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[Julie A. West](#), President

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Message from the President Julie A. West

The May 15, 2012 deadline to register without a late fee for CGCI's 81st Annual Convention is rapidly approaching as is the hotel deadline. Since 2012 is a non-installation year for CGCI, we are trying a shorter convention by a full day and night for you to "Discover a Wealth of Golden Opportunities." Sacramento River Valley District volunteers are anxious to welcome you as they finalize arrangements. In addition to workshops and meetings, you will have the opportunity to meet NGC President Shirley Nicolai, CGCI's special guest. We hope you are planning to join us June 4-7, 2012 at the DoubleTree in Sacramento and we look forward to seeing you there!

CGCI 81st Annual Convention

June 4 through June 7, 2012
The DoubleTree Hotel, Sacramento



The Call to Convention has been sent!

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Please note that the deadline to make your hotel reservations to receive the special CGCI discount is May 15, 2012. Reservations must be made **by telephone only** to receive the special CGCI room rate. Call early for handicapped rooms.

Please also note that a late registration fee applies for convention registration forms postmarked after May 15, 2012.

Questions, contact Registration Chairman [Gay Rigmaiden](#) or Convention Chairman [Ron Byrd](#).

Convention Highlights

"Discover a Wealth of Golden Opportunities"

Monday, June 4

- 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm - [Endowment Reception and Dinner](#) - with the Presidents - CGCI President Julie West & NGC President Shirley Nicolai.
- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Workshop - "Gilding Your Garden with Mosaics" by Penny Oliver. In this hands-on workshop, participants can complete a mosaic tile/trivet or simply observe.
- 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - Presentation - "[UC Davis Arboretum All Star Discovery](#)" by Missy Gabel. Do not miss this prelude to the [Arboretum](#) tour which will take place the next day and get a first-hand look at some of the Arboretum's stars.



Tuesday, June 5

- 7:45 am to 11:30 am - Tour - Bus, tram and docent tour at the [UC Davis Arboretum](#). Photo to right is of the California Foothill Collection - from [UC Davis' website](#). The California Landscape Design Council will present an award to the UC Davis Arboretum during the tour.
- 8:30 am to 11:30 am - Workshop - "Leadership Forum" by [Robin Pokorski](#), 2007-2009 CGCI President
- 9:00 am to 10:30 am - Workshop - "IRS in Your Garden: Recent Tax Reporting Changes and Ways to Keep Your Garden Clubs in Compliance" by [George Perko](#), CPA, MBA
- 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Workshop - "Filigreed Lavender" by Rose Loveall of [Morningsun Herb Farm](#). The hands-on workshop will allow each participant to go home with a handmade lavender wand from plant material grown organically on Ms. Loveall's farm.
- 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Demonstration - "Prospecting Ikebana" by MJ Kelly and Helen Tashira - a soothing walk in "floral harmony"
- Lunch honoring Club Presidents with special guest, NGC President Shirley Nicolai
- President's Reception
- Awards Celebration Banquet
- Awards Room Opening



Wednesday, June 6

- Youth Recognition Luncheon
- Judges Council Banquet "Golden Moments" - hosted by Capital Judges Council featuring an entertaining design program by local designers

Thursday, June 7

- Board of Directors 2012-2013 Organizational Meeting

Parliamentary Procedure - Conventions

By Greg Pokorski, CGCI Parliamentarian

Board meetings and conventions are meetings held to conduct the business of our organizations on behalf of the membership. Convention season (NGC, region, state) is now



upon us. [Click here](#) to read full article.



CGCI Endowments

By [Bob Gordon](#), Endowment Chairman

I hope you are planning to join us for the Endowment dinner, June 4, in Sacramento -- a wonderful social evening with our President **Julie West** and our National President **Shirley Nicolai**. This dinner is open to everyone. Registration forms were included in your "Call."

This is your last opportunity to become a **Charter Member** of the Endowments with the perks that go with it. Donations are cumulative. For anyone who donates \$500 or more, the evening is free. All donors will receive complimentary drinks. It is our chance to thank those who have supported the endowments while enjoying an evening together. So haul out your bling and join us.

If you wish to become a charter member, send your donation (any amount) to Bob Gordon, 1532 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Be sure to indicate if you want your donation to go in the CGCI Endowment or the Scholarship Endowment. Thanks in advance for your support.

Endowment Dinner is Monday, June 4, 2012

The **Board of Trustees** and **Endowment Chairman Bob Gordon**, invite you to celebrate the Endowment Fund Charter Donors at the "Dinner with the Presidents" on Monday, June 4, 2012 in conjunction with the CGCI Convention in Sacramento. Cost is \$95 per person, and registration is required. [Click here](#) for details and registration form. Registration deadline - postmark by May 15, 2012. No refunds after May 25, 2012. Questions, please contact [Bob Gordon](#).

If you would like to become a Charter Member of the CGCI Endowment Funds, [click here](#) for more information. Deadline to become a Charter Member is June 3, 2012. And please specify to which endowment fund you would like to contribute (or both):

CGCI Endowment Fund
CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund

See pages 155 through 158 of the *CGCI Yearbook, Manual & Roster* for more information on the two CGCI Endowment Funds.



A Review of the CGCI Cruise to Floriade and Keukenhoff

By [Bob Gordon](#)

The AMA ship Verde was the epitome of luxury. Great staterooms, superb staff and fabulous food, not to mention the wine, etc. Most of our group went to the Flower Auction in Aalsmeer before boarding the ship. A great addition to the experience was my friend Els Hazenberg who lives in Aalsmeer met us and walked the cat walk with us and explained what was happening. It is amazing to be in a building the size of 52 football fields and look down on carts and carts of product. [Click here](#) to read full article.



Consultants Councils (including Environmental Consultants) to Meet at Convention

The [Gardening Consultants Council](#) (which includes the Environmental Consultants) will meet from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm on June 5, 2012 in the Capital Salon C. The [Landscape Design Council](#) will meet from 7:30 am until 8:15 am on June 6, 2012 at Maxi's. All meetings take place at the DoubleTree Hotel, 2011 Point West Way, Sacramento.

2012-2013 CGCI Yearbook

Order Extra Yearbooks at Convention - Don't Delay!

By [Carmen Black](#), Yearbook Chairman

District Directors and Executive Committee: At Convention, you will find your yearbook order forms in your mailbox. Chairman: You may obtain your forms from me. I will be available (Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday) to collect your 2012-2013 extra yearbook order forms and money. *If you need additional order forms*, check out the CGCI Website under "forms" to download. [Click here](#) to read full article.



Message from Membership Chairman

The CGCI fiscal year is approaching faster than you might think. As your CGCI Membership Chair, I am starting to prepare for the 2012-2013 term. District Directors need to have a list of the new officers that have been elected within your club along with the officers who have not changed their position to Sue Bennett, CGCI Membership Chair, **before June 1, 2012**. NOTE: You do not have to go through the installation process to send in the names. Once your club votes on the new candidates, each officer's name, title, mailing address, city, state, zip code, phone number and e-mail address should be passed along to your District Director. I have already sent a current list to the District Directors, via e-mail, to get them started. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send them to me.

I look forward to seeing you at Convention.

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

Invasive Plants Part 2 of 10

The Terrible 10 Invasive Plants of Southern California: fountaingrass; castorbean; tree of heaven; cape-ivy; vinca; ivy; arundo; fennel; iceplant; and pampasgrass.



Terrible Invasive Plant #2 of 10

Castorbean - *Ricinus communis*

Castorbean is a perennial shrub with large maple like leaves often seen growing along roadsides. [Click here](#) to read full article.

To Peg or Cut a Vigorous Rose

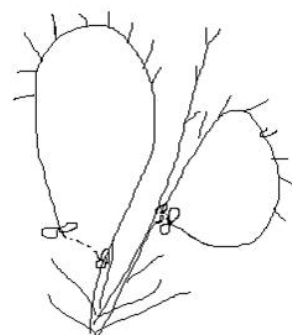
By [Kathy Pifari](#), CGCI Rose Chairman



Now that spring is upon us and your roses are in full bloom and growing by leaps and bounds, you are enjoying that first flush of roses. Then suddenly one of your shrub roses starts sending canes up to the heavens with a cluster of blooms at the end. For me, many times they are canes that are 6-8 feet long and I can't even see the bloom on the end because I'm vertically challenged at 5'2" tall. At one of the many rose meeting I attend, I learned how to deal with those energetic roses; it's called "pegging." The object of pegging is to get more blooms along

that cane where you can see and enjoy them. I believe that some of these shrub roses really want to be climbers but never qualified.

Here is how you peg a rose. You get some twine, jute or other string that will last the summer, a pair of scissors, and a peg to push into the ground. Now pull that cane down so you can get a hold of the end -- be gentle as it will only bend so far without breaking. Tie the string near the tip of the cane where there is some strength in the cane not the tender end. Make a loop or arch shape with the cane and tie the other end off to the peg you have put in the ground near the plant or you can tie the string to the plant itself. The string may end up being a couple of feet long but that's okay. [Click here](#) for full article.



News from National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NGC President's Visit to California

We are all excited about NGC President Shirley Nicolai's visit to the CGCI Convention in June! President Shirley's theme for her NGC Presidency is "NGC: Proudly Serving our Members and Communities." Please come to convention to meet our NGC President!

Keeping In Touch

[Click here](#) to view the May - July 2012 Keeping In Touch.



News from Pacific Region

Check out the Pacific Region's website - [click here!](#)

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](#).

- **July 2-3, 2012 - Gardening Study School**, Course I, Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Sponsor: Southern

California Garden Club. Chairman: [Robin Pokorski](#). [Click here](#) for the brochure and registration form. 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. Chairman: [Martha Hunt](#). [Click here](#) for the brochure and registration form. Course II: January 7-9, 2013 / Course III: August 12-14, 2013 / Course IV: January 6-8, 2014.
- **May 5-7, 2013 - Flower Show Judges Symposium**, San Mateo Marriott.

TO BE RATIFIED AT CONVENTION:

- **October 12-13, 2012 - Gardening Study School**, Course I. Sponsor: Humboldt District. Chairman: [Mary Lou Goodwin](#). [Click here](#) for the flyer. Course II: January 4-5, 2013 / Course III: April 5-6, 2013 / Course IV: July 12-13, 2013.

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.

- **May 16-19, 2012** - NGC Convention, Buffalo, New York.
- **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.
- **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, Arkansas.
- **February 5-8, 2013** - CGCI Winter Board Meeting. Host: Golden Foothills District. Auburn Holiday Inn.
- **April 21-24, 2013** - [Pacific Region](#) Convention. Host: CGCI. Chairman: [David West](#). Hilton Sonoma Wine Country Hotel, Santa Rosa.
- **May 21-27, 2013** - NGC Convention, Seattle, Washington.
- **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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