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From the President's desk...



Happy February everyone... February brings us Groundhog Day, (February 2, in most parts of the U.S.) the day on which, according to legend, the groundhog first emerges from hibernation. If it is a sunny day and the groundhog sees its shadow, six more weeks of wintry weather are predicted; Valentine's Day; celebration of President' Birthdays (Lincoln and Washington's no, no, not mine). Can't forget the Lunar New Year ("the Chinese New Year") which usually occurs at a point between late January and mid-February; and for some the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday) on February 10. While I am enjoying all the rain we so badly needed, I do hope *Punxsutawney Phil* sees his shadow.

Thank you to the 140+ members who will be at the 2016 Winter Board Meeting in San Pedro when the newsletter goes out. WOW! I hear this is a record number of volunteers! Way to go Costa Verde District and CGCI Board Members!

I look forward to seeing you all as I travel throughout California.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your CGCI President.

SueB



Give your club a "pat on the back!"

We love to highlight all those great things you are doing but we can't if we don't know about it. Are you sending copies of your newsletter to us? Just add goldengardens@cagardenclubs.org to your mailing list. Or send a note and include photos (in jpeg format).

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 31-February 3: CGCI Winter Board Meeting**
- **February 1:** Deadline for GTEP renewals
- **February 8: Leadership Workshop,** Encino
- **February 22: Leadership Workshop,** Arcadia
- **May 19-22: 85th Annual CGCI Convention.** Hotel Irvine, Irvine.
Host: Orange County District
Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche
- **September 7-9: CGCI Fall Board Meeting.** Host: Humboldt District. Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the
CGCI website Calendar page
californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

Go to gardenclub.org

for schools in other states

- **March 5-6: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 2.
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **March 21-23: Flower Show School,** Course 2. San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas. Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council.
Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **April 8-10: Flower Show Symposium:** Holiday Inn, Auburn. Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **April 28-29: Landscape Design School,** Series 26, Course IV.
Sponsor: Luther Burbank District. Chairman: Mary Ann Swanson
- **May 14-15: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 3.
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley
- **September 17-18: Gardening Study School,** Series 25, Course 4.
Sponsor: Colfax GC, Chairman: Myrtle Findley

NGC Schools**Gardening Study School, Series 25, Course II**

Chairman: Myrtle Findley

Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

March 5-6, 2016 - Shady Glen Recreation Hall, 450 Gladys Road, Colfax, CA

The hall is in Shady Glen Residential Park located just outside Colfax on Highway 174 (on the road to Grass Valley).

- The objectives of a Gardening Study School are to stimulate an interest in horticulture and to further the art of gardening.
- After successful completion of four courses a member may become an accredited gardening consultant.
- Further information and the registration form will be available on the website soon.

Flower Show School, Course II

Chairman: Emily Troxell

Sponsor: Southwestern Judges Council

March 21-23, 2016 - San Diego Botanic Garden, Encinitas, CA.

What is Flower Show School? These classes encompass a wide range of skills that allow the individual to judge and evaluate the efforts of people entering local flower shows. This series of 4 classes, 2 1/2 days of study each, are spaced 6 months apart and gradually prepare the individual to understand the flower show process. The basic components of any flower show are Horticulture and Floral Design. These classes provide in-depth study in both of these fields so that the individual becomes well versed in the exhibits that they will be responsible for evaluating.

Flower Show School, Course II will feature two outstanding instructors.

- David Robson, from Illinois will focus on herbs and flowering shrubs. He has been teaching Horticulture at the college level since 1980 and is a co-author of Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging. He is a Master Flower Show Judge and a currently credentialed NGC Symposium level instructor of Procedure and Horticulture, now serving NGC as Horticulture/FSP Instructors Chairman.
- Penny Decker comes to us from Florida where she is known for her keen sense of color in creating beautiful traditional and highly creative floral designs. She is a NGC Master Flower Show Judge and Design Instructor currently serving on the Boards of NGC and Deep South Region. She was the recipient of a top award for excellence in floral design education from the American Horticultural Society. She has also represented the USA in honorary exhibits at WAFSA Seminars in Canada, England and Ireland.

Registration form/flyer is available at

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
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 Avenue
Van Nuys, 91402-4030

- Insurance:**

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

- Group Tax Exemption Program:**

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

- Scholarships (Applications):**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319

- 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? Remember to register
or renew their membership. Go to
the [Youth New/Renewal Form](#) on the
website, complete and submit.

CGCI Programs & Projects**Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP): Krystal Migliore, Chairman**

- **February 1, 2016** is the deadline to submit the renewal form and fee of \$15 **TO BE INCLUDED** in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.
- Renewal form and instructions are available on the website:
<http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep>

Communications...some things to remember:

Jane McKee, Communications Director



Newsletters, websites and promotional materials, i.e. membership brochures, should include the fact that YOU are members of a district (if club), CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC. Let the public know that not only do you have a great organization but you belong to a larger "garden club family."

And when listed, the information should be CORRECT!

- ◇ National Garden Clubs, Inc.
- ◇ Pacific Region
- ◇ California Garden Clubs, Inc.
- ◇ Your District

(Note that "Clubs" is plural. CGCI and NGC are umbrella organizations made up of many member organizations. Pacific Region and CGCI districts are geographical groupings and should not be designated as "garden club" or "garden clubs.")

Don't forget that most of your promotional materials are eligible for the CGCI Awards Program. Check the Awards Manual and individual evaluation

Sempervirens Fund

Rosa Radicchi, Chairman

Thank you for your continued generosity in
protecting the redwoods:

- ♥ Westlake Village Garden Club ~ \$200.00
- ♥ Linden Community Garden Club ~ \$ 50.00

Check out their website -

<https://sempervirens.org> and enjoy some of the stunning videos.



It's that time...

Brochures & catalogs: Forms of entertaining fiction published by nurseries, seedsmen and tool manufacturers.

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

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ Angels

Chairman: Jane McKee
1276 Palomares Court
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

Chairman: 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

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers promo-
tional and informational materials and
many are FREE*!



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

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Club & District Corner

The following **new** organizations will
be ratified at the 2016 Winter Board
Meeting (January 31-February 3):

Clubs:

- Alternative Gardening Club, Palms to Pines District
15 Members; President, Baffrey Bentley
- San Diego County Garden Guild, Palomar District
25 members; President, Robert Gale
- San Diego County Herb Society, Palomar District
53 members; President, Barbara Baker

Associate Plant Societies:

- | | |
|---|---|
| •Butte Rose Society
92 Members; President, William Reynolds | •Sacramento Rose Society
60 members; President, Cindy Phipps |
| •Camellia Society of Modesto
35 members; President, Marvin Bort | •Shasta Rose Society
42 members; President, Linda Walton |
| •Camellia Society of Sacramento
108 members; President, Carol Schanz | |

Affiliate:

- California Bluebird Recovery Program
President: Dick Blaine

Youth:

- Daisy Troop 90041 Junior Gardeners Eco tots (pre-school-K) 16 participants
YAC: Melissa Morrison & Valene Canfield
Sponsor: Eureka Sequoia Garden Club, Humboldt District
- FFA Program at Central Valley High School, 16 participants
YAC: Norm Martinez
Sponsor: Shasta Lake Garden Project Club, Cascade District
- GEO Garden Learners, (Grades 1 –6), 24 participants
YAC: Gennie Sealy
Sponsor: Shasta Lake Garden Project Club, Cascade District
- Poway Valley Youth Garden Club (Grades 1 – 6), 200 participants
YAC: Roy Wilburn
Sponsor: Poway Valley Garden Club, Palomar District

Sierra Madre GC (Arboretum District):

Working with several other city
organizations, the club raised
funds to replant the City Hall
grounds with drought resistant
gardens. The club sold memorial
bricks (for the walkway to City
Hall) and as a result of a success-
ful plant sale were able to pur-
chase a memorial bench for the
garden and to date have donated
\$700 for five memorial bricks. For their efforts the club was awarded the City of
Sierra Madre's Wisteria Award for Volunteerism, 2015.





This Month (from Armstrong Garden Centers)

In the Garden...

- **Be happy, be glad! Plant bulbs** of glamorous gladiola now for spectacular summer color.
- **Add color to your yard** by planting deciduous magnolias. Stunning flowering trees in full bloom make a beautiful focal point in the garden.
- **Don't forget your sweetheart.** Roses are always a favorite. Blooming azaleas, hydrangeas and tulips are also beautiful.
- **Finish pruning roses.** Begin feeding once new growth is 1-inch in length.
- **Replenish cool season crops.** You'll be able to enjoy homegrown goodness until the weather warms up.
- **Feed me!** Avocado and citrus trees are hungry for much needed nutrients, sprinkle the recommended amount of Citrus and Fruit Tree Food about 2-feet from the trunk and water.
- **Make up your beds.** Prepared spring flowerbeds by working compost or other organic material into the soil.
- **Shop for seeds.** Get a head start on your summer kitchen garden. Look for delicious varieties from Botanical Interests.
- **Stop weeds from sprouting.** Apply a pre-emergent herbicide, like Amaze to stop weeds in their tracks.

For the Birds...

- **Make room for the birds.** Clean out bird houses so they will be ready to welcome new residents in a few weeks.
- **Keep feeding.** Be sure to keep feeders full to attract and keep birds in your yard.

Going Green - Make a Sustainable New Year's Resolution

By Maria Orefice, Southern California Garden Club
(from the January 2016 "The Green Thumb")

Enjoy a very healthy 2016 by making a few "green" New Year's resolutions. Start small—the following list includes baby steps but will make a significant difference in our environment and your health. In no particular order, here is a list of 10 easy resolutions to make:

1. **Stop buying bottled water:** Carry your own bottle. Annually, 1.5 million barrels of oil are used to make plastic water bottles!
2. **Reduce paper waste:** Resolve to stop receiving paper bills and statements and make electronic payments.
3. **Cut back on paper towel usage:** Over 3,000 tons of paper towels end up in landfills DAILY!
4. **Clean "green" and detox your home:** Switch from conventional cleaners to cleaners without toxic chemicals. Eco-friendly cleaners are easy to buy and even cheaper to make with baking soda, white vinegar, and castile soap.
5. **Drive less — walk, take public transportation, car pool:** Decrease your carbon footprint, save on gas, and burn a few calories!
6. **Participate in "Meatless Mondays":** The benefits of eating less meat are many, including decreasing our carbon footprint. It is estimated that by eliminating meat and cheese one day per week is the equivalent of taking 7.6 million cars off the road.
7. **Clean out your closets and garage:** By donating clothes you no longer wear and "stuff" you don't use any longer, landfills will be less full.
8. **Cut food waste:** Almost one-third of all food grown across the world is thrown out every year. Prepare a grocery list and compost leftovers.
9. **Remove chemicals from your cosmetics and body soaps:** Everything you put on your skin gets absorbed into your bloodstream. Check out the chemicals in your products on the Environmental Working Group's Skin Deep Database: <http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/>
10. **Waste less energy in your home:** For instance, turn your thermostat off in the winter and your air conditioning off in the summer when you are not home.

The Butterfly Flower *Asclepias tuberosa*

By Barbara Smith (from the Divide Garden Club January newsletter)

Butterflies will find your garden when you grow this vigorous deer resistant, shrub-like plant. You can also observe the life-cycle of the Monarch Butterfly. Beginning in summer you will be treated to a profusion of fiery, red-orange flowers followed by decorative green seed pods that inflate and split open to reveal silky seeds and milky sap. Their nectar attracts butterflies. The butterflies lay their eggs on the plant and the hungry caterpillars devour the plant's leaves until they turn into a beautiful butterfly and fly away until the next season when the cycle starts again.



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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: 2015-2017****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org**Convention: SAVE THE DATE!**

April 4-optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead
 April 5-7, 2016: Convention
 Green Valley Ranch Resort,
 Henderson, NV

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National Garden Clubs, Inc.**Gold Star Families Memorial Markers**

At the 2015 NGC Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky, the *Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Program* was approved as an adjunct program to the NGC Blue Star Memorial Markers Program. Gold Star Families is a not-for-profit organization created to provide support to those who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the United States Armed Forces. The name Gold Star came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a service flag in the window of their homes. The flag had a star for each family member in the military. Living servicemen were represented by a Blue Star, and those who had lost their lives were represented by a Gold Star.



Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Adjunct Program follows virtually the same guidelines as NGC Blue Star Memorial Markers Program. Following is a summary of the guidelines:

- ♥ National Garden Clubs, Inc. will still remain Sponsor for both programs (Blue Star and Gold Star).
- ♥ All orders will be approved by the Gold Star founder/president. Final approval and processing will be done by the NGC Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman.
- ♥ The 2015 *NGC Guidelines for Blue Star Memorial Markers* publication will apply, where applicable.
- ♥ Only the Gold Star Families Memorial Marker and the Gold Star Families By-Way Marker are approved for purchase. Highway Memorial Markers are not approved.
- ♥ The NGC logo at the top of the Memorial Markers will remain the same.
- ♥ The coloring, size of the Markers, and print type will remain the same.
- ♥ Prices for the Gold Star Families Markers will be the same as that of the NGC Blue Star Markers.
- ♥ The Gold Star Families Markers will bear a **Gold** star; the word **Blue** would be changed to **Gold**, where applicable, and the "tribute" wording would read: "A Tribute to Gold Star Families Who Have Lost a Loved One Defending the United States of America."

For complete details go to <http://www.gardenclub.org/projects>

Pacific Region Convention 2016**Mark your calendars: April 4-7, 2016**

April 4: optional pre-convention tour to Hoover Dam & Lake Mead

April 5-7: Convention

Green Valley Ranch Resort
 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway
 Henderson, NV 89052

Reservations: 866-782-9487 (866-STAYGVR)**Cut Off Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2016

Complete registration information will be on the Pacific Region website and the Nevada Garden Clubs website in January as well as in the February Issue of *WACONIAH*.



DONATIONS 2016
Total this month: \$952.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$952.00

ARBORETUM DISTRICT

Sierra Madre GC
 Memory: Valerie Joan Taylor &
 Harold F. Fechtner, children of
 member Joan Hufnagel \$136

BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT

Eden GC
 Honor: Janet Rehder \$68

LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

Petaluma GC \$68

MENDO-LAKE DISTRICT

Clear Lake Trowel & Trellis GC
 Honor: Sue Gardnes-Neumann \$68
 Honor: Diane Neilson \$68

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT

Newport Hills GC \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Carlsbad GC
 Memory: Jeanette Sweringen \$68
 Chula Vista GC
 Honor: Bill Rathmann \$68
 Point Loma GC
 Memory: Gordon Eagye \$68
 Memory: Richard Johnson \$68
 San Dieguito GC
 Honor: Jan Berry \$68

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

River Valley GC
 Memory: Mary Ellen Jones \$68
 Vaca Valley GC
 Memory: Barbara Robertson \$68

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Sequoia GC
 Honor: Virginia Monreal \$68



President's Project

Arboretum District	\$ 100.00
Anonymous	\$ 25.00
Total this month	\$ 125.00
Total to Date	\$2,295.00

President's Travel Schedule-2016

January 31-February 3: CGCI Winter Board, Costa Verde District
 February 25: Cascade District
 February 29: Luther Burbank District
 April 5-7: Pacific Region Convention, Henderson, NV
 April 28: Bay Bridges District
 May 2-7: NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI
 May 18-22: CGCI Convention, Irvine, CA
 June 15: Naples Islands GC
 June 19-23: San Fernando Valley District &
 Southern California GC
 September 20-24: NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland ME

Remembering Martha Ann Walter

Martha Ann was a long time member of the CGCI Board of Directors, Circle of Poppies, sponsor of several awards and enthusiastic supporter of many state projects. After moving to Northern California to be near family, she lost touch with many garden club friends but according to her daughter was pleased to receive various newsletters and notes. Martha Ann passed away January 5, 2016. Cards may be sent to JoAnn Walter, 1193, Bluebell Drive, Livermore, CA 94551.