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From the Camp fire...

By Ward Habriel, Paradise Garden Club & Butte County Fire Council
Chairman Water Conservation & Education

There are many ways to cry. But more ways to hug. That sums it up for the evacuees during the first several days following the Camp fire here in Paradise and Magalia. The losses are the worst by fire in California history, in both dollars and in human lives. We have been comforted by other garden clubs through long distance calls, emails, offers of contributions and more. Thank you all, you are special to us.

Rebuilding will be like no other. There is no infrastructure unscathed. Water, electrical service, natural gas, phone, waste services, roads, gutters, signage, police and fire protection, animal control, hospital, dental, eye care, Town Hall staffing and basics like groceries, gasoline, and pharmacy. And just having a chat over the back fence with the neighbor...ALL GONE.

But, from a gardener's view this is a blank slate. Set up the easel, put out the canvas, and swipe a wide brush across a brand new landscape! No community (no garden club) has ever had the chance to create a landscape plan to fit a community that is completely starting over. So our input to the powers that be should be lacking of criticism but embracing what we can do better.

What could a brand new landscape look like. First, let's think fire safety. That means how we design and maintain the beauty around homes, businesses, parks, etc. We all like plants, shrubs, trees, hedges, fruits, vegetables, and flowers for their fragrance and color. But do we consider fire-wise landscaping when selecting those plantings?

What if a grassy area, typically part of a residential landscape plan, was fire resistant? But it consumes more water than decorative rock or mulch. Do we want to consume more water to keep plants greener around our homes? Let's consider this element just for Paradise: healthy green plantings will need more water, so the infrastructure for increased water storage should be a high priority. Then, restrictions on conservation should be rescinded. After all, the water company has to sell water to pay its bills. Where do you get all this extra water? You build a bigger, better, safer dam for our community. Look back in history, if you were a pioneer, you wanted water before anything else. All other domestic needs came after water.

So, starting over, and agreeing we need a greater supply of water, how does a 'new' landscape plan come together for an entire town? Public participation is how. Everyone that cares needs to express themselves in the public forum. Attend school board, town council, parks and recreation meetings. In other words, be the community you want to be. And know that as a gardener, your vision for the rebirth of the town is a thing of beauty. How can anyone object to that?

Many of you have asked about donations. Please know that any specific monetary donations to the club will be held for the future rebirth of our community. Donations to larger support organizations like United Way, Salvation Army, etc. should designate "Camp fire" in the memo line in order to benefit our community (without specificity).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the CGCI Winter Board meeting but it is not going to be easy for me to talk about this. I will accept your hugs and support and will return them to my fellow gardeners back home. God started this whole earth thing and He can help us get it back together.

From the President's Desk...

It doesn't seem possible, but winter is nearly here. After approximately 220 days without measurable rain, the residents of the northern half of the state welcomed rain...glorious rain. Wet, soaking rain the week before Thanksgiving made for gray, dark days but on November 21, came the news that the Woolsey fire in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties was 100% contained, one day before anticipated. The rain brought hope that the sky would soon be free of smoke from the Camp fire here in Butte County. Today, November 26 as this is being written, the sky is clear and the most incredible shade of blue. Even more miraculous, was the news that the Camp fire is now 100% contained, four days earlier than anticipated.



Paradise Garden Club Co-President, Ward Habriel, reports he and his wife Cheryl, safely evacuated to Chico. They, like so many others lost their home. Ward, wearing his I Love Paradise shirt, appeared on the local news and his message, as always, was very upbeat and positive. He has invited this president to attend a meeting with Paradise Garden Club's leadership to discuss an opportunity that has arisen as a result of the fire. Ward believes that no other garden club has probably ever had an opportunity to be part of planning a brand new town. The odds are Paradise will be just fine if Ward has anything to say about it. (Editor's note: See Ward's article on the aftermath of the fire on Page 1)

Since the 2017 Fall Board Meeting, over half of our districts have experienced significant fires: Top o' the State, Cascade, Mendo-Lake, Buttes, Golden Foothills, Luther Burbank, Sacramento River Valley, Valley Lode, Yosemite Gateway, Sequoia Foothills, Channel Islands, San Fernando Valley, Greater Los Angeles, Orange County and Palomar. Those districts not on this list have more than likely had a significant or major fire within the last five years. What can we do? What should we do? Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with this president. When sending a message via email, please add the words wild fires as the subject. Your input would be appreciated.

President's travels:

Recently, during a presentation, this president noted that garden clubs are like cookies, all good and each has its own unique flavor depending upon what is added to the mix. Visiting clubs and districts up and down the state is very interesting because no two clubs or districts are the same...they each really do have their own flavor.

October



Humboldt District: District Director, Jeanne Johnson, presents a "Basket of Bulbs" to CGCI President Krystal Migliore during her official visit in October. In addition the District donated \$385 to President's Project. Check the fuchsia in Jeanne's garden...it's totally covered with blooms, and looks like someone had a ruler out to decide where each bloom should appear.



Desert Empire District: A Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker was dedicated at the newly re-located China Lake Museum in Ridgecrest. The marker is sponsored by Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley. Of the approximately 170 markers in California, over 20 are in Desert Empire District.

Sequoia Foothills District: The district held a Christmas decorations sale similar to an event reported by Ilene Herringer, Butte District Director, at the convention in June. Beautiful items found their way to new homes and the district raised significant funds. Sharing information makes it easier for everyone. Sometimes it isn't necessary to re-invent the wheel, you just need to get it rolling.

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 29-February 1, 2019:**
CGCI Winter Board Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Diego
Host: Palomar District
- **June 3-7, 2019:** CGCI Convention
Airtel Plaza Hotel, Van Nuys
Host: Southern California
Garden Club



CGCI Schools Chairmen

- Environmental: Shane Looper
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- Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
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- Gardening: Greg Pokorski,
gregpokorski@earthlink.net
- Landscape Design: Alexis Slafer
aslafer@ca.rr.com

**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

- **January 21-22 & 23-24, 2019:**
Environmental School Courses
1 & 2 Chula Vista
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club
- **February 1-3, 2019:** Flower Show
Symposium. Crowne Plaza Hotel,
San Diego (following Winter Board)
- **July 15-16 & 17-18, 2019**
Environmental School Courses
3 & 4 Chula Vista
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club

Questions about NGC Schools?
Contact any of the
Chairmen listed above

November

Newman Garden Club: Their fundraiser, "A Garden of Tables" supported local scholarship programs and Penny Pines. Of the 100+ guests in attendance, approximately 80% were not members of a garden club. Each guest was given a flyer with details of all of CGCI's Projects. Newman Garden Club exceeded its fundraising goals plan to make it an annual event.



Lasagna noodles were painted to look like the green-white-red Italian flag.



A creative use of pasta as napkin holders.



Four Seasons Garden Club, Sequoia Foothills District: A Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker was dedicated on the Nature Trail located behind Bear Mountain Library. The club and American Legion Post 621 worked together and completed the process in less than a year. Most think of a nature trail as a path through a forest, field, mountain range, etc., used for hiking and seeing plants and animals. This is a foothill garden and the closest thing to a park in the area. Not only are there many different plants that are appropriate for the dry climate, but there are garden paths, a pollinator garden, shade trees, some with benches below, a gazebo, a dry creek bed in an area that was once wet and soggy during the winter and now hosts a Blue Star Marker.

After participating in the dedication ceremonies for three Blue Star Memorial By-Way Markers in the last year, it has become obvious that each club has managed to select the perfect location for their marker. In Hanford, the Children's Storybook Garden; in Ridgecrest, a military town near the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, the marker is located on museum grounds and as funds are raised the museum will expand around the marker; in the foothills, east of Fresno, the marker is in a small mountain community on a Nature Trail that is so much more. Each location is perfect!

If you travel near any of these new markers, take the time to stop and visit...it is well worth the effort.

Happy Holidays,
Krystal

Don't forget: Award entries are due DECEMBER 1
Exception: Poster Contest (see reminder on Page 5)

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership**
Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Avenue
Sherman Oaks 91423-1319
- **Dues: (NEW)**
Admin Ass't: 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: Ilene Herrerger
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley 95948-1414
- **Penny Pines**
Chairman: Carol Vallens
Checks to US Forest Service
Online form
- **President's Project 2017-19**
Chairman: Carolyn Hoyum
P.O. Box 380
Palo Cedro 96073-0380
- **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 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 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



Fiesta Fun

Highlights:

Workshops

- *Fiesta of Dia de Los Muertos*: learn a brief history of this colorful holiday and make vibrant paper flowers like those used by our neighbors to the south.
- *Tillandsia*: a genus of 650 species of evergreen, perennial flowering plants in the family Bromeliaceae commonly known as air plants. Create your own miniature tillandsia design.

Programs:

- Raptors native to San Diego
- Design Your Own Succulent Tapestry (Laura Eubanks)
- San Diego River Park Foundation
- Hot Colors, Dry Garden (Nan Sterman)

My Club (author unknown)

What kind of a club would my club be
If all the members were just like me?
You can thoughtfully ask yourself that question
If not, perhaps it's a swell suggestion
You can sit by the sidelines holding your trowel
Find fault with the officers, censure and growl
Or you can be one who is always on call
Both ready and willing to carry the ball
To your fellow members you soon will be known
As a true loyal worker or else as a drone
You can welcome new members or you can refuse
To take any part beyond paying your dues
You can stand on the sidelines or jump in and play
Attend every meeting or just stay away
You can visit the home when a member is ill
Or leave all the calling to Jane or to Jill
Whatever your talent, some job you can do
So say to yourself as you pass in review
What kind of a club would my club be
If all the members were just like me?

2019 Winter Board Meeting

January 29-February 1, 2019

Crowne Plaza Hotel

2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego

Host: Palomar District

Theme: **Fiesta Fun**

Chairman: Adele Kelly



"Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Youer than
You." - Dr. Seuss

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](http://californiagardenclubs.com/forms)

♥ **Awards Program**

<http://californiagardenclubs.com/awards>

♥ **Business Commendations**

Chairman: Launa Gould
Online request form

♥ **California Consultants Council**

Consultant of the Year Award:

Julie West, 850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930
Gardening Consultants & Landscape Design Awards:
Sue Bennett, 7560 Shelborne Dr
Granite Bay 95746-8617

♥ **Honor Book**

Chairman: Deedee Speer
30861 Saddleback Road
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ **Life Memberships**

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

♥ **Long-Term Certificates**

Chairman: Mike Gould
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 promotional and informational materials and many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for ordering details)



La Jolla GC celebrated its 50th anniversary
CONGRATULATIONS!



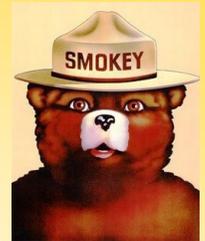
Guest speaker, Nancy Carter & La Jolla President, Mary Mitchell

Roseville Better Gardens Club provides signed Christmas cards to several retirement and assisted living facilities in their area. For many of the residents, this is the only greeting they receive for the holidays.



Smokey Bear Poster Contest

Reminder: Clubs and/or Districts - the FOUR winning posters from each grade MUST be received by the Poster Chairman by January 20, 2019 - No later! Be sure to allow plenty of time for mail delivery.



Please include:

- the full name of the club or district Poster Contest Chairman and that person's contact information.
- how many posters were received, in total, and how many schools were contacted.

Mail posters to:

Charlotte Tucker, 1804 Lime Kiln Road, Sonora 95370-8786

Questions: ctucker@mlode.com

Why do trees have so many friends?
They branch out.

**Environmental School
Mark your calendar!**

NGC Environmental School
Living Coast Discovery Center,
1000 Gunpowder Point Dr., Chula Vista, CA 91910
Host: Chula Vista Garden Club
Chairman: Michael Biedenbender, papa2j2@cox.net



January 21-22, 2019 - Course 1; January 23-24, 2019 - Course 2
Information/registration form: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar> (click on the "Official Calendar/NGC Schools" tab.



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Nancy L. Hargroves

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Convention:

April 30-May 5, 2019, Biloxi, MS

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- Blue & Gold Star Memorials
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Water Projects

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



Director: 2017-2019

Peggy Olin

Publication: *WACONIAH*

Website:

PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

Convention:

April 5-10 2019, Van Nuys, California

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An Opportunity for NGC Members

The Philadelphia Flower Show has introduced new photography classes to the Competitive Classes area of the Flower Show and NGC members are invited to submit entries. This is a great way to enter the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show if you don't live in the Philadelphia area. They will be accepting 35 entries in each class. These entries will be juried by a panel of experts to narrow down to an appropriate number of photographs to be judged at the show. **The deadline for RECEIVING entries is January 11, 2019.**

For information, details and the complete Exhibitor's Guide go to:

<https://theflowershow.com/get-involved/exhibit-at-the-flower-show>

NGC Scholarships are offered to college juniors and seniors majoring in the subjects listed on the NGC website. This year 36 students each received \$4000 NGC Scholarships. Students apply to their respective state Scholarship Chairman and the winner from each state is sent to the NGC Chairman for judging. The deadline to enter in the state scholarship competition is February 1, 2019. For details and forms go to the NGC website



www.gardenclub.org and click on Scholarships

Soaring to New Heights



Pacific Region Garden Clubs 2019 Convention
Sue Bennett, Chairman

Friday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 10, 2019

- **Airtel Plaza Hotel**, 7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406, 818-997-7676
 ⇒ Room rate - \$99/night (includes breakfast)
- **Pre-Convention Tours – optional Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6**
- **Convention (including Organization Meeting) Sunday, April 7-Wednesday, April 10**

Pacific Region Convention Boutique
Launa Gould, Chairman

Got jewelry or small treasures you can share? Save that beautiful old jewelry you were cleaning out of your drawer and donate it! Many attendees will be flying in and will not have a lot of room to transport large items, so jewelry and small handmade items are perfect. There will also be a huge number of local volunteers that love boutiques. If you have anything that you want to donate, bring it to Winter Board (or send with your District Director). If you would like to volunteer at the boutique and interact with garden clubbers from the Western States, let me know.

LaunaG@cox.net, C: 949-275-3974



DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$2,752.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$32,578.00



BAY BRIDGES

Friends of Heirloom Flowers GC \$68
 Honor: Angie Schmidt (co-president FOHF)

BAY OCEAN

Half Moon Bay GC\$100

BUTTES

Garden Club of Colusa County \$68
 Lake Oroville Area GC\$136
 Honor: Ann Bruggeman, Lee Standlee

CASCADE

Lake California GC\$136
 Honor: Lake California Community, Anna Mae Benz

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Pleasant Valley GC \$68
 Memory: Roni White

COSTA VERDE

San Pedro GC.....\$136
 Honor: Maria Jenkins, Wally Hoffman

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Clayton Valley GC
 Donor: Peggy Arundell..... \$68
 Memory: Don Arundell, Phil Cook

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS

Roseville Better GC\$136
 Honor: Karen Hallam
 Memory: BJ McComb
 Donor: Dianne Germond \$68
 Honor: Philip & Sandra Germond

LUTHER BURBANK

Petaluma GC\$68

MENDO-LAKE

Potter Valley GC\$272
 Honor: Dee Cope, Wayne Reynolds Family, Randy and Sharon Freeman, Fort Bragg Garden Club

ORANGE COUNTY

Del Norte GC\$68
 Memory: Eleanore Rankin

ORANGE COUNTY

Newport Hills GC\$136
 Memory: Joyce Rowe, John Richmond

PALOMAR

Bernardo Gardeners\$68
 Fallbrook GC\$68
 Memory: Tressie Crocker
 La Jolla GC\$68

Memory: Chloe Buckley
 Donor: Kathy Young\$68

Memory: Malcolm Young
 Point Loma GC\$136

Memory: Diane Bennett, Pam Lindley

Temecula Valley GC\$68
 Memory: Robert Morris Kirby

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Sacramento River Valley District\$68
 Honor: Jerry Plummer

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Southern California GC \$136
 Honor: Gay Austin, Shane Looper
 West Valley GC\$68
 Memory: Edward Freudenberg

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Green Thumb GC of Milpitas\$68
 Memory: Mickey Ellis

SANTA CLARA VALLEY

San Jose GC \$136

VALLEY LODGE

Art and Flower Guild \$68
 Memory: Earleen Henderson

Manteca GC \$68

YOSEMITE GATEWAY

Merced GC \$136
 Honor: First Responders, Cal Fire
 Memory: Earleen Henderson



When the world says, "Give up,"
Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."
 (Author Unknown)

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy New Year