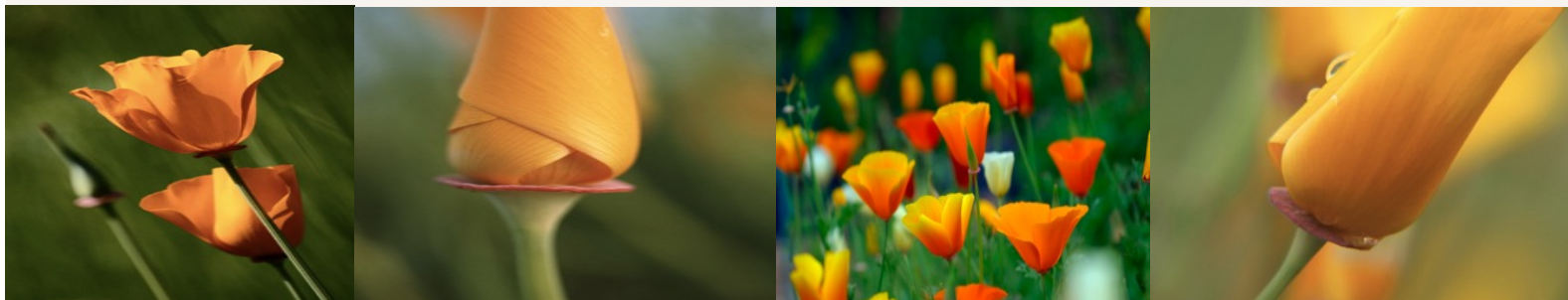


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Message from the President

Julie A. West

Congratulations to all of the winners included in this special Awards Supplement of the eNewsletter as well as the Awards Chairman, Nancy Lee Loesch and Awards Co-Chairmen, Maryanne Lucas, Robin Pokorski and Art Loesch! The new format at the 2011 convention awards banquet was a grand success and enjoyed by those who attended.

It was an honor to represent CGCI in Washington, D.C. at NGC's convention last month. In addition to the list, California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) was one of eight states that won a National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) citation in recognition of CGCI's net increase in membership from June 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Rita Desilets reports that CGCI had 21,032 members as of May 31, 2011 representing 284 clubs and 53 associate plant societies with more each day as dues continue to be paid on additional members through June 30.

You will also be happy to know that California Garden Clubs, Inc. won first place in NGC's "Help Membership Bloom" contest. In recognition of CGCI having the highest percentage of new member garden clubs from June 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011, NGC proudly presented this citation and the naming rights for an African Violet (*Saintpaulia*) cultivar. The African violet named in CGCI's honor will be called "California Victory." [Click here](#) to read all about it along with the order form.

'Kudos' to Rita Desilets, who served as CGCI's 2009-11 Membership Chairman, and to Maryanne Lucas, CGCI 2009-11 President, for jobs well done. Thank you both for promoting membership in CGCI and to each individual member because you also contributed to winning these two special NGC awards on behalf of California Garden Clubs, Inc.



National Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards

From May 2011 Convention
in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to all from California who are winners!

- #13A Publications, Section 2, Aiii (Newsletter) - **Southern California Garden Clubs (Robin Pokorski, Editor)**
- #13A Publications, Section 4, Ciii (Magazine: *Golden Gardens*) - **California Garden Clubs, Inc. (Lynne Hansen, Editor)**
- #16 Yearbooks, Section D, iii (State): *CGCI 2010-2011 Yearbook, Manual & Roster* - **California Garden Clubs, Inc. (Pat Clayes, Yearbook Team Coordinator)**
- #16 Yearbooks, Section E (Councils) - **Judges Council of Southern California (Robin Pokorski, Editor)**
- #33 High School Gardeners Accomplishment - **Pershing High School Garden Club** - (\$100). This group of high school students, sponsored by **Caruthers Garden Club**, plant and take care of \$1,500 houseplants, of which 700 are entered in the Fresno County Fair. Many are cuttings from mother plants in their care. Students attend and present workshops to members of the community and are involved in landscaping and maintaining beds around the school.
- #40 Landscape Design Consultants - **California Garden Clubs, Inc. Landscape Design Council (Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman) (silver plate)** - This council held three council meetings during the CGCI board meetings and conventions. Newsletters were mailed and are on the website. Eleven Landscape Design Consultants enjoyed a tri-refresher during a convention.
- #55 Youth Environmental Educational Concern Award Runner-Up - **Pershing High School Garden Club**, sponsored by **Caruthers Garden Club**.
- #71 Roadside Award, 2, Aii - **Sea Isle Garden Club** (\$400.00)
- High School Essay Contest - **Dani Ethington**, Sponsor: **San Clemente Garden Club** (\$1,000 scholarship)
- #17 Standard Flower Show - **Atherton Garden Guild**
- #57 Flower Show Staged in a Public Building - **Red Bluff Garden Club**
- NGC President's Project - Pacific Region 2nd Place Winner - **Colfax Garden Club** (\$100)
- NGC 2010 Youth Poetry Contest - Second Grade, Honorable Mention - **Isiah Washington, Desert Crossroads Garden Club**
- NGC Scholarship Winner from California - **Margaret Maratsos** (\$3,500)

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest - 2011 National Grand Prize Winner - **Vaibhavi Patankar**, 4th Grade, Welby Way Elementary, West Hills Elementary, West Hills California, Vaibhavi is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. She was born in Atlanta, GA, but she now lives with her family in Woodland Hills, CA. Her brother, Vedang, and parents, Shailesh and Manjusha, who hail from Bombay, India, moved to the United States in 2000. Vaibhavi showed interest in the arts at a very young age. She loves to draw and paint. She has participated in a number of art competitions over the past few years. She showed an interest in conservation and environmental related themes quite early, giving expression to the same through science fairs and art competitions. While her favorite subjects are science and math, Vaibhavi also likes language and the arts. She likes visiting different places, including national parks and national forests. She won the science competition in her school last year for her experiment on promoting the issue of eco-friendly detergents.



Of special note is, for the first time since 1994, California brought home the National Grand Prize Smokey Bear Poster Contest winner. Out of more than 22,000 entries, 9-year-old **Vaibhavi Patankar**, sponsored by **West Valley Garden Club** in the **San Fernando Valley District** was the Grand Prize winner! **Congratulations, Vaibhavi!**



To see more winners, including the 2nd grade national winner's (**Jack Lucero** from **La Casa Garden Club**, **Sequoia Foothills** District, California) entry, [click here](#).

Pacific Region of NGC Awards

From 2011 Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

Congratulations to all from California who are winners!

- 3.j - Club Yearbook - HM - **Cherry Blossom Garden Club**
- 3.d - Club Yearbook - 3rd - **Los Angeles Garden Club**
- 3.e - Club Yearbook - 2nd - **Walnut Creek Garden Club**
- 3.f - Club Yearbook - 1st - **Southern California Garden Club** (\$20)
- 3.g - Club Yearbook - 3rd - **Modesto Garden Club**
- 3.h - Club Yearbook - 2nd - **San Fernando Valley District**
- 2.b - Newsletters/District - 3rd - **Roadrunner District**
- 2.a - Club Newsletter - 1st - **Southern California Garden** (\$20)
- 1.a - Article by Individual - 1st - **Joyce Dean** (\$20)
- 1.b - Article by Individual - 3rd - **Meredith French**
- 1.c - Article by Individual - 1st - **Pauline Sechi** (\$20)
- 5.a - Publications other than Yearbook - 1st - **El Cerrito Garden Club** (\$20)
- 5.b - Publications other than Yearbook - 1st - **Roadrunner District** (\$20)
- 2.d - Council Newsletter - 1st - **CGCI Landscape Design Council** (\$20) - **Jill Coleman & Launa Gould**, Editors
- 5.d - Other Publications - 1st - **CGCI Landscape Design Council** Tri-Refresher Program (\$20) - **Alexis Slafer**
- 6.b - State Newsletter - Large State - 1st - CGCI - **Golden Gardens** (**Lynne Hansen**, Editor) (\$20)
- 7.c - State Yearbook - Large State/No Ads - 1st - **CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster** (**Pat Clayes**, Yearbook Team Coordinator) (\$20)
- 8.b - State Convention Program Booklet - 3rd - **CGCI 2010 Convention** (**Jean Reiley/Bev Brune**, Chairmen)
- 9.b - Other State Publications - 1st - **Back to School** (**Pat Clayes**, Editor) (\$20)
- 12.a - Garden Therapy - 1st - **Redding Wonderland Garden Club** (\$20)
- Smokey Bear Poster Contest:
 - Grade 2 - **Jack Lucero**, La Casa Garden Club
 - Grade 4 - **Vaibhavia Patankar**, West Valley Garden Club
- Poetry Contest - 1st (tie) - **Brandie Williams**, Desert Crossroads
- Essay Contest - **Dani Ethington**, San Clemente Garden Club (\$50)

California Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards



From 2011 Convention in Rohnert Park, CA

- CGCI Lifetime Achievement - **Elisabeth Tufo**
- CGCI Woman of the Year - **Patricia Claves**
- Awards of Merit - **Charles Goodwin, David Hoyum, David West**
- Gardener of the Year - **Carolyn Platt** (\$50)
- Youth Leader of the Year - **Kris Ethington** (\$100)
- Gardening Consultant of the Year - **Myrtle Findley** (\$25)
- Landscape Design Consultant of the Year - **Mary Lou Goodwin**
- CGCI Flower Arranger of the Year - **Sonja Longley** (\$50)
 - 2nd - **Pauline Sechi** (\$30)
 - 3rd - **Janet Switzer** (\$20)
- CGCI Judge of the Year - **Shane Looper** (\$50)
- CGCI Community Impact Award - **Colfax Garden Club** (\$150)
- Sweepstakes Award: Class 1: **Floral Design Study Club**; Class 2: **North Lake Garden Club**; Class 3: **Meadow Vista Garden Club**; Class 4: **West Valley Garden Club**; Class 5: **Canyon Crest Garden Club**; Class 6: Tie - **Mission Hills Garden Club** and **Southern California Garden Club**; Class 7: **Modesto Garden Club**; District: **Palomar District**
- C-2-A - **Red Bluff Garden Club** (\$100)
- C-2-B - **Geranium City Garden Club** (\$100)
- G-12 - **Sequoia Foothills District** (\$50)
- G-13-A - **San Fernando Valley District** (\$25)
- G-13-B - **Desert Empire District** (\$25)
- G-15 - **Sequoia Foothills District** (\$75)
- B-1-B - **Southern California Garden Club** (\$50)
- B-2 - **Patterson Garden Club** (\$35)
 - 2nd - **Ceres Garden Club** (\$25)
 - 3rd - **Point Loma Garden Club** (\$15)
- B-3 - **Bernardo Gardeners** (\$50)
 - 2nd - **Chicago Park Garden Club** (\$25)
- C-7 - **Sea Isle Garden Club** (\$200)
- C-9 - **Naples Island Garden Club** (\$20)
- C-10 - **Meredith French** (\$25)
- C-13-A - **Canyon Crest Garden Club** (\$50)
- C-13-B - **Canyon Crest Garden Club** (\$50)
- FS-1B-1 - **Southern California Garden Club** (\$25)
- FS-1B-2 - **Temecula Valley Garden Club** (\$25)
- FS-2 - **Palomar District** (\$20)
- FS-5 - **Pauline Sechi** (\$50)

- FS-6-3 - **Red Bluff Garden Club** (\$10)
- FS-6-4 - **Dos Valles Garden Club** (\$10)
- FS-6-6 - **Roadrunner District** (\$10)
- FS-8 - **Red Bluff Garden Club** (\$100)
- FS-9 - **Long Beach Garden Club** (\$25)
- FS-10 - **Linda Lang** (\$25)
- G-1 - **Judges Council of Southern California** (\$75)
- 2nd - **Founders Council of Judges** (\$25)
- G-2-1 - **Floral Design Study Club** (\$50)
- G-2-2 - **Cherry Blossom Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-2-3 - **Conejo Valley Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-2-4 - **Los Angeles Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-2-5 - **Walnut Creek Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-2-6 - **Southern California Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-2-7 - **Modesto Garden Club** (\$50)
- G-3 - **San Fernando Valley District** (\$25)
- 2nd - **Sequoia Foothills District** (\$15)
- G-5 - **North Lake Garden Club** (\$30)
- 2nd - **Paso Robles Multiflora Garden Club** (\$20)
- G-7 - **Meadow Vista Garden Club** (\$50)
- 2nd - **Vista Garden Club** (\$25)
- 3rd - **Willits Garden Club** (15)
- G-8 - **Los Angeles Garden Club** (\$30)
- 2nd - **Walnut Creek Garden Club** (\$20)
- 3rd - **Willits Garden Club** (\$10)
- G-9-A - **Woodland Hills Floral Designers** (\$25)
- G-11 - **Chicago Park Garden Club** (\$30)
- 2nd - **Walnut Creek Garden Club** (\$25)
- 3rd - **Los Angeles Garden Club** (\$20)
- C-6-A - **Meredith French** (\$50)
- C-6-B - **Denise Greego** (\$50)
- G-10-1 - **Kris Ethington** (\$50)
- G-10-2 - **Gina Tsi** (\$50)
- G-10-3 - **Madelyn Jameson** (\$50)
- G-10-4 - **Meredith French** (\$50)
- G-10-5 - **Jean Van Derford** (\$50)
- G-14-A - **Palomar District** (\$25)
- G-14-B - **Golden Foothills District** (25)
- HT-1-A - **Vista Garden Club** (\$25)

- HT-2 - **Donner Garden Club of Auburn** (\$50)
- HT-3 - **Nilda Duffek** (\$50)
- 2nd - **Janet Switzer** (\$30)
- 3rd - **Rena Webb** (\$20)
- HT-4 - **Jeanette Bullock** (\$50)
- 2nd - **Leola Maher** (\$30)
- HT-5 - **Colfax Garden Club** (\$25)
- 2nd - **Pacifica Garden Club** (\$15)
- PR-1-1a - **North Lake Garden Club** (\$35)
- PR-1-1b - **Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club** (\$35)
- 2nd - **Clayton Valley Garden Club** (\$25)
- PR-1-1c - **Vista Garden Club** (\$35)
- PR-2-1 - **Roadrunner District** (\$50)
- PR-2-2A - **Burbank-Valley Garden Club** (\$35)
- PR-2-2B - **West Valley Garden Club** (\$35)
- PR-2-2C - **Southern California Garden Club** (\$35)
- PR-2-3A - **Joyce Dean** (\$15)
- PR-2-3B - **Meredith French** (\$15)
- PR-2-3C - **Pauline Sechi** (\$15)
- PR-2-4A - **El Cerrito Garden Club** (\$30)
- 2nd - **Chicago Park Garden Club** (\$20)
- 3rd - **San Clemente Garden Club** (\$10)
- PR-2-4B - **Roadrunner District** (\$30)
- PR-5 - **West Valley Garden Club** (\$50)
- PR-6 - **Naples Island Garden Club** (\$100)
- Smokey Bear Poster Contest
- Sec. 1 - **Annie Carmichael** of River Valley Garden Club (\$25)
- 2nd - **Mattie Knobloch** of Tuolumne County Garden Club
- 3rd - **Cole Torres** of La Casa Garden Club
- 4th - **Nathan Preheim** of La Casa Garden Club
- Sec. 2 - **Jack Lucero** of La Casa Garden Club (\$25)
- 2nd - **Julia Hoxie** of Patterson Garden Club
- 3rd - **Anna Calvert** of Chico Horticulture Society
- 4th - **Desiree Black** of Tuolumne County Garden Club
- Sec. 3 - **Vivian Tran** of Chico Horticulture Society (\$25)
- 2nd - **Brennan Williams** of West Valley Garden Club
- 3rd - **Logan Haynes** of Chico Horticulture Society
- 4th - **Jeffery Smith** of Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis Garden Club
- Sec. 4 - **Vaibhavia Patankar** of West Valley Garden Club (\$25)

- 2nd - **Karina Sevilla** of Dos Valles Garden Club
- 3rd - **Nate Matthews** of River Valley Garden Club
- 4th - **Claire Hoxie** of Patterson Garden Club
- Sec. 5 - **Shawn Spani** of Knights Ferry Garden Club (\$25)
- 2nd - **Alexander Elkins** of River Valley Garden Club
- 3rd - **Mymy Phan** of Ukiah Garden Club
- 4th - **Sarah Dady** of West Valley Garden Club
- J-1 - **Bishop Buds** of Santa Clara Valley District (\$50)
- 2nd - **Murwood Youth Gardeners** of Diablo Foothills District (\$30)
- J-5 - **Ashley McClain** of Desert Crossroads Garden Club (\$25)
- 2nd - **Arlene Quevedo** of Desert Crossroads Garden Club (\$15)
- 3rd - **Brandie Williams** of Desert Crossroads Garden Club (\$10)
- J-9 - **Lucerne Valley Elementary Gardeners**, Roadrunner District (\$25)
- HS-1 - **Pershing High School**, Caruthers Garden Club (\$50)
- HS-2 - **Pershing High School**, Caruthers Garden Club (\$50)
- HS-3 - **Pershing High School**, Caruthers Garden Club (\$50)
- HS-4 - **Ryan Cortez** of Caruthers Garden Club (\$25)
- 2nd - **Merissa Hernandez** of Caruthers Garden Club (\$15)
- 3rd - **Jose Ortiz** of Caruthers Garden Club (\$10)
- HS-5 - **Jose Ortiz** of Caruthers Garden Club (\$20)
- HS-6 - **Dani Ethington** of San Clemente Garden Club (\$50)



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, Handlery 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.

- **June 5-11, 2011** - National Garden Week.
- **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.

