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From the President's desk...

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe this is my last article "From the President's desk….." for *Golden Gardens eNews*. I hope you enjoyed reading them just as much as I have enjoyed writing them.

My term as President is officially over at the end of convention, but I'll still be around!

- CGCI Advisory Council Chairman,
- Pacific Region 2019 Pacific Region Convention Chairman,
- NGC Chairman of Gardening Projects as part of the Youth Committee

Even though my president's project ends June 30 (per the resolution), the Encouraging Future Gardeners Program will continue. We don't have all the details now, but once things are firm, you will be hearing from me.

I can't thank you enough for the opportunity to serve as your CGCI President – it definitely is a privilege. I have enjoyed visiting the districts and clubs, meeting new people and with your help encouraging future gardeners.

Congratulations to incoming President Krystal Migliore and her 2017-2019 Executive Committee and Board Members.

Don't forget to stop and smell the roses.

Cheers,

SueB

From Sue's garden

P.S. Please send in pictures with children working on their kits. I have received only one --- I know there are more out there. Send them to sue_c_bennett@att.net.

NGC Convention, Richmond, VA: Theme - "Virginia is for Gardeners"
Total registration: 778 (Wow!)
CGCI is proud to have TWO members on the 2017-2019 NGC Executive Committee: Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary & Shane Looper, Historian

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention,** San Luis Obispo
- **June 4-10:** National Garden Week
- **September 13-15:** NGC Fall Board Meeting, St Louis, MO
- **April 6-8, 2018:** Pacific Region Convention, Chena Hot Springs, AK
- **May 21-24, 2018:** NGC Convention, Philadelphia, PA

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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

- **June 25-28: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost
- **October 27-28**: Tri-refresher, Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club

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Other Events

- **August 15:** Palomar District, Leadership Workshop - Robin Pokorski
- **October 20:** Humboldt District, Leadership Workshop - Robin Pokorski

Would you like to sponsor a NGC School? Contact one of the CGCI Schools Chairman for details.

2017 CGCI Convention
Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Luis Obispo
Host: Montana de Oro District
Theme: *Encouraging Future Gardeners: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*

Highlights

Wednesday, May 31

- Tour: Blue Star Marker Dedication, tour of historic Jack House and Gardens PLUS an invitation only Placement Show - "A Place in Time"; Lunch – ***Honoring Club Presidents;*** **Awards Celebration Banquet**

Thursday, June 1

- Parliamentary Workshop & Advice from the Advisory Council; **Fundraiser Endowments Dinner** – ***Honoring Charter Members of the CGCI Endowments;*** design program AND a progressive auction. Proceeds benefit the CGCI Endowments.

Friday, June 2

- Lunch – ***Honoring District Directors and Scholarship Winners*** (No Youth Luncheon)
- **Installation Dinner** (Passing of the gavel)

Saturday, June 3

- Post-Convention Meeting, (New District Directors and Officers only)
- 2017 - 2019 Organizational Meeting (ALL Board of Directors)

See you in SLO!
SueB & Bob Gordon

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ENDOWMENT AUCTION & DINNER
Thursday evening, June 1

Please plan to take part in the endowment auction...come prepared to bid. All monies benefit the endowment funds.
Here are just a few of the items:

- $25 See's Candy Gift Certificate
- Original oil painting by Rena Donati $150 value
- San Diego Padre baseball (ceremonial "first pitch") & signed "First Pitch Honoree" Baseball Card – priceless (can you guess who the honoree was?)
- Floral Container by Bruno Karp $175 value
- Succulent Bowl Emerisa Gardens $175 value
- Succulent wreath with silk botanicals $150 value
- Unusual getaway on the scenic Central Coast, 2 days and 2 nights $750 value
- Water conservation equipment by Farm Supply
- Floral Design Demo between 1/1/18 and 6/1/18 by Bob Gordon $750 value

JOIN IN THE FUN OF THE AUCTION AND SUPPORT THE CGCI ENDOWMENTS

Awards Program Update
By Awards Task Force

The Awards Task Force has almost completed its review and revision of the CGCI Awards Program. The changes undertaken at this time are not major and most are enhancements of existing awards. There are still a few items to finalize but following is a summary of the progress to date:

- Awards that had NO entries or only one or two over the past five (5) years were eliminated. These include C-3 Restoration/Reforestation Fund Promotion; PR-1 Publicity Press Books; PR-6 Video; and the following Youth Awards: Y6, Y7, Y8, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13, Y14. The sponsors of these awards have selected other awards to support.
- There were several awards that overlapped and/or had the same sponsor. It was decided to combine where possible and have one award with sub-sections or classes instead of multiple awards. For example: C-9, C-13 & C-14 (Bird & Butterfly Conservation and Butterfly Garden awards) were combined into one renamed "Pollinator Education Award." The updated award now has four sections and the dollar amount has been increased to $50-1st and $20-2nd in all sections.
- At the suggestion of several sponsors the dollar amount of their awards was increased or an award was divided into sections or classes to allow for additional recipients - YAY! More blue ribbons!
- Awards Manual format:
  - ◊ The numbering of the awards was changed to mirror NGC. They use numbers only, no letters.
  - ◊ The "non-competitive" awards were renamed "Merit Awards." All awards that do not require recommendations, applications or entry forms are now listed under Merit Awards.
- The Task Force attempted to clarify, simplify or enhance the language of the rules and the individual award descriptions. In many cases the descriptions/requirements for NGC-eligible awards, did not conform to NGC's requirements and have now been updated.

- All Evaluation Forms were updated to reflect the changes.
- The "draft" Awards Manual 2017-18 will be available at the 2017 Convention. It will be posted to the website along with the updated Evaluation Forms following the convention.

THANK YOU to all award sponsors for your many years of support to the program.

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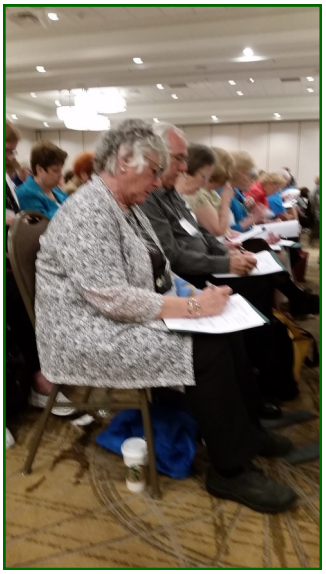
Monticello and its gardens



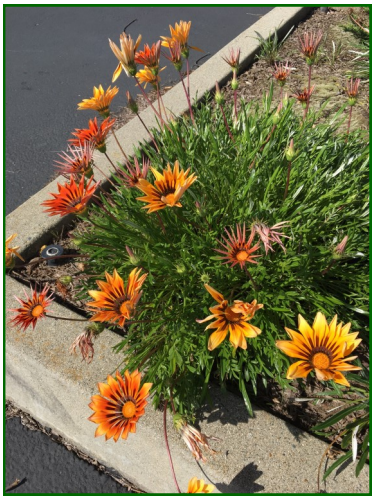
NGC Convention… working hard! Alexis Slafer & Greg Pokorski

"G" Is For Gaillardias and Gazanias
By Judy Paul, Red Bluff Garden Club

Since I love both Gaillardias and Gazanias, and they have many similarities, I decided to write about them together. Both are included in the Asteraceae family. Gaillardia x grandiflora, commonly known as Blanket flower, is native to North and South America, with over two dozen different species. Gazania rigens is native to South Africa. Both are perennial plants, somewhat short lived. So after two or three years you may want to start over with new plants. Gaillardia will self-seed under good conditions. Gazanias can be propagated with basal cuttings.

Gaillardias grow well in zones 3 – 10. Gazanias prefer zones 9 – 11. Both like sunny locations, and once established, are quite drought tolerant as well as handling less than perfect soil conditions. They grow in a spreading, mounding form about a foot or more wide and one to two feet tall. You can use them in garden borders, container planting, or in a ground cover area. Blooming is nearly continuous from early summer through the fall. Deadheading the spent blooms will encourage more blooming.

The flowers on Gaillardia are boldly colored, mostly in reds and yellows of various color formations depending on the variety. The petals surround a center disk with the bloom size of 3 to 5 inches. The blooms can be prolific, thickly covering the plant with a "blanket" look—hence it's common name of Blanket Flower.



Gazanias bloom in a wider range of colors, red, yellow, orange, pink, white, and two-toned variations. The blooms are really spectacular with an almost striped appearance on many varieties. These blooms do close at night. As with Gaillardias, they will continue blooming with regular deadheading of old blooms. I read that a common name for Gazanias is Treasure flower, which seems fitting for such an outstanding, vibrant flower show.

Both of these showy flowers are fairly low maintenance. They need regular watering until established, then can withstand more dry periods. They will be attractive to birds and butterflies. The Gaillardia is a food source of the Lepidoptera species of butterflies, as well as being somewhat deer resistant. They will need dividing every 2-3 years. As mentioned earlier, they will be more attractive with some regular grooming and deadheading to encourage optimal growth and show. And of course, this is really true of every flower in your gardens.

I would recommend these flowers for an easy care and very showy area of your sunny garden. They would be good for beginner gardeners as they are quite easy to grow and care for. Life is a garden, so DIG it!

Membership Matters:
To Club and Associate Plant Society Presidents: It's that time of the year - **election of officers and renewal of your CGCI membership**. Please submit the **ANNUAL CONTACT FORM** **by June 1** to ensure that the correct information is included in our records and the CGCI *Yearbook, Manual & Roster.* Remember you do not need to wait for installation to submit this form. And don't forget, **YOUTH GROUPS** also need to be renewed annually.
Go to **http://californiagardenclubs.com/MembershipForms**

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com for details

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- **Membership & Dues**
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- **Insurance**
  Chairman: Shane Looper
  213 Carmelo Lane
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  94080-2204
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  Chairman: Krystal Migliore
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  Gridley, 95948-1414
- **Penny Pines**
  Checks to US Forest Service
- **President's Project 2015-17**
  Chairman: Maryanne Lucas
  1986 Channelford Road
  Westlake Village, 91361-3558
- **Project Mission Blue**
  Chairman: Shane Looper
  213 Carmelo Lane
  South San Francisco,
  94080-2204
- **Scholarships (Applications)**
  Chairman: Martha Smyser
  4949 Mammoth Ave.
  Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319
- **Stagecoach Hill Propagation**
  Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
  1312 Gates St.
  Eureka, CA 95501-2627
- **Stamps**
  Chairman: Claudia Marsh
  19822 Ottawa Rd, Apple Valley
  92308-6155
- **Donations to the following projects are mailed to:**
  California Garden Clubs
  P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA
  95444-0075
  Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
  Blue Star Memorials
  CGCI Endowments (2 funds)
  CGCI Scholarship Fund (direct)
  Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
  Reforestation/Restoration
  Sempervirens Fund

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project
By Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman

Donations have been received to promote the work in the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve located north of Trinidad in Humboldt County. In addition to the propagation project, the signs have been repainted and California State Parks arranged to have extensive removal of the invasive plants such as alder trees, ferns, non native grasses and berry vines. The American Rhododendron Society brought 150 tourists to the reserve and private tours were provided by California Garden Clubs, Inc. members. Newspaper articles and new pamphlets have increased the public awareness of this native western azalea (Rhododendron Occidentale).

Donors this year:

Bernice Hendrix
Bonne Perozzi
Carolyn Hoyum
E.White Smith
Eureka Florist
Eureka Sequoia Garden Club
Fortuna Garden Club
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Humboldt District CGCI
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Shane Looper
Shirley Lipa
Southern California Garden Club
Southern Humboldt Garden Club
Tim and June Walsh
Tom and Maria Krenek
William and Sue Bennett

TOTAL TO DATE: $5,000.00

L-R: Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman, Chuck Goodwin, Humboldt District Director, Michelle Forys, California State Parks Ranger/Environmental Scientist.

L-R: June Walsh, Mark Freitas, American Rhododendron Society Members, Chuck and Mary Lou Goodwin, CGCI members

L-R: CGCI President Sue Bennett, CGCI President-elect Krystal Migliore, Mary Lou Goodwin, and Michelle Forys

The reserve overlooking the Pacific

Awards, Honors & Recognition

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

NOTE: Check the forms for the correct mailing address
Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

- **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

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Promotional Materials

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)

Club & District Corner

Del Norte GC: On April 18, 2017, the city of Placentia Council awarded Del Norte Garden Club a certificate for caring for the Placentia Post Office Rose Garden. And the club just celebrated its 40th anniversary. CONGRATULATIONS!

Ramona GC: One of the many unique items available at their annual plant sale. The club raised enough $$ to fund FIVE scholarships.

San Jose GC: The club raised $10,000 at their annual plant sale which featured fairy gardens, glass garden totems and a variety of plants and garden art.

Southern California GC: The club held its 51st Standard Flower Show "TV Diners." The Table Artistry Award and Award of Design Excellence went to Rita Desilets - "Ed Sullivan Show."

Palomar District: Southwestern Judges Council Chairman and Master FS Judge Carvill Veech with her interpretation of a painting at the 2017 "Art Alive" exhibit at the San Diego Museaum of Art.

President 2017-2019

Nancy L. Hargroves

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April 30-May 5, 2019, Biloxi, MS

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: 2017-2019

Peggy Olin

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Nancy L. Hargroves, the newly installed president of NGC is a native of Franklin, VA, and now lives in Manakin Sabot, VA. Horticulture and floral design have always been a significant part of Nancy's life, as she grew up on her family's vegetable plant farm and in her grandmother's florist business.

Nancy is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and a Master of Science degree in Food Service Management. In her professional career, Nancy was an Assistant Dietitian with Virginia Tech Dining Services; the owner of Colonial Catering in Blacksburg, VA; an Assistant Food Service Supervisor with Roanoke City Schools; and Adjunct Faculty Member in Food Science at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA.

Nancy joined her first garden club in 1986 when she moved into the Westham neighborhood in Richmond, VA. She served as the President of the Westham Garden Club from 1987 to 1989 and is still a member today. She was a member of the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club from 1993 to 2007 and served as its President from 1995 to1997. Additionally, Nancy has been a member of the Salisbury Garden Club since 2009.

On the district, state and region levels, she has held various positions, including President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2005 to 2007 where she initiated the current grant program for club projects that worked with youth. During those two years she was also President of the Board of Trustees of Nature Camp, Inc., a member of the Jamestown 2007 Beautification Task Force and a member of the America's Anniversary Garden™ Committee.

Nancy is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Judge. She is currently on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society. Nancy is also a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA, the American Hemerocallis Society, and the American Azalea Society.

Nancy's personal gardening interests include creating gardens at her home with a four-season interest and an emphasis on collections of azaleas, daylilies, conifers, hydrangeas and Japanese maples. Her other gardening passion is fall and winter container gardening – an often requested program by those who know her.

In addition to Nancy's interests in cooking, gardening, floral design, needlework and travel, she is a passionate football fan. Nancy and her husband, Herbert, have two sons and two daughters.

Theme: Plant America
Projects:

Plant America - Community Project Grants
The Saved Seed - A new youth book to teach a young child where seeds come from – not from a seed package at the store.

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NGC President's Project details go to the NGC website: Project

DONATIONS 2017
Total this month: $3,876.00
Pat York, Chairman
Total January 1 to date:
$14,212.00

ARBORETUM DISTRICT
Sierra Madre GC
Memory: Larry Gimlich $68
BAY BRIDGES DISTRICT
Friends of Heirloom Flowers
Memory: Katie Smith $68
Honor: Angie Schmidt $68
Honor: Pat Lewis.....$68
BUTTES DISTRICT
Paradise GC.....$136
CASCADE DISTRICT
Lake California GC $68
CHANNEL ISLANDS DISTRICT
Conejo Valley GC.....$136
COSTA VERDE DISTRICT
San Pedro GC
Honor: 2017 Arbor Day.....$204
GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT
Auburn GC
Honor: Karen Sullivan $68
HUMBOLDT DISTRICT
Fortuna GC
Honor: Mary Lou Lange.....$68
Honor: Beverly Ward $68
MONTANA DE ORO DISTRICT
District Donations
Memory: Angela Michaels.....$68
Memory: John Romero $68
Honor: Anna Egger.....$68
Honor: Ginger Reimus.....$68
Paso Robles Multifloral GC
Memory: Stanley Lehman $68

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT
Lake Forest GC..... $340
Memory: Judy Smoke..... $68
Newport Hills GC
Memory: Patricia Hatfield $68
Honor: Arbor Day..... $68
San Clemente GC..... $68
Honor: Diane Riopka $68
Honor: Laura Bard..... $68
PALOMAR DISTRICT
Fallbrook GC $204
SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT
Elk Grove GC
Memory: Deceased members..... $68
Folsom GC
Memory: Sandra Stefani..... $136
Memory: Gerald Meza $136
Honor: Roxanna Menezes ... $136
River Valley GC
Memory: Martha Petros
Donated by: Mary Zellem $68
Honor: Lois Neumayer..... $68
Honor: Mary Zellem $68
Shibui Arrangers Guild $68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT
Burbank-Valley GC
Honor: Mark & Kathie Kennedy.....$68
West Valley GC
Memory: Flo Tyler $68
Honor: Friendships at WVGC
Donated by: Faith Burns.....$68
Honor: Members of US Military.....$68
SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT
Valley Oak GC
Honor: Linda Groah $68
Honor: Gail Sterling $68
Honor: Janet Lange.....$68
Honor: Velma Warren.....$68
YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT
Merced GC
Honor: Mary Berklich.....$68
Honor: Ron Cook $68
MISCELLANEOUS
Estero Bay Women's Club
Honor: Carol McGougan $68
Lake Wildwood GC.....$68

Presidents Project

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for your generosity!

With one month to go, I am happy to report there are only 1,474 kits left to distribute. Each kit contains seeds, educational information and promotes both CGCI and NGC. Press coverage brought attention to the project and CGCI locally and nationally. The article was featured in the Sacramento Bee, the fifth largest newspaper in CA, San Diego Union Tribune and others throughout the state. The article also ran in the Boston Tribune and a local paper in Erie, PA.

Thank you to the members of the districts and clubs who helped make these kits and **especially to Bill, my husband**. One person CAN make a difference (with the help of many).

SueB

******* Total to date: $16, 740.70 ******

President's Project donors this month:

Folsom Home & Garden Tour
Katherine C. Hall
Petaluma Garden Club
Pioneer Garden Club
Rhinda C. Furtado
Sales of *The Frightened Frog*
Sami Nakao
San Clemente Garden Club

Distribution of the kits:

- Herb Kits: 2718
- Green Machine Kits: 2433
- Watch-Us-Grow Kits: 2678
- Plant a Rainbow Kits: 1958
- Pollinator Paradise Kits: 2739

TOTAL: 12,526