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CGCI Website News

A new version of the CGCI website will be up and running shortly. Same website address -- but will be better and more interactive.

(*Note: If you are having trouble accessing the links below, it's probably because the links to the pages on the new website have changed since the creation of this eNewsletter.*)

News from CGCI Chairmen

Important Information for Your Club & District

Yearbooks

Your CGCI Yearbook Team Coordinator would like all club and district yearbook chairman to note that the NGC President, Pacific Region Director and CGCI President (and all of their contact information, projects and themes) remain the same for the 2010-2011 year (except for CGCI President Maryanne Lucas' email address which is now mmlucas@mac.com). See complete information on the right column.

The Official Calendar (which should be included in your yearbook) is as follows:

2010

September 15-17 - CGCI Fall Board Meeting. Host: Palms to Pines District. Chairman: Pat Claves

September 21-22 - Gardening Study School, Series XXI, Course 3, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy Jeffery

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

October 12-14 - Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: Mary Arakelian

November 4-5 - Landscape Design Study Program, Series XXIII, Course 1. Sponsor: Costa Verde District. Chairman: Alexis Slafer

November 9-10 Environmental Studies School, Course III. Sponsor: Bay Ocean District. Chairman: Shane Looper

2011

January 27-28 - Landscape Design Study Program, Series XXIII, Course 2. Sponsor: Costa Verde District. Chairman: Alexis Slafer

February 3-6 - Winter Board Meeting, Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Carole Lung. Co-Chairman: Annie Hall-Bosche

March 17-18 - Landscape Design Study Program, Series XXIII, Course 3. Sponsor: Costa Verde District. Chairman: Alexis Slafer

April 1-3 - Weekend Wildflower Encounters. Host: Buttes District. Chairman: Jim Hart

April 5-7 - Flower Show School, Course 2, Sacramento. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: Mary Arakelian

April 12-13 - Gardening Study School, Series XXI, Course 4, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy Jeffrey

April 14-16 - Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ

April 28-30 - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield

May 15-19 - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: Cathy Biggins & GinaBelle Smith

May 27-30 - NGC Convention, Washington, D.C.

Please let your district director know how many extra CGCI yearbooks which your club wants to order. They are \$7.00 each if picked up at Fall Board. Otherwise, \$9.50 if mailed. District Directors must get their extra yearbook order form to CGCI [Yearbook Team Coordinator](#) by July 30, 2010.

IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption News

CGCI IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman, [Chuck Goodwin](#), reminds those clubs and districts which participate in the CGCI Nonprofit Program that your club/district must file IRS Form 990-N (electronic postcard) after the close of the fiscal year, which is June 20, 2010 (and delinquent 5 1/2 months after the close of the fiscal year -- November 15, 2010). While there are no penalties for late filing, if your club/district has not filed the last two years, the IRS will revoke your nonprofit status after November 15, 2010. For those clubs which are incorporated -- here is a reminder of the biennial filing with the California Secretary of State of the Statement of Information (Form SI-100).

2010 Fall Board Meeting, Palm Springs September 14-17, 2010, The Hyatt Regency

You are invited to attend the Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs. The hotel



was recently renovated last winter and has a magnificent pool area (so bring your bathing suits for night swimming in the desert). Every room is a suite! More information will be forthcoming in The Call.

Highlights (besides the fun meetings):

Tuesday, September 14 - Program by a docent from The Living Desert

Wednesday, September 15 - Morning bus trip to The Living Desert (with breakfast on bus) for guided tram tour; lunch speaker; Gene Bauer book signing; four workshops/lectures in afternoon; complimentary President's reception; dinner speaker

Thursday, September 16 - Spouses tour to the Palm Springs Air Museum and lunch at The Spa Casino Hotel Buffet; lunch speaker; dinner speaker

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose Old Jeans Contest

The Contest will be held at the 2010 CGCI Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs, September 2010 and will be open to all CGCI individual club members, clubs, districts, associate plant societies and affiliates Requirements: Make something useful out of an old pair of jeans, jean skirt, jean shorts, jean dress, etc. (no matter what color, texture, size, etc.). Jean item can be your own or a family member's or a friend's or bought at a consignment/resale/thrift/charity shop — no new jean item is to be used (unless someone bought the item and never use it due to weight gain/loss, etc.). Suggestion: Christmas ornament, handbag, quilt, blanket, table runner, table cloth, place mat, jewelry, etc. Use your imagination! Send your entry with your district director or anyone from your district who will be attending the Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs, September 2010. If worse comes to worse, you can send your entry to the Chairman (P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92362) by September 1, 2010. In all instances: An entry card must accompany your exhibit.

First Place Winner will receive \$75 / Second Place Winner will receive \$25.



Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose Contest Entry Card

Name:

Email address:

Telephone Number with Area Code:

Address:

Zip:

Club:

District:

Description of Entry:



California State Parks

Legislation/Government Chairman, [Chuck Goodwin](#), reminds you that at 2009 Fall Board, he reported that as many as 100 of the more than 270 park units in California faced closure because of a cut in general fund revenue of over \$14M. The final impact for the year was that most parks had reduced services, mostly through reduced days of operation or seasonal closure. No parks were permanently closed.

At 2010 Winter Board, the board of directors adopted a position paper "Support(ing) the Preservation and Maintenance of California's State Parks." The State Parks Foundation circulated a petition to create a permanent funding source for parks. Signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State for verification in May. If it qualifies, it will be on the November 2010 general election ballot; and, if passed, it will add an \$18 surcharge to vehicle registrations, raising an estimated \$500M annually of which 85% will go to park support. In exchange, motorists would no longer be charged a day use fee to use state parks.

Are you Honoring Outstanding Gardens in your Area?

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

Are you honoring outstanding gardens in your area? Do you have any gardens with "horticulture excellence"? Is anyone in your area doing budding, grafting or cloning - and it is working? Have you presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation of some kind? The Gardening Consultants Council has a [certificate](#) posted on the CGCI website which can be used for many different presentations. The certificate can be adjusted and modified to meet any garden club's needs. You can also have your district director or CGCI president (when they are in your area) present the certificate for you. This is a great way to honor these worthy gardeners. Perhaps a business has an outstanding planting by its shop? Just fill out a certificate for the business. Then, create a newspaper article with photograph -- great press for your club and the business!



Want to Sponsor a Landscape Design Study Program

By [Alexis Slafer](#), CGCI Landscape Design Study Program Chairman

It's a great way to **educate** the public and your garden club members about landscape design

practices. It's a great way to **obtain** a qualified contingent of NGC Landscape Design 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 [Alexis Slafer](#) via email or 323-292-6657. Simple instructions for the local sponsors/chairmen of LDSPs are found in the NGC *LDSP Operations Manual* with all necessary forms which can be ordered from [NGC](#) for \$10 plus shipping/handling. Alexis Slafer is always available to answer any questions and assist.



Auntie Litter

[Auntie Litter](#) in Louisiana wants to team up with CGCI to bring her message of Reuse, Reduce Waste, Recycle to California children. CGCI members now have the opportunity to become "Friends of Auntie Litter" (representatives/educators of Auntie Litter), educating children around California about the dangers posed to the environment and how to eliminate litter, conserve our natural resources and practice the environmental three Rs. Auntie Litter will provide training and materials for the "Friends of Auntie Litter." If you or someone in your district or club is interested in becoming a "Friend of Auntie Litter," please contact the [Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose](#)

[Chairman](#).



Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

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](#)

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, 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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Another Award Winner from 2010 Convention!

**Ruth Angevine was
appointed to the
Circle of Poppies!
Congratulations,
Ruth!**

Pest Problems & Quarantines

By [Jim Bathgate](#),
Horticulture Team
Chairman

California continues to
have various pest

problems and quarantines. The European grapevine moth has been found in several locations. This pest is a severe threat to the wine and grape industry. The light brown apple moth (LBAM) has over 250 plant hosts. Asian Citrus Psyllids can carry Huanglogbing which stunts and kills citrus. The Mediterranean fruit fly has caused a quarantine in San Diego County. Spotted Wing Drosophila is a new pest causing damage to berries and cherries. As gardeners, we need to be aware of and observe quarantine protocols. Report pests you do not recognize to your local Ag Commissioner.

Advice from Flower Show Awards

Chairman

Unless your club or district registers its flower show with the Flower Show Awards Chairman, Gudy Kimmel, an NGC flower show judge is not obligated to judge your show.

When invited to judge a flower show, judges should ask if the show has been registered, so the judge can receive credit for judging.

Any questions, please contact Gudy Kimmel directly via email or phone at 310-530-2382

For District Directors

July 30, 2010 is the deadline to get your Extra Yearbook Order Form to the CGCI Yearbook Team Chairman, P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. The form can be found on the CGCI website. Any questions, contact the Chairman.

Don't forget to remind your club presidents to remind their members to sign up to receive the CGCI eNewsletter. The link to the sign-up form is on the home page of the CGCI website. It's easy to sign-up and it's free. And one can remove oneself from the database at any time.

For Chairmen

If anyone wants to help the Communications Chairman create two new brochures ("Beginning Creative Floral Design" and "A Flower Arranger's Garden"), please let her know. Thanks.

For Club Presidents & Members

Please always look in the current CGCI Yearbook and on the CGCI website before

sending any
communication to
CGCI chairmen
because
chairmanships do
change quite
frequently --
sometimes yearly.

Information for Yearbooks

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Protect, Feed and
Enjoy

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where excite is
growing!

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