



## eNewsletter of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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[Julie A. West](#), President

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### Message from the President Julie A. West

*Thank you to Montana De Oro District and CGCI Chairman, **Nancy Johnson**, who hosted CGCI's 2012 Winter Board meeting in Pismo Beach. Awards were judged, scholarship winners announced and the Board of Directors approved supporting the **Memorial Garden for the Fallen, Phase II at Dover Air Force Base**, a project of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (895 members in 28 garden clubs). Phase I of the Memorial Garden for the Fallen was dedicated on May 30, 2011. Ground was broken for a new Base Chapel to be completed in the summer of 2012. Plans are underway to create a Chapel Garden, Phase II of the Memorial Garden for the Fallen.*

*CGCI will match \$100 donations from CGCI districts, clubs or individuals, up to a total CGCI contribution of \$5,000 in support of the [Memorial Garden for the Fallen, Phase II](#). Complete the Memorial Garden for the Fallen, Phase II [donation form](#) or contact [Sandy Rogers](#), Chairman for more information.*

*"Operation Wildflower" is an NGC program dedicated to the beautification of roadsides and other approved sites and to the education of the public in appreciation, preservation and propagation of native wildflowers and grasses. Since 1986, wildflower conferences have periodically been held by CGCI for this purpose. Details for the 10th CGCI Wildflower Conference scheduled April 4-6, 2012 in Palmdale have been finalized with a fabulous schedule of speakers followed by a field trip to the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve that CGCI supported for twelve years with donations from members, clubs and districts. See the article below with the link for the registration form, hotel information, etc. under "Wildflower Conference." I hope to see you there.*

*A big 'thank you' to all who donated and purchased gently worn jewelry at the 2012 CGCI winter board. \$1,161 was raised for the [CGCI President's Project](#) for educational signage at Sonoma State University's Kenneth M. Stocking Native Plant*

Garden. In addition, the [Rene van Rems merchandise](#) generated \$160 gross sales. The best news of all is we have now placed the order for the first sign to be designed, manufactured and installed for the Riparian Plant Community. Thanks, again, for your support!



## CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program News

*Effective immediately no further clubs or districts may be added to the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program for the remainder of this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2012) so that the list provided to the IRS by March 31, 2012 will be a true list of the current members of the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program.*

If you missed the IRS Workshop presented by George Perko, CPA at Winter Board, you can catch it at Convention where it is scheduled for the morning of June 5, 2012, and the last IRS Workshop will be presented at 2012 Fall Board in San Mateo, September 6-9, 2012. Any club or district with an EIN beginning with 94 should contact either of CGCI financial officers ([Shane Looper](#), Financial Secretary, or [Joan Patten](#), Treasurer) to verify it is not CGCI's EIN being used in error. Make sure your current officers are on file with the IRS. Use IRS form 8822 change of address with election of new officers every term. [Click here](#) to view the **IRS News Flash** information which was contained in the November 2011 Supplement eNewsletter - once on the page, click on November 2011 Supplement eNewsletter. If you have any questions, please contact [Mary-Jo Noth](#), CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman.

## CGCI Participating Sponsors Update

CGCI is excited to announce two additional businesses which are now CGCI Participating Sponsors:

- **The Rose Garden Nursery of Petaluma**, 2040 Petaluma Boulevard, North, Petaluma, CA 94952. Discount: 10% on one gallon size and larger plants. Contact: Linda Rivera at 707-763-4123.
- **[Los Osos Valley Nursery](#)**, 301 Los Osos Valley Road, Los Osos, CA 93402. Discount: 10%. Contact: [Hope Merkle](#).

[Click here](#) for more information.



## Upcoming Flower Shows, Garden Tours & Plant Sales

Don't forget to check the [CGCI Calendar of Events](#) for flower shows, garden tours and plant sales. Now is the time to start planning your road trips to visit these wonderful events.

## New Honor Book Chairman

The new CGCI Honor Book Chairman is [Joelle Holford](#)! Effective immediately: Donations "in honor of" or "in memory of" Honor Book recognition should be payable to CGCI and sent to Joelle Holford, 24067 Hilderbrand Road, Middletown, CA 95461-9790. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for updated form.



**SAN FRANCISCO  
FLOWER & GARDEN  
SHOW**

MARCH 21 - 25, 2012  
SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER



*Gardens for a Green Earth*

Have you order your discounted tickets yet? [Click here](#) for more information if you are a member of a CGCI club.

## Life Memberships

Do you know about the three types of life memberships which are available? You can obtain the following life memberships:

California Garden Clubs, Inc. / Pacific Region of NGC / National Garden Clubs, Inc. Just [click here](#) for the information to apply. Any questions, contact [Carlotta Wixon](#), Life Membership Chairman.



**CGCI Wildflower  
Conference 2012**  
**April 4-6, 2012, Palmdale**

All are invited to attend the 2012 CGCI Wildflower Conference which will take place in Palmdale on April 4-6, 2012. For more information, [click here](#). Questions, contact [Merrilee Ray](#), Operation Wildflower Co-Chairman.



**Youth Program Update**

At Winter Board, one new youth group was ratified: **Junction Elementary After-School Garden Leadership Program**. Sponsor: Roseville Green Thumb Garden Club, Golden Foothills District - 27 Members. [Click here to read more](#).

## CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster

A handout containing changes to the 2011-2012 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* was distributed at Winter Board. If you need the handout, ask your district director for a copy or contact [Carmen Black](#), CGCI Yearbook Team Coordinator.



**Shrubs & Trees**

By [Linda Smith](#), Chairman

It is time to plan, plant and prune. Stroll through your gardens and make notes for spring and summer plantings or changes. Visit your local nurseries. Many bareroot plantings are now available. They have many benefits. In addition to being economical and easier to handle, a tree or shrub started while its dormant will have full advantage of the spring growing season. To read more about shrubs and trees, [click here](#).



## Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Report

By [Denise M. Davis](#), Chairman

For the past 51 years, National Garden Clubs, Inc. has been sponsoring the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest in order to teach school age children the

importance of fire prevention and to encourage personal responsibility for the environment. This year, in California alone, more than 488 children participated by making and entering posters. This included 19 public schools, 3 private schools, 1 charter school, a Brownie troop and Cub Scout troop. [Click here to read more about this.](#) [Poster above is last year's NGC first place winner from California.]

## Scholarship Information Needed



By [Albert Chang](#), Scholarship Co-Chairman

Please help CGCI gather scholarship information from its member clubs. [Click here to read more.](#)

## Attn: All CGCI Chairmen

By [Ron Byrd](#), 2012 CGCI Convention Chairman

The 2012 convention will be here before we know it as we "Discover a Wealth of Golden Opportunities" June 4-7, 2012 at the DoubleTree in Sacramento! [Click here](#) for the form to request space in the Exhibit Room for a display on your CGCI chairmanship. This is for sharing information and educating attendees about the CGCI chairmanship you hold.

Please complete the Exhibit Room Request form and return to the 2012 Exhibit Chairman **BEFORE APRIL 15, 2012**: Phyliss Baecker, 1809 Apple Lane, Davis, CA 95616-0921 or call Phyliss at 530-753-7814. Sacramento River Valley District is looking forward to your participation!

## Chairmen Information from CGCI Financial Secretary

By [Shane Looper](#)

[Click here](#) for the procedures regarding cash receipts & expense reimbursement procedures and request for payment of reimbursement form.



## Landscape Design Council News

A special meeting of the Landscape Design Council has been called by the [Landscape Design Council Chairman](#) to take place at the Wildflower Conference (date and time to be announced soon) in Palmdale in April for the sole purpose of the review of the council's bylaws and standing rules. All council members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.



## News from NGC

### [Plantings for Public & Special Places - 2011-2013 President's Project](#)

The NGC President's Plantings for Public & Special Places Project represents three areas of interest - Gardens with Edibles; Container Gardens; Trees and Shrubs - and will recognize all garden club service to communities when members provide plantings for public and special places. [Click here](#) to read more about the project. There are two deadlines: April 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. Garden clubs must submit online forms for any of the three areas of interest. Questions, contact [Marilyn Oberti](#), CGCI's NGC President's Project Chairman.



## News from Pacific Region

In conjunction with its convention in Anchorage, Alaska in July 2012, the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. will be holding a post-convention tour to Fairbanks, Chena Hot Springs, Denali National Park and much more. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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. For schools in other states, check the [NGC website](#).



- **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).
- **July 2-3, 2012** - Gardening Study School, Course I, Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Sponsor: Southern California Garden Club. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#). Course II: August 30-31, 2012 / Course III: January 30-31, 2013 / Course IV: March 28-29, 2013.
- **August 20-22, 2012** - Flower Show School, Course I. Sponsor: Judges Council of Southern California. Chairmen: [Martha Hunt](#) & [Linda Lang](#). Course II: January 7-9, 2013 / Course III: August 12-14, 2013 / Course IV: January 6-8, 2014.

## 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.

- **March 21-25, 2012** - [San Francisco Flower & Garden Show](#) - CGCI is a sponsor. [Click here](#) for discount ticket information for CGCI members. [Click here](#) for standard flower show, *The World Around Us*, schedule which will be held in conjunction with the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show.
- **April 4-6, 2012** - Wildflower Conference, Holiday Inn, Palmdale. Chairmen: [Merrilee Ray](#) & Wanda Hewett. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **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, Anchorage, Alaska. See post-convention tour information on Pacific Region website.

- **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.