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Welcome New Clubs

CGCI is pleased to announce that two new clubs have joined CGCI and will be presented for membership at the next CGCI meeting.

Five Cities Orchid Society

58 members

Montana de Oro District

Meets at the Women's Club, 211 Vernon Street, Arroyo Grande, 2nd Thursday.

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

100 members

Montana de Oro District

Meets at 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, 2nd Sunday at 2 pm.

Website: centralcoastcactus.org

CGCI 2011 Winter Board Meeting

The Winter Board Meeting will be held at the Ayres Hotel & Suites, Costa Mesa, February 3-5, 2011 and hosted by Orange County District. [Click here](#) for all of the information and forms. Any questions, contact [Carole Lung](#), Chairman, or [Annie Hall-Bosche](#), Co-Chairman.



Kids Growing Strong

Reprinted from the eNewsletter of the Cal State Flower, Food & Garden Show.

If you're like me, this is the time of year that I get around to thinking, I wish I had got my bulbs in the ground. But here it is, the holidays are over and January is upon me! Another year and I'm going to miss seeing the spring daffodils! WELL, this year is going to be different!

It's not too late to have beautiful flowering spring bulbs. One of our articles in this issue provides information and instructions on layering bulbs in containers. **Sunshine Flower Bulbs** has made it easy with a great offer that will benefit the California Garden Club's "Kids Growing Strong" program. Sunshine Flower Bulbs has put together two different layering bulb packages for three different size containers, all at **wholesale prices** AND 15% of your order will go to Kids Growing Strong. Six weeks of beautiful spring color while helping a GREAT program, can't get any easier. Tell your friends and family and let's see how much we can raise for Kids Growing Strong! For more

information, [click here](#).

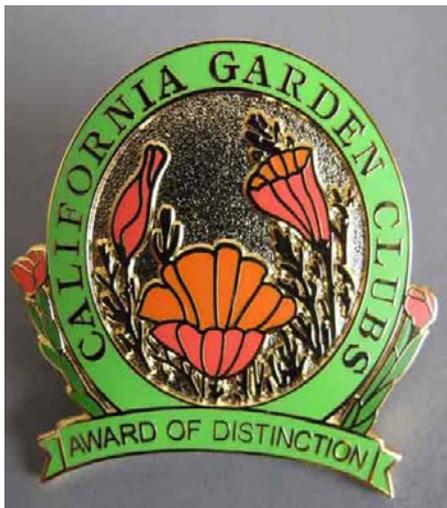


Cal State Flower, Food & Garden Show

April 7-10, 2011, Sacramento
Message from Sherry Larsen,
President, Cal State Shows

[Tickets for the show are available online.](#) CGCI members can purchase a ticket for \$10. This ticket will be good for all four days of the show (normally \$16 at the gate). Also available is a 4-day parking pass for only \$20. This is half of the normal parking price of \$10 per day. Tickets can be purchased the day of the show for the same price, but the parking pass is only available with an advanced online ticket purchase.

We will have four days of great speakers again this year, so it is my hope to make it easier for members to come for more than a single day.



CGCI Member Award of Distinction

By [Mary Jo-Noth](#)

Congratulations to the newest CGCI Member of Award of Distinction honorees! During January, **Katherine Palmbaum** was honored by Walnut Creek Garden Club, and **Linda Simonds** was honored by the Santa Rosa Garden Club. Each was presented with the official award pin and certificate suitable for framing. Previous CGCI Member Award of Distinction honorees are:

Bernice Holbert of Carmichael Geranium Society
Sharon Thorne of North Lake Garden Club
Mary Tornborg of Carlsbad Garden Club

For information on how your club or district may honor a member, [click here](#). Proceeds from the award application fee of \$50 benefit the CGCI Educational Materials Publication Fund.



Angel Greetings

If you want to honor or remember a club member, send your Angels Greetings to [Carol Mayo](#), Angels & Season's Greetings Chairman for *Golden Gardens*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Attn: Flower Designers



Leaf Manipulation Manual by Gail Emmons

Leaf Manipulation Manual, a beginner's guide to working with leaves in a contemporary way, is now available for sale with all proceeds to go to the **10th World Flower Show - This Glorious Earth**. Price is \$35 each plus \$5 shipping. Make checks payable to WAFA and send to Deen Day Sanders, 4725 Peachtree Corners Circle, #300, Norcross, GA 30092.

Attn: Gardeners



How to Protect Pots from Freezing

Reprinted from the January 2011 issue of *The Garden Jargon*, Newsletter of Chicago Park Garden Club

There are still some freezing nights to come [in some parts of California] and now is the time to protect your pots [if you haven't already done so]. Clay and concrete pots will withstand the cold winter months and freezing temperatures without cracking if they are sealed. Here's how to do this: Coat the inside walls and bottoms of your pots with paint-on roofing coating (be sure not to use the product called "roofing bull"). A good way to apply the coating is to use an inexpensive throw-away nylon paint brush.

Christmas Cactus Advice

Reprinted from the January 2011 issue of The Garden Jargon,
Newsletter of Chicago Park Garden Club

Christmas cactus is a favorite houseplant often passed down from generation to generation as they are both long-lived and easy to grow. Modern hybridization has brought us many new varieties of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter cactus. Although called cacti, these plants (most of which come from Central and South America) are different in all aspects from the desert cactus which we all know. In their native habitat, they are found in the same environment as orchids. You will see them growing in the forks of tree limbs in the decayed leaves found there. Bear in mind, they are tropical and their growth requirements are totally different than that of true cacti.



For Christmas cactus to bloom, it needs short days and cool nights. Bright light, high humidity and slight moist soil are also essential. Fill a saucer with gravel and place under your plant. Keeping the gravel half filled with water will raise the humidity. Do not locate near a door or window which will open and cause a draft. Keep your plants away from heating ducts and select a bright spot where temperatures drop to 55-65 degrees at night.

After the holiday season is past, Christmas cactus should be given a chance to rest for about a 30 day period. Place it in a cool room and provide only a limited amount of water. It may lose a few leaves during this time which is no cause for alarm.

The best time to pinch or shape the plant is when you see new growth beginning in March or April. Repotting can also be done during this time, however, remember the best flowers will come from a plant that is pot-bound.

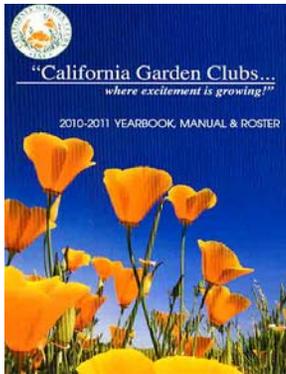
Do not over-fertilize to avoid getting only vegetative growth and no flowers. Apply 0-10-0 fertilizer in February. During the growing season (from April to September), fertilize plants with an all-purpose liquid houseplant fertilizer. Make sure to use one with a nitrogen content no higher than 10%.

For next year's blooms, leave your cactus outdoors during the summer months in a place protected from strong mid-day sun. Beware of snails; snails love these plants! Leave your plant there as long as possible and until the first frosts are predicted.

Professional growers keep their plants in a cool greenhouse with temperatures in the 50s and give them complete darkness for 12-14 hours per day with minimal watering. To give your plant total darkness, place a dark trash bag over the plant for the required number of hours. Given the right care and location, you will be rewarded with lovely blooms for the holidays next year.

**"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."**

Attn: Clubs & Districts



New Yearbook Corrections

Page 147, Section V, Reports, second line, delete "Scholarship" and insert "Planned Giving."

Page 3, 10, change co-chairman of the 2011 CGCI Convention from "Cathy Biggins" to "David West."

Page 28, under Tax Exempt Status, first paragraph, change "CT-016129" to "CT-016120."

Update on Easy Grants Program

Please note that **Arbor Day Grants**, **Education Grants** and **Youth Grants** have received more applications than there is money (the funds for these three grants have now been depleted and are no longer available). All other types of "Easy Grants" remain available. Remember, it is "first come, first served," and a general listing of expenses involved as requested on the application form (in addition to description of the project or event) must be included. Any questions, contact [Lynne Hansen](#).

IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Q&A

By [Chuck Goodwin](#), CGCI IRS Nonprofit Group Exemption Chairman as presented to District Directors at the CGCI 2010 Fall Board Meeting

Q: Our club's mailing address has changed. Should we notify the IRS?

A: You have two options here. You can file IRS Form 8822, Change of Address. Once the form is on your computer screen, you can fill in the blanks and then print and mail. Or, when you file your annual 990-N form, enter the new address and the IRS will eventually recognize the change.

Q: Our club members do not know what our EIN is (or have never applied for one). What do we do?

A: The easiest way to find your EIN is to look at your bank statement or ask the bank where you have your checking account. If you have never had an EIN, the easiest way is to apply online. Go the [IRS website](#). You can also get the EIN by telephone, by fax or by mail.

Q: Our club has applied to the CGCI Nonprofit Group Exemption Program; it has been ratified by the CGCI Board of Directors; and has received the letter of acceptance. We contacted the IRS and it doesn't show us as a nonprofit. Why not and what do we tell our donors?

A: The IRS has directed that CGCI can only make one filing annually, reporting renewing clubs and newly recognized clubs since the last annual filing. However, in its group exemption letter, the IRS has granted to CGCI the authority to confer nonprofit status to its approved members between CGCI's

annual filings. And the clubs which are part of the Nonprofit Group Exemption Program are listed on the CGCI website.



Ask the Parliamentarian

Chuck Goodwin, CGCI Parliamentarian, needs more questions from clubs and districts. Send your questions to Chuck Goodwin, and he will answer your questions via email and in the next eNewsletter so that all can learn from your question(s). [Click here](#) to send your questions to Chuck who will answer your questions directly and be put into future eNewsletters.



Attn: CGCI Chairmen & District Directors

Reminder re Reimbursement

[Julie West](#), CGCI President-Elect, reminds CGCI chairmen and district directors that they should complete the Request for Payment form and bring to Winter Board along with their receipts attached for reimbursement to give [Joelle Holford](#), CGCI Financial Secretary. The Request for Payment form can be [downloaded from CGCI's website](#) and the budget is also on the website to obtain the assigned line code to each district director and eligible chairman. With the change of administration and new officers that will be elected, bills for the current fiscal year should be presented to the Financial Secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 1 ... the sooner, the better! Both [Ed Dempsey](#), CGCI Treasurer, and Joelle will appreciate your not waiting until the June 1 deadline.

Winter Board Reports

Recording Secretary [Greg Pokorski](#) reminds you that for the remainder of the 2009-2011 term, please remember that whether or not you are reporting orally at a meeting you may submit 100-word reports to the Recording Secretary at board meetings and conventions. The preferred method of submission is by email. For Winter Board, send to Greg with subject line: CGCI WBM 11 Chairman (insert chairmanship) or District Director report. Greg thanks you for your cooperation. Be sure to submit a written report if you are making a motion/submitting ratifications. Greg's deadline for winter board meeting report submission is **FEBRUARY 16, 2011**.

Report & Awards Judging Reminder

[Julie West](#), CGCI President-Elect, reminds you that the CGCI Winter Board Meeting is rapidly approaching. Julie needed to know by January 15 if you

planned to report. CGCI needs to coordinate the chairman reports mingled with District Director reports at each business meeting, so please plan to attend all business meeting sessions. Also, if you have received any books of evidence for awards for which you are Judging Chairman, please bring them with you to Winter Board. Note on the schedule that Awards Judging will take place on Saturday, February 5 in two sessions: 1) After the Chairman's Forum that begins at 10:00 a.m. and 2) in the afternoon from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Please make sure you bring extra Judging Report forms and evaluation sheets for each award for which you are Judging Chairman. NOTE: If for some reason you are unable to attend Winter Board, please make arrangements for someone to bring the awards on your behalf, and remember to ask the [President](#) to be excused. Don't hesitate to contact Julie if you have any questions.

Information for CGCI Chairman

By [Julie West](#), President-Elect

The 2011 Convention Exhibit Application form has been posted (see blue box for "Board Members - Next Meeting" and will also be distributed at the Chairmen's Forum on February 4, 2011 when we meet at 10:00 am. [Click here](#) for the form. All CGCI Chairmen are encouraged to have an exhibit on display for their chairmanship in the Exhibit Room at Convention. Handouts are also helpful as this is when club presidents, delegates and garden club members have the opportunity to learn about all of the wonderful things you do! President Maryanne Lucas will speak in more detail as to her vision and your role in the 2011 Convention when we meet in Costa Mesa. See you there!



Attn: Flower Show Judges & Garden Club Members

Fifty-First CGCI Flower Show Symposium

April 28-30, 2011

DoubleTree Hotel, Bakersfield

Symposium Instructors: Jo Krallman, Arkansas & David Robson, Illinois

Registrar: [Shane Looper](#)

Chairman: [Gloria Aminian](#)

Credentials Chairman: [Kathy Bramhall](#)

Flower Show Chairman: [Dolores Moffat](#)

The allied subject will be "Tool Box 101 - **Mechanics & Setting Our Gems Staging of Designs.**" The design subject will be "**Stop-Look-Listen - What to Look for When Judging.**" The horticulture subject will be "**Daffodils and Huechera.**"

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.

CGCI May 2011 Convention News

Attn: CGCI Chairmen - Exhibit Room Reservations

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.

Tri-Refresher for Consultants - May 15-16, 2011

This is a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** for, not only environmental, gardening and landscape design consultants to refresh their credential(s), but this is also a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** for garden club members to join in with the consultants to LEARN! The brochure and form can be found on the [CGCI website](#) under "Board Members" and "Next Meeting." **Note deadline of April 1, 2011.** Space is limited so register early. Questions, contact Event Chairman [Nancy Bailey](#).



2011 Convention Post Tour - May 19-20, 2011

"All aboard ... destination: Mendocino Coast"

Deadline to register is April 1, 2011.

For more information, [click here](#). Any questions, contact [GinaBelle Smith](#).



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

Flower Show Handbook Changes

According to page 22 of the Winter 2011 issue of *The National Gardener*, new handbook changes have been made which involve the Award of Merit, Bromeliads, Poinsettias and the Scale of Points for Flowering Specimens. You can also find these new changes on the NGC website. [Click here](#) to view the changes.

NGC's Newsroom Adds Blog

According to the Winter 2011 issue of *The National Gardener*, NGC has set up a newsroom blog. [Click here](#) to view it. The blog features NGC-generated original content plus compiled online news stories from a variety of media. "Bringing together interesting information about local, regional and national garden club projects and activities, the blog is designed to engage and inform garden writers and journalists as well as garden club members. NGC invites you to send comments and contributions.

Grants Available from NGC

[Mary-Jo Noth](#), Vice Chairman, NGC Natural Disasters-USA Committee, wants to know if your garden club is considering restoring a public garden that has been damaged by a flood, mudslide, wildfire or other natural disaster? Through the [NGC Natural Disasters USA grant program](#), a garden club may request up to \$500 for its restoration project. Up to four clubs may cooperate on a project and up to \$2000 may be requested. More information and the form can be found on the NGC website. Any questions, contact Mary-Jo Noth.



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

- **March 17-18, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 3, Palos Verdes. Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information.
- **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. Chairman: [Patsy Jeffrey](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **April 28-30, 2011** - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield, CA. Contact [Gloria Aminian](#) for information.
- **May 3-6, 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 (other than schools)

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

- **February 3-6, 2011** - Winter Board Meeting, Costa Mesa. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: [Carole Lung](#). Co-Chairman: [Annie Hall-Bosche](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **April 1-3, 2011** - Weekend Wildflower Encounters. Host: Buttes District. Chairman: [Jim Hart](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **April 14-16, 2011** - Pacific Region Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **May 15-19, 2011** - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: [David West](#) & [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.