



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention**  
June 5-6, 2012  
DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento CA  
**President: Julie A. West**  
Host: Sacramento River Valley District

**Business Meeting #1:**

President Julie A. West called the meeting of the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of California Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday June 5. The Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan, was present.

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Color Guard, presented Colors.

George Speer, Palomar District Director and District Director Coordinator led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Byrd, 2012 Convention Chairman, gave the Inspiration, followed by a Welcome to the convention.

Judy Smith, Sacramento River Valley District Director welcomed the convention to her district.

Dwight Holford, Natural Resources Chairman led the Conservation Pledge.

President West introduced National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Shirley S. Nicolai.

President Julie A. West introduced CGCI Officers, former CGCI Presidents Mary Lou Goodwin, Beverly Brune, Robert Gordon, Elisabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski, and Maryanne Lucas, and Circle of Poppies Member Helen Gates.

President West recognized those serving with her on the boards of National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Pacific Region.

President West introduced the pages, including Frankie Raymond, the President's Page.

President West appointed, without objection, Victoria Lucido and Robin Pokorski as timekeepers.

Gay Rigmaiden, Convention Registrar, gave the Initial Credentials Report (85 board members, 57 club presidents, 3 alternates, 36 delegates, alternate delegates 3, with a voting strength of 184) and moved its adoption. **PASSED.**

President West declared a quorum.

Gay Rigmaiden, Registrar, gave the initial registration report indicating a total of 300 registered.

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, moved the adoption of the Convention Rules of Order. **PASSED**

Ron Byrd, 2012 Convention Chairman, moved to adopt the Convention Program. **PASSED.**

President West thanked the Convention hosts, Sacramento River Valley District.

Without objection the minutes of the 2011 convention in Rohnert Park, CA were approved as distributed.

Without objection, President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this convention: Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman; Pat Claves, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Dolores Moffat, Flower Show Schools Chairman.

## Financial Reports

Treasurer, Joan Patten reported. (See Attachment A).

### Net Worth

Total Cash including CD's	\$252,241.73
Other Assets including <i>Golden Gardens</i>	\$133,805.66
Prepaid Deposits	\$ 2,700.00
Total Assets:	\$388,747.39
of which Restricted Funds are:	\$303,795.07
Cash Balance Available	\$ 84,952.32

Financial Secretary Charlene Looper reported.

## Officer Reports

Corresponding Secretary Joelle Holford reported.

Three letters received:

From the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, CEO Greg Moore, thanking CGCI for \$1500 from CGCI supporting Project Mission Blue.

From Chico State University, thanking CGCI for \$250 donation to the pollinator Garden at the Gateway Museum.

From Charlotte Masson, thanking CGCI for its financial assistance to her, for her participation in WAFA.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan reported. (See Attachment B).

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski reported. (See Attachment B).

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Pat Clayes reported. (See Attachment B).

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, Sue Bennett reported. (See Attachment B).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Rita Desilets reported. (See Attachment B).

President Julie A. West reported. (See Attachment B).

## Standing Committee Reports

Advisory Council Chairman, Maryanne Lucas reported:

That the Advisory Council unanimously endorses electronic delivery of *Golden Gardens*.

Board of Trustees, Joan Craig reported:

That the Board of Trustees unanimously endorses electronic delivery of *Golden Gardens*.

President West recessed the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Budget and Finance Chairman, Shane Looper reported.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Kathy Bramhall reported.

*Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman, Robin Pokorski reported. (See Attachment E).

*Golden Gardens* Editor, President Julie West reported. (See Attachment C).

Bylaws and Policy Chairman, Rita Desilets reported:

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Rita Desilets, Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman, presented the following bylaw amendments approved by the Board of Directors at the Winter Board meeting 2012, and moved their adoption by the voting membership.

Rita Desilets stated that the Executive Committee unanimously recommended the proposed bylaw amendments to be presented to the convention body.

**Golden Gardens Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

**PROVISO: All bylaw amendments relating to the Golden Gardens including Article XIII Sec. 1; Article XIII Sec. 4 and Article XIII Sec. 7 shall take effect at the close of the CGCI Convention June 6, 2013. NOTE: If the amendment to Article XIII Sec. 1 (Item #10) were to fail, the remaining proposed bylaws amendments as respects Golden Gardens will not be presented for consideration.**

(9) **ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS** (page 136)

**Now reads:**

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

Amend by deleting “, electronic or print.” and insert “which shall be delivered electronically.”

**To read:**

Sec.1. The official publication of CGCI shall be *Golden Gardens* which shall be delivered electronically.

**PASSED.**

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(10) **ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS** (page 136)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 4. Changes in subscription rates shall be recommended by the board of directors and submitted to the voting membership for ratification at the annual meeting.

Amend by deleting Section 4 (renumber remaining sections). **PASSED.**

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(11) **ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS** (page 136)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 7. All funds derived from circulation, advertising or from special gifts shall be deposited in a special account entitled “California Garden Clubs, Inc., *Golden Gardens*.” Checks on this account shall be signed by *Golden Gardens* finance chairman or a designated alternate.

Amend by deleting “All funds derived from circulation, advertising or from special gifts shall be deposited in a special account” and inserting “Funds from advertising and gifts shall be deposited in an account”

**To read:**

Sec. 7. Funds from advertising and gifts shall be deposited in an account entitled “California Garden Clubs, Inc., *Golden Gardens*.” Checks on this account shall be signed by *Golden Gardens* finance chairman or a designated alternate.

**PASSED**

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**Communications Director Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

**PROVISO: All bylaw amendments relating to the Communications Director including Article V Sec. 8, Article V Sec. 1 (a), Article VI Sec. 1 (b) 3 and Article VIII Sec.1 shall take effect at the close of the CGCI Convention June 6, 2013. NOTE: If the amendment to Article V Sec. 8 (Item #1) were to fail, the remaining proposed bylaws amendments as respects the Communications Director will not be presented for consideration.**

(1) **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 131)

Change Sec. 8 to be Sec. 9.

Insert new Sec. 8.

**To read:**

The communications director shall oversee: (a) the creation and distribution of publications including, but not limited to, *Golden Gardens*, e-newsletter, Yearbook, Manual and Roster, press releases and brochures and (b) the CGCI website.

**To read:**

The communications director shall oversee: (a) the creation and distribution of publications including, but not limited to, *Golden Gardens* e-News, Yearbook, Manual and Roster, press releases and brochures and (b) the CGCI website

**PASSED AS AMENDED**

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(2) **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 130)

**Now reads:**

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. (b) The appointed officer shall be the parliamentarian.

Amend by striking "and" before treasurer" and inserting "and communications director" after "treasurer" and removing (a) and (b).

**To read:**

Sec. 1. Elected officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, third vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, and communications director. The appointed officer shall be the parliamentarian. **PASSED**

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President West recessed the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

**Business Meeting #2- Wednesday, June 6, 2012**

President West reconvened the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Rita Desilets moved the adoption of the following bylaw amendments approved at the Winter Board Meeting, 2012.

5) **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES** (page 130)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 3. The vice-presidents, in their order, shall: (a) perform the duties of the president in the absence of or at the request of the president and (b) accept a chairmanship as assigned by the president. The first vice-president shall become president-elect at the end of the fall board meeting preceding the election year.

Amend by striking "fall board meeting" and replacing with "convention."

**To read:**

Sec. 3. The vice-presidents, in their order, shall: (a) perform the duties of the president in the absence of or at the request of the president and (b) accept a chairmanship as assigned by the president. The first vice-president shall become president-elect at the close of the convention preceding the election year. **PASSED**

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(6) **ARTICLE XII – FINANCES** (page 135)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 9. The board of directors shall not take action upon a project which contemplates monetary contributions from member clubs unless the details of such project have been presented at the previous regular meeting of the board of directors.

Amend by striking “from member clubs” and adding “All projects, including the President’s Project, must establish a CGCI restricted fund to handle the revenue and expenses.”

**To read:**

Sec.9. The board of directors shall not take action upon a project which contemplates monetary contributions unless the details of such project have been presented at the previous regular meeting of the board of directors. All projects, including the President’s Project, must establish a restricted fund to handle the revenue and expenses. **PASSED**

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(7) **ARTICLE XV - ADVISORY COUNCIL** (page 137)

**Now reads:**

Former CGCI presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as chairman. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

Amend by deleting: “Four members shall constitute a quorum.”

**To read:**

Former CGCI presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as chairman. **PASSED**

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(8) **ARTICLE XVI - LIABILITY INSURANCE** (page 137)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 1. Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies who choose to have this insurance, and are approved by the insurance carrier. The annual rate shall be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors at the fall board meeting.

Amend by striking “fall board” and inserting “pre-convention.”

**To read:**

Sec. 1. Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies who choose to have this insurance, and are approved by the insurance carrier. The annual rate shall be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors at the pre-convention meeting.

**PASSED**

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(3) **ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS** (page 131)

**Now reads:**

Sec. 1. b. 3. The treasurer, recording, corresponding, and financial secretaries, only shall be eligible for two 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.

Amend by inserting "communications director," after "treasurer" and remove "only" after "secretaries."

**To read:**

Sec.1. b. 3. The treasurer, communications director, recording, corresponding, and financial secretaries, shall be eligible for two 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. **PASSED**

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**(4) ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (page 133)**

**Now reads:**

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

Amend by striking "of the board of directors" after "Executive committee" and inserting "communications director," after "treasurer."

**To read:**

Sec.1. Executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-presidents, recording, corresponding and financial secretaries, treasurer, communications director, and parliamentarian. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

**PASSED**

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**Special Projects**

President's Project Chairman, Ruth Browning reported. (See Attachment C).

**Executive Committee Recommendation**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan presented the following recommendation:

That CGCI establish a Golden Legacy Society. **PASSED**

Convention Registrar, Gay Rigmaiden moved to adopt the interim Credentials Report with a voting strength of 184. **PASSED**

Convention Credentials Chairman, Gay Rigmaiden, presented the Interim Registration Report of 300.

Endowment Chairman, Robert L. Gordon conducted a Memorial Service.

2013 Convention Chairman, Jane McKee, Palomar District, presented an invitation to the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual CGCI Convention, "Fun in the Sun in San Diego.....Explore the Possibilities!" June 3-7 2013, Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego.

President West recessed the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Chris Merkel from Expedia Cruises gave a presentation about the CGCI fund-raising cruise from Los Angeles to Vancouver, May 11-18, 2013.

### **District Director Reports**

District Director Coordinator George Speer introduced the district directors who reported. (See Attachment D).  
President West recessed the meeting at 10:23 a.m.  
President West reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

President West recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

### **Business Meeting #3.**

President West reconvened the meeting on Wednesday June 6 at 1:49 p.m.

Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, Myrtle Findley presented a certificate of recognition for an outstanding private garden, in Sacramento River Valley District to Manuel Cruz. The award was accepted on his behalf by Judy Smith, Sacramento River Valley District Director.

Chairmen Coordinator, Robin Pokorski, introduced the chairmen who reported. (See Attachment E).

Flower Show Schools Chairman, Dolores Moffat moved to ratify the following date:  
Flower Show School, Diablo Foothills District, Course I, Sept. 17-19, 2013. **PASSED**

President West recessed the meeting at 2:47 p.m.  
President West reconvened the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Convention Credentials Chairman, Gay Rigmaiden, moved to adopt the final Credentials Report with a voting strength of 184. **PASSED**

The Convention Registrar, Gay Rigmaiden, presented the final Registration Report of 300.

Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman read the Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. **PASSED.**

President Julie A. West presented CGCI President-Elect, Rita Desilets to the convention body.

President West adjourned the meeting of the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of California Garden Clubs, Inc. at 3:36 p.m. on Wednesday June 6, 2012 Sine Die.

Submitted

7-18-2012

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Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary

Date

# CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention - Attachment A.

8:36 AM  
06/01/12  
Cash Basis

## California Garden Clubs, Inc Balance Sheet As of May 25, 2012

	May 25, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	
10101 · BofA Business MMA 4096 .20%	42,559.42
10102 · BofA CGCI Checking 12962	27,752.10
10103 · G Gardens BofA Checking 06688	24,001.75
10105 · Symposium BofA Checking 17584	5,122.57
10106 · Events BofA Checking 75519	5,185.33
Total 10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	104,621.17
10300 · Certificates of Deposit	
10302 · L Burbank CD899-2 5/25/13 .98%	61,335.41
10303 · L Burbank CD075-3 3/27/13 1.03%	30,378.95
Total 10300 · Certificates of Deposit	91,714.36
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	196,335.53
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	196,335.53
<b>Other Assets</b>	
18000 · Prepaid Deposits	2,700.00
18500 · US Bank CD7664 4/8/14 4.00%	90,215.85
19000 · CGCI Endowment	
19010 · Principal Endowment-CGCI	33,000.00
19050 · Allowance for Change in FMV	67.84
Total 19000 · CGCI Endowment	33,067.84
19500 · Scholarship Endowment	
19510 · Principal Endowment-Scholarship	64,755.00
19550 · Allowance for Change in FMV	1,673.17
Total 19500 · Scholarship Endowment	66,428.17
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	192,411.86
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	
<b>30700 · General Activities</b>	
30701 · Available General Activities	102,451.91
30710 · CGCI Endowment Transfer	-30,000.00
Total 30700 · General Activities	72,451.91
<b>31000 · Board Designated Net Assets</b>	
31001 · Blue Star Memorial	3,275.30
31002 · Educational Schools	13,461.40
31003 · F.A.S.T.	1,000.00
31006 · Golden Gardens	24,001.75
31007 · Honor Book	9,858.25
31009 · Liability Insurance	55,990.83
31010 · Reforestation Fund	4,505.00
31011 · Symposium	
31011-1 · Symposium Reserve	14,515.62
31011-2 · Symposium Checking	5,122.57
Total 31011 · Symposium	19,638.19
31012 · Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 · Wildflower Conf Reserve	7,122.96
31012-2 · Wildflower Conf Checking	5,185.33
Total 31012 · Wildflower Conference	12,308.29



8:36 AM  
 06/01/12  
 Cash Basis

**California Garden Clubs, Inc**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of May 25, 2012

	May 25, 12
31013 · Youth Fund	2,242.48
<b>Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets</b>	<b>146,281.49</b>
<b>Total 30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>218,733.40</b>
<b>31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31501 · Awards	9,564.76
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	4,213.65
31505 · V. Bennetts Memorial Fund	475.00
31508 · Gardening Consultants Council	1,034.05
31509 · Judges Council	1,169.47
31510 · Landscape Design Council	1,606.34
31511 · President's Project	5,887.30
31512 · Project Mission Blue	3,740.00
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	6,875.00
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	755.00
31515 · DFGC Memorial for the Fallen	5,650.00
<b>Total 31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>44,220.57</b>
<b>31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31801 · Copeland Fund	12,238.01
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	33,000.00
31806 · Endowment CGCI to Tnsf	750.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	64,755.00
31811 · Endowment S/ship to Tnsf	2,550.00
<b>Total 31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>113,293.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>12,500.41</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>

## CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention – Attachment B

### CGCI Officer Reports

#### **Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan**

The minutes of the Winter Board meeting were distributed to board members on Wednesday March 21, 2012, following review and approval by the review committee. Most were sent by email and the remainder sent by regular mail to those board members without email. The minutes were posted on the CGCI website that same day, with thanks to Ed Dempsey for the prompt posting.

Reports to the recording secretary should be condensed to 100 words or less. Please keep to this requirement so that editing isn't required. Reports may be submitted to me, preferably by email until June 18.

#### **Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski**

2012 CGCI Convention, Sacramento

Parliamentarian's Report

Greg Pokorski

June 5, 2012

This officer worked with the Recording Secretary in minutes drafting and review following our Winter Board Meeting, worked with our President on agendas for meetings at this convention, and with our President, updated our Rules for Conventions and Rules of Order for Board Meetings.

It was rewarding and educational to conduct a workshop in April geared toward reviewing all aspects of parliamentary procedure for the purpose of preparing participants to take the National Association of Parliamentarians' membership exam.

This officer attended the parliamentary workshop presented by NGC Parliamentarian Joan Corbisiero at the recent NGC convention in Buffalo. Copies of her handout on the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of Robert's Rules of Order are available at the parliamentary exhibit in the exhibit room and have been placed in the District Director and Officer mailboxes. All are reminded to buy and use the 11<sup>th</sup> edition, published last fall.

Madame President, thank you for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI during this administration.

#### **Third Vice President, Pat Clayes**

##### **Awards Committee Chairman**

For the 2011 awards year, approximately 250 award applications were submitted by clubs.

At the NGC Convention in Buffalo last month, CGCI and its clubs and districts received 16 awards. Pacific Region has not held its convention yet, so CGCI does not know the outcome of the Pacific Region Awards yet.

For the 2012 CGCI awards year, in keeping along the lines of NGC and Pacific Region, most CGCI award entries will no longer require books of evidence. Only Publicity Press Books, certain Flower Show Awards and Photography Awards will still require books of evidence. Instead of the books of evidence, an application form must be completed which will be limited to three printed pages – front sides of pages only. All required information, photos, lists, etc. will have to be inserted onto these three pages. Knowledge of cropping and reducing on the computer will help, as will the use of smaller fonts. This chairman will be amending the 2011 Evaluation Sheets for the applicant to be able to fit all required information onto the three page application form. For example, instead of attaching letters of appreciation, the applicant will be asked to list letters of appreciation received on the 3 page application form.

Instead of attaching a budget, the applicant will be asked to list expenses/budget/financial items on the application form, etc.

All award information will be updated in Awards Section of the CGCI website in July. And the 2012-2013 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*, which will be distributed at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting, will contain the updated Awards Manual.

Members of the Awards Committee are Win Archibald (Awards Finance); Joelle Holford; Shane Looper; Dolores Moffat; Linda Riddle; Deanna Ridolfi (Photography); Susan Coolidge (Flower Show Awards) with CGCI President Julie West.

### **e-Mail Address for CGCI**

This Officer receives all emails, which are sent to CGCI and forwards the emails to the appropriate chairmen to answer.

### **eNewsletter Chairman**

The CGCI eNewsletter now has 1,295 subscribers; the Consultants eNewsletter has 227 subscribers – 1,522 total subscribers! As you can tell, the eNewsletter subscriber list is growing! Please encourage all of your fellow club members to subscribe to both eNewsletters. They are both filled with important information, which the clubs and districts will want to share. If clubs/districts need newsletter articles, these two eNewsletters are wonderful sources for articles.

### **Facebook Administrator**

One hundred and seventeen people now “like” CGCI’s Facebook page. According to Facebook, the most popular age group who has “liked” CGCI’s page is in the 65+ age group! The page is updated daily. Send your blurbs to the Facebook Administrator, and she will post your photos, blurbs, advice, etc. Please ask your club members to place “likes” on the CGCI Facebook page (search for “California Garden Clubs” while on Facebook). If you are not a Facebook member, you can still view CGCI’s page – just go to the home page of the CGCI website, lower left corner and click. It contains lots of great info and tidbits for you to put into your club/district newsletter. And remember to send your club/district newsletters to the Facebook Administrator, so she can extract items and place them on Facebook for the whole world to see what your club/district has been doing.

### **Vonage Account – the 1-888 Number**

Voice mail continues to come to the 1-888 number – some important. This Officer has been weeding through the voice mail and redirecting the important ones to the appropriate chairmen/district directors to handle. All other voice mail is sent to the CGCI President to answer or discard. Most calls have to do with membership, the CGCI group tax exemption program or the CGCI liability insurance plan.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sue Bennett**

As of May 31, 2012, **280 clubs** with **17,039** members; **53 associate plant societies** with **3,622** members, total membership **20,661**.

A letter was placed in each of the District Directors boxes with ideas about how to recruit new members. Also included in their boxes are the CGCI Promotional Material Form and seven Gardening Pamphlets that can be downloaded from the CGCI website. A list of the websites was included in their letter.

All Clubs, Associate Plant Societies and Affiliate Membership Dues packets were mailed in Mid-May.

Two clubs celebrated their 75-years of loyal membership in CGCI this year. At this time we wish to our express our congratulations to Anderson Valley Garden Club, Cascade District, and Long Beach Garden Club, Costa Verde

District. Three clubs have celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Trinity Garden Club, Cascade District, Fortuna Garden Club, Humboldt District and Le Grand Garden Club, Yosemite Gateway District. We have 5 celebrating 65 years, 8 with 55 years and 3 with 50 years. A list of them will be included in the next edition of the Golden Gardens. Congratulations to them all.

Also, congratulations go to the 111 clubs that have a net increase over last year. Certificates from NGC have been placed in the District Awards box.

We appreciate our long-term clubs and welcome the new. At the Pre-Convention Meeting two clubs and two Associate Plant Societies were ratified:

It is my pleasure to introduce four new additions to CGCI:

## **2 Clubs**

- 1) Gardeners 92103 with 11 members, Palomar District;
  - a. President – Stephanie Hall
- 2) Turlock Garden Club with 85 members, District: Valley Lode District;
  - a. President – Carol McRoberts

## **2 Associate Plant Societies**

Doug Frost Begonia Society with 17 members;

- a. President– Bobbie West
- 2) Pacific Central Judging Center with 24 members;
  - a. President – C. Tedd Kennedy

Sue Bennett,  
CGCI Membership Chairman

## **1st Vice President, Rita Desilets**

### **Convention and Board Meeting Chairman Report**

This chairman is pleased to report that all the CGCI meetings for 2013-2015 have host districts. Thank you Orange County for offering to host Fall Board 2013.

Recently updated guidelines for hosting board meetings and Conventions are available to assist Districts in planning events. Hotel Contracts Chairman, David West, is always ready to assist when needed.

A hotel comparison matrix was developed listing items of importance to negotiate when meeting with the hotel salesperson. Copies of the matrix were distributed at the District Directors meeting at Winter Board.

### **Official Calendar Chairman**

This chairman welcomes additions to the Official Calendar at anytime. Before choosing dates for your event, please check with the Official Calendar Chairman to avoid unnecessary scheduling conflicts.

### **Personnel Chairman**

This Chairman visited Mendo-Lake District, Montana de Oro District, Fallbrook Garden Club and will soon be visiting Palms to Pines District and Orange County District to promote involvement in CGCI.

A planning for 2013-2015 Questionnaire will be given to all current CGCI Chairmen attending the Organizational meeting on Thursday. The questionnaire will be mailed to those Chairmen not present.

Individuals not currently serving on the CGCI Board of Directors, but who are interested should fill out a card at the Registration table indicating their interest. They will be sent a list of the chairmanships available after the current chairmen's requests have been processed, probably in early fall.

**CGCI President, Julie A. West**  
**Highlights of the Past Year**

The most recent highlight was the honor representing CGCI at National Garden Club's Convention last month in Buffalo, NY. It was a shortened format similar to this convention but with 983 attendees including 48 state presidents. NGC's upgraded website was implemented. To reduce the carbon footprint, the awards listing of winners is now posted on their website. In addition, publishing of *The National Gardener* as a hard copy version, available to those who subscribe, and as a digital version on the Member Only Site of NGC's website was adopted. 111 California clubs were recognized having a net increase in membership and this president was presented with a "lifesaver" necklace made of ribbon and lifesaver candy that I proudly wore.

Additional highlights are visits to clubs and districts that include visiting seven (7) districts with seven (7) more scheduled through the end of 2012. Ten (10) districts remain to be scheduled before this term ends in June 2013. These visits are the "fun" part of serving as CGCI's president. I am honored to hear about the activities and projects both clubs and districts support all over California! "Thank you" seems inadequate for the magnitude of hospitality and generosity experienced with each visit but the memories created are "priceless".

A challenge faced as this term's President is the use of California Garden Club's name and/or EIN by clubs and districts. This can present serious repercussions for both the club or district as well as CGCI from the IRS, California Franchise Tax Board and Board of Equalization. I think you will agree, none of us want to go down that path so **please help us reinforce under no circumstances is any garden club or district to use the name of California Garden Clubs, Inc. or CGCI's EIN.**

Pursuing CGCI's objectives is this administration's primary focus. A good example of that is the support received for the CGCI President's Project - permanent signage at Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden; Project Mission Blue to help save the federally endangered mission blue butterfly by increasing lupine diversity and Phase 2 of the Memorial Garden for the Fallen at Dover Air Force Base. Your support and generosity totals \$25,531 for these three projects adopted.

**No one person can take credit for the success of a garden club, district or CGCI. It is strictly a team effort!** You are to be commended as we all work together pursuing similar goals and objectives as well as for CGCI as an organization. Again, this president is proud to be included in the team effort demonstrated. Exploring the possibilities in conservation, gardening, creativity and inspiration together is how we can make the difference! As always, it is an honor to serve as your representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. West

## CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention – Attachment C

### CGCI standing Committee Reports

#### **Golden Gardens Editor Report Julie A. West**

During the past year, this President has served as the *Golden Gardens* Editor. We have heard that everyone who receives *Golden Gardens* loves it but no one is willing to be the *Golden Gardens* Editor or Assistant Editor. *Golden Gardens* relies on volunteers to fill the positions needed to provide the publication. While serving as Editor of *Golden Gardens*, this president has had to decline invitations to visit clubs and districts due to the conflict of producing *Golden Gardens* in a timely manner.

The past year has been a band-aid approach without going outside CGCI to hire professionals. The problem arises from the fact that the bulk of the work involved has fallen on CGCI's President and all three vice presidents in addition to their other duties. While each of these positions is a full-time job alone, having to perform the duties of both has become a burden for each one of us!

In addition to lack of volunteers willing to fill the positions of Editor, Assistant Editor and now Circulation Chairman, there is the financial aspect. *Golden Gardens* costs over \$20,000 to produce four issues a year with a declining subscription base. Both printing and mailing expenses have increased with each issue. When you remove CGCI as the largest subscriber along with its subsidy, only 2,500 members of CGCI's 20,000 members subscribe to *Golden Gardens*. Compare this to CGCI's monthly eNewsletter with 1,400 subscribers that is free of charge to subscribers and less than \$500 a year.

For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, *Golden Gardens* has lost \$5,323. based upon paid subscriptions from 100% clubs and individuals. If *Golden Gardens* is going to continue in its current format, then outside professional layout assistance will be required as well as a significant increase in the annual subscription rate to \$12 for both 100% clubs and individuals. Fiscal responsibility requires that *Golden Gardens* not continue to lose money of this magnitude. The vice presidents will be burdened with serving as Editor of one issue each.

CGCI is not the only National Garden Clubs state organization facing this dilemma. This could be an educational opportunity presenting itself for computer-savvy members within each club to mentor other club members. It may also open a whole new world to members who do not know what is available when they learn to use their computer. Often times this training session can be accomplished over the telephone. 100% clubs will save \$5 a member that may be used to provide those members without computers a copy of *Golden Gardens eNews*. Whether we like it or not, electronic communication is likely our future with less expense. It is a more effective communication tool with timely newsworthy articles that has the potential of reaching more of CGCI's 20,000 members than it currently reaches only four times a year.

The duty of the *Golden Gardens* Editor is to be honest and direct as to the precarious situation *Golden Gardens* is currently in. This chairman urges you to seriously consider both the financial responsibility and volunteers needed to continue *Golden Gardens* because you will decide the future of the publication at this Convention.

#### **Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman – Rita Desilets**

Five members of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Rita Desilets, Chairman, Bev Brune, Sue Bennett, Mary-Jo Noth and Greg Pokorski discuss future proposed Standing Rule and Bylaw changes. We welcome your input for future bylaw changes. Proposed changes to the bylaws must be submitted to the bylaw committee chairman by November 1, 2012 as stated in Article XIX, Sec. 2.

### **President's Project – Coordinator Linda Simonds, Chairman Ruth Browning**

The CGCI president's educational sign project at Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden at Sonoma State University has raised \$9,941. towards the goal of installing three signs.

The first goal—the Riparian Habitat sign—has been ordered and is being designed for autumn installation. Writing text and identifying the photographs to use of riparian life at seasonal Copeland Creek has been completed. This project is clearly educational—we rejected a fabulous lesser goldfinch photo because of the noxious star thistle it perched on!

Fundraising for the second sign goal—Fresh Water Marsh/Wetlands—is underway

## **CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Convention – Attachment D**

### **District Director Reports.**

#### **Arboretum, Shirley Stewart**

San Marino Club makes sure that their city library has a beautiful arrangement each week for all to enjoy. Year Around Garden Club made a donation to the Fullerton Arboretum. An acre of land was cultivated and bare root fruit trees were planted.

Chevy Chase Estates Garden members are researching spices and herbs. They are planning on writing a book on them. Garden Thyme Garden Club promotes community activities Arbor Day, Whittier historical Bailey House. We held a District Luncheon last month, the first in several years, it was a great success.

#### **Bay Bridges, George Perko**

The district had a September organizational meeting and an April awards and scholarship recognition luncheon. There were 3 highlights in the Bay Bridges year:

- 1) El Cerrito Garden Club conducted a Blue Star byways marker dedication with the Richmond Museum of History at the 'Rosie the Riveter' ship Red Oak Victory docked in Richmond.
- 2) CGCI President Julie West was the district's guest at the April 26 yearend meeting. She delivered an educational and entertaining talk on the organizational structure of National Garden Clubs and its subordinates, the President's project—signage at the Kenneth Stocking Native Plants Project at Sonoma State University, and CGCI Project Mission Blue.
- 3) Bay Bridges received a \$25,000 grant to support its scholarship program at Merritt College. The Bonita Garden Club/Frances Whyte Restricted Scholarship Fund will allow for two, \$1,000 scholarships annually, for at least 12 years.

#### **Bay Ocean, Nancy McDougal**

Our district clubs focus their garden related activities on those that most interest their membership. Though many are small, most reach out into the community with ongoing local projects, uniting members in a common goal, while cementing ties to their neighborhood. San Bruno Garden Club has provided floral decoration for twice monthly City Council meetings for many years, rotating responsibility amongst members.

Half Moon Bay Garden Club continues to maintain an 1850's period garden at the historic James Johnston House overlooking their city. Pacifica Garden Club organizes a yearly tour of home gardens, showcasing successful design in their ocean-influenced community.

#### **Buttes, Krystal Migliore**

Buttes District's spring meeting was a day of challenges. More than twice as many members attended than at other recent meetings. Yes! Those in attendance were challenged to double attendance again by bringing one more member with them for the visit of CGCI President Julie West on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Oroville Area Garden Club recapped their March Recycling is Renewing Member Challenge where members brought items they had re-used or re-purposed for garden activities before recycling. District clubs were challenged to hold similar events and submit their best idea for Buttes District 2013 spring meeting.

**Cascade, Carolyn Hoyum co-district director.**

Shasta Lake City Garden Project held a Plant Faire in the local park which is below Shasta Dam. This, only 6 weeks in the planning affair, I thought was spectacular. And so did many of the vendors. They stressed home grown veggies, succulents and drought resistant plants presented by not only commercial plant vendors but home hobby growers and antique dealers, all who had to have plants tastefully done in their booths. Some offered beautifully painted pots and over recycled containers. There were hands-on demonstrations on planting in containers, ideas on how to create a garden room or a special nook in your yard and how to harvest seed. My hat is off to a club with such drive and ingenuity!

**Channel Islands, Beverly Switzer**

This district is pleased to have "*Kids Growing Strong*"™ as a member of its district.

Ojai Valley Garden Club's annual wreath day fundraiser realized \$4500 which helped support the Jr. High Outdoor Classroom program. Conejo Valley Organic Garden Club has a "crop swap" sharing the bounty of their gardens with fellow members. Pleasant Valley Garden Club published a club cookbook this year. Westlake Village garden Club expanded their annual garden tour to include a boutique and tickets could be purchased via credit card this year. Conejo Valley Garden Club had an exciting 50<sup>th</sup> year, which culminated with their annual mothers day High Tea. I believe 2013 reservations are already in demand. President Julie West will be our guest at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Costa Verde, Lorraine Ornelas**

All clubs participated in the scholarship program either by providing scholarships to individuals or donations to the CGCI Scholarship fund. Many clubs participated in Arbor Day programs by planting trees to enhance their communities, honoring individuals or donating funds to organizations that encourage protection of our environment. One of our Junior Gardeners from Seventh St. School, sponsored by San Pedro GC, Amber Lopez received honorable mention for her poster in the Smokey Bear Contest. A highlight of the year was a \$1000.00 donation to the South Coast Botanic Foundation renovation of their rose garden as a result of a very successful Landscape Design Study program from which those funds were derived.

**Diablo Foothills, Mona Dunlop co-District Director**

Diablo Foothills District has 12 Clubs and 5 Affiliates in our District.

Our District found it necessary to change our meeting date by-laws due to difficulty in getting information to our clubs after CGCI board meetings and conventions. We voted to change our bylaws so that our meeting dates would fall after Board meetings and Convention. Our By-laws used to read; General membership meetings shall be held in February, May and October. They now read; A Diablo Foothills District general meeting should be held after each CGCI Fall Board meeting, Winter Board meeting and Convention.

**Golden Foothills, Josie Goodenow**

A member club of the Golden Foothills District, the Colfax Garden Club, sponsored a Landscape Design School class that was successfully completed in six weeks. The four courses were completed in less than two months, much less time than the previous two-year requirement. Six weeks is the shortest time frame ever for any club in the California Garden Clubs Incorporated to have completed a Landscape Design School Course. They had 18 students graduate as new Landscape Design Consultants and two Consultants were able to refresh their credentials. The Golden Foothills District membership now includes 25 accredited Landscape Design Consultants. My heartfelt thanks goes to the school co-chairs Myrtle Findley and Bili Winter and their dedicated volunteers in successfully accomplishing this fast track feat.

**Humboldt, Janean Guest**

The Humboldt District and it's clubs have been busy as always. Fortuna Garden Club and Southern Humboldt Garden Club both had their long standing Flower Shows. Mary Lou Goodwin, president of Eureka Sequoia Garden Club has been having flower arranging workshops before each monthly meeting to encourage members to enter in the shows and fairs in the area and it seems to be working! Clubs have been donating to elementary school gardens



to encourage youth gardening. Fortuna Garden Club entered a float in the Fortuna Rodeo Parade to promote the Club and won a Trophy! The district will be sponsoring a Gardening Study School beginning this October. Two of the district officers, Janean Guest and Anne Van Zandt travelled to Sacramento to attend all 4 of the Flower Show Schools recently held here and enjoyed getting to know other CGCI members for around the state, of course the classes were enjoyable and educating also. The Humboldt District looks forward to having President Julie visit in October.

### **Luther Burbank, Bev Davies**

The garden clubs trend, *Back to the Land*, is thru growing local, organic, and native. Club projects include: Providing \$100 gift certificates from the Seed Bank for twelve local community gardens; Grant assistance to high school development of a quarter acre in the center of the campus in order to engage students in growing, harvesting, and cooking their own nutritional food; Club tours to Certified Naturally Grown farms where the focus is aiding, rather than fighting natural processes to grow healthy fruits and vegetables. Members increase of awareness in good organic planting with heirloom varieties rather than GMO seed and plants. Most of the clubs tours/trips were to local native plant nurseries and gardens. Our District is looking forward to the dedication of the interpretive sign at the Kenneth M. Stocking, Native Plant Garden, at Sonoma State University.

### **Mendo-Lake, Anita J. Decker, Assistant Director**

Mendo-Lake District Garden Clubs have had a very busy and rewarding spring. Starting plants was a challenge, with the cold dry winter, but all have overcome, and have had very successful starts, with their meetings, plant exchanges and fundraisers. Clearlake Trowel & Trellis had two students winners in the Smokey Bear Poster contest. One student from North Lake Garden Club won the youth science award and an adult Landscape Commendation. Our clubs will continue community beautification and work with the education of our eco system and environment, plus enjoy getting to flower arrangement and landscape learning programs.

### **Orange County, Launa Gould**

Made a major change from the traditional meeting with speaker and lunch to a destination venue. The District has responded well to the "Field Trip" idea and we use the destination as our 'speaker' and an educational opportunity. Clubs bring continental breakfast and no lunch is provided. Overwhelming response 85 to 140 attendees up from an average of 65.

Attracted different clubs and members to the District level. Orange County District has a Dig in the Dirt project at Crystal Cove State Park. The gardens are being planted historically correct around the cabins that are being restored. We have an annual District Flower Show at Sherman Gardens. Clubs have 3 major Garden Tours as fundraisers, numerous plant sales and boutiques. We contribute to the community through numerous JR. Garden programs and Garden Therapy. Orange County district has 23 clubs with 1200 members. We have 24 Junior Garden programs. I am honored to have the CGCI Garden Therapy chairman and Youth Activities Chair in our district.

### **Palms to Pines, Dann Dunst**

It is my pleasure to report on one of our Districts most outstanding events, which we call our District Bazaar. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the District.

In January of 2012, each Club in the District was invited to set up a sales table to offer items such as jewelry, handicrafts, plants, baked goods, antiques, etc. The Clubs donated 10% of their net proceeds to the District and also provided a basket to be raffled. This year we had a very interesting and novel entertainment in that we invited a professional fruit carver. The carver gave instructions on how to carve some very delightful and creative pieces, as well as displaying some of his works of art, which included a floral type design over two feet tall. This year, at the District Bazaar we decided to try something different and do a floral exhibition. Not only was it intended to allow members to show their outstanding plants but also as an educational exhibit. Along with showing the plant each member was asked to write up a short culture for the plant. This approach was very well received and enjoyed by our members.

### **San Fernando Valley, Pat Zarnowski**

District has changed its emphasis from emulating a garden club to supporting and aiding our clubs. This is being done by disseminating information effectively and having programs that inspire the clubs to grow in strength and/or numbers. The district theme is "A Time to Grow." George Speer, CGCI District director Coordinator was our speaker in Oct. He presented ideas on "change"- how and why change can improve your club. Maryanne Lucas, immediate past CGCI president, spoke on how technology will influence the character and function of garden clubs. Southern California GC will sponsor a Gardening Study School beginning this July 2 and 3 in Encino. They held their 46<sup>th</sup> Standard flower Show, "celebrating the Arts," in March. Burbank Valley GC installed a butterfly garden at the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank. West Valley GC held a fundraiser tea in Oct. along with Toluca Lake and Sherman Oaks Garden Clubs in April. Woodland Hills Floral designers held a flower show in Dec. and Pauline Sechi presented a flower arranging program in January. Camille Van Ast did the same in March.

### **Santa Clara Valley, Roseann Costabile**

**Santa Clara Valley District** has 9 active clubs and 450 members. Our general meeting in May was held at Andy's Orchard in Morgan Hill. Andy Mariani spoke about the history of their heritage fruit orchards and organic farming techniques. SCVD has made a donation to the Dover Memorial Garden Project. Our goal this year is to update our bylaws. **South Valley Fleurs** annual plant sale in May sold more than 2000 plants including heritage tomatoes and vegetable seedlings. Members continue to maintain a butterfly garden and a community garden in Morgan Hill and at the Gilroy Senior Center. **Marina Tree & Garden Club** in partnership with Everyone's Harvest and Goodwill Industries has adopted 18 raised vegetable gardens which provide food to the local community. During the summer they will host a free movie night at the public library and hope to grow their membership as well. **Sunnyvale Garden Club** hosted an afternoon tea in May which supports their youth club, Bishop's Buds and a horticulture scholarship given in June. **Fuyru Floral Designers** presented a floral design program in April featuring Nancy Colvin, attended by nearly 100 persons. **San Jose Garden Club** celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the club had a docent led tour of the Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden at Stanford University and luncheon. Members continue to maintain 200 rose bushes in a San Jose neighborhood.

### **Sequoia Foothills, Diane Lane**

Highlighting Redbud Garden Club, Three Rivers, CA

- \* 6 group workdays in the community
- \* Garden Watcher's work at assigned gardens
- \* Volunteers at the Native Plant Society
- \* Installed plant id signs at 3 community gardens
- \* Daylong Potting party in November spring plant sale.

Quote from Marcia Goldstein, President, "Our Home Grown Talent" meeting in January was a great success. A one-act play "The Life of a Rose" was performed by club members followed by a group who did a rap number with percussion music (?). Any member who shared a gardening tip was entered in a drawing."

## CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Convention – Attachment E

### **Chairman Reports.**

#### **Amenities / Protocol, Marjorie Johnson**

As you know, Webster's Dictionary defines protocol as "the code of ceremonial forms & courtesies, of precedence, etc. accepted as proper & correct in official dealings". Simply stated, this is WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. Amenities we find more ethereal and to be effective must be genuine, with pleasantness coming from within & should add to one's comfort, convenience, etc. Again, simply stated this is HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. Realizing the above, you can immediately visualize how this Chairmanship does have an important part in the effectiveness and enjoyment of an event. We can all assist in so many ways and I invite you to do so. Do be reminded that these functions are not "Dress Rehearsals", but the "The Real Thing". For special Protocol seating, and other valuable information, I encourage Presidents and Garden Club Members to purchase the Protocol handbook available for \$5.00 at National Garden Club Headquarters. 1-800-550-6007, Members Services.

#### **Awards Finance, Win Archibald**

Awards Finance focused on the fund balance. Specifically, agreement with the balances of the Financial Secretary and the Treasure who worked with the Awards Finance Chairman to identify and resolve differences. All balances are now in agreement.

All monetary award sponsorships have been paid. Total paid is \$3,740. Sponsors of ribbon awards were invoiced \$70.56. Payment is awaited. Gift award sponsorships will be invoiced upon receipt of the vendor invoice. The Awards Restricted fund balance is \$9,664.76 including a carryover balance of \$5,182.64.

#### **Backyard Habitat, Carolyn Villi**

So you're thinking or have already down sized from your home and that Big Garden you've kept all these years. Retiring? busy? Can't get down on those knees anymore or just too darn tired? Moving to a Smaller Home, Mobil home, Apartment, or even a Retirement Center? Well downsizing doesn't have to force us to give up our passion for creating habitat for our wildlife. Just take out your tape and measure off what space you have, that deck, balcony or even a small wall space. Make a plan and go shopping at your local garden center. Have you checked out all the articles on Wall Gardening?

Surround your space with some of the new miniature and smaller blooming plants that are available in our nurseries. I have a wonderful mini Fuchsia, (Thymofolia Variegata) it has very small pink flowers. The blooms are much too small for the hummers; but they attract a variety of small bees and butterflies. Add a small water feature, a Jug Bubbler, Table Fountain, or just one of your favorite bowls with some rocks or pebbles. Hang bird feeders for hummers, finch and song birds, add a bench or comfy chair and enjoy. Remember, if you still have the passion and will for gardening, you can evolve to keep your love for gardening, by helping our little garden creatures, even in small spaces.

#### **Banner orders, Rita Desilets**

You can have a professionally designed (2ft by 6ft) banner to attract attention to your club or district. Use at plant sales, monthly meetings, flower shows or schools.

A simple PVC stand can be ordered, or make your own using the free instructions on the CGCI website. Stands will be delivered at any board meeting or convention or they can be shipped. A FREE banner bag will be provided with orders of both the banner and stand. District Directors, if your district is hosting a board meeting or convention, ask each of your clubs to bring their banner to make an impressive display, hotel space permitting. Clubs have ordered multiple banners to mark homes on their garden tours.

Being easy to transport and assemble, a banner should be on every club's must-have list. The Banner Team, Rita Desilets, Launa Gould and Mike Gould, is looking forward to your order!

#### **Blue Star Memorial Markers, George Unrine**

Byway markers are now \$450 and large markers are \$1400, including shipping. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, El Cerrito GC dedicated a byway marker at the Richmond History Museum. Bay Bridges will dedicate a byway marker in Castro Valley this summer. Meadow Vista GC will dedicate a byway marker on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Colfax GC must relocate a marker

and is coordinating with Meadow Vista to hold a rededication the same day. CALTRANS is moving a highway marker from storage to the 5<sup>th</sup> street end of the Bay Bridge and purchased two replacement highway markers for rest areas on Highway 99 near Tipton.

### **California Natives, Margaret Strachan**

An exciting new addition to landscaping this year is native sod. Theodore Payne has planted a demonstration plot of this sod, which is a blend of three fescues. It tolerates light foot traffic, grows well in the shade and is drought tolerant. Without summer water these fescues do not die, but rather go dormant and turn a golden tan, only to awaken and green up with the onset of the rainy season. This chairman's exhibit at the convention focused on planting "easy to grow" native plants. I placed a flyer with a similar list in each district director's folder.

### **Certificates, Lynne Hansen CGCI Long Service Certificates**

Since February, 2012 I have issued long term certificates have been issued to:

#### **Members of Naples Islands GC of Costa Verde District:**

20 Years Mary Barry Barbie Litterst Joan McDonald 21 Years Shirley Klein Cindy Murphy Mary Nimocks Arlene Svilach 22 Years Ducky Caswell Norma Kober Nancee Tinsley 24 Years Norma Brown Marjy Horton 25 Years Nicki Mertz Phyllis Poper 26 Years Mary Lamb 28 Years Audrey Gilissen Margaret Russell 29 Years Audrey Girfall Doreen Kent 31 Years Sally Riley 32 Years Virginia Thompson 36 Years Carol Rhea Betty Suttie 39 Years Arvilla Luce.

#### **Members of the Foothill Garden Club, Valley Lode District**

Doris Helms – 20 years Barbara Bevelacque – 23 years Marie Scofield – 37 years  
Ruth Crain – 52 years  
Dena D'Agostini – 52 years  
Elsina Dean- 54 years

#### **Green Thumb GC, Luther Burbank District**

Stella Sutter – 23 years

### **Educational Schools Finance, Elisabeth Tufo**

Two groups have applied for grants this year;

Bay Ocean District, \$250 for Environmental Studies School, Course IV,  
Humboldt District, \$500for Landscape Design School, Course I.

A new generic *Request for a Grant* form is now available from the CGCI website.

Those interested in obtaining a grant for any course of an approved school should complete the new form, as per the instructions, and submit it to this chairman.

### **Endowments, Robert Gordon**

We are still in the Endowment Charter Membership Year, which will close June 1, 2012. We are having a special event at convention 2012. An Endowment Thank You Dinner With the President Monday June 4, reception 6PM dinner 7 PM at Maxies in the convention hotel. Cost \$95. If you donate a total of \$500 or more to an Endowment your evening is free. If you donate less than \$500 to an endowment you will receive free drink tickets. The event is open to all. Invitations in "The Call" to convention. Please join us for this evening of celebration.

### **Environmental Studies School, Shane Looper**

What is environmental studies school all about? It is about your Environment? Why go to the school? Well it's exciting to learn about our inter relationship to the earth and how we impact our environment. You can become a consultant and help your community and yourself. Contact: Shane Looper, 650 871 0172 or email [slooper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slooper@sbcglobal.net). for information on the school in San Mateo OR maybe your club or district would like to start a new school.

### **Flower Show Awards, Susan Coolidge**

So far this year, 12 flower shows have been registered and held, with ten receiving evaluation. At least one show took place which was not registered. Five clubs registering shows this year also held them in 2011. An argument for registering shows is to validate Judges' claims in their records leading to accreditation, however at present there is no system for communicating registered Standard Flower Shows to the Flower Show Judges' Credentials Chairman. Of course, in addition, many judge flower shows at fairs, which do not register with CGCI and which do not always have panels of three accredited judges; in fact, judges may depend on fairs to receive credit. Flower Show Judges use NGC standards, whatever the setting. There are many CGCI Flower Show Awards offered; clubs can plan their shows with these in mind. Clubs are advised to register their show and have it evaluated; much can be learned by meeting with the judges and hearing their comments. Of course, it is hoped clubs will take the next step and, if eligible, apply for an Award and prepare a Book of Evidence.

Standard Flower Shows are a wonderful way to show off clubs to the public.

### **Flower Show judges Credentials, Kathy Bramhall**

The following is the status of Flower Show Judges' Credentials in California:

Accredited	46 - 1 on Extension (health), 1 Extension has expired (no request for extension by judge)
Life	11 - 1 on Extension
Master	57 - 2 on Extension, 2 Extensions have expired.
Total	114

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All judges need to review Handbook instructions about when and how to renew/refresh their credentials. All judges are reminded to keep their National Gardener subscription current and keep me informed (via email) of any changes in contact information.

### **Gardening Consultants Council, Myrtle Findley**

The Gardening Consultants Council now includes the Environmental Council.

We have voted to continue on the plan for a tri council and have appointed two Members to work on the committee.

We have 31 paid members in our Council.

Presented an Outstanding Private Garden Award to Manuel Cruz at Convention

### **Gardening Study Schools, Greg Pokorski**

Of 92 Consultants, 11 will lapse unless they refresh by 12/31/12. Southern California GC's Series 22 begins with Course I in July & Course II in August. Humboldt District's Series 23, ratified at this convention, begins October 12. Flyers/registration forms for these three courses were placed in the District Director mailboxes and were available at the GSS exhibit. Additional schools are in development for Golden Foothills & Roadrunner Districts. Recognize, know & use Gardening Consultants in your area for district & club programs, projects & advice. If our members will write about GSS & Gardening Consultant-related activities, I will get your articles into *The National Gardener*.

### **Golden Gardens Circulation, Robin Pokorski**

*Golden Gardens* Circulation database was transferred in early April when the previous chairman found it necessary to resign. Careful review and extensive outreach of the database revealed nearly 200 duplicate names and deceased members. Without having undeliverable magazines returned, we are unable to determine whether Life Member subscriptions are actually reaching the target. As of June 2, 2012, 3,352 names receive *Golden Gardens* of which 2,525 are in 100% club members and 225 are individual subscribers, and 602 are complimentary copies generating \$13,975 in annual revenue.

### **Home Grown, Myrtle Findley**

There were winners in the Home Grown Recipe cook off last February. HT-3

There were winners in the Photography of Home Gardens. HT-4

Growing your own food is an award you can give yourself!  
Besides enjoying the freshness, one must consider the content of the home grown product. Researches have discovered there are elements in the soil near where each person lives that needs to be added to the human body. Also, there are elements in the soil that need to get under the fingernails and on the skin of the human body. Our bodies absorb what is around us. What more do you need to know to use home grown products....and should you not have space for a garden....use the local farmers market

### **Honor Book, Joelle Holford**

As your Honor Book Chairman I received one donation this past four months from the Woodside Hills Garden Club in the Bay Ocean District in memory of Anne Butler who recently passed away, and one donation in memory of Suzanne Loos, donated by Luther Burbank District. The Gold Honor Book records recognition of outstanding service, contributions and memorials. The donations are used for any of the objectives of CGCI upon a vote of the Board of Directors. This Honor Book also provides award funding for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, CGCI Lifetime Service Exhibit Room and pick up a form and take it back to your club with the information on the form. Please honor someone special.

### **Landscape Design Schools, Alexis Slafer**

CGCI has over 125 Landscape Design Consultants (including Master and Provisional Consultants) – representing 20 districts. This Chair is now working on developing other schools in both the north and the south! I'd love to work with you so that you could have a school right in your own backyard. Landscape Design courses provide an opportunity to gain knowledge, promote awareness & understanding of the principles & theories of landscape design, site planning & landscaping; as well as good land use & development regulated by government agencies.

### **Member Award of Distinction, Lynne Hansen**

I have issued three Member Award of Distinction certificates.

- Arvilla Luce, Naples Islands Garden Club, Costa Verde District
- Joyce Dean, Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society, Palms to Pines District
- Barbara Coelho, Patterson Garden Club, Valley Lode District

### **Memorial Gardens, Sandy Rogers**

Re: memorial Garden for the Fallen Phase II

It is with great pleasure this chairman reports to you the Memorial Garden for the Fallen Phase II has been greatly supported by 10 CGCI Individuals, 17 Clubs, 6 Districts and 1 anonymous, for a total at this time of 34 donations of \$5,700; adding CGCI donations of \$100 per individual donations in the amount of \$3,400 to equal \$9,100. This chairman completed a spread sheet and downloaded several articles from the website [MemorialGarden-Dover.org](http://MemorialGarden-Dover.org); and the email is [MemorialGarden@yahoo.com](mailto:MemorialGarden@yahoo.com)

In 1960 Lt. Clarence O'Brian with PA National Guard brought back precious cargo from Vietnam and more than 40 years later he finds himself again focused on the heart breaking task he once executed and since 2001 has repeated more than 5,600 times for troops who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### **Natural Resources, Dwight Holford**

DEFINITION: To be considered a natural resource a material or an area must be considered useful or of value, to a particular human culture.

Natural Resources, Renewable are living or biotic and others such as soil and water which are closely associated with and affected by living organisms are Non-Renewable. Therefore water must be a non-renewable natural resource. Water can be desalinated or cleaned up to be fit for an intended use, but we cannot make more water. The supply and condition of water in California is affected by many factors, most of which are interrelated.

### **Penny Pines, Pat York**

Pat York, CGCI Chairman for the Penny Pines Program is here to give you a yearly monetary report for the last year that I recently received from our contact, Brenda Kendrix, at the USDA Forest Service, where the money for Penny Pines goes to the forests that are selected by our clubs and members.

Total District Contributions.....\$1,156.00  
Total Club Contributions.....\$35,901.13  
Grand Total CFWC Contributions.....\$37,063.13  
Number of participating Districts.....27  
Number of participating Clubs.....137

That sounds like a really lot of pennies to me!!

Our clubs throughout the state continue to collect monies for this very worthwhile project to keep California green & golden. So, members of the CGCI Board, especially our District Directors, please make a note of these numbers, share them with your clubs and members, and please extend our warm thanx to them for their continued support of our penny pines program, which is helping to restore our California forests to their natural green and golden condition for all to enjoy—people, animals, birds and any others who visit these forests.

### **Permanent Files, Rita Desilets**

The permanent files are kept safely in a designated closet in this chairman's home.

### **Project Mission Blue, Shane Looper**

As of this date, we have collected \$6725.00. As a special gift to anyone who donates \$100.00 at one time or accumulates over \$100.00 they will receive a pin. Each donation is acknowledged by this Chairman. Golden Gardens has published four articles about the Mission Blue Butterfly. Price Sheppy, Educational Director of Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy will be a speaker at the Fall Board in San Mateo to inspire us on the Mission Blue Butterfly. Golden Gardens has published articles about the Mission Blue Butterfly. Keep those dollars rolling into our new five-year project? Your club or you can make a difference in conserving the decline of the population of this Butterfly.

### **Scholarships, Evelyn Broaddus and Albert Chang**

At the NGC Convention in Buffalo, CGCI received two NGC Scholarships. The Ellamae Fehrer Scholarship was awarded to Leah Butler who is a graduate Student at Yale; the June P.Wood Scholarship was awarded to Paul Steimer, a landscape architecture student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The two winners of the CGCI Scholarships are Stacy Hishinuma of UC Davis and Elizabeth Bowman of Antioch College. The Scholarship committee wants all clubs to communicate their Scholarship information to co-chair Albert Chang for listing on the CGCI website. We are responding to a request for this information from NGC President Shirley Nicolai.

### **Sempervirens Fund, Rosa Radicchi**

Watch for upcoming changes to the donation process taking place over the next few months! Three questions: 1) What group along several other conservation groups nationwide recently completed the purchase of 8,532 acres (Cemex) in the Santa Cruz mountains to create a continuous permanently protected landscape of over 26,000 acres? 2) Who is embarking on the creation of a resource protection plan for the 225,000 acre "Great Park" planning area? Who has been helping to protect and preserve Redwood Forests for over 112 years? Answer: The CGCI Sempervirens Fund! Thank you to all of who have and continue to support the Sempervirens Fund!

### **Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Denise Davis**

There were over 500 entries from California this year. The posters were judged at the winter board meeting in February. The first-place winning posters were sent on to the Pacific Region. In March the 20 winners were notified and invited to the Youth Recognition Luncheon at the convention in June. This chairman received registration forms for 7 youth winners and 12 guests to attend the luncheon. Fifty percent of the winners were from southern California.

This chairman received several calls from parents who said they could not afford to take time off from work to travel to Sacramento.

**Website, Ed Dempsey**

Members have been asking me how to find what they are looking for on the site. We have many pages of information on our site. The home page has titles of subjects on each side of the page. The center of the home page is where you can post your blogs with the info you want to pass on to the world. Once you have selected a title of the subject you are looking for a sub list will appear on the left side of the page for the page you selected. This will give you more choices to find what you are looking for. If that fails there is still hope. On the right side of the home page is the **Search This Site** link. Just type in the space what you are looking for and a list of pages will come up that have what you typed on the page. Hope this helps. Please let me know if you want some help in finding something or want something posted on the site.



## **CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Convention Attachment F**

### **CGCI COURTESY RESOLUTIONS**

#### **California Garden Clubs, Inc. 2012 Convention The Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento, California**

##### **WHEREAS,**

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention "Discover a Wealth of Golden Opportunities" at the Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento, California, June 4-7, 2012 have benefited from information learned at this convention and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

##### **WHEREAS,**

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Julie A. West, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction, now therefore be it

##### **RESOLVED,**

That CGCI President Julie A. West, through her gracious presiding, and the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

##### **RESOLVED,**

That appreciation be extended to the Sacramento County Sheriffs Department Color guard for opening this meeting with dignity; and

##### **RESOLVED,**

That sincere appreciation be extended to our special guest National Garden Clubs' President Shirley S. Nicolai for gracing this entire convention with her presence; as well as her inspirational talk and quiz; and also our other special guests, Smokey Bear and Brenda Kendrix from the USDA Forest Service and Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest winners; and

##### **RESOLVED,**

That sincere thanks be given to the Sacramento River Valley District Director Judy Smith and Chairman of the Convention, Ron Byrd, as well as all of their committee chairmen--- especially those involved with the lovely floral arrangements and table designs, gift bags, raffle baskets, and even the hospitality room available to all attendees--- and all those who planned and participated in the success of the meeting and assured its success by their many courtesies extended. (What a great District of 19 clubs plus the youth organizations!); and

**RESOLVED,**

That appreciation be given to the CGCI Board of Trustees and the Endowment Committee (one of the same) for hosting the lovely "Endowment Dinner with the Presidents" honoring the charter members of the endowment; and

**RESOLVED,**

That special appreciation be given to our workshop and forum presenters Penny Oliver on mosaics; Melisa Gable on the UCD Arboretum; Robin Pokorski on leadership; George Perko on tax reporting; Rosie Loveall from Morningsun Herb Farm on lavender; and M.J. Kelly and Helen Tashima from Ikebana #26 on this ancient floral art; and

**RESOLVED,**

That thanks be extended to those involved with the UCD arboretum tour held on Tuesday; and

**RESOLVED,**

That appreciation also be extended to the Capital Judges Council for hosting the Judges Council Banquet and the design program this evening; and to the entire staff of the Doubletree Hotel for their many courtesies extended; and,

**RESOLVED,**

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to our CGCI President Julie A. West, Sacramento River Valley District Director Judy Smith, Convention Chairman Ron Byrd, Secretary Margaret Strachen and the staff of the Doubletree Hotel.

Joan Craig

Courtesy Resolutions Chairman

(Adopted June 6, 2012)