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[Julie A. West](#), President

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## Message from the President

Julie A. West

On June 21, 2011 San Fernando Valley District honored Vaibhavi Patankar, the 9-year-old fourth-grader sponsored by Westlake Valley Garden Club who is the national champion winner of the 2011 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. Vaibhavi received numerous accolades from those in attendance including US Savings Bonds, certificates of appreciation and a CGCI

Presidential Citation. This is only the second time in 80 years that CGCI had a national champion winner with the first being Carla Castillo in 1994. [Click here](#) to read more about Vaibhavi at NGC's convention in Washington, D.C.

Mark your calendars for April 12-20, 2012 for CGCI's Floriade Cruise hosted by Bob Gordon aboard AmaVerde that pampers only 161 guests in custom-designed luxury. Staterooms and suites range from 170-350 square feet, some with balconies. Casual dress onboard - a great opportunity to explore this once every 10 years opportunity - Floriade!

For information and reservations, contact [Chris Merkel](#), Expedia Cruise Ship Centers at 877-651-7447. For flyer with cruise details and exclusive fares for CGCI members, [click here](#).



## Award Information

By Pat Claves, CGCI Award Chairman

[Click here](#) to see the new evaluation forms for the 2011-2012 awards year. Many changes have been made, specifically to those awards which go on to Pacific Region and/or National Garden Clubs, Inc. for judging. Specifically, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. applications forms will now be required to be filled out and submitted along with your CGCI application and book of evidence for those specific awards which are eligible to go on to Pacific Region and/or NGC for further judging. [Click here](#) to read more about the Pacific Region and NGC changes. More information to follow in the next eNewsletter and also in the 2011-2012 CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* which will be distributed at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting in September.

[Click here](#) for the link to the new [NGC Award Application form](#) (which can contain up to 3 pages with printing on front sides only).

[Click here](#) for the link to the new new [Pacific Region Award Application](#) form (which can contain up to 3 pages with printing on front sides only).

The **CGCI Club Yearbook Evaluation Form** has been updated to include changes from NGC. These changes are in the Program Section: 12 points for a variety of program topics; 12 points for a variety of styles of programs (lectures, slides, tours, etc.); 12 points for a variety of speakers (specialists, members, panel, etc.); 2 points for a portion or full program explaining projects of NGC President; 2 points for a portion or full program on NGC Member Services items. Additionally, CGCI has added 2 points under the Format Section for yearbooks which contain extra information, e.g., bylaws, fundraising events; NGC/Pacific Region/CGCI themes; club theme; poetry; club president's message; tributes; list of former club presidents; list of club members who are NGC consultants/flower show judges. etc. [Click here](#) for the evaluation forms and look under G-2.

The new CGCI Awards Manual will be posted on the CGCI website shortly.



## Youth Awards Information for 2011–2012 Awards Year

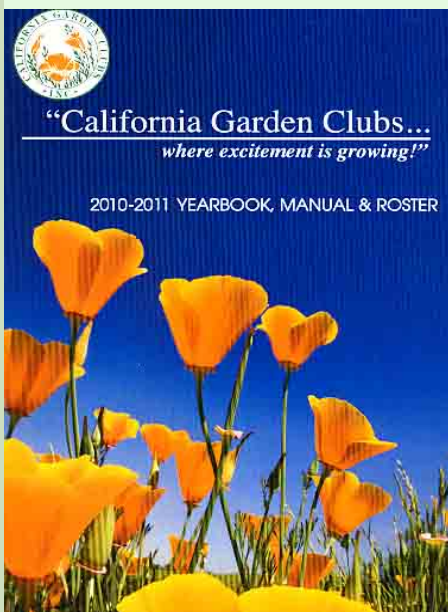
- **HS-5** High School Essay Contest - Theme is "**The Benefits of Community Gardens.**"
- **J-4** Essay Contest - "**How Do Trees Help the Environment**" - **for grades 3, 4 and 5.**
- **J-5** Poetry Contest - Theme is: "**Colorful Fruits**" or "**Tasty Vegetables**" (choose

- one).
- **Smokey Bear / Woodsy Owl Poster Contest** - Theme for Smokey is "**Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!**" Theme for Woodsy is "**Lend A Hand--Care for the Land!**"
  - **New Award: J-13 Youth Arbor Day** - see information about this new award by [clicking here](#) and going to the J-13 evaluation sheet to see what's required to win!
  - **New Award: J-14 Sculpture Contest** - see information about this new award by [clicking here](#) and going to the J-14 evaluation sheet to see what's required to win! Note that an NGC Sculpture Contest Form must be submitted. The link for the form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Contact [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman, for more information on the youth awards program. Summertime is a GREAT time to start planning for awards. Check evaluation forms by [clicking here](#).

## Corrections from last eNews re Awards

- **Elisabeth Tufo** is the editor of the Southern California Judges Council Yearbook which won the first place in NGC Award #16, Section E (Council Yearbooks).
- **Temecula Valley Garden Club** was the recipient of 2nd place for the FS-1B-1 award.



## Need Extra 2011-2012 CGCI Yearbooks?

If so, contact [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Chairman. Forms are posted on the CGCI website for district directors, chairman and anyone else not ordering through their district directors. [Click here](#) for the forms (look for CGCI Yearbook Forms half way down the page). Carmen needs to know how many extras to order by August 1.

Yearbook to the left is the 2010-2011 Yearbook which is now obsolete! Get your new one in September at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting or it can be mailed to you for an additional cost. All club district directors, CGCI chairmen, club, APS and affiliate presidents receive

complimentary copies.

## CGCI Endowment News

By [Bob Gordon](#), CGCI Endowment Committee Chairman

The Endowment Committee will be holding an auction at the CGCI Fall Board Meeting to raise funds for promotion of the Endowments. One of the items will be a design program by **George Speer** and **Bob Gordon**. Talk with your clubs and districts to combine funds to bid on this interesting informative program -- perhaps for a regular meeting or for a fundraiser or to support one of your community activities. You furnish the place and the audience, and George and Bob do the rest. Come to Fall Board and be prepared to bid!



## CGCI Tour to Holland

By [Bob Gordon](#), CGCI Tour Chairman

CGCI is offering an 8 day river cruise that will include both [Keukenhoff](#) for tulips and the [Floriade](#). Dates are April 12 to April 20, 2012. This means you will be in the same state room for the entire experience. Tulip time and the Floriade in Holland cannot be beat for a glorious visual experience. This is an opportunity that comes once every ten years. The Floriade is a horticulture show in a park setting put on by Holland in ten year intervals. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

Ship: **AmaVerde** of [AMAWaterdays](#), which pampers 161 guests and provides the ultimate in custom-designed luxury, was launched in 2011. Staterooms and suites range from 170-350 square feet, some including the newest feature of a twin-balcony! Casual dress onboard - a great opportunity to explore this once every 10 year opportunity - Floriade! [To the right is a photo of AmaVerde's sister ship.]



The cost\* includes:

- Daily sightseeing
- All meals
- Complimentary wine & beer or soft drinks with dinners aboard ship
- A cocktail reception
- Welcome dinner

- Captain's Gala Dinner
- Bicycles to explore on your own
- All transfers if you purchase the cruise and air as a package.

Schedule:

- April 11 overnight travel to Amsterdam (airfare not included)
- April 12 Arrive in Amsterdam, tour city, overnight in hotel
- April 13 Visit Bulb Auction in morning and board ship in afternoon
- April 20 Disembark and fly home

*N.B.* It is an AMA ship with 81 staterooms. Because it includes tulip time and the Floriade, the ship will sell out fast. Contact [Chris Merkel](#) at 877-651-7447 or to reserve your spot.

\*Costs range from \$2279 for Class E Stateroom on Patio Deck with fixed window to \$4368 for Class SS Statement, Violin Deck, French & Outdoor Balcony. Prices are per person, double occupancy. Please inquire for single rates. Price does not include airfare.

Options: Airfare, transfers / Amsterdam pre & post package/ European land or cruise extensions.

## National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

By: Pat Clayes, NGC Flower Show Judge

I just received my *The National Gardener*, Summer 2011 Edition, and saw two very important notices from [Jean Ohlmann](#), NGC Flower Show School Chairman, which I want to share with you in case you do not receive this fantastic magazine from NGC.

Do you shop the craft stores for dried material to use in entries for flower shows (classes where dried material is allowed)? I happen to go to places like Michaels, JoAnn Fabric & Craft Stores, Pier One Imports (and others) all of the time in search of that perfect dried article which will help my entry win a blue ribbon. But, now be aware of the following (from *TNG*, Page 18):

**"Contrived -- having an unnatural or false appearance.  
Artificial -- made or manufactured to imitate something natural or having natural appearance. These two terms do not share a common meaning for design components. Some garden club members are creating beautiful flowers from dried plant material. These flowers are replicas of real flowers that can be identified easily. This is not a contrived flower (no matter what it is named), but rather an artificial flower. Using these items is not allowed in any NGC exhibit."**

Also, for those of you who love to do table settings in flower shows (also from *TNG*, Page 18):

"Flatware or 'silverware' is a component of a table setting. However, this component is rarely used on table settings in a flower show. Most tables pictured in books on the Required Reading List will not include 'silverware.' As with any design, numerous small pieces may cause a cluttered look, and, of course, fine silverware provides a security risk. The table setting is a harmonious arrangement of components which can be accomplished more readily without the addition of 'silverware.'"

## Pacific Region News

By [Greg Pokorski](#), Parliamentarian

If you are thinking of buying a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (and you should have a copy if *Robert's* is your club's parliamentary authority), **WAIT!** The 11th Edition, the first revision in eleven years, is due to be published on **September 27, 2011**. Wait just a little bit longer and get the most up-to-date information.



## Back to School

*Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI  
Flower Show Judges  
Symposia in California*

*Environmental, Flower Show,  
Gardening & Landscape Design*

- **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](#).
- **September 22-23, 2011** - Landscape Design Study School, Course IV, Costa Verde District, South Coast Botanic Gardens, Palos Verdes. Contact [Alexis Slafer](#) for more information.
- **September 27-28, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course IV, Golden Foothills District. [Sue Bennett](#), Chairman.
- **October 28-29, 2011** - Bi-Refresher (Gardening & Landscape Design), Valley Center Library, Valley Center. Sponsor: Dos Valles Garden Club of Palomar District. Chairman: Barbara Watzke. Co-Chairman: Nancy Abernethy.
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#).
- **February 12-14, 2012** - CGCI Flower Show Judges Symposium, Hardlaw Hotel

San Diego. Contact [Laura Crenshaw](#) for more information.

## Upcoming CGCI Official Events (other than schools)

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

- **September 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Stockton Hilton. Host: Valley Lode District, Chairman: [Chelsea Wilson](#).
- **September 21-24, 2011** - NGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- **February 6-9, 2012** - Winter Board Meeting, The Cliffs Resort, Pismo Beach. Host: Montana de Oro District.
- **March 21-25, 2012** - San Francisco Flower & Garden Show - CGCI is a sponsor.
- **April 4-6, 2012** - Wildflower Conference, Holiday Inn, Palmdale.
- **April 12-20, 2012** - River Cruise - The Netherlands (CGCI Fundraiser).
- **May 16-19, 2012** - NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY.
- **June 3-7, 2012** - CGCI Convention, Cal Expo Sacramento DoubleTree, Host: Sacramento River Valley District.
- **June 3-9, 2012** - National Garden Week.
- **July 26-28, 2012** - Pacific Region Convention. Host: Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs.
- **September 17-20, 2012 (tentative)** - Fall Board Meeting, Blue Lake Casino. Host: Humboldt District.
- **September 26-29, 2012** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Little Rock, AR.
- **February 2013** - CGCI Winter Board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District.
- **May 21-27, 2013** - NGC Convention, Seattle, WA.
- **June 2013** - CGCI Convention. Host: Palomar District.
- **April 2013** - Pacific Region Convention. Host: CGCI.

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