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It's Flower Show, Garden Tour & Plant Sale Season!

List of Events from the CGCI website for April 2010

Here is your opportunity to visit flower shows, garden tours and plant sales this month. Look for these in your area or plan a day trip, etc. to see these fantastic events in California. And some flower shows may be in need of entries in their Horticulture and Design Divisions. If you would like to enter, contact the telephone numbers/email addresses below.

- **April 10** - San Clemente Garden Club's 5th Annual GardenFest. San Clemente Community Center, Avenida Del Mar at Calle Seville. 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more information, visit the club's website or call 949-492-5518.
- **April 10-11** - Theodore Payne Native Plant Garden Tour. 10am to 4pm. Location: Los Angeles area. Organizer: Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants. Visit its website for more information.
- **April 14** - Merced Garden Club's Annual Garden Tour, "Let the Bells Ring! 80 Years & Growing." The tour will have six gardens for viewing from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information, call 209-722-866 or 209-722-9173.
- **April 17** - Hanford Garden Club's 13th Annual Garden Tour. The tour is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Visit five special gardens in the Hanford and Lemoore area, including a plant sale and vendors. For more information call 559-584-8667 or 559-924-1320.
- **April 17** - Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale. Amador High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, 9:00 am to Noon. Contact Rebecca Walker for more information, check here.
- **April 17** - The Gardens at Heather Farm Spring Plant Sale. 9:00 am to noon, 600 North San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek. To view the list of plants available for sale, click here. For more information, call 925-947-1678.
- **April 17-18** - Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society's 98th Annual Standard Flower Show, "A Garden Paradise." Flower Show, Garden Tour and Sale of Uncommon Plants, Saturday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, ESRI, 370 New York Street, Redlands. For schedule, entry or other information, call 909-793-1016 or 909-798-9384. For more information, email RHIS or check the RHIS website.





- **April 17-18** - Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum's 36th annual Green Scene Plant and Garden Show. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. For more information, check its [website](#).
- **April 18** - The Mountain View Garden Club and the Friends of the Rengstorff House's Flower Show. Rengstorff House, 3070 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.
- **April 24** - Modesto Garden Club's Spring Tour. Includes seven private gardens and the Modesto Garden Club office garden, 9:00 am to noon. One can purchase tickets at local nurseries. Out-of-town visitors can call 209-529-7360 or email a reservation request to the

club. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

- **April 24** - Auburn Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn. For more information, see the club's [website](#).
- **April 24-25** - Cactus & Succulent Society of the Monterey Bay Area's Cactus & Succulent Show. Courtyard of Jardines Restaurant, 115 3rd St., San Juan Bautista from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call 831-758-6645 for more information or send an [email](#).
- **April 24-25** - Folsom Garden Club's 10Th Annual "Springtime in the Gardens" Tour. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. For tickets and information, visit the club's [website](#) or call 916-985-0167. For additional information, call 916-989-1223.
- **April 24-25** - Dos Valles Garden Club's 30th Annual Flower and Horticulture Show. Saturday 1:00 to 5 pm; Sunday 9:30 am to 4 pm, St. Stephen Church Hall, 31020 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center. [Click here](#) for flyer (link is located under April 24-25).
- **April 25** - Fallbrook Garden Club's 79th Annual Flower Show, "Fallbrook in Bloom." Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See club's [website](#) for schedule and entry details.

N.B. Photo above right is Ron & Linda Lang's (Palms to Pines District Co-Directors) granddaughter after finishing her youth table design at home /ready to be transported to the Redlands Flower Show! Photo above left is from the Conejo Valley Garden Club's Flower Show showing a small portion of the horticulture and design divisions.



CGCI Standard Flower Show

California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s 7th Standard Flower Show "A Walk through California" April 8 - 11, 2010, California State Flower & Garden Show, Sacramento

CGCI's Standard Flower Show, "A Walk Through California" will take place Thursday through Sunday, April 8-11 (Thursday from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm) during the California State Flower & Garden Show, Sacramento. [Click here](#) for the schedule.

Contact [Shane Loper](#) or [Dolores Moffat](#), Co-Chairmen, for

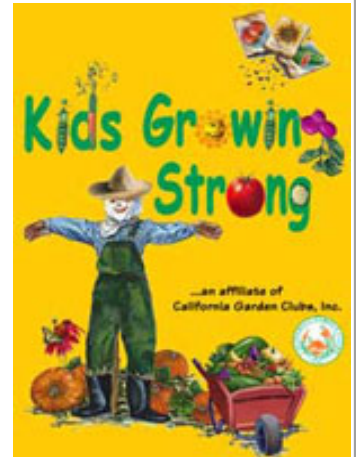
more information.

The schedule can be found on the [CGCI website](#).

Gardening Books Needed for "Kids Growing Strong" Booth

By Sue Bennett, Golden Foothills District Director

CGCI will have a booth at the [California State Flower & Garden Show](#) in Sacramento, April 8, 9, 10 and 11, where CGCI members will be selling both new and used books to help raise funds for CGCI President Maryanne Lucas' President's Project, [Kids Growing Strong](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization. CGCI needs books related to gardening, flower arrangements and kids (especially about eating healthy, exercising, etc.) If you have any books that you would like to donate, Sue Bennett advises that she will be more than happy to make arrangements with you to collect them. But, Sue needs to collect the books no later than Monday, **April 5**. Anything which you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Sue can be reached at 916-791-9459 (home) or 916-316-5873 (cell). Or send an [email](#) message to Sue.



California State Flower & Garden Show ***April 8-11, 2010 - CGCI is a Sponsor!***

See the [March 2010 eNewsletter Supplement](#) for list of speakers. For complete information, see the California State Flower & Garden Show's [website](#).

Hours & Admission

Cal Expo, Sacramento, Pavilion Building - East Gate Entry
April 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2010
Hours: Thursday, April 8: 10 am – 7 pm
Friday, April 9: 10 am – 8 pm
Saturday, April 10: 10 am – 8 pm
Sunday, April 11: 10am - 6pm

Admission at the Gate

Adult: 1-day \$15; Adult: 4-day \$18; Youth: 13-17 \$5; Children 12 & under Free; **California Garden Clubs, Inc. members: 4-day pass \$12 with membership card**

Advance Online Purchase

Adult: 1-day \$13; Adult: 4-day \$16; Youth, 13-17 \$5; Children 12 & under free; **California Garden Clubs, Inc. members: 4-day pass \$12 with membership card**

CGCI Member Award of Distinction

By Mary-Jo Noth, Member Award of Distinction Chairman

The CGCI Member Award of Distinction provides an opportunity for garden clubs and districts to honor members. Upon application and submission of the award fee of \$50.00, the club or district will receive a certificate which is suitable for presentation to the honoree and a pin. Proceeds will benefit the CGCI Educational Publications Fund. The application may be found at the CGCI website. [Click here](#) for the form. Please be sure to allow four weeks for receipt of certificate and pin in planning for the presentation. For further information, please contact [Mary-Jo Noth](#).

Get Ready for National Garden Week, June 6-12, 2010



By [Victoria Lucido](#), National Garden Club Week Chairman

My hope is that everyone is putting **June 6-12, 2010** on their calendars to celebrate National Garden Week. Plans for your observance should be in progress. This an excellent way to publicize and promote your club. Perhaps your local mayor could issue a proclamation for National Garden Week for your community. Plant a tree in a school yard, rest home park or community center. Start a garden for a school. A full week of celebrating gives us a chance to share our knowledge and expertise in horticulture, flower arranging, landscape design, gardening and all other related subjects as you stimulate interest throughout your community for National Garden Week. Be proud of the fact that you are part of the largest volunteer gardening organization in the world. It is a favorite pastime for young and old. Enjoy!



It's Not too Late to Register for the CGCI Tour - Floral Diversity in Greece

Athens and the Islands of Paros and Aegina, July 12-22, 2010

Directors: [George Perko](#) and [Dr. Phillip Stanley](#)

Who wants to go to Greece with CGCI this summer for ten days of fun, education and learning? [Floral Diversity in Greece](#) will include tours to many historic places (including The Acropolis, The National Gardens, Athenian Agora, Agora Museum, Vorres Museum, Temple of Poseidon, Corinthian Canal, Nemea,

Mycenae Site and Museum, Epidaurus Healing Sanctuary and Theatre, Nauplion Museum, Butterfly Valley on Paros, Temple of Aegina, Temple of Aphaia, Monastery Gardens of Nektarios, plus two wine tastings, five private gardens, and much more! Get your \$250 deposit in now to hold your space, as space is limited to 10 to 15 people. For more information, contact [George Perko](#) or [Dr. Phil Stanley](#) or click on [Floral Diversity in Greece](#).

Tri-Refresher for NGC Consultants at CGCI Convention, June 2010



"California Gardening and Design - Where Excitement is Growing"

Attn: All NGC Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants.

"California Gardening and Design - Where Excitement is Growing" the theme for the 2010 Tri-Refresher to be held at the Hyatt Westlake Plaza in Westlake Village, June 2010. All consultants can add five years to the expiration date of their credential by attending the special lectures and tours, beginning on Thursday, June 3 at 2:00 pm and finishing on Saturday, June 5 at 1:30 pm. There will also be time to take in all of the CGCI Convention. Registration forms will be on the CGCI website soon, but make your plans now to attend these great events. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 800-233-1234 and asking for the CGCI rate. For further information contact [Mary Lou Goodwin](#).



News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

New Pins from Member Services

NGC is introducing two new nature-inspired pins for sale through NGC Member Services. According to NGC Member Services Chairman, [Carole Iuso](#), "These have been designed exclusively for NGC and are stamped with NGC's hallmark of quality. The pins feature clean modern lines with a sophisticated flare which will appeal to every member." Visit [NGC's website](#) in early April to view these new pins. **MONEY MAKING IDEA FOR DISTRICTS/CLUBS:** Your district/club can buy these pins for the discounted prices and resell them to your club members at the "suggested retail price plus shipping." But, don't forget that shipping costs apply when ordering these pins.

- **Daffodil Pin:** President Renee Blaschke's daffodil pin is a beautiful profile of a daffodil and hand-crafted in enamel. The pin has been designed with a bale on the back, so it may also be worn as a necklace! Price \$12.00 each. Quantity pricing: 24 or more pins \$9.00 each. No other offers apply. Carole Iuso says, "Be one of the first to "spread the golden rays of sunshine" when you wear this beautiful pin."
- **Nature-Inspired Vine Pin:** This pin is crafted with a mixture of metals - 50% silver over brass - and has five leaves with delicate tendrils placed along a slightly curved stem. Carole Iuso says that "this pin is so good that Member Services has decided to offer this vine in two options." Option#1: All Silver - This pin has a soft rich look. This option has it all! Price \$12.00 each. Quantity pricing 24 or more pins \$9.00 each. No other offers apply. Option #2: Austrian Crystal (white) - The stem and tendril are a soft, rich silver with Austrian crystals which are hand-placed in the leaves. Price \$15.00 each. Quantity Pricing: 24 or more pins \$9.50 each. No other offers apply.



Also, NGC Member Services is introducing a new *Installations & Inspirations* publication for sale. The new NGC eagerly-anticipated publication will be priced at \$15.00 each.

Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **April 7-9, 2010** - CGCI 50th Flower Show Symposium, Sacramento, CA. Chairman: [Gloria Aminian](#). For brochure, [click here](#). For registration form, [check here](#).
- **April 8-11, 2010** - CGCI's [7th Standard Flower Show "A Walk Through California"](#) - California State Flower & Garden Show, Cal Expo, Sacramento, CA. Chairmen: [Dolores Moffat](#) & [Shane Looper](#)
- **April 20-21, 2010** - Gardening Study School, Course II, Loomis, CA. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy Jeffrey. For registration form, [check here](#).
- **April 22-24, 2010** - [Pacific Region Convention](#), Spokane WA
- **May 14-16, 2010** - [NGC Convention](#), Atlanta, GA
- **June 3-7, 2010** - CGCI 79th Convention, Westlake Village, CA. Host: Channel Islands District. Chairmen: [Jean Reiley](#) & [Beverly Brune](#). Click here for the [convention information](#).

Back to School

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

- **April 7-9, 2010** [Flower Show Symposium](#), Sacramento. Sponsor: CGCI. Chairman: [Gloria Aminian](#). Click here for the [registration form](#).
- **April 20-21, 2010** Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course II, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffery](#). Click here for the [registration form](#).
- **October 12-14, 2010** Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: [Mary Arakelian](#). Brochure will be on the CGCI website soon.



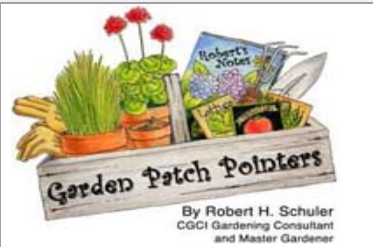
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Any questions or comments about the CGCI eNewsletter, please contact the eNewsletter Chairman, [Pat Clayes](#). If you are having trouble printing the eNewsletter, try printing in "landscape mode" and/or use legal size paper. If that doesn't work, simply "cut" or "copy" the information which you want to pass along and "paste" it into a Word document.

If your eNewsletter is going into your spam folder, add cagardenclubs@aol.com to your address book.



For California Gardeners

Did you know that Robert Schuler, Master Gardener and NGC Master Gardening Consultant, will answer your garden questions in his column, *Garden Patch Pointers*, which is posted on the website. And he regularly shares his lifetime of garden experience in *Garden Patch Pointers*.

[Click here](#) for the *Garden Patch Pointers* Introduction and Index Page.



Remember that the CGCI Parliamentarian, Chuck Goodwin, will answer any of your questions regarding parliamentary procedure. Just email a question to Chuck, and he will answer it. Your question may even end up in an upcoming issue of *Golden Gardens*, so that everyone can learn.



**Attn: Club
Presidents**

Carolyn Johnson, CGCI
Corresponding Secretary,
reminds you that The Call
to Convention will be sent
to you via US mail at least
forty-five days prior to the
Convention. Please look for
it in the mail. If you do not
receive it, contact
Carolyn. Convention
information is on the
website. [Click here](#).

***ATTN: Board
Members***

If you have email
capabilities, The Call will be
sent to you via email. If
your email address has
changed since taking office,
please contact Carolyn
Johnson with the
change. This will facilitate
receiving The Call in a
timely manner.

Convention information is
on the website. [Click here](#).

***COME ON BOARD:
CGCI is looking for
you!***

***[And Maryanne
Lucas is looking for
you also!]***



The goals of California Garden Clubs, Inc. address, in one way or another, almost every major issue that our society faces today. Working in unison with the combined force of 20,000 garden club members throughout California, you CAN make a difference in the things that matter to you, to our well-being, to our children, to our environment and to our state.

Share your time and talent with fellow gardeners throughout the state. Join the fun, travel the state and learn something new at two board meetings and our convention each year. Come On Board! [Click here](#) to see what it's all about.

Subscribe to "Golden Gardens"

If you haven't already done so, it's easy to sign up and it's only \$6.00 per year (and \$5.00 per year if your club is a 100% *Golden Gardens* club). *Golden Gardens* is CGCI's official magazine and is currently published five times per

year in black and white. To subscribe, go to CGCI's website and download the [subscription form](#).

Angel Greetings



Do you know that you can purchase an angel greeting (a short message posted in *Golden Gardens* to express sentiments of thanks or recognition) in an upcoming issue of *Golden Gardens*? It's easy to do and only costs \$25 (with the proceeds used for the operating expenses of *Golden Gardens*).

An Angel Greeting is a great way to honor your fellow garden club members for outstanding service, a thank you, etc. To obtain the form, [click here](#). Make checks payable to "Golden Gardens" and send to [Carol Mayo](#) at 2351 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, contact Angels Greeting Chairman, Carol Mayo, at 707-763-7685 or [email](#).

Message from the Golden Gardens Staff

Do you have any interesting gardening or landscaping information, facts, advice, stories, etc. which you could share with other California gardeners? If so, send your items to *Golden*

Gardens Editor, Lynne Hansen. Your information might inspire someone to get out in their garden and start planting! We know that most of you have a wealth of information which you could be sharing; so, please start sharing. Thank you.

Personnel & Recommendation Forms

Dolores Moffat, Nominating Committee Chairman, reminds you that Personnel Forms and Recommendation Forms are on the CGCI website. Have you filled out your personnel form or recommended someone to the Nominating Committee yet? Any questions, please contact Dolores Moffat.

Attn: All Chairmen

Re: Procedure Books
March 1, 2010 was the deadline to get your "procedure books" to the Procedure Book Chairman, Carolyn Johnson. If you have not already done so, please forward your procedure books to Carolyn ASAP. Thank you.

Attn: Chairman & Teams - Reporting Guidelines for Convention

By Julie West, CGCI 1st Vice President
CGCI President, Maryanne Lucas, has requested that

Julie West, 1st Vice President, coordinate the reporting for both chairmen and team reports at convention. Please inform Julie by **May 15, 2010** of your intention to give an oral report so sufficient time can be allotted on the agenda by the CGCI President.

Please remember that the primary goal of chairmen is to serve as a resource and educate members and the public about CGCI, the objectives of CGCI and the objectives of your chairmanship. Please use correct titles and write your report in third person rather than first person. Any question, contact Julie West via email or phone (707-829-9342). Complete reporting guidelines can be found on the website.

Convention information can be found on the CGCI website. Click here.

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