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Joint Council Meeting

The Gardening Consultants Council (which includes Environmental Consultants) & Landscape Design Council will meet at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting on **Sunday, September 9, 2012, 9:00 am until 11:30 am in the Inspire 2 Room, San Mateo Marriott, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402.** Both councils will be discussing draft bylaws for the California Consultants Council -- be sure to be there to give the California Consultants Council Bylaws Committee ([Greg Pokorski](#) (for Gardening Consultants), [Shane Looper](#) (for Environmental Consultants) & [Dave West](#) (for Landscape Design Consultants)) your input.

Workshops at CGCI Fall Board Meeting in San Mateo which may be of interest to all consultants:

Friday, September 7

- 9:00 am to 10:00 am - NGC Schools Panel with **Greg Pokorski** (Gardening Study Schools), **Shane Looper** (Environmental Studies Schools), **Dolores Moffat** (Flower Show Schools) and **Alexis Slafer** (Landscape Design Schools) - Questions and Answers About Hosting an NGC School.
- 10:30 am to 11:30 am - **Nicholas Straddon**, Director of New Plants from **Monrovia** presents "Not Just For Show" - an introduction to some of the best new plants including how they are used in the garden, in the ground, and, in many cases, in containers.
- 10:30 am to 11:30 am - "Looking at the Future of Conservation in California: Exploring the Changes, Challenges and Opportunities of Conserving California's Ecosystems" with **Price Sheppy** of the **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**.

Speakers at CGCI Fall Board Meeting in San Mateo which may be of interest to all consultants:

Friday, September 7

- Dinner & Program - **Nicholas Straddon**, Director of New Plants from **Monrovia** - "Sustainable Trends in the Nursery Industry, from a Global Perspective . . . and a Few Smokin' New Plants."

Saturday, September 8

- Lunch & Speaker: **Speaker from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy** - "Project Mission Blue."

[Click here](#) for more information about the CGCI Fall Board Meeting.



News from NGC Schools Coordinator

By [Greg Pokorski](#), ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator

In this current era of the Multiple Refresher (Bi- and Tri-Refreshers), those involved in sponsoring and holding refresher events are reminded that each of these three educational programs (Environmental Studies, Gardening Study and Landscape Design) also has provisions for single-subject refreshers. These existed even before the Multiple Refresher came along.

Single-subject refreshers should conform with the appropriate NGC School Handbook or Operations Guide and be coordinated with the Chairman or Accrediting Chairman for that school. Multiple Refreshers are approved and processed a little differently - following Multiple Refresher Guidelines in coordination with the NGC Multiple Refresher Chairman. [Click here](#) to read more.



Pacific Region Convention

By [Greg Pokorski](#), ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator

I just returned from Alaska where I attended the annual Pacific Region Convention and enjoyed a pre-convention tour with garden club friends (at least 5 of the group were Landscape Design Consultants) that included a visit to Denali National Park. This signage in the Visitor Center made an impression:

Glaciers are Landscape Designers

Glaciers are sculpting the landscape today. Look for evidence of their work as you travel through the park.

[Photo from <http://www.nps.gov/dena/naturescience/glaciers.htm>.]

[Click here](#) to read more.



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. Environmental Consultants who are not members of the Gardening Consultants Council may pay \$5.00 to join the Gardening Consultants Council for the remainder of the



2011-2013 term. Next Meeting: Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 9:00 am until 11:30 am in the Inspire 2 Room, San Mateo Marriott, 1770 South Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402.

Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time

By Judy Newman, NGC Environmental Studies Schools Chairman
Reprinted from NGC's *Keeping in Touch* (August-October 2012)

The video, *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time*, was approved at the NGC Convention Meeting held May 17-20, 2012 in Buffalo NY as the option instead of a speaker, for the following Environmental Studies School topics: Course I "Earthwise Lifestyle"; Course III "Environmental Ethics"; or Course IV "Sustainability." The video is 72 minutes long. [Click here](#) to read more.

Special NGC Project - PROTECTING AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS

[Click here](#) for more information on this Special NGC Project. Questions, contact Marilyn Oberti, CGCI NGC Liaison/President's Projects.



News from Gardening Consultants

Council Officers for 2011-2013 term

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/ Secretary: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#) / Treasurer: [Sue Bennett](#)

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[view the draft minutes from our last meeting.](#)

Message from the Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, [Myrtle Findley](#)

Send this Chairman information on how you are using your new gardening skills, whether in your own garden, your community or with someone else. Maybe you have written an article for a local paper or magazine? Maybe given a program?

Have you downloaded the simple certificate posted on our website ([click here](#)) which can be personalized in order for clubs and districts to present to their own local special gardens and businesses? Reward those who keep their businesses and homes beautiful with gardens!

How is your garden growing in 2012? Mixed reports are coming to this chairman. Some plants grow; others are standing still, etc. In my garden I have bean plants over 7 feet tall on the trellis with no blossoms; also two okra plants are growing side by side -- one growing to over 2 feet, the other at about six inches. Share your story with the rest of us. How is your vegetable garden growing?

Receive a financial award for the time you spend in your garden. Entering is easier than ever. All you need download is an application form and an evaluation sheet. Consider the horticulture awards:



- HT-1 - having programs on horticulture
- HT-2 - a memorial planting garden
- HT-3 - creating a 'green' recipe from home grown ingredients
- HT-4 - vegetable or fruit garden w/photos and plot plan
- HT-5 - garden touring

Just be sure to read/study the evaluation sheet to know how your entry is going to be judged.

Awards at CGCI Convention in June

Winners from the CGCI Convention, June 2012:

- HT-1, Section A - Horticulture Award - **Eureka Sequoia Garden Club**, Humboldt District.
- Outstanding Private Garden: **Manuel Cruz** of Martinez - see photo to right of his garden.
- Gardening Consultant of the Year Award - no applications were submitted.



From Home Grown Chairman, [Myrtle Findley](#)

I just learned another reason for home growing: Genetic research has produced some interesting experiments in cross-breeding species. Today we have goats whose milk contains spider DNA. Coming soon to a fast-food service near you: synthetic hamburgers made from meat grown from stem cells in the laboratory. [Maastricht University, Netherlands reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.] **Make it Home Grown!**

Winners of the HT-3 Best "Green Recipe Award from the 2012 CGCI Convention:
 First Place - **Eva Smith** of Meadow Vista Garden Club, Golden Foothills District
 Second Place - **Barbara Weiler** of Vista Garden Club, Palomar District
 Third Place - **Carolyn Hoyum** of Anderson Valley Garden Club, Cascade District.

News From GSS Local Chairman in Encino, [Robin Pokorski](#)

Gardening Study School, Course I in Encino was a success! The organizers had hoped for 20 students to be able to break even and so we were overjoyed that 50 registered for the course. Forty-two of these tested and three refreshed. We are looking forward to a large crop of consultants at the end of Course IV. Students enjoyed good and plenteous food and an enticing plant sale.



We had three instructors who brought new and interesting information to all of us in Basic Botany, Houseplants, Evolution of Plants, Soils, and Plant Propagation. One student mentioned that she felt she learned more in the Basic Botany Course than in a semester in a junior college course. The Propagation Activity had everyone out on the patio diggin' in the dirt propagating starts of rosemary, roses and grapes. We hope everyone will bring in their specimens and we'll have a display of our handiwork at Course II, which will be held at the Sepulveda Garden Center on August 30-31. We're also going to enjoy an Ice Cream Social after our exams at Course II to celebrate. [Click here](#) to read more.

A Note to Gardening Consultants

By [Greg Pokorski](#), CGCI & NGC Gardening Study Schools Chairman

Gardening Consultants (including Master Consultants) are reminded that they must refresh by the end of the fifth calendar year of the date following the last course or refresher event taken for credit. For example, if you became a Gardening Consultant at any time in 2007 or last refreshed in Gardening Study at any time in 2007, you must refresh in Gardening Study by 12/31/2012 or your Gardening Consultant status will lapse (unless you request and receive an extension by that date). Eleven of our Gardening Consultants will lapse and lose their Consultant status if they do not refresh by the end of this year. Refresher credit may be obtained by attending in full (no need to take the exams) a Gardening Study Course or an approved Refresher Event (such as one of the eight Bi- or Tri-Refreshers that have been offered in the last six years). [Click here](#) to read more.

“Companion Gardening With Herbs”

from NGC's *Keeping in Touch* (August-October 2012) by **Virginia Grandpré**

Companion Gardening is the act of planting different plants close to each other so that their natural properties will allow you to use less fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides. Many plants act as deterrent or enhancement plants to their “companion” partners, thus reducing the need for more chemically based additives in your garden.

[Click here](#) to read more.



News from Landscape Design Consultants

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Message from the Landscape Design Council Chairman, [Pat Clayes](#)

What a great job our council did last term! I was so proud to have been given, on behalf of the Council, the NGC Award for Landscape Design Consultants at the CGCI Convention in June. Keep those council award recommendations coming to me, so we can present our wonderful awards throughout the state.



The council now has almost 90 paid Council members! To see the current list of council members, [click here](#). Almost all of these members receive the Consultants eNews via formatted email! The rest get it by the USPS.

Please send any articles, items of interest, etc. to me to

post in the *Consultants eNewsletter* and/or on the CGCI Facebook page. Also, the *Golden Gardens eNews* is in need of articles from you. I am in charge of these publications and the CGCI Facebook page, so please help me be a good chairman/editor/administrator and let's get all of our readers informed about landscape design, gardening and environmental matters.

Bylaw Amendment

Adoption at our June 6, 2012 LDC Meeting.

Article IV: Dues and Finances

Sec. 1. The fiscal year shall be from [June 1] July 1 to [May 31] June 30.

Rationale: Same as CGCI. / Items in brackets to be deleted / items underlined to be inserted.

Awards

The following awards were recently awarded from the Council:

Landscape Design Commendations

- **Annie Hall Bosché** of Orange County District in recognition of good land use at the Gardens at Crystal Cove State Park, Laguna Beach, CA.
- **Arboretum at the University of California, Davis** in recognition of good land use on the University's Campus in Davis, California.
- **Kathleen Socolofsky**, Arboretum Director at the University of California, Davis in recognition of good land use on the University's Campus in Davis, California.



*Photo above right is of President **Julie West** presenting LDC Awards at the Arboretum at the University of California, Davis.*

- The California Landscape Design Council received the following award from NGC at its May 2012 Convention: NGC Award #40 - Landscape Design Consultants. *Photo is of CGCI President **Julie West**, LDC Chairman **Pat Clayes**, NGC President **Shirley Nicolai** at CGCI Convention, June 2012. Pat is holding the silver plate and certificate awarded to the California LDC!*
- Landscape Design Consultant of the Year Award - **Myrtle Findley**. Congratulations, Myrtle!
- B-3 - Civic Landscape Award - 1st Place: **Naples Islands Garden Club**, Costa Verde District; 2nd Place: **Southern California Garden Club**, San Fernando Valley District



All LD consultants are urged to recommend recipients for the following awards to the Council for consideration. [Click here](#) for more information and application forms.

- **Landscape Design Commendation**
- **Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture**
- **Certificate of Appreciation, Recognition and/or Achievement**

News from LDS Chairman, Alexis Slafer

This Chairman is pleased to report that CGCI has over 125 Landscape Design Consultants (including Master and Provisional Consultants) – representing 20 Districts.

Your LDS Chairman is now working on developing other schools in both Northern and Southern California. I'd love to work with you so you could have a school right in your own backyard. Landscape Design courses provide an opportunity to gain knowledge, promote awareness & understanding of the principles & theories of landscape design, site planning and landscaping; as well as good land use & development regulated by government agencies. Let me know if your club or district would like to sponsor a future LDS school.



California LD Consultants at Work in California

By Mary Lou Goodwin, LDC Treasurer/Master LD Consultant



The **Eureka Sequoia Garden Club** has announced the winners in "The Dozen Jewels on 'H' Street contest." The unannounced event included judging the front yards of every landscaped property located on "H" street for a total of 39 blocks. **Anne Van Zandt** and **Mary Lou Goodwin**, NGC Landscape Design Consultants, were the judges, and several garden club members completed the project by talking to the property owners. A tri-fold display was exhibited at the **Humboldt County Fair**, and pictures of the landscape designs will be featured in the *Times Standard* Newspaper. The

winners will receive certificates at Eureka Sequoia Garden Club's meeting on September 21, 2012.

Message from NGC LDS Chairman, Jane Bersch

Reprinted from NGC's *Keeping in Touch* (August-October 2012)

The update of the Landscape Design Schools Operations Guide has been completed and, following review and approval by the Publications/ Brochures/ Manuals Review Committee, will be submitted for final approval by the NGC Executive Board at the Fall Board Meeting in Little Rock. Until the Operations Guide and its forms are approved, the forms currently on the [NGC website](#) are to be used. The LDS Committee is here to help you should there be any questions.



A Salute to Sagos!

by [Joyce Dean](#), Member of Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society



Photo: *Very Mature Cycas revoluta* or *Sago Palm* living in the century old Kimberly Crest Garden in Redlands
Here in Southern California, you can find those handsome evergreen plants with whorls of stiff fernlike leaflets accenting many homes and gardens. Commonly called "Sago Palms," these attractive plants are neither ferns nor palms. The *Cycas revoluta* or Sago Palm is a member of the Cycadaceae or Cycad family - that very old group of plants that are closer to conifers and Ginkgo trees than to palms. These primitive, cone-bearing plants trace their origins back at least 200 million years and may be older than the dinosaurs. [Click here](#) to read more.

Back to School

Upcoming Schools/Refreshers in California Environmental, Gardening & Landscape Design

Check CGCI [Calendar of Events](#) for links to brochures, flyers, registration forms, etc. For schools in other states, check the [NGC website](#).

Series 22 - Gardening Study School

Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Sponsor: Southern California Garden Club. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#). [Click here](#) for registration form for Course II.

- **August 30-31, 2012** - Course II
- **January 30-31, 2013** - Course III
- **March 28-29, 2013** - Course IV

Series 23 - Gardening Study School

UC Cooperative Extension Building, Eureka. Sponsor: Humboldt District. Chairman: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#). [Click here](#) for the registration form for Course I.

- **October 12-13, 2012** - Course I
- **January 4-5, 2013** - Course II
- **April 5-6, 2013** - Course III
- **July 12-13, 2013** - Course IV

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