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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.



Highlights include:

- A bus trip to [Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens](#) -- see lovely photo to the left. A catered lunch will be served.
- Keith Rattay, Landscape Architect for the City of Mission Viejo, will speak on "Painting with Plants."
- Nicholas Straddon, Plant Expert with [Monrovia Nursery](#), will take us on an adventure of the inner workings at Monrovia Nursery and discuss new plant introductions.
- Chichi, Owner of [Chichi's Table Talk](#), will provide amusing entertainment while presenting unique table setting ideas.

Any questions, contact [Carole Lung](#), Chairman, or [Annie Hall-Bosche](#), Co-Chairman. Remember to make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by January 15 to get the special CGCI rate of \$95 per night.

Welcome New Club

CGCI is pleased to announce that the following club has joined CGCI in the Greater Los Angeles District:

Los Angeles Geranium Society

32 members

President: Manuel Rivera, P.O. Box 92734, Pasadena, CA 91109

Meets at the Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007 on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

Welcome New CGCI Participating Sponsor

R&M Pool, Patio, Gifts & Gardens

6780 Marsh Creek Road, Clayton, CA 94517

Discount: 10% on plant material only.

[Click here.](#)

Robin's Rose

As you may know, former CGCI President Robin Pokorski has had a rose named after her. The rose is a mini-flora (cross between a mini and a floribunda). The red rose is finally available via retail through [Burlington Roses](#) for \$7.00 each plus shipping and handling. Its website is under construction, but you can contact the company at BurlingtonRoses@aol.com. Or, contact [Robin Pokorski](#) to order the rose for \$5.00 each to be delivered to you at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting in Orange County in February.



2011 Growing Resolutions

By [Robert Schuler](#)

Have you been checking the CGCI website regularly for Robert's blogs? If not, you need to [click here](#) to see Robert's most recent blog entry on 2011 Growing Resolutions.



Winter Rose Report

See Jolene Adams' informational Winter Rose Report which is posted on the CGCI website. [Click here](#) to view it. Any questions, contact [Jolene Adams](#), CGCI Rose Chairman.

CGCI Tour to Boston



[World Flower Show - This Glorious Earth](#)

Hosted by [Bob Gordon](#), former CGCI President

June 14-19, 2011

\$1456.00 per person (double*)

Itinerary:

- June 14 - Travel to Boston (air not included).
- June 15 - Morning 1/2 day sightseeing tour (includes Boston Common, North End, Old North Church and other sites). After lunch, visit Arnold Arboretum at Harvard. That evening, enjoy a group cocktail party!
- June 16 - [World Flower Show](#) (admission and transportation included).
- June 18 - Day trip to Berkshire Botanical Garden & Tower Hill Botanical Gardens with local guide (admission and boxed lunch included).

- June 19 - Depart for home.

Additional inclusions: 5 nights at hotel, baggage handling, breakfast daily, lunch at Berkshire Gardens.

*A deposit of \$100 per person will hold your space. Final payment is due March 14, 2011. Airfare is additional (please contact Mary Vickers at Gulliver's Travel). Payment by check or credit card. Credit card payments will have a 3% additional charge. Cancellation fees apply. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Please call for single supplement. See Mary Vickers at Gulliver's Travel for more information. Gulliver's Travel, 81 Higuera, Suite 150, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (telephone: 805-541-4141.) [Click here](#) to send Mary an email message.



California State Flower, Food & Garden Show

April 7-10, 2011, Sacramento

By now you have noticed that word "food" has According to the California State Flower, Food & have we added the word, but we have added an growing your own food -- you will find seeds, much more, plus speaker & workshop programs

start." Tickets are now available for sale. [Click here](#) to order tickets. Remember that CGCI is one of the sponsors of the California State Flower, Food & Garden Show. And [Kids Growing Strong](#), the CGCI President's Project, will have an exhibit!



been added to the name. Garden Show's [website](#), "Not only entire feature area dedicated to plants, irrigation products and to get you off to a great



Floral Design Tips

From September 2010 *The Green Thumb*, newsletter of Southern California Garden Club

Always remove the stamens from lilies in floral designs. Here are the reasons:

1. The pollen will stain the flower.
2. The pollen will stain any clothing or furnishings with which it comes into contact.
3. Removing the stamens makes the flowers last a bit longer (because a flower which has been pollinated has

completed its job in life and, therefore, dies fairly soon after pollination; by removing the stamens, this is prevented -- making the flower last longer.)

Never cut off the stamens with scissors. This is ugly and unprofessional and causes discoloration. Use your fingers to pull the stamens off which will leave a nice, neat point which will not discolor.

Attn: Clubs & Districts

CGCI Liability Insurance

If your club/district participates in the CGCI Liability Insurance Plan and has not received a notice of premium, contact [Gloria Aminian](#), CGCI Liability Insurance Chairman, with your club's name and mailing address. Gloria will send a replacement notice of premium. Due date for payments is **January 15** of each year. For more information on the CGCI Liability Insurance Plan, [click here](#).



Easy Grants

The "Easy Grant" application form is now on the CGCI website. [Click here](#) to download the form. [Click here](#) to read CGCI President Maryanne Lucas' blog about the program. Please remember to include **"a general listing of expenses involved"** when completing the "Easy Grant" application form. Some clubs are leaving this out when they describe the event/project/program that the CGCI "Easy" Grant will support. No actual budget is needed -- simply add a general listing of the expenses involved. If you do not include this information, your application form will be returned to you or you will be contacted via email/telephone and asked to supply the missing information. Please help speed up the

process of reviewing your application form by supplying all of the information which is required. This is a first come/first serve program, so you want to make sure that your application is complete before you send it to [Lynne Hansen](#), CGCI *Golden Gardens* and Website Editor.

Remember that there are only two requirements after your club or district has received a grant:

1) Grant funds must be used before June 30, 2011; and 2) Club/district must write and submit an article WITH PHOTOS to CGCI for publication in *Golden Gardens*, on the CGCI website and in the CGCI eNewsletter.



Ralphs and Food4Less Community Rewards Program

[Click here](#) to find out the details for your club to take part in this wonderful program for nonprofits from Ralphs and Food4Less. Ralphs and Food4Less want to give money back to the community. With the support of your club members and friends, this could be a very lucrative money-maker.

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

e-Postcard
file your electronic IRS Form 990-N

Q: Once our club becomes a nonprofit, are there any other requirements?

A: The Pension Protection Act of 2006 imposed new requirements on small nonprofits whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less. They are now required to file IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard). Before this law was enacted, these small organizations were not required to file annually with the IRS. The first filings were due in 2008 for the fiscal year ending June 30 and became delinquent on November 15, 2008. There is no penalty for late filing, and you do not have to file for a previous year. But the IRS has issued a notice that clubs not filing for three consecutive years will face automatic revocation of their nonprofit status after November 15, 2010.

Q: How does our club file the 990-N (e-Postcard)?

A: [Click here](#) for the information discussed on the CGCI website. Note that the filing can only be done on a computer and must not be mailed to the IRS. When you create a Log-in ID and password, be sure to write these down - put these in your permanent file to pass on to future offices.

Editor's Note: [Click here](#) to see an additional link regarding the e-Postcard.



Awards

The remaining CGCI Awards must be postmark by January 10, 2011.

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.

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](#).

If you don't know to whom to send your award paperwork, [click here](#) for a list of the judging chairmen and their addresses.

The following award paperwork must be postmarked by January 10, 2011:

- CGCI Lifetime Achievement Award
- CGCI Lifetime Service Award
- CGCI Man of the Year
- CGCI Woman of the Year
- CGCI Gardener of the Year
- Award of Honor
- Award of Merit (3)
- Youth Leader of the Year
- CGCI Flower Arranger of the Year
- Landscape Design Consultant of the Year
- Gardening Consultant of the Year
- B-1 Civic Development Award
- B-3 Civic Landscape Award

- B-4 Landscape Design Advocate Award
- C-1 Conservation Projects
- C-3 Restoration Fund Promotion Award
- C-9 Bird Conservation
- C-10 Backyard Habitat Award
- C-13 Butterfly Conservation: Portfolio
- G-5 Membership Promotion Award
- G-7 Touring Award
- G-8 Club Program Award
- G-9 Seminar and Workshop Award
- G-11 Achievement for a Single Event
- C-6 Photography Awards: CA Wildflowers
- G-6 Photography Awards - Photo Collection
- G-10 Photography Awards - Single Photograph
- HT-1 Horticulture Award
- HT-2 Memorial Planting Award
- HT-3 Best "Green" Recipe Award
- HT-4 Photography: Home Garden Award
- HT-5 Home Garden Tour Award
- PR-1 Publicity Press Book Award
- PR-2, Section 3 - Article by an Individual
- Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture
- FS-1A CA Flower Show Achievement Award - Standard Show (General & Specialized)
- FS-1B CA Flower Show Achievement Award - Small Standard Show
- FS-9 CA Flower Show Achievement Award - All Horticulture Show
- FS-5 "Designer's Choice" Award
- FS-6 Flower Show Schedule Award
- FS-7 Flower Show Staging Award
- FS-14 Flower Show Table Setting Award
- Judge of the Year Award

Youth award paperwork which must be postmarked by January 10, 2011:

- Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
- Youth Penny Pines Award
- J-1 Gardening Achievement Award
- J-2 Conservation Award
- J-3 Civic Beautification Award
- J-4 Essay Contest
- J-6 Poster Contest
- J-9 Horticulture Award
- J-12 Flower Arranger Award
- JS Youth Flower Show/Specialty Youth Flower Show Award
- HS-1 Conservation Award

- HS-3 Horticulture Award
- HS-3 Environmental Award
- HS-4 Photography Award
- HS-5 Flower Arranger Award

Attn: CGCI Chairmen & District Directors



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**.

Reminder from President-Elect

[Julie West](#) reminds you that the CGCI Winter Board Meeting is rapidly approaching and if you plan to report, please let her know by **JANUARY 15, 2011** so enough time can be allocated on the President's agenda. 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. 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.

Canceled Postage Stamps

Don't forget to bring your canceled postage stamps to the next meeting of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Trim stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamp. Torn or damaged stamps cannot be used. Bulk or non-profit stamps can be used.

Attn: Chairmen

Articles Needed for *Golden Gardens*

[Lynne Hansen](#), *Golden Gardens* Editor, reminds you to send articles to her for the upcoming issue of *Golden Gardens*. The deadline for submission is **JANUARY 15, 2011**.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. News



News from Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs Dover Air Force Base Memorial Garden

One cannot drive past the Dover Air Force Base without thinking of the heart-breaking ceremonies that take place there almost daily. For all of the other reasons that the base exists, it is especially known to those who live in Delaware and to the country as the place where the bodies of our fallen heroes are returned.



Newspaper articles described a recently opened building at the base called the "Center for the Families of the Fallen." This building is used by the families who come to Dover to receive the bodies of their loved ones. The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs is planning to design and plant a Memorial Garden as a project at the Center. (The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs consists of 895 members in 28 garden clubs.) The project consists of creating a garden in front of the Center to be accessed from the Center through the two sets of doors. With the generous donations of two of its board members, it contracted with a well known therapeutic Landscape Designer, Rodney Robinson, to draw up a set of conceptual plans for this area and hope to be able to raise the money needed to proceed with the installation of the garden. Right now, it is a pretty dismal spot and needs to be enclosed to afford privacy for the families. This is the area which is now being focused upon since it needs immediate attention. The project is estimated to cost \$120,000. Since the garden will be used year round, a large portion of the cost will be in hardscaping. A wall will be built for privacy along with a water fountain that will be relaxing and emotionally healing. Another section of the mortuary complex is being built by a Fisher Foundation donation of \$4 M. The "Inn" is similar to the Ronald McDonald houses. Even though it is in the same complex, DFGC will be landscaping the "Center For The Families Of The Fallen."

Pacific Region of NGC News

WACONIAH

Do you subscribe to WACONIAH, the official publication of the Pacific Region of NGC? If not, [click here](#) to find out how you can subscribe. [Robin Pokorski](#), WACONIAH Editor, is in the process of creating the next very informative issue.

Pacific Region Book of Recognition

Would you like to honor someone for his/her service to a club, district, CGCI, Pacific Region or NGC? It is the best thank you" you could give someone for his/her service. Any amount is OK! A special card is sent to the honoree as well as a thank you note to the donor. The names will be listed in the Gold Book of Recognition. Link to information is on the [home page](#) of the Pacific Region's website.





Back to School

*Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI
FS Symposium in California*

*Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening
& Landscape Design*

- **January 27-28, 2011** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 2, Palos Verdes. Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information. Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information.
- **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 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: [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.