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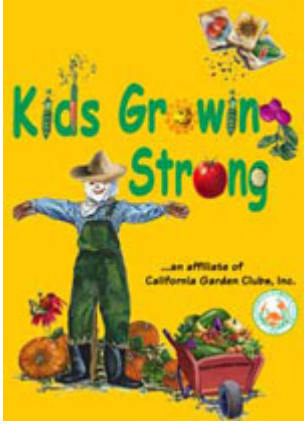


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Kids Growing Strong



The CGCI President's Project

The bulb benefit program has been extended to JANUARY 1, 2011.



If you haven't ordered your bulbs yet from the Sunshine Premium Bulb Company, [click here](#) for the order form. Fifteen percent of sales go to Maryanne Lucas' President Project *Kids Growing Strong*. To see more information about the bulb program, [click here](#) to see Maryanne's blog.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the CGCI President's Project, *Kids Growing Strong*. *Kids Growing Strong* promotes strong bodies, strong minds and a healthy lifestyle through garden-based education. Through hands-on activities, *Kids Growing Strong* encourages children to get a little dirty but have a lot of fun playing with soil, water, seeds, plants, fruits, vegetables, bees, butterflies and other creatures and processes found in a garden. As they play, they begin to build a strong knowledge base and develop the lifetime skills necessary to lead healthy lives and make informed decisions.

New CGCI Participating Sponsor

Seaside Garden Center
1177 San Pablo Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955
Discount: 10% on Plants
[Click here](#) to visit its website.

Winter Rose Report

See Jolene Adams' informational Winter Rose Report which is posted on the CGCI website. [Click here](#) to view it. Any questions, contact [Jolene Adams](#), CGCI Rose Chairman.



CGCI Tour to Boston

[World Flower Show - This Glorious Earth](#)

Hosted by [Bob Gordon](#), former CGCI President

June 14-19, 2011

\$1456.00 per person (double*)

Itinerary:

- June 14 - Travel to Boston (air not included)
- June 15 - Morning 1/2 day sightseeing tour (includes Boston Common, North End, Old North Church and other sites). After lunch, visit Arnold Arboretum at Harvard. That evening, enjoy a group cocktail party!
- June 16 - [World Flower Show](#) (admission and transportation included)
- June 18 - Day trip to Berkshire Botanical Garden & Tower Hill Botanical Gardens with local guide (admission

and boxed lunch included).

- June 19 - Depart for home.

Additional inclusions: 5 nights hotel, baggage handling, breakfast daily, lunch at Berkshire Gardens

*A deposit of \$100 per person will hold your space. Final payment is due March 14, 2011. Airfare is additional (please contact Mary Vickers at Gulliver's Travel). Payment by check or credit card. Credit card payments will have a 3% additional charge. Cancellation fees apply. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Please call for single supplement. See Mary Vickers at Gulliver's Travel for more information. Gulliver's Travel, 81 Higuera, Suite 150, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (telephone: 805-541-4141. [Click here](#) to send Mary an email message.



California State Flower, Food & Garden Show

April 7-10, 2011, Sacramento

By now you have noticed that word "food" has been added to the name. According to the California State Flower, Food & Garden Show's [website](#), "Not only have we added the word, but we have added an entire feature area dedicated to growing your own food -- you will find seeds, plants, irrigation products and much more, plus speaker & workshop programs to get you off to a great start." Tickets are now available for sale. They make perfect stocking stuffers! [Click here](#) to order tickets. Remember that CGCI is one of the sponsors of the California State Flower, Food & Garden Show. And *Kids Growing Strong* will have an exhibit!

From Myrtle's Garden

By [Myrtle Findley](#), CGCI Gardening Consultants Council Chairman

About ten years ago, I poked a hole over a foot deep near each rose in my rose bed. I have about fourteen roses in this bed. I poked maybe three holes around each plant. Into each hole, I poured about 1/4 cup of mycorrhizae. I have never found any aphid in that rose bed since. I am an organic gardener and have not added any chemicals to harm those little mycorrhizae, only organic feeders which I invite anyone to come anytime and search that bed for aphids. I tell my story over and over ... no one has challenged me to walk my rose garden and search. I invite someone else to try this and see if it works in your rose bed. I do, however, get aphids on roses in other parts of my garden where I do not add those little buggies.

A **mycorrhiza** (Gk.,: *fungus roots*^[1], pl **mycorrhizae**, **mycorrhizas**) is a [symbiotic](#) (generally [mutualistic](#), but occasionally weakly [pathogenic](#)) association between a [fungus](#) and the roots of a vascular [plant](#).^[2] In a mycorrhizal association, the fungus colonizes the host plants' roots, either intracellularly as in [arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi](#) ([AMF](#)), or extracellularly as in [ectomycorrhizal fungi](#). They are an important component of [soil life](#) and [soil chemistry](#).

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<http://www.calstategardenshow.com/content/ticket>

Attn: Clubs & Districts

Penny Pines

By Pat York, CGCI Penny Pines Chairman

Penny Pines, a program that CGCI coordinates between the USDA Forest Service and CGCI's many clubs and districts, has become a very popular program! Over the years, many CGCI clubs and districts have greatly embraced the Penny Pines Program. As forest fires continue to destroy our National Forests, the USDA Forest Service needs your help to replant the National Forests in California so that visitors may continue to enjoy our National Forests' natural beauty and the abundant wildlife that make homes in our National Forests. In addition, replanting also helps to control erosion.

Here's how it works: Clubs, districts (and individuals) send \$68 (or multiples thereof) to purchase a plantation(s) (which consists of approximately 350 trees), usually in their area, either "in honor" or "in memory" of a special person in their club/district or a relative



of a member. A certificate of appreciation and thank you note are sent to each donor.

Step 1: Obtain a Penny Pines Forest Choice Form from the CGCI website. [Click here](#). Write check(s) payable to "Forest Service, USDA" in the amount of \$68 (or multiples thereof). Send Penny Pines Forest Choice Form and check(s) directly to the Forest Service Supervisor in one of the participating National Forests. [Click here](#) to see a list of the participating National Forests and addresses.

Step 2: Obtain a Penny Pines Notification Form from the CGCI website, [click here](#), to report donation(s) to Pat York, the Penny Pines Chairman. The notification will enable your club's/district's donation(s) to be listed in *Golden Gardens*, CGCI's official magazine.

Your help is needed for this great reforestation program to continue to keep California green and golden. Any questions, send an email message to Pat York or mail your questions to Pat at 1655 Marlesta Road, Pinole, CA

94564. Thank you for caring!



Minutes from CGCI Fall Board Meeting

It is important that all District Directors and Club Presidents read the minutes from all CGCI meetings -- there are only three - Fall Board, Winter Board and Convention. Important items are discussed and voted upon -- many items affect local clubs, e.g., insurance rates, membership dues, etc. District Directors and Club Presidents should be aware of what is happening so you can inform your club members. [Click here](#) for the minutes from the Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs -- where some important CGCI liability insurance rates were discussed, etc.

You can always find the CGCI Minutes on the CGCI website. It is the responsibility of all district directors and club presidents to review these minutes. Don't be left out in the dark -- know what is happening -- even if you cannot attend CGCI meetings!



Easy Grants

The "Easy Grant" application form is now on the CGCI website. [Click here](#) to download the form. [Click here](#) to read CGCI President Maryanne Lucas' blog about the program. Please remember to include **"a general listing of expenses involved"** when completing the "Easy Grant" application form. Some clubs are leaving this out when they describe the event/project/program that the CGCI "Easy" Grant will support. No actual budget is needed -- simply add a general listing of the expenses involved. If you do not include this information, your application form will be returned to you or you will be contacted via email/telephone and asked to supply the missing information. Please help speed up the

process of reviewing your application form by supplying all of the information which is required. This is a first come/first serve program, so you want to make sure that your application is complete before you send it to [Lynne Hansen](#), CGCI *Golden Gardens* and Website Editor.



Remember that there are only two requirements after your club or district has received a grant:

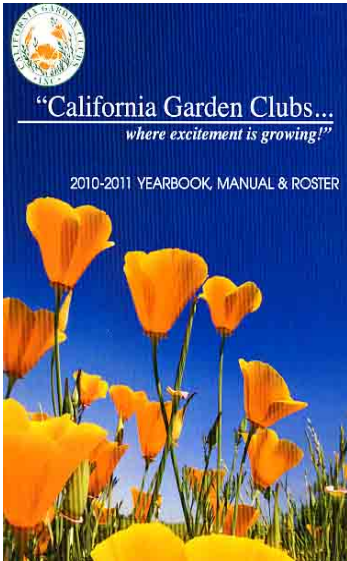
1) Grant funds must be used before June 30, 2011; and 2) Club/district must write and submit an article WITH PHOTOS to CGCI for publication in *Golden Gardens*, on the CGCI website and in the CGCI eNewsletter.

CGCI Sales Items

The order form for ordering CGCI sales items, like *The Diamond Years*, 75 Year History Book of CGCI, is on the website. [Click here](#) to see it and all of the items which are available for sale. Any questions, contact [Gail Vanderhorst](#).

CGCI Three Year Calendars

If you need a 2011-2013 calendar, contact [Shane Looper](#). This calendar is pink and has poppies on the cover -- it would make a perfect stocking stuffer. Your purchase of this calendar will help garden club volunteers continue to share the wonder, the joy and the inspiration that can be found in a garden with "kids of all ages" throughout California.



Recent CGCI Yearbook Changes

- Page 158 -- delete Moraga Garden Club under Diablo Foothills District.
- Page 165 -- delete High Desert Garden Club under Palms to Pines District
- Page 168 -- delete Davis Garden Club under Sacramento River Valley District.
- Page 175 -- change president to read "Jeanette Schelin" - same address - email: Jschelin@csulb.edu.
- Page 175 -- delete Theodore Payne Foundation under Affiliates
- Page 178 -- change president to read "Jill O'Neil, 5348 E. Willowick Dr., Anaheim Hills, CA 93801.
- Page 180 -- Nina Blonski's zip code is 95633-9425.
- Page 181 -- add Amy Chun, 3515 Standish Court, Fairfield 94534-2962.
- Page 185 add Lilia Giacomazzi.
- Page 186 -- Mary Hoblit's street address is 3461 Graybar Mine Road.
- Page 186 -- Barbara Ingle -- delete PO Box. Street address is 4505 Meadow Brook Road. Zip Code is 95633-9421.

Awards

You can't win if you aren't in!

You can find the Awards Manual, updated by the Awards Manual & Evaluation Form Chairman, [Jane McKee](#), on the CGCI website by [clicking here](#). Some new awards have been added this year, so don't miss out. All evaluation forms have been updated . . . be sure you are using the forms



dated 2010. There are two postmark dates to remember: **December 1, 2010** & **January 10, 2011**.

Contact the CGCI Awards Chairman, [Nancy Lee Loesch](#), if you have any questions. For Flower Show Awards, contact [Gudy Kimmel](#). For Youth Awards, contact [Beverly Switzer](#).

If you don't know to whom to send your award, [click here](#) for a list of the judging chairmen and their addresses.

Please note: There has been a little bit of confusion with the website award - PR-5. These must be sent first to CGCI for judging (send to Pat Claves, P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352). The winner of the CGCI PR-5 award is then sent on to NGC for the NGC award. **A book of evidence must be created for CGCI judging** -- see page 109 of the 2010-2011 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* or see rules under Awards on the CGCI website.

**Awards are easy!
May all of your ribbons be blue!**

Attn: CGCI Chairmen

Attn: Award Judging Chairmen

The Judging Report Form and the Guidelines for Judging Chairmen can be found on the CGCI website under the Awards/Forms Page (at the bottom of the page). [Click here](#).

Winter Board Reports

Recording Secretary [Greg Pokorski](#) reminds you that for the remainder of the 2009-2011 term, please remember that whether or not you are reporting orally at a meeting you may submit 100-word reports to the Recording Secretary at board meetings and conventions. The preferred method of submission is by email. For Winter Board, send to me with subject line: CGCI WBM 11 Chairman (insert chairmanship) or District Director report. Thank you for your cooperation. Be sure to submit a written report if you are making a motion/submitting ratifications. My deadline for winter board meeting report submission is 2/16/11.



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

NGC Member Services wants you to know that the new jewelry items are in stock at Headquarters and will make wonderful holiday gifts. The specially designed items for NGC are affordably priced and beautiful. Remember these items as you begin your holiday shopping. The Blooming Bag is still available in limited colors, and the 2011 *Vision of Beauty Calendar* will make a great stocking stuffer and welcome gifts for your friends.

Holiday wreath snowman, Austrian crystal pumpkin pin and matching earrings, brushed silver vine pin, Austrian crystal encrusted vine pin, daffodil pin (with bale) and matching earrings are available. All of these items can be viewed on NGC website. [Click here](#). Also, there is an 800 number for ordering - 1-800-550-6007.

Pacific Region of NGC News



Pacific Region of NGC Tour - Gardens of the Pacific Coast - May 1-9, 2011

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Visit world famous gardens of San Francisco, Victoria and Vancouver on this exclusive cruise-tour aboard the Norwegian Pearl departing from Los Angeles. The rhododendrons, azaleas and flowering trees will be in full bloom as we explore some of the finest gardens on the Pacific Coast including Butchart Gardens in Victoria; Golden Gate Park and Flower Conservatory in San Francisco; Chinese Garden, Stanley Park & Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver, plus so much more. \$1,099 for an interior cabin (no window), \$1,199 oceanview, \$1,349 balcony. Prices are per person based on double occupancy (two people sharing a cabin) and includes 7 night cruise, all meals onboard the ship, one night hotel in Vancouver, exclusive sightseeing tours in San Francisco, Victoria and Vancouver and tax. Airfare to Los Angeles and from Vancouver is not included. For information, contact Pat Baker, 208-870-1299. [Click here](#) to send Pat an email message. Proceeds benefit the Pacific Region of NGC.

Parliamentary Tidbits

By [Greg Pokorski](#), Pacific Region of NGC Parliamentarian

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The motion to amend is perhaps the single most used subsidiary motion. Use this motion whenever you want to change the wording of the motion under consideration. Use it to make a good idea better or a bad idea more palatable. Amendments are really at the heart of the process of perfecting motions before a final vote, and the importance of understanding the basics of amending cannot be overstated (from *Robert's Rules for Dummies*.)

NGC Parliamentarian Joan Corbisiero, PRP, presented a workshop, "Let's Make Amends," at the recent NGC Fall Board Meeting in Great Falls, Montana. Here is a brief summary: The purpose of a subsidiary motion to amend is to change the wording of a pending motion. When applied to a

main motion, the motion to amend takes precedence over the main motion and is debatable and amendable. Three forms of the motion are to insert or add words, to strike out words, and to strike out and insert words (in combination).

In handling the motion to amend, the presiding officer (the Chair) after debate is concluded presents the question (consideration of the amendment), calls for those in favor to say "aye" and those opposed to say "no," and announces the result (the amendment to strike or insert "X" is adopted). The Chair then presents the question on the main motion as amended, and takes the vote.

In recording amended motions in minutes, include the wording of the motion as adopted or otherwise disposed of (with the facts as to whether the motion may have been debated or amended before disposition being mentioned only parenthetically).



Back to School

*Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI
FS Symposium in California*

*Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening
& Landscape Design*

- **January 27-28, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 2, Palos Verdes.
- **March 17-18, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 3, Palos Verdes.
- **April 5-7, 2011** - Flower Show School, Course 2. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District.

Contact [Mary Arakelian](#) for more information.

- **April 12-13, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course 4, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffrey](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **April 28-30, 2011** - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield, CA. Contact [Gloria Aminian](#) for information.
- **May 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Courses 1 and 2. Sponsor: Palms to Pines District & The Palms Garden Club. Chairman: [Emily Chase Bueermann](#). More information to follow.



Upcoming CGCI Official Events (other than schools)

See [CGCI Calendar](#) for club, affiliate, associate plant society and district "special" events.

- February 3-6, 2011 - Winter Board Meeting, Costa Mesa. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: [Carole Lung](#). Co-Chairman: [Annie Hall-Bosche](#). [More](#) information to follow.
- April 1-3, 2011 - Weekend Wildflower Encounters. Host: Buttes District. Chairman: [Jim Hart](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- April 14-16, 2011 - Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. [Click here](#) for more information.
- May 15-19, 2011 - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: [Cathy Biggins](#) & [Gina-Belle Smith](#).
- May 27-30, 2011 - NGC Convention, Washington, D.C.
- June 14-19, 2011 - CGCI Tour to 10th World Flower Show, Boston, MA. Contact [Bob Gordon](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to view past CGCI eNewsletter article regarding 10th World Flower Show and CGCI tour.