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Landscape Design Consultants**

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### **Welcome to the CGCI Consultants eNewsletter**

The three groups of NGC consultants (Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design) in California are pleased to bring this first issue of our joint eNewsletter to you - all who have subscribed to receive it. All consultants, garden club members and the public are welcome to subscribe. See bottom of eNewsletter for links to manage your subscription (unsubscribe) and to forward the eNewsletter. Please do not forward using your server as eNewsletter could be construed and reported as spam. Click here to subscribe.

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# Councils' Meeting Schedules for CGCI Fall Board, Stockton, CA

Sunday, September 18, 2011  
Stockton Hilton  
2323 Grand Canal Boulevard, Stockton

9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Gardening & Landscape Design Consultants Councils Meetings with program, Yosemite Room. All consultants, garden club members and the public are welcome to attend.

Breakdown:

- 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. - Landscape Design Council Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Gardening Consultants Council Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. - Presentation of Awards from the Gardening Consultants and Landscape Design Councils. Recipients will speak/present short programs about their projects.

Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Private Garden Award - Lee Miller, LD Consultant
- Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture - Jeffrey F. Gamboni, Landscape Architect, for Victory Park Rose Garden
- Landscape Design Commendation - Stockton Beautiful for Victory Park Rose Garden
- Landscape Design Commendation - Harry Dedini, Master LD Consultant, for Victory Park Rose Garden

And, during the meetings, consultants will discuss a possible logo for our CGCI Consultants eNewsletter. The Editor found the logo to the right on iStockphoto.com. Note that it is a "comp" and has lines through it which will not happen if she buys it from iStockphoto.com. It will cost approximately \$15 to purchase. Please give her your thoughts about this proposed logo. [Click here](#) to contact her about this. If you can make other suggestions, it would be greatly appreciated.



## News from NGC & Pacific Region

### *The Creative Garden*

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about new garden ideas to put the "WOW" factor in your garden! Many times, a lovely garden is "all in the presentation."

*The Creative Garden - Setting the Stage with Practical & Clever Ideas*, the National Capitol Area Landscape Design Council's Award-Winning new fundraiser has many great

ideas which will work in every state across the country. Published just seven months ago, the books are flying off of the shelves. [Click here](#) to read more about the book and for the order form.

## Container Clues

By Sally Thompson, [Pacific Region](#) Container Gardening Chairman. Reprinted with permission from *WACONIAH*.



A few guiding clues for containers.

- Mix container shapes, textures and heights.
- Use pots of similar colors for larger impact.
- Place a tall spiky plant off center of container. Layer smaller plants around it.
- Keep a full watering can handy by keeping it close to the door you use every day. It's a quick pick-me-up for a droopy and thirsty plant.
- While waiting for new plants to settle in, add fast growing seeds or annuals. They tend to fill in the edges and spill over the sides.
- Containers are great to try out an unusual color combination you may be considering for a large new flower bed.
- A large container at the end of a pathway shows the visitor where to proceed. An eye-popping color, even without plantings, will help too.
- At our recent state [Oregon] convention, table centerpieces were made in secondhand teapots with the lids propped on them. These were planted, not cut flowers.
- Express your personality with your container choice, whether it's humorous, edible, simple or many layered.
- Most of all, have fun.

To subscribe to *WACONIAH*, the newsletter of the [Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#), [click here](#).

## News from Environmental Consultants

CGCI Environmental Studies School Chairman: [Shane Looper](#)

### Invitation to all Environmental Consultants

All NGC Environmental Consultants are welcome to attend the Landscape Design Council & Gardening Consultants Council Meetings on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the Stockton Hilton scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.



### Attracting Beneficial Insects to Your Garden

Reprinted with permission from June 2011 Newsletter of the Civic Garden Club of San Carlos

In the past few years, beneficial insects have gained popularity as we strive to stop using pesticides in our gardens. Many adult predaceous insects feed on pollen and nectar to supplement or replace their insect diet. It is, in fact, the larvae of these insects that eat the majority of the plant pests. Therefore, it is in our best interest as gardeners to provide a stable habitat (such as a perennial border) for our predatory friends to live, feed and lay their

eggs. (This means you should try to avoid excess mowing and tilling of your "bug bank").

The following plants will attract beneficial insects (and pollinators): Cosmos, Alyssum, Yarrow, Coreopsis, Borage, Scabiosa, Calendula, Clover, Caryopteris (Blue Bearded), Wallflower, Evening Primrose, Sedum, Lobelia, Santa Barbara Daisy, Agrostemma (Corm Cockle), Cone Flowers, Queen Anne's Lace, Limonium (Sea Lavender), Sunflowers, Buckwheat, Penstemon, Baby's Breath, Veronica, Columbine, Marigold, Monarda (Bea Balm), Ajuga (Carpet Bugle), Lavender, Zinnia. Virtually all herbs (especially when in flower): Fennel, Caraway, Tansy, Cilantro, Feverfew, Valerian, Dill, Parsley, Rue, Sage, Chamomile, Thyme, Chervil, Lemon Balm, Oregano, Mint (this is invasive), Chives, Rosemary, Sweet Marjoram, Parsley, Catnip. Vegetables when flowering: Broccoilli, Onions, Leeks, Lettuce, Carrot, Kale, Cabbage, Artichoke and Jerusalem Artichoke.

Create an even more beautiful, fragrant garden by planting some of these plants in and around your roses to encourage our beneficial insect friends to come dine and live in your haven. Birds will also be attracted and eat the caterpillars and grubs.



## U.S. Post Office Supports Green Movement

[Click here](#) to read all about it and the new postage stamps which the Post Office is now selling.

Have you bought any of these stamps? If so, [tell us](#) about them.

### Did you Know?

Reprinted from August 2011 *WACONIAH*

Did you know that a leaky toilet may go unnoticed, as will the extra CASH absorbed by your water bill? To check for leaks, add enough food coloring to your toilet tank to really brighten the water. After 30 minutes, look to see if any of the dye has leaked into the bowl.



## News from Gardening Consultants

### Council Officers for 2011-2013 term

Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#)  
Vice Chairman: [Pat Clayes](#)  
Secretary: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#)  
Treasurer: [Sue Bennett](#)



[Click here](#) for the DRAFT Council Minutes from May 2011.

**Next Council Meeting: 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (with awards presentation**

**beginning at 10:30 a.m.) Stockton Hilton, Yosemite Room, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton, CA.**

Highlights: Outstanding Private Garden Award to be given to Lee Miller, Landscape Design Consultant and member of Linden Garden Club in Valley Lode District, for his outstanding garden in Stockton.

### **Award Winners from Convention**

- Gardening Consultant of the Year: **Myrtle Findley**, Golden Foothills District. See Myrtle's photo to the right.
- HT-1, Sec. A Horticulture Award: **Vista Garden Club**, Palomar District



### **Message from the CGCI Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, Myrtle Findley**

I recently received a lovely "thank you" note from Vista Garden Club which was the recipient of the Horticulture Award which CGCI gave at its convention in May. The note was from the President of Vista Garden Club, Carol Zukowski, and signed by the Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Jones. [Please note: This was the first time that Myrtle has ever received a "thank you" note from any award winner. Myrtle was thrilled.]

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As a reminder, the Gardening Consultants Council of CGCI meets at CGCI board meetings and conventions. Members of the Council (dues are only \$10 each term) are now kept up-to-date via the new Consultants eNewsletter, support the awards program (HT-1, etc.) and encourage refreshing of credentials to keep current on new and exciting gardening practices, techniques, etc., as well as support of the Gardening Studies Schools. Council meetings are publicized and open to all.

Gardening Consultants are urged to continue in study and to contribute their successes with local clubs and districts. For the consultants who like to take photographs and write, photographs and articles are needed for *Golden Gardens*, the CGCI eNewsletter, and now our CGCI Consultants eNewsletter which will be sent three times per year to anyone who subscribes.

We live in all parts of California, and we all garden differently; let's share some of our successes and how about some of our failures just for the fun of it! Share with the rest of us how YOUR GARDEN is growing and how your experience at school and the refreshers is helping educate garden club members and the public in your home town.

Have you downloaded the certificate which the Council has on the CGCI website? Personalized it? Then presented it to a business or home in your area? Tell us about it.

Our Council wants to recognize "Outstanding Private Gardens" in all parts of our state. When a CGCI board meeting or convention is held in your area, our consultants should be on the watch for one [or more] "Outstanding Private Garden." Find them . . . go online for the application . . . fill it out . . . take some photographs of the garden . . . then send the application to the Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, Myrtle Findley, a month or so

before the CGCI board meeting or convention. Let's hear from our consultants! You can contact Myrtle Findley by [clicking here](#) or telephone Myrtle at 530-346-2450.

## Excerpts from Greg Pokorski's report at Gardening Consultants Council Meeting, May 2011

- The Tri-Refresher which took place at the CGCI Convention was excellent. Fourteen refreshed in Gardening Study.
- A Bi-Refresher (Gardening Study and Landscape Design) will be held in Valley Center (sponsored by Dos Valles Garden Club of Palomar District) on October 28 & 29, 2011. This started as a Gardening Study refresher to prevent eight Gardening Consultants who completed the Garden Study Schools sponsored by Dos Valles Garden Club ten years ago from lapsing this year. It has expanded into a Bi-Refresher. ([Click here](#) for brochure.)
- Two Gardening Consultants have died recently: Helene Van Deloo (Palomar District) and Amy Inoue (Orange County District).
- Greg is continuing as NGC Gardening Study Schools Chairman and is the NGC Schools Coordinator.
- Greg has written many gardening studies articles for *The National Gardener* during the term, and he invites all consultants to submit articles or ideas for articles to him for publication in *The National Gardener*, *Golden Gardens*, the CGCI eNewsletter and the CGCI Consultants eNewsletter.

## News from Landscape Design Consultants

### Council Officers for 2011-2013 Term

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Secretary: [David West](#)  
Treasurer: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#)



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**Next Council Meeting: 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (with awards presentation beginning at 10:30 a.m. following Gardening Consultants Council Meeting), Stockton Hilton, Yosemite Room, 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton, CA.**

Highlights: Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture to be given to [Jeffrey F. Gamboni](#); Landscape Design Commendation to be given to [Stockton Beautiful](#); Landscape Design Commendation to be given to Harry Dedini, Master LD Consultant, for his work on the [Victory Park Rose Garden](#) in Stockton.

## Award Winners from Convention

- Landscape Design Consultant of the Year: **Mary Lou Goodwin**
- B-3 Civic Landscape Award - 1st Place - **Bernardino Gardeners**, Palomar District
- B-3 Civic Landscape Award - 2nd Place - **Chicago Park Garden Club**, Golden Foothills District

To the left: Mary Lou Goodwin receiving special recognition from the Landscape Design Council, May 2011, for her service as Landscape Design Council Chairman, 2007-2011.



## Excerpts from Alexis Slafer's Report from Convention, May 2011

- The Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, being held in Southern California, sponsored by the Costa Verde District, is taking place at the South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula. The full course will be completed within the year, with the final course scheduled for September 22 & 23, 2011.
- With our appreciation and thanks to the sponsor Colfax Garden Club and Co-Chairs Myrtle Findley and Bili Winter, the Series 25 Landscape Design School, will be held on the following dates:

Course 1 -- September 10 & 11, 2011; Course 2 – October 8 & 9, 2011;  
Course 3 – October 15 & 16, 2011; Course 4 – October 22 & 23, 2011

- These courses provide an opportunity to gain knowledge, promote awareness and understanding of the principles and theories of landscape design, site planning and landscaping; as well as good land use and development regulated by government agencies. This Chair is now working on developing another school in Northern California and hopes to hold a school in Southern California.

## New & Improved Forms for Council's Awards

By Pat Clayes, LDC Chairman

The Council has created new and improved forms for submission of the Landscape Design Commendation; the Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture; and Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement. All consultants are urged to recommend recipients for these awards to the Council for consideration.

- **Landscape Design Commendation** - Awarded to individuals and groups by the CGCI Landscape Design Council for good land use. The Commendation may be presented at any CGCI, club or district meeting (please allow at least one month for processing). A council member must recommend nominee, but others may propose candidates to council members.
- **Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture** - Awarded to landscape architects by the CGCI Landscape Design Council in recognition of excellence in land use on a commercial, public or residential project. Award may be given at any CGCI, club or district meeting (allow at least one month for processing). A council member must recommend nominee, but others may propose candidates to council members.
- **Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement** - May be given to an individual or group who is neither a LD Consultant or landscape architect but has demonstrated outstanding skill in managing land use or has enthusiastically supported the Landscape Design Program of CGCI/NGC. These Certificates may be given at the discretion of the LDC Chairman or upon the written recommendation of any Consultant.

[Click here](#) for more information and application forms.

## Landscape Design Council Receives Highest Award

Last term, the council issued 42 awards throughout the state. In fact, our council received first place for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Award #40 - Landscape Design Consultants. CGCI President Julie West happily accepted the silver engraved plate in recognition of our Council's great work. Thank you to all who submitted applications for awards. Let's keep up the good work.



## Landscape Design Consultants At Work

Landscape design consultants, Mary Lou Goodwin and Anne Van Zandt, recently conducted a tour of church gardens for a Eureka Sequoia Garden Club meeting. Five gardens were explored and enjoyed. They included a church set within a park-like garden reminiscent of 18th Century English landscape. The second church featured a picturesque landscape with classical design elements. A botanical garden with walled courtyards and a monochromatic rose garden was next. The final garden featured an area of California native plants and a wonderful purple and white friendship garden with a wide selection of plants from the members' homes. Arbors, benches and a fountain anchored the garden to the Modern Building. [Tell us](#) what you have been doing as a Landscape Design Consultant! We want to know.



## "Women in the Dirt"

"[Women in the Dirt](#)" is about the groundbreaking work of seven landscape architects. Their projects combine awareness of architectural and landscape principles, concern with sustainability, safety and beauty. The scope of their work ranges from private homes to vast public projects. Through conversations with the landscape architects in their offices, or in the stunning spaces they have designed, the film explores each woman's personal aesthetics and approach to their discipline. "Women in the Dirt" shows how these "masters of the obvious" create the sublime. [Click here](#) to read a review about "Women in the Dirt." Upcoming screenings in California are scheduled for:

- **Sept. 15, 2011**, Los Angeles: University of Southern California School of Architecture/Architectural Guild and Southern California Chapter of ASLA join forces to screen the film. Director Carolann Stoney will be present for Q&A, together with landscape architects Isabelle Greene and Mia Lehrer, who are featured in the film. Visit the [USC website](#) for details or to purchase tickets.
- **Oct. 29, 2011**, San Diego: 6:30 pm at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Present for Q&A: director Carolann Stoney, Isabelle Greene, Mia Lehrer, Katie Sptiz. The evening begins with a reception in the museum atrium. Contact Angela Alston (see below) if you are interested in partnering on this screening, too.

To Host a Screening: You can host your own screening of "Women in the Dirt," either for your organization or school or for the general public. There is a license fee: \$199 if no admission is charged (you could ask for donations) / \$299 or 35% of net, whichever is greater, if you charge admission. The organization provides: 100 postcards and 4 posters to help get the word out and it supports your public screening with social media. To schedule a screening or for more information, email [Angela Alston](#) or call 718-407-0670.





## Back to School - Schools & Refreshers

### Bi-Refresher

**October 28-29, 2011** - Valley Center Bi-Refresher for Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants, Sponsor: Dos Valles Garden Club, Palomar District. Refresh this fall for a fabulous spring. All are welcome: Refreshing consultants, garden club members & the public. Highlights: Speakers on vertical wall gardens, irrigation, pests, succulents, light design and accessories and updates on the Japanese Gardens in Balboa Park by Keiji Uesugi (LA and professor at CalPoly). Lunch & refreshments are included in the registration fee. Contact [Barbara Watzke](mailto:Barbara.Watzke@dosvalles.com) (760-746-4047) for more information. [Click here](#) for brochure.

### Courses in California

You can also check the [NGC website](#) for courses in other states.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOOL

**November 7-8, 2011** - Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo Garden Center, San Mateo. Chairman: [Shane Looper](#). [Click here](#) for brochure. Instructors: Lisa Michl of San Francisco and Price Sheppy of San Francisco.

#### GARDENING STUDY SCHOOLS

**September 27-28, 2011** - Course IV, Golden Foothills District. [Sue Bennett](#), Chairman. Location: Bell Road Baptist Church, 707 Bell Road, Auburn, CA. More information to follow.

#### LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY SCHOOL

**September 10-11, 2011** - Course I, Series 25, Colfax Garden Club. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). [Click here](#) for Course 1 brochure.

**September 22-23, 2011** - Course IV, Series 24, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Gardens, Palos Verdes Peninsula (only 10 miles south of LAX). Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for brochure.

**October 8-9, 2011** - Course II, Series 25, Colfax Garden Club. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.

**October 15-16, 2011** - Course III, Series 25, Colfax Garden Club. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.

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# Events of Interest to Consultants Around California & Beyond

## 2011

September 9-11 - California Garden & Landscape History Society will celebrate the beauty and diversity of California's gardens and cultural landscapes. [Click here](#) for more information.

September 10-11 - Fullerton Arboretum's "Salvia Spectacular" Plant Sale. [Click here](#) to send an email message.

September 12 - Tom Spellman will speak on "Backyard Orchard Culture" at the San Diego Horticultural Society. [Click here](#) for more information.

September 13-15 - The National Heirloom Exposition - The World's Pure Food Fair--Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa. Heirloom vegetables from all 50 states! Largest heritage produce exhibit ever! [Click here](#) for more information.

September 17-18 - Growing Natives Symposium, Lafayette & Berkeley. Co-sponsored by California Native Plant Society, Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden & Pacific Horticulture Society. [Click here](#) for more information.

September 23-October 10 - Pacific Horticulture Tour, "Chile: From Desert to Forest" escorted by Kathy Musial, Curator of Living Collections, Huntington Botanical Gardens. [Click here](#) for more information.

October 8-9 - Fullerton Arboretum's California and Native Plant Sale, "Potting Shed" at 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. [Click here](#) for flyer.

October 14-15 - Theodore Payne Foundation's Fall Festival & Plant Sale. [Click here](#) for more information.

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