



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
82nd Annual Convention
June 5-6, 2013
Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego, California
President: Julie A. West
Host: Palomar District

Business Meeting #1:

President Julie A. West called the meeting of the 82nd Annual convention of California Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5. The Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan was present.

Colors were presented by the Color Guard of the Al Bahr Shrine Legion Of Honor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexis Slafer, Landscape Design Schools Chairman.

The Inspiration was given by Jane Berger, Diablo Foothills Co-District Director.

A Welcome to the Convention was given by Jane McKee, 2013 Convention Chairman.

A Welcome to Palomar District was given by George Speer, Palomar District Director.

The Conservation Pledge was led by Dwight Holford, Natural Resources Chairman.

President Julie A. West gave a Welcome and thanked our hosts, Convention Chairman Jane McKee and her committee and volunteers. President West recognized the volunteers.

President Julie A. West introduced Debbie Hinchey, 2011-2013 Pacific Region Director.

Palomar District Director George Speer and Convention Chairman Jane McKee introduced the Executive Committee.

President West introduced former CGCI Presidents Beverly Brune, Bob Gordon, Elisabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas.

President West recognized members of the NGC board of directors, including Robin Pokorski NGC Corresponding Secretary, and members of the Pacific Region board of directors.

President West introduced the pages, the President's Page Laura Starr and the Pacific Region Director's page Kathy Easter.

Adele Kelly, Credentials Chairman, gave the Initial Credentials Report (66 board members, 31 club presidents, 10 alternates, 35 club delegates and 2 alternates with a voting strength of 144) and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED**

President West declared a quorum.

Joan Patten, Registrar, gave the initial registration report indicating a total of 314 registered.

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

2013 Convention Chairman Jane McKee moved the adoption of the Convention Program as corrected. **ADOPTED**

Lorraine Ornelas, chairman of the minutes review committee, moved to approve the minutes of the 2012 Convention in Sacramento as distributed on July 18, 2012. **APPROVED**

Without objection, President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this Convention: Costa Verde District Director Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman; 2nd Vice President Sue Bennett; and Buttes District Director Krystal Migliore.

Without objection President West appointed Robin Pokorski as timekeeper.

Financial Report

Treasurer Joan Patten reported. (See Attachment A)

Officer's Reports

President West reported. (See Attachment B)

President-Elect Rita Desilets reported. (See Attachment B)

2nd Vice President Sue Bennett reported. (See Attachment B)

3rd Vice President Pat Claves reported. (See Attachment B)

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

Corresponding Secretary Joelle Holford reported.

Four letters received:

- April 20, 2013 from Lynette Stavros, Exhibits Manager and Asst. Show Producer of the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, thanking CGCI for its support and participation in the show. \$454 was donated to The President's Project.
- April 29, 2013 an email from Robin Pokorski that Debbie Hinchey, Past Director, Pacific Region made a donation to Pacific Region in honor of each of the eight Pacific Region states, state presidents and members. President Julie A. West has sent an acknowledgement card.
- From Jeanette Pruin, Director, Pacific Region, thanking CGCI for hosting the 2013 Pacific Region Convention.
- May 24, 2013 from Kathryn Morelli, Vice President, Development, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, thanking CGCI for the gift of \$2000 in support of Project Mission Blue.

Financial Secretary Shane Looper reported.

Treasurer Joan Patten reported.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. (See Attachment B)

Election of Officers

President West announced that the Election Board appointed at the Winter Board meeting, as required by CGCI bylaws (Article VI, Sec. 4) is listed in the convention program as follows:

Chairman: Lorraine Ornelas
Teller # 1: Margaret Strachan
Teller # 2: J. David West
Clerk: George Speer
Judge: Greg Pokorski

Kathy Bramhall, Chairman of the Nominating Committee acknowledged the members of the Nominating Committee and thanked them for their service.

Kathy Bramhall announced that as reported at the Winter Board meeting 2013 the Nominating Committee has nominated the following as officers of California Garden Clubs, Inc. for 2013-2015.

1st Vice President: Sue Bennett

2nd Vice President: Krystal Migliore

3rd Vice President: Josephine Goodenow

Recording Secretary: Gail Vanderhorst

Corresponding Secretary: Rosa Radicchi

Financial Secretary: Charlene Looper

Treasurer: Joan Patten

Communications Director: Jane McKee

President West repeated the names of the nominees and asked for nominations from the floor for each office individually. There were no nominations from the floor.

Our Bylaws Article VI Sec 1 (c) 4 state "Vote shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, when election shall be held by voice vote."

There being only one candidate for each office, a separate voice vote was taken for each office. President West declared that by the vote taken the following were elected: 1st Vice President: Sue Bennett, 2nd Vice President: Krystal Migliore, 3rd Vice President: Josephine Goodenow, Recording Secretary: Gail Venderhorst, Corresponding Secretary:

Rosa Radicchi, Financial Secretary: Charlene Looper, Treasurer: Joan Patten, Communications Director: Jane McKee to serve with Rita Desilets now serving as President Elect and who will serve as President for 2013-2015.

Election of Nominating Committee

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

President West announced that nominations for the 2013-2015 CGCI Nominating Committee will be in order from all districts with the exception of: Cascade District, Channel Islands District, Desert Empire District, Diablo Foothills District, Golden Foothills District, Montano de Oro District, Orange County District.

The following were nominated:

George Speer, Palomar District	Charlene Looper, Bay Ocean District
Alexis Slafer, Costa Verde District	Robin Pokorski, San Fernando District
Janean Guest, Humboldt District	Shirley Stewart, Arboretum District
Carolyn Villi, Sequoia Foothills District.	

President Elect Rita Desilets moved to close nominations. **PASSED.**

According to CGCI bylaws, there being only seven (7) members nominated election was held by voice vote. The above nominees were **ELECTED.**

President West introduced each elected member.

President West recessed the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Bylaws

Rita Desilets, Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman recognized the members of the Bylaws and Policy committee.

Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments

Rita Desilets announced that the Executive Committee recommends the approval of the following bylaw and standing rule amendments.

On Behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Rita Desilets presented the following bylaw amendments approved by the Board of Directors at the Winter Board Meeting 2013, and moved their adoption by the voting membership:

Amend items 1-5 by inserting "eNews" after "Golden Gardens."

Rationale: Updates to the current title.

Rita Desilets moved that the following items 1-5 be presented for consideration in seriatim. **PASSED**

1) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec 5 (d) (Page 134) Now Reads: (d) mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the names and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation, To read: (d) mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the names and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens eNews* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation,

2) ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Sec. 2 (d) 3 (Page 136) Now Reads: 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 Golden Gardens. To Read: 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 *Golden Gardens eNews*.

3) ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec.1(h) (Page 136) Now Reads: (h) editor and members of the *Golden Gardens* committee and To Read: (h) editor and members of the *Golden Gardens eNews* committee and

4) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS (Page 141) To Read: ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS *eNEWS*

5) ARTICLE XIII - GOLDEN GARDENS Sec. 1 (Page 141) Now Reads: Sec.1. The official publication of CGCI shall be *Golden Gardens*, electronic or print. [which shall be delivered electronically.*] *NOTE: Bylaw amendment will take effect with the 2013-2015 administration. To Read: Sec.1. The official publication of CGCI shall be *Golden Gardens eNews*, which shall be delivered electronically.

The above 5 items **PASSED**

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Rita Desilets moved that the following items 6 and 7 be presented for consideration in seriatim. **PASSED**

Amend items 6 & 7 by deleting “finance and budget committee” and inserting “Budget and Finance Committee.” Rationale: The correct name is “Budget and Finance Committee.”

6) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec 6 (c) (Page 135) Now Reads: (c) serve as chairman of the finance and budget committee. To Read: (c) serve as chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

7) ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec.11 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 11. Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be reviewed by a member of the Finance & Budget Committee. Copies are to be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions chairman within 90 days of the close of convention.

To Read: Sec. 11. Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be reviewed by a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. Copies are to be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions chairman within 90 days of the close of convention.

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8) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (a) (Page 133) Now Reads: Sec. 3 (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. Amend by deleting “effective July 1, 2008”

To Read: Sec. 3 (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. Rationale: Simplifies by removing unnecessary wording.

PASSED

9) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (e) (Page 134) Now Reads: (e) If dues are not paid by 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. Amend by replacing “501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption” with “Group Tax Exemption Program.”

To Read: (e) If dues are not paid by 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 Group Tax Exemption Program. Rationale: Updates to current wording.

PASSED

10) ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Sec. 3 (g) (Page 134) Now Reads: (g) Life memberships are honorary

and require a one-time 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. Amend by deleting "Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*." and delete "state" and insert "CGCI."

To Read: (g) Life memberships are honorary and require a one-time contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). A club or associate plant society shall pay CGCI dues for all members, including life members. Rationale: With the elimination of the *Golden Gardens* hard-copy publication, this is no longer relevant.

PASSED

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11) ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 4 (c) (Page 134) Now Reads: (c) notify the board of directors of their elections or appointments, Amend by deleting (c) and renumbering the remaining items. Rationale: This is not the responsibility of the recording secretary.

PASSED

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12) ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 7 (Page 137) Now Reads: Sec. 7. Business may be conducted by mail when necessary. A report of any action taken by mail shall be made a part of the minutes of the next board meeting. Amend by adding "(electronic or postal)" after "mail."

To Read: Business may be conducted by mail (electronic or postal) when necessary. A report of any action taken by mail shall be made a part of the minutes of the next board meeting. Rationale: Clarifies the methods of communication.

PASSED

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13) ARTICLE IX - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS Sec. 3 (Page 137) Now Reads: Sec. 3. The district director shall attend all regular meetings and be present at all business sessions of the board of directors. Permission for non-attendance must be obtained from the president. The assistant district director shall attend in the absence of the director. Amend by replacing "The district director" with "District directors" and by inserting "or authorized alternate" after "assistant district director." Insert "and shall have voting privileges" after "in the absence of the director." Delete "must" after "non-attendance" and insert "shall."

To Read: Sec. 3. District directors shall attend all regular meetings and be present at all business sessions of the board of directors. Permission for non-attendance shall be obtained from the president. The assistant district director or authorized alternate shall attend in the absence of the director and shall have voting privileges. Rationale: Provides increased possibilities for District representation.

PASSED

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14) ARTICLE XI - ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 4 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 4. The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members of the board of directors, club, associate plant society presidents, or their alternates, and delegates or alternates of member clubs and associate plant societies. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each, and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote. Amend by replacing the comma after "board of directors" with a semi-colon and insert "authorized alternates of district directors. Replace the comma between "club" and "associate plant society presidents" with "and." Replace the comma after "alternates" with a semi-colon.

To read: Sec. 4. The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members: of the board of directors; authorized alternates of district directors; club and associate plant society presidents, or their alternates; and delegates or alternates of member clubs and associate plant societies. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each, and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote. Rationale: Corrects punctuation and includes alternates of district directors in voting membership.

PASSED

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15) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 3 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 3. District directors, presidents of all member clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates shall receive *Golden Gardens* during their term of office, subscription to be paid from the General Fund. Amend by inserting "eNews" after "*Golden Gardens*" and deleting "subscription to be

paid from the General Fund.” Replace the comma after “District Directors” with a semi-colon.

To Read: Sec. 3. District directors; presidents of all member clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates shall receive *Golden Gardens eNews* during their term of office. Rationale: There is no subscription fee for *Golden Gardens eNews*.

PASSED

16) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 6 (Page 139) Now Reads: Sec. 6. The finance and budget committee shall: Amend by deleting “finance and budget committee” and inserting “Budget and Finance Committee.”

To Read: Sec. 6. The Budget and Finance Committee shall: Rationale: This is the correct title.

PASSED

17) ARTICLE XII – FINANCES Sec. 11 (Page 140) Now Reads: Sec. 11. Accounts of financial secretary, treasurer, and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman shall be audited/reviewed annually at close of fiscal year by a certified public accountant approved by the board of directors. This audit/review report shall be presented for action at the fall board meeting. A special audit/review shall be ordered by executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office. Amend by deleting “,treasurer, and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman” and inserting “and treasurer.”

To Read: Sec. 11. Accounts of financial secretary and treasurer shall be audited/reviewed annually at close of fiscal year by a certified public accountant approved by the board of directors. This audit/review report shall be presented for action at the fall board meeting. A special audit/review shall be ordered by executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office. Rationale: *Golden Gardens eNews* finances will become a line item instead of an account.

PASSED

18) ARTICLE XIII - *GOLDEN GARDENS* Sec. 3 (Page 141) Now Reads: 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. Amend by replacing Sec. 3 with New Sec. 3.

To Read: Sec. 3. The *Golden Gardens eNews* editor shall (a) supervise publication of *Golden Gardens eNews*, (b) be chairman of the *Golden Gardens eNews* Committee and (c) report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions. Rationale: Corrects the title and eliminates reference to expenditures.

PASSED

19) ARTICLE XIII - *GOLDEN GARDENS* Sec. 6 (Page 141) Now Reads: Sec. 6. 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. NOTE: Sec. 6 will take effect with the 2013-2015 administration. Amend by replacing Sec. 6 with new Sec. 6.

To Read: Funds from advertising and donations shall be deposited in the General Fund. Rationale: *Golden Gardens eNews* does not require a separate checking account.

PASSED

20) ARTICLE XIV - New Sec. 7 (Page 141) To read: The Board of Trustees together with the Golden Legacy Society Chairman shall constitute the Golden Legacy Society Committee. Rationale: Defines the Golden Legacy Society Committee members.

PASSED

President West recessed the meeting for consultation with President Elect and Parliamentarian at 11:09 a.m. President West reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

STANDING RULES

(21) Change **SR 5** to **SR34**

Rationale: SR5 belongs in the Finance section.

PASSED

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(22) SR3 (as in 2012-2013 Yearbook, Manual and Roster) Now Reads: A policy committee shall be appointed by the president to maintain a current policy book, including adopted motions that pertain to policy. Any proposed policy shall be referred to the advisory council for study and recommendation to the executive committee. A revision of the policy book shall be reviewed by the advisory council and executive committee before publication. Amend by deleting and replacing as SR4.

To Read: New policies or proposed policy amendments shall be submitted to the Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman. The recommendations of the Bylaws and Policy Committee shall be sent to the advisory council and the executive committee for final approval.

PASSED

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(23) SR 17 Now Reads: Names and addresses of members of nominating committee shall be published in *Golden Gardens*. Amend by inserting "eNews" after "Golden Gardens."

To Read: Names and addresses of members of nominating committee shall be published in *Golden Gardens eNews*. Rationale: *Golden Gardens* will be replaced by *Golden Gardens eNews*.

PASSED

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(24) SR 32. (Page 145) Now Reads: Financial statements of treasurer, financial secretary and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman shall be attached to the minutes of the board of directors meetings. Amend by deleting the comma after "treasurer" and inserting "and." remove "and *Golden Gardens* finance chairman" after "financial secretary."

To Read: Financial statements of treasurer and financial secretary shall be attached to the minutes of the board of directors meetings. Rationale: *Golden Gardens eNews* will have no finance chairman.

PASSED

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(25) SR 40 Now Reads: The accountant's annual audit/review letter shall be published in *Golden Gardens* following the fall board meeting. Amend by inserting "eNews" after "Golden Gardens."

To Read: The accountant's annual audit/review letter shall be published in *Golden Gardens eNews* following the fall board meeting. Rationale: *Golden Gardens* will be replaced by *Golden Gardens eNews*

PASSED

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(26) SR 50 Now Reads: Available dates of all state board meetings and regional and national annual meetings shall be published in post convention issues of *Golden Gardens*. Amend by inserting new Standing Rule 50.

To Read: Scheduled dates of all CGCI board meetings, Pacific Region and NGC annual meetings shall be posted on the CGCI website. Rationale: Corrects names of Pacific Region and National Garden Club, Inc.

PASSED

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(27) SR 70 Now Reads: Membership chairman shall send, by July 1, a list of all clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates with names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of the presidents, treasurers and youth gardener leaders to the CGCI President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Yearbook Chairman, *Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman, Liability Insurance Chairman, IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman, Website Chairman, Zip Code Club Finder Service Chairman, *eNewsletter* Chairman and Youth Activities Chairman. The list should follow the format of the state roster. Amend by deleting and replacing with new Standing Rule 70.

To Read: Membership chairman shall send, by July 1, a list of all clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates with names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of the presidents, treasurers and youth gardener leaders to the CGCI President, Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman, *Golden Gardens eNews* Circulation Chairman, *Golden Gardens eNews* Editor, Liability Insurance Chairman, Website Chairman, Yearbook Chairman, Youth Activities Chairman and Zip Code Club Finder Service Chairman. The list

should follow the format of the state roster. Rationale: Organizes the list to Yearbook order and updates *Golden Gardens* to *Golden Gardens eNews* as well as CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.

PASSED

With no objection the Remembrance Service was moved to the end of this business session.
The Remembrance Service was conducted by District Director Mailbox Chairman Deedee Speer and District Director Coordinator George Speer.

The meeting was recessed at 11:29 a.m.

Business Meeting #2.

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

Standing/Special Committee Reports

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

President West recognized the *Golden Gardens* team.

Board of Trustees Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

Robin Pokorski recognized the members of the Board of Trustees.

Endowment Funds Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

President Julie A. West reported on the President's Project. (See Attachment C)

President West reported on the CGCI Fundraising Cruise. (See Attachment C)

Convention 2014 Chairman Robin Pokorski and members of the San Fernando Valley District presented an invitation to the convention in Glendale.

Pacific Region Director 2011-2013 Debbie Hinchey reported.

President West recessed the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

President West presented Pacific Region Director Debbie Hinchey with a Penny Pines Plantation in Debbie Hinchey's name in the Tahoe National Forest.

District Director's Reports

District Director Coordinator George Speer introduced the District Directors who reported. (See Attachment D)

President West recessed the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Business Meeting #3

President West reconvened the meeting on Thursday June 6 at 9:01 a.m.

Adele Kelly, Credentials Chairman gave the Interim Credentials Report (with a voting strength of 157) and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED**

Joan Patten, Registrar gave the Interim Registration report indicating a total of 327 registered.

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

President West recessed the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Chairmen reports continued.

President West recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

President West reconvened the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Adele Kelly, Credentials Chairman gave the final Credentials report (with a voting strength of 164) and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED**

Joan Patten, Registrar, gave the final Registration report indicating a total of 334 registered.

Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED** (See Attachment F)

President West adjourned the meeting of the 82nd Annual Convention of California Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:15 p.m. on Thursday June 6, 2013. Sine Die.

Submitted

Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary 7-17-2013
Date

CGCI 82nd Convention – Attachment A

• Balance Sheet as of May 20, 2013

<u>CURRENT ASSETS: Checking/Savings Accounts</u>	
Business Max Acct 4096-[.12%]	\$ 50,131.22
CGCI BofA 12962-Checking Account	\$ 24,608.31
CGCI BofA Symposim-Checking Account	\$ 4,122.57
CGCI BofA Wildflower-Checking Account	\$ 10,395.14
Golden Gardens BofA 06688-Checking Account	\$ 19,423.78
Total Cash in Checking/Savings Accounts	\$108,681.02
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	
Luther Burbank CD 899-2-[May 25, 2014/.98 %]	\$ 61,952.01
Luther Burbank CD 075-3[Apr 3, 2014/.93%]	\$ 30,695.47
Total Checking/Savings Accounts	\$201,328.50
<u>Other Assets – Long Term</u>	
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	\$ 1,000.00
US Bank 7664-[Apr. 08, 2014/4.00%]	\$ 90,288.50
Principal Financial CGCI Endowment	\$ 35,735.12
Principal Financial Scholarship Endowment	\$ 72,053.74
Total Other Assets	\$ 199,077.36
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$ 400,405.86
LESS: Board Designated Net Assets	\$ 133,013.02
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 57,787.54
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$ 116,443.01
Cash Balance Available	\$ 93,162.29

Joan Patten, Treasurer.

CGCI 82nd Convention – Attachment B

Officer Reports.

President Julie A. West

Highlights of 2011-2013

It was an honor representing CGCI at National Garden Club's Convention held May 24-26th in Seattle, Washington. By now you have heard that CGCI received two NGC Awards of Excellence: #23 for a non-member was won by William McNamara, Executive Director of Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glen Ellen, CA. Bill was a featured speaker at Pacific Region as well as a docent on the tour to Quarryhill. NGC Award #24 was won for Project Mission Blue to diversify lupine for the federally endangered mission blue butterfly and CGCI received a check in the amount of \$500 toward the project. Three first place winners at NGC were from California (1st grade, 3rd grade and 4th grade) with the National Grand Prize winner being the 4th grader sponsored by Southern California Garden Club. CGCI members present in Seattle basked in the spotlight as California was recognized nationwide for its achievements including the *Golden Gardens* eNews and several other national awards – 22 NGC awards in total.

Pacific Region's 69th Annual Convention was hosted by CGCI and of the 114 registered, 65 were from California. Seven of the eight states were represented. The tours, programs and workshops were fabulous and the raffle prizes donated from around the state were appreciated. Thank you to the 2013 Pacific Region Convention Chairman Dave West, the entire convention committee, CGCI delegates and those who donated their time and energy making it both successful and enjoyable. CGCI members won 34 Pacific Region awards of which many were first place winners!

Invitations from 22 of the 24 active districts within California Garden Clubs, Inc. in addition to several special event or anniversary celebrations were received and attended by this president. Since CGCI's 2013 Winter Board meeting in Auburn, Costa Verde, Palomar, Sequoia Foothills, Bay Ocean, Orange County and Arboretum Districts were visited. It is unfortunate that the president is unable to clone his or her self to be able to attend multiple events invited to when scheduled for the same day. Thank you for your dedication to the goals and objectives of CGCI as well as your kindness and generosity experienced on each visit.

May you be as proud as this president is of what CGCI has accomplished as an organization working together as a team, making a difference in numerous ways as outlined on pages 2 and 3 of your convention program booklet. Keep reporting your scholarship data to CGCI's Scholarship Chairman because as announced by NGC in Seattle, garden clubs award more than \$1,500,000 in scholarships to our youth nationwide.

With the 2011-2013 administration drawing to close, if you will not be continuing in your present capacity, please be sure to pass on helpful information to your replacement. Building on what has been accomplished makes a job much easier than starting from scratch – and we are all on the same team wanting CGCI to succeed. Coming together is a Beginning. Keeping together is Progress. Working together is SUCCESS!

Thank you for offering me the opportunity and honor to serve as your representative. It has been a privilege!

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. West

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President Elect Rita Desilets

Personnel Chairman

This chairman has been securing outstanding candidates for the Board of Directors during the 2013-15 term of office. Although many positions have been filled, some are still available and await a word from you – the word is “YES!” If you wish to hold a chairmanship, please let me know as soon as possible. A list of unfilled chairmanships is available from this chairman.

Board Meeting and Convention Chairman

We are grateful to the Districts that have agreed to host Board meetings and conventions during 2013-2015. We are looking forward to visiting each district and sharing the experience with your members.

Permanent Files Chairman

The chairman has recently organized and inventoried the CGCI Permanent Files located at my house. The Permanent Files contain historical books and records of CGCI such as copies of *Golden Gardens*, the Yearbook, Manual and Roster and minutes of board meetings, conventions as well as many other items.

Bylaws and Policy Committee

Although CGCI continues to support the Position Paper on State Parks, the Bylaws and Policy Committee felt this would be a project for clubs and Districts to support parks in their local area that needed attention. With the 2013-2015 NGC President's Special Project, "Making A World of Difference - Choices Matter" emphasizing educating our members so they may make responsible decisions for today and tomorrow and make wise choices for using and protecting and conserving our Planet Earth and its natural resources. Rita Desilets will be distributing information about the Awards available to states and clubs and encouraging our membership to adopt a project in their area.

Banner Order Chairman

In the future, Banner Orders will be taken by Launa Gould. Banner stands will no longer be available for purchase once the current supply is exhausted. Directions to make the stand are on the website.

President-Elect

Your President-Elect has had the pleasure of traveling to many club and District meetings, mostly in Southern California, to attend special celebrations, and always receiving a very warm welcome.

My recent attendance at both the Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs Conventions proved to be most informative. The NCG President's Special Project – “Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter” is wonderful! We will be presenting information and materials at the Organizational Meeting so clubs can plan their projects for the next club year and be ready to enter the lucrative Awards program by March 31, 2015.

All the contracts for board meetings and conventions, except the 2015 convention have been signed and the various chairmen are busy planning for a great time to be had when CGCI comes to their location.

Thank you to all the talented, dedicated people who agreed to serve as a CGCI chairman during my term of office. They have promised to do the best job possible with their chairmanship, bringing with them their personal creativity and innovative ideas. I am grateful for the numerous chairmen who have made offers to help their president in any way possible. We are looking forward to “**Growing Together.**”

Second Vice President, Sue Bennett

Membership Chair and APS Liaison

Membership and YOU was this Chairman's theme and thanks to YOU this Chairman is pleased to report.

In March, this Chairman had the honor to work with President, Julie West representing CGCI at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show in San Mateo.

Last year at the show, we handed out club referrals to 94 attendees.

This year, over the period of 5 days we doubled that number with a total of 189 club referrals, not to mention the folks who just stopped by to chat. This chairman would like to think it was due to the fact that she knew what she was doing and we had a great location that made us more visible.

All Clubs, Associate Plant Societies and Affiliate Membership Dues packets are ready and will be mailed on June 7, 2013, by my husband, since we have to wait until the election of the new officers to take place before mailing.

CGCI promotional materials are in the Exhibit Room for pick-up. Be sure to remind those who take these materials to put their club information in the space provided before using.

This year, National Garden Clubs, *Grow Our Membership Program*, is based not only on clubs that have increased membership over last year they have also included any clubs who have new members this year. 1,170 new members have been added as of May 31, 2013. Plus 104 new Associate Plant Societies members (total of 1,274). Certificate information is based on May 1 information. District Directors you will find the certificates in your award packet.

As of May 31, 2013, there are 281 clubs with 17,774 members;
Also there are 51 associate plant societies with 3,627 members,
For a total membership 21,401; currently there are 17 paid affiliates.

Compared to one year ago, we have one more club and 740 more "club" members. We lost 2 Associate Plant Societies but APS membership has risen slightly. This is all good news. Thank you for all your hard work in recruiting not only new members but new clubs.

We appreciate our long-term clubs and welcome the new. At the Pre-Convention meeting three new clubs and one name change were ratified:

It is my pleasure to introduce 3 new clubs to CGCI and the one name change:

Los Angeles International Fern Society (LAIFS), Arboretum District, 145 members; President: Mike Moody

Oasis Garden Club, Orange County, 65 members; President: Bob Rafalovich

Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society, Inc., San Fernando Valley District, 170 members; President; Roxie Esterle

Mission Viejo Garden Club (formerly Canyon Crest Garden Club) – Orange County District

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Third Vice President, Pat Claves

Golden Gardens eNews Chairman

The *Golden Gardens eNews* now has 2,188 subscribers; the Consultants eNewsletter now has 364 subscribers – 2,552 total subscribers! THE SUBSCRIBER LIST IS GROWING! Both eNewsletters are filled with important information. Please encourage all of your fellow club members to subscribe. All garden club presidents are encouraged to submit the email addresses of their members to receive the free *Golden Gardens eNews*.

This Chairman will be continuing in the job during the 2013-2015 administration. But I need your help. Please ask your newsletter chairmen to send your club and district newsletters to me – via mail or email – so I can extract important articles and photographs which other club members may find of interest – some clubs and districts are already sending their newsletters to me, and I am using a lot of items in the *Golden Gardens eNews* and on the CGCI Facebook Page. Now is the time for your club or district to shine via the *Golden Gardens eNews*. Chairmen: Please send articles about your chairmanships to me.

CGCI Facebook Administrator

273 people now “like” CGCI’s Facebook page. CGCI currently gets approximately 600 visits on its Facebook page each week. The most popular age group to visit the CGCI Facebook page is between 55 and 64 years old. Clubs and districts – Do you have a Facebook page? If so, why don’t you “like” CGCI’s page, and CGCI will in turn “like” your page. Please remember to send your blurbs to the Facebook Administrator, and she will post your photos, blurbs, advice, etc. If you are not a Facebook member, you can still view CGCI’s page – just go to the home page of the CGCI website, locate the Facebook logo and then click.

Awards Committee Chairman

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of the Awards Committee: Win Archibald (Awards Finance); Joelle Holford; Shane Looper; Dolores Moffat; Linda Riddle (Youth Awards); Deanna Ridolfi (Photography); Susan Coolidge (Flower Show Awards); Joyce Reid (Youth Poetry/Essay); Denise Davis (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest); with CGCI President Julie West. Thank you for helping this Chairman be the best Awards Chairman which she could have possibly been.

Many CGCI awards, in fact 194 awards, were awarded for the 2012 awards year. And you should be proud to know that CGCI and its clubs and members won 34 Pacific Region Awards and 21 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards for the 2012 awards year. Congratulations to all who won, and here is a huge thanks to all who entered.

All of the photographic entries have been placed on the CGCI Facebook page – look for the album. I believe there are approximately 225 photos in the album.

Please go to the awards room and take a look at the numerous display boards which list all of the top winners – CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC.

Thanking you, Madam President, for giving this Chairman the opportunity to serve CGCI during the past two years under your fantastic leadership.

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Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan

The minutes of the Winter Board Meeting were distributed to board members on March 22, 2013 following review and approval by the review committee, chairman, Lorraine Ornelas. My thanks to website chairman Ed Dempsey for his prompt posting of the minutes during this term.

The deadline for sending me your 100 word chairman and district reports is Monday June 17, 2013. The easiest way to send them is in the body of an email. Please try to keep them within the 100 word limit.

My thanks to President Julie West for the honor of serving on the Executive Committee and thank you also to the Executive Committee members, for your help and support.

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Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

Since Winter Board Meeting, this officer assisted in the review of Winter Board Meeting minutes and draft agendas for meetings at this convention, updated Convention Rules of Order and revised Rules of Order for Board Meetings for the next administration, reviewed bylaws and policy, recapped actions taken at Winter Board Meeting for *Golden Gardens eNews*, wrote parliamentary articles for *WACONIAH*, the official publication of the Pacific Region, and participated in the leadership forum held here yesterday.

As you’ve heard before from me, parliamentary procedure is all about continuous education. At the NGC convention in Seattle, I attended the parliamentary workshop given by NGC Parliamentarian Joan Corbisiero, along with other representatives of CGCI. The subject of this workshop was “Back to Basics,” intended to provide helpful information that may be useful as all levels of garden club embark on new administrations. Copies of the four-page handout have been placed in the District Director mailboxes and were provided at yesterday’s leadership forum. Additional copies will be available at the registration table.

It has been a real pleasure to serve with this collaborative Executive Committee and to serve CGCI working with and for President West, a skilled presiding officer and also a knowledgeable Parliamentarian. I look forward to serving the new administration in the same capacity.

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Golden Gardens Editor President Julie A. West

The last issue of *Golden Gardens* in its current magazine format was the Spring 2013 issue. This final issue included the entire history of *Golden Gardens* from 1931 through 2013 bringing to a close the final chapter of its 82 years.

The subscription list continued to decline. The number of printed copies of each issue was reduced from 4,000 for the 2012 Summer issue to 3,200 for the 2012 Fall issue to 2,700 of the 2013 Winter issue and 2,500 of the Spring 2013 issue. The beginning balance in the *Golden Gardens* checking account on July 1, 2013 was \$28,692.75. The ending balance as of May 20, 2013 is \$19,423.78 for a net loss of \$9,268.97.

President-Elect, Rita Desilets, kindly agreed to serve as Assistant Editor for the 2012 Fall and 2013 Winter issues. Third Vice President Pat Clayes did the layout for the Fall issue; Second Vice President Sue Bennett did the layout for the Winter issue and President-Elect Rita Desilets did the layout of the final and last issue. This president and all three vice presidents worked together as a team these past two years to share the burden of publishing *Golden Gardens* in the magazine format including providing and editing articles, layout of each issue, proofreading, etc.

I would like to recognize those members who served on the Golden Gardens Staff in addition to the vice presidents already mentioned:

Circulation Chairman and Feature Editor of *In a Nutshell* Robin Pokorski, *Golden Gardens* Angels Chairman Carol Mayo, Youth Feature Editor Kris Ethington, Horticulture Feature Editor Dana Lozano, Floral Design Feature Editor Pauline Sechi and Conservation Feature Editor Donna Thomas. Thank you to additional members who provided articles on a variety of subjects.

Presidents of clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates who have an email address are receiving the *Golden Gardens eNews*. Anyone may subscribe to the electronic publication at no charge.

This concludes the final report on *Golden Gardens*, the official publication of California Garden Clubs, Inc. as a printed magazine.

CGCI 2011-2013 President's Project Report

At the start of this President's term, the goal of \$22,500 was established to fund the creation of three educational, interpretive signs in the Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant Garden located at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. These photo-quality porcelain enamel signs are set on a concrete base to insure their longevity and graffiti-resistant quality!

To date (5/31/13), \$20,495 has been collected due to the generosity of numerous individuals, clubs and districts. We are continuing to receive funds at this Convention, and still anticipate contributions from our local Sonoma County community. We cannot thank you enough for both your financial support and your belief in this project that reflects CGCI's objectives.

Some of the fundraising has been just pure fun! We thank you for your support through purchases at the *bulb sales* at the 2011 and 2012 Fall Board meetings. We thank you also for your donations and purchases at the *Gently Used Jewelry* event at CGCI's 2012 Winter Board meeting, as well as your donations and purchases at the *Gently Used Garden Books* event at the 2013 Winter Board in Auburn. The beautiful centerpieces at that Winter Board meeting were auctioned to also raise the fund's total. A special thanks to Rene van Rems for providing his book and floral note cards *Rene's Bouquets* at a very special price so that an additional \$500 was added to the project's goal. Additional income was derived from garden club ticket sales to the 2012 and 2013 *San Francisco Flower & Garden Show*--\$1 from each ticket sold by participating garden clubs generated \$1,006.

A complete list of donors as of May 28, 2013 is available at the President's Project exhibit on display in the Exhibit Room, as well as on the CGCI website. **We thank you for your generosity—and we will invite you to the campus on a future visit to Sonoma County to see the results of your contributions!**

Now for the results:

- The **Riparian Plant** community sign base has been installed, and the face was installed last week. (See photo at President's Project exhibit or on the CGCI website.)
- The **Wetlands** plant community sign was finalized following the 2013 CGCI Winter Board meeting. The text and layout has been approved by the campus planning committee. The sign will be finalized over the summer with the addition of the required high resolution photographs needed for production. (Again, you can see the design at the President's Project exhibit or on CGCI's website.)
- The third sign—**Grasslands/Oak Savannah**—is only \$2,005 away from being ordered! This final sign will be drafted over the summer for approval in the fall by the Sonoma State University campus planning committee. Funds will continue to be collected through the end of this convention.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and because of **YOU**, CGCI has made a difference with these three signs focused on educating the community in the value and use of California native plants where no signage existed previously in this four-acre native plant garden.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Ruth Browning
Linda Simonds

CGCI Fundraising Cruise May 11-18, 2013. Sapphire Princess

President Julie A. West

The group of 12 CGCI members sailed away from the Port of Los Angeles on Saturday, May 11, 2013 heading for Santa Barbara. On Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 A.M., the ship's captain announced that it was unsafe to launch the tenders due to the thick fog not expected to lift until the afternoon. All shore excursions were canceled and we pulled anchor to sail away to San Francisco. The ship quickly organized activities for everyone on board.

When the ship arrived early Monday, May 13 in San Francisco, we could only see the footings of the Golden Gate Bridge as we sailed under it. The fog lifted and it was one of those crystal clear sunny days in the City by the Bay. Six people went to the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate National Park; two went to Alcatraz and four enjoyed the sites on their own.

The Sapphire Princess docked at Pier 35 towered above all surrounding waterfront structures.

The ship sailed into the sunset as we departed San Francisco to spend Tuesday, May 14 at sea. The seas were sometimes choppy with whitecaps and wind as we sailed toward Astoria, Oregon. This was the day chosen to have dinner together as a group of twelve at the Pacific Moon dining room. Wednesday, May 15, we explored Astoria on our own where it drizzled most of the day.

Arriving in Seattle Thursday, May 16 was overcast but the sun came out in time for our afternoon with Tyler from Evergreen Escapes. Tyler is a native of Seattle born and raised with a degree from Cornell University (yes, he is also an avid bird watcher.) We visited Pioneer Square; viewed various photos on display underground; Waterfall Garden Park, the birthplace of United Parcel Service (UPS); Kerry Park Viewpoint; Commodore Park where the group was fascinated with the historical Lake Washington Ship Canal/Chittenden Locks in addition to several neighborhoods of Seattle including Queen Anne, Fremont and Magnolia. The final stop was at the Theo Chocolate Factory before heading back to the ship.

Friday, May 17 was a lengthy tour of Victoria, British Columbia where we visited the Victoria Butterfly Gardens, Butchart Gardens, Craigdarroch Castle and highlights of Victoria proper. It was announced that there was a 30% chance of showers but it rained most of the day. The rhododendrons, azaleas and tulips were in full bloom at Butchart Gardens where each guest is provided with an umbrella.

We arrived in Vancouver where we disembarked the ship by 10:00 A.M.. Some of the group went on a tour of Vancouver while others began their journey home. It was a fun experience and it raised \$860 for CGCI. Thank you to Alexis and Loren Slafer (Hermosa Garden Club); Ellen and Ed Thorpe (Carlsbad Garden Club); Martha Munroe (Hanford Garden Club); Linda Smith (Hanford Garden Club); Tisha Paulson (Del Norte Garden Club); Lois Vihlen; Marjorie Crab (Del Norte Garden Club); Eleanor Barbour (Del Norte Garden Club); Dave and Julie West (Santa Rosa Garden Club) who supported this fundraising endeavor.

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District Director Reports

Arboretum, Shirley Stewart: -Great district programs; Dinosaurs in the Garden, Emerald Necklace, Camellias and Old Oak Trees. All presenters were district members. President Julie West visited our District Our annual district luncheon "Tea in the Garden" was a huge success.

Club programs included Familiar Land Birds, Chrysanthemum, Ferns, Iris, Bees etc. Field trips to Theodore Payne Foundation, Thousand Palm Oasis and Wind Farms are a few.

Clubs gave monies to Scholarships, schools to start gardens, Arbor Day Celebrations and Penny Pines.

We are looking forward to hosting the State Winter Board meeting in February 2014

Bay Bridges, George Perko: The Bay Bridges District was 80 years young in 2012-13. It originated as District 4 in 1932. Its 13 member clubs and one youth group had 776 members working industriously on all manner of good deeds for the communities of the San Francisco East Bay: stimulating knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, aiding in the protection of flora and fauna, encouraging civic planting, assisting in conservation efforts, awarding financial aid to students of horticulture, and assisting other 501(c)(3) charities.

The district held its September organizational meeting at historic Alta Mira House in San Leandro. Hap Hollibough from the Cactus Jungle in Berkeley introduced participants to many unusual cacti and succulents, and 5 clubs had sales tables with beautiful plants, cards, jewelry, and other garden paraphernalia. The sales tables were popular and will be repeated in September 2013.

The April 26 meeting moved to the northern part of the district, El Cerrito. El Cerrito Garden Club sponsored an elegant tea and floral design presentation. 102 members participated, filling El Cerrito Community Center to the brim. When El Cerrito realized how many people were coming, they had an actual rehearsal involving their club members, two weeks in advance of the event. National Garden Club master judges Barbara and Bob Post used flowers from their own garden to create very whimsical designs.

Eight district clubs and gardeners received awards this year. The district was very pleased to issue the first two, \$1,000 Bonita Garden Club/Frances Whyte scholarships to students from Merritt College. The students told participants what they were studying and how the funds would assist their training.

Bay Ocean, Nancy McDougal: Each of our member clubs is busy all year with favorite activities. But, just as our gardens bloom afresh, the pace quickens even as the club year is in transition. Clubs often do not meet officially; but projects continue throughout the summer. This is especially vital for fundraising efforts as several clubs earn much of their expenses through participation in the county fair. One group holds its annual garden tour in June, while another is preparing for its popular fall tour. Plant sales also swell the treasury, while providing an opportunity to share plants & become known in the community.

Buttes, Krystal Migliore: Water-wise landscaping is the focus of two Garden Club of Colusa County projects. Both PG&E and the City of Colusa asked the club plant areas with drought tolerant plants. One of the sites is Colusa's water tower, which is in a sad state and really needs beautification. Selecting the right plants for the hot, dry climate and including irrigation became the topic of negotiations before either project could move forward. The club's President remarked "It is amazing how many people think that drought tolerant means the plants don't need water at all."

Cascade, Anne Capes: One of the clubs in my district is located in the historic town of Weaverville (3600 population) in the Trinity Alps – truly an isolated area. The club has 46 members some of them miles apart. Their projects are primarily community oriented, with one of them taking almost 5 years to complete. The state highway runs right through the middle of town. At the time of the origin of the project – landscaping the borders of the highway (about 850 feet in length) – there was nothing but a ditch full of weeds. It took almost a year to get a permit from Caltrans. Once started there were plans to make for purchase of plants. It should be mentioned that the plan included maintenance

from Day One. Recently there has been a project of quite a different nature, - an educational survey that lists the club's preferences and activities that can be used as a guide when planning and executing a year's program.

There are two surveys – Club Priorities and Monthly meeting Priorities. Once the surveys were completed, a member with computer skills put the results into a graph that is visually comprehensive. Issues in Club Priorities are: Monthly meeting, Civic beautification, Community Service, Fund Raising and District Affiliation. Issues in Monthly Meeting Priorities are: Social Luncheon, Guest Speaker, Birds, Inspirational, Horticulture and Business. There is an old saying- "A Picture is worth a thousand words" that is still relevant today. I hope you will find this concept noteworthy when planning your next year's program.

Channel Islands, Beverly Switzer: The Channel Islands District is now a 501 (c) 3 approved by the IRS April 28, 2013. My sincere thanks for the assistance and support of the District secretary Margaret Strachan. Also thanks to the District Treasurer Sandy Roth for initiating this task.

Due to the unexpected death of the duly elected treasurer an appointed District Treasurer will be approved at the District's June 19, 2013 meeting.

Each individual club in the C I District continues to serve their membership and community with their own unique programs, ranging from spectacular garden tours, horticulture programs, organic vegetable gardening and push back on Monsanto, tours, community projects, programs for the elderly, flower shows and much, much more. Each club continues to increase it's membership. I leave the Channel Islands District in the very capable hands of Maggie Crane of the Conejo Valley Garden Club.

Costa Verde, Lorraine Ornelas: It has been a great pleasure to serve as District Director for Costa Verde District under the capable leadership of Julie West for the term 2011-2013. Our clubs have achieved many of their goals by providing education for their members and their communities. Clubs have participated in Arbor Day programs by planting trees to enhance their communities, honoring individuals or donating funds to organizations that encourage the protection of our environment. Many clubs have supported the Pennies for Pines program by funding plantations in memory of or to honor individuals or organizations that have assisted the clubs.

Several clubs have been awarding beautification awards for landscape gardens for both individual homes and businesses. As a result some clubs have gained new members as a result of this effort.

Earth Day activities were encouraged by some clubs and others participated in community activities. Junior gardeners were encouraged to participate in the Smokey bear and Woodsy Owl contest.

A very successful plant sale at the South Coast Botanic Gardens by the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society garnered funds both for the club and South Coast Botanic Gardens under the capable leadership of President Dale La Forest. Continues success to all clubs for 2013-2015.

Desert Empire, Cecile Campbell: It is with great sadness that the D.E.D. reports the dissolving of our long-standing garden club, the Desert Planters Garden Club of Ridgecrest after 50 years in existence. All of their accomplishments throughout the years cannot be listed here and we will truly miss their contributions to our District and the Greater Garden Club Communities.

We are a District of two garden clubs now as well as a youth garden club.

Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley and Desert Rose Garden Club of California City. Both clubs during this past year have been busy with their plant sales, garden tours, Teas and Arbor Day planting. Oasis Garden Club of I.W.V. recently purchased a Blue Star memorial Marker that was placed at the Bakersfield National Cemetery on Memorial Day with a well-attended ceremony. The Desert Rose GC of California City has been working on a continuing project of re-doing 4+ miles of median running through California City with irrigation and drought tolerant plants.

Diablo Foothills, Mona Dunlop: Our clubs and garden groups celebrated Earth Day with plant sales and tours. Many clubs have had successful fundraisers with garden tours, teas and plant sales.

DFD had a successful overnight tour to the Boonie Lang garden in Granit Bay. We were hosted to lunch in Granit Bay by Sue Bennett at her beautiful home. The next day we visited and had lunch at the historic High Hand Nursery in Loomis.

Our May Board Meeting was hosted by DIRECTOR-ELECT, Rebecca Ferguson, at her beautiful home in Discovery Bay. We had a wonderful lunch and a boat ride on the Bay.

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 its clubs have been busy as always. Fortuna Garden Club hosted its 38th annual Daffodil Show in March, and Southern Humboldt Garden Club hosted its 62nd annual Flower Show in May.

This spring a bus tour was organized by a local travel agency to the Filoli Gardens, San Francisco Flower and Garden Show and the "Bouquets to Art" exhibit at the De Young Museum in San Francisco. Many garden club members from the district attended and had a wonderful time!

Eureka Sequoia Garden Club planted 18 hanging baskets of petunias to hang in Old Town Eureka and Fortuna Garden Club has been weeding and planting flowers on Main Street as ongoing city beautification projects.

The district will be sponsoring Gardening Study School #4 in July. It has been well-attended, educational, fun and helped to raise money for the Humboldt District.

In May, Ferndale Garden Club hosted the Humboldt District meeting. We celebrated that club's 75th birthday with cake and ice cream and a special recognition award.

Members of the Fortuna Garden Club and Patrick's Point Garden Club worked together to put on a wonderful Sunday afternoon tea fundraiser for the district. Approximately 45 attended and about \$1100 was raised at the event.

Luther Burbank, Bev Davies: Luther Burbank District was honored to hold the venue for the Pacific Region's Annual Convention. Clubs members stepped up to the tasks of: designing table decorations; assisting tours, workshops, registration, and raffles.

Clubs are gearing for the new season to continue their goals of: participating in community beautification projects and assist community gardens; promoting the benefits of organic gardening and conserving our natural resources through education to our communities; providing grants for school gardens and scholarships to assist students; and recognizing and honor those within our communities of their accomplishments in gardening, landscape, and environmental projects.

Mendo-Lake, Virginia Stranske: Mendo-Lake District garden clubs have had a successful year. Community projects, beautification projects, floral displays, plant exchanges, caring for Blue Star Memorial gardens. Willits with landscaping the entry of Mendocino County Museum. Ukiah with the holiday creations, working on their clubhouse and garden plus a special tour of home gardens. Potter Valley created a calendar featuring photos of valley landscapes. Clearlake Trowel & Trellis has an ongoing garden therapy, supporting a youth garden and culinary class, they have continued to have Smokey Bear poster contest winners. Fort Bragg has a civic beautification program, tree planting program plus a floral design class and an annual Rhododendron show. Unfortunately we lost North Lake Garden Club. Our District struggles to find a complete slate of officers. My only answer for this is to continue to grow our membership.

Orange County, Launa Gould: Orange County District consists of 24 clubs and about 1500 members.

A "Presidents Page" is put on the District website after CGCI meetings with information for club presidents.

In the summer when clubs are planning programs for the next year, this District Director offered to do a succulent wreath demonstration at one of their meetings and discuss how their club fits into the big picture of District, CGCI and National Garden Clubs. It was well received.

The District has a dig in the dirt project at **Crystal Cove State Park** planting historically correct plants around cabins that are being restored.

Each club has contributed in their own way to needs of their Community.

District Flower Show at Sherman Gardens

Planting open spaces

Maintaining community gardens

Garden Therapy

Highly desired Garden Tours

Numerous Junior Gardener programs

Stimulating speakers, workshops and field trips that hold the interest of members

Palms to Pines, Dann Dunst: at the CGCI Winter Board meeting I reported to you that the PTP District was in the planning stages of creating a new event for the District, that being a District Festival which included a small Standard Flower Show. I am most pleased to tell you that the event was held as planned on March 16th at the Hutton

Community Center in Colton. It received rave reviews from all who attended and everyone had a wonderful time. Even the weather cooperated with a delightful day. In regards to our small standard flower show Ron Lang our General Chairperson reported there were 27 exhibitors from 7 Garden Clubs and Plant Societies, 132 entries including 19 floral designs and 113 horticulture entries.

About half of our district clubs set up individual sales tables, selling a variety of goods and plants. The clubs also donated gift baskets, garden accessories, and admission tickets to their individual shows to the District for our five hourly drawings. We had several orchid vendors, food vendors and Home Depot's "Children's Project."

One of our clubs gave a program of horticultural growing tips and one of our vendors did a program on repotting orchids. We devoted an area for clubs to display materials in regards to their club's activities and of course displayed a plethora of information regarding CGCI.

This director is more than pleased with the enthusiastic support, interest and positive compliments that were received from our member clubs and individuals regarding the Festival.

On a personal note – this year concludes my tenure as Palms to Pines District Director. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity for such an outstanding and dedicated group of individuals and clubs that make up Palms to Pines District along with the comradeships and friendships that I have established that will last a lifetime. I look forward to my new committee chairperson position in CGCI, to continue our work to benefit garden clubs throughout the State.

San Fernando Valley, Pat Zarnowski: In the past two years we have gained one new garden club, Sunshine Garden Club with 20 members, and the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society with 170 members will be joining us this summer.

Gardening Study School Courses 1 – IV were started and completed these past two years. As a result we have 34 new garden consultants. This turned out to be quite a lucrative activity for Southern California Garden Club as they netted \$5,350. Thank you Robin Pokorski for all your hard work.

The District planted a tree, a Ginkgo biloba, "AUTUMN GOLD" in the Trail of Trees in the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden in honor of Huell Howser. This project was originally conceived by Southern California Garden Club, but with a price tag of \$700 it was decided to move it up to a district project. Sally Bagley, as chairman did a good job, and we had about fifty people in attendance for this special event with nine clubs participating.

But our Smokey Bear/woody Owl contest was a success beyond belief, thanks to Terri Taylor, Youth Chairman for Southern California Garden Club. We had fourteen winners at the state level, four regional winners and three national winners. Much credit has to go to the volunteer art teacher at the school all these children attended.

Of course our district is so proud to have our own Rita Desilets being installed as CGCI president. She has worked so hard for our club and district over the years. We know she will do a fantastic job. Gail Vanderhorst, also a member of So. Cal. Garden Club, is the new Recording Secretary for CGCI. Also Robin Pokorski is the new Corresponding Secretary for NGC.

Sequoia Foothills, Diane Lane: Sequoia Foothills District started a mini-grant program in 2012 to become more visible to the individual clubs in the District and to other members of their communities. The requirement is to do a visible community project which will include a plaque or sign. It also requires matching funds from the local club. This report on Squaw Valley's Four Seasons Garden Club and their project. Funds were used enhance their nature trail behind the local library. A metal plaque was installed on one of four benches with the District's name as a contributor.

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Chairmen Reports

Awards Finance, Win Archibald: The focus for Awards Finance during this period has been on the transition to a new presidential term beginning in June. Commitment letters were sent to current sponsors asking them to re-commit for the new term, 2013-2015. An Awards Finance procedure book has been prepared for the incoming Awards Finance Chairman. Checks for all monetary awards to be given at the 2013 convention have been issued with a date of June 4, 2013 for a total of \$4,280.00. A sponsor of ribbon awards has been invoiced for \$9.50 and payment is awaited. Gift award sponsorships will be invoiced upon receipt of the vendor invoice. As of this date Awards Finance records show a balance for the Awards Restricted fund of \$10,119.41 including \$635.00 in payments for the 2013-2015 term and a carryover balance of \$4,725.20.

Blue Star Memorial Markers, Sandy Rogers: This Blue Star co-chairman would like to remind California Garden Club of some of the history of the Blue Star Memorial Program which began in 1945 honoring men and women serving in World War 11 and grew to extend across continental United States including all men and women who have served, are serving and will serve their country. This past year has seen Blue Star Memorials being dedicated throughout our beautiful state with the latest being dedicated by Lodi Garden Club, Valley Lode District. The dedication was held on April 4, 2013 and was attended by President Julie West and husband David West; and yet to come will be Discovery Bay Garden Club, Diablo Foothill District. The Blue Star Marker has been placed and will be dedicated on Veterans Day.

A Blue Star Memorial Marker spread sheet is being compiled listing all markers, and will not be listed in the CGCI 2013-2015 yearbook; however, the spreadsheet will be available on CGCI website.

Business Commendation Chairman and Discount Coordinator, LaVerne Harms:

Certificates of Commendation

- Los Osos Valley Garden Club, Certified by: Barbara Weiss, President. Commendation for Los Osos Valley Nursery.
- La Jolla Garden Club. Certified by: Ina Thompson, President. Commendation for Green Gardens Nursery.
- San Diego Year Around Garden Club. Certified by: Nancy Bishop, President. Commendation for Blue Hills Nursery & Gift Shop, Whittier.
- Southern California Garden Club. Certified by: Sally Bagley, President. Commendation for The Home Depot, Woodland Hills.
- Walnut Creek Garden Club. Certified by: Jane Berger. Commendation for Mt. Diablo Nursery and Garden, Los Osos.

CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program, Mary-Jo Noth: Since Winter Board 2013: Notified Buttes District that the CGCI Board of Directors approved them as a CGCI subordinate and added the District to the list on the CGCI website; received overdue renewals and withdrawal requests; prepared article for "Golden Gardens". After the IRS revoked the tax-exempt status of Fort Bragg Garden Club and the Southwestern Judges Council they were notified and removed from the website list. Cash receipts were processed. The updated list of subordinates was sent to the IRS before the deadline. Forms and website information were updated.

California Natives, Margaret Strachan: This is the time of year when many Native Plants are becoming dormant in order to survive the hot summer months. But thinking ahead to the fall, why not plan to sow some native wildflowers among your native plants. Wildflowers are fast growing and will fill in the gaps while the longer-lived plants mature. To extend the blooming period, after the first fall planting, apply seeds again in December and then as late as mid-February to achieve staggered blooming times throughout the spring. Water gently but thoroughly after sowing and keep the soil moist until a few inches of growth are visible. They may need extra water if there are dry spells during the winter. Some of the flowers have spectacular colors when planted together. Try the California poppy with Baby Blue eyes, or with Arroyo lupines. California poppies also look good when planted amongst perennial grasses. For additional information on growing wildflowers from seed in the garden, consult *Gardener's Guide to California's Wildflowers* by Kevin Connelly, available at Theodore Payne or *Wildflowers of California: a month by month guide* by Laird R. Blackwell, published by The University of California Press, Berkeley.

Certificates, Lynne Hansen: Since February, 2013 I have issued long term certificates to:

Naples Islands Garden Club of Orange County District:

20 Years - Kay Berg, Loretta Luskin, Helen Roelfsema, Laurie Scanlin, Judy Trossen, Barbara Vaught.

Santa Rosa Garden Club of Luther Burbank District:

60 Years - Gladys Wing

25 Years - Dixie Ellisen

Walnut Creek Garden Club of Diablo Foothills District:

30 Years - Sarah Dunlop

Ferndale Garden Club of Humboldt District

75 Years - Club Anniversary

Flower Show Awards, Susan Coolidge: This year seven Standard or Small Standard Flower Shows have been registered and held; five have asked to be evaluated. This number is much lower than previous years, although the majority of clubs having shows in 2013 also held them in 2012 and annually in the past. Flower Show Judges are encouraged to promote flower shows in their regions. This Chairman is grateful to have met so many dedicated people during her tenure; pairing names with faces at CGCI meetings has been a real plus.

Gardening Consultants Council, Myrtle Findley: The Gardening Consultants Council Chairman reported the council has dissolved, and will become a part of the new combined councils following Convention 2013.

Gardening Study Schools, Greg Pokorski: Series 22, Encino, concluded in March with 34 new Gardening Consultants. Southern California GC realized net revenue of more than \$5,000. Series 23, Eureka, will conclude next month. Series 24 begins next month in Nevada City and will conclude in October. We have seven Gardening Consultants who will lapse at the end of the year if they do not refresh by then. There are GSS articles in every issue of *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch* – some are used in *Consultants eNews*. GSS Curriculum will be reviewed in this 2013-2015 term – please advise if you have suggestions for changes.

Home Grown, Myrtle Findley: Home Grown chairman gave a visual report on the screen showing the 'cook off' in February: The cooks, the food stations, cooking and preparing each recipe, the final dishes, all in full color. Recipes have been and will be included in the *eNews*.

This chairman encourages more gardeners to enter their locally grown produce in some sort of dish to be relished at mealtime! Awards Await at CGCI.

Landscape Design Council, Patricia Clayes: At our council meeting on June 6, 2013, the members of the California Landscape Design Council dissolved the council as a separate entity, effective June 7, 2013, and will consolidate, effective June 7, 2013, with the Gardening Consultants Council (that includes Environmental Consultants) to form the California Consultants Council of CGCI, and that all of the assets and liabilities of the California Landscape Design Council will be transferred to the new California Consultants Council of CGCI as of June 7, 2013.

Landscape Design Schools, Alexis Slafer: This Chair is pleased to report that the 26th Landscape Design School is being planned. The Luther Burbank District will sponsor this school, beginning in October 2014.

There are almost 20 consultants whose credentials will lapse at the end of 2013. Although there is not a current opportunity to attend a school or refresh during this upcoming year, this Chair is available and eager to assist clubs and district members with sponsoring a new school in 2013. There is plenty of time.

Member Award of Distinction, Lynne Hansen: I have issued four Member Award of Distinction certificates.

Ms. Sandy Duncan- Chula Vista Garden Club of Palomar District

Cecile Campbell- Desert Rose Garden Club of Desert Empire District

Raymond Coty- Los Angeles Garden Club of Greater Los Angeles District

Josie Goodenow- Golden Foothills District

Natural Resources, Dwight Holford: "California's current water supply is clearly vulnerable to many threats, and the cost of its failure would be enormous" said California Natural resources Secretary John Laird. "As public officials, we are duty bound to address these threats. The BDCP (Bay Delta Conservation Plan) provides the most comprehensive, well-conceived approach to ensure a reliable water supply to 25 million people and restoring the Delta ecosystem." The plan also affects 3 million acres of farmland.

All the information about the BDCP is available on the California Natural Resources Agency website. There is enough data about the project to keep one reading for hours. As a group we are also interested in what happens with the environment. Laird also said "Meanwhile we urge Californians to get acquainted with the details of the draft plan and to bear in mind the high costs – from species extinction to water supply disruption of the Delta – of doing nothing. The report says that over 50 years the costs are expected to be \$24.5 billion. The BDCP is a beneficiary pays project. Water users are expected to pay 68% of the total price for design, construction, operation, mitigation, and adaptive management of a new water conveyance system. The remainder \$7.9 billion for habitat restoration, pollution control, anti-poaching programs, and other measures to reduce ecological stress, could be funded through a variety of sources, including state and federal participation. An exact plan is still pending. The plan assumes that California taxpayers would fund the state's share of the non-conveyance costs primarily through passage of two general obligation bonds in future years. This information was extracted from the California Natural Resources Agency website.

Penny Pines, Pat York: Hi fellow board members – as you can see by the listings in *Golden Gardens*, the Penny Pines program has become a very popular one with our clubs and their members and they especially like seeing their names listed in our *Golden Gardens* and please do not mix up "In Memory" and "In Honor"! I really just have one very special request of our District Directors. At our state meetings I give out the simple procedure for submitting the names to me for listing in *Golden Gardens eNews* – PLEASE, forward that information to clubs – since I get numerous emails and mail that should go to some other person re this program, it tells me that the information is not getting to the clubs. It's really a simple process – Collect the monies at your club meetings, select where you want your plantation to be & for whom, and if it is either "In Honor" or "In Memory" or if you do not want one of these, just from your club is fine. Having been a District Director myself at one time with a very good friend, previous director herself, helping me, I do know what our directors should do. Saves me a lot of emails, telephone calls and letters. Since the fires in our forests have already begun again this year, we really do need to continue to support this special program.

Scholarships, Albert Chang: My co-chairman, Evelyn Broaddus, and I have completed our scholarship survey, and we have reported the results to National Garden Clubs. We are justifiably proud that CGCI clubs have provided over \$175,000 for scholarships for this year. Many club presidents and club officers have talked with us during the past year; **thank you** for providing us with your club's scholarship information.

Here's what we would like district directors and club presidents to do in the upcoming year.

For clubs, currently offering scholarships, please inform us of any changes in your program. Many clubs, including three of my own: Sherman Oaks GC; the West Valley GC; and Southern California GC have increased the number of scholarships and/or the scholarship amounts after successful fundraisers.

For clubs who are currently not offering scholarships, we would like to encourage them to take another look – a relatively small amount of money will encourage our finest students toward achieving their educational goals and help them lead us to a more sustainable future. Consider how important our parent organization, National Garden Clubs, regards scholarship. It is the largest single expenditure made every year. If you do not want to offer a scholarship, consider a donation to the CGCI Scholarship Endowment. Julie, here is my check for \$500.00 to fulfill the pledge of \$1000 I made last year to the Endowment.

I would like to thank President Julie West and all of you for allowing me to serve. I see many friends I have made during my chairmanship. It will be an honor to serve as Scholarship chairman for the upcoming term. It has been a pleasure to work with my co-chairman, Evelyn Broaddus, for the past two years. She is retiring as co-chairman for scholarship after this meeting. Please give a hand for her service to California Garden Clubs, Inc. Thank you.

Shrubs/Trees, Linda Smith: Today I want to share with you a fruit tree that is proving to be quite successful at my home orchard in the central valley. It has been on the market approximately 5-6 years. It is called an APRIMUM. It is a cross between an apricot and a plum. The fruit is much larger than the normal sized apricot and is so sweet and juicy. It's delicious eaten freshly picked, made into wonderful jam, or frozen to make into cobblers during the winter months. When kept pruned low, there's no need to pull out the ladder - just a reach away for sweetness.

Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Denise Davis: There were over 785 entries in grades 1-5 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 where 4 of our 5 entries won. Those posters were sent on to the National Garden Club. Nationwide there were 24,324 entries. Three of the entries from California won, including Crystal Baik (grade 4) of Porter Valley School who was the National Grand Prize winner.

This year 10 of the 20 poster winners attended the Youth Recognition Luncheon along with their families.

CGCI 82nd Convention – Attachment F

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

**California Garden Clubs, Inc. 2013 Convention
Crown Plaza Hotel, San Diego, California**

WHERE AS,

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 82nd Annual Convention “Fun in the Sun in San Diego...explore the possibilities” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego, California, June 3-7, 2013 have benefited from information learned at this convention and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHERE AS,

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 Al Bahr Shrine Legion of Honor for opening this meeting with dignity: and to all the special donors to this meeting along with the floral designers, and

RESOLVED,

That sincere appreciation be extended to our special guest Former Pacific Region Director, Debbie Hinchey from Anchorage, Alaska for her presence with us this entire convention, and

RESOLVED,

That sincere thanks be given to the Convention Chairman Jane McKee and her convention committee and the Palomar District Director, George Speer and the 24 garden clubs and two affiliates within the District---and all those who planned and participated in the success of the meeting and assured its success by their many courtesies extended, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be given to our workshop leaders, Robin Pokorski, George Speer, Krystal Migliore, Robin Rivet, Meredith French; and to our program speakers Gabe Selak, Birdie L. Fountain, Rene van Rems and Nancy Conney. and

RESOLVED,

That thanks be extended to those involved with the tour to Balboa Park held on Tuesday; and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation also be extended to the Southwestern Judges Council for hosting the Judges Council Banquet and the design program; and to Bob Gordon for installing the officers of the 2013-2015 Administration; along with the entire staff of the Crowne Plaza 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, Palomar District Director George Speer, Convention Chairman Jane McKee, Secretary Margaret Strachan and the staff of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

(Adopted June 6, 2013)

Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman