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From the President's desk...

Hello everyone, before you know it the 2015 Fall Board Meeting will be here and then autumn. A cooler time for some of us to do our gardening duties -- something I have been neglecting due to 90+ and 100+ degree weather, but then again it is August.

I look forward to seeing you in Concord where I am sure the weather will be a lot cooler.



Special thoughts: I send my thoughts and prayers out to all the firefighters working on the devastating fires.

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Fall Board 2015 - A REMINDER

September 10-12

Host: Diablo Foothills District, Chairman: Marlene Kinney Highlights:

Friday, September 11:

- Tour: The Gardens at Heather Farm and Ruth Bancroft Garden. Two beautiful public gardens showcasing water-wise techniques
- Workshops: "Herbs/Household Cleaners" and "Growing Your Own Food"
- Program (lunch): Drought & Water Options
- Program (dinner): Maples for All Seasons

Saturday, September 12:

- Program (lunch): Honoring Ruth Bancroft
- Program (dinner): How Changing Landscape
 Practices Can Save Local Pollinators

Hilton Concord

1970 Diamond Blvd Concord 94520 800-826-2644 or concordhilton.com

President's Travel Schedule-2015

September 10-13: CGCI Fall Board Meeting, Concord, CA September 14-20: NGC Fall Board Meeting, Saint Louis, MO

October 15: Golden Foothills District
October 22-23: Seguoia Foothills District

November 3: Buttes District

November 11: Santa Clara Valley District

CGCI Official Calendar

Go to <u>californiagardenclubs.com</u> for Special Events open to the public

- September 10-12, 2015: CGCI Fall Board Meeting.
- September 15-19: NGC Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- December 1: Deadline for NGC eligible awards
- January 10: Deadline for all other awards
- January 31-February 3, 2016:
 CGCI Winter Board Meeting.
 DoubleTree by Hilton, San Pedro
 Port of Los Angeles. Host: Costa Verde District. Co-Chairmen:
 Alexis Slafer and Gudy Kimmel
- May 19-22, 2016: 85th Annual CGCI Convention. Irvine Hotel, Irvine. Host: Orange County District. Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page Go to gardenclub.org for schools in other states

- September 21-23, 2015: Flower Show School, Course I. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Host: Southwestern Judges Council. Chairman: Emily Troxell
- October 22-23, 2015: Landscape Design School, Series 26, Course III. Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
- October 29-30, 2015: Tri-Refresher. Sepulveda Garden Center. Host: Southern California Garden Club. Chairman: Robin Pokorski
- April 28-29, 2016: Landscape
 Design School, Series 26, Course
 IV. Sponsor: Luther Burbank
 District. Chairman: Mary Ann
 Swanson

NGC Schools

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL - LAST CALL!

September 21-23, 2015

San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA

The Southwestern Judges Council NEEDS YOU! **Flower Show School, Course I** Is a unique program to train individuals interested in learning more about how NGC sponsored flower shows operate featuring specific, in-depth horticultural information and training to evaluate and eventually create a wide range of recognized floral designs. You are NOT required to take the exam to become a judge. **Register NOW (registration info below)**

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL

October 22-23, 2015

2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

Have you ever walked by a landscape and thought: this is so beautiful and the use of the land is so perfect – this landscape design deserves an award? Or, felt that you weren't really qualified and knowledgeable enough to express your opinion at your local architectural review committee? Well, the **NGC** Landscape Design Schools can help you with both of those scenarios, as you become a Landscape Design Consultant. Join us in October!

TRI-REFRESHER

October 29-30, 2015

Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino, CA Co-sponsors: Southern California Garden Club & California Native Plant Society

Ditch Your Lawn! Beautiful Landscapes for a Water-wise Future. This NGC-approved Tri-Refresher is available for all Environmental, Gardening and Landscape Design Consultants who are eligible to refresh and attend the full session. All Consultants in good standing who have not already refreshed in a school this year are eligible to receive credit. If one is a Master Consultant in more than one school you can obtain simultaneous multiple refresher credits for all schools in which you have Master status.

For full details on all of the above including registration forms go to:

http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

and select the NGC Schools Calendar tab

Leadership Workshops - Robin Pokorski

September 2, 2015: Long Beach, CA February 8, 2016: Encino, CA

February 22, 2016: Arcadia, CA (Arboretum District) If you would like to attend, contact Robin: robinp@juno.com

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to <u>californiagardenclubs.com</u> for details

Effective July 1, 2015 there are new chairmen and/or new mailing addresses. See below for updates.

• Membership dues:

Mail to: Rita Desilets 8316 Sparton Ave Van Nuys, 91402-4030

• Insurance:

Chairman: Shane Looper 213 Carmelo Lane South San Francisco, 94080-2204

• Group Tax Exemption:

Chairman: Krystal Migliore P.O. Box 1414 Gridley, 95948-1414

• President's Project 2015-17

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas 1986 Channelford Road Westlake Village, 91361-3558

Donations to the following projects are mailed to:

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75, Graton, 95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

The following are unchanged:

- ⇒ Penny Pines checks to US Forest Service
- ⇒ Project Mission Blue
 Chairman: Shane Looper
 213 Carmelo Lane
 South San Francisco, 94080-2204

Youth Activities:

Does your club or district sponsor a Youth Group? It's time to register or



renew their membership. Go to the <u>Youth New/Renewal</u> Form on the website, complete and submit.

Membership Matters - Part I

Rilla Crane, CGCI Membership Chairman Rita Desilets, Membership Administrative Assistant

MEMBERSHIP - WHAT ONE MEMBER ACCOMPLISHED

In 1931 a California garden club member had a vision of what might be accomplished with garden clubs uniting and working together. There were 23 garden clubs in California at that time. They did unite and were admitted to membership in National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. in 1932. This one member served as first President of the California Garden Club Federation. She later served as the National Council President and was also the founding vice-president of Pacific Region. That one member was Elvenia Slosson, FOUNDER of the now named, California Garden Clubs, Inc.

BE A GARDEN CLUB FOUNDER - WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHERE AND HOW

- ▼ WHAT: One that organizes or establishes something. Garden clubs are usually started by a founder/s. These are people with vision and this could be YOU. WHAT kind of club could you found? What interests prospective garden club members? Maybe they love to work with children. Maybe they enjoy planting a garden or creating floral designs and presenting flower shows. There is a club for everyone.
- ▼ WHY: The interest is there and your life will be enriched by becoming personally involved in working with groups to form their own club. Lasting friendships are formed working together on common goals. Friendships are life's treasures; acquire as many as you can.

Types of Clubs

Small Garden Club
Horticultural Club
Floral Design Club
Youth Garden Club
Men's Garden Club
Weekend Garden Club
Night Meeting Garden Club
Community Garden Club
Organic Gardening Club
Plant Society
Senior Center Garden Club
(Some can garden, but small
gatherings for those confined
are invaluable)
Other?

- ▼ WHEN: NOW! Remember: 'Those that do the most, can always do more.'
- ▼ WHERE: Where you are right now. Look around and you see people working to enrich their own gardens and communities. Some can't attend meetings at a certain time. Some have small children, they work, or the meetings are too far away. A time can be found with their input and your perseverance to mentor and lead them.
- ▼ HOW: Meet with a few people that seem interested in the kind of club you see a need for. This can begin with an informal coffee meeting of four or five people. A guide has been published by National Garden Clubs. It is titled 'Procedures for Forming a new Garden Club.' It is online and easy to follow. You do not have to serve as president of a new club, nor leave your present garden club. BE A GARDEN CLUB FOUNDER.



Remember: Dues for 2015-16 are payable starting July 1 and should be mailed to the NEW address listed on the form.

californiagardenclubs.com

Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say "Thank You" or "Good Job"

NOTE: Some of the following have new chairmen, forms and/or mailing addresses

♥ Angels

Chairman: Jane McKee 1276 Palomares Ct Fallbrook 92028-4480

♥ Awards Program

Check the website for updated forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould New online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) & Outstanding Private Garden Chairman: Julie West 850 Grandview Road Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ Honor Book

Deedee Speer 30861 Saddleback Road Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ Life Memberships

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon 14216 Karry's Place Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ Long-Term Certificates

Chairman: Mike Gould New online request form

♥ Member Award of Distinction

Chairman: Mike Gould 1212 Avenida Buena Suerte San Clemente 92672-2348

Did you know that CGCI offers promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!



- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for ordering details)

Membership Matters - Part II

Rilla Crane, CGCI Membership Chairman

cgci2ndvp@cagardenclubs.org

As your 2nd Vice-President/Membership, I want to promote New Garden Clubs, but also concentrate on the **present** garden club members we have and want to keep. Some of you are new, but many of us have been members for a long time.

My first important job was as a Club President, then a District Director and a CCGI chairman for 10 years. During those years I became a Flower Show Judge and then an Accredited Flower Show Schools Instructor of Design. I moved east and was asked to be President of my next garden club, then to serve at district level, judges chairman and to serve on the state board for 12 years, moving from corresponding secretary on to become the National Capitol Area Garden Clubs President from 2007-2009. I served on the NGC board for several years in three different positions. Now, I have moved back to California and seem to start again.

Why did we join in the first place? Why do some leave? Some leave due to illness, job relocation, etc. Why do others continue, even when moving to another location? We found something we believed in and want to be a part of this wonderful group. CGCI has the largest membership count in NGC. We are important. You are important!

What can one member do to make a difference? As noted in the previous article (Part I, Page 3) this great body of CGCI was founded by one member with a vision in 1931. She thought if those 23 original clubs united into one group, many things could be accomplished. And Elvenia was right.

What do CGCI and NGC offer? Schools in Landscape Design, Gardening Study, Environmental Studies and Flower Show Schools and Symposia, an insurance plan for your club, workshops and travel adventures. I went to Peru with NGC and was asked to judge the Lima Flower Show in which the whole town enters. It was held at the Jockey Club, a building four stories high. Last year a CGCI cruise to Canada was enjoyed. We have a valuable website with information about meetings, awards offered, club news, district, regional, state and NGC meetings and much more. You will meet people that are dedicated, talented, well-traveled and yes, friendly. Lasting friendships are made when you work with other members on any project or board.

Next time you seem bored at a meeting, ask yourself what you can suggest to make them better and tell your president. You can

send me any comments you have and they can be confidential if you wish.

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Think of CGCI garden clubs as a big puzzle. Not everyone can be a focal piece, but look what happens when one background piece is missing; the picture is incomplete. We keep looking for that missing piece. Know that **each member is valued and important.**



Club & District Corner

Palomar District

Congratulations! Roy Wilburn, Poway Valley GC and Sandy Duncan, Chula Vista GC ...the Palomar District Man and Woman of the Year.

Floral Design Forum

The Forum will kick off the 2015-16 year with a special FREE "Fall Holiday" design demonstration on Sunday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Shinoda Design Center. Pauline Sechi, George Speer and Carvill Veech will get your creative juices flowing using permanent and fresh botanicals straight "off-the-shelf." The 2015-16 schedule includes:

- ♦ October 5: Robert Gordon the latest design trends
- ♦ November 2: Designs of National Garden Clubs
- ♦ December 7: TBA
- ♦ January 4: Gerard Toh CCF floral designer and stylist
- ♦ February 1: Pauline Sechi creative designs
- ♦ March 7: Jackie Zhang O'Hara School of Ikebana
- ♦ April 4: Gloria Aminian and Monica Lewis mother-daughter design team
- ♦ May 2: "FLOWER POWER" designers compete against each other and the clock to complete a design using "surprise" materials, container and theme.

WHEN: First Monday of the month, October through May, 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Shinoda Design Center, 7170 Miramar Road, San Diego

FEE: \$70 - season subscription (all eight sessions); \$12/session (NGC/CGCI members); \$15/session (non-

members/guests)

QUESTIONS: palomardirector@gmail.com

Meet the Member

Sandra L. Graff, CGCI Treasurer

Originally from East Providence, RI, Sandra came to San Diego in 1978. She retired from AT&T after 37 1/2 years as a Marketing/Service Representative. She joined Bonita Valley Garden Club in 2015 and currently serves as President. Sandra is also 2nd Vice President of the San Diego Floral Association and an accredited Flower Show Judge and member of the Southwestern Judges Council. She has served as 2nd Assistant Director of Palomar District, Co-Chairman of the Palomar District's Floral Design Forum and President of The Gold Diggers, a San Diego philanthropic organization. Over the years, Sandra has volunteered her time with many organizations including the National Organization Black Chemists / Chemical Engineers as event planner's liaison- 20 years; and numerous underserved 501(c)3s. For her efforts, in 2010, she received the President's (that's of the United States!) Lifetime Achievement Service Award for Volunteerism-over 4000 hours.

Does **YOUR club or district** have a special story to tell? A recent event, local recognition etc. Submit a brief description and photo (jpeg format) to **goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org OR send us YOUR newsletter.**



DEALING WITH DROUGHT

Following are a few suggestions for handling these challenging conditions. YOUR tips and tricks are welcome!

Should I SAVE my trees during this drought? **Absolutely...**trees provide an immense range of health, energy, environmental and economic benefits including:

- ▼ Improving air and water quality
- Providing shade/reducing water needs
- ▼ Keeping your house cooler
- ♥ Slowing storm water runoff
- ▼ Recharging groundwater
- ▼ Reducing soil erosion
- Adding value home/ neighborhood

How can I save them?

- Mature trees-Water deeply and slowly 1-2 times per month with soaker hose/drip system at edge of tree canopy.
- Young trees need 5 gallons of water 2-4 times/week. Create a small basin with berm of dirt.
- Use shower water that is free of non-biodegradable soaps
- Do NOT over-prune during drought, it causes stress
- ♦ MULCH, MULCH, MULCH For more tips, go to:

Saveourwater.com/trees

Tech Tips:



If you are having difficulty opening, saving or completing pdf forms, you may need to download the newest version of Adobe Reader.

Go to:

https://get.adobe.com/reader/ The latest version is Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and the icon is:



NGC "AT HOME" COURSES

Would you like to know more about basic horticulture or floral design but are not able to attend a NGC School? There are self-study courses available at a nominal cost.

- The **Horticulture Study Course** provides instruction in basic gardening practices. Whether you're a novice or an "old hand" at gardening, you'll enjoy the down-to-earth information and activities presented.
- The Horticulture Course is available in 2 parts
 - Unit 1 covers annuals, perennials, bulbs, trees, shrubs and houseplants.
 - ♦ Unit 2 includes lesson plans on "Plant Native."
- Design Study Units are for those who want to learn more about basic flower arranging or creative table settings to enhance their homes. Beginning or experienced arrangers will receive valuable "how-to" information, as well as many ideas to inspire creativity.
 - ♦ Unit 1 Basic flower arranging
 - ♦ Unit 2 Table settings: buffet; informal tables for everyday or for parties and special occasions; semi-formal, elegant tables; tea or reception tables; trays. It also covers the selection of table appointments; how to work with color, textures, patterns; introducing creativity to table settings; and creating the floral arrangement. Features horizontal design for table settings; crescent design; Hogarth curve design.
 - Unit 3 Miniatures: mechanics, plant material conditioning, containers, elements and principles of design with emphasis on line design, asymmetrical design, interpretative design, mass design and collages.
 - Unit 4 Household Treasures: plant material conditioning and principles of element and design. It features designs using a candle; wreath type design, designs with fruits & veggies, decorative wood, design in pitcher and designs in a vegetable/fruit.

The course materials are available from NGC headquarters for \$10.00 each plus shipping and handling.

Go to http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop and select "Educational Tools."

AUTUMN: Delightful season that runs from the disposal of the last zucchini to the arrival of the first catalog.



CGCI Programs

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP)

Krystal Migliore, Chairman - gtep@cagardenclubs.org

What is GTEP?

GTEP is CGCI's Group Tax Exemption Program. It is the opportunity for a member Garden Club or District to obtain Tax-Exempt Status under the CGCI exemption "umbrella."

If you don't have tax-exempt status and would like to learn more about the *benefits and requirements* for participation in GTEP, the **CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Hand-book** provides the answers. The handbook is available online at http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep.



Annual Renewal is required for GTEP members!

Between September 1 and 15, renewal notices will be mailed to the 105 organizations (clubs and districts) participating in GTEP. The renewal notices will be mailed to the club's permanent address (if available) or to the address of the club president. In addition to the mailed notices, club treasurers and presidents will receive renewal information via email. If you have not been notified by mail or email by September 25, please contact this chairman at gtep@cagardenclubs.org.

Once a club (or district) is included in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program and they must renew with CGCI on an annual basis to retain the exempt status. The IRS requirements for renewal are included in the renewal packet. The CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Handbook provides the renewal details as well.

Please Note: When tax-exempt status is obtained directly **from the IRS**, participation in GTEP is not an option and your organization must continue to renew directly **with the IRS**.

Bev Davies, GTEP Chairman 2013-15

From one GTEP Chairman to another... THANK YOU!

Krystal Migliore





Support them...they support us!

- ▼ Is there a nursery or garden center in your community that your members really love?
- ▼ Is there a local garden-related business that is always ready to donate door prizes, raffle items, or provide a speaker?
- ▼ The "CGCI Certificate of Commendation" honors those garden centers, nurseries and garden-related businesses who are to be commended for their outstanding contributions to, and support of, the mission and objectives of CGCI clubs.
- ▼ The certificate is a beautiful, full-color document personalized with the name of the business, your club name & town, a gold CGCI seal and the signature of the CGCI President. It is appropriate for presentation at a media event (a good chance for more publicity for the business and your club!) and can be displayed proudly by the business.
- Go to: http://californiagardenclubs.com/MemberRecognition and submit a request.

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Website: gardenclub.org

Conventions:

May 2-7, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI Amway Grand Plaza Hotel May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA Richmond Marriott

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)



Director: 2015-17
Kristie Livreri
Publication: WACONIAH

Website:

PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

Convention: SAVE THE DATE!

April 4-7, 2016 Green Valley Ranch Resort, Henderson, NV

Are you receiving WACONIAH, the newsletter of the Pacific Region? If not, you can subscribe here (it's FREE):

<u>californiagardenclubs.com/</u> cgcinewsletters

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

From the NGC President

Ideas to share ... excerpted from Keeping in Touch:

- Looking for a new way to raise money for your club projects? One local club in Montana provides labor and expertise in planting homeowners gardens each spring. The homeowner purchases the plants and the members plant a beautiful garden for a donation to the club. They reported on one annual customer who pays \$500.00 for this service.
- The members of Oregon were challenged to donate excess produce from their gardens equal to their body weight to a local food pantry or other organizations dedicated to fighting hunger. Can you imagine the impact on local hunger if every garden club member took this as their personal challenge?
- How are your local garden club members recognized for their work in your state? Wisconsin's "And Any Other" award, Iowa's "Circle of Roses" and many others are presented to deserving members in recognition of their significant contributions.

Did you know?

In 2014 NGC formed a partnership with AMES Companies, Inc. and it continues during 2015-2016. Founded in 1774, AMES is the largest U.S.A. manufacturer of gardening tools. Over the coming year, AMES will again grant tools up to \$5,000 (retail) for approved NGC state or local club landscaping projects/programs.

To allow time to approve the project and for AMES Companies, Inc. to mail the tools, this information needs to be received a month before the event. If project is approved, photos are to be taken at the event and a short article written for possible promotion/publicity on NGC's Website, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr,

The National Gardener and Keeping in Touch.

Questions? Contact the NGC Project Chairman, Elaine Gunderson at NGCAmesToolProject@gmail.com.

For details on how to submit a project go to

http://www.gardenclub.org/projects/ongoing-projects/ames-garden-tools.aspx.

Leap Into Leadership

One leg (frog's leg, that is) of the NGC President's Project is *Leap Into Leadership!* The team (Leapers) has been asked to assemble, develop and share leadership materials for our clubs and members. Some of these materials are now available on the CGCI website.

Go to: http://californiagardenclubs.com/leadership.

Questions? Contact NCG Chairman (Head Leaper) Robin Pokorski, robinp@juno.com

For details on all NGC projects including awards available, go to http://www.gardenclub.org/projects



DONATIONS AUGUST 2015 Total this month: \$1,360.00 Pat York, Chairman

Total January 1 to date: \$21,109.00

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT
Carolands GC\$68
CASCADE DISTRICT
Trinity GC\$68
COSTA VERDE DISTRICT
Riviera GC
Memory: Barbara Bratcher-Ott\$68
Memory: Ethel Sellars\$68
Honor: June Young\$68
Honor: Phyllis DeCrescenzo\$68
DESERT EMPIRE DISTRICT
District Donations
Memory: Marvin Harms\$68
Desert Rose GC of California City
Honor: Leonard & Jo Bucheger\$68
GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT
Donner GC of Auburn
Memory: Alfred Burton, from
Burton Family\$68
Memory: Ron & Wallace
Anderson, from Trudi Canet\$68
Honor: Juanita Duran \$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT
Fort Bragg GC
Honor: Janice Luoma \$68
MONTANA DE ORO DISTRICT
Cayucos GC
Honor: Bonnie Little \$68
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT
West Valley GC
Memory: Pat Ferrin\$68
Honor: Lucy Kerecman &
Carol Spearman \$68
Honor: Jonathan Coto \$68
SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT
San Jose GC \$68
MISCELLANEOUS
Estero Bay Women's Club
Honor: Sherry Shepard\$68
Honor: Myrtle Reid \$68
Honor: Delores Jorge\$68

Are you looking for a way to honor or remember a friend or colleague?

Donations to one of our many worthwhile projects is the perfect "gift."

*** Got QUESTIONS?**

**Something new at Fall Board: "Growing Minds" will be a Panel Discussion. We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to our facilitator, Robin Pokorski, *RobinP@juno.com* (remember all questions are great questions!). The distinguished panel will be comprised of Bob Gordon, Shane Looper, Jane McKee and George Perko;



 $\frac{3}{8}$ however, don't limit your questions to just these four chairmen. If you have any questions, send $\frac{4}{8}$ them in to our facilitator who will find the right person to answer it. Questions will be accepted $\frac{4}{8}$ during the discussion, time permitting.