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Awards

Postmark Deadline for Remaining Awards is January 10

It's not too late to apply for an award. See the [CGCI website](#) for more information about awards or contact the CGCI Awards Chairman, [Nancy Lee Loesch](#). **Remember, "You can't win, if you're not in!"**

The following awards are still available:

CGCI Lifetime Achievement; CGCI Lifetime Service; CGCI Man and Woman of the Year; CGCI Gardener of the Year; Awards of Honor and Merit; Youth Leader of the Year; Flower Arranger of the Year; Landscape Design Consultant of the Year; Gardening Consultant of the Year; Civic Development; Civic Landscaping; Landscape Design Advocate; Conservation Projects; Bird Conservation; Backyard Habitat; Butterfly Conservation: Portfolio; Membership Promotion; Touring; Club Program; Seminar & Workshop; Achievement for a Single Event; Photography Awards; Horticulture; Memorial Planting; Best "Green" Recipe; Home Garden; Home Garden Tour; Publicity Press Book; Publication - Article by individual; All Youth Awards (except High School Essay Contest). Flower Show Awards: California Flower Show Achievement Awards (standard, small standard, all horticulture show); Designer's Choice; Flower Show Staging; Flower Show Table Setting.

Attn: District Directors

G-4 Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement Award

January 1 is the deadline to get the names of all eligible clubs in your district to the CGCI Awards Certificate Chairman, [Launa Gould](#), for this award -- all you have to do is email (or mail) the list of eligible clubs to Launa. See page 124 of the 2009-2010 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual, Roster* for the Scale of Points (and the Scale of Points can also be found on the [CGCI website](#)). Note that only 100 out of 200 points are required for a club to be awarded the Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement.

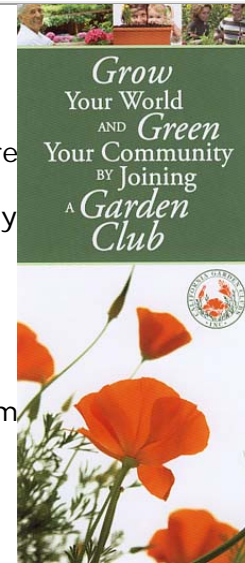


Membership News

New membership brochure for your district/club to use

President [Maryanne Lucas](#) has created a beautiful, color tri-fold membership brochure for your district/club to use to attract new members. The prospective garden club member will read how he/she will connect with an international gardening community and find much more than a garden variety of activities once joining a garden club. There is space on the reverse side for your district/club to add its contact information.

This membership tool is complimentary as a benefit of membership in CGCI. Download the new [order form](#) to obtain this and the other promotional materials from your district director (to be obtained at the next CGCI meeting in San Diego in January) or order directly from CGCI Membership Chairman, Rita Desilets, if items are to be shipped to you.



Does your club want more members?

If so, fill out the Website Zip Code Listing Request

To help people interested in finding a garden club in their area, CGCI offers a locator page to help people find clubs by using zip codes. If you want your club to be included in the zip code finder, see the CGCI website for more information. The form is easy to fill out! For more information, contact the Zip Code Chairman, [George Speer](#).

Honor Your Members and Support the Scholarship Program

CGCI [Life Memberships](#) may be purchased as an honorarium, or individuals may purchase their own. The donations support the scholarship program and are fully tax deductible. The donation for the CGCI Life Membership is only \$100, and individuals receive a Life Membership Certificate. Make checks payable to "CGCI" and send to the Life Membership Chairman, [Carlotta Wixon](#). Find more information and the application form on the [CGCI website](#). Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. Life Memberships are also available. Information about these Life Memberships are also on the [CGCI website](#).

Donations to the Scholarship Program

Did you know that [Kurt Ceconi](#) and [Justin Frisco](#) of [The Principal Financial Group](#) in San Diego has pledged to match up to \$1000 for any donations which are received to the Scholarship Program (not including Life Memberships) this term? To donate, send your donations in any amount, payable to "CGCI," to CGCI Scholarship Chairmen, [Evelyn Broaddus](#) (1129 W. Standley St., Ukiah, CA 95482) or [Joyce Dean](#) (832 Alvarado St., Redlands, CA 92373).

Landscape Council News

Landscape Design Council Chairman [Mary Lou Goodwin](#) reminds all club members that they can present their CGCI membership cards for free admission to the [San Diego Botanic Garden](#) (formerly known as Quail Botanic Gardens) on January 6-10, 2010. The Garden is located at 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA (telephone 760-436-0917/email info@SDBGarden.org). In addition, The Garden will be honored by the CGCI Landscape Design Council with a Landscape Design Commendation at the CGCI Winter Board Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 8:00 pm. Also, the most recent [Landscape Council Newsletter](#) has been posted on the CGCI website.

Flower Show Symposium to be held in Sacramento

Mark your calendars for April 7-9, 2010

Flower Show Symposium Chairman, [Gloria Aminian](#), has finalized the plans for the Symposium to be held at the Sacramento DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento, April 7-9, 2010. NGC instructors are Jean Moran from Michigan and Sandi Joyce from Ohio. Tapestries and *Pot-Et-Fleur* designs will be studied, along with horticulture. Not only flower show judges attend symposium; any interested person is welcome to attend to further his/her knowledge in flower shows, horticulture and flower design. The [brochure](#) and [application form](#) are on the [CGCI website](#) under the Calendar Section/April 7-9, 2010.

Club Services

CGCI Member Award of Distinction

[Mary-Jo Noth](#), Member Award of Distinction Special Education Fund Chairman, reports that she has received the first application for this new award! Which club member(s) do you want to honor with this new award? Let Mary-Jo know! Check out the details on the [CGCI website](#).

Want to be a member of the CGCI Board of Directors?

The CGCI Nominating Committee reminds all garden club members that CGCI [Personnel Forms](#) are on the website. Here is your opportunity to serve the largest volunteer state garden club in the world! Fill out a Personnel Form if you wish to serve CGCI in any way. Any questions, contact [Dolores Moffat](#), Chairman of the CGCI Nominating Committee.

News from NGC

2009-2011 School Gardens Project - "Bee Nature's Partner...Plants and Pollinators"

The objectives of "[Bee Nature's Partner...Plants and Pollinators](#)" are to educate school students by creating native gardens on school grounds. By using the classroom as the laboratory, this project can engage students and teachers. In planning for this project, clubs should emphasize using native plants that attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other native pollinators to the garden. The gardens may be large or small, portable or stationary. Clubs may also incorporate educational instruction or materials and the sustainability of the gardens. See [NGC website](#) for more information.

Flower Show Stimulus Package

The NGC Flower Show Committee has prepared a [stimulus package](#) to encourage clubs to hold Standard Flower Shows. The package will contain a model schedule for a Small Standard Flower Show with choices of titles that a club may adapt to suit its needs. Other items in the package will include entry tags with information on where to order, how to complete and samples of appropriate awards ribbons. Any club that has never held a flower show or has not held a Small Standard Flower Show in the past five years is eligible to participate. A Certificate of Achievement will be awarded to clubs that complete this new venture. Complete information can be found on the [NGC website](#).

"Keeping in Touch" & "The National Gardener"

You can read NGC's quarterly publication [Keeping in Touch](#) on the NGC website. Complimentary copies of *Keeping in Touch* were sent by NGC quarterly to all club presidents, but now only available on line. It is NGC's supplement to its larger publication, [The National Gardener](#), complimentary copies of which are sent to all club presidents and district directors. *The National Gardener* is what connects NGC to the regions, to the state garden clubs, to the districts, to the member garden clubs and, finally, to the individual garden club members. To subscribe to *The National Gardener*, call 800-550-6007 or download the [subscription form](#).



Back to School

News from NGC -- 21st Century Changes

At the NGC 2009 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, it was adopted that courses for all schools have no time restrictions and, with the school sponsor's approval, may be scheduled back to back. A garden club member student may take all four courses in Environmental Studies, Gardening Study or Landscape Design Study within a year and become an NGC Accredited Consultant. Unchanged is the timeline for refresher credit for Consultants and Masters. Credit will be granted once only within a calendar year beginning in the year following receipt of consultant or master consultant certification.

NGC Gardening Study Schools

If you are unable to attend Course I of [Gardening Study School](#) in a classroom, you can now take it on line. Although it will not be as fun as interacting with other students in the classroom, it is a great opportunity to study from your home. It is approximately 6 hours long (depending on your rate of learning through each study module), and you can enter the course anytime to complete all or part of the course. Plus, you have 30 days to complete the course once you start it. You can take the course a lesson at a time, a module at a time or all at once. Successful completion of this course will earn you certification consistent with the NGC standards for Gardening Study School, Course I. The on line course includes: Basics of Botany (4 study modules); Soil and Soil Preparation (3 study modules); Plant Propagation (2 study modules); and Composting (1 study module). Gardening Consultants: You can also take this online study course as refresher credit! For a limited time, [Learn2Grow](#) (which is the company that is in partnership with NGC to provide this service) and NGC are offering this course at a 10% discount. The current introductory price is \$90. Questions, see the [NGC website](#) or contact CGCI's Gardening Study Schools Chairman [Greg Pokorski](#).

NGC Landscape Design Study Program

Please let [Alexis Slafer](#), CGCI's Landscape Design Study Program Chairman, know if your club or district wants to sponsor a [Landscape Design Study Program](#). Alexis can help you with all aspects of setting up and running the study program, including names of potential instructors.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

- **February 18-20, 2010** Flower Show School, Course 4, Encinitas. Sponsor: Palomar District. Chairman: [Laura Crenshaw](#)
- **April 7-9, 2010** Flower Show Symposium, Sacramento. Sponsor: CGCI. Chairman: [Gloria Aminian](#)
- **April 20-21, 2010** Gardening Study School, Series 21, Course II, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden

Foothills District. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffery](#)

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

Website Links

[California Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)
[Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)
[National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)

[Visit Our Website](#) or call us toll free at 888-702-2075.

Any questions or comments about the CGCI eNewsletter, please contact the eNewsletter Chairman, [Pat Claves](#).

It's not too late to register for Winter Board

Members of Palomar District invite you to the [CGCI Winter Board of Directors Meeting](#), January 8-10, 2010 in San Diego, CA. The CGCI Board of Directors holds a meeting each winter to conduct the business of CGCI. But the meetings are not just filled with business. The schedule is designed to allow plenty of time for attendees to meet new people, network, exchange ideas and "grow."

The location of the Winter

Board Meeting this year is on beautiful Mission Bay, right next door to SeaWorld. Join other CGCI members for this enjoyable weekend on beautiful Mission Bay, seeing new places, learning new things, making new connections with people from around the state and having a whole lot of fun too. The registration form and additional information, including hotel and driving information, can be found on the CGCI website.

Information for Chairmen & District Directors

"Call" to Winter Board Meeting

The "Call" to CGCI's Winter Board Meeting has been sent to you. If you did not receive it, contact CGCI Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Johnson or obtain it from the CGCI website.

Reporting at Winter Board

Chairmen (and District Directors) are encouraged, but not required, to give oral reports, limited to three minutes. Please inform the CGCI President ASAP that an oral report will be given so sufficient time can be allotted at the meeting. Oral reports may also be given by the team's chairman in place of an individual chairman's report.

However, all chairmen (and District Directors) are asked to prepare and submit three written reports: one each for the President and Golden Gardens Editor, and a condensed (100 word maximum) report sent via email, if possible, to the Recording Secretary Greg Pokorski for distribution with the minutes. When sending your report to Greg Pokorski, please note "CGCI WB 2010" on the subject line of the email message.

Also, President Maryanne Lucas asks that each chairman bring a short paragraph stating how his/her chairmanship can best serve our member clubs. CGCI wants to let the clubs know that our chairmen are ready to help and what they have to offer.

Attn: Award Judges

Due to the early date of the winter board meeting, awards which must be postmarked by January 10 will not be able to be judged at winter board. However, judges are to bring whatever books of evidence, applications, etc. to winter board for practice judging. Please do not bring the triplicate reporting forms which were mailed to you, as there will be "practice" reporting forms for you to use at the board meeting. Any questions, contact the Awards Coordinator, Pat Clayes.

Reimbursements

for Chairmen & District Directors

The Financial Secretary, Joelle Holford, reminds chairmen to submit reimbursement forms (along with receipts) to Joelle at Winter Board or mail directly to her. As stated at Fall Board 2009, the Financial Secretary, Joelle Holford, and Treasurer, Ed Dempsey, prefer that expenses be submitted as they occur and that the chairmen not wait until June to submit these. To find out how much your chairmanship is allotted, see the Minutes from the 2009 Post-Convention Meeting.

Information for District Directors

CGCI wants to not only know what is happening in all of the districts, it also wants to know what the clubs believe CGCI can do as a unified group to meet the individual club needs. President Maryanne Lucas believes

that there is power in groups, and we should be using it more than we do.

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To view past CGCI eNewsletters, [click here](#).
And add some comments while you are there.