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CGCI Convention

Come to Convention! You are invited!

Thursday, June 3 to Sunday, June 6, 2010, The Hyatt Westlake Place Hotel, Westlake Village, California

Get together with fellow garden club members from throughout the state. Visit beautiful gardens, see gorgeous floral designs, learn new things and enjoy the friendship.

Don't miss:

- * **The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum bus tour** -- Discover the Oval Office; hear behind the scenes stories surrounding President Reagan's roll in the fall of the Berlin Wall; visit Air Force One.
- * **The Getty Villa Malibu** --this bus tour will take you to an educational center and museum which is dedicated to the study of the arts and cultures of ancient Greece, Rome and Etruria.
- * **"Kids Growing Strong" Benefit Dinner** at the home of CGCI President Maryanne Lucas and her husband, Bob, in Westlake Village. All proceeds will support Maryanne's President's Project, "Kids Growing Strong."
- * **Judges Council Banquet** -- The Judges Council of Southern California will host this banquet. See all of their lovely and creative floral designs. Flower Show Awards will be announced at this banquet.
- * **Awards Banquet** -- Awards will be announced at this banquet (except for flower show awards).
- * **Club Presidents' Workshops** by Robin Pokorski and Pat Clayes for all current, incoming and potential club presidents -- but everyone is welcome. Learn how to deal with difficult members, amenities, parliamentary procedure, conducting a meeting, etc.
- * **Parliamentary Procedure Class** by Gerald Olsen, PRP & optional National Association of Parliamentarians basic membership exam.
- * **CGCI Computer Workshop** -- Get a look at the new CGCI website. Learn how your club can have its website, updated by your club members as often as they like, for free on the CGCI website. And hints and tips for Word users to help get your messages out quickly and clearly.
- * **Tri-Refresher for NGC Consultants** (Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design). See information and registration form on the website. Question, contact Mary Lou Goodwin.
- * **Gardening Consultants & Landscape Design Consultants Council meetings**. Any questions, contact Myrtle Findley (Gardening Consultants Council Chairman) or Mary Lou Goodwin (Landscape Design Council Chairman).

* **Chairmen Exhibits.** If you want to have an exhibit, contact Rose Jeffery at 805-496-0316 or send an email. You can find the Exhibit Room form on the website.

Featured Speakers:

Diane Beeler -- Rain Gardens, No-Grass Gardens and UC Davis All-Star Trials Gardens

Carol Bornstein -- Using California Native Plants in the Landscape

Casey Burns -- How Your Property Fits into the Conservation
Big Picture: Wildlife, Weeds and Watersheds

Rilla Crane -- Floral Designer and Master Flower Show Judge, who will give you an evening of beauty with her unique and creative designs at the Judges Council Banquet

Ian Leslie -- Irrigation and Plant Choices that Result in a Beautiful and Efficient Garden

Don Marquardt - The History of Italian Renaissance Villas

Alexis Slafer -- The Getty Villa - Then and Now

Leland Walmsley -- Green Roofs and Living Walls

More information about the CGCI 2010 Convention can be found on the CGCI Website and in the February/March issue of *Golden Gardens*. Deadline to make room reservations at The Hyatt Westlake Plaza Hotel is **May 12, 2010** to get CGCI special room rate of \$114 per room - single or double occupancy. Registration Form to attend any of the functions of the convention must be postmarked by **May 13, 2010** to avoid a \$25.00 late fee (attending more than one day or all events) or \$5.00 late fee for attending a single day or spouse attendance. Any questions, contact Beverly Brune and/or Jean Reiley, Chairmen. Questions about registration, contact the Registrar, Tanya Caligiuri.

New Blue Star Memorials

Southern California Blue Star Memorial Chairman, George Unrine, reports that the following have recently been dedicated:

Cascade District

Byway Markers

Igo, Northern California Veterans Cemetery - Redding Wonderland Garden Club

Shasta Lake, Veterans Memorial Garden - Shasta Lake Garden Project

Greater Los Angeles District

Memorial Marker

West Los Angeles, Los Angeles National Cemetery - Los Angeles Garden Club & Brentwood Glen Garden Club

Sacramento River Valley District

Memorial Marker

Dixon, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery - Vaca Valley Garden Club

Byway Marker

Fairfield, Fairfield Senior Center - Geranium City Garden Club

Valley Lode District



Byway Marker

Patterson, Patterson Senior Center - Patterson Garden Club

National Council of State Garden Clubs (now known as National Garden Clubs, Inc. or NGC) adopted the Blue Star Memorial Highway project in 1946. The official design of these first markers was presented to NGC in 1947 featuring the icon of the blue star used on blue star flags. In 1947, CGCI adopted the program and Highways 40 and 99 were dedicated. These markers can only be placed on highways that have been dedicated with a resolution through the State Assembly. The first five markers were dedicated in 1948. There are now 18 dedicated highways within the state and 58 highway markers.

There are now three types of markers that honor the men and women in the Armed Forces who have served, are presently serving and will serve in the future. These markers are the highway markers, by-way markers and memorial markers. The memorial markers, approved in 1994, are to be placed at National Cemeteries or VA Medical Centers. There are eight of these markers in the state. In 2004, NGC by-laws were changed to allow this newest marker to be placed at state veterans hospitals, cemeteries where veterans are buried and other sites, after permission of the NGC President. Even though the existing three marker types have been redesigned, they still reflect the purpose chosen by members of NGC which was to honor members of the Armed Forces and to beautify our country. Keep those blue stars shining lest we forget those who keep us free! For more information about the Blue Star Memorial Highways in California, please see Caltrans' website or the CGCI website site. Your club or community may participate in this program. Click here for the procedure for ordering a Blue Star. Click here for refurbishing procedures. Click here for a list of all of the Blue Stars in California. Any questions, contact George Unrine (Southern California) or Judy Laird (Northern California).

According to the Spring 2010 issue of NGC's *The National Gardener*, effective May 1, 2010, the prices will be as follows (until May 2012): **All Blue Star Markers: \$1250 and all Blue Star Plaques (By-Way): \$410 (and add West Coast shipping fees of \$50).**

It's Flower Show, Garden Tour & Plant Sale Season!

List of Events from the CGCI website for May 2010

Here is your opportunity to visit flower shows, garden tours and plant sales this month. Look for these in your area or plan a day trip, etc. to see these fantastic events in California. And some flower shows may be in need of entries in their Horticulture and Design Divisions. If you would like to enter, contact the telephone numbers/email addresses below.

May 1 - Los Angeles Garden Club's Standard Flower Show, "Dancing with Flowers," Griffith Park's Visitors Center Auditorium, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Also a plant market and bake sale. For information contact Flora Melrose.

May 1-2 - Carmel Valley Garden Association's Garden Show, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Location: Hidden Valley Music Seminars, 88 W. Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley Village. Please visit the website.

May 1-2 – Friends of Fullerton Arboretum present an African Violet Show, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. For more information call 657-278-4010 or visit its website.

May 1-2 – Temecula Valley Garden Club's 25th Anniversary Flower Show "Seasons and Celebrations," Noon - 4:00 p.m., Temecula Community Recreation Center, 30875 Rancho Vista Road,

Temecula. Contact Susan Puma at 310-594-6972 or visit the club's [website](#).

May 1-2 - La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society's 55th Annual Show and Sale, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117 Overland Avenue (SW corner of intersection with Culver Blvd.), Culver City. Noon - 5:00 pm on Saturday; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday. For more information, call 323-294-9839.

May 8 - La Jolla Garden Club's Annual Gardeners' Market, 9:00 am – 2 pm, patio of Chase Bank, 7777 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. For more information contact Fran Sheinbein at 858-450-1769 or send an [email](#).

May 8 - Idyllwild Garden Club's Spring Lilac Walk and Tea, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Contact: Gary Parton, 951-659-9711 or Ann Kohler, 951-317-5183.

May 8 - Manteca Garden Club's 11th Annual Spring Garden Tour "Gardens for Generations," 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Contact Sandi Larson at 209-824-2062 for more information. For flyer, [click here](#).

May 13 - Carolands Garden Club Flower Show, Hillsborough, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Any questions, send an [email](#).

May 14-15 -- Gates Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale, Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Riverside. Friday at 9:00 am and ends on Saturday at 4:00 pm. Questions, contact [Buck Hemenway](#).

May 15 -- Malibu Garden Club's 12th Annual Garden Tour. Point Dume Marine Elementary School, 69455 Fernhill Dr., Malibu. 10:30 am -- 3:00 pm. Question, call 310-399-2040 or visit the [club's website](#).

May 16 -- Southern Humboldt Garden Club's 59th Annual Small Standard Flower Show & Plant Sale - "Promises of Spring." 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Agnes J. Johnson School, 73 School Rd., Weott. For information, call 707-946-1916 or send an [email](#).

May 20 - San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyist's Annual Orchid Auction, Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia. The doors open at 6:00 pm for viewing the plants and registration; auction begins promptly at 7:00 pm. For information call 909-984-2435 or 626-335-6641.

May 22 - Hermosa Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Clark Building, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. Questions, call 310-530-6992.

May 22 - Fallbrook Garden Club's Annual Tour, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Seven beautiful & diverse gardens will be featured. Tour Marketplace opens at 8 A.M. Information: 760-468-5842.

May 22-23 - Tuolumne County Garden Club's Annual Rummage/ Plant/Bake Sale, starting at 8:00 am on both days. Location: Open Air Market, Mono Village Center, Hwy. 108, East Sonora. For more information call, 586-0611.

Small & Miniature Designs



Did you know that, according to the Spring 2010 issue of *The National Gardener*, "Small and Miniature Designs are very popular exhibits for a flower show. Their appeal is not only because of their diminutive 'cuteness,' but also because of ease of transporting. Many designers who are no longer able to carry large boxes and unwieldy materials have found smaller designs to be an outlet for their creativity. They are not easier, just less weighty."

So, remember to include small (no larger than 8 inches (height and width) and miniature (no larger than 5 inches (height and width) in your flower shows. And some flower shows include 3 inch miniature designs (no larger than 3 inches (height and width) in their miniature sections. Additionally, Jean Ohlmann, NGC Flower Show Schools Chairman, says, "...small designs are quite challenging and particularly to designers who enjoy creating major masterpieces." Yes, small and miniature designs might be challenging, but CGCI members are up for the challenges; plus they actually enjoy creating their "mini-masterpieces."

Pictured to the right is a 5" miniature design by Joyce Dean of Redlands Horticultural & Improvement Society which won The NGC Petite Award a few weeks ago.

News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

National Garden Week - June 6-12, 2010

Plan an exciting event to celebrate National Garden Week in your community! Some possible thoughts . . . Sponsor a hands-on "How Do You Select Flowers/Shrubs for Your Garden" workshop at an area nursery; select a manageable blighted area with the cooperative efforts of another group and beautify it; have some of your members conduct a garden tour that week--include a water garden, a vegetable garden, a rose garden--just to name a few; have a "Getting to Know Us" event at the public library. Whatever you do, publicize the activity so you get maximum visibility of the garden club and the benefits of being a member. If you have questions, please contact Diane Herman, NGC National Garden Week Chairman or Victoria Ludico, CGCI National Garden Week Chairman. Download the National Garden Week Poster and the National Garden Week Proclamation from the NGC website.



"The Glorious Earth" 10th World Flower Show

World Association of Flower Arrangers announces its 10th World Flower Show, "This Glorious Earth," Boston, MA, June 15-19, 2011 at the Seaport World Trade Center. A horticulture division will not be included -- meaning: ALL DESIGNS! NGC members (which include all CGCI members) who belong to National Flower Arrangers or Creative Flower Arrangers of the Americas (and there are some of these from California) are eligible to compete in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All NGC garden club members and the public are welcome to attend. For the schedule, lodging, ticket, special programs, etc., click here.

Flower Show in Rancagua, Chile -- Flower Show Judges Needed!

Particulars: NGC President Renee Blaschke will be the host. \$3995 per person from Dallas, TX. Visiting Santiago, a Protea nursery, a winery, a horse ranch, Vina del Mar, Issla Negra, Calama and much more. Price includes round trip airfare from Dallas, TX, first class hotels, breakfasts, dinners, plus some lunches. If interested, contact Intropa Tours at 1-800-666-3838.

Vision of Beauty Calendar

Order the 2011 Vision of Beauty Calendar before supplies are exhausted. Clubs and districts can make

bulk purchases at reduced prices and make the calendar a money-maker. [Click here](#) for the order form.

Did you know that the 2012 NGC Vision of Beauty Calendar entrants must adhere to the new requirements and the new entry form which can be found in the 2011 calendar? Each entry must have its own fully completed entry form. See the NGC website for more information or contact [Jan Warshauer](#), NGC Calendar Chairman. You can also contact [Shane Looper](#), Pacific Region Calendar Committee Member.



Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 14-16, 2010 - [NGC Convention](#), Atlanta, GA

June 3-7, 2010 - CGCI 79th Convention, Westlake Village, CA. Host: Channel Islands District. Chairmen: [Jean Reiley](#) & [Beverly Brune](#). [Click here for the convention information.](#)

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

Back to School

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

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. **HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FLOWER SHOWS (HOW TO ENTER, HOW TO WIN TOP AWARDS, HOW TO BECOME A JUDGE, ETC.)**



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](#). If you are having trouble printing the eNewsletter, try printing in "landscape mode" and/or use legal size paper. If that doesn't work, simply "cut" or "copy" the information which you want to pass along and "paste" it into a Word document.

If your eNewsletter is going into your spam folder, add cagardenclubs@aol.com to your address book.

Reminder for Club Presidents

According to the "Guidelines for Club Presidents," found on Page 37 of the 2009-2010 CGCI *Yearbook*, "the club president shall, **by May_1**, provide the district director with the names and addresses of new or continuing president, officers, Youth Activity Coordinator and dates for the regular meetings and the annual meeting. This is because the district director must inform the CGCI 3rd Vice President & Membership Chairman, Rita Desilets, of this information by **June 1** for the CGCI Yearbook.



Veggie News

Sharon Thorne, Veggie News Editor, reminds you to check the CGCI website for Sharon's *Veggie News* for California Gardeners.

Life Memberships

Carlotta Wixon, CGCI Life Membership Chairman, reminds you that you can obtain a life membership for yourself or a garden club member for CGCI, National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Pacific Region of NGC. See the CGCI website for more information.

CGCI Member Award of Distinction

Mary-Jo Noth, Chairman,
CGCI Member of Award of
Distinction

Chairman, reminds you that
the CGCI Member Award of
Distinction is a great new
opportunity for garden clubs
and districts to honor
members. For more
information, see the CGCI
website.

Buy your CGCI Pins at Convention

Club Presidents --
remember to ask your
district director (if you are
unable to attend the
convention) to pick up your
Past Club President and Club
President pins from Jackie
Jackman, CGCI State Pins
and Misc. Items Chairman,
at the CGCI convention.
Jackie also sells other items
of interest (such as
installation books,
certificates, etc.) for clubs
and districts. Any
questions, contact Jackie at
209-736-2437.

CGCI Tri-Refresher "California Gardening & Design - Where Excitement is Growing"

Attn: All NGC
Environmental, Gardening
and Landscape Design
Consultants -- Here is your
chance to refresh your
certificate at the Tri-
Refresher for NGC
Consultants at CGCI
Convention, June 2010.

"California Gardening and
Design - Where Excitement
is Growing" the theme for

the 2010 Tri-Refresher to be held at The Hyatt Westlake Plaza Hotel in Westlake Village, June 2010. All consultants can add five years to the expiration date of their credential by attending the special lectures and tours, beginning on Thursday, June 3 at 2:00 pm and finishing on Saturday, June 5 at 1:30 pm. There will also be time to take in all of the CGCI Convention. Make your plans now to attend these great events. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 800-233-1234 and asking for the CGCI rate of \$114 (single/double occupancy). For further information, contact [Mary Lou Goodwin](#).

Consultants, including Master Consultants, must refresh their credential within (one to) five years. When they refresh, they must provide a copy of the current credential card or refer to the CGCI *Yearbook* for the date. They must provide proof of subscription to *The National Gardener* (label from magazine) or provide their NGC Life Membership number. They must attend all sessions of the refresher event (no exams are required). Credit may be granted only once each year. A student who became a Consultant in 2009 may refresh in 2010. Extensions may be given for health reasons or another serious problem. Contact the CGCI Study School Chairmen ([Greg Pokorski](#) - Gardening; [Alexis Slafer](#) - Landscape Design; or [Shane](#)

Looper - Environmental).

Master Consultant status can be requested after completing four refreshers. Master Consultants must continue to refresh their credentials. Master Consultants can refresh up to three Master Consultant Certificates at a Tri-Refresher event.

Emeritus status is granted only to Master Consultants upon written request to the CGCI School Chairman. Emeritus Consultants do not need to refresh to maintain their accreditation.



***There is Still
Room on the CGCI
Tour - Floral
Diversity in Greece
Athens and the Islands of
Paros and Aegina, July 12-
22, 2010 with Directors,
George Perko and Dr. Phillip
Stanley***

Who wants to go to Greece with CGCI this summer for ten days of fun, education and learning? Floral Diversity in Greece will include tours to many historic places (including The Acropolis, The National Gardens, Athenian Agora, Agora Museum, Vorres

Museum, Temple of Poseidon, Corinthian Canal, Nemea, Mycenae Site and Museum, Epidaurus Healing Sanctuary and Theatre, Nauplion Museum, Butterfly Valley on Paros, Temple of Aegina, Temple of Aphaia, Monastery Gardens of Nektarios, plus two wine tastings, five private gardens, and much more! Get your \$250 deposit in now to hold your space, as space is limited to 10 to 15 people. For more information, contact [George Perko](#) or Dr. [Phil Stanley](#) or click on [Floral Diversity in Greece](#).

Personnel & Recommendation Forms

[Dolores Moffat](#), Nominating Committee Chairman, reminds you that [Personnel Forms](#) and [Recommendation Forms](#) are on the CGCI website. Have you filled out your personnel form or recommended someone to the Nominating Committee yet? Questions, contact [Dolores Moffat](#).

Attn: All Chairmen

Procedure Books were due on March 1, 2010. If you have not already done so, please send your to the Procedure Book Chairman, [Carolyn Johnson](#).

Attn: Chairman & Teams - Reporting Guidelines for Convention

By Julie West, CGCI 1st Vice President

CGCI President, Maryanne Lucas, has requested that Julie West, 1st Vice President, coordinate the reporting for both chairmen and team reports at convention. Please inform Julie by **May 15, 2010** of your intention to give an oral report so sufficient time can be allotted on the agenda by the CGCI President.

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. Please use correct titles and write your report in third person rather than first person. Any question, contact Julie West via email or phone (707-829-9342). Complete reporting guidelines can be found on the website.

Convention information can be found on the CGCI website. Click here.

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