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Message from the President [Julie A. West](#)

The San Francisco Flower & Garden Show introduced its 2012 Garden Club Fundraising Opportunity when Weston and Christine Cook (Owners) as well as Katrina Agamau (Show Producer) attended as CGCI's special guests at Fall Board. For every advance discounted ticket sold by a garden club or a district, the club/district will earn \$2 with an additional \$1 being donated to the CGCI President's Project to raise money for permanent educational signage for Sonoma State University's Native Plant Garden. This is a "win-win" for CGCI, garden clubs/districts which plan field trips to the event and the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show! Take advantage of this easy fundraising opportunity by [clicking here](#) for the information distributed in Stockton and [clicking here](#) for the application form.

In addition, there will be a Standard Flower Show, *The World Around Us* (open to all including the public), sponsored by Founders Council of Judges that will be held March 21-25, 2012 in Redwood Hall in conjunction with the San

Francisco Flower and Garden Show in San Mateo. The schedule for *The World Around Us* will be available to download on CGCI's website after October 1, 2011. Stay tuned for more details in the October eNewsletter.

CGCI is an official sponsor of the 2012 San Francisco Flower and Garden Show and appreciates the reciprocal support given to California Garden Clubs, Inc. The 2012 theme is *Gardens for a Green Earth* with 20 display gardens, over 70 seminars, edible gardens, etc. Save the dates: March 21-25, 2012 to participate and attend. [Click here](#) for the latest details and information.



Project Mission Blue

CGCI and the [Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's](#) project to increase lupine diversity by propagating and planting pathogen-resistant summer lupine and varied lupine. It is the hope to stabilize the Mission Blue Butterfly community during years of fungal outbreak and allow these populations to increase over the long term. Tax deductible donations for the Project Mission Blue should be made payable to "CGCI" and sent to Chairman [Shane Looper](#), 213 Carmelo Lane, South San Francisco, CA 94080. For more information, [click here](#).

Facts about the Mission Blue Butterfly - Part 1

Time to Shine: Eggs may be on lupines from March through June. The eggs hatch into tiny caterpillars and spend 3 weeks after hatching busily feeding on lupines. Mission Blue caterpillars then spend most of the year - when the weather and vegetation are less suitable to their tastes - in the debris at the base of their host plants in a hibernation-like state called diapause. After diapause, the caterpillars eat for another 4 to 5 weeks. Finally, plump caterpillars turn into small, green pupae in the debris below lupine plants. A week later, they emerge as adults.

Friends and Foes: Certain ants are among Mission Blues' best buddies. In what is known as mutualism, the ants "tend" Mission Blue caterpillars, providing protection from predators and parasites in exchange for a meal of sugary "honeydew" that the caterpillars secrete when stimulated. Foes include wasps that parasitize Mission Blue caterpillars in diapause, and lizards, birds and spiders that snatch adult butterflies.

Fighting for Survival: Historically, the loss of Bay Area grasslands to development was an enormous threat to Mission Blues' survival. Now, the habitat that remains is fragmented, leaving Mission Blue populations isolated and vulnerable to random events. For instance, a fungus attacked the butterflies' lupine host

plants in 1998, devastating Mission Blues in those areas. Invasive plants represent another threat to Mission Blues. Nonnative trees and plants such as Pampas grass and French broom can quickly overcome the lupines and nectar plants that Mission Blues need to survive. Poaching, trampling and harassment also threaten Mission Blue butterflies' survival.

To be continued in October eNewsletter.

CGCI Liability Insurance Plan

The CGCI Liability Insurance for the 2012-2013 policy term will remain the same:

- \$.75 per capita rate
- \$20 minimum premium for small clubs
- \$20 each - additional insured certificates
- \$20 late fee

Any questions, contact CGCI Liability Insurance Chairman, [Gloria Aminian](#). A complete description of the plan can be found on pages 28-29 of the 2011-2012 *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Membership Blooms in California



Last June, CGCI was thrilled to learn that it had won NGC's Membership Contest with the greatest number of new clubs and earned the honor of naming a magnificent new variety of African Violet. "California Victory" may be ordered through the NGC website, and the order form can be found on the CGCI website by [clicking here](#).

This African violet, grown by Lyndon-Lyon Greenhouses, is a semi-miniature variety with single/semi double pansy-shaped blooms of white with a distinct wavy green edge and light purple highlights randomly scattered about the flower face. Wavy medium green foliage enhances the striking blooms.

Endowment News

By: [Bob Gordon](#), Endowment Chairman

Charter Membership in the Endowments is open until Convention 2012 or June 3, 2012. You may donate in any amount, and donations are cumulative. Please make your check out to "CGCI" and send to [Bob Gordon](#), 1532 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Indicate in the memo line which Endowment you would like to support: CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund or the CGCI Endowment Fund. [Editor's Note: Full descriptions of both Funds can be found on pages 155-158 of the 2011-2012 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

All donors will be invited to the "thank you" event on June 4, 2012 (just prior to the CGCI Convention). A reception will be held, and all donors will receive free drink tickets - the number depending on the amount of your donation. The reception will be followed by dinner with the President, and it will be free to all donors of \$500 or more. All are invited to this semi-formal event, and your cost will depend on your donation. Details will be given at CGCI Winter Board Meeting.

Levels of Giving to the Endowments

These amounts include monies you donate now or put in your Trust or Will to come to the CGCI Endowments.

Copper: \$500

Bronze: \$1000

Silver: \$5,000

Gold: \$10,000

Platinum: \$15,000

Benefactor: \$30,000



Membership

By [Sue Bennett](#), 2nd Vice President - Membership

**REMINDER: Memberships become delinquent
on October 1, 2011**

Thank you to the Clubs, Associate Plant Societies (APS) and Affiliates that have already paid their dues; however, there are still quite a few that have not paid as of Friday, September 23. Dues are payable to "CGCI" and mailed to the membership chairman who shall transfer the funds promptly to the treasurer. [Click here](#) for the forms on the CGCI website. Questions, contact Sue Bennett at 916-791-9459 or [click here](#) to send an email message to Sue. Sue is both the Membership Chairman and the APS Liaison.

If dues (both CGCI and district) are not paid by October 1, "clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for liability insurance and participate in the CGCI awards program. In addition, clubs also become ineligible for the the CGCI 501(c)(3) IRS Group Exemption." (Bylaws, Article IV, Sec. 2 (e))

Sue reports that she has been getting dues questions, e.g., "I thought our club paid already but your list shows us as not paid. Why?" Well, there are many reasons. Perhaps you wrote a check to the District but not CGCI? Perhaps you wrote a check for sponsoring the Awards Program but not CGCI?

Environmental, Gardening & Landscape Design Consultants News

Sign Up for the New Consultants eNewsletter

[Click here](#) to subscribe. Remember to check the box which indicates "Consultant." Already over 100 have signed-up. Anyone can subscribe. All NGC Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants are encouraged to subscribe. Newsletter will be sent approximately three times per year (before CGCI Fall & Winter Board Meetings and Conventions).



Awards

[Click here](#) to see the new evaluation forms for the 2011-2012 awards year. [Click here](#) to see the updated Awards Manual.

Remember the two deadlines:
December 1
January 10

If you have any questions at all about awards (and especially NGC and Pacific Region Awards), please contact [Pat Clayes](#), Awards Chairman.

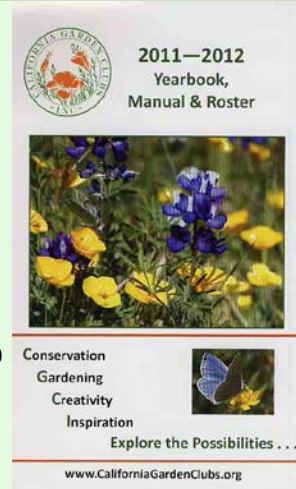
Remember to use the new 2011 Awards Manual which is located in the 2011-2012 CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster and can also be found on the CGCI website. And remember that the awards year is January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 - this applies to most entries. See exceptions in the Manual.

Youth Awards

The Youth Awards Chairman has compiled a Youth Awards Manual. Contact [Linda Riddle](#), Youth Awards Chairman, for a copy and for more information on the youth awards program.

Need Extra 2011–2012 CGCI Yearbooks? There are only a few remaining for sale!

Contact [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Chairman, if you or your club members need extra CGCI Yearbooks. Cost is \$8.00 (plus \$2.50 each if mailed). Make checks payable to "CGCI" and mail to Carmen Black, 3495 Ridgeview Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. The name of your club is required.



Last Chance to Sign-Up for the CGCI Tour to Holland

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

CGCI is offering an eight day river cruise that will include both [Keukenhoff](#) for tulips and the [Floriade](#). Dates are April 12 to April 20, 2012. 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. [Click here](#) for the current press release from Expedia Cruise Ship Centers. Contact [Chris Merkel](#) at 877-651-7447 to reserve your spot.



New Chairmen

Gwen Nansen - 2013 San Francisco Flower & Garden Show Advisor
[Donna Thomas](#) - Golden Gardens Conservation Feature Editor
[Kris Ethington](#), Golden Gardens Youth Feature Editor
[Margaret Strachan](#), Channel Islands District - Nominating Committee Member
[Loraine Ramshaw](#), Top O' The State District Liaison
[Myrtle Findley](#) & [Joan Craig](#) - 2015 Convention Co-Chairmen

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Need a Banner for your Club or District?

Banners can be ordered by completing the Banner Order Form which can be found on the CGCI website ([click here](#)) and send to [Rita Desilets](#), Banner Order Chairman. Banners cost \$75. Banners with stand cost \$100. Mailing is extra. Instructions for making your own stand are free.

These banners will be personalized with the name of your club or district.

A complete description can be found on the CGCI website. [Click here](#) for more details.

Questions: Contact [Rita Desilets](#), CGCI 1st Vice President/Banner Order Chairman.

Season's Greetings

Now is a GREAT time to start thinking about your holiday greeting in the next issue of *Golden Gardens*. [Click here](#) for the form.

Deadline is October 15 - don't miss out! Questions? Contact [Carol Mayo](#), CGCI Season's Greetings/Angels Chairman.



Golden Gardens is in financial distress; so your Season's Greetings will help. Plus, it's a great way to save a tree and postage (by sending Season's Greetings instead of holiday cards via USPO).



News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NGC Awards

At CGCI's Fall Board Meeting, the board voted to sponsor NGC Award #20 Roadside Beautification in the amount of \$100! There is no corresponding CGCI Award. To see NGC's Awards Manual, [click here](#). If you apply for this award, don't forget to send your entries to the [CGCI Award Chairman](#), postmarked by December 1.

Minutes - Not Hours! - Part 1

(from handout at 2011 NGC Convention by Joan H. Corbisiero, PRP)

What are Minutes?

Record of proceedings of a meeting of a deliberative assembly; legal record; record of what was DONE, not what was said; should not be used as a substitute for a newsletter; should not be used as a review for absentees as to what occurred at a meeting.

Contents of Minutes

First paragraph - Name of organization, kind of meeting (regular or special, adjourned, annual), date, time convened and place, who was presiding and who the secretary was, presence of a quorum, whether minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Body - Separate paragraph for each subject matter:

Motions (except if withdrawn) as amended, name of maker (if important) but not seconder, disposition (adopted or defeated).

Record - of reports given and any actions on reports.

Notices - of notions, points of order, appeals of chair's rulings and whether or not sustained. Last paragraph - Hour of adjournment, secretary's signature, notation of date of approval.

Body of Minutes

Motions - All main motions as amended and their disposition whether final (adopted or defeated) or temporary (laid on table, postponed, referred to committee). E.g., Motion: That the Paeonia Garden Club serve champagne punch at its June garden party. Adopted amendment: To delete word "champagne." Recorded motion: That the Paeonia Garden Club serve punch at its June garden party was adopted after debate and amendment.

Procedural motions should not be included unless necessary to the disposition of the motion. E.g., Above motion was Laid on Table at March meeting and not taken from table until April meeting. Important that March minutes show motion was Laid on Table (or Postponed to April meeting or Referred to Committee).

Motion to Refer to Committee includes both the original main motion and the motions to amend that adhere to the main motion when referred.

All "Bring Back" motions should be included (unless withdrawn): Take From Table, Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted, Discharge a Committee, Reconsider.

Reports: Written reports need only be recorded as having been given. On file - to be kept for length of time as determined by organizational policy. Oral reports need not be recorded "en toto" - only as desirable to record historical fact. (What is in the minutes should not be at discretion of person giving report.) Any action on a committee recommendation (this will be a main motion).

Notices, Points of Order and Appeals to be recorded in minutes: All notices of motions; all points of order and appeals and whether sustained or lost.

Programs: Name and subject of guest speakers.

To be continued in October eNewsletter.

Back to School

Upcoming Schools/Refreshers & Flower Show Judges Symposia in California

Environmental, Flower Show, Gardening & Landscape Design



Check CGCI [Calendar of Events](#) for links to brochures, flyers, registration forms, etc.

- **September 27-28, 2011** - Gardening Study School, Course IV, Golden Foothills District. Location: 7428 Minnesota Drive, Citrus Heights, CA. [Sue Bennett](#), Chairman. [Click here](#) for flyer/brochure - look under the date.
- **October 8-9, 2011** (Course 2), **October 15-16, 2011** (Course 3), **October 22-23, 2011** (Course 4), Landscape Design School, Series 25, Colfax. Chairman: [Myrtle Findley](#). [Click here](#) for brochures - look under the dates.
- **October 18-20, 2011** - Flower Show School, Course 3, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Sacramento. [Carolyn Flynn](#), Registrar, [Mary Arakelian](#), Chairman. Instructors: Dottie Howatt (Horticulture), Julia Clevett (Design). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **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](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **November 7-8, 2011** - Environmental Studies School, Course 4, Bay Ocean District, San Mateo, Chairman: [Shane Looper](#). [Click here](#) for brochure.
- **February 12-14, 2012** - CGCI Flower Show Judges Symposium, Handlery Hotel, San Diego. Contact [Laura Crenshaw](#) for more information.
- **April 17-19, 2012** - Flower Show School, Course 4, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, Sacramento. [Carolyn Flynn](#), Registrar, [Mary Arakelian](#), Chairman. Instructors: Sandra Joyce (Horticulture), Char Mutschler (Design).
- **August 20-22, 2012** - Flower Show School, Course 1. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **January 7-9, 2013** - Flower Show School, Course 2. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **August 12-14, 2013** - Flower Show School, Course 3. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).
- **January 6-8, 2014** - Flower Show School, Course 4. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#).

Upcoming CGCI Official Events

(other than schools)

See [CGCI Calendar](#) for club, affiliate, associate plant society and district "special" events which are open to the public.

- **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. [Click here](#) for discount ticket information for CGCI members.
- **April 4-6, 2012** - Wildflower Conference, Holiday Inn, Palmdale. Chairmen: [Merrilee Ray](#) & Wanda Hewett. May become a bi-refresher for Gardening Study and Environmental Studies! More information to follow.
- **April 12-20, 2012** - River Cruise - The Netherlands (CGCI Fundraiser). Chairman: [Bob Gordon](#).
- **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 6-9, 2012** - Fall Board Meeting, San Mateo. Host: Executive Committee. Chairman: [Julie West](#).
- **September 26-29, 2012** - NGC Fall Board Meeting, Little Rock, AR.
- **February 2013** - CGCI Winter Board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District.
- **April 2013** - Pacific Region Convention. Host: CGCI. Chairman: [David West](#).
- **May 21-27, 2013** - NGC Convention, Seattle, WA.
- **June 3-7, 2013** - CGCI Convention, San Diego. Host: Palomar District. Chairman: [Jane McKee](#).
- **June 5-9, 2014** - CGCI Convention, Glendale. Host: San Fernando Valley District.

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