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80th CGCI Convention

**May 15-19, 2011
Rohnert Park, CA**

[Click here](#) for more information on the 80th CGCI Convention, Rohnert Park, CA and information on the Tri-Refresher and Post-Convention Tour.

To see CGCI eNewsletter March 2011 Convention Information Issue, [click here](#).



[Click here](#) to see a newspaper article about CGCI's 80th Annual Convention, CGCI President-Elect, [Julie West](#) and garden clubbing in general.



Visit Beautiful Winery Gardens on your Way to Rohnert Park

By [Mary Lou Goodwin](#), Landscape Design Council Chairman

- Highway 121 - **Jacuzzi Winery** - Colorful gardens features an Olive tasting in the Wine Center
- Highway 121 - **Cline Cellars** (across the street from Jacuzzi - same owners). 5,000 rose bushes, lovely gardens, Museum of California Mission models, six spring-fed ponds and an Avian collection. Information on Bio-Diversity Agriculture.
- Highway 121 - **Visiana Winery**. Great gardens, cafe and wine products.
- Highway 121 - **Cornerstone Sonoma**. Demonstration gardens featuring modern landscape designs. Garden art for sale.
- Highway 12 - **Chateau St. Jean**. Historic Gardens - well maintained.
- Highway 12 - **St. Frances Winery**. Lovely garden and water feature.
- Santa Rosa - Highway 101 north - Vitner's Inn. Turn on Mark West Rd., then Barnes Rd. Hotel with spectacular grounds, owned by the Ferrari Carano Winery.
- Highway 101 - **Kendal Jackson Wine Center**. Near by/on Fulton Rd. Authentic English Garden.
- Highway 101 - Healdsburg - **Ferrari Carano Vineyards and Winery**. Most fantastic Winery garden in the state.



Upcoming Flower Shows, Garden Tours & Plant Sales

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. You can also list these on the NGC Calendar. [Click here](#) for the link.

Important Information for Yearbook Chairmen

Please include the following information in your club and district yearbooks for the 2011-2013 term.



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2011-2013 President - **Shirley S. Nicolai**

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shirleynicolai@verizon.net / 301-292-3667 / 301-203-5082 (fax)

Theme: NGC: Proudly Serving Our Members & Communities

Special Projects: Plantings for Public & Special Places; Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems; Photo Archiving of Accomplishments.

www.gardenclub.org

Calendar of Events for National Garden Clubs, Inc.

- September 21-24, 2011 - NGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- May 16-20, 2012 - NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY
- September 26-29, 2012 - NGC Board Meeting, Little Rock, AR
- May 21-27, 2013 - NGC Convention, Seattle, WA

National Garden Week

- June 5-11, 2011
- June 3-9, 2012
- June 2-8, 2013

See *The National Gardener*, *Keeping in Touch* and NGC's website at www.gardenclub.org for dates and details about schools and other special events.



Pacific Region of NGC

2011-2013 Director: **Debbie Hinchey**

1474 Virginia Court, Anchorage, AK 99501-4928

DHomcjay@alaska.com / 907-278-2814

Theme: Looking In & Reaching Out

Regional Project: Reaching Out, Let Us Count the Ways

www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

Calendar of Events for Pacific Region of NGC:

- TBA 2012 - Convention, Host: Alaska State Federation of Garden Clubs
- TBA 2013 - Convention, Host: California Garden Clubs, Inc.



California Garden Clubs, Inc.

2011-2013 President: **Julie A. West**
850 Grandview Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472-2930
julieawest@aol.com / 707-829-9342

Theme: Conservation
Gardening
Creativity
Inspiration
Explore the Possibilities . . .

President's Project: Permanent educational interpretive signage for Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden
www.CaliforniaGardenClubs.org

Calendar of Events for CGCI (not including schools):

- September 15-18, 2011 - Fall Board Meeting, Stockton Hilton. Host: Valley Lode District
- February 5-9, 2012 - Winter Board Meeting. Host: Montana de Oro District
- June 3-7, 2012 - Convention, Cal Expo, Sacramento DoubleTree. Host: Sacramento River Valley District
- TBA September, 2012 - Fall Board Meeting. Host: Humboldt District
- TBA February 2013 - Winter board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District
- TBA June 2013 - Convention. Host: Palomar District

New NGC Flower Show Judges from California!

Congratulations to the following flower show school students who passed the NGC Flower Show Handbook Exam last October and are now accredited NGC Flower Show Judges:

Rob Crenshaw

**Marilyn Gross
Adele Kelly
Linda Lang
Sharon Lowry
Dyanna Madro
Carolyn Neumann
Emily Troxell
Barbara Weiler**



Here Is Your Opportunity to Become a CGCI Award Sponsor!

If you, your club or your district are interested in sponsoring the CGCI award program, the following awards need sponsors for the 2011-2013 term; awards to be presented at the 2012 and 2013 conventions.

- PR-2, 2a - Club Newsletters (1 sheet) - \$35 each year
- PR-2, 2b - Club Newsletters (2 sheets) - \$35 each year
- PR-2, 2c - Club Newsletters (3 or more sheets) - \$35 each year
- PR-2, 4a - Publications other than a Yearbook or Newsletter (to clubs) - \$60 per year
- PR-2, 4b - Publications other than a Yearbook or Newsletter (to districts) - \$30 per year
- J-9a - Horticulture Award - for junior gardeners grades 1-3 - \$25 each year
- J-9b - Horticulture Award - for junior gardeners grades 4-6 - \$25 each year

If you become a sponsor of one, two or all of these awards, you will have the option on your Award Sponsor Statement (which will be mailed to you after the 2011 convention) to remit the award amount annually or in one payment for the 2011-2013 term.

If interested, please contact the 2011-2013 Awards Chairman, [Pat Clayes](#).

Your support of the CGCI awards program and all of the goals and objectives of CGCI and NGC are very much appreciated!



"Green" Recipes

This is one of several recipes which were submitted to [Myrtle Findley](#), CGCI Gardening Consultants Council Chairman, for the HT-3 Best "Green" Recipe Award.

Green Tomato & Tart Apple Relish By Nilda Duffek, Colfax Garden Club

Step 1:

- 2 lbs. green tomatoes
- 3/4 lb. red peppers
- 1/2 lb. cooking apples

Core and chop the tomatoes, peppers and apples finely. Place them in a large, non-reactive saucepan (not aluminum)

Step 2:

- 1 c. 5% organic (raw) apple cider vinegar
- 1 T. Kosher or sea salt

Add to saucepan, mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for about 1 hr. until it thickens.

Step 3:

- 4 jalapeno peppers, cored, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 T. chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp. ground cumin

Add to saucepan and simmer for 5 mins. Ladle the hot mixture into hot canning jars, if desired, and process in a boiling water canner for 15 mins.

Recipe may be doubled. Cook for 10-15 mins. longer if necessary to thicken. Recommended over omelets or scrambled eggs, baked chicken or ham, etc.



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

2011-2013 NGC President's Projects

Incoming NGC President Shirley Nicolai's Special Projects will be:

- Plantings for Public & Special Places (suggestions: Gardens with Edibles, Container Gardens, Trees & Shrubs)
- Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems
- Photo Archiving of Accomplishments

Check the [NGC website](#) for more information. President Nicolai's term begins in May when she is installed at the NGC Convention in Washington, D.C.

National Garden Week

NGC designates the first full week in June every year as National Garden Week. To celebrate the event, garden clubs and districts are encouraged to participate in educational exhibits, flower shows, garden tours, memorial plantings, tree plantings, etc. and to issue publicity to promote club, district, CGCI and NGC. Ask local governments to proclaim National Garden Week to help raise community awareness. [Click here](#) to download the National Garden Week Proclamation. [Click here](#) to download the National Garden Week Poster. Questions, contact [Victoria Lucido](#), CGCI National Garden Week Chairman.

Remember to apply for the CGCI PR-4 National Garden Week Award (winner is eligible to go forward to NGC for its Award #53). More details to come in the 2011-2012 Awards Manual which will be published on the CGCI website early this summer.





Pacific Region of NGC News

Highlights from the Pacific Region Convention

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

The Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. was the host for the Pacific Region's 2011 Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona which was held April 14-16, 2011. The theme was "Desert Splendor" and was presided over by **Sandra Ford**, 2009-2011 Pacific Region

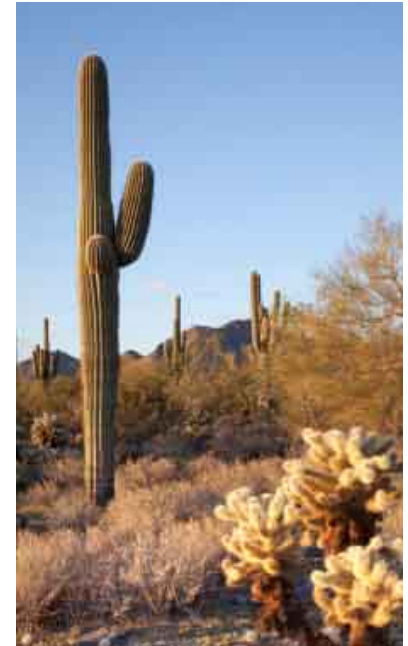
Director. "Fun in the Desert Sun" began Thursday evening with Flamenco del Sol dancers. The highlight of the Opening Ceremony was "Welcome to Arizona" by the Honorable **Jan Brewer**, Governor of Arizona. The lunch program featured Desert Botanical Gardens, followed by an afternoon docent tour that included the Spring Butterfly Exhibit with other 1000 butterflies.

Saturday's lunch program featured **Gail Morris**, who spoke on "Saving the Monarch Migration."

NGC President **Renee Blaschke** installed the 2011-2013 Pacific Region Director.

Set your calendars for July 26-28, 2012 to experience Alaska at next year's Pacific Region Convention in Anchorage, Alaska!

Several CGCI clubs and members won first place Pacific Region awards, so be sure to attend the Awards Banquet, May 16, 2011, at the CGCI Convention.



Back to School

*Upcoming NGC Schools & CGCI
FS Symposia in California*

Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening & Landscape Design

- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, Convention, Rohnert Park, Co-Chairmen: [Nancy Bailey](#) and [Jane](#)

[Graham](#). [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.

- **May 15-16, 2011** - Tri-Refresher, CGCI Convention. [Nancy Bailey](#), Chairman. [Click here](#) for flyer and registration form.
- **May 15-19, 2011** - CGCI 80th Convention. Host: Luther Burbank & Mendo-Lake Districts. Chairmen: [David West](#) & [Gina-Belle Smith](#). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **May 19-20, 2011** - Post Convention Tour "All aboard...destination: Mendocino Coast." Click here for the [flyer](#) and [sign-up form](#). Questions, contact [GinaBelle Smith](#).
- **May 27-30, 2011** - NGC Convention, Washington, D.C.
- **June 5-11, 2011** - National Garden Week
- **September 15-18, 2011** - CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Valley Lode District, Stockton. Chairman: [Chelsea Wilson](#).
- **September 21-24, 2011** - NGC Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- **May 16-19, 2012** - NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY
- **June 3-9, 2012** - National Garden Week