

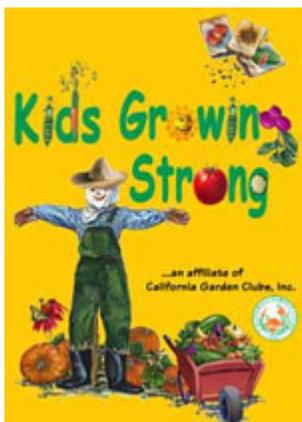
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Kids Growing Strong

The CGCI President's Project

Have you ordered your bulbs to benefit [Maryanne Lucas'](#) President's Project yet from the Sunshine Premium Bulb Company? If not, [click here](#) for the order form. Fifteen percent of sales goes to Maryanne's Project *Kids Growing Strong*. Help reach the goal by **October 27, 2010**. To see more information about the bulb program, [click here](#) to see Maryanne's blog.

Horticulture Chairman, [Jim Bathgate](#), reports that the bulbs which Maryanne has chosen are **Allium, Daffodils, Paperwhites and Amaryllis**.



Allium is the genus that has onions and garlic. The blossoms are globular and may be rosy, lilac, blue, white or yellow in color. The blooms come in summer, and new bulbs develop for the next crop. Some blossoms are scented, and the stems may give off onion or garlic aroma if bruised.

after the plants dies back in Project, "[Golden Days](#)."

The paperwhites are all white flowers. In addition, the entire



Daffodils and **paperwhites** both belong in the narcissus genus. Daffodils -- we generally think of as yellow but may come in white or shades of apricot, pink or scarlet. The blooms come in late winter or spring. New bulbs form each year, and the clump may be divided summer. Daffodils are the bulb of choice for the National Garden Clubs Inc. President's

except for the stamens in the center. These are tough, consistent, beautiful low-care narcissus group is resistant to squirrels and gophers.

Amaryllis is the fourth bulb selected. It typically blooms in spring with large dramatic flowers. Colors range from shades of red or pink and some white or striped. The blossom stalk comes out as the leaves develop. The plants are considered tender because frost can damage the foliage. They are often grown in containers that can be protected in cold weather. In mild winter areas, they can be planted outdoors. They should not be confused with *Amaryllis belladonna* which is a much more hardy plant and blooms in summer after the leaves have turned brown. Botanically, the genus for the tender bulb is *Hippeastrum*.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the CGCI President's Project, *Kids Growing Strong*.

California State Parks



"Corporate Alliances Help Keep State Parks Afloat"

Corporate sponsors, like [Stater Bros. Market](#) and [The Coca-Cola Company](#), are helping our California State Parks and other state parks around the country. [Click here](#) to read about it from *USA Today*.

For more information on our California State Parks, [click here](#) for the California State Parks Foundation's website or contact the CGCI California State Parks Chairman, [Barbara Dodge](#).

California State Flower, Food & Garden Show



April 7-10, 2010

Cal Expo, Sacramento

Coming November 1 - One or four day show tickets and reduced parking packages. Check the California State Flower, Food & Garden Show's [website](#) in November for more information.

And California State Flower, Food & Garden Show wants to promote your club's events on its website and Facebook. Contact [Dave Draxler](#).

Virginia Bennetts Memorial Fund

(CGCI President, 2001-2003)

CGCI has established a memorial fund in Virginia Bennetts' name. Disbursements from the Fund will be allocated to youth gardeners and youth garden projects. Virginia was a dedicated supporter of kids and gardening, and the memorial fund will be a wonderful tribute to her. If you would like to donate to this fund, CGCI would be most happy to accept the funds. Checks can be sent to the CGCI Financial Secretary, [Joelle Holford](#), **24067 Hildebrand Drive, Middletown, CA 95461-9790**. Please mark "Virginia Bennetts Memorial" on your check and let CGCI know to whom thank you notes are to be sent.



Landscape Design

By Pat Clayes, NGC Landscape Design Consultant

Google Earth & Google Sketchup

During Course 3 of the Landscape Design Study Program held in San Andreas a few years ago, [Steve McNeil](#) (one of our favorite landscape design instructors, who also teaches at UC Davis) told the students about [Google Earth](#) and [Google Sketchup](#). [Google Earth](#) lets you fly anywhere on Earth to view satellite

imagery, maps, terrain, 3D buildings and even explore galaxies in the sky. You can explore rich geographical content, save your toured places and share with others. [Google Sketchup](#) is software that you can use to create, modify and share 3D models. It's easier to learn than other 3D modeling programs, which is why so many people are using it.

Landscape Commendation to Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs

During the CGCI President's Reception at the 2010 CGCI Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs, the CGCI Landscape Design Council presented a commendation to the General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Suites Palm Springs. The award was for the hotel's carefree, aesthetic, cost-effective drought-tolerant landscaping around the pool area. The Palm Springs area does not receive a great deal of rainfall; thus lawns and other water-thirsty plants found in other areas of our country are not suited for the desert. A desert landscape will capture the beauty of the desert and save one of our great natural resources (water); which is also very expensive. Desert landscape also reduces the amount of maintenance which is required for the water thirsty-type landscapes. Desert landscapes use drought-tolerant sun plants which will thrive in the low rainfall areas, such as Palm Springs. Plants such as cacti and succulents are regularly used in a desert landscape. Once a properly planned desert landscape becomes established, all will be amazed at the natural beauty which a desert landscape can possess.

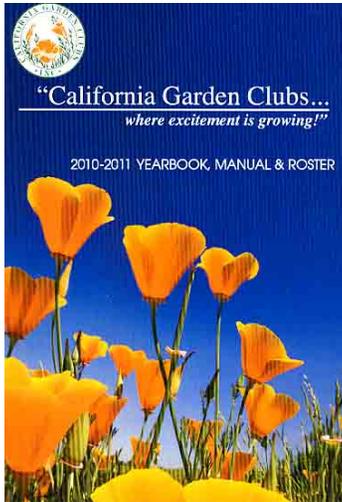
Landscape Design Commendations are presented by the CGCI Landscape Design Council for good land use. It may be given to individuals or groups upon the recommendation of individual members, clubs or districts. [Click here](#) for more information or contact the CGCI Landscape Design Council Chairman, [Mary Lou Goodwin](#).

A True Inspiration

By [Dann Dunst](#), Palms to Pines Assistant District Director, who gave the inspiration at the last dinner of the 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Palm Springs

"As I was thinking about what inspirational words I could find to share with you tonight, I began to think that there must be something pretty inspiring about a group of people who will travel from all over California to one of the hottest places in California to have a board meeting. I know that some might say, "It really is just a matter of dedication." But, I have belonged to many civic organizations in my time, and I am sure that you have also; however, I maintain that one does not remain dedicated to a cause or even join one without being inspired by that cause. For we are the people who stop to smell the roses, and we are the people who take that beauty and wonder of nature everywhere we go and to everyone we meet. Our sharing and love of horticulture is insatiable, whether it be that small plant in our garden window, a beautifully landscaped yard or garden, a downtown beautification project, a school project, a reforestation project, creating a floral design, taking a plant to an ailing friend or just giving a plant to someone just because. It is that love of horticulture and the sharing that we do which inspires us and those around us, and it's contagious. The inspiration truly comes from within our hearts and our love; it weaves and wraps around us like an ivy, feeding our souls, motivating us and blooms today and forever."

Attn: Clubs & Districts



Got Yearbook?

Extra Yearbooks Are Available for Sale

Fifty extra 2010-2011 CGCI yearbooks were ordered this year. To receive one, send check payable to "CGCI" in the amount of \$9.50 (which includes the postage) to [Pat Clayes](#), Yearbook Team Coordinator, P.O. Box 757, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. Required: The name of your club.

N.B. The addresses in the yearbook may not be used for mass mailing purposes of any kind.

Zip Code Finder

How to Update Club/District Information

There is a procedure on the CGCI website to update old information. [Click here](#) to get to the place on the CGCI website. It is under "Club Services." All that is required is your club's name, zip code of its meeting location, then the information that you wish to change -- and finally your name, email address and telephone number (giving approval of it being listed). Any questions, contact [George \(Mr. Zippy\) Speer](#).

Awards

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

Now is the time for you to start preparing your documents (books of evidence, application forms, etc.) for submission for the CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC Award Programs.

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 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](#).

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

Club & District Websites

CGCI is offering several different levels of websites on its website to best suit the needs of its clubs' and districts' needs. To read all about this wonderful opportunity, [click here](#). To learn how to build your own website, [click here](#). [Click here](#) for the form to request website hosting from CGCI. All of these links can be found on the home page of the [CGCI website](#) - right hand side. So far, three districts (Golden Foothills, Palms to Pines and Palomar) and fourteen clubs have websites on CGCI's website.



CGCI Membership Cards

CGCI membership cards were given to the district directors at the Fall Board Meeting in September for those clubs which paid their CGCI dues. District directors will distribute the membership cards to their clubs. If your club has not paid its dues by **October 1**, it will not be eligible to participate in the awards, 501(c)(3) or liability insurance programs. Contact CGCI Membership Chairman, [Rita Desilets](#), if you have any questions.

Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose Denim Jean Contest

Deadline has been postponed until Winter Board in February. Now is the time to start making your items for the contest for Winter Board. \$75 for first place winner and \$25 for second place winner. Any questions, contact the [chairman](#). For more information, [click here](#) to see the chairman's blog.



Flower Show Information

Did you know that you can download *Plants and Their Respective Families* and *Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows* from the NGC website? [Click here](#) to go to the page where you can download this helpful information.

And, if you have the latest *Handbook for Flower Shows*, Revised 2007, [click here](#) for all of the revisions which have been made to the book since its publication. It is required that all judges have the latest edition of the handbook with the revisions. It is extremely advisable for chairmen of local flower shows to have this handbook (with revisions) and review and follow it when planning a flower show. If you have any questions about flower shows, contact [Gudy Kimmel](#), Flower Show Awards Chairman, or [Dolores Moffat](#), Flower Show Committee Chairman.

Additional Flower Show Help

Flower Show Schedules - Send a draft of your schedule for review (or it may be reviewed by a local judge) to: [Kathy Bramhall](#) or [Lorna Bonham](#). Also, if your schedule is to be considered for the FS-6 award, a final copy must be sent to either of these chairmen three weeks prior to your show. [Click here](#) for the FS-6 evaluation form.

Need Judges?

If you are having a hard time finding judges to judge your show, contact [Judi Picinini](#), Flower Show Judges Council Chairman. Or the following local judges council chairmen: [Nina Blonski](#), Capital Judges Council Chairman; Susan Prah, Cascade Judges Council Chairman (530-221-2789); [Lorna Bonham](#), Feather River Judges Council Chairman; [Dolores Moffat](#), Founders Council of Judges, Inc. Chairman; [Martha Hunt](#), Judges Council of Southern California Chairman; [Laura Crenshaw](#), Southwestern Judges Council Chairman; or [Gloria Aminian](#), Valley Judges Council Chairman.

NGC "Stimulus Package" for Flower Shows

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. [Click here](#) for more information.

Attn: CGCI Chairmen

Fall Board Reports

[Greg Pokorski](#) reminds you that you if you haven't submitted a short (100 words) Fall Board Meeting Report (for attachment to the Fall Board Meeting minutes) to him, please do so **ASAP**. Greg wanted these reports by September 28.

Change of Email Address

- **Hoberley Schuler**, Kitchen Gardens Chairman, has a new email address. It is: hoberleys@frontier.com.
- **Robert Schuler**, Garden Patch Pointers Chairman and ESS/LDSP Credentials Chairman, has a new email address. It is: rhschuler@frontier.com.



Gardeners never stop learning! From childhood through retirement years, CGCI offers many opportunities to continue the learning process.

California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) facilitates educational schools for National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) throughout California. As part of its objectives, CGCI and NGC offer educational opportunities for its members and the public which are inexpensive and fun for those who attend.

The four schools which NGC offers are:

- Gardening Study Schools
- Landscape Design Study Programs
- Environmental Studies Schools
- Flower Show Schools

The schools consists of four ten-hour courses (except for Flower Show School, which hours vary according to the course). Garden club members and the public are welcome to attend.

Garden club members who successfully complete all four courses of Gardening Study, Landscape Design Study and/or Environmental Studies become accredited consultants; however, members who successfully complete all four courses of Flower Show School have additional requirements to fulfill before becoming accredited flower show judges. For more information, contact the individual CGCI schools chairmen.

Blogs

CGCI chairmen can now post their news on the new CGCI blog which is on the website. First you have to create a new account, which is then approved by CGCI. [Click here](#) to create a new account. After that, you will be able to log on and post your blogs. Any questions, contact the CGCI webmaster, [Lynne Hansen](#).

Educational Brochures/Pamphlets

These educational brochures/pamphlets are a "joint effort" of many people to produce an informative, colorful brochure for clubs, districts and the general public to help understand what each chairmanship is about. Each chairman has been asked to provide a "draft" of an educational brochure/pamphlet with specific information on his/her chairmanship -- the draft to be sent to the Chairman of the Public Relations Team, [Julie West](#). The Public Relations Team reviews the draft and forwards it to the [Communications Chairman](#) with suggested changes. The Communications Chairman then finalizes the new publication which is then presented to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for approval.

The [Penny Pines Chairman](#), Pat York, and the Blue Star Memorial Co-Chairmen, [George Unrine](#) and [Judy Laird](#), are working on their pamphlets. How about you?



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

Want to Learn Floral Design?

For those who want to learn more about basic flower arranging or about creative table settings to enhance their homes, the Design Study Units offered by NGC are the answer. Beginning or experienced arrangers will receive valuable "how-to" information, as well as many ideas to inspire creativity. For a complete listing of the study units, [click here](#).

Children's Gardens

Please contact [Joyce Droege](#), NGC Children's Gardens Chairman, if you know of a Children's Garden in California that is not listed on the NGC list. The following are listed on NGC's list of Children's Gardens in California: **Roadrunner Garden**, Alamo; **The Gardens at Heather Farm's Children's Garden**, Danville; **Turtle Rock Farm**, Mime. [If you know of any corrections to this list, please contact Joyce Droege.] [Click here](#) for the link to the NGC list of children's gardens. **Let's get our California Children's Gardens listed on NGC's list!**

Free Publications

Did you know that NGC offers free publications for garden club members to download? To see the list of free publications, [click here](#).



Back to School

Upcoming NGC Schools in California

Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening and Landscape Design

2010

- **October 12-14, 2010** - Flower Show School, Course 1, Folsom, CA. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Chairman: [Mary Arakelian](#). Registrar: [Carolyn Flynn](#). Instructors: Tina Tuttle (Molino, FL) and Gina Jogan (Molino, FL). See [CGCI Calendar](#) for more information. Horticulture includes: Mums & Roses.
- **November 4-5, 2010** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Sponsor: Costa Verde District. Chairman: [Alexis Slafer](#). Registrar: [Kathy Snider](#). See [CGCI Calendar](#) for more information.

- **November 9-10, 2010** - Environmental Studies School, Course 3 - The Air, San Mateo. Sponsor: Bay Ocean District. Chairman/Registrar: [Shane Looper](#). Instructors: Aaron J. Martin, Lisa Michl, Price Sheppy. See [CGCI Calendar](#) for more information.

2011

- **January 27-28, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 2. See above.
- **March 17-18, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 3. See above.
- **April 5-7, 2011** - Flower Show School, Course 2. See above.
- **April 12-13, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course 4, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffrey](#)
- **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

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

- February 3-6, 2011 - Winter Board Meeting. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: [Carole Lung](#). Co-Chairman: [Annie Hall-Bosche](#).
- April 1-3, 2011 - Weekend Wildflower Encounters. Host: Buttes District. Chairman: [Jim Hart](#)
- April 14-16, 2011 - Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ
- April 28-30, 2011 - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield, CA. Contact [Gloria Aminian](#) for 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.