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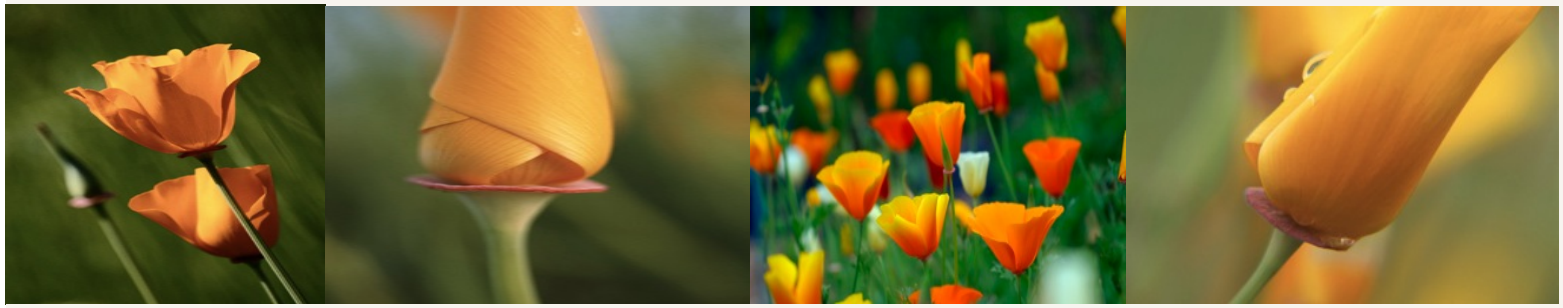

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Maryanne Lucas, President
California Garden Clubs, Inc. is a Member of Pacific Region,
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New Clubs

Gardening Club of Santa Clarita - 45 members
San Fernando Valley District
Diane Benjamin, President
Meets at members' homes the second week of the month on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Burlingame Garden Club - 10 members
Bay Ocean District
Leslie McQuaide, President
Meets at 1439 Montero Ave., Burlingame on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Humboldt African Violet Society - 12 members
Humboldt District
Kristi Wilson, President
Meets at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 16th & L Street, Fortuna, the 2nd Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

80th CGCI Convention

May 15-19, 2011
Rohnert Park, CA

Click here for more information on the 80th CGCI Convention, Rohnert Park, CA and information on the Tri-Refresher and Post-Convention Tour.

To see CGCI eNewsletter March 2011 Convention Information Issue, click here.

In addition to the information which was included in the March 2011 Convention Information eNewsletter, below is information on the workshops and field trips which will be taking place.

Workshops

Monday, May 16:

- Leadership Forum (9:00 am to noon & 3:30 to 5:30 pm)
- Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds (10:00 to 11:30 am)
- Redwood Hill Farm (3:30 to 5:00 pm)

Wednesday, May 18:

- McEnvoy Ranch Olives (2:00 to 3:15 pm)
- Gabriel Farm Organic Fruit (3:30 to 4:45 pm)

Field Trips

Tuesday, May 17:

- Spouses Tour (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) - Lake Sonoma Fish Hatchery; lunch overlooking Lake Sonoma; Ferrari Carano Garden Tour and Wine Tasting; and may include a short tour of Healdsburg if time permits.

Wednesday, May 18:

- Armstrong Woods (2:00 to 5:00 pm)
- Luther Burbank Home & Gardens (2:00 to 5:00 pm)
- French Garden Farm (2:00 to 5:00 pm)

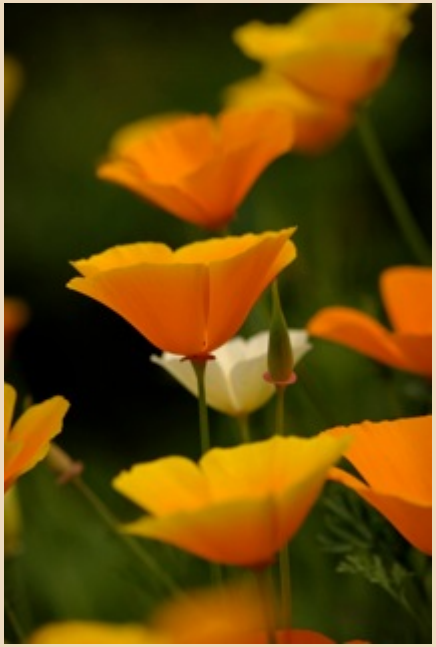
To pre-register for these workshops and field trips, see Part IV of the Registration Form which can be found on the CGCI website or click here.

Upcoming Flower Shows, Garden Tours & Plant Sales

Don't forget to check the CGCI website calendar to find flower shows, garden tours and plant sales in your area. Click here for the calendar. And don't forget to list your events which are open to the public (other than regular meetings) on the CGCI calendar. Send your event listings to Lynne Hansen, CGCI Webmaster.

And don't forget about the **Cal State Flower, Food & Garden Show**, April 7-10, 2011, Cal Expo, Sacramento. Click here for more information. CGCI is a sponsor, and Kids Growing Strong will have a tremendous exhibit.

California Native Plant Week
April 17-23, 2011



CGCI California Native & Invasive Plant Chairman, Donna Thomas, reminds us about California Native Plant Week. The California State Assembly and Senate have approved Resolution ACR 173 (Evans) establishing California Native Plant Week, **April 17-23, 2011**. This measure proclaims the 3rd week of April, each year, as California Native Plant Week and encourages community groups, schools, and citizens to undertake appropriate activities to promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of California's native plants.

The resolution (ACR 173) was introduced by Assemblywoman Noreen Evans, sponsored by the California Native Plant Society and garnered the support of horticulturalists, conservation organizations, and nurseries throughout California. ACR 173 recognizes the vital historical, artistic and economic contributions California's native plants have made to our state and points out that California native plant gardening and landscaping have tremendous positive impacts to our watersheds, to habitat recovery and to curbing catastrophic wildfires. In particular, the resolution recognizes that home landscaping and gardening with native plants can cut residential water use from 60 to 90% over conventional gardening. Further information can be found:

- Press Release
- Flyer
- Complete Text of the Resolution

The last Friday in April is National Arbor Day.

Lorraine Ornelas, CGCI Arbor Day Chairman, reminds clubs and districts to hold Arbor Day events and send information about the activities to her at 2731 S. Kerckhoff Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731.

For more information about Arbor Day, click here to go to the **Arbor Day Foundation** website.

Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose Old Denim Jean Contest

The contest was judged by three NGC Flower Show Judges at the CGCI convention in February. Twenty-seven entries were submitted for judging.

First Place Winner: **Linda Smith**, Hanford Garden Club - $75 - Child's quilt and matching pillow.

Second Place Winner: **Arlene Raysor**, The Dibblers Garden Club - $25 - Quilt/picnic table cloth and napkins and carrying case.

To see the chairman's blog with photos, click here.

Send your ideas to the Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose Chairman to be included in future eNewsletters.

News for CGCI Chairmen and District Directors

Joelle Holford, Financial Secretary, reminds you to submit your allowed expenses (with receipts) which have been budgeted to her ASAP. Click here for the form. Please don't wait until convention to hand Joelle your expenses.

CGCI Recording Secretary Greg Pokorski reminds you that whether or not you are reporting orally, you may submit 100 reports to him for attachment to the minutes. The preferred method of submission is by email. For Convention, send your email to Greg with "CGCI Conv 11 - (insert chairmanship or district (for directors))" in the subject line. Greg's deadline for your convention report submission is May 31, 2011.

Fifty-First CGCI Flower Show Symposium

April 28-30, 2011
DoubleTree Hotel, Bakersfield

Registrar: Shane Looper
Chairman: Gloria Aminian
Credentials Chairman: Kathy Bramhall
Flower Show Chairman: Dolores Moffat

You can find the brochure and the registration form on the CGCI website calendar under April. **Please note that a late fee applies after the postmark of April 15 of $30 and after the postmark of April 21 of $45.** Full course with examination or audit for credit (registration, 2 lunches, 2 dinners and allied subject) is $120. Full Course with no credit is $115. One day registration with dinner is $30. One day registration with lunch is $25.

Gloria Aminian advised that Jo Krallman's topic will be "Stop-Look-Listen" - having a positive approach to creative expression. The point scoring will be on Mono Botanic & Multi-Rhythmic Design. The Allied Subject is "Tool Box 101 - Mechanics and Setting Our Gems Staging."

If you wish to make reservations at the DoubleTree for Wednesday night or Saturday night, make your reservations directly with Rhea at 661-632-2219 to get the $89 per night room rate. The hotel's reservation desk is not able to give you the discounted price for these two nights.

There has been an approved change to one of the horticulture topics. The topic of Daffodils has been changed to Philodendrons.

News for CGCI Chairmen

Exhibit Room Reservations for CGCI Convention

The exhibit room reservation form can be found on the CGCI website under "Board Members" and "Next Meeting." All CGCI Chairmen are encouraged to display an educational exhibit at the Convention.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

Keeping The February-April 2011 issue of *Keeping in Touch* can now be found on the NGC website. Click here to view it.

Pacific Region of NGC News

Pacific Region Convention

Click here for the link to view/download the information and registration form for the Pacific Region of NGC's Convention, which will take place in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona, April 14-16, 2011. [The link is on the home page of the Pacific Region website.]

Back to School

Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI FS Symposia in California

Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening & Landscape Design

- **April 5-7, 2011** - Flower Show School, Course 2. Sponsor: Sacramento River Valley District. Contact Mary Arakelian for more information.
- **April 12-13, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course 4, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. POSTPONED
- **April 28-30, 2011** - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield, CA. Contact Gloria Aminian for information. Registration form is on CGCI calender under April. Late fee applies after April 15, 2011.
- **May 3-6, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Courses 1 and 2. POSTPONED
- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, Convention, Rohnert Park, Co-Chairmen: Nancy Bailey and Jane Graham. Deadline to register is April 1. Click

here for the brochure and registration form.

- **September 10-11, 2011** (Course 1), **October 8-9, 2011**(Course 2), **October 15-16, 2011** (Course 3), **October 22-23, 2011** (Course 4) - Landscape Design Study Program, Series 25, Colfax Garden Club, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: Shane Looper

Upcoming CGCI Official Events
(other than schools)

See CGCI Calendar for club, affiliate, associate plant society and district "special" events.

- **April 1-3, 2011** - Weekend Wildflower Encounters. Host: Buttes District. Chairman: Jim Hart. Click here for more information. Click here to view past CGCI eNewsletter article regarding this event.
- **April 14-16, 2011** - Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. Click here for more information.
- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, CGCI Convention. Nancy Bailey, Chairman. Click here for flyer and registration form. Note deadline of April 1.
- **May 15-19, 2011** - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: David West & Gina-Belle Smith. Click here for more information.
- **May 19-20, 2011** - Post Convention Tour "All aboard...destination: Mendocino Coast." Deadline to register is April 1, 2011. Click here for the flyer and sign-up form. Questions, contact GinaBelle Smith.
- **May 27-30, 2011** - NGC Convention, Washington, D.C.
- **June 14-19, 2011** - CGCI Tour to 10th World Flower Show, Boston, MA. CANCELLED.
- **September 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Valley Lode District, Stockton. Chairman: Chelsea Wilson.