



COUNCIL THYMES

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Chairman's Message

'Welcome' to the eight new CCC members who joined from Landscape Design School, Series 26 sponsored by the Luther Burbank District! The CCC now has 44 members and **the goal for 2015-2017 is to reach 50**. Any provisional or accredited consultant in any of the three disciplines may join and it's not too late! Click here for the 2015-2017 dues form on CGCI's website link: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/Forms/Dues/2015-2017DuesInvoiceforCCC.pdf>

Please support the *Council Thymes* with **YOUR articles of interest** related to Environmental, Gardening or Landscape Design subjects. The *Council Thymes* provides the opportunity to share knowledge and learn from each other. The May 2016 issue of the CCC eNewsletter was distributed to 820 subscribers nationwide! Don't be shy and send your articles between now and the December 1, 2016 deadline. Your input is valuable and appreciated!

CCC member, Maria Krenek, will be presenting *Color your Garden Beautiful with Heathers* following the CCC business meeting at 7:45 p.m. While the CCC business meeting at 7:00 p.m. is closed to CCC members only, Maria's program is open to all CGCI attendees. Maria is the owner of Glenmar Heather Nursery and was recognized as CGCI 2015 Gardening Consultant of the Year. In addition, Maria recently completed Series 26 of Landscape Design School to become an accredited Landscape Design Consultant. It promises to be a fabulous evening so please join us in Loleta!

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This is YOUR newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles of interest to the editor on any subject of horticulture, landscape design or environmental topics. Send articles to Julie West, CCC Chairman by **December 1, 2016**.

Next Meeting



The next CCC meeting will be held at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, at Bear River Casino in Loleta at 7:00 p.m. Your input is invaluable to the success of the CCC. We hope to see you there! Only members of the CCC are welcome at our business meeting. All CGCI members are welcome to attend the program given by Maria Krenek following our business meeting at 7:45 – 8:30 p.m.

CCC Meeting Report

At the May 18 meeting at the CGCI convention in Irvine, the council budget for 2016-2017 was adopted. A Nominating Committee was elected. Members are Shane Looper, Josie Goodenow and Dave West. They are tasked with finding candidates for the positions of vice chairmen, secretary and treasurer to stand for election at the 2017 convention meeting and serve for the 2017-2019 term.

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How Did You Celebrate?

By Josephine Goodenow, Gardening Consultants Vice-Chairman

"National Pollinator Week, June 20 – 26, was a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what you can do to protect them," say officials at the National Pollinator Partnership, which originated the idea of National Pollinator Week and now manages the observance. "During National Pollinator Week, we highlight and share the importance of pollinators including bees, birds, butterflies and bats."

The U.S. Senate unanimously approved the designated week nine years ago but we should share the importance of pollinators every day! As gardeners we depend on all of our pollinators for fresh vegetables and fruits in our gardens. My yard is currently full of native and honey bees as well as butterflies. They all seem to know I have a yard with many flowers and my yard is pollinator friendly! Each year the number of bees and butterflies seem to increase. I think the word has spread!

I've noticed that my hummingbird feeder has been used only by a few females and their offspring this year. I don't know what has happened to the aggressive males who have typically ruled the roost around my yard but it's nice to see the moms and children being able to enjoy a sip in peace. I have also seen these birds feeding on my flowers and since I do not have a cat in the yard, they can work around the bees and other traffic to get their fill. When I had a cat, she would catch the hummingbirds when they came to the nasturtiums hanging over the retaining wall. As it was so very upsetting to me, I will never have another cat in my yard! It took a couple of years after she had left for the hummingbirds to come back to my yard in any numbers. Hopefully they are back for good!

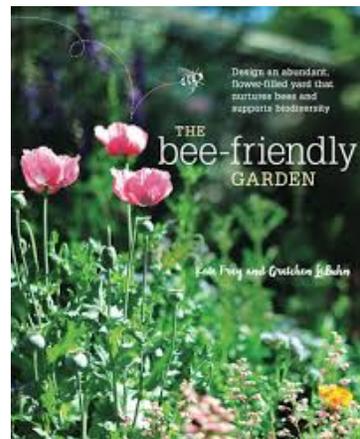
I can't say that I have pollinator bats but I do have the type that eats mosquitoes! The bats like to hang out on my porch overhang during the day and start their eating frenzy right after the sun sets. I've had them accidentally come in my home when I open the door to come in. They always follow the stairway upstairs and then hang on a ceiling light to get their bearings. I open an upstairs window and remove the screen. The following morning, the bats have found their own way out!

As we go about planning our next year's gardens and taking care of our current ones, we should all remember to think of our pollinators' needs. Make your yard as pollinator friendly as possible and you will be rewarded with many pollinator visitors each year.

Check out the many logged-in activities on the Pollinator Partnership website. Join the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. I did. It's easy and NGC is a partner!

Good Reads for Environmental Consultants

By Dave West, Environmental Consultants Vice-Chairman



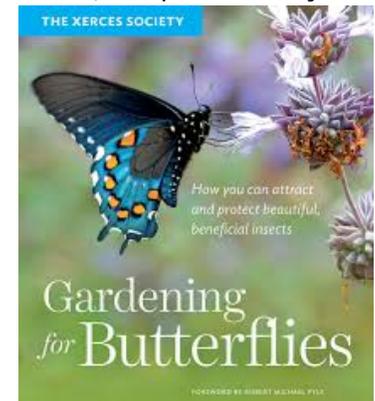
Two new books have recently been published that you might find interesting and informative.

The Bee-Friendly Garden by award-winning garden designer Kate Frey and bee expert Gretchen LaBuhn provides everything you need to know to create a stunningly

colorful, vibrant, safe, healthy garden that helps both the threatened honeybee and native bees. No matter how small or large your space, and regardless of whether you live in the city, suburbs, or country, just a few simple changes to our garden can fight the effects of colony collapse disorder and the worldwide decline in bee population that threatens the global food chain. This book provides lots of information on making your garden a haven for pollinators!

Gardening for Butterflies (how to attract and protect beautiful, beneficial insects) is published by the

Xerces Society. As a teenager, I remember driving around the State of California and even after a short drive, the grill and windshield were splattered with bugs. Now taking the same drive, my windshield has only a few bugs.



Animals including insects are disappearing. Every one of us who gardens has the potential to help save the earth's butterflies. You don't need a large space. A small yard with just a few native plants can attract and sustain dozens of butterfly species. And beyond aiding butterflies, your yard can become a wildlife refuge for all creatures that pollinate crops and wildflowers in your area. Your efforts will support countless other creatures as well from lady beetles to songbirds. The gardening concepts in this book can help you learn proven strategies to welcome these visitors as well as protect our environment.

"A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows."

- Doug Larson

By Greg Pokorski, GSS Chairman



Annual updates to the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* have just been completed. Look for updated information about Environmental, Gardening and

Landscape Design Consultants when the 2016-2017 yearbooks are distributed at the Fall Board Meeting in Loleta. Provisional Consultants, Consultants and Master Consultants are listed by district for each school. The dates shown next to the Consultants' names indicate the date by which Provisional Consultants must complete all four courses in that school (you have until the end of the seventh calendar year after beginning a school), or the date by which Consultants and Master Consultants must refresh their credentials so their consultant status does not lapse (you have until the end of the fifth calendar year after becoming a Consultant or after your last refresher). Those on approved extensions are also shown. Emeritus Consultants are listed separately for each school.

Consultants are encouraged to use the knowledge gained from these schools by participating in the CCC, by supporting schools and refreshers and by using your knowledge to benefit your clubs and districts. Clubs and districts are encouraged to recognize and acknowledge the Consultants within their clubs and districts for their achievement and to utilize their knowledge by involving them in local activities.

Long Beach Garden Club is exploring the possibility of sponsoring a Tri-Refresher in early November (possibly November 4 & 5). Hold the dates and watch the CGCI website for updates. If this event comes to fruition, your schools chairmen, Shane Looper, Alexis Slafer and I, will be reaching out to some of you with information, especially those who need to refresh this year.

***Bi-Refresher Cancelled –
Heathers in the Redwoods***



We are sorry to announce that the NGC-approved Bi-Refresher for Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants announced in the last issue has been cancelled. The Bi-Refresher previously scheduled for August

11 & 12 was to be part of the Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire 2016 Conference in Eureka that had to be cancelled for insufficient registration.

By Alexis Slafer, CGCI Landscape Design Schools Chairman



A newly published book (April 1, 2016, by University of Georgia Press) should be of interest to the members of the CCC. The title is *Ruth Shellhorn* and is authored by landscape architect Kelly Comras (a former Landscape Design School instructor). In a career spanning nearly sixty years Ruth Shellhorn (1909-2006) helped shape Southern California's iconic modernist aesthetic. She created close to four hundred landscape designs -- collaborated with some of the region's most celebrated architects, and left her mark on a wide array of places, including college campuses and Disneyland's Main Street.



The author tells the story of Shellhorn's life and career before focusing on twelve projects that explore her approach to design and aesthetic philosophy. The book's project studies include designs for

Bullock's department stores and Fashion Square shopping centers; school campuses, including a multi-year master plan for the University of California at Riverside; a major Los Angeles County coastal planning project; the western headquarters for Prudential Insurance; residential estates and gardens; and her collaboration on the original plan for Disneyland.

Shellhorn set a standard of creativity, productivity, and respect for the native landscape that defused gender stereotypes—and earned her the admiration of landscape designers then and now.

Available in paperback -- \$26.95 (USD)

ISBN: 9780820349633

Masters of Modern Landscape Design, published in association with the Library of American Landscape History

Excerpts taken from the Net Gallery website.

Landscape Design Certificate of Recognition & Achievement

An application for the above CCC award was received honoring the hotel landscaping staff of Bear River Casino in Loretta demonstrating outstanding skill in managing land use and approved by three Landscape Design Consultants to be presented at CGCI's fall board meeting. The Bear River Casino-Hotel site encompasses 15 acres on top of a windy hill close to the Pacific Ocean. Plants selected include evergreen shrubs, heathers, azaleas, New Zealand flax, perennials and many species of ornamental grasses creating a natural color palette. They are tolerant of the coastal winds, locally hardy and require minimal water usage with use of rock as mulch and décor. Omission of annuals and lawns from the landscape allows for reduced maintenance and water usage.

The focal feature of the landscape is a pond and fountain with metal sculptures of a bear with her cubs catching salmon amidst water lilies with eagle hunting at the lower end. An excellent use of rocks and plantings of reeds, grasses, grevillea and specialty plants complete the natural scene depicting three local rivers flowing toward the ocean. Landscaping was done with water conservation and minimal upkeep in mind using evergreen perennials and hardscape. The landscaping is maintained by facilities manager Paul Wheeler; facilities engineer Steve Dibble and a crew of two.



Photo above depicts star of landscape with metal sculptures of bear with cubs catching salmon.

This newest feature was designed by Keith Hamm, Living Earth Landscapes, Arcata, CA in 2014 and is located at the entrance of new casino addition.



Above left photo shows fountain with three "rivers" flowing toward ocean.



Above right photo includes sculpture of eagle hunting at lower end of pond amidst water lilies.

Gardening Study School

By Greg Pokorski, CGCI Gardening Study Schools Chairman



Hoberley and Robert Schuler have taken Emeritus status. Congratulations to Stephanie Curin in Golden Foothills District who has become a Gardening Consultant after completion of Course II in Colfax in March.

With eleven new Provisional Consultants, thanks to Series 25 in Colfax, our numbers are up slightly since last year. The current count is 134 Gardening Consultants (74 Consultants, 14 Masters, 37 Provisionals and 9 Emeriti), but only 29 of us are CCC members. We can do better than that!

The following **eleven Consultants must refresh or request and receive extensions by December 31** or they will lapse: Nancy Abernethy, Dana Behymer, Mary Francis, Tammy Granados, Teresa Kilroy, Darcey Lober, George Speer, Mary Ann Swanson, Sharon Swildens, Barbara Watzke and Gret Bili Winter. You can still refresh at Course IV in Colfax in September or in Long Beach if a Tri-Refresher materializes in November.

Course III, sponsored by Colfax Garden Club in Golden Foothills District took place in May with 11 attending and 6 testing. This School will conclude with **Course IV on September 17 & 18**. Come learn about plant classification and nomenclature, outdoor identification of plants, specialized styles of gardening, techniques for growing woody ornamentals, pruning techniques and the special supplemental subject is Orchids 101. **Register as soon as possible (and before September 11) to attend Course IV at the Shady Glen Recreation Hall in Colfax.** The registration form is posted on the CGCI website under the CGCI NGC Schools Calendar – <http://californiagardenclubs.com/sites/default/files/NGCSchools/GSSSchool%20%20BrochureSept2016.pdf>. Contact Chairman Myrtle Findley for more information (530-346-2450 – mbfrwf@aol.com). You do not need to take courses in order. You can make this your first course. Let's make this final course a big success!

As this series nears completion, it is time to plan a Gardening Study School (or refresher) in your area. Your district or club can sponsor these events utilizing local instructors and providing an opportunity to attract new members. Each School contains four two-day courses. Each course includes five required subjects and one supplemental subject for a total of ten hours of instruction that cover gardening from soils to harvest (fruits, vegetables, flowers). Contact this chairman for details – GregPokorski@earthlink.net, 818-361-7873.

Congratulations and Welcome

Alexis Slafer, Landscape Design Schools Chairman



Our most recent Landscape Design School was completed on April 29, 2016. This fourth course -- with an attendance of 27 -- was held in Santa Rosa. There were five Landscape

Design Consultants and one Master Consultant who refreshed their credentials. **We congratulate California Consultants Council (CCC) members Dave West and Josie Goodenow** whose status has now changed to Master level with this, their fourth refresher.

There are 39 Landscape Design members in the CCC. **We welcome the 11 new Landscape Design Consultants** who completed all 4 courses of the Landscape Design School. We encourage you to become active members of the CCC and to think about the opportunities that are available as a Landscape Design Consultant. One opportunity that should not be missed is to become involved as the local chairman of a Landscape Design School!

We saw 10 Landscape Design Consultant credentials lapse last year and have 29 California Landscape Design Consultants whose credentials will lapse at the end of 2016... Just think of how rewarding it would be to sponsor a Landscape Design School or Refresher...and you, our Landscape Design Consultant members of the CCC are the best ones to help host the school.

School Daze

Gardening Study School

Course IV, September 17-18, Colfax

Contact: Myrtle Findley, Chairman

530-346-2450 or MBFRWF@aol.com

Registration flyer is available on the CGCI website

