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Fall Board Meeting

September 15-17, 2010

**Hyatt Regency Suites, 285 North Palm Canyon Drive,
Palm Springs, CA 92262**

All are welcome to attend the CGCI Fall Board Meeting. The official "Call" will be sent shortly to all CGCI Board of Directors Members by CGCI

Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Johnson. President Maryanne Lucas will also send a special invitation to all club presidents in the area. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact the CGCI Fall Board Meeting Chairman via email or 909-337-6911.

For Your Information

Hotel Information

Reservations: Make your own prior to August 28, 2010 with Hyatt Regency Suites, 285 North Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs CA 92262 - 760-322-9000/Fax: 760-969-6009 / www.palmsprings.hyatt.com. Mention "California Garden Clubs" to get our special \$89.00 single/double room rate. Parking is \$8.00 daily for underground parking (reduced from \$15.00 daily). Remember that the "resort fee" of \$12 has been waived. So, remind the reservation person. However, the resort fee will show up on your email confirmation (if you ask for one). It will be removed from your bill (or not show up on your bill) at the hotel. Check your bill carefully upon departure (just in case).



Amenities: All-suite downtown Palm Springs hotel. Fresh from a \$15 million dollar transformation, the atrium-style Palm Springs resort-like hotel offers the city's best views of the surrounding mountains and cityscape from six floors of expansive balconies and terraces. 194 spacious suites with separate living room. Large, private balconies with views, plush Grand Bed™, 42" flat screen TV in both bedroom and living room, refrigerator, iHome stereo with iPod® docking station, concierge service, pet-friendly, underground parking, 24-hour gym, poolside cabanas, heated outdoor swimming pool / hot tub.

Travel Information

Airports

*Palm Springs International Airport – complimentary shuttle to/from hotel.

*Ontario International Airport (Satellite of Los Angeles International Airport) – Super Shuttle available (however, quite expensive) or rent a car. Only an hour and 15 minute drive from Palm Springs.

Automobile

From the Northern California: I-5 to the I-210 South to Pasadena. Continue on the I-210 towards Redlands. I-210 ends and merge onto I-10 East toward Indio. Pass through Yucaipa, Beaumont, Banning, Morongo. Merge onto CA-111 via Exit 112 toward Palm Springs. Stay straight to go onto North Palm Canyon Drive. 285 North Palm Canyon Drive is on the right.

From San Diego Area: I-15 North. Right onto I-215 (at Temecula) to Riverside/San Bernardino. After March Air Reserve Base, get into right lane. Take Route 60 toward Beaumont/Banning. Merge onto I-10 East and go through Beaumont, Banning, Morongo. Merge onto CA-111 via Exit 112 toward Palm Springs. Stay straight to go onto North Palm Canyon Drive. 285 North Palm Canyon Drive is on the right.

From Orange County Area: Take the 91 toward Riverside. At Riverside, make right to merge onto Route 60 toward Beaumont/Indio. Merge onto the I-10 East and go through Beaumont, Banning, Morongo. Merge onto CA-111 via Exit 112 toward Palm Springs. Stay straight to go onto North Palm Canyon Drive. 285 North Palm Canyon Drive is on the right.



Highlights

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

*Evening Speaker/Docent from The Living Desert

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

*Morning bus tour to The Living Desert, Palm Desert (with continental breakfast on bus) with docent-led, covered tram tour

*Lunch Speaker

*Gene Bauer Book Signing: *Botanical Serigraphs*

Workshops

*Maureen Gilmer Book Signing: *Palm Springs-Style Gardening*

*Dinner Speaker

Thursday, September 16, 2010

*Spouses tour (via car pool) to the Palm Springs Air Museum and lunch at the Spa Casino Buffet

*Palms to Pines District Meeting

*Lunch Speaker

*Dinner Speaker

Parliamentary News

CGCI Parliamentarian, Chuck Goodwin, wants you to know that the National Association of Parliamentarians provides a wide array of products and services for members and the general public. An informative group of booklets are part of the Leadership Spotlight Series, including "You the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committees, Board of Directors, Conventions and Nominations and Elections." These are nominal in cost, and Chuck highly recommends these for purchase by clubs and districts. For a complete listing of NAP materials, log onto its website.

Chuck also wants to remind you to send your questions and comments to him for the "Ask the Parliamentarian" column in *Golden Gardens*.



Gardening Study Schools - Online Course Ends

By Greg Pokorski, CGCI and NGC GSS Chairman

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Board of Directors voted at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting in Atlanta to terminate NGC's contract with Learn2Grow due to lack of participation. NGC and Learn2Grow developed Garden Time Course 1 based on NGC's Gardening Study Schools (GSS) program. As a result of the board action, Garden Time Course 1 (also known as Online Course I and Virtual Gardening Study School Course I) is no longer available. This course had been offered (through the NGC and Learn2Grow websites) for the past year to the general public and was also available for student and refresher credit in NGC's GSS program.

Please be aware that this course is no longer an alternative for those seeking GSS credit. Those who did receive course or refresher credit by taking the online course retain that credit. The traditional GSS program remains unchanged and is available throughout the country. Questions about the GSS program and about the discontinuation of the online course may be referred to this chairman.



Want to Sponsor a Gardening Study School?

By Greg Pokorski, CGCI and NGC Gardening Study Schools (GSS) Chairman

It's a great way to **educate** the public and your garden club members about a variety of gardening subjects. It's a great way to **obtain** a qualified contingent of NGC Gardening Consultants for your club/district. It's a great way to **attract** new garden club members. It's easy to sponsor a study program: Contact Greg Pokorski via

email. Simple instructions and checklists for the local sponsors/chairmen of Gardening Study Schools are found in the NGC *GSS Handbook* (with all necessary forms) which can be ordered from NGC for \$10 plus shipping/handling. Greg Pokorski is available to answer any questions and assist.



Recycle Your Garden

Garden Arts & Crafts Chairman, Janet Eyre, wants you to know: When you go out in your garden to cut-back, thin-

out or pinch-back, think twice before you throw-out. This is where your garden art and craft starts. Even better, when you plan your garden, plant shrubs, vines, flowers and trees that are useful to bring into the house to enjoy in a craft or in an artistic design that you create. One such project you can make and enjoy is: "Grapevine" Wreaths or vine of any kind which you grow. Make your wreath any size that you wish out of any vines that grow for you -- they all turn out pretty! To start your wreath, you use vines that are still bendable - not dry. Bend vine around to desired size circle and twist with floral wire to secure vine. Continue adding vine to circle to desired thickness of circle. Secure circle with wire and decorate with dried flowers, herbs, leaves and ribbon.



Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

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

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Upcoming Educational Opportunities

September 21-22, 2010 Gardening Study School, Series XXI, Course 3, 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](#). [Click here](#) for all of the forms, information, etc.

November 4-5, 2010 Landscape Design Study Program, Series XXIV, Course 1. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Classroom B, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. School Chairman: [Alexis Slafer](#).

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



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Tentative Schedule for Fall Board

**Tuesday
9/14/2010**

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Registration/Hospitality/
Yearbook Distribution
Room

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Executive Committee
(closed meeting)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Board of Trustees
(closed meeting)

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm
Advisory Committee
(closed meeting)

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Nominating Committee
(closed meeting)

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Meet & Greet at the
Lobby Bar – Cash Bar

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Speaker/Docent from
The Living Desert

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Bylaws/Policy
Committee
(closed meeting)

**Wednesday
9/15/10**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Registration/Hospitality/
Yearbook Distribution
Room

7:30 am - 11:45 am
Docent Lead Tram Tour

Living Desert via bus
(with continental
breakfast)

Noon – 1:30 pm
Lunch with Speaker

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Gene Bauer Book Signing

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
Board of Directors

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Budget & Finance
Committee
(closed meeting)

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Nominating Committee
(closed meeting)

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

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm
Workshops

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
President's Reception

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
No Host Bar

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Dinner with Speaker

Thursday, 9/16/10

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Registration/Hospitality/
Yearbook Distribution
Room

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

9:30 am – 10:30 am
Board of Directors

9:30 am – 2:00 pm
Spouses Tour – Palm
Springs Air Museum
and lunch at
The Spa Casino via
carpool

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

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Lunch with Speaker

2:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Board of Directors

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
No Host Bar

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Dinner with Speaker

Friday

9/17/10

9:00 am – 11:00 am
Board of Directors



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