoming Blue Star Memorial co-chairs on behalf of outgoing chairman, Ruth Angevine

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 10:30 A.M.
President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

District Directors Reports continued

President Pokorski presented NGC 5-Star certificate to Harriet Behrens. There are 69 5-Star members nationally, including two in California – Harriet Behrens and Robin Pokorski. The 5-Star member has completed all four NGC schools and attained Master status in all four.

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Business Meeting #3

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

Inspiration: Joan Craig, Civic Development Chairman

Chairmen & Team Reports Continued

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 3:05 P.M.
President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

Chairmen & Team Reports Continued

Golden Gardens/Angels – Carol Mayo reported that the Angel program has raised \$400 over the past two years

Chuck Goodwin moved to include Legislative Report in full as attachment to the minutes. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**. (See Attachment E)

Mary Lou Goodwin moved to include Landscape Design Council Report in full as attachment to the minutes. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**. (See Attachment F)

President Pokorski announced that the Convention evaluation forms were available.

President Pokorski recessed the meeting at 4:15 P.M.
President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Corresponding Secretary, Pat Clayes, read the Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt. **PASSED** (See Attachment G)

Shane Looper, Convention Chairman, presented the final Credentials Report of 187 voting delegates and moved to adopt. **PASSED**

Shane Looper, Convention Chairman, presented the final Registration Report of 402

Benediction: Ruth Angevine, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman

President Pokorski adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M. sine die

Submitted

Jane McKee
CGCI Recording Secretary

CGCI Financial Statement

6/02/09

ASSETS-Cash & Bank Accounts

CD #1 (BA 6854)	60,000.00	
CD #2 (USB 7664)	80,000.00	
CD #3 (LB 53899-2)	90,699.28	
Max Acct (4096)	50,097.83	
Cash-Checking (BA)	27,479.73	
TOTAL		308,276.84

ASSETS-Other

Golden Gardens Account	25,428.49	
Prepaid Deposits-Hotels & Meetings	550.00	
TOTAL		25,928.49

TOTAL ASSETS **334,205.33**

Restricted Funds

Awards	4,216.88	
Blue Star Memorial	2,264.66	
Blue Star Pin Sales	315.64	
Blue Star Principal Financial	2,000.00	
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund	1,410.01	
Donor Copeland Fund	11,975.04	
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	3,250.00	
Donor Helen Minor Mem Flr Sch	4,713.65	
Educational Schools Fund	7,825.00	
FAST	1,000.00	
Flower Show School	620.79	
Gardening Consultants Council	710.65	
Gardening Study	2,116.26	
Honor Book	7,091.09	
Judges Council	889.47	
Landscape Design Council	1,491.95	
Landscape Design School	3,931.31	
Liability Insurance	65,642.20	
Reforestation Fund	0.00	
Scholarship Fund	61,688.59	
Symposium Reserve	18,626.07	
Wildflower Conference	12,629.22	
Youth Fund	2,516.98	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		216,925.46

Total Assets less Restricted Funds **117,279.87**

Funds available for operation:

\$117,279.87 – 25,928.49 **91,351.38**

CGCI 78th Annual Convention - Attachment B

2009-2011 President's Project Resolution

Whereas, the Articles of Incorporation of California Garden Clubs, Inc (CGCI), Article II, Item 1, sets a purpose of the corporation to be "to promote, create and further an interest in amateur gardening, in plant life, and in bird life;"

Whereas, **Kids Growing Strong** is a non-profit organization that takes advantage of the wonders and joys that can be found in a garden to inspire children of all ages to eagerly discover the knowledge and skills they need to lead healthy lives and make informed decisions about their lifestyles and their environment;

Whereas, the bylaws of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Article II, Item 5, state that an objective of CGCI is "to cooperate with other agencies in furthering interests in educational areas;"

Whereas, **Kids Growing Strong** is a garden-based education program that has developed a strong association with California Garden Clubs, Inc. since its creation in 1999;

Whereas, **Kids Growing Strong** has grown to be a successful educational project that in recent years reached over a quarter of a million people throughout California;

Whereas **Kids Growing Strong** and California Garden Clubs, Inc. both support and promote all the positive aspects of youth gardening;

Whereas, **Kids Growing Strong**, a special interest group within CGCI, is supported entirely by memberships, donations, grants and dedicated members and volunteers, many of whom are CGCI members;

Whereas, the future of California Garden Clubs, Inc., as well as the future well-being of our state and the people who dwell within, is dependent upon a mutually favorable and sustainable connection between the people and the flora, fauna and natural resources of our state and;

Whereas, Both California Garden Clubs, Inc. and **Kids Growing Strong** promote this same message;

therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc., for the 2009-2011 administrative term, adopt this awareness and fund raising state president's project of

- promoting the joint objectives and message of California Garden Clubs, Inc. and of **Kids Growing Strong** and
- soliciting funds to help **Kids Growing Strong** pay for reusable exhibits, educational supplies and the expenses of taking the message to young people and their families throughout California, and;

Resolved, That checks made payable to **Kids Growing Strong** be sent to the CGCI state chairman for this project, who will keep records of the transactions for California Garden Clubs, Inc. and forward the donations to **Kids Growing Strong**.

Adopted: June 6, 2009

CCGI Committee Chairmen Reports

(NOTE: Horticulture and Conservation Team reports may appear in full in the future on the CGCI website)

Chairman Coordinator: The pre-convention edition of *All On Board!*, the newsletter for all board members, was distributed to 129 by email, 19 by U.S. mail and is posted on the website. A Chairmen's Forum, with approximately 52 attending, was held on during convention. Reporting by approximately 36 chairmen was facilitated during business meetings. Detailed feedback from "Dialogues" held at WBM was provided to the Executive Committee.

Arbor Day: Information on Arbor Day was distributed to all district directors and clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual celebration by planting trees in their communities; photos and information on 2009 events may be sent to the chairman

Associate Plant Societies: 55 societies have paid membership of 4112; two groups did not renew.

Blue Star Memorials: During the past term 21 memorials and markers were dedicated.

Conservation Team

Air: Information on controlling air pollution placed in District Director's packets

Butterflies: Butterfly Garden at the Sepulveda Garden Center is being planned and donations are needed; several books of evidence were submitted for judging.

Invasive Plants: Many popular plants are now considered invasive. For a complete list go to www.cal-ipc.org.

Native Plants: Native habitats are fast disappearing due to residential and commercial development; with the need to conserve water natives serve dual purposes as they also provide food and shelter for birds and wildlife.

Recycling: Recycling has significantly reduced the volume going into landfills; individuals and communities are becoming more active in the effort.

Conventions/Board Meetings:

Winter Board 2009: Desert Empire District: 127 registered; net revenue \$1200.

Educational Encounters: Articles are now posted on the CGCI website.

Flower Show

Awards: 22 Flower Shows registered in 2008; thirteen received awards. Fourteen shows have registered to date in 2009 and 11 have been judged and evaluated. A new award for a Small Standard Flower Show will be available for the 2009 year

Judges Credentials: 117 judges (61 Master, 14 Life, 42 Accredited); all records are now electronic; Five judges became Emeriti.

Symposia: The symposium is July 24-26, Bakersfield Double Tree Inn; instructors will be Dottie Howett, horticulture and Lynn Frank, design

Schedules: 16 schedules were submitted for awards and \$10 awarded to 1st in each of 8 sections.

Floral Design Education: Posted 43 photos and descriptions of designs to CGCI website; most visited page on the site; provided workshops and demonstrations for individual clubs; sent letter to all club presidents outlining design study units offered by NGC.

Horticulture Team

Horticulture: Theme -"Plants in Containers"; allow flexibility due to weather and space; provides control of invasive plants; special maintenance issues may be easily addressed.

Cacti/Succulents: Important and effective in drought tolerant landscapes and easily grown in containers.

Herbs: The perfect container plant; many varieties easily adapt to containers.

New Cultivars: Hibiscus – tropical varieties now available and in containers easily adapt to most weather conditions.

Roses: Excellent in containers and adaptable to most any size.

Trees: Eleven districts reported 48,804 trees planted in 2008; Plumeria tree perfect container tree.

Vegetables: "Veggie News" September issue will be on tomatoes.

Insurance: Dues bills will go out in November; clubs not current on CGCI and District dues will not be eligible for insurance.

NGC-Member Services: Free materials from NGC are displayed at all CGCI meetings and can also be reviewed on the NGC website.

Penny Pines: Donations continue to increase.

Permanent Files: Additions to files may be given to chairman at any convention or board meeting

President's Project: Final total \$31,380 to be matched by donor to Conejo Valley Botanical Garden.

Roommates: Chairman arranges roommates and/or rides when needed.

Schools/Councils

Landscape Design Study Program: Course 4, Series 22 and Course 3, Series 23 completed with 22 new consultants.

Gardening Study Schools: Course III, Series 20 (Aliso Viejo) held in March with 19 testing, 1 new Consultant and 3 new Provisionals. Course IV will be held 7/31 & 8/1 – Registration Form now available. Appreciation Certificate presented to Orange County District, sponsor. The April Wildflower Conference was qualified as the third Tri-Refresher of this term. Series 21 begins 9/22 in Loomis. The NGC online version of Course I is about to launch and may be taken as refresher credit. Consultant certificates were presented to B. Davies & M. Strachan; refresher cert presented to N. Loesch.

Yearbook: 500 yearbooks printed and 495 distributed; order forms available.

Youth Activities Team:

Scholarships: Three CGCI scholarships have been awarded and two have also received NGC scholarships in the amount of \$4000 each. The scholarship amounts represent 80% of CGCI's dues to NGC. In addition to purchasing Life Memberships, donations may also be sent directly to scholarship committee.

Contests: The Smokey Bear, poetry and essay contests were successful with several winners at Pacific Region and NGC.

Girl Scouts: GSA still in reorganization mode and CGCI program cannot move forward until this is complete.

District Director Reports

Arboretum: Had successful information booth at Los Angeles Flower and Garden Show in May; invited Channel Island, Costa Verde, Orange County and San Fernando Districts to join them; distributed many membership brochures and answered questions

Bay Bridges: Reduced number of district meetings to two and suspended fundraising for the moment; distributed Parliamentary Procedure packets and information on correct Nominating Committee procedures to assist club presidents.

Bay Ocean: Has 14 clubs and one youth group; two clubs meet on weekends; two clubs sponsored garden tours and revenues are put back into community projects; co-hosts of the 78th Annual CGCI Convention, June 2009.

Buttes: No report

Cascade: No report

Channel Islands: Malibu GC reported an increase in membership of 10 since January and Conejo Valley GC had 25% increase since hosting Earth Day Booth in April; one youth member's essay went to NGC for consideration.

Costa Verde:

Desert Empire: No report

Diablo Foothills: Clubs and affiliates had successful fundraisers from plant sales to antique appraisals; nine floral designers participated in the Bouquets to Art exhibit at the DeYoung Museum; and the district will host the CGCI Fall Board Meeting in September.

Golden Foothills: Six clubs in the district are over 50 years old.

Greater Los Angeles: No report

Humboldt: Southern Humboldt Garden Club held their 58th annual flower show and Fortuna Garden Club their 34th Annual Daffodil Show; a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker was dedicated in Trinidad, CA

Luther Burbank: Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa hosted the National Men's Garden Clubs Convention. At the district level, a CGCI Landscape Design award was presented to the Korbel Winery, an information flyer about the district to distribute at public events was developed, a signed hotel contract for the 2011 CGCI Convention was finalized, and a vegetable garden at the Sierra Youth Center, a residential treatment facility for teenage girls was established. The district and clubs have donated over \$1,000 for the development of the garden.

Mendo-Lake: Clubs have held a Lyme disease seminar that was well attended; sponsored a Water Wise Gardening Conference; planted a garden plot in front of a historical building; and built blue bird houses.

Montana de Oro: Cayucos GC held plant sale and will fund two scholarships; the Floral Design Study Club presented a flower show in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's "At Home in the Garden" project; succulent and geranium starts are offered to youth to get them interested; Morro Bay GC will hold its 4th annual Dahlia Daze in August.

Orange County: One new club; floral arts guild reorganized; sponsored a small Standard Flower Show and plan another in the fall; sponsored Gardening Studies School and celebrated 60th anniversary of the district.

Palms to Pines: district held two all member events, a District bazaar with a small standard flower show, and an all member picnic; lost one garden club, The Hilltoppers of Arrowhead, CA, but gained two new clubs, the High Country Garden Club of Anza, and the newly reformed Inland Empire Master Gardener Club in San Bernardino; Floral Design Group distributed floral designs to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Loma Linda; Redlands Horticulture & Improvement Society and the Riverside-San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society put on a joint Small Standard Flower Show.

Palomar: Dos Valles GC has barn and greenhouse to meet and work on propagation of plants for sale and annually children in K-6 grades are invited to learn propagation; Temecula GC designed a front entry as a community service workshop; Fallbrook GC received \$5000 grant from San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects to develop grove of trees at local school; Village of La Jolla GC donated 110 trees to be planted in public places and \$8000 to 25 schools with gardens.

Roadrunner: Cactus Wren, Desert Crossroads, Hesperia and Hi 'n' dri have grown in membership, worked with local cities in civic projects and had home garden tours for their members; district had first flower show in over ten years and plans are already being made to have another one in the fall of 2010; tee shirts and sweat shirts were made and sold to members.

Sacramento River Valley: 22 clubs, 2 affiliates and 5 youth groups; developed a tri-fold brochure; Carmichael Geranium Society is nation's largest geranium society and one member's new hybridized white geranium will be the city's official flower; district sponsored a community event on bugs, bats, butterflies, birds and other pollinators.

San Fernando Valley: Completed CGCI grant project at Blue Star Marker at Campo de Cahuenga; clubs visited "Trail of Trees" at Conejo Valley Botanic Garden; assembled packages for military overseas, supported "Paws for Purple Vets", a therapy dog program, planted 50 rose bushes at Sepulveda Garden Center, and dedicated a Blue Star Byway marker.

Santa Clara Valley: Carmel Valley and Mt View GCs held flower shows and Sunnyvale GCs Jr GC will be recognized by CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC at the youth luncheon at convention.

Sequoia Foothills: 11 clubs, several over 50 years old, with over 500 members; clubs sponsor Arts and Crafts Fairs, Flower Shows, Plant Swaps and youth programs and district has newsletter available to all members.

Top o' the State: No report

Valley Lode: Sponsored Flower Show and Landscape Design schools, added one garden club and have offered to host the CGCI Fall Board meeting in 2010.

Yosemite Gateway: Dedicated a second Blue Star Marker (by-way marker) in the district; held photo contest at district meeting.

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Legislation/Government
Charles F. Goodwin, Jr., Chairman

- The Number One issue for Clubs and Districts during this two year period has been the new IRS filing requirement for non-profits with receipts normally under \$25,000 annually. The first year for this new filing was for the 2008 tax year (fiscal or calendar). Your CGCI team, under the leadership of First Vice President Maryanne Lucas and including this Chairman, were able to assist many Clubs and Districts sort through this new report, called IRS Form 990-N (the e-postcard.)

CGCI non-profits are broken down into three categories: (1) Those who are part of the CGCI non-profit group umbrella; (2) Those who have acquired their non-profit status on their own, and; (3) Those who have an EIN, but do not have non-profit status, do not have to file the 990-N but cannot offer this benefit to potential donors.

Associated with the 990-N filing is the Change of Address Form, IRS Form 8822. Affected Clubs and Districts should file this form with each change of officers.

Some Clubs and Districts have taken the step to become incorporated. The State of California has a biennial filing requirement with the Secretary of State (SI-100, Statement of Information.) The fee is \$20.

- The California Solar Initiative (the Million Solar Roof Plan), hopes to install solar panels on homes and commercial building's rooftops to generate 3,000 MW of energy by 2018, equaling the output of 5 modern electric power plants.

- Your favorite light bulb is now missing, being replaced by the 38, 57, 71 and 95 watt bulbs. The twisty compact fluorescent bulb is becoming more available, at declining prices, all in an attempt to cut electrical consumption at the residential level.

- Wildland Urban Interface Building Standards are being imposed in areas where fire protection is provided by CAL FIRE. As California's drought spreads and intensifies these regulations are becoming more strictly enforced.

- The Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project has been approved by the California PUC at its Dec. 18, 2008 meeting. The route approved changes the location to the south to avoid the Anza-Borrega Desert State Park. The CPUC decision stated that "...the project was needed in order to promote renewable power, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve electricity reliability in the San Diego region...(and) for California to meet its renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals." SDG&E is required to implement significant mitigation measures to minimize the environmental impact of the project.

- The Kyoto Protocol (to reduce greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere) expires at the end of 2012 and discussions are scheduled to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, this December, which could lead to a new agreement.

- Residential water conservation is being discussed more and more in the mainstream media, such as the June 2009 Sunset, where an eight page article covers water use in our yards, which accounts for 70% of home water usage. Among the twelve steps discussed is the use of high tech gadgets to save water. Among these is the "Smart Controller," which connects a sprinkler system to an on-site or network weather station to adjust watering to weather, soil type, plant needs, and weather conditions. The current cost is \$300-\$600.

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Landscape Design Council
Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman

Korbel Champagne Cellars, Guernville, CA in Luther Burbank District received a Landscape Design Commendation for preserving the garden around the 1882 Korbel Summer Home. Suzanne Loos presented nomination.

Gene Bauer, in the Palms to Pines District was surprised with a Certificate of Appreciation for creating a five acre display of 50,000 daffodils. This is a 50 year labor of love.

The final course of the San Andreas School toured the Ironstone Vineyard in Murphys, CA. Don Boos, the Landscape Architect of the property received honors and well as the owners John and Stephen Kautz. This is the Valley Lode District.

We also presented certificates to the instructors Greg Randall, Edward Mc Neil and Dale Pollard. Special thanks were given to Marian Coahran and John Randall of the Calaveras County Garden Club who sponsored the school. All of these were nominated by Pat Clays

The last Certificate of Merit in Landscape Design was presented to Ron Lutsko L.A. for his master plan of the Mc Connell Arboretum in Redding, CA which the CGCI Board visited in January of 2008. Lorna Bonham completed the nomination.

A total of 37 people have been honored during Robin's term of office and the council would like to thank her for personally presenting many of these certificates. One last reminder: Any garden club member can complete the nomination for a worthy project in the state. Visit the CGCI website www.Californiagardenclubs.org for the form and instructions and to read the Landscape Design Council Newsletter.

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Courtesy Resolution

Whereas, the members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) attending the 2009 convention in San Mateo, California, June 5-8, 2009 have benefited from information learned at the convention and will disseminate said information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates, and

Whereas, CGCI President Robin Pokorski, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That CGCI President Robin Pokorski, through her gracious presiding, and the officers, chairmen and members, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this convention, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

Resolved, That sincere thanks be given to Shane Looper, Chairman of the 2009 convention, and Doris Todd Brown (Bay Ocean District) and Gwen Nansen (Santa Clara Valley District), directors of the host districts, and all of the clubs and members of the Bay Ocean District and Santa Clara Valley District who planned and participated in the success of the 2009 convention and assured its success by their many courtesies extended.

Resolved, That appreciation be given to the following:

- o Father Craig Looney, Christ Church, for the invocation
- o The Boy Scouts – Cub Pack 65 of San Carlos for the presentation of the colors
- o Karyl Matsumoto, Mayor of South San Francisco, for the welcome to San Mateo County
- o Founders Council of Judges, host of the Judges Council Banquet
- o Tony Todesco, program speaker and workshop instructor
- o Miss Penny Pines
- o Gerald E. Olsen for the parliamentary workshop
- o All who provided exhibits for the exhibit room
- o Peninsula Succulent Club for the Friday luncheon centerpieces
- o Furyu Floral Designers for the awards banquet centerpieces
- o Las Jardineras Garden Club for the youth luncheon centerpieces
- o Garden Study Club of the Peninsula for the installation banquet centerpieces
- o Founders Council of judges for the judges council banquet centerpieces
- o Shane Looper, Carmine Hoye, Nancy Colvin, Gwen Nansen, Mary Crowell and Dolores Moffat, who provided special floral designs (courtesy of the floral designers of Bay Ocean and Santa Clara Valley Districts)
- o Accent Gardens
- o Channel Islands District
- o The Sun Valley Group
- o Bill De Vor, Nor'East Miniature Roses
- o Greenhart Farms
- o *Fine Gardening*, Taunton Press
- o *Garden Gate*, August Home Publishing Company
- o *Pacific Horticulture*, Richard G. Turner, Jr., Editor
- o California Invasive Plant Council, Berkeley
- o Jane Hall, Wine Country Harpist
- o Music by Sang
- o Workshop instructors: Terry White, Director of Public Works of South San Francisco; Barry Hoffer of Maples for All Seasons; Alane O'Reilly Weber, Education Director for the Master Composters, Recycle Works of San Mateo County; Jolene Adams, Master Rosarian, George Speer, NGC Flower Show Judge; Gretchen Le Buhn, Associate Professor, San Francisco State University; R.J. Ruppenthal, Professor, Evergreen Valley College; and Brian the Orchid Guy

Resolved, that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and copies be sent to those mentioned above.

Patricia Clayes, Corresponding Secretary

Adopted by CGCI: June 7, 2009