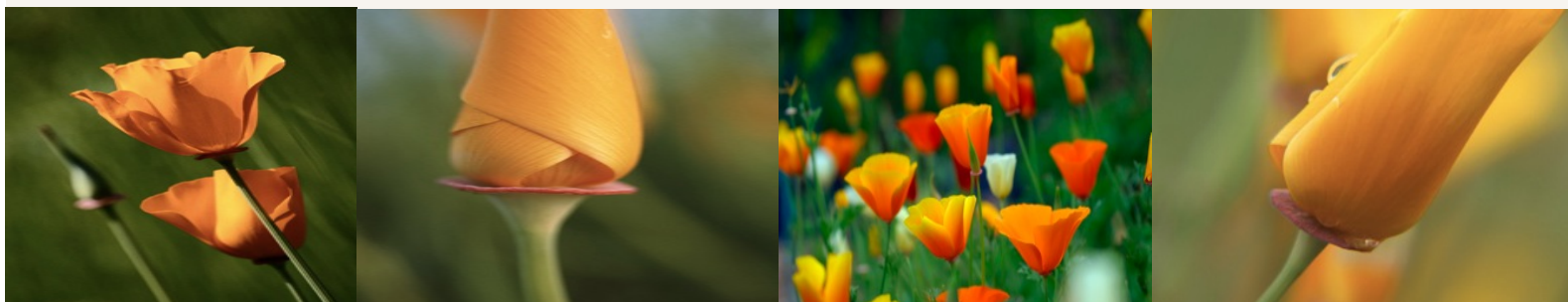


You are receiving this eNewsletter because you are a CGCI club/affiliate/APS president, CGCI chairman or have subscribed to receive it or your club president/district director subscribed for you. You can modify/update your subscription via the link at the bottom of this eNewsletter. To view past eNewsletter, [click here](#). Encourage your garden club members to subscribe. [Click here](#) to subscribe. Questions? Contact [CGCI eNewsletter Chairman](#).

---



## eNewsletter of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

March 2011 Vol. 3-3

[Maryanne Lucas](#), President  
[California Garden Clubs, Inc.](#) is a Member of [Pacific Region](#),  
[National Garden Clubs, Inc.](#)

**New Ratified Dates From Winter Board Meeting**

- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, Convention, Rohnert Park, Co-Chairmen: Nancy Bailey and Jane Graham.
- **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 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Valley Lode District, Stockton. Chairman: [Chelsea Wilson](#)
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#)

## Chairmen Ratified at Winter Board Meeting

- [Geri May Thirloway](#) -- Honor Book Chairman
- [Robin Pokorski](#) -- Awards Co-Chairman
- [J. David West](#) -- 2011 Convention Co-Chairman
- [J. David West](#) -- 2013 Pacific Region Convention Chairman

## Roster Changes

Please mark changes in your *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

- Page 16, change title of "Zip Code Services Chairman" to "Zip Code Club Finder Services Chairman."
- Page 157, Clayton Valley Garden Club, Diablo Foothills District -- New President: [Nicole Hackett](#), P.O. Box 633, Clayton, CA 94517.

## 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.



### Arbor Day

- March 7 is California Arbor Day
- 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.

Most Californians think that Arbor Day falls on Luther Burbank's birthday, March 7, because Luther Burbank started the tradition of planting trees for their beauty and other utilitarian purposes on that day each year. Most are surprised to learn that this is not true. The founder of Arbor Day was Julius Sterling Morton. In 1872, Morton proposed to the

Nebraska State Board of Agriculture that a tree planting day be called Arbor Day. April 10, 1872 was set as the first Arbor Day in the United States. To see more information about National Arbor day, [click here](#).

All are invited to get involved and celebrate! "Trees offer so many more benefits than what we see," said CalFire Deputy Director Bill Snyder. "Their importance to the environment, climate, economy and the overall well-being of humanity is critical."

According to an article which appeared in *The Willows Journal*, "In recognition of the many benefits trees provide, the goals of Arbor Week [March 7-14] are:

- To educate people about trees
- To encourage tree planting
- To teach elementary school children the environmental, social and economic benefits of trees
- To protect our valuable natural resources

References: [www.willows-journal.com](http://www.willows-journal.com); article "Arbor Day Confusion" by William D. Stansfield



## Invasive Weeds

While attending the CGCI Winter Board Meeting, members of the Executive Committee received a booklet from the CGCI California Native & Invasive Plant Chairman, [Donna Thomas](#). The booklet is called *INVASIVE WEED Field Guild*. The booklet was created by the Mojave Weed Management Area which is coordinated by the [Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District](#).

Websites, which might be of interest to you, are listed on page 38 of the booklet.

- [Cal-IPC's Don't Plant a Pest](#)
- [PlantRight](#)
- [Beautiful Long Beach Landscapes](#)
- [A.W.A.C. Watersmart Landscaping](#)
- [Native Plant Information Network](#)
- [Weed Control Methods Handbook: Tools & Techniques for Use in Natural Areas](#)
- [Global Invasive Weed Database](#)

## The Web's Mother Lode of Free Irrigation Information

Reprinted with permission from The Desert Trumpet, Newsletter of [Desert Planters of Ridgecrest](#) by [LaVerne Harms](#)

Are you thinking about installing or upgrading an automatic drip irrigation system? If so, [click here](#) to view an interesting website which has excellent information about watering systems which you might consider researching.





### **The Bird Bath**

Reprinted with permission from the February 2011 issue of *The Garden Gate*, Newsletter of West Valley Garden Club, By Jean Crail

Simple housekeeping for birds include cleaning the feeders and bird baths if you use them in your yard. The best way to clean feeders is to hold them under running water and scrub clean with a brush every two weeks. Also rake up old seeds and shells on the ground every few weeks. Bird baths are cleaned the same way every four or five days to prevent mold. Detergents and bleach are not advised.

### **The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief & The Black Orchid**

Reprinted with permission from *The Ranger*, February 2011, Newsletter of the Orange County Orchid Society, Inc.

Gaze into the seductive stare of an orchid at your own risk. Many who do quickly fall under its captive spell. In the orchid world, it's known simply as orchid fever.

The orchid world is full of eccentric characters, petty rivalries, competitive judging, hunters, smugglers and thieves. It's also a world undergoing tremendous change.

Orchids were once only accessible to the very rich. Now they are as common as a dozen roses. Large nurseries are producing cheaper, cloned orchids for the mass market. Orchid hybridizers are a dying breed in the face of this competition.

Conservation laws make it illegal to remove orchids from their natural habitat. They can, however, be legally bulldozed during construction. This disparity has inadvertently fueled an active "black market" in wild collected orchids. Some rare or newly discovered species have been known to sell for five to ten thousand dollars a plant.

An age-old rivalry and a judging controversy came to the forefront during a World Orchid Conference. Display orchids get casually tossed into trashcans after shows. An orchid thief smuggles one of the greatest orchid discoveries in fifty years, nearly taking down a respected botanical institution. Tales of greed, passion and desire: [The Black Orchid Movie](#).





## Butterfly Garden

Excerpts from CGCI Butterfly Chairman's, [Jane Troutman](#), CGCI Winter Board Report

Last October, [Southern California Garden Club](#), San Fernando Valley District, had a very special opening of its Butterfly Garden. A location was negotiated with the Parks Department of the city which would be convenient to the Supulveda Garden Center's Clubhouse (where the club meets) with sun and shade at the perfect times of the day. Over 100 guests attended. For me, it was a dream come true. The monarchs are enjoying all of the native plants that were selected and were lovingly planted and cared for by the club's membership.

Need help designing your butterfly garden? Contact [Jane Troutman](#).



## Update on Easy Grants Program

Please note that only the conservation and horticulture grants remain available for Easy Grants applications to be considered. All other funds have been depleted and are closed as of February 5, 2011 (Winter Board). Questions, contact [Lynne Hansen](#).

[Chuck Goodwin](#), CGCI Parliamentarian writes the following in response to numerous questions asked by clubs:

I strongly recommend that all clubs purchase a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (RONR). This can be obtained from a number of sources, but my experience is that the National Association of Parliamentarians has the best selection of materials, in one place, on parliamentary procedure. [Click here](#) for its website. The Association's supplies can be purchased by anyone and can be done on line or print out the order form. You can review all of the items on line as well.

While you are looking at the NAP website, let me recommend some other items that will help new and established clubs. Along with RONR, purchase the "Supplemental Index." This handy reference will allow you to quickly find the topic for which you are searching and give you the page or pages where to find your answer. For all of your members and officers, NAP has a series called "Leadership Spotlights." Here you can learn the basics in easy-to-read booklets—these are good resources for new officers and members. And we are all familiar with the "Dummies" and Complete Idiot's" series. The NAP has these also - *Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules* and *Robert's Rules for Dummies*. These are easy reading and will give you a quick understanding of



parliamentary procedure without much technical language.



*Robert's* even provides a sample set of bylaws, beginning at page 564-570. See page 569 for a section on creating a parliamentary authority for your club to follow. For setting up standing rules, see *Robert's* beginning at page 256. Standing rules generally are those items that do not relate to parliamentary procedure but general matters such as meeting times and place and dues structure. To see how these pieces fit together, you might look at the CGCI 2010-2011 *Yearbook, Manual, Roster*, beginning at page 128, for the CGCI Bylaws and Standing Rules. But remember these documents are for a much larger organization. Yours probably will not be this complex. Your club president or district director has a copy. If you do not wish to purchase these items at this time, you will probably find them at your library. But, after looking these over, I'll bet you will want your own club's copy. This way it can be passed from officer to officer.

Please continue to send your questions to [Chuck Goodwin](#), CGCI Parliamentarian.



## 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.

## Attn: 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.

### 2000-2001 and 2009-2010 CGCI Yearbooks Needed

If anyone has copies of any of these two yearbooks and would like to donate them to the Yearbook Chairman's archives, please contact [Pat Clayes](#), CGCI Yearbook Team Coordinator. Thanks.



## National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

### *Keeping in Touch*

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

### **Cultivating New Clubs**

Excerpt from Membership Column, *Keeping in Touch*, February-April 2011 by Shirley Nicolai, Membership Chairman regarding new garden clubs.

People typically join a garden club to gain information for their personal use. They want to attend a program and leave with some valuable information. Sitting through a long business meeting is not an incentive. Many want to spend a maximum of an hour and a half at a meeting; light-hearted efficiency is crucial.

Ideally, a mentor from an existing club will take a lead position for a year as an advisor or an officer, if that seems necessary for success. By asking attendees at an organizational meeting what they want to learn, programs for the first year can be determined. Assigning a program committee with each in charge of one meeting spreads the responsibility. Local speakers often feel honored to receive an honorary one year club membership in lieu of a fee.

With the rising popularity of home grown food, this is an ideal time of the year to attract novice vegetable growers. Containers, raised beds, personal gardens and community plots can be the initial focus. Fruit options are numerous too.

Garden clubs just don't happen. They need us to cultivate them.



## 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. [Click here](#) to see Alexis Slafer's blog about the program. [Click here](#) for the brochure.
- **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](#).
- **April 28-30, 2011** - Flower Show Judges Symposium, Bakersfield, CA. Contact [Gloria Aminian](#) for information. Registration form is on [CGCI calendar under April](#). **Late fee applies after April 15, 2011.**
- **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.
- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, Convention, Rohnert Park, Co-Chairmen: [Nancy Bailey](#) and [Jane Graham](#). **Deadline to register is April 1, 2011.** [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 15-19, 2011** - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: [David West](#) & [Gina-Belle Smith](#). More information to follow.
- **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. Contact [Bob Gordon](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to view past CGCI eNewsletter article regarding 10th World Flower Show and CGCI tour.
- **September 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Valley Lode District, Stockton. Chairman: [Chelsea Wilson](#).