



California Garden Clubs, Inc.

79th Annual Convention

June 5-6, 2010

Hyatt Westlake Plaza, Westlake Village, CA

President Maryanne Lucas

Host: Channel Islands District

Business Meeting #1:

President Maryanne Lucas called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. on Saturday June 5. The Recording Secretary, Greg Pokorski, was present.

The Conservation Pledge was led by Margaret Strachan, Backyard Habitat Chairman.

President Lucas introduced Pacific Region Director Sandra Ford, the Executive Committee seated at the head table, former CGCI Presidents, Circle of Poppies members, and Pages.

Beverly Brune, Convention Co-chairman, moved to adopt the initial credentials report with a voting strength of 148. **PASSED**

President Lucas declared a quorum.

Beverly Brune, Convention Co-chairman, gave the initial registration report: 314 registered.

Chuck Goodwin, Parliamentarian, moved to suspend the reading of the Convention Rules of Order. **PASSED**. Chuck Goodwin moved the adoption of the Convention Rules of Order. **PASSED**

Beverly Brune, Convention Co-chairman, moved to adopt the Convention Program as corrected. **PASSED**

Without objection, the minutes of the 2009 Convention were adopted as distributed.

Without objection, President Lucas appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this Convention: Sandy Rogers, Diablo Foothills District Director, Chairman, Robin Pokorski, Advisory Council Chairman, Rita Desilets, Third Vice President.

Financial Reports

Ed Dempsey, Treasurer, reported. (See Attachment A)

Julie West, First Vice President, reported for Joelle Holford, Financial Secretary.

Executive Committee Recommendations

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**

Officers Reports

Parliamentarian Chuck Goodwin reported. (See Attachment B)

Golden Gardens Editor Lynne Hansen reported. (See Attachment B)

Financial Secretary – Julie West reported for Joelle Holford.

Recording Secretary Greg Pokorski reported. (See Attachment B)

3rd Vice President Rita Desilets reported. (See Attachment B)

2nd Vice President Pat Clayes reported. (See Attachment B)

1st Vice President Julie West reported. (See Attachment B)

President Maryanne Lucas reported.

Standing/Special Committee Reports:

Advisory Council – Robin Pokorski deferred the report.

Board of Trustees – Robert Gordon deferred the report.

Budget & Finance – No report

Bylaws – Julie West deferred the report.

Nominating – Dolores Moffat deferred the report.

Three-Year Calendars – Shane Looper reported.

Life Memberships – Carlotta Wixon reported 19 new CGCI Life Memberships which added \$1900 to the scholarship fund, and two Pacific Region Life Memberships. She moved to ratify the following memberships:

- CGCI: Karen Aguilar, Barbara Berman, Joy Boydston, Esther Clark, Ann Craig, Karlene Elder, Audrey Goddard, Josephine Goodenow, Jane Gordon, Lynne Heppberger, Irene Manson, Alexa Moss, Margaret Mellow, Martha Munroe, Sandy Roth, Linda Simmonds, Nateva Solomon, Judy Spiegel, Ruth Taylor;
- Pacific Region: Colleen Simms, Linda Smith;

PASSED

A Memorial Service was conducted by Julie and Dave West.

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Business Meeting #2 - Sunday, June 06, 2010

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Carolyn Johnson, Corresponding Secretary, reported (See Attachment B) and moved to ratify the following dates:

- Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, Sponsor: Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
 - Course I – November 4-5, 2010
 - Course II – January 27-28, 2011
 - Course III – March 17-18, 2011
 - Course IV – September 22-23, 2011
- Environmental Studies School, Course III, San Mateo, Chairman: Shane Looper, November 9-10, 2010
- Flower Show School, Sacramento River Valley District, Course III, Chairman: Mary Arakelian, March 17-18, 2011
- Flower Show Judges Symposium – Bakersfield, April 28-30, 2011
- 2011 CGCI Fall Board – Host: Valley Lode District, Date TBA
- 2012 CGCI Winter Board - Host: Montana de Oro District, Date TBA
- 2012 CGCI Fall Board – Humboldt District, Date TBA
- Wildflower Encounter April 1 to April 3, 2011, Jim Hart, Chairman

PASSED

Robert Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported regarding endowment charters, and introduced Justin Frisco from Principal Financial Group. Copies of the proposed scholarship and planned giving endowment charters were distributed for review.

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Members of Luther Burbank and Mendo-Lake Districts presented the invitation to the 80th annual CGCI Convention, "Nature's Beauty and Bounty," May 15-19, 2011 in Rohnert Park.

Robert Gordon moved that we adopt the Scholarship Endowment Charter. **PASSED AS AMENDED.** (See Attachment C)

Robert Gordon moved that we adopt the Planned Giving Endowment Charter as amended. **PASSED.** (See Attachment D)

Robert Gordon announced plans for an incentive event June 4, 2011 in San Luis Obispo. Robert Gordon moved that the June 4, 2011 Endowment Incentive Gala be ratified. **PASSED.**

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

District Directors Reports: Shane Looper, District Director Liaison, introduced the District Directors who reported. (See Attachment E)

Pat Clayes, Fall Board Meeting Chairman, issued the invitation to Fall Board Meeting, hosted by Palms to Pines District, in Palm Springs, September 14-17, 2010.

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Business Meeting #3

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

President Lucas announced that two penny pines plantations will be purchased with donations made at today's Youth Luncheon.

Myrtle Findley, Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, presented Beautiful Garden Certificates to two local gardeners.

District Directors Reports continued

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Bylaws

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Julie West moved the adoption of the following bylaw amendments approved at Winter Board Meeting 2010:

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

Housekeeping Items & Other Proposed Amendments

1. **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES** (page 128)

Sec. 1. The membership of this corporation shall consist of 5 classes: garden clubs, associate plant societies, affiliates, life members and all categories of youth gardeners. Voting memberships shall be garden clubs **and** associate plant societies **and affiliates**. Nonvoting memberships shall be all categories of youth gardeners, **affiliates** and life members.

Rationale: Some clubs appear to be looking for ways to avoid belonging to districts and paying district dues by becoming affiliates. Moving affiliates to nonvoting membership removes one incentive to change.

PASSED.

2. **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES** (page 128)

Sec. 3. All dues are payable on July 1 and delinquent on ~~November~~ **October** 1. Dues shall be payable to CGCI and mailed to the membership chairman who shall transfer the funds promptly to the treasurer. (a) Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per capita which shall include dues to NGC, effective July 1, 2008. (b) The per capita dues of any new club or associate plant society shall accompany application for membership. Clubs or associate plant societies shall forward dues on a quarterly basis for new members accepted during the previous quarter to the membership chairman. (c) Affiliates shall pay annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) regardless of size. (d) New clubs **and** associate plant societies **and affiliates** joining CGCI between January 1 and June 30 shall pay one-half of the annual dues for the period up to June 30. ~~which are due July 1 and delinquent November 1~~. They shall be ratified at the winter board meeting or the pre-convention meeting and shall be entitled to representation at the convention. (e) If dues are not paid by ~~November~~ **October** 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for CGCI liability insurance and participation in the CGCI awards program.

In addition, clubs also become ineligible for the CGCI 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption. (f) All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues to CGCI. Membership dues to NGC, including dues for youth gardeners, and dues to Pacific Region shall be paid annually from the general fund. (g) Life memberships are honorary and require a onetime contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*. A club or associate plant society shall pay state dues for all members, including life members.

Rationale: Changing the date to October 1 shortens window to 90 days past date of July 1 when dues become delinquent. Still allows plenty of time for clubs to remit their dues. Liability insurance bills are typically mailed at end of October or first of November so no overlap of delinquent dues vs. eligibility for liability insurance will occur as it does today.

Also, removes affiliates from paying one-half the annual dues (\$50) if they join CGCI between January 1 and June 30. \$50 dues is membership fee regardless of when they join.

In addition, need to make it clear that if a club fails to remit dues on time, the club is not eligible to participate or continue participating in CGCI's 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption program.

PASSED.

3. **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 129)

Sec. 2 (c) appoint the parliamentarian, all chairmen of standing and special committees (except the nominating committee, board of trustees, ***advisory council, budget and finance***), and fill vacancies on the board of trustees.

Rationale: Article XV states the immediate past president shall act as chairman of the Advisory Council and Article XII Sec. 6 (a) states the financial secretary shall serve as the chairman so they are not appointed by the President and need to be added as exceptions.

PASSED.

4. **ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** (page 130)

Sec. 2 d (3). At the Fall Board Meeting, in odd-numbered years, the committee shall notify all board members of offices to be filled, such notice to be published in ~~the following issue of~~ *Golden Gardens*.

Rationale: Depending on the publication schedule of *Golden Gardens*, the notice could possibly be published in the "summer" issue since all offices, except that of President, are in fact "open."

PASSED.

5. **ARTICLE IX - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS** page 132)

~~Sec. 6. Board meeting chairmen may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district following selection of the Board meeting locale. (new Sec. 6 with renumbering of remaining sections.)~~

Rationale: This wording is similar to Article XI – Annual Meetings. Sec. 8. The President needs to be able to work with the Board Meeting Chairmen and have him/her ratified which is the same process for Convention chairmen. Eliminates inconsistencies of sometimes ratifying a board chairman and sometimes not.

PASSED.

6. **ARTICLE X – CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES** (page 133)

~~Sec. 1 There shall be such standing committees as are necessary for the operation of the corporation. The president shall appoint chairmen subject to ratification by the board of directors.~~

~~Sec. 2 Special committees shall be appointed as needed subject to ratification by the board of directors.~~

Strike and replace with:

~~Sec. 1 There shall be such standing and special committees as are necessary for the operation of the corporation. The president shall appoint chairmen (except the nominating committee, board of trustees, advisory council, budget and finance), subject to ratification by the board of directors.~~

Rationale: Combines two sections into one and notes those chairmen the President does not appoint as provided for elsewhere in the bylaws (Article VI Sec. 2 (d) 2; Article XIV Sec. 2; Article XV and Article XII Sec. 6).

PASSED AS AMENDED.

7. **ARTICLE XII – FINANCES** (page 134)

Sec. 6. The finance and budget committee shall: (a) ~~include~~ ~~consist of~~ the financial secretary, who shall serve as the chairman, first vice-president, treasurer, chairman of the board of trustees, and ~~one person~~ ~~up to three persons~~ ~~members~~ who shall be appointed by the president, (b)...

Rationale: By allowing the President to appoint additional people to serve on the Budget & Finance Committee, some or all of the vice presidents may be included so as to become familiar with CGCI's finances, various members of the Board of Trustees, as well as members from the assembly at large.

PASSED.

8. **ARTICLE XII – FINANCES** (page 134)

Sec. 7. The following are budgeted from the General Fund: (a) president's reimbursement of up to ~~\$5,000~~ ~~\$10,000.00~~ annually for verified expenses incurred for state travel and office expenses including mileage reimbursement in accordance with the current IRS business mileage rate, (b) president's reimbursement of up to \$5000 annually for verified expenses incurred in attending two meetings of NGC and one Pacific Region meeting; expenses over and above may be presented to the Board of Directors for approval, ~~in attending two meetings of NGC, one Pacific Region meeting and for state travel and office expenses including mileage reimbursement in accordance with the current IRS business mileage rate,~~ (c) president-elect's reimbursement of up to \$1,500 for verified expenses incurred in attending one meeting of NGC, and (d) a reimbursement of up to \$1,500 annually for verified expenses when the Pacific Region director is from California.

Rationale: ~~Combines \$5,000 presently provided in (a) and \$5,000 presently provided in (b) into one lump sum of \$10,000~~ To cover more of the President's expenses incurred on behalf of CGCI and less out of pocket personally.

PASSED AS AMENDED.

9. **ARTICLE XII – FINANCES** (page 134)

Sec. 10. ~~The financial secretary, treasurer, liability insurance chairman and Golden Gardens finance chairman shall be bonded in equal amounts.~~ **A crime policy that includes Employee Dishonesty coverage** Bonds to **will** be furnished by CGCI **and paid from the General Fund.**

Rationale: CGCI has not had a fidelity bond for named positions in several years. The current coverage is provided by a crime policy with blanket Employee Dishonesty coverage and is not restricted to those four chairmanships.

PASSED.

10. **ARTICLE XIV - BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (page 135)

Sec. 2. Immediately following the post-convention meeting in an odd-numbered election year and immediately following the pre-convention meeting in an even-numbered, non-election year, the president shall call a meeting of the board of trustees to elect a chairman and secretary who shall serve for one year and may be reelected for **an one** additional **one-year** term. Four members shall constitute a quorum. If the chairman is unable to represent the trustees at board meetings, the secretary may act as alternate. The board of trustees shall meet upon call of the chairman, or secretary acting in absence of the chairman.

Rationale: Clarifies the original intent of a one-year term followed by one additional one-year term as the maximum time served as Chairman and Secretary.

PASSED.

Golden Gardens Editor Proposed Bylaw Amendments

PROVISO: All bylaw amendments relating to the Golden Gardens Editor including Article V Sec. 1; Article V Sec. 8; Article VI Sec. 1 b(3); Article VII Sec. 1; Article VIII Sec. 1; Article XIII Sec. 1; Article XIII Sec. 3 and Article XIII Sec. 5 shall take effect at the close of the CGCI Convention May 18, 2011.

NOTE: If the amendment to Article V Sec. 1 (Item #12) were to fail, the remaining proposed bylaws amendments as respects Golden Gardens Editor will not be presented for consideration.

PASSED.

Robin Pokorski moved to consider the remaining amendments (#s 11 to 18) at one time. **PASSED.**

Mary-Jo Noth moved to strike a period and insert a semicolon in # 17, Section 3. **PASSED.**

Julie West moved to adopt the following amendments (#s 11 to 18) as amended. **PASSED.**

11. **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 129)

Sec. 1. **(a)** Elected officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, financial secretary **and** treasurer ~~and Golden Gardens editor~~. **(b)** The appointed officer shall be the parliamentarian.

Rationale: Subscriptions for *Golden Gardens* have declined to approximately 3,700 subscribers of which CGCI purchases 375 complimentary subscriptions for club presidents, APS presidents, affiliate presidents and district directors. In addition, individuals who became life members before June 1, 1997 receive subscriptions paid by CGCI. Position does not appear to warrant inclusion on the Executive Committee and could be handled by making the position a Standing Committee Chairmanship under Article VII – Board of Directors.

12. **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 129)

~~Sec. 8. The Golden Gardens editor shall supervise publication of Golden Gardens.~~
Move this to Article XIII – *Golden Gardens* and renumber #9 to #8.

13. **ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** (page 130)

Sec. 1 b (3). The **treasurer**, recording, corresponding and financial secretaries, ~~treasurer and Golden Gardens editor~~ only shall be eligible for two two-year terms. No officer shall serve longer than four years in any one position except that eligibility restrictions shall not apply to the appointive office of parliamentarian.

Rationale: Removes *Golden Gardens* editor as being limited to two terms since position no longer subject to election.

14. **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (page 131)

Sec. 1. Composition of the CGCI board of directors shall be: **(a)** officers, **(b)** district directors, **(c)** members of the nominating committee, **(d)** members of the board of trustees, **(e)** members of the advisory council, **(f)** members of the bylaws committee, **(g)** members of the Circle of Poppies, **(h) editor and members of the Golden Gardens**

committee and (i) all committee chairmen. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Rationale: Adds editor and members of the *Golden Gardens* committee to be members of the board of directors under Article VII and clarifies all committee chairmen (including both standing and special committees) are members of the board of directors.

15. ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (page 132)

Sec. 1. Executive committee of the board of directors shall consist of the president, vice-presidents, recording, corresponding and financial secretaries, treasurer, **Golden Gardens editor** and parliamentarian. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale: Position does not appear to warrant inclusion on the Executive Committee and could be handled by making the position a Standing Committee Chairmanship under Article VII – Board of Directors.

16. ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS (page 135)

Sec. 1 ~~CGCI shall publish an official magazine, Golden Gardens.~~

Strike and replace with:

Sec. 1 The official publication of CGCI shall be Golden Gardens, electronic or print.

Rationale: Allows flexibility for future of *Golden Gardens*.

17. ARTICLE XIII – GOLDEN GARDENS (page 135)

Sec. 3. **The Golden Gardens editor shall (a) supervise publication of Golden Gardens, (b) keep the cost of publication within the budget adopted by the board of directors; Any additional expenditures shall be presented to the executive committee for approval prior to incurring indebtedness, (c) be chairman of the Golden Gardens Committee and (d) report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions. (re-number remaining sections)**

Rationale: Incorporates Sec. 8 from Article V, defines the editor's role and requires the reporting necessary as a permanent Standing Committee of the Board of Directors.

18. ARTICLE XIII – GOLDEN GARDENS (page 135)

Sec. 5. Changes in advertising rates shall be recommended by the editor **to the executive committee** and ratified by the board of directors.

Rationale: Establishes communication from editor to Executive Committee to board of directors.

Chairmen & Team Reports: Julie West introduced the chairmen and team leaders who reported. (See Attachment F)

Beverly Switzer, Youth Awards and Administrative Chairman, moved to ratify ten new youth clubs with 712 new Junior Gardeners. **PASSED.** (See Attachment G)

Mary Lou Goodwin, Landscape Design Council, moved that her full report be included in the minutes. **PASSED.** (See Attachment H)

President Lucas recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

President Lucas reconvened the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Beverly Brune, Convention Co-chairman, moved to adopt the final Credentials Report with voting strength of 149. **PASSED.**

Beverly Brune, Convention Chairman, presented the final Registration Report of 313.

Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Johnson, moved to adopt the Courtesy Resolution and. **PASSED** (See Attachment I)

President Lucas adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m. sine die.

Submitted

CGCI Financial Statement
CGCI Net Worth Report as of 5/31/10

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BofA CD 06854-[11/01/2010 2.10%]	\$61,254.05
Business Max Acct 4096-[1.25%]	\$75,557.96
CGCI BofA 12962-Checking Account	\$20,612.52
Luther Burbank CD 53899-2-[7/13/10 1.90 %]	\$92,560.92
US Bank 353405897664-[04/08/2014 4.00%]	\$83,241.83
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$333,227.28
Other Assets	
Golden Gardens BofA 06688-Checking Account	\$28,875.61
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	\$1,750.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$30,625.61
TOTAL ASSETS	\$363,852.89
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Awards-Restricted	\$5,062.34
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	\$2,735.30
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	\$860.65
Gardening Study-Restricted	\$2,095.57
Honor Book-Restricted	\$8,821.09
Judges Council-Restricted	\$1,029.47
Landscape Design Council-Restricted	\$1,375.09
Landscape Design Study Program-Restricted	\$3,931.31
Liability Insurance-Restricted	\$68,978.81
Reforestation Fund-Restricted	\$1,700.00
Scholarship Fund-Restricted	\$63,320.98
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	\$18,126.07
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	\$12,197.96
Youth Fund-Restricted	\$2,416.98
TOTAL Other Liabilities	\$222,946.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$222,946.11
OVERALL TOTAL	\$140,906.78

Golden Gardens Financial Report

	7/1/2009	-	6/30/2010
Category Description	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Other Inc:			
Advertising	\$100.00	\$200.00	-\$100.00
Angle Fund	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Holiday Greetings	\$705.00	\$600.00	\$105.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$27.00	\$1.00	\$26.00
TOTAL Other Inc	\$1,232.00	\$1,001.00	\$231.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS:			
100 Percent Clubs	\$13,135.40	\$13,730.00	-\$594.60
Affiliates	\$120.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
Associate Plant Societies	\$275.00	\$270.00	\$5.00
Club Presidents	\$1,575.00	\$1,435.00	\$140.00
Complimentary	\$15.00	\$75.00	-\$60.00
District Directors	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$5.00
Individual	\$1,644.00	\$900.00	\$744.00
Life Members	\$1,665.00	\$1,560.00	\$105.00
TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$18,569.40	\$18,175.00	\$394.40
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,801.40	\$19,176.00	\$625.40
EXPENSES			
Circulation Chairman	\$24.76	\$250.00	\$225.24
Editor	\$14.64	\$250.00	\$235.36
Financial Secretary	\$72.56	\$75.00	\$2.44
Mailer	\$151.71	\$5,100.00	\$4,948.29
Misc	\$33.00	\$1.00	-\$32.00
Printer	\$16,057.61	\$13,500.00	-\$2,557.61
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,354.28	\$19,176.00	\$2,821.72
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$3,447.12	\$0.00	\$3,447.12

CCGI Officer Reports

Parliamentarian, Chuck Goodwin

Changes to the Standing Rules which were approved at WB 2009:

- S.R. 70. Clarifies the roster information to be sent by the Membership Chairman by July 1.
- S.R. 74. Clarifies that APSs are not eligible to participate in the IRS Group Exemption program because they are members of permanent statewide and/or national societies.
- S.R. 76. Clarifies benefits of qualifying clubs.

The full text of these Standing Rules are in the minutes of the WB 2010 and are posted on the CGCI website.

A total of 18 amendments to CGCI Bylaws were considered at WB 2010 and recommended for adoption by the Membership at Convention 2010. Ten are classified as housekeeping and other matters and 8 deal with the position of Golden Garden editor. Check your agenda packet carefully as these will be before you for consideration at this meeting.

The National Association of Parliamentarians provides a wide array of products and services for members and the general public. An informative group of booklets are part of the Leadership Spotlight series, including You the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committees, Board of Directors, Conventions and Nominations and Elections. These are nominal in cost and I highly recommend these for purchase by Clubs and Districts. Visit the Parliamentarian's table in the Exhibit Room to see these and other reference materials. These are not hand out materials. For a complete listing of NAP materials, log on to their website.

Please continue to send your questions and comments for the "Ask the Parliamentarian" column in Golden Gardens.

Golden Gardens Editor, Lynne Hansen

Thanks to everyone who have given *Golden Gardens* such great articles. I'm sure the readers wanted to go out in the yard and plant something after reading each issue. I know I do.

Some of the teams haven't given me an article, I ask you to please do so. People want to read about your specialty too. If you include pictures, please make sure they are good resolution, minimum 300ppi digital pictures.

GG Subscriptions Report

July 2009 - 3773 issues circulated

May 2010 - 3643 issues circulated

Net -130 issues circulated

We will vote at this convention for *Golden Gardens* to have 4 issues in color, instead of 5 issues in black and white for the upcoming year. Details on this will come when it is presented at the appropriate meeting.

We will vote whether the *Golden Gardens* Editor's position will be a chairman position or stay on the Executive Committee. This vote, if passed, will take place after Convention 2011.

Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Johnson

I move to ratify the following dates to be added to the California Garden Clubs, Inc. master calendar:

2010

November 4-5 Landscape Design Study Program, Course I, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes
November 9-10 Environmental Studies School, Course III, San Mateo, Chairman: Shane Looper

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January 27-28 Landscape Design Study Program, Course II, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes
March 17-18 Landscape Design Study Program, Course III, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes
April 28-30 Flower Show Judges Symposium – Bakersfield
June 4 Endowment Gala, San Luis Obispo
Date TBA CGCI Fall Board – Host: Valley Lode District
March 17-18 Flower Show School, Sacramento River Valley District, Course III, Chairman: Mary Arakelian
September 22-23 Landscape Design Study Program, Course IV, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes

2012

Date TBA CGCI Winter Board - Host: Montana de Oro District
Date TBA Fall Board – Humboldt District

- Notified NCGI of updates of club and associate plant society presidents to receive *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch*.
- Updated APS and affiliates for Call to Convention, and club presidents for Call to Board Meetings and Convention as directed by the 3rd Vice President.
- Sent Call to Convention, electronically to Board of Directors and by USPS to club, affiliate and associated plant society presidents. Request that every member of the Board of Directors respond that they have received the call the first time it is received.

- Request that each member of the Board of Directors email or mail a procedure for each chairmanship to the corresponding secretary. Thus far, I have only received 10, and the due date was March 1. These will be posted on the CGCI website and be kept in a binder for distribution to future chairmen. Please detail the goals and objectives of the position and how accomplished.
- Updated and notified webmaster as additions were made to the master calendar.

Recording Secretary, Greg Pokorski

The minutes of the Winter Board Meeting were distributed on February 21. They are sent to the vast majority of board members by email. Hard copies are mailed to those board members who have not reported email addresses. Please advise this officer if you obtain an email address or change email addresses.

Minutes are posted on the CGCI website at the same time they are distributed to board members.

A Recording Secretary Procedure was submitted to the Corresponding Secretary and is posted on our website.

As of Thursday, June 3, I have received convention reports from only three officers, four District Directors and seven chairmen. If you are not submitting a report at this convention, you have until June 14 to email me your condensed report. This deadline is discussed in the recent June, 2010 CGCI eNewsletter. Condensed reports should be no more than 100 words in length.

This officer is happy to respond to questions from clubs or districts regarding minutes. Unless you intentionally want your minutes to also be your organization's history (this is not required from a parliamentary perspective) minutes should contain mainly what was done, not what was said, by the members. Minutes should be comprehensive, and yet as brief as is consistent with accuracy.

Third Vice President/Membership Chairman, Rita Desilets

As of June 3, 2010 there were 282 clubs with 16,671 members and 55 APS with 3930 members resulting in total membership of 20,601. There are currently 24 Affiliates. "One by One" CGCI is growing.

CGCI promotional materials such as bookmarks, posters and brochures are available at the Membership table. Be sure to put your club information on them before they are distributed. Brochures and bookmarks with a label reading: "Use the Zip Code Locator on the CGCI Website to find garden clubs in your area" are also available. These were used at Membership tables at the Flower and Garden Shows in San Mateo, Sacramento and the Los Angeles area. The six Gardening Pamphlets are valuable educational give-away items for your events. They can be found under "Club Services: - "Gardening Pamphlets" on the CGCI website. Check out the two latest ones: "Conservation Gardening" and "Edible Landscaping."

CGCI banners continue to be popular. The Banner Order form has streamlined the ordering process. A FREE banner bag will be given to clubs or Districts ordering both banner and stand before June, 2011.

Your CGCI Membership Team continues to search for new clubs and plant societies to invite into membership. Please send any leads to this Chairman so that a membership packet that includes a cover letter, Benefits of Membership list and Membership Application form can be sent to potential candidates. More than 270 were mailed since September of 2009.

Hopefully this Chairman's articles in *Golden Gardens* "Membership Matters" have proved helpful to your clubs and have inspired members to ask at least one prospective member to join their club. Please keep looking - share your love of gardening and garden clubbing. "One by One" we will continue to grow our membership.

Two clubs are celebrating 50-years of loyal membership in CGCI. At this time we wish to express our congratulations and present Certificates of Merit on behalf of National Garden clubs, Inc. signed by President Renee Blaschke to Carlotta Wixon, President of Chicago park Garden club, Golden Foothills District. Carlotta, please come forward to receive your Certificate from President Maryanne Lucas. Judy Sheppmann, President of Linden Community Garden Club regrets being unable to attend this Convention due to the responsibilities of running her cattle ranch. Valley Lode District Director, Chelsea Wilson will accept the Certificate for Linden Community Garden Club.

We appreciate our long-term clubs and welcome the new. At the Pre-Convention meeting four clubs and 1 Affiliate were ratified:

4 CLUBS:

Bridge and Bay Garden Club – Palomar District – 125 members, President: Sylvia Brown

CHIRP Garden Club – Palomar District – 47 members, President: Lisa Lomax

Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley – Palms to Pines District - 20 members, President: Paul Ortega

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society – Costa Verde District - 111 members, President: Dale la Forest

1 AFFILIATE:

Pleasant Hill Instructional Garden – President: Monika Olsen

Second Vice President, Pat Claves

eNewsletter: The electronic newsletter was launched last November; and each month since then, an eNewsletter has been sent. So far, there are 760 subscribers out of 20,563 members. Eye-catching flyers have been placed in the district directors' folders with a request for club presidents to let their club members know about the eNewsletter and encourage them to sign up for it. And, by the way, only approximately fifty percent of those who have signed up to receive the eNewsletter are opening it.

Toll Free Number - 888-702-2075: Since its activation last August, this chairman has only received a few calls per month, mostly from garden club members seeking information.

Brochures/Pamphlets: The new pamphlets on *Beginning Creative Floral Design* and *A Flower Arranger's Garden* are still under development. If anyone wants to help with these pamphlets, please let this chairman know. And, if anyone has any thoughts about creating any additional pamphlets, please let this chairman know. These pamphlets are great tools for our members and the public. Some chairmen may want to think about creating pamphlets on the subject of your chairmanships.

Yearbook Team Coordinator: Some sections of the yearbook were updated throughout the term. The other sections are now being updated. This Yearbook Team Coordinator will easily be able to compile the updates during the next two months for the 2010-2011 yearbook with the help of the rest of the Yearbook Team: **Rita Desilets, Maryanne Lucas, Jane McKee and Julie West.** Five quotes for the printing of the yearbook were obtained this spring. Print-Scape in Sylmar (which printed the yearbook last year) was the lowest bidder at \$3,440 plus tax and shipping. Complimentary yearbooks are provided to club, affiliate and associate plant society presidents, district directors, chairmen and the Executive Committee. So far, CGCI plans to order 800 yearbooks as opposed to 750 which were ordered last year. Yearbooks will be distributed at Fall Board in Palm Springs.

Fall Board, September 14-17, 2010 – Palms to Pines District, Host; Pat Clayes, Chairman: The Palms to Pines District members invite you to come to Fall Board, September 14-17, 2010 in Palm Springs. The Hyatt Regency Hotel, which is in downtown Palm Springs, was just renovated last winter, and every room is a suite. Plus, the hotel has a fabulous pool area (so bring your bathing suit for night swimming which is absolutely delicious in September in the desert). On Thursday night, there will be a street faire on Palm Canyon Drive -- in front of the hotel. Plus, the Palm Springs Art Museum is only a half block away and The Spa Casino is only 2 blocks away.

NGC 2010 Winter Executive Committee Meeting, Palm Springs, January 19-20, 2010; California Garden Clubs, Host; Pat Clayes, Chairman: With the help of CGCI and its many clubs throughout the state, the NGC 2010 Winter Executive Committee Meeting was a success and a blast! Many clubs donated items for the goodie bags – which this chairman made on her fifteen year old sewing machine. The Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society Floral Design Group made floral arrangements. This chairman used her \$450 budget from NGC to purchase items for the goodie bags and gifts for the NGC President. CGCI donated \$1,000 to treat the NGC folks to a night at The Palm Springs Follies, which they absolutely enjoyed.

Except for the torrential rains and my bronchitis returning, everything turned out as planned. Even the weather cooperated during the bus trip to The Living Desert and lunch at Desert Willow Golf Course in Palm Desert. Thank you notes and emails were received from practically every attendee. NGC President Renee Blaschke wrote, "Once again, my sincere thanks to you for your attention to every detail for our Executive Committee Meeting. We were all overwhelmed by the generosity of so many. The rain could not dampen our spirits – and the weather forecasters arranged for our tour. The Follies were great and a fun closing to a very productive meeting. My personal thanks to you for every detail – I commend all of those responsible for their contributions toward a great meeting." And, can you believe that President Renee presented me with an NGC Presidential Citation! My sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make this NGC Winter Executive Committee Meeting such a tremendous success and a great reflection on California.

Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose: This chairman has been working on this new chairmanship for the past two weeks! Already several tasks have been accomplished:

- 1) Article written in an upcoming *Golden Gardens*
- 2) A Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose Denim Contest will take place at Fall Board in Palm Springs. Flyers about the contest are available in the Exhibit Room. Please encourage your club members to enter. It will be fun to see what can be made out of an old pair of jeans! Please visit the Exhibit Room to see what this chairman whipped up from two pairs of old jeans in three days. Remember: CASH MONEY will be awarded to the top two winners.
- 3) Auntie Litter in Louisiana would like to team up with CGCI to bring her message of Reuse, Reduce Waste, Recycle to the California children. CGCI members now have the opportunity to become "Friends of Auntie Litter" (representatives/educators of Auntie Litter) educating children around California about the dangers posed to the environment and how to eliminate litter, conserve our natural resources and practice the environmental three Rs: Reuse, Reduce Waste, Recycle. Auntie Litter will provide the training and materials for the "Friends of Auntie Litter" (and some gas money). If you or someone in your district or club is interested in becoming a "Friend of Auntie Litter," please obtain a flyer at this chairman's exhibit in the Exhibit Room.

First Vice President, Julie West

Madame President:

I had the honor representing CGCI at Pacific Region's Convention in Spokane, WA as requested by President, Maryanne Lucas. All eight states were present to report. Arizona's goal is to promote and popularize standard flower shows with it's theme, "It's Showtime" and is host to the 2011 Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho have been busy planting between 25,000 – 30,000 daffodils in total. Alaska will host Pacific Region's Convention in 2012 and CGCI is scheduled to host in 2013.

There are less than 50 "Award Winning" CGCI 75-year history books available for sale, *The Diamond Years*. It won first place at both Pacific Region and National. Be sure to purchase this limited edition and learn why you can be proud to be a member of CGCI. It's a bargain for only \$10!

The Bylaws & Policy Committee has proposed several suggested Bylaws changes for consideration that were mailed out with the Call to Convention that will be presented at the afternoon session of the two Sunday business meetings of this Convention for approval. Please bring your copy with you. Members of the Bylaws & Policy Committee are: Dolores Moffat, Joan Craig, Jane McKee and Pat Clayes.

I would like to thank each district (Valley Lode, Montana de Oro and Humboldt) that has offered to host either a Fall or Winter Board meeting in 2011 and 2012. I know Winter Board 2013 is in the process and we look forward to ratifying it at Fall Board. 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. We shall look forward to our visit.

Charter of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Scholarship Endowment Fund

Section I. Name

The Board of Directors of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) has established the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund, which shall be known as the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Section II. Purpose

The purposes of the Scholarship Endowment Fund are:

- 1) To further augment the objectives and purposes of CGCI scholarships by providing a suitable ~~receptacle~~ fund for receipt of donations, where the intent of the donor is to make a lasting contribution to CGCI scholarships to secure a sound financial base,
- 2) To provide a fund, the income from which may be allocated to the CGCI annual budget in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which it is earned, to grant scholarships defined by the Board of Directors, and
- 3) To provide financial resources for CGCI scholarships in the event of a financial crisis (determined as provided below in IV 5).

Section III. Endowment Committee

- 1) The Board of Directors shall establish the Board of Trustees as the Endowment Fund Committee (the "Endowment Committee") with responsibility and authority to administer and manage the assets of the Scholarship Endowment Fund under general guidelines established by the Board of Directors. This program and these monies shall, however, remain the responsibility of the Board of Directors, which responsibility may be delegated to the Board of Trustees to the extent the Board of Directors determines.
- 2) **Appointment and Term of Office.** The Endowment Committee members shall be appointed for and serve terms synchronous with the provisions for the Board of Trustees existing in the CGCI Bylaws.

Section IV. Finances

- 1) The fiscal year of the Scholarship Endowment Fund shall be the same as that of CGCI, July 1 to June 30.
- 2) On behalf of the Scholarship Endowment Fund, CGCI may receive donations from members, nonmembers, organizations, and the General Fund. The Endowment Committee or the CGCI Board of Directors may reject any donation to the Scholarship Endowment Fund if the conditions of the gift are not in the best interest of CGCI.
- 3) The Endowment Committee shall meet as needed to determine whether or not to use the income of the fund to grant scholarships.
- 4) The initial charter is that the Scholarship Endowment Fund finance two, \$2,000 scholarships (totaling \$4,000), entirely from each year's income, if possible. As income levels warrant, additional scholarships and/or scholarship amounts may be provided. If income available for scholarships in the preceding fiscal year is insufficient to fund the planned scholarships, the Endowment Committee may vote to:
 - a. Reduce approved scholarship(s) to the amount of income available, or
 - b. Request supplemental funding from the CGCI Board of Directors to provide the minimum level of scholarships. Approved funds would come from the CGCI General Fund.
- 5) The principal (the then current total value, as of the beginning of the fiscal year, but excluding the income earned and donations received in the previous year (which are available for scholarship awards)) of the Scholarship Endowment Fund shall remain inviolate except under the following conditions:

- a. The Board of Trustees determines by unanimous vote that the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund is operating in a financial crisis. Such a vote may be cast in absentia by phone, e-mail, or fax. Votes by phone must be verified by two members of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. The amount distributed shall not exceed 25% of the then current total value of the Scholarship Endowment Fund.
 - c. Such an emergency distribution cannot be made more frequently than annually.
- 6) Investments shall be of the conservative type. Principal Financial Group of San Diego shall manage the investments until such time as the Trustees determine that a different management firm shall be used.

Section V. Procedures of the Board of Trustees

- 1) **Voting.** All matters requiring a decision of the Board of Trustees shall be decided by a majority vote.
- 2) **Meetings.** The Board shall meet at least 3 times each year at CGCI Board meetings. Their meetings shall be announced to the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings. A copy of the minutes shall be maintained.
- 3) **Quorum.** Four Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 4) **Accepting Funds.** All funds accepted by the Endowment Committee shall be presented to the CGCI Treasurer for deposit. The Treasurer shall ~~is~~ be directed to keep separate accounts as needed for each endowment fund. The Treasurer shall advise the Secretary of the Endowment Committee of donations, but may commingle such funds for the purpose of investment and banking. The CGCI Treasurer shall transfer, as practicable, all donations and income to the Scholarship Endowment Fund, at least once annually.
- 5) **Reports.** The Board of Trustees shall keep books of account showing all transactions relating to the Scholarship Endowment Fund and shall make a written report to the Board of Directors to be presented at its annual meeting. They shall make any other reports as may be requested by the Board of Directors.
- 6) **Maintenance of Records.** Adequate records shall be maintained and kept by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees detailing the dates on which assets were received by the CGCI Treasurer, the nature of these assets, and the donors (unless anonymity has been requested by the donor), and any terms agreed to at the time of their acceptance.

Section VI. Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of CGCI, all Scholarship Endowment Fund assets shall be distributed to like 501(c)(3) organization(s). The provisions regarding CGCI dissolution shall be considered in making this determination.

Section VII. Amendments.

This charter may be amended from time to time, at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, by a majority vote. No amendments may remove the purpose of the Scholarship Endowment Fund: to finance scholarships.

Charter of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Planned Giving Endowment Fund

Section I. Name and Administration

The Board of Directors of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) has established the CGCI Planned Giving Endowment Fund, which shall be known as the CGCI Planned Giving Endowment Fund. The Board of Directors of CGCI retains the ultimate right to maintain and administer said fund.

Section II. Purpose

The purposes of the Planned Giving Endowment Fund are:

- 4) To further augment the objectives and purposes of CGCI by providing a suitable ~~receiptable~~ fund for receipt of donations, where the intent of the donor is to make a lasting contribution to CGCI to secure a sound financial base,
- 5) To provide a fund, the income from which may be allocated to the CGCI annual general fund budget in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which it is earned, to meet expenses of CGCI as defined by the Board of Directors, and
- 6) To provide financial resources for CGCI in the event of a financial crisis (determined as provided below in IV 4).

Section III. Endowment Committee

- 1) The Board of Directors shall establish the Board of Trustees as the Endowment Fund Committee (the "Endowment Committee") with responsibility and authority to administer and manage the assets of the Planned Giving Endowment Fund under the general guidelines established by the Board of Directors. This program and these monies shall, however, remain the responsibility of the Board of Directors, which responsibility may be delegated to the Board of Trustees to the extent the Board of Directors determines.
- 2) **Appointment and Term of Office.** The Endowment Committee members shall be appointed for and serve terms synchronous with the provisions for the Board of Trustees existing in the CGCI Bylaws.

Section IV. Finances

- 7) The fiscal year of the Endowment Fund shall be the same as that of CGCI, July 1 to June 30.
- 8) On behalf of the Planned Giving Endowment Fund, CGCI may receive donations from members, nonmembers, organizations, and the General Fund. The Endowment Committee or the CGCI Board of Directors may reject any donation to the Planned Giving Endowment Fund if the conditions of the gift are not in the best interest of CGCI.
- 9) The Endowment Committee shall meet as needed to consider requests for using the income of the fund to meet expenses, as provided in Section 4. The Endowment Committee shall make its recommendations to the Executive Committee of CGCI. The Executive Committee shall decide whether to implement the recommendations, subject to ratification by the CGCI Board of Directors as deemed necessary. In the event that the Executive Committee declines to recommend an Endowment Committee recommendation, the Endowment Committee, if in 100% agreement, may take a recommendation directly to the Board of Directors for consideration.
- 10) The principal (the then current total value, as of the beginning of the fiscal year) of the Planned Giving Endowment Fund shall remain inviolate except under the following conditions:
 - a. The Endowment Committee determines by unanimous vote that CGCI is operating in a financial crisis. Such a vote may be cast in absentia by phone, e-mail, or fax. Votes by phone must be verified by two members of the Board of Trustees.

- b. The amount distributed shall not exceed 10% of the then current total value of the Planned Giving Endowment Fund.
 - c. Such an emergency distribution cannot be made more frequently than annually.
- 11) Investments shall be of the conservative type. Principal Financial Group of San Diego shall manage the investments until such time as the Trustees determine that a different management firm shall be used.

Section V. Procedures of the Board of Trustees

- 7) **Voting.** All matters requiring a decision of the Board of Trustees shall be decided by a majority vote.
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- 9) **Quorum.** Four Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 10) **Accepting Funds.** All funds accepted by the Endowment Committee shall be presented to the CGCI Treasurer for deposit. The Treasurer is shall be directed to keep separate accounts as needed for each endowment fund. The Treasurer shall advise the Secretary of the Endowment Committee of donations, but may commingle such funds for the purpose of investment and banking. The CGCI Treasurer shall transfer, as practicable, all donations and income to the Planned Giving Endowment Fund, at least once annually.
- 11) **Reports.** The Board of Trustees shall keep books of account showing all transactions relating to the Scholarship Endowment Fund and shall make a written report to the Board of Directors to be presented at its annual meeting. They shall make any other reports as may be requested by the Board of Directors.
- 12) **Maintenance of Records.** Adequate records shall be maintained and kept by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees detailing the dates on which assets were received by the CGCI Treasurer, the nature of these assets, and the donors (unless anonymity has been requested by the donor), and any terms agreed to at the time of their acceptance.

Section VI. Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of CGCI, all Planned Giving Endowment Fund assets shall be distributed to like 501(c)(3) organization(s). The provisions regarding CGCI dissolution shall be considered in making this determination.

Section VII. Amendments.

This charter may be amended from time to time, at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present, by a majority vote.

District Director Reports

Bay Bridges, Gerry Mellen: We lost 2 clubs in the last year primarily due to the age of the members. We have cut the number of meetings to twice a year and by not having fundraisers, at least for a few years, we have been able to hold the District together and we are surviving. At our September meeting we pass out information collected from State Meeting. We have passed out a short Parliamentary Procedure packet as well as one suggesting proper procedures for a Nominating Committee. In April we distribute the District Awards to our clubs and we award 2 Scholarships. We allow smaller clubs to donate to the District Fund, thereby allowing them to contribute to the scholarship process. A few of our clubs have been very involved in their community. Friends of Heirloom Flowers takes care of the grounds of the Shinn Historical Park and Arboretum in Fremont. Pinole Garden Club, El Cerrito and several other clubs propagate plants for their annual plant sales and San Leandro Garden Club has helped clean up the grounds for George Mark Home, which is the only one of its' kind in the U.S. to assist children in their final days and for their parents when they just need a respite from being caregivers.

Bay Ocean, Nancy McDougal: As size, meeting times & activities of Bay Ocean District clubs vary, so do the activities. Two clubs have annual garden tours—one of its neighborhood & the other of estate gardens. There are garage sales, luncheons & fair entries for fundraising. Community outreach includes floral decorations for healthcare facilities & community buildings and care of a historical garden. This year we are also assembling a list of local speakers & tour sites to assist clubs in obtaining interesting programs for meetings. Each club focuses on the aspects of gardening which most interest their members, bringing variety to our efforts.

Cascade, Anne Capes: Recently this director was invited to speak to one of the district garden clubs about garden therapy and how it fits into the programs planned by the clubs. As an example, she mentioned that Anderson Valley Garden Club decided to discontinue making tray favors for the residents of the local rehab center and to replace that activity with helping residents make (hands-on experience) floral arrangements on a monthly basis. Club volunteers donate containers, flowers, greens and time. The residents gradually improved their designs so that when it was time for the annual flower show the decision was made to enter designs from this group. There were a dozen entries and about a third merited an award from flower show judges. This Director is very proud of the kind hearts in Cascade District that are moved to spread cheer with a smile and beautiful flowers. Outstanding events: 2 Blue Star Markers dedicated and 1 Landscape Design Award.

Costa Verde, Ruth Brooker: Our clubs engage in many activities that CGCI encourages. Members have met with Alexis Slafer to plan a Landscape School to begin in the fall of 2010 and go until the fall of 2011. Several clubs participate in youth gardening clubs; San Pedro has two clubs and is planning a third. Most of our clubs give recognition to outstanding neighborhood gardens. At this time three clubs are having plant sales in public area. They are spreading the word about their clubs and making a good amount of money for club activities, scholarships and contributions to environmental projects.

Desert Empire, Joanne Latimer: Our district is proud of our membership increase. We have added 22 new members in the last year – we have soared from 100 to 122. This is a wonderful percentage of increase for our small district. We feel that the more we become involved with community activities, the more membership numbers increase. Oasis Garden Club has begun working with a local Girl Scout troop. After their twice-a-year plant sale, the Girl Scouts come in to move any unsold plants back to the compound area. This has become a community project for the Girl Scouts and gives a much-needed rest to the club members. The troop receives a monetary donation, and the girls are asked to choose a plant to take home to plant in their yard. A win-win situation for both groups. Desert Rose Garden Club has been working on a landscaping and planting project in the median in their town. This will be the fifth year that they have been involved with this. Large boulders are part of the ½ mile long design this year. Lots of work, but great results. Desert Empire has finished our memorial to a great lady that many of you know. Alice Hirsch founded seven clubs, our district, and went on to become your State President in 1974. We placed a bench with appropriate plaque on a walking path in Ridgecrest. Maryanne Lucas was able to attend the dedication, along with Robin Pokorski and the presidents of all 4 of our district clubs.

Diablo Foothills District, Sandy Rogers: Diablo Foothills District enjoyed a successful year of activities and accomplishments this past year, including a plant sale which raised \$7,000.00 and a garden tour raising \$11,000.00. This allows continued education of the public about gardening, support for youth groups, community outreach, and great programs and speakers. DFD supported the San Francisco Garden Show with members staffing the California Garden Club Inc. membership table and took part in the Sacramento Flower and Garden Show by hosting a bus tour to the show. DFD hosted CGCI State President, Maryanne Lucas in February and CGCI Insurance Chairman Gloria Aminian during our May meeting. State awards were presented to DFD members during this convention, including Life Time Achievement, Circle of Poppies, Award of Merit, Sweepstakes Award, several Blue Ribbon Certificates of Achievement and Smoky Bear Poster Youth award.

Golden Foothills, Sue Bennett: Over \$8,000.00 for scholarships or local community garden projects was donated. A Standard Flower Show included Youth K-5. A club is teaching youth floral design. The Donner Garden Club of Auburn sponsored the "Garden for the Blind." The Colfax Garden Club members took created a community garden. District hosted Gardening Study School, Course II. Worked hard at the CA State Flower & Garden Show in Sacramento - for the **Kids Growing Strong, Presidents Project**. We help kids with hands on activities and ran a bookstore.

Humboldt, Pat Chaney: Our six clubs have had a busy spring and look forward to an even busier summer. **Eureka Sequoia Garden Club** held two plant sales in order to fund raise for the District garden project at a County Animal Control Center and for the American Cancer Society. They planted and placed hanging baskets in Eureka Old Town. They provide flower-arranging classes to encourage district members to participate in both local fairs. They have been presented with a Proclamation from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in recognition of National Gardening Week. **Fortuna Garden Club** raised funds to support its Annual Daffodil Show. New this year is the plant exchange and the flower and garden photo contest. They are currently working to hang baskets along Main Street to beautify downtown Fortuna. They will hold a garden tour and BBQ in June followed in July with a mystery garden tour. **The Ferndale Garden Club** is preparing to reinstate the Gala Event for

flowers and art at the fair. The city of Ferndale hosts the County Fair. In addition, they are planning to hold a summer mystery garden tour. This fall they will participate in the Ferndale Fall Market to fund raise for local beautification projects and scholarships. **Patrick's Point Garden Club** held the 4th Annual Garden Event. There were 7 speakers, a garden tour, a talk at the local Art Gallery and 40 vendors. In June the club plans to visit Fieldbrook Winery, last year's District winner of the CCGI landscape prize. **Southern Humboldt Garden Club** just held its 59th Annual Small Standard Flower Show. They award two scholarships with proceeds from this event. During summer they plan to visit each other's gardens. Busy members make for successful garden Clubs.

Luther Burbank, Bev Davies: Our district's project, residential Sierra Youth Center, is in its second season with their vegetable garden. Electricity provided to the greenhouse has enabled the teen girls to propagate seeds early. They hope to sell, to the public, produce boxes' filled with their garden harvest. Men's Garden Club of Santa Rosa have been working with high school agricultural students in propagating flowers and vegetables for the Club's plant sales and their landscape entry at this year's County Fair. Petaluma Garden Club held its successful biennial flower show at the Valley Vista Elementary School with students participating in the show. Santa Rosa Garden Club' fundraiser had renowned author, Elizabeth Murray, speak of her living and working on Claude Monet's Giverny area Gardens. Overseeing the Town Green Community Garden, Windsor Garden Club has installed irrigation lines, storage shed, and solar panels. Eighty redwood garden plots are under construction, and over half have been rented.

Mendo-Lake, GinaBelle Smith: 6 Clubs approx. 330 members. Ukiah, Willits, North Lake, Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis, Potter Valley and Fort Bragg. Average 45 attendees at District meetings. These clubs already do great things and are successful. District focus will be on attitude, communication and participation through workshop type meetings; enthusiasm that will be contagious. No programs so that time is spent connecting, exchanging ideas, sharing experiences and communicating goals and objectives. More acknowledgment of each other at every meeting. Attendance will result in a stronger connection and understanding of membership to CGCI - Because if you don't know, you can't grow!

Palms to Pines, Linda and Ron Lang: We stand at 16 clubs. All are active and involved in their communities. Flower shows have been held in Redlands by the RHIS Garden Club and the Riverside San Bernardino Orchid Society. RSBOS orchid society helped host the Southland Orchid Show, Moreno Valley has an in house Flower Show, Riverside Flower Show Committee had a great show, Gates Cactus & Succulent Society and Granite Hills Garden Club participated in the Cactus and Succulent Show and "A" Garden Club of Big Bear worked with The Community Flower Show. The clubs are involved in civic projects, school gardens, floral designs for the Veterans, and we have new judges about to complete the course on Flower Show Judging. We welcome two new member clubs: Calimesa Community Garden Club, from Calimesa, CA and Desert Horticulture Society of Coachella Valley in the Palm Desert area. We look forward to hosting the Fall CGCI Board Meeting in Palm Springs this September and hope to see you all there.

Palomar, Jane McKee: District Summary: 22 clubs, 2 affiliates, 2 youth groups (over 2000 members); 6 garden tours; 6 flower shows; 1 art/floral design show; 7 plant sales; Over \$10,000 awarded in club scholarships - 1 CGCI & 1 NGC scholarship to a District student (wahoo!); 1 Blue Star Marker dedication; 1 25th anniversary and 1 50th anniversary! Ongoing District Projects: Floral Design Forum – monthly demonstration by noted floral designers; Petals for Patriots – monthly delivery of flower arrangements to Balboa Naval Hospital and the Wounded Warrior facility at Camp Pendleton.

Roadrunner, Clara Petrosky: In February we hosted state president Maryanne Lucas. The luncheon theme was a celebration of Earth Day. Earth colors and accessories made of recyclable materials were used on the tables. A tour of the Luzerne Valley High School Youth Program concluded our day. We were introduced to their greenhouses, installing of irrigation systems, landscape design, pruning and building lawn furniture. All attendees went home with a daffodil bulb that was planted and cared for by the students. March found our gardens uprooted in preparation for the High Desert Home & Garden Show. Children activities, yard art, Mother's Day arrangements and ample native plants were available for the public. It was a great opportunity to share their knowledge and encourage membership. Arbor Day was celebrated with our annual tree plantings in the communities. Our clubs continue to dedicate their resources to Penny Pines, Kids Growing Strong, scholarships and charitable community organizations. Roadrunner District boasts 4 Smokey Bear Poster winners. As the year comes to an end there will be installation of officers, luncheons and a field trip to the Lavendar Festival in Cherry Valley in celebration of National Garden Week. A final District meeting hosting Jane Troutman as guest speaker will bring my first year as Director to a close. On the horizon we have a fall standard flower show and a spring garden tour.

San Fernando Valley, Mary Waddington-Merritt: The San Fernando Valley District was proud to receive a CGCI Landscape Design Award at the June 2010 State Convention for the 1847 Historic Gardens at Campo de Cahuenga...our Director's Project. Campo is the site of the signing of the Treaty of Cahuenga, which ended the U.S./Mexican territorial conflict and paved the way for the culmination of the Doctrine of Manifest Destiny..."from sea to shining sea." These projects were facilitated by a Principal Financial Group \$2,000 grant and a CGCI grant. A Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker completes the landscaping and is our gift to the community. Guy Weddington McCreary, Campo Chairman of the Board, accepted the award. The San Fernando Valley **"Where Excitement Is Growing"!!!**

Santa Clara Valley, Sara White: San Jose Garden Club is forming a group to maintain a public strip of land, planted with roses, in South San Jose. Landscape Design Consultants Dorothy Doremus and Eva Mae Heimans, of Las Jardineras Garden Club, presented a CGCI Landscape Design award to the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, an award-winning, 254-acre park of trails, water features and playground areas – one of the first downtown parks in the U.S. to include flood protection with the river's sensitive ecology. At that same meeting in May, a CGCI presidential citation was given to outgoing president Dorothy Doremus who began her landscape design studies over 50 years ago in Rutgers, NJ. Carmel Valley Garden Assoc. had their annual May flower and art show where nearly 4,000 people attended. A Saturday night gala, the children's garden with educational activities for young and old, a silent auction, a judged flower show, and better organization all contributed to their tripling their profits. An educational project will be financed with the proceeds. One of South Valley Fleurs' best programs was a speaker from the National Audubon Society after which members ordered bluebird nesting boxes, put them together and installed them in their back yards. Four clubs participated in the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show ticket sales fundraiser netting approximately \$300. The district is

now inviting all of our clubs to participate in an educational grant program whereby \$1,750 will be distributed based on the acceptance of proposals received. This money was received from the estate of Arleen Chasson, former member of Furu Floral Designers, who died five years ago and this was the best way we could think of to honor her memory.

Sequoia Foothills, Carolyn Villi: I took time between our March and June District Meeting to visit about half of our Sequoia Foothills District's garden clubs. All our District member clubs are doing a wonderful job of furthering the interest of CGCI. Garden tours, plant sales, scholarships, youth workshops, flower show, work parties, landscaping of Veteran Memorial Gardens, plant exchanges, children's gardens, they're busy doing it all. During my visits what I noticed the most is how our manners and protocol are failing. I'm considering having a special meeting with our District Presidents to help them with visitor protocol and conducting proper business meetings.

Valley Lode, Chelsea Wilson: Clubs 18 – Members 1392: 3 district meetings per year. Increase in communication. Continue district newsletter quarterly, on-line. Tuolumne Co. Garden Club started a website, www.tcgclub.com "Multi-media" group of Modesto Garden Club has traveled to other clubs to give presentation; and contributed photos for City of Modesto's "water-wise gardening guide". At May 4th district meeting, in collaboration w/ CGCI's LD Council, held ceremony to honor the owner & the gardener of Wine & Roses hotel/restaurant/spa in Lodi.

Yosemite Gateway, Suzy Walker: Merced Garden Club held programs on honeybees, growing herbs for cooking, creating festive garlands and orchids. Butterfly Garden Club of Mariposa held programs on winter gardening and indigenous butterflies and their habitats, and a field trip to Flower Farm. Le Grand Garden Club has grown not only membership but in knowledge and ideas. They now have 51 active members, 14 associate members and 6 lifetime members. They held programs on planting for spring blooming and iris garden cultural practices. Cathy's Valley Garden Club lost their mentally challenged group due to government cuts. They continue ongoing maintenance of Cathy's Valley Cemetery and met with Master Gardener Noma Moore and their group for a workshop. Atwater Garden Club held a holiday craft day, an annual rose pruning workshop, and programs on bugs and camellias.

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CCGI Committee Chairmen and Team Reports

Arbor Day, Lorraine Ornelas: Many clubs throughout the state have participated in celebrating Arbor Day by planting trees or making donations to various organizations related to land conservancy. San Pedro Garden Club celebrated two events: the first was the planting of a tree at the Harbor Retirement Center and another at Seventh St. School in memory of longtime member Jessie Varalay. Hermosa Garden Club, Riviera Garden Club, Long Beach Garden Club, and Naples Island Garden Club also held ceremonies/donations. Naples Island Garden Club will be planting a cypress tree at a later date by the Parks and Recreation Department and a memorial service was held on March 16, 2010 at Mother's Beach. This chairman is preparing a book to be presented to President Maryanne Lucas at the 2011 convention. It is not too late to make me aware of your ceremonies or send pictures/newspaper clippings.

Backyard Habitat, Margaret Strachan: This chairman has remained in contact with representatives from the National Wildlife Federation and the North American Butterfly Association. They have supplied materials that I have been able to use as part of a wildlife backyard habitat exhibit at the 2010 convention. The exhibit features the requirements of a backyard habitat and several other items of interest. Four Golden Garden articles have been written during the year, and a brochure should be ready by the fall board.

Blue Star Memorial Markers – Southern California, George Unrine: Six markers were dedicated during the 2009-2010 CGCI year. Two were placed in national cemeteries. This chairman was pleased to participate in a dedication by the Los Angeles GC and Brentwood Glen GC at California's oldest national cemetery, the Los Angeles National Cemetery on November 6, and then travel to California's newest national cemetery, the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, for a dedication by Vaca Valley GC on November 7. Of eight national cemeteries in California, five now have memorial markers. Coming up is a memorial marker at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery that will be dedicated by Point Loma GC on June 26. This chairman would also like to remind the garden clubs and districts that the Blue Star Memorial Fund still exists. It can provide grants to help in the acquisition of markers as well as to refurbish markers. The monies come from donations by clubs and districts in support of the Blue Star Project.

Board of Trustees, Robert Gordon:

The restricted funds have been resolved and the results given to the Financial Secretary so the Financial Secretary has a current authority for writing checks from those accounts.

Two Charters for Endowments were presented to the Convention for adoption. One endowment for scholarships and one endowment for planned giving. Copies of the Charters are attached to these minutes.

The endowments were opened for charter membership beginning at this convention and ending at the 2011 convention. Anyone donating to either endowment during that period will be listed as a charter member of the endowments in perpetuity. Giving levels are: Copper \$500, Bronze \$1,000, Silver \$1,500, Gold \$2,000 and Platinum \$2,500. Benefactor \$30,000. Three checks were received at this convention. 1. Garden Study Club of the Peninsula 2. Southern California Garden Club 3. Kathryn Biggins. A protocol for processing these checks is being developed.

June 3 and 4, 2011 will be a "thank you" celebration in San Luis Obispo. Friday evening will be a champagne/dessert reception, Saturday morning a tour of the "Leaning Pine Arboretum", Lunch in the Gardens of the Historic Jack House amongst the Montana De Oro District Standard Flower Show, late afternoon cash bar and hors d'ouvres at the Madonna Inn. These events will be free to those who donate \$500 to either endowment during the charter period.

The Trustees decided to transfer \$55,000 from the Scholarship Fund to the Principle Finance Scholarship Endowment when a CD matures in July 2011

The Trustees elected the following officers to serve the 2010-2011 term. Chair of Trustees, Joan Craig, Secretary of Trustees David West, Chair of the Endowment Committee Bob Gordon and Secretary of the Endowment Committee David West.

Budget & Finance, Joelle Holford: Errors were found in the two reviewed financial reports ending 6/30/2009 prepared by John Rettig, CPA. The corrected financial reports have now been received. They have been accepted and are available for review, if requested under standard CGCI guidelines. Mr. Rettig has closed his business. As a result, CGCI needs to hire a new accounting firm. The Budget and Finance Committee along with the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees recommend Carolyn Mayes, CPA be hired to do CGCI's informational tax returns and reviewed financial statements. The Board of Trustees has provided updated guidelines for Restricted Funds that will be implemented. The 2010-2011 Budget will be presented at the organizational meeting June 7, 2010.

California Native & Invasive Plants, Donna Thomas: Three nonnative grasses have rapidly become major threats in many parts of the state. These are: (1) Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*); (2) Pampas grass and Jubata grass (*Cortaderia selloana* and *Cortaderia jubata*); and (3) Fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*). California native perennial warm season bunchgrasses can be alternatives to the nonnative grasses - such as Indian Ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), Deergrass (*Muhlenbergia rigens*), and Alkali sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*). Remember that they do produce lots of seeds and do reseed. Keep them under control and rejuvenated by mowing or shearing the plants in the fall or winter and water them conservatively. This chairman has prepared an article about each of these three native bunchgrasses. District Directors will find them attached to the copy of this Chairman's report in their folders.

Climate Change, Dwight Holford: Climate change is in the news constantly. We are constantly reminded of its presence in our day to day lives. How do we know that these reports about climate change are valid? One suggestion is to see if the report is backed up by a proper scientific study. A scientific study has some of the following features: an abstract, usually a short paragraph on the subject; the body of the report discussing the problem along with citations for each reference; conclusions, if any, possibly a summary and recommendations, if warranted; finally, a major study will have survived peer review and will have been published in an established scientific journal. Using the search engine of your computer will reveal thousands of references on climate change. Some do not support the idea that climate change is real. One major source of information is the US EPA, which continues to place great effort into this study. National Geographic is another good source. Scientific journals and think tanks are other sources of information. In all, there is reliable information out there for a person to make reasoned judgments in your decisions of just what climate change means to you and what course of action is appropriate.

Educational Schools Finances, Mary-Jo Noth: This year the only new Educational School, the Gardening Study School in Loomis, has been self-financing. Therefore, a financial report to CGCI was not mandatory. At the 2010 CGCI Convention the Board of Directors approved the "Updated Restricted Funds List" recommended by the Board of Trustees. This list specifies the amount of grant funding for each course in an Educational School. An Environmental Studies, Flower Show, Gardening Study, or Landscape Design School local chairman may request funds for each course by submitting the budget for that course to the CGCI Educational Schools Finance Chairman. The intent of the grant program is to reduce the costs to participants.

Environmental Studies School, Shane Looper: On November 9-10, 2010- Bay Ocean District will continue (Finally) with the Bay O Series of Environmental Studies School with Course 3. Brochures are available at this convention. See the schools display in the Exhibit Room. Your club or district can sponsor an environmental school without cost your club or district money. Talk to this chairman about how this is possible.

Gardening Consultants Council, Myrtle Findley: The Council presented certificates at Convention to two local gardeners, also Awarded HT-1 Horticulture Award to a winner. This Council has blank Certificates on the Website for local Clubs and Districts to download and use locally. We urge Clubs and Districts to acknowledge great Gardens and outstanding Horticulture achievements in their own areas. We are gardeners, let's honor those outstanding gardens!

Gardening Study Schools (GSS), Greg Pokorski: Course II, Series 21, sponsored by Golden Foothills District in Loomis, took place April 20 & 21. Fourteen attended and thirteen tested. Accreditation processing has been completed. Course III will be September 21 & 22 - registration information/brochure has been placed in the District Director mail boxes. Annual reminders regarding eligibility to refresh were sent to all Consultants. Eleven Gardening Consultants refreshed at this convention. Two refreshed at the NGC Atlanta Convention Tri-Refresher. Several have refreshed by taking NGC Online Course I. The NGC board voted in Atlanta to terminate NGC's contract with Learn2Grow. The Online Course is defunct as of 6/3/10. A trifold soliciting interest in sponsoring a school was created and copies have been placed in the District Director mail boxes. This chairman would like a new school ready to go soon after April, 2011 when the Loomis series will conclude.

Home Grown, Myrtle Findley: This chairman urges members to grow produce at home. Home Grown has been coined as "locavore". Many cafes and restaurants are now serving this type of food. Let's as gardeners learn more about it. Be creative, think up your own kind of original dish then enter the Green Recipe Contest.

Honor Book, Cathy Biggins: There were ten donations to the Honor Book fund in the past year totaling \$575. Twelve individuals were recognized, including two memorials. Cards of acknowledgment were sent to all donors and recipients or family. The Honor Books were on display in the exhibit room at Convention.

Horticulture, Jim Bathgate: Among the flowers displayed at the CGCI 2010 convention were *Calandrinia grandiflora* which we noticed at the San Diego County Fair and were subsequently given some cuttings. We have been successful with propagating them. The plants are drought

tolerant, gradually spreading and producing 2 foot tall stalks with magenta flowers. They have survived 22 degree temperatures in Valley Center. Other flowers were *Ornithogalum arabicum* (white) and *Ornithogalum dubium* (orange and yellow). These are bulb plants and blossom for six weeks or longer on one foot tall stalks. They like to have a dry rest period following the bloom.

IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption, Chuck Goodwin: The following 5 Clubs have been certified to participate in the CGCI IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption program and are ready to be ratified: Calimesa Community Garden, Foothill Garden Club, Idyllwild Garden Club, San Clemente Garden Club, San Jose Garden Club. This brings to 121 Districts, Clubs and Affiliates who are participating in this benefit of CGCI membership. 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. An easy way to identify those clubs and districts that are part of the 501(c)(3) Group Exemption program is to go the CGCI website. Roll over "Club Services" then "501(c)(3) Group Exemption" and click on 501(c)(3) clubs. For all Clubs who participate in the CGCI Nonprofit program, you must file the IRS Form 990-N (Electronic Postcard) after the close of your fiscal year, which is June 30, 2010, and is delinquent 5 ½ months after the close of the fiscal year, which is November 15, 2010. While there are no penalties for late filing, if you have not filed the last two years the IRS will revoke your nonprofit status after November 15, 2010. For those clubs who are incorporated, a reminder of the biennial filing with the California Secretary of State of the Statement of Information (Form SI-100).

Landscape Design Study Program, Alexis Slafer: A Landscape Design Study Program is planned for Southern California: Series 24, Courses 1 - 4. Sponsored by Costa Verde District and scheduled to take place at the South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula. The full course will be completed within one year. Encourage your clubs and districts to sponsor the next school. Look for handouts about the Landscape Design Study Program in your mailbox. Reporting as Chair for this Convention's Tri-Refresher (open to all Convention attendees) – over 20 consultants are refreshing.

Legislation/Government, Chuck Goodwin: STATE PARKS UPDATE - At 2009FB this chairman reported that as many as 100 of the more than 270 park units in California faced closure because of a cut in general fund revenue of over \$14 million. The final impact for the year was that most parks had reduced services, mostly through reduced days of operation or seasonal closure. No parks were permanently closed. At 2010WB the CGCI board of directors adopted a position paper "Support(ing) the Preservation and Maintenance of California State Parks." The State Parks Foundation circulated a petition to create a permanent funding source for parks. Signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State for verification in May. If it qualifies, it will be on the November, 2010, general election ballot and if passed, will add an \$18 surcharge to vehicle registrations, raising an estimated \$500 million annually, of which 85% will go to park support. In exchange, motorists would no longer be charged a day use fee to use state parks.

Member Award of Distinction Program, Mary-Jo Noth: Publicity for this program has been on-going: in CGCI e-newsletters, on the CGCI website, in an article with illustrations on page 5 of the April-May 2010 Golden Gardens, and with an exhibit at the 2010 CGCI Convention. It is hoped that all this will encourage more clubs and districts to honor their members who serve their clubs and communities with distinction.

NGC Schools Team, Greg Pokorski:

This team supports the administration of these NGC Educational Programs: Environmental Studies Schools, Gardening Study Schools and Landscape Design Schools, and is comprised of Schools Chairmen (Shane Looper – ESS, Greg Pokorski – GSS, Alexis Slafer – LDSP), Council Chairmen (Myrtle Findley – Gardening Consultants Council, Mary Lou Goodwin – Landscape Design Council), Mary-Jo Noth – Educational Schools Finance Chairman, and Robert Schuler – ESS and LD School Credentials Chairman. We met on June 5.

Individual Schools and Councils reports will be made during the chairmen's reports by several team members.

Thanks to Mary Lou Goodwin Schools Exhibits were on display at the State Flower Show in April and at this convention.

Thanks to Alexis Slafer, Mary Lou Goodwin and Convention Chairs Jean Reiley and Beverly Brune for all their work in arranging, accrediting and conducting the Tri-Refresher held at this convention and for making it a success.

A Consultant who is interested in conducting an Environmental Studies Schools series in southern California visited our meeting, asked a lot of good questions, hopefully got some helpful information and illustrated an interest in and enthusiasm for the future of our educational programs.

Gardening Study Schools Refresher Certificates were presented to Pat Clayes, Joan Craig, and Jane Troutman. A Gardening Consultant Certificate was presented to Carole Lung. A Master Gardening Consultant Certificate was presented to Joan Craig.

Program and Speaker Registry, Denise Davis, Co-chairman: Following the Winter Board Meeting in January, letters were sent out via e-mail to the District Directors of Northern California to encourage those who had not yet sent in their information to participate. Enclosed were additional forms to distribute to the club presidents. This co-chairman proceeded to compile the information into 2 spreadsheet forms- one according to district and one according to subject. By March 1st, only 2 more clubs and one district responded. The lists were completed by the end of March. On April 8 letters were sent to the District Directors along with the completed lists.

Propagation "Free Plants", Lee Bathgate: Start a Propagation Group in your Garden Club. A club propagation group has many benefits including free plants, plants for plant sales and learning activities plus a social time of working together. The first concern is a place to work which may be a community area or rotating to members' homes. Soils, containers and storage are other concerns which will need to be addressed. Instruction can be from knowledgeable club members, growers in the area or colleges and master gardener members. Member's gardens are a great source of plant materials and will vary with the changes of season. Libraries are a source for reference materials. I use *The American Horticultural Society Plant Propagation* by Alan Toogood.

Public Relations Team, Julie West: Public Relations Team chairman Julie West met at 10:30 a.m. to discuss progress made by the various chairmen since the last board meeting. All chairmen present are in the process of preparing informational brochures pertaining to each area of expertise. Also in the works are ideas for providing bookmarks highlighting our events. Jane Berger has a brochure on bees. Information will be made available to our members through our web site. Members were encouraged to prepare "talking exhibits" for the convention to be held from May 15-19, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rohnert Park. We were also encouraged to use the mission statement of CGCI in all of our publications and were reminded that all information has to have CGCI board approval.

Reforestation, Judy Unrine: CGCI has paired with the NFS on two large continuing projects. One focuses on planting seedlings. That is the venerable Penny Pines Fund. You have all heard of it and have donated large sums toward returning trees to our forests. The other continuing project is the Restoration and Reforestation Fund. Its objective is to restore, preserve and protect our public lands. Projects can be chosen anywhere throughout our state. Think about a project that might restore habitat. Forest Service workers, armed with pick and axe are removing invasive species of plants, so that native plants can be returned to the site. With the return of native plants, birds, butterflies, and small animals will return to drink at the bubbling spring and eat the seeds and berries. You can see the reason why it is important for members of CGCI to roll up your sleeves and support these very important projects. How large are the possibilities? Only you can decide by going home to your clubs and finding ways to donate to this very important fund. Donations of \$100 increments are suggested for clubs, but any amount will be accepted.

San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Gwen Nansen: The San Francisco Flower and Garden Show was well represented by 17 arrangers doing 21 designs. They were from Bay Ocean, Luther Burbank and Santa Clara Valley Districts. We had a good spot, in the middle of the fire lane, with two tables with a divider in between so thirteen designs were placed on each side of the tables. The new owners stopped by our tables often to see if they could do anything for us. The atmosphere seems to have changed for the better. They also asked if we could arrange a meeting to make plans for next year. The membership table was well represented also. Sara White had no trouble getting volunteers – they seemed to enjoy giving out information about CGCI. Rita Desilets was with us several days and passed out CGCI materials also.

Sempervirens Fund, Rosa Radicchi: To-date, we have collected \$8,475.00 towards Grove #10, a 2.5 acre grove. The new process for donations is working, however, the Sempervirens Fund have just completed their move to their new offices. Their new mailing address is: P. O. Box 1417, Los Altos, CA 94023-1417. Financial pressures and dangers of park closures throughout the State continue to mount. In 2009, 220 parks (80% of the entire system) were proposed for closure. Please read the Summer 2010 issue of the **Mountain Echo** newsletter. In particular, the article addressing the California State Park Crisis and their endorsement, along with many others, of the **California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010**, a measure which will be on November ballot. Plan a visit to Big Basin or a forest near you soon, and get an up-close and personal look at the beauty of our Redwood Forests!

STATE FLOWER SHOW REPORT, Shane Looper and Dolores Moffat:

"A Walk thru California" A very successful flower show with 402 horticulture exhibits, 93 designs and 15 Educational exhibits. Congrats to all who attended and exhibits. Special thanks to the following: Marsha Townsend for bringing a design – 500 miles, Rita Desilets for bringing four designs and an educational exhibit – 400 miles. Gudy Kimmel for bringing a design – 400 miles. Yes, you all could have attended or participated in the State Flower Show in Sacramento. Talk to these individuals who drive hours to enter CGCI State Flower Shows. Big thanks to all the committee members who worked hours to put on a Spectacular Show especially our entries chairman, Cheryl Feuerborn and Julie West. Here are the results: The Results of the State Flower Show...

Horticulture Division

Section A - No top award offered

Section B - Class 14 Perennials Yellow Clivia- Shirlene Shufelt received Award of Merit

Section C- Class 23 –Orchid Rosa Radicchi received Award of Merit and The Horticulture Excellence

Section D - Class 26A Dwarf Iris - Janet Watts received Award of Merit

Section E - Class 31A Azalea- Helen Petrianos received Arboreal Award

Section F - No top Award offered

Section G- Class 42 Rose - Gill Gordon received Award of Merit

Section H - Class 49A Succulent- Barbara Coelho received Award of Merit

Section I - Class 53 - Herbs Collections Judy Laird received Collectors Showcase

Total horticulture entries 402

Design Division

Section J - Class 54 - "La Brea Tar Pits" Nancy Colvin received Tricolor Award

Section K - Class 59 – "Desert Delights" Shirlene Shufelt received Award of Distinction

Section L - Class 62 – "Jolts" Virginia Bennetts received Designer's Choice Award PLUS Award of Design Excellence

Section M - Class 65 – "The Grapevine Highway" Jackie Nunes received Designer's Choice Award

Section N - Class 67 – "Agriculture" Cheryl Feuerborn received Table Artistry Award

Section O - Class 71 – "Sea Birds" Virginia O'Donnell received the Petite Award

Section P - Class 72 - "The Mighty Redwoods" Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild received the Club Competition Award

Total Exhibits for design 93

Special Exhibits

Section Q- Class 77 - Educational Award to Rita Desilets for the Vegetable Gardening Display

Weekend Encounters: Northern Wildflower, Jim Hart: On April 1-3, 2011, Buttes District will be hosting its first Northern California Wildflower Weekend in Butte County. The event will be held at Feather Falls Casino, in Oroville Ca. We will be having professional presentations on photography of wildflowers, tours of beautiful Table Mountain and other locations which will be in full bloom to welcome you when you arrive. Other events for you to enjoy, planned for the same weekend are the Wildflower Festival in Oroville (10 min away) and the

California Native Plant Society Wildflower Show in Chico (30 min away). There will be plenty to see and do! Save the dates, April 1-3, 2011 and please join us in for an exciting Weekend Encounter with Wildflowers.

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Youth Team, submitted by Beverly Switzer, Youth Awards Chairman:

Thanks to the efforts of Joyce Reid, Poems and Essay Chairman, a monetary award has been made available. For the first time a \$50. award has been added for the CGCI HS-6 (high school essay award) due to the support of the Conejo Valley Garden Club. But even \$50. will not fill up a teenager's 20-gallon gas tank. The participation in HS-6 increased by 100% in the 2009 awards year. It is Mrs. Reid's opinion, and I agree with her, that the increase in participation was due to the sizeable monetary award. Watch for new monetary award currently going through the system to be available in the coming year. Award for California's Poetry Contest winners. Eligibility K-9th grade.

The Youth Committee supports an effort to offer donors an opportunity to increase/expand their monetary award when renewal requests are issued.

New Procedure: all entries were not exhibited in the convention Awards Room as some have been returned to the local Youth Chairman/school so that those entries and award could be presented at a school awards assembly.

Five college scholarships were awarded.

California's Smokey Bear Poster winner is a repeat winner for CGCI.

June 2010 Ratifications:

- 1) Caulder Day Care Center, San Pedro GC, Costa Verde District, 12 Ecotots
- 2) Pioneer Elementary GC, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 50-100 Juniors K-6th grade
- 3) Lee Richmond Youth Gardeners, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 200 K-6th grade
- 4) Lincoln Elementary Youth Gardeners, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 100-200 Junior Gardeners K-6th grade
- 5) Monroe Elementary Youth Gardeners, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 100 Junior Gardeners K-6th grade
- 6) Kings River/Hardwick Elementary, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 100 Junior Gardeners and Intermediate grades
- 7) Martin Luther King Elementary, Hanford GC, Sequoia Foothills District, 50-100 Junior Gardeners K-6th grade
- 8) Kingston 5th & 6th Grade GC, Hesperia GC, Roadrunner District, 20 Juniors
- 9) Krystal 3rd Grade GC, Hesperia GC, Roadrunner District, 45 Juniors
- 10) AM Intermediate GC 6-8th grade, Hesperia GC, Roadrunner District, 8 Youth

I move to ratify these 10 new clubs for a total of approximately 712 new junior gardeners.

If any district aspires to winning the G-15 Award – this is what they have to beat – 6.

CGCI 79th Annual Convention – Attachment H

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL, Mary Lou Goodwin:

Lisa Goff, created a landscape design for Al and Erika Wehrle in San Clemente, California. Their ranch style house was converted into a "Southwestern Style" by creating a dry creek bed as a path which meanders across the front entry. The design uses the rainwater, features it and retains it on site. Succulents complete the design. The designer and owner each received Landscape Design Commendations. This was recommended by LD Consultant Launa Gould, and presented at the Orange County District meeting on February 1, 2010.

Glen Schmidt, ASLA, of Schmidt Design Group of San Diego, created a Coastal Rail Trail corridor that traverses the entire length of the City of Solana Beach. It includes bicycle and pedestrian paths, crescent moon shaped decks, sculptural seating walls, plants, paving patterns, and drought tolerant and native vegetation with public art. The Award of Merit in Landscape Architect was presented to Glen Schmidt and a Landscape Design Commendation to the City of Solana Beach. This was recommended by Jerry Thirloway, Geri May Thirloway and presented during a ceremony at the conclusion of the San Dieguito Garden Club Meeting at the Cliff Street Bridge, on April 28, 2010.

Russell Munson, owner and Donna Anguiano, gardener were presented with Landscape Design Commendations for the lush gardens at the Lodi Wine and Visitors Center, Wine and Roses Hotel, Restaurant and Spa. The garden was upgraded in 1980 with the addition of a culinary herb section. Later, roses, peonies, violets, bay laurel, and ferns were added. Summer color abounds in all of the patios and gardens. Visitors enjoy the plantings because they complement the interior design and color scheme of the Hotel. Cedar Deodar trees, magnolias, and terraces covered with wisteria complete the picture. Recommended by LD Consultant Janet Epperson, and District Director Chelsea Wilson and given during the Valley Lode District Meeting on May 4, 2010.

Campo de Cahuenga Historical Memorial Association received a Certificate of Appreciation at the CGCI Convention Awards Night on June 4, 2010. The historic garden was created by a grant from the San Fernando Valley District of CGCI and a Blue Star Memorial marker completes the landscaping. Recommended by Mary Waddington-Merritt, Robin & Greg Pokorski, Landscape Design Consultants.

Guadalupe River Park Conservancy at 438 Coleman Avenue in San Jose, CA is an award winning 254 -acre park, including more than 21.6 miles of trails, water features and playground areas. The garden includes 15,000 trees, 9,000 shrubs, 60,000 ground-cover plants and the Heritage Rose Garden has over 3,700 varieties of roses and 4,400 rose plants. Recommended by LD Consultants Dorothy Doremus and Eva Mae Heimans and presented at the Las Jardineras Garden Club Meeting on May 17, 2010 in the Santa Clara Valley District.

We enjoyed the Getty Villa Malibu during the Convention Bus Tour June 4th. Matt Randolph, ASLA, of Kornrandolph Landscape Architects, was honored for his work in planning the 64 acre site. He transformed this cultural landscape through a design approach that embraced renovation, innovation, and a sensitive historical perspective. Alexis Slafer, ASLA, our Landscape Design Schools Chairman made the recommendation assisted by LD Consultant Bev Brune.

Those attending the Tri-Refresher Event held at this convention, were impressed with Leland Walmsley, ASLA, LEED AP, of everGREEN Landscape Architects. He received a Certificate of Merit in Landscape Architect for practicing "cutting edge", "organic", "environmentally responsible", and green design. The recommendation was written by Alexis Slafer, ASLA, the Landscape Design Schools Chairman.

Courtesy Resolution

WHEREAS, The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc., attending the 79th Annual Convention in Westlake Village, California, June 3 through June 7, 2010, have benefited from information learned at all meetings, workshops and through speakers and will disseminate said information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Maryanne Lucas, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction; and

WHEREAS, The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc., were honored to meet and greet our Pacific Region Director, Sandra Ford from Boise, Idaho.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Maryanne Lucas, through her gracious and humorous presiding (albeit unable to spell), the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this 79th Annual Convention, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be given to Jean Reiley and Beverly Brune, Chairmen of the 79th Annual Convention and the committee members, Host Channel Islands District and its Director Carol Amenta, and all of the members of Channel Islands District who have planned and participated in the 79th Annual Convention be assured of their success by the many courtesies extended; and

RESOLVED, That President's workshops leaders, Pat Clayes and Robin Pokorski, District Director's forum leader, Shane Looper, Website instructor, Pamela Stoyka-Bishop of Web Therapy, Beverly Brune, presenter for the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden power point presentation, Lydia Riebel, floral design workshop instructor, Parliamentary Procedure Class instructor, Gerry Olsen, Tri-refresher co-ordinator, Alexis Slafer, tour organizers Presha Humecke, Brit McKelvy and Lucy Hanley, and speakers Casey Burns, Ian Leslie, Don Marquardt, Alexis Slafer, Diane Beeler, Leland Walmsley, and Carol Bornstein be extended our appreciation for contributions which will be long remembered; and

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Adelman Peony Company, Chase Bros. for string cheese, City of Camarillo for recycled bags, Clif Bars & Co., Garden Design Magazine, Proven Winners Co. for the Idea Book, Jefferson Farms for avocados, San Diego Botanic Garden, Schoeller Farms for lemons, and Whole Foods market for tote bags; and

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to Harpist, Linda Young, Flautists Lillian Trevisan and Margo Gardner, and the Tune Bandits for their excellent and enjoyable entertainment; and

RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and copies be sent to those mentioned above.

Carolyn Johnson, Corresponding Secretary

Adopted by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Date: June 6, 2010