



# CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

## Fall Board Meeting

Hilton Hotel, Concord, CA

September 11-13, 2009

**President: Maryanne Lucas**

Host: Diablo Foothills District

**EXCUSED:** Adams; Bonham; Bramhall; Brune; Craig; Crenshaw; Dale; Dean; Doerfling; Eyre; Gould, Launa; Hall-Bosché; Harms; Laird; Lung; Mellen; Nielsen; Parker; Patten; Puma; Reid; Riddle; Roton; Schuler, Hoberley; Schuler, Robert; Tebo; Thorne; Tjosaas; Tufo; Zarnowski; Zimmerman

President Lucas called the meeting to order at 2:39 P.M.

The Recording Secretary, Greg Pokorski, was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Robin Pokorski, Advisory Council Chairman.

Inspirations were given by Dolores Moffat, Flower Show Schools Chairman, and Robert Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

President Lucas presented CGCI Officers, former CGCI Presidents, Pages and Timekeeper.

Recording Secretary Greg Pokorski called the roll and a quorum was established.

President Lucas announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June for the entire term and are found on page 39 of the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Sandy Rogers, Diablo Foothills District Director, gave the welcome to the district.

Jane Berger, Fall Board Meeting Co-Chairman, moved the adoption of the Fall Board Meeting as corrected.  
**ADOPTED**

Aprill McBeth, Fall Board Meeting Registrar, gave the registration report (177 registered) for information only.

The minutes of the 2009 Post Convention Meeting in San Mateo were approved as distributed.

The minutes of the 2009 Organizational Meeting in San Mateo were approved as distributed.

President Lucas appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Carolyn Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, Chairman, and members Debbie Chan, Sacramento River Valley Co-District Director, and George Unrine, Blue Star Memorial Markers – Southern California Chairman.

### **Financial Reports:**

Joelle Holford, Financial Secretary, reported.

Ed Dempsey, Treasurer, presented the financial report. See Attachment A.

**Correspondence:** Carolyn Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you note from Sue Moran, and a letter from Principal Financial Group.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Greg Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations:

### **RATIFICATIONS:**

1. Accept with regret the resignation of Gayle Davis, Yearbook Chairman and Gardening Study Schools Chairman. **PASSED**
2. Ratify the appointment of Joan Blankenship, Awards Secretary. **PASSED**
3. Ratify the appointment of Jim Hart, Weekend Encounter-Northern Wildflowers. **PASSED**

4. Ratify the appointment of Art Loesch, Awards Co-Chairman. **PASSED**
5. Ratify the appointment of Carol Mayo, Angels & Season's Greetings Chairman. **PASSED**
6. Ratify the appointment of Greg Pokorski, Gardening Study Schools Chairman. **PASSED**
7. Ratify the following clubs for 501 (c)(3) Group Exemption:
  - Ceres Garden Club
  - Windsor Garden Club
  - Bonita Valley Garden Club
  - Sunnyvale Garden Club
  - Beach Community Garden Association

**PASSED.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

8. That Gloria Aminian, Dolores Moffat, and Shane Looper be designated as authorized signers on the CGCI Symposium checking account. **PASSED**
9. That liability insurance rates for the February 15, 2010-2011 policy term be as follows:  
 Reduce the per capita rate charged to \$1.00 and charge the same rate for both clubs and APS.  
 Reduce the additional insured certificate charge from \$30.00 to \$20.00.  
 Reduce the Current Late Fees of \$25.00 to \$20.00.  
 Minimum Premium for small clubs should be reduced from \$35.00 to \$25.00.  
**PASSED**
10. That the following awards be ratified:  
 Yearbook sales pay for the G-2 yearbook awards in the annual amount of \$350.00 (\$50.00 x 7 classes).  
 Honor Book Fund sponsor the CGCI Community Impact Award (formerly known as the Wyman Community Impact Award) in the amount of \$150.00.  
 Youth Leader of the Year Award (formerly YAC of the Year) be sponsored by the restricted Youth Fund in the amount of \$100.00 a year.  
**PASSED**
11. That CGCI purchase Computer and Funds Transfer Fraud insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00 with \$1,000.00 deductible for approximately \$60.00 additional premium. **PASSED**

The meeting was recessed at 3:58 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:15 P.M.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**Parliamentarian** – Chuck Goodwin reported. See Attachment B

**Golden Gardens Editor** – Lynne Hansen reported. See Attachment C

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President** – Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment D

- moved to ratify the following new groups:  
 Garden Clubs:  
 Windsor Garden Club, Luther Burbank District, 20 members  
 Monterey Bay Master Gardeners, Santa Clara Valley District, 13 members  
 Beach Community Garden Association, Orange County District, 18 members  
 Makiko Floral Design Garden Club, Orange County District, 8 members  
 Associate Plant Societies  
 Ohara Ikebana School of Northern California, 50 members  
 Affiliates:  
 Markham Regional Arboretum Society, CGCI Affiliate  
 Master Gardener Association of San Diego County, Palomar District

**PASSED**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Pat Clayes reported. See Attachment E

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Julie West reported. See Attachment F

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

George Perko, Financial Advisor, announced the 2010 Floral Diversity in Greece Tour.

The meeting was recessed at 4:58 P.M., Friday, September 11, 2009.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 A.M., Saturday, September 12, 2009.

**Board of Trustees** – On behalf of the committee, Bob Gordon moved that CGCI look into the Slosson Fund to determine if it is being used properly. **PASSED**

The following chairmen reported:

Shane Looper, 2009 Convention Chairman reported and presented a check to the Treasurer.

Greg Pokorski, NGC Schools Coordinator/Gardening Study Schools Chairman, reported. See Attachment G

Gloria Aminian, Symposium Chairman, reported and presented a check to the Treasurer.

Dwight Holford, Climate Change Chairman, reported. See Attachment G

Chuck Goodwin, Legislation/Government and IRS Non-Profit Chairman reported. See Attachment G

Lorraine Ornelas, Arbor Day Chairman, reported. See Attachment G

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:07 P.M.

The invitation to Winter Board Meeting 2010 in Palomar District was presented.

The following chairmen and teams reported:

Shane Looper, District Director Coordinator, reported.

Jim Bathgate, Horticulture Chairman, reported.

The Horticulture, Awards, Conservation Team reported. The appointment of Carol Mayo as 2010-11 Awards Finance Secretary was **RATIFIED**.

The Membership/Member Services Team reported.

The NGC Schools Team reported. See Attachment G

The Public Relations Team reported.

The Youth Team reported.

The meeting was recessed at 3:53 P.M., Saturday, September 12, 2009.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:01 A.M., Sunday, September 13, 2009.

The Financial Security Team reported.

The Flower Show Team reported. Dolores Moffat moved the ratification of a Flower Show School in Sacramento, Sacramento River Valley District, sponsor, Course I – 10/12 to 10/14/2010, Course II – 4/5 to 4/7/2011, Course III – 10/18 to 10/20/2011, Course IV – 4/17 to 4/19/2012. **RATIFIED**.

#### **BYLAWS & POLICY**

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to add a new Standing Rule # 15, to read:

Each chairman has the responsibility of maintaining an updated procedure book pertinent to their chairmanship. The procedure book shall be passed on to the next chairman at the organizational meeting following Convention in each election year. **PASSED**.

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to amend Standing Rule # 37 by changing the date from June 15 to June 1, to read:

Bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 1. **PASSED**.

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to amend Standing Rule # 41 to read:  
A copy of the CPA audit/review shall be given to the Executive Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and Board of Trustees. A copy will be provided to a board member upon written request and receipt of the cost of reproduction and mailing. **PASSED.**

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to add a new Standing Rule # 42 to read:  
A separate EIN is required from the IRS when opening bank account(s) for special CGCI committee(s) and/or function(s). For example, Symposium, Wildflower Conference, etc. **PASSED.**

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to amend Standing Rule # 73 to read:  
Affiliates shall (1) be organizations with one or more CGCI objectives, (2) have a membership of at least ten members, (3) pay dues in accordance with Article IV, Sec. 3(c), (4) be approved by the CGCI Board of Directors, and (5) not be eligible for liability insurance, awards program and 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. In addition, affiliates may also belong to a District. **PASSED.**

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to amend Standing Rule # 74 to read:  
An associate plant society shall (1) be a member of a permanent statewide or national plant society, (2) be entitled to representation at annual meeting by their president or alternate, and delegates as specified in Article XI, Sec. 5, (3) pay annual dues according to Article IV, Sec. 3(a), (4) not belong to a district, (5) be eligible for liability insurance and (6) not be eligible for 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.**

On behalf of the committee, Julie West moved to amend Standing Rule # 76 to read:  
A club shall pay CGCI annual per capita dues, belong to a district and be eligible to apply for CGCI liability insurance and 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. A plant society, which chooses to belong to a district, shall be classified as a club. **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.**

The meeting was recessed at 10:03 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:18 A.M.

Dolores Moffat, Nominating Committee Chairman, reported.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

3-Year Calendars are available for \$5.00, with proceeds going to the President's Project, Kids Growing Strong.

Dolores Moffat and Shane Looper are chairing the new California Flower & Garden Show committee. A standard flower show, *A Walk Through California*, will be presented in conjunction with the show to be held at Cal Expo in Sacramento from April 8 to 11, 2010.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Greg Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations and ratifications:

**RATIFICATIONS:**

1. Ratify \$500.00 budgeted for the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show (March 24-28, 2010) in San Mateo. Misc. Expense category assigned in revised 2009-10 budget. **PASSED.**
2. Ratify \$500.00 budgeted for the California State Flower & Garden Show (April 8-11, 2010) at Cal Expo in Sacramento. **PASSED.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the CGCI Member Award of Distinction be established. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per Award/less than \$10.00 expenses for pin and certificate. Net proceeds from this award benefit the CGCI Educational Publications Fund. **PASSED.**
2. Adopt the revised 2009-10 budget with line codes and amended amounts. **PASSED.** See Attachment H
3. That, effective July 1, 2010, *Golden Gardens'* publication schedule change to quarterly (four issues per year), full color, but leaving the subscription price the same. The effect is a rate change from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per issue and from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per issue for the special annual rate for 100% clubs. **PASSED AS AMENDED.**
4. That the CGCI Restricted Honor Book fund pay meal expenses for CGCI guests and speakers invited by the Executive Committee. **PASSED.**

President Lucas expressed thanks to Fall Board Meeting Co-Chairmen, Ruth Angevine and Jane Berger, to Diablo Foothills District Director, Sandy Rogers, and to all members of Diablo Foothills District.

There being no further business and no objection, the 2009 Fall Board Meeting of California Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Submitted

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Greg Pokorski, Recording Secretary

Date

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Attachment A

Includes all transactions through 9/14/09 per Treasurer, Ed Dempsey

CGCI ACCOUNT-Selected Accounts

9/14/09

**CGCI Net Worth Report**

As of 6/30/10

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Acct	6/30/10 Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BofA CD 06854-[11/01/2010 2.10%]	60,408.25
Business Max Acct 4096-[1.25%]	50,289.86
CGCI BofA 12962-Checking Account	36,267.35
Luther Burbank CD 53899-2-[07/13/2010 1.90%]	91,264.56
US Bank 353405897664-[04/08/2014 4.00%]	81,061.08
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>319,291.10</b>
Other Assets	
Golden Gardens BofA 06688-Checking Account	28,014.40
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>29,514.40</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>348,805.50</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Other Liabilities	
Awards-Restricted	6,802.34
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	2,615.30
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund-Donor Restricted	910.01
Donor Copeland Fund-Donor Restricted	11,975.04
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund-Donor Restricted	3,250.00
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flr. Sc-Donor Restricted	4,713.65
Educational Schools Fund-Restricted	7,825.00
FAST-Restricted	1,000.00
Flower Show School-Restricted	620.79
Gardening Consultants Coun.-Restricted	875.65
Gardening Study-Restricted	2,116.26
Habitat For Humanity-Restricted	55.00
Honor Book-Restricted	8,966.09
Judges Council-Restricted	929.47
Landscape Design Council-Restricted	1,618.21
Landscape Design Study Program-Restricted	3,931.31
Liability Insurance-Restricted	67,768.95
Reforestation Fund-Restricted	500.00
Scholarship Fund-Restricted	62,070.98
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	16,626.07
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	12,397.96
Youth Fund-Restricted	2,516.98
<b>TOTAL Other Liabilities</b>	<b>220,085.06</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>220,085.06</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>128,720.44</b>

**Golden Gardens Budget Report**  
7/1/09 Through 6/30/10

<b>Category Description</b>	<b>7/1/09 Actual</b>	<b>- Budget</b>	<b>6/30/10 Difference</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Other Inc:			
Advertising	100.00	200.00	-100.00
Angle Fund	490.00	200.00	290.00
Holiday Greetings	360.00	600.00	-240.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1.00	-1.00
<b>TOTAL Other Inc</b>	<b>950.00</b>	<b>1,001.00</b>	<b>-51.00</b>
<b>SUBSCRIPTIONS:</b>			
100 Percent Clubs	7,829.00	13,730.00	-5,901.00
Affiliates	0.00	70.00	-70.00
Associate Plant Societies	0.00	270.00	-270.00
Club Presidents	0.00	1,435.00	-1,435.00
Complimentary	0.00	75.00	-75.00
District Directors	0.00	135.00	-135.00
Individual	987.00	900.00	87.00
Life Members	0.00	1,560.00	-1,560.00
<b>TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>8,816.00</b>	<b>18,175.00</b>	<b>-9,359.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,766.00</b>	<b>19,176.00</b>	<b>-9,410.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Circulation Chairman	0.00	250.00	250.00
Editor	14.64	250.00	235.36
Financial Secretary	0.00	75.00	75.00
Mailer	22.60	5,100.00	5,077.40
Misc	0.00	1.00	1.00
Printer	3,213.09	13,500.00	10,286.91
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,250.33</b>	<b>19,176.00</b>	<b>15,925.67</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,515.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,515.67</b>

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Attachment B

CGCI 2009 Fall Board  
September 11-13, 2009  
Concord, CA  
Charles F. Goodwin, Jr.  
**Parliamentarian**

I am pleased to announce that I will be writing a new column in the Golden Gardens. It will be called "*Ask the Parliamentarian*," where I invite CGCI members to submit questions on parliamentary procedure. I will answer as many as possible in each issue.

The first column will be in the next issue of Golden Gardens, but don't wait for its arrival—send your questions now for future issues!

I want to share with you that there are eleven of your fellow officers and chairman who have passed the test and are members of the National Association of Parliamentarians. They are: Pres. Maryanne Lucas, 1st VP Julie West, 2nd VP Pat Clayes, Recording Secretary Greg Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Johnson, George Perko, Past President Robin Pokorski, George Speer, Margaret Strachan, Judith Unrine and Dave West. I am sure that there are many more of you that have passed the test to be recognized as a parliamentarian, but for what ever reason are no longer a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Thanks to Robin and Greg for offering this special class at each Board Meeting and Convention the last two years.



**Golden Gardens Report** for Fall Board 2009

Thanks to the talent of CGCI members and great teamwork we have received good reviews on our first issue. This would not be possible without the knowledge and time our members gave by teaming up with *Golden Gardens*. The help from Maryanne Lucas, Pat Clayes, and Julie West has been a real asset for me by proofing *Golden Gardens* before going to press.

Angels and Season's Greeting are both being handled by Carol Mayo. I thank Carol for stepping up and filling Betty Taylor's shoes.

Deadline for Season's Greeting is October 15, so be sure to get your greeting in to Carol, with a copy to me if e-mailing, before then.

Joelle Holford and Joan Patten also have been very helpful to me as I learn the ropes of this job. I am very fortunate to have such a talented team.

I have put two different flyers in the District Director's Mail Box. One is a template for *Golden Gardens* articles. The other has key information for submitting your articles. These flyers are in the District Director boxes and extras are available here at the Fall Board Meeting. Anyone wanting a copy of the flyers in the future can contact me for a Word 2003 version of these flyers, or else get the free Office 2007 Compatibility Tool from Microsoft.com that will allow them to read Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files.

I received a question about the paper used in *Golden Gardens*, and was it recyclable? The glossy paper we used is FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified and the printer uses soy inks for our magazines. This choice lets us save \$400 less per issue also.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Hansen  
*Golden Gardens* Editor

**Membership Chairman's Report**  
2009 CGCI Fall Board Meeting  
Concord, CA

As of September 9, 2009, **207 clubs** with **11,080** members; **28 associate plant societies** with **1630** members and **14 affiliates** have paid their 2009-2010 dues. A total of **\$28,945.75** was received. This leaves 73 clubs, 30 associate plant societies and 8 affiliates in danger of being delinquent if dues are not paid by November 1. Over 100 e-mails were sent by this chairman in late August reminding clubs and APSs to make an effort to pay their dues before the Fall Board. Each District Director will receive a list of clubs and affiliates in their district whose dues are not paid as of September 9 and will be ineligible for insurance and the awards program on November 1. Directors, please contact these clubs and remind them of the approaching deadline.

Congratulations to the following Districts for having 100% of their dues paid: Cascade, Desert Empire, Golden Foothills, Roadrunner and Top o' The State. Luther Burbank, Montana de Oro and Yosemite Gateway need to be recognized for having just one unpaid club.

20,000 membership cards designed by Maryanne Lucas were printed thanks to Principal Life Insurance Company who underwrote the expense of providing membership cards to every CGCI garden club member. Cards for paid clubs are packaged and ready to be given to District Directors at this board meeting. Clubs paying their dues after Fall Board will receive their cards by mail. Additional cards will be mailed as clubs submit quarterly dues statements. Associate Plant Societies and Affiliates will receive one card for their records.

Membership cards are good for discounts at businesses on the Participating Sponsors list which is available on the CGCI Website.

This summer, this chairman sent letters to about 60 arboreta and botanic gardens inviting them to become part of our new Participating Arboreta/Botanic Garden Program. The list of the nine who have already responded will appear in the Oct/Nov issue of *Golden Gardens*. The card entitles you to any or all of the following: free admission, 10% discounts at gift shops or plant sales.

At the 2008 Convention District Directors requested a copy of the four popular garden pamphlets: *Beautiful but Deadly*, *Gardening Safety*, *Plants for Free* and *Choose the Right Tree*. A packet containing a copy of each of these for each club has been prepared and is available at the Membership table. This chairman has written the fifth in the series of educational pamphlets: "Conservation Gardening".

CGCI banners are becoming very popular! To facilitate ordering, a new Banner Order form was prepared and is available on the CGCI Website. Each club has a special copy of the form included in the District Director's packet. For a limited time a free banner bag will be given to clubs or districts ordering both the stand and banner. Several stands have been brought for orders taken at this meeting. Extra forms are available at the Membership table.

CGCI promotional materials such as the rack cards, bookmarks and posters have been counted, bundled and are ready for pick up at the Membership table. Our resident graphic artist, Maryanne Lucas, has designed a beautiful new rack card and also the latest addition to the selection, a CGCI brochure. Be sure to remind those who take these materials to put their club information in the space provide before using. 12,000 bookmarks, 5000 rack cards and 800 posters have been brought to this meeting for distribution.

The Membership theme for the next two years is “*One by One*”. It was chosen because the personal touch is so important in gaining and retaining members. This chairman’s article published in the Aug/Sept *Golden Gardens* introduced our theme. Look for a second article in the Oct/Nov issue of *Golden Gardens* listing five ways to publicize your club and CGCI. Membership Matters! Share your love of gardening and garden clubbing!

The Membership Team has added two experienced, talented volunteers. Robin Pokorski and George Speer are helping with outreach to potential new clubs. Of course, the most valuable members of the Membership Team are all of you. Copies of the New Club Membership application forms are available at the membership table. Please take one and start looking.

Speaking of new clubs, it is my pleasure to introduce our seven newest additions:

**4 CLUBS:**

**Windsor Garden Club** – Luther Burbank District –  
10 members Thomas Eddy, President

**Monterey Bay Master Gardeners** – Santa Clara Valley District –  
13 members Cynthia Jordan, President

**Beach Community Garden Association** – Orange County District –  
18 members Joanne Rasmussen, President

**Makiko Floral Design Garden Club** – Orange County District –  
8 members Makiko Goto-Widerman, President

**2 AFFILIATES:**

**Markham Regional Arboretum Society – CGCI Affiliate**  
Diane Goldsmith, President

**Master Gardener Association of San Diego County –**  
Palomar District George Yackey, President

**1 Associated Plant Society:**

**Ohara Ikebana School of Northern California –**  
50 members Mitsuko Maruyama, President

Madam President, I move to ratify these seven new clubs.

Submitted,  
Rita Desilets, CGCI Membership Chairman

California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Fall Board 2009  
**Report of Second Vice President Patricia Clayes**

**Re: Yearbook**

This year's yearbook was a team effort by Rita Desilets, Maryanne Lucas, Jane McKee, Robin Pokorski, Julie West and myself. Due to the popular demand for the updated, smaller version book this year, we are down to only a few extras available for sale. Please pick up your yearbooks in the Baldwin Room ASAP.

**Re: Communications**

I attended a dinner party a few weeks ago in Southern California and was asked by a group of women what I did for a living. I explained that I was retired but volunteered for California Garden Clubs, Inc. "Never heard of it" was the response from one woman. The others just shrugged their shoulders. My response was, "That's what we are trying to fix." As your communications chairman, I am exploring avenues for us to get the word out to the public about all of the good work which our clubs do and all of the educational opportunities which we offer through NGC, the CGCI and its chairmen and the clubs.

- One way is through newspaper-ready press releases. I will be encouraging clubs to create these before their events and submit to local newspapers. I have already developed a handout on the secrets to effective press releases (which was distributed to the district directors and chairmen at convention). In the next few months, I will be creating a guide to getting local newspapers to print club press releases.
- Another way is through educational pamphlets and brochures. I will be working with the Executive Committee and chairmen to develop these for the clubs. Maryanne Lucas' successful pamphlets are in the process of being updated, and Rita Desilets has already developed one on conservation gardening. The first one which I will tackle will be on beginning creative floral design, with Gudy Kimmel's assistance.

**Re: Newsletters**

Please continue to send your club and district newsletters to me, as well as to the CGCI President, the other Vice Presidents and to the *Golden Gardens* Editor. Just last week, I spotted 2-3 newsworthy and educational articles which could be shared with all of the clubs via *Golden Gardens* in Chicago Park Garden Club's *The Garden Jargon*. Keep those newsletters coming by mail or email.

**Re: Blue Ribbon President Book**

Maryanne Lucas, Julie West and I updated this very useful tool over the summer. Copies are available from Jackie Jackman. Every district director and club president should have a copy of this manual.

Officer Report  
**Julie A. West, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
2009 Fall Board  
Concord, CA

Madame President:

You won't believe how short my reports are going to be as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President since I'm only Chairman of the Bylaws & Policy Committee instead of six! We're both going to enjoy it!

The Bylaws & Policy Committee has received several suggested Bylaws changes for consideration as well as proposed Standing Rules amendments. The Standing Rules amendments will be presented at the last business session of this Fall Board meeting for approval. The Bylaws amendments will be presented at Winter Board. Members of the Bylaws & Policy Committee are: Dolores Moffat, Joan Craig, Jane McKee and Pat Claves.

An update on *The Diamond Years*, CGCI's 75-year history book: Sales total \$3,570 to date, covering the printing expense and generating a profit of over \$750. Several of you have ordered books that I have with me to collect payment for and/or distribute – please see me during break. There are less than 50 books available for sale. There is a wealth of information contained in each book for only \$10! This may be your last chance to purchase one because when they are gone, they will not be reprinted. A copy of the book will be given to the Awards Chairman to be submitted to both NGC and Pacific Region for award consideration in the category "Any other publication".

I would like to remind each district to please consider hosting either a Fall or Winter Board meeting in 2011 and 2012. See Article IX, Sec. 5 that states:

*Offers from districts to host state board meetings may be presented at any regular board of directors meeting. The offer shall state the voted approval of the member clubs.*

Part of the fun of being a member of the Board of Directors is being able to travel to different areas of California, meet local garden club members and visit places we would not have seen otherwise. The good news about hosting a board meeting is that it unifies members of the host district working together toward a common goal and the net proceeds remains with the host district! If you'd like more information, please feel free to contact me. I'd love to discuss the possibilities with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. West

Fall Board Meeting 2009  
Attachment G

To: Madame President & Board Members of CGCI  
From: Lorraine Ornelas – **Arbor Day Chairman**

This chairman would like to recommend that each member here today would ask their members to think about purchasing at least one “Pennies for Pines” Plantation to honor all those whose lives were affected by the tragedy which occurred on September 11, 2001.

Yesterday was considered “New York Says Thank You Day” and people were asked to volunteer in memory of the lost ones. I’m sure Pat York would love to do all the extra work processing these. This chairman would consider it a fine tribute to honor Arbor Day in this manner.

### The 2009 Fall Report **Climate Change**

Climate change is a scientific fact. There is sufficient data from around the world to show that humans have had a direct effect on our climate. There is now no reason for further debate. Further research, yes. Time for action is now.

So what to do? Get informed and do whatever you can to help out. As a starter you can read the following report. ,”U.S. Global Change Research Project” on website [www.globalchange.gov/usimpacts](http://www.globalchange.gov/usimpacts) This is a cooperative effort of 13 Federal partners, mandated by a Congressional act of 1990. The purpose was to provide for “a comprehensive and integrated US research program which will assist the Nation and the world to understand, assess, predict, and respond to human-induced and natural processes of global change”.

The 10 key findings of the report are;

1. Global warming is unequivocal and primarily human induced.
2. Climate changes are underway in the United States and are project to grow.
3. Widespread climate-related impacts are occurring now and are expected to increase.
4. Climate change will stress water resources.
5. Crop and livestock production will be increasingly challenged.
6. Coastal areas are at increasing risk for sea-level rise and storm surge.
7. Risks to human health will increase.
8. Climate change will interact with many social and environmental stresses.
9. Thresholds will be crossed, leading to large changes in climate and ecosystems.
10. Future climate change and its impacts depend on choices made today.

California is presently working on legislation on the severe water problems we are experiencing, some of the problems can be attributed to climate change.

As individuals we all can contribute in some way. How we choose to live our daily lives is important. Every little thing helps. There will be no one single cure. Supporting efforts of others is important.

Very Respectfully  
Dwight Holford  
10 September 2009

California Garden Clubs, Inc. Fall Board Meeting, 2009

Youth Committee Report

Lydia & Roy Reibel

### **Kids Growing Strong Liaisons**

KIDS GROWING STRONG was busy last Spring. Before Roy & I left the state we participated in 3 events – San Francisco, Yuba City, & Redding.

In our absence KGS was represented at 2 shows in Sacramento. One was in May for the Woodlake Garden Club Garden Faire & the other was in July for the California Home & Garden Show.

We are busy planning for fall shows. The next 3 weekends we be representing KGS in No. Ca. We will be in Yuba City, Redding, & Chico.

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### **IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption**

I am happy to report that as of September 8, 2009, 111 clubs (out of 278) are now under the CGCI Nonprofit Group Exemption umbrella and can accept donations that are tax deductible under the law.

The renewal process will begin this fall when forms are mailed to exempt clubs. For clubs to retain their nonprofit status, these forms must be returned by February 15, 2010, with a payment of \$15.

Since the Convention in June an additional five clubs have been accepted under the Group Exemption: the Beach Community Garden Association, the Bonita Valley Garden Club, the Ceres Garden Club, the Sunnyvale Garden Club and the Windsor Garden Club.

For other clubs interested in the Group Exemption program, information is available on the CGCI website under the Club Service tab or the Club Support box.

Additionally this Chairman is available to help with the IRS Form 990-N filings for nonprofit clubs and the California Secretary of State Statement of Information (Form SI-100) for incorporated clubs.

### **LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL**

CGCI FALL BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman

To be included in the minutes

The City of Temecula was honored for its Temecula Public Library and gardens which were completed in 2006, during the National Garden Clubs, Landscape Design Study Program final class on August 12, 2009 in Temecula. Felicia Hogan

and Pat Clayes nominated this project.

Arash Izadi, Associate at LPD, Inc received the Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture for his professional services designing the landscaping around the Temecula Public Library. Felica Hogan and Pat Clayes, LD Consultants filled out the application for this award.

Jim Carter, owner of the South Coast Winery Resort and Spa received the Landscape Design Commendation for his property in Temecula. Pat Clayes and Felicia Hogan completed the application which was presented on August 13, 2009. One Maple Winery and Vineyard in Lewiston and its owners Ernie and Kristen Bell received a Certificate of Appreciation for their 13 acre vineyard started in 1998. Barbara Thiessen, President of Lewiston Garden Club, Mary Lou Goodwin and Rowena Goodner, Landscape Design Consultants, made the nomination. The presentation occurred at the Winery during a the club Summer Potluck Luncheon. Bonnie and Greg Randall, ASLA, received the Landscape Design Commendation for their residential garden in Walnut Creek. A tour was open to all Board Members before the Fall Board Meeting and the award was presented on September, 10th. Pat Clayes, LD Consultant and Richard Turner, LA and Editor of Pacific Horticulture presented the nomination.

Carolyn and Jack Bybee were honored for their residence in Walnut Creek with a Certificate of Appreciation which was presented during the Fall Board Meeting in Concord on September 10, 2009. Their home was on tour during that day. Ruth Angevine completed the application.

## **Landscape Design Study Program Chairman's Report**

Fall Board Meeting, September 2009

Course 4 of Series 23 (Temecula) was completed in August and resulted in 9 newly accredited NGC Landscape Design Consultants, 2 who refreshed, and 3 non-NGC members who passed the exam.

2 certificates of completion are presented to new Consultants, George Speer and Deedee Speer, from Palomar District.

No Landscape Design Study Courses are currently planned. Look for handouts about the LDSP in your mailbox and encourage your clubs and districts to sponsor the next Series. Consultant refresher opportunities are being planned.

Alexis Slafer, Chair  
Landscape Design Study Program

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### **Legislation/Government**

More Than 100 State Parks Expected to be Closed

- It is expected that due to budget cuts more than 100 state parks will be closed to public access.
- The July 28 state budget contained an additional \$6 million cut to state parks, bringing total General Fund cut for this fiscal year to \$14.2 million.
- To support the efforts to keep parks open to the public, contact the California State Parks Foundation at [www.CalParks.org](http://www.CalParks.org) and [www.SaveStateParks.org](http://www.SaveStateParks.org).



- The California Department of Parks and Recreation manages more than 270 park units.
- More than one third of California parks may be closed to public access.
- There is no closure list available at this time.
- To reach your California State Senator or Assembly member refer to the CGCI Legislation/Government “Sacramento Contacts” sheet.

### **NGC Schools Coordinator/Gardening Study Schools Report, Greg Pokorski, Chairman**

The subject matter of this team is the three schools – other than Flower Show Schools, which is unique in a number of ways and supported by a separate team – Environmental Studies Schools, Gardening Study Schools, and the Landscape Design Program. Gardening Study School is launching Series 21 in Loomis (Golden Foothills District) this month, and has just completed Series 20 in Aliso Viejo in Orange County. Consultants Council Chairman, Myrtle Findley, has registration forms for Course I in Loomis, and they are posted on the CGCI website. Team members were introduced. LDSP Chairman, Alexis Slafer, reports that Course IV of the Temecula series has completed, producing 9 new Consultants. She is looking for clubs or districts that would like to sponsor Series 24, and would like to get series going in the north and the south. This can be a fundraiser for the sponsoring organization. LD Consultant certificates were presented to George and Deedee Speer.

### **NGC Schools Team, Greg Pokorski, Coordinator**

The team met on 9/12 and agrees to cooperate with the NGC Schools Committees to identify and implement areas of standardization for the three schools. NGC has a new Schools Coordinator role this term which aligns with the new CGCI structure. We hope to offer Tri-Refreshers in conjunction with the 2010 convention in Westlake Village and the 2011 convention in northern California. We will work together to identify ways to help clubs and districts sponsoring schools to have clear understanding of the process of preparing for and conducting a school.

### **Vegetable Chairman, Sharon Thorne**

It is with great disappointment that Don and I could not attend Maryanne’s first meeting. I know we will miss some good information and fun, not to mention the many friends. September is a busy month for us; many family events.

I have been teaching, Vegetable Gardening 101 for Kids, and will wrap up out 10<sup>th</sup> course before the kids go back to school.

This has been one of the most rewarding tasks I have ever experienced. I hope to be able to show a Power Point presentation of the actual course with the kids in action, at a state meeting. I used many pointers from the website, “Kids Growing Strong.” As well as using “The Growing Classroom Garden-Based Science,” written by Roberta Jaffe and Gary Appel, which was developed by the life science program lab which is located at University of California, Santa Cruz. I also searched the web for certain subjects.

The kids had hands-on experiences, prepared the soil, learned about pollination, and germination, planted seeds and plants grown in the greenhouse. They even made their own blue birdhouse, bat house, and worm bin.

As the many tomatoes ripen, you can read the Veggie News by going on the website, which gives you ideas, and will prepare you for planting next year.

I discontinued the handouts to the directors due to the cost involved in printing the newsletter. Lynne has placed the Veggie News on the website so, remind your presidents they can notify members of their club that they can print copies of the Veggie News from the CGCI website.

Currently, we are still harvesting tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. If you planted a vegetable garden, I hope your efforts were successful.

Don and I are currently chairmen of the Landscape project for our Church, preparing a "Plot plan" for Lake County approval. We plan to use plants from the Bible such as palm trees, olive trees, Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley to name a few.

Now is the time to consider planting all the winter vegetables such as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and even peas. **REMEMBER TO EAT YOUR GREENS!**

Sharon Thorne, Vegetable Chairman

Fall Board Meeting 2009  
Attachment H

<b>REVENUE: 5000+</b>		<b>Revenue</b>	
<b>5001</b>	Contributions/Donations		\$500.00
<b>5101</b>	Convention Profit		\$1,000.00
<i>Dues 5200's</i>			
<b>5201</b>	Dues-Affiliates 12 x \$50		\$600.00
<b>5202</b>	Dues-APS 4,500@\$2.25		\$10,125.00
<b>5203</b>	Dues-Clubs 15,000@\$2.25		\$33,750.00
<i>Dues Total: \$44,475.</i>			
<b>5301</b>	Fundraising Revenue		\$1,000.00
<b>5401</b>	Group Exemption Fees		\$1,500.00
<b>5501</b>	History Book Sales		\$1,000.00
<b>5502</b>	History Book Mailing Fees		\$250.00
<b>5601</b>	Interest		\$4,500.00
<i>Membership 5700's</i>			
<b>5701</b>	Membership Banners		\$500.00
<b>5702</b>	Membership Cards		\$500.00
<b>5703</b>	Member Award of Distinction		\$1,000.00
<i>Misc. Income 5800's</i>			
<b>5801</b>			
<b>5802</b>			
<b>5803</b>			
<b>5804</b>			
<b>5805</b>			
	Total Misc. Income		\$185.00
<b>5901</b>	President's Project		\$500.00
<b>6001</b>	Scholarship - Transfer from Scholarship Fund		\$4,000.00
<b>6101</b>	State Pins & Misc Sales		\$2,500.00
<b>6201</b>	Tours		\$500.00
<b>6301</b>	Yearbook Sales		\$500.00
		<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$64,410.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES: 100's-</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>4999</b>			
<i>Administration expenses: 100-1400</i>			
<b>101</b>	Auditor		\$1,700.00
<b>201</b>	Directors & Officers Insurance		\$1,850.00
<b>301</b>	Dues-NGC		\$10,290.00
<b>302</b>	Dues-NGC Youth		\$10.00
<b>303</b>	Dues-Pacific Region		\$360.00
<b>401</b>	Fidelity Bond		\$450.00
<i>Filing Fees &amp; Taxes: 500's</i>			
<b>501</b>	Attorney General		
<b>502</b>	Franchise Tax Board		
<b>503</b>	State Board of Equalization		
<b>504</b>			
	Total Filing Fees and Taxes		\$500.00

<b>601</b>	Golden Gardens Subscriptions	\$4,000.00
<b>701</b>	Office Supplies	\$300.00
<b>801</b>	Vonage 888# \$60@month x 12	\$720.00
<b>901</b>	Website	\$500.00
<b>1001</b>	Yearbook Printing	\$5,000.00
	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$25,680.00</b>

*Chairman expenses:*

1500's

<b>1501</b>	Amenities & Protocol	\$50.00
<b>1502</b>	Arbor Day	\$50.00
<b>1503</b>	Arboreta/Botanic of CA incl Memorial Gardens	\$50.00
<b>1504</b>	Associate Plant Societies	\$50.00
<b>1505</b>	Awards Finance	\$50.00
<b>1506</b>	Backyard Habitat incl Birds & Butterflies	\$50.00
<b>1507</b>	Blue Star Memorials - No. California	\$50.00
<b>1508</b>	Blue Star Memorials - So. California	\$50.00
<b>1509</b>	Budget & Finance (copies)	\$50.00
<b>1510</b>	Business Commendations & Discounts	\$50.00
<b>1511</b>	Bylaws & Policy	\$50.00
<b>1512</b>	Cacti & Succulents	\$50.00
<b>1513</b>	California Native & Invasive Plants	\$50.00
<b>1514</b>	Climate Change	\$50.00
<b>1515</b>	Educational Schools Finance	\$50.00
<b>1516</b>	Environmental Studies School	\$50.00
<b>1517</b>	Floral Design Education	\$50.00
<b>1518</b>	Flowers for the Home	\$50.00
<b>1519</b>	Flower Show Awards	\$50.00
<b>1520</b>	Flower Show Judges Credentials	\$50.00
<b>1521</b>	Flower Show Schedules	\$50.00
<b>1522</b>	Flower Show Schools Team Chairman	\$50.00
<b>1523</b>	Flower Show Symposium	\$50.00
<b>1524</b>	Garden Crafts	\$50.00
<b>1525</b>	Gardening Study Schools	\$50.00
<b>1526</b>	Garden Therapy	\$50.00
<b>1527</b>	Grants & NGC Special Projects	\$50.00
<b>1528</b>	Grow It and Give It Project	\$50.00
<b>1529</b>	Herbs	\$50.00
<b>1530</b>	Home Grown	\$50.00
<b>1531</b>	Honor Book	\$50.00
<b>1532</b>	Horticulture Team Chairman	\$50.00
<b>1533</b>	Kitchen Gardens	\$50.00
<b>1534</b>	Landscape Design Study Program	\$50.00
<b>1535</b>	Life Membership	\$50.00
<b>1536</b>	Master Gardener Liason	\$50.00
<b>1537</b>	National Garden Week	\$50.00
<b>1538</b>	Past CGCI Projects	\$50.00
<b>1539</b>	Penny Pines	\$50.00
<b>1540</b>	Photography	\$50.00
<b>1541</b>	Program & Speaker Registry	\$50.00
<b>1542</b>	Propagation "Free Plants"	\$50.00
<b>1543</b>	Reforestation & Wildfires	\$50.00
<b>1544</b>	Scholarships - No. California	\$50.00
<b>1545</b>	Scholarships - So. California	\$50.00
<b>1546</b>	School Credentials	\$50.00

1547	Sempervirens Fund	\$50.00
1548	SFF&GS Advisor	\$50.00
	Special Education Fund/Distinguished	
1549	Member	\$50.00
1550	Strategic Planning	\$50.00
1551	Vegetables	\$50.00
1552	Water	\$50.00
1553	Website	\$50.00
1554	Wildflower	\$50.00
	<b>Chairman Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>

*Chairmen with Special  
Funding Expenses:*

1600's

**Chairman with Special Funding**

1601	Awards	\$750.00
1602	CGCI Communications Coord. 2nd VP	\$250.00
1603	District Director Coordinator	\$300.00
1604	IRS Group Exemption Program	\$250.00
1605	Membership - 3rd VP	\$1,000.00
1606	Smokey Bear Poster Contest	\$150.00
1607	State Pins & Misc. Sales (50% of sales)	\$1,250.00
1608	Yearbook Chairman -Distribution/Mailing	\$250.00
1609	Youth Activities	\$250.00
	<b>Chairmen w/Special Funding Total</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>

*District Director  
Expenses: 1700's*

1701	Arboretum	\$ 100.00
1702	Bay Bridges	\$ 100.00
1703	Bay Ocean	\$ 100.00
1704	Buttes	\$ 100.00
1705	Cascade	\$ 100.00
1706	Channel Islands	\$ 100.00
1707	Costa Verde	\$ 100.00
1708	Desert Empire	\$ 100.00
1709	Diablo Foothills	\$ 100.00
1710	Golden Foothills	\$ 100.00
1711	Greater Los Angeles	\$ 100.00
1712	Humboldt	\$ 100.00
1713	Luther Burbank	\$ 100.00
1714	Mendo-Lake	\$ 100.00
1715	Montana de Oro	\$ 100.00
1717	Orange County	\$ 100.00
1718	Palms to Pines	\$ 100.00
1719	Palomar	\$ 100.00
1720	Roadrunner	\$ 100.00
1721	Sacramento River Valley	\$ 100.00
1722	San Fernando Valley	\$ 100.00
1723	Santa Clara Valley	\$ 100.00
1724	Sequoia Foothills	\$ 100.00
1725	Top O' the State	\$ 100.00
1726	Valley Lode	\$ 100.00
1727	Yosemite Gateway	\$ 100.00
	<b>Total District Directors Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

*Membership 1800's*

<b>1801</b>	Membership Banners	\$500.00
<b>1802</b>	Membership Cards	\$500.00
<b>1803</b>	Membership - posters & brochures	\$1,500.00
<b>1804</b>	Misc. Dues Refunds	\$100.00
<b>1805</b>	New Clubs Organization Packets	\$300.00
	<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>

*Officers Expenses:*

1900's

**Officers**

<b>1901</b>	1st Vice President	\$750.00
<b>1902</b>	Corresponding Secretary	\$500.00
<b>1903</b>	Financial Secretary	\$150.00
<b>1904</b>	Parliamentarian	\$50.00
<b>1905</b>	President, CA Travel & Office Expense	\$5,000.00
<b>1906</b>	President, NGC & Pacific Region	\$5,000.00
<b>1907</b>	Recording Secretary	\$200.00
<b>1908</b>	Treasurer	\$300.00
	<b>Total Officers Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,950.00</b>

*Other Expenses: 2000-*

4000

**Other Expenses**

<b>2101</b>	E-News	\$600.00
<b>2201</b>	Educational Pamphlets	\$1,600.00
<b>2301</b>	Financial Assistance from CPA	\$500.00
<b>2401</b>	Fundraising Expenses	\$600.00
<b>2501</b>	History Book Mailing	\$250.00
<b>2601</b>	Hospitality Gift	\$100.00
<b>2701</b>	Member of Distinction	\$400.00
<b>2801</b>	President's Project	\$500.00
<b>2901</b>	Program Speakers	\$1,000.00
<b>3001</b>	Promotional Materials	\$1,000.00
<b>3101</b>	Scholarship - 2 @ \$2000	\$4,000.00
<b>3201</b>	Tours	\$500.00
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,050.00</b>

*Misc. Expenses 4000*

4001

**Misc. Expenses**

	<b>Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$468.00</b>
4001	NGC/Pac Region related expenses incl visits	\$1,000.00
4002	Bank charges	\$12.00
4003	Memorial Donations	\$250.00
4004	San Francisco Flower & Garden Show	\$500.00
4005	CA State Flower & Garden Show	\$500.00
4006	G-2 Yearbook Award	\$350.00
4007		
4008		
	Total Misc. Expenses	\$3,080.00

**Total Expenses \$64,410.00**