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Maryanne Lucas, President

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Save Money ... And Support Kids Growing Strong!

By Maryanne Lucas, President

By special arrangement with CGCI, you can order bulbs at a 40% discount from [Sunshine](#)

[Premium Flower Bulb Company](#). But that's not all! The generous folks at Sunshine will donate 15% of our orders to benefit [Kids Growing Strong](#), our youth project!



This is a WIN-WIN for all California gardeners. You can choose from a great selection of daffodils, allium (great for arrangers) and a few iris as well as our holiday favorites, amaryllis and paperwhites. It is not too early to think about ordering bulbs. All bulbs will ship on October 24, just in time for the holidays. You must order through the special CGCI link ([click here](#)) to get the special pricing. If all goes well this year, we can add more items at lower prices next year. So, [please order your bulbs now](#) and support our [Strong](#), as well as the [NGC President's](#) You can't lose.



organization, [Kids Growing project](#) ... that's three for one!

"Blue Ribbon President: A Guide for Club Presidents"

Did you know that an updated version of this wonderful guide for club presidents is now available on the website for you to print? [Click here](#) to go to the page and save it on your computer.

Reminder for Club Presidents & Treasurers

Dues

CGCI dues in the amount of \$2.25 per capita were due and payable July 1. The bylaw was amended and approved at Convention changing the delinquent date from November 1 to October 1. Article IV Membership and Dues Section 3 (e) now reads:
If dues are not paid by October 1, clubs and associate plant



CGCI Fall Board Meeting

Palm Springs, California

"CGCI . . .

where the excitement is sizzling!"

Highlights:

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Program by Bill Piggott, a Docent from The Living Desert

Mr. Piggott will prepare us for our trip to [The Living Desert](#) the next morning.

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

7:30 am – 11:45 am. Docent Lead (covered) Tram Tour of [The Living Desert](#) (Palm Desert/Indian Wells) via Bus (with continental breakfast on board the bus).

The Living Desert provides a one-stop opportunity to explore all of the great American deserts and learn about their plants and animals, in a setting that is fun and educational. The Living Desert occupies 1,200 acres of the Colorado Desert, 200 of which are developed as a zoo, botanical garden and natural history museum. The Living Desert was established in 1970 as a non-profit education and conservation center, dedicated to preserving desert plant and animal life. It contains lush botanical gardens representing 10 different desert ecosystems and more than 430 desert animals representing 150 breeds including endangered species such as Grevy's zebra, Arabian oryx, Mexican gray wolves and Peninsular Bighorn sheep. There are indoor and outdoor exhibits, paved and unpaved walkways, all interpreting the deserts of the world and providing a unique desert experience to visitors.



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.

In addition, 2010-2011 CGCI membership cards will be distributed to District Directors for those clubs who have paid their dues before Fall Board next month. This is the card that every member needs to carry to receive discounts at participating sponsor nurseries and botanic gardens posted on the website.

Third Vice President-Membership Chairman, [Rita Desilets](#), reminds you that submitting dues to CGCI before September 9, 2010 will enable the CGCI Membership Chairman to package the membership cards to be given to your District Director at the Fall Board meeting in



Noon – 1:30 pm. Lunch. Speaker: Jennie Kelly, Director, [Salton Sea History Museum](#). Topic: "The Salton Sea & update on California State Parks"

One of the world's largest inland seas and lowest spots on earth at -227 below sea level, [Salton Sea](#) was re-created in 1905 when high spring flooding on the Colorado River crashed the canal gates leading into the developing Imperial Valley. For the next 18 months the entire volume of the Colorado River rushed downward into the Salton Trough. By the time engineers were finally able to stop the breaching water in 1907, the Salton Sea had been born at 45 miles long and 20 miles wide – equaling about 130 miles of shoreline. [Salton Sea State Recreation Area](#) covers 14 miles of the northeastern shore and has long been a popular site for campers,

boaters and anglers. Increasing salinity in the Salton Sea basin has limited the number of types of fish that can be found there, and most fish currently caught are Tilapia. Varner Harbor within the SRA provides easy access to the sea for boating and water skiing. Kayakers, campers, birdwatchers, photographers and hikers can enjoy the site's many recreation opportunities.



1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Gene Bauer Book Signing (*Botanical Serigraphs*) All together for the first time, the hand-printed serigraphs of artist Gene Bauer are reproduced here in [Botanical Serigraphs: The Gene Bauer Collection](#), along with her original notes. Over several years in the 1970s, on behalf of California Garden Clubs, Inc., Gene Bauer explored fifty-six arboreta and public gardens throughout the state of California, taking living plant material as the subject for artwork intended to educate and inspire. These serigraphs—delicate silk screen prints—were initially created for limited-edition booklets celebrating plant life in the Golden State, both native and introduced. From each

drawing, she created a serigraph for the cover and illustrations of a booklet she handcrafted, bound with yarn, and sent to garden club officials each month.

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm. Kreg Hill, NGC Master Judge & ARS Judge Workshop: "Designing with Roses"

Kreg has been a member of the [American Rose Society](#) since 1986



Palm Springs, thus saving the costly and time-consuming process of packaging and mailing sets of membership cards to individual clubs.

Membership Promotional Materials

A supply of CGCI bookmarks, rackcards and brochures will be available for pick-up at the Membership Table at Fall Board. Give your order to your District Director if you do not plan to attend.

Any questions, contact [Rita Desilets](#), Third Vice President - Membership.



It's Time for Season's Greetings!

and is a member of the Albuquerque Rose Society , the [Desert Rose Society of California](#) and also the Scottsdale Rose Society in Arizona. Kreg is active at all levels of the rose society: local, district and national, having held office and worked on key committees at each level. He is also an accredited ARS Horticultural Judge, Arrangement Judge and Consulting Rosarian. Kreg has presented programs and written articles on all aspects of rose culture, including growing, diseases, propagation, OGR's and arrangements. These articles have been published in the American Rose, OGR Gazette, Rose Arranger's Bulletin, district and local bulletins. Throughout the years, Kreg has been awarded the ARS Bronze Medal, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award, Outstanding Arrangement Judges Award and ARS Silver Medal. In addition, he has won ARS National and District Horticultural and Arrangement Trophies.



**3:30 pm – 5:15 pm. Robin Pokorski, Past CGCI President
Workshop: "Leadership"**

[Robin Pokorski](#), former CGCI President, will present an extensive leadership workshop, primarily designed for garden club presidents who want to learn how to be a better leader and garden club president. Every time Robin gives her leadership workshop, the room is packed. So, make sure you are there to learn from an experienced leader! Robin is also a parliamentarian and will share some of her tips for running a smooth meeting.

**4:30 pm – 5:15 pm. [Rita Desilets](#), CGCI 3rd Vice President
Workshop: "Membership: The Future of CGCI"**

This is an opportunity to share your creative ideas for attracting and retaining new members. There will be time provided to discuss the future of CGCI.

What would you like to improve on or see implemented?



**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
Complimentary President's Reception (beer & wine) &
[Maureen Gilmer](#) Book Signing**

**7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Dinner. Speaker: Maureen Gilmer,
Author of *Palm Springs-Style Gardening & The Small
Budget Gardener*. Topic: "Modern Succulents Palm**



The deadline for the holiday issue of *Golden Gardens* is September 15, so get your Season's Greetings in **NOW!**

SAVE POSTAGE ... and maybe a tree. Send your Holiday Greeting to gardeners all around California via *Golden Gardens!*

If you would like to place a holiday greeting, send your greeting and check made payable to *Golden Gardens* to: Carol Mayo, Angel / Season's Greetings Chairman, 2351 Bodega Ave., Petaluma, CA 94952.

RATES: The minimum greeting is \$10 for two lines. Each additional line up to two inches is \$5.00 per line. The maximum number of characters per line is 40 (including spaces and punctuation). Sizes with graphics:

One column wide x 2"
tall: \$35
One column wide x 3"
tall: \$50

Springs-Style"

[Maureen Gilmer](#) is among the leading horticultural writers in America. Over the past 25 years she has worked in all phases of horticulture from laborer to landscape architect. Her work has dominated garden book publishing with 15 titles and a nationally syndicated column "[Yard Smart](#)." She is an established host and authority on Scripps Television Networks, the author of more than 15 books, a nationally syndicated columnist, and contributes to major magazines.

Thursday, September 16, 2010

9:30 am – 2:00 pm. Spouses Tour – Palm Springs Air Museum (Docent Led) & Lunch at [The Spa Resort Casino](#) via Carpool

[The Palm Springs Air Museum](#) houses one of the nation's largest collection of World War II flying aircraft displayed in modern, well lighted, air-conditioned and clean hangars. Our Buddy Rodgers Theater shows daily documentaries about aviation in the military with an emphasis on World War II. In addition to planes and historic artifacts, the museum is host to a library of 6300 volumes primarily related to aviation and American military history. Lunch at The Spa Resort Casino will be at the fabulous buffet and to be paid by yourself. Tour will be led by [Al Clayes](#) (LtCol, Ret., USMC).



10:45 am – 12:15 pm. Palms to Pines District Meeting

Palms to Pines Co-Directors, [Ron & Linda Lang](#), invite all garden club members (district and anyone else) to attend the September District Meeting.

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm - Lunch. Speaker: Linda Stamer, Biologist, [San Bernardino National Forest](#). Topic: "Greenhouses for the Penny Pines & Reforestation Projects"

Ms. Stamer has been working for the United States Forest Service for the past fourteen years conducting ecological restoration. She has worked on the [Mountaintop Ranger District](#) and lived in Big Bear since 1997. She previously worked for the State of California as a biologist, monitoring bald eagles and went to school

One quarter page:
\$75

Question? Contact [Carol Mayo](#) by email or 707-763-7685.

CGCI Chairmen News

Chairmen - Are you ready for Fall Board?

By [Julie West](#), First Vice President

[September 1](#) is the notification deadline if you plan to report orally for both chairmen and team reports at Fall Board. Please [contact me](#) before then of your intention to give an oral report so sufficient time can be allotted on the agenda by CGCI President Maryanne Lucas. 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. All chairmen should provide 3 written copies of their reports

locally at both California State University Fullerton and California State University San Bernardino. Linda runs the native plant nurseries at the Big Bear Ranger Station and Lytle Creek Ranger Station, and Linda has been an avid gardener for the past two decades.

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm - Dinner. Speaker: Paul Ortega, Chairman, Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley. Topic: "Making a Difference: How to Positively Influence Change in

Your Community, One Garden at a Time."

Paul Ortega is the owner of [Desert Garden Center](#), LLC, a professional landscape design agency located in Palm Springs, California, that emphasizes the use of desert and desert-adapted plant materials in the local environment. Originally drawn to the Palm Springs area to pursue his dream of opening a retail nursery specializing in desert and desert-adapted plant materials, Paul immediately began to educate himself on the desert plant palette by taking courses at the [College of the Desert](#) and [Living Desert University](#), the adult education arm of The Living Desert. This was followed by a six month stint as a full-time employee of the retail nursery at The Living Desert, as well as program coordinator of Living Desert University, helping further his knowledge of plant materials that work in the local environment. Afterward, Paul began to develop the landscape design agency that today is Desert Garden Center, LLC. In addition to heading the company, Paul teaches at Living Desert University and is a guest speaker though out the Coachella Valley on topics related to his interest and passion for desert plants. He is a co-founder and current chairman of the [Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley](#) and a member, and current chair, of the [Architectural Advisory Committee](#) for the City of Palm Springs. Additionally, Paul is an associate member of the [Association of Professional Landscape Designers](#) and belongs to the [California Native Plant Society](#). Paul has been a resident of Palm Springs since 2001.



Registration/Hospitality/Yearbook Distribution, Meeting Times:

* = closed meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Registration/Hospitality/Yearbook Distribution/Club Sales/Vendors
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Executive Committee*
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Board of Trustees *
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm. Advisory Committee*
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Nominating Committee*
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Meet & Greet at Lobby Cocktail Lounge

including the condensed 100 word report for the Recording Secretary to be attached to the Minutes. Written reports are needed whether or not you intend to report orally. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please remember to notify President [Maryanne Lucas](#) and make arrangements to file your reports. Feel free to contact me via [email](#) or telephone if any questions.

District Director & Chairman Reminder for Fall Board Meeting

By [Pat Claves](#), 2nd Vice President

According to Page 41 of the 2009-2010 *Yearbook/Manual/Roster*, if you are unable to attend the upcoming Fall Board Meeting, you are expected to contact President [Maryanne Lucas](#) and ask to be excused. An alternate

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Bylaws/Policy Committee*

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

7:00 am – 5:00 pm. Registration/Hospitality/Yearbook Distribution/Club Sales/Vendors

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm. Board of Directors Meeting

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Budget & Finance Committee*

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Nominating Committee*

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm. District Directors Forum

Thursday, September 16, 2010

8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Registration/Hospitality/Yearbook Distribution/Club Sales/Vendors

8:30 am – 9:15 am. Gardening Consultants Council/Landscape Design Council

9:30 am – 10:30 am. Board of Directors Meeting

10:45 am – 12:15 pm. Palms to Pines District Meeting

10:45 am – 12:15 pm. District Directors Forum

10:45 am – 12:15 pm. Team Meetings -- Awards Team, Financial Security Team, Flower Show Team, Horticulture & Conservation Team, Membership/Member Services Team, NGC Schools Team, Public Relations Team, Youth Team

2:15 pm – 5:30 pm. Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 17, 2010

9:00 am – 11:00 am. Board of Directors Meeting

It's not too the Fall Board Springs!

***September 15-17,
Hyatt Regency
And all are welcome***

All forms can be found on
There are 4 items to note:
Registration Form. Note
\$89 per night (August 28)
and deadline to postmark registration to Registrar, [Jane McKee](#), without paying a \$15 late registration fee (September 1). Please do not make your reservation with the hotel over the Internet; please call the hotel directly so CGCI can get credit for your booked room. Thank you.



late to Sign-Up for Meeting in Palm

***2010
Suites, Downtown Palm Springs -
to attend!***

the [CGCI Website](#) or contact the [chairman](#).
Maryanne Lucas' letter, FYI, Schedule and
deadline to receive special CGCI room rate of
at the [Hyatt Regency Suites](#) in Palm Springs

representative should be sent in place of an absent District Director so the District is represented and stays informed.

District Director News

**By [Shane Looper](#),
Chairmen
Coordinator**

As the Fall Board Meeting approaches, please let me know of anything that you are wanting to include in the forum for the directors.

Although you will not have to give an oral report, you should have a written report for the President and *Golden Gardens* Editor. This is your opportunity to let the President know your concerns, your ideas and the accomplishments of your district.

The chairmen will be reporting at this meeting, and there will be lots of information for you to take back to your clubs.



Garden Patch Pointers

Q: When is the best time to plant sweet peas? What variety would you recommend? Steve Conway, Modesto

A: Sweet Pea, *Lathyrus odoratus*, with a wonderful fragrance, is an annual and the perennial (latifollus) grows easily in the San Diego to Baja California area.

The recent article that appeared in some newspapers stating that sweet peas are best planted in June was written in Pennsylvania with a very different climate than most of California. [In the mountains, allowing them to grow in the summer, but be sure to protect from late harsh weather.]

You can prepare now for planting sweet peas on Labor Day for Holiday blooms. Now is the best time to prepare the trench for planting. After the trench has been dug 18" to 24" deep, add 6 inches of well-rotted manure and back fill with one part of mulch (use some of your finished compost) mixed with two parts of your native soil. Deep water to leach out any salts in the manure and soil which can damage young plants. Prepare a six or seven foot trellis for the plants to grow upon. Keep the trellis away from a building or block wall to let air circulate.

You can pre-plant sweet pea seeds (that have been soaked overnight) in mid August for planting on Labor Day. Established plants will keep the birds from eating the seeds and slugs from eating newly grown foliage. This should insure flowers by the holidays.

After the plants are 6 inches tall, snip the tops; this allows strong side branches to form. You can plant the seeds any time this fall. Keep the soil moist; after the plants are 24" to 30" tall, feed every two weeks for longer stems. The more you remove the spent flowers, the more flowers you will have for use in your home and as gifts for friends. I plant the annual variety, *Lathyrus odoratus*, mostly for winter blooms. They can be planted anytime in mid-August for blooms by the holidays. The blooms will be in the short day period. There are many colors to choose from if you use 'Early Multiflora' (formerly called 'Spencers'). You can hasten germination by soaking the seeds in water for several hours. I use 1 cup hot water to one tea bag – cool before soaking seeds. Keep the seedlings partially shaded if hot weather persists. Place a netting to



Suggested Dress for Fall Board Meeting

By [Pat Claves](#), 2010 Fall Board Meeting Chairman

Please note that it will most likely be hot (100 degrees or more in the afternoon), so dress lightly (summer clothes). However, the hotel is air conditioned, so you might need a sweater if the hotel is too cold!

The temperatures drop in the desert at night, so bring a sweater if you plan to go outside.

If you are going on the bus trip to The Living Desert, bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen (and don't forget your camera).

Bring your bathing suit for a late night or early morning dip in the pool or Jacuzzi.

Learn about Landscape Design this Fall

By [Alexis Slafer](#),

protect from birds and bait to control snails and slugs. Pinch back the tips when 6" high to force the plant to make side branches. [Image from

Do you have a garden question? Contact [Robert H. Schuler](#).



News from Pacific Region of NGC

New Project: Butterfly Photo Contest

CGCI Butterfly Chairman, [Jane Troutman](#), has been asked by the Pacific Region Butterflies Chairman, Inez Thomason, to let CGCI members know about the new Pacific Region Butterfly Photo Contest. Apparently, individual club members and groups (clubs, district and states) can enter. The Pacific Region first, second, third and honorable mention award winners will be announced and displayed at the 2011 Pacific Region Convention, April 14-16, 2011, Scottsdale, Arizona. If possible, please send an additional photo for inclusion in a possible CGCI Book of Evidence. Size of photos should not exceed 5" x 7".

Contest #1: Photos of butterflies in gardens, parks, open nature areas (no photos of contained butterflies, i.e., "commercial butterfly gardens"). All club members are

eligible to participate.

Contest #2: Pictures of butterflies on plant material within a container. All club members eligible to participate, especially designed for challenged members.

All entries must have club member name; address; telephone number; club name; and where photo was taken. Inez Thomason says, "It would be educational to correctly identify butterfly and plant." Send entries to Jane Troutman by **October 20, 2010** at 9581 Lime Orchard Road, Beverly Hills, CA 90210. Any questions, contact Jane [via email](#) or by telephone (424-249-3441).



Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 15-17, 2010 - CGCI Fall Board Meeting. Host: Palms to Pines District. Chairman: [Pat Claves](#)

LDSP Chairman

Please join the next CGCI Landscape Design Study Program, Series 24, sponsored by the Costa Verde District. This school will be held at the [South Coast Botanic Garden](#), Palos Verdes Peninsula. The entire Program can be completed within one year, with the 2-day courses being held on Thursdays and Fridays:

Course 1

November 4 & 5, 2010

Course 2

January 27 & 28, 2011

Course 3

March 17 & 18, 2011

Course 4

September 22 & 23, 2011

The Landscape Design Study Program is a series of four courses developed by National Garden Clubs, Inc. that focuses on the many facets of the relationship of man to his environment. The purpose of the

September 23-26, 2010 - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Great Falls, Montana

Back to School

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

September 21-22, 2010 - Gardening Study School, Series XXI, Course 3, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy [Jeffery](#). [Click here](#) for the brochure/registration form.

October 12-14, 2010 - Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: [Mary Arakelian](#).

November 4-5, 2010 - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Classroom B, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. School Chairman: [Alexis Slafer](#). [Click here](#) for the brochure/registration form.

November 9-10, 2010 - Environmental Studies School, Course III. Sponsor: Bay Ocean District, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#)

Website Links

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Program is to educate, promote awareness and understanding of the principles and theories of landscape design, site planning and landscaping. In addition, the landscape design school is the study of the landscape and hardscape in our surroundings and includes plants, the use of garden ornaments and fixtures, and landscape drawings. There are also other educational/optional programs and tours available.

This is a great opportunity for those Landscape Design Consultants who need to refresh in 2010 or 2011 to maintain their accreditation.

For additional information and/or to obtain the registration form for Course 1, [click here](#) and/or contact California Garden Clubs Landscape Design Study Program Chair, [Alexis Slafer](#).

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