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From the President's Desk...

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**California Garden Clubs, Inc.
87th Annual Convention
June 4-7, 2018 in Tuolumne, CA
Hosted by Valley Lode District
"Going for the Gold"**

The 2018 CGCI Convention is almost here. We hope you have registered, reserved a room and submitted your Credentials Form. It promises to be a lot of fun.

Highlights:

- ♥ Special Guest: Peggy Olin, Director Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.
- ♥ NGC Standard Flower Show (Judges Council)
- ♥ Awards...awards...awards
- ♥ Workshops (photography, adaptive gardening, vegetables)
- ♥ Speakers (bird behavior, medicinal native plants, youth gardens)

I look forward to seeing all of you in Tuolumne as we GO FOR THE GOLD!
Krystal

p.s. Don't forget to bring your club or district banner!

Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode

Kathy Bramhall, Cascade District Director

Don't forget: California Judges' Council Standard Flower Show "Discovering the GOLD in Valley Lode" in the main Lobby of the Hotel and in the Pre-convention Area downstairs. You can enter horticulture or design, help with placement—just show up! be a judge—contact Kathy Bramhall, be a clerk—contact Jill Cruz, or just enjoy the show.

Bring horticulture or design entries between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4. Designs will also be accepted between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. The Schedule is available on the Home Page of the CGCI website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/>

Contact Kathy Bramhall at jnkbramhall@gmail.com or Carolyn Hoyum at hoyumshut@frontiernet.net for more information. Come JOIN us at the Convention!

CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **June 4-7, 2018:** CGCI Convention, Tuolumne, CA
Host: Valley Lode District

**CGCI Schools Chairmen**

Environmental: Shane Looper
slooper@sbcglobal.net

Flower Show: Gudrun Kimmel
gudron56@att.net

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

- Landscape Design School, Series 27, Course 1. Sponsor: Colfax Garden Club

NOTE: This series has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Watch this space and the website calendar for the new dates.

- **June 25, 2018:** NGC Tri-Refresher, Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino. Information and registration form at <http://californiagardenclubs.com/calendar>

**Endowment Fundraisers****Julie West, Chairman, Board of Trustees**

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce a special fundraiser available at CGCI's 2018 Convention. Make a gift of **\$100 or more** to CGCI's endowment fund and you will receive the limited-edition canvas tote pictured here. These beautiful artistic tote bags, designed by Mary Lake Thompson in Oroville, make an excellent gift for incoming/outgoing club presidents while supporting both CGCI and Scholarship Endowment Funds (proceeds are split 50/50).



It's people like you who make a difference in supporting the two Endowments! Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$1,800 (\$900 for each fund.) Bring your donation to convention to further augment the objectives and purposes of CGCI and make a lasting contribution to the CGCI and Scholarship Endowment Funds.

Only a limited number of tote bags are available. If you would like to reserve your bag prior to convention with your pledged donation of \$100 or more, contact ajcarol@aol.com. Bring your pledged donation (payable to CGCI) when you pick up your reserved tote. The success of this fundraiser is determined by your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you at CGCI's 2018 convention June 4-7!



BREAKING NEWS – California Garden Clubs, Inc. is the beneficiary of two tickets for a 2018-2019 *Golden State Warriors* game at Oracle Arena in Oakland donated to specifically raise money for the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund during Convention. A certificate with details on how to claim these **FREE** tickets goes to the highest bidder. Bring your checkbook for this priceless experience to see the 2017 NBA Champions in person!

Membership Matters

It is time to renew your CGCI membership and update your organization's information. We continue to use the electronic "webforms" for the collection of data for official records. Checks still need to be mailed for dues, but all other membership-related forms are to be completed electronically to reduce processing time as well as errors. Forms are available at: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/Forms>.



NOTE: Effective immediately, ALL DUES checks are to be mailed to the Membership Administrative Assistant, **Rita Desilets, 8316 Sparton Avenue, Van Nuys, 91402-4030**. CGCI does **not** send an invoice for dues. It is your responsibility to submit a check at the appropriate time.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

- **Membership**

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
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 Herringer
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

CONGRATULATIONS!

San Pedro Garden Club: In April the club celebrated its 90th birthday with a luncheon at Peck Park. Special guests included CGCI President, Krystal Migliore; CGCI 1st Vice President, Shane Looper; Pacific Region Director-elect and former CGCI President, Robin Pokorski; Costa Verde District Director, Gudrun Kimmel; CGCI Parliamentarian and Southern California Garden Club President, Greg Pokorski and five former San Pedro Garden Club presidents. The club received congratulatory certificates from the Los Angeles City Council, CGCI and Costa Verde District.

Southern Humboldt Garden Club: In May the club held its 67th annual flower show. Betty Teasley, a club member for 60 years (!) had five generations of her family participate in the show. Shown in the photo below are (l-r) Kimberlee Bigger, Victoria Bigger, Shawnia Fulk holding Audrey, Cheryl Rockwood, Betty Teasley with great-great granddaughter Carmin, and Greg Teasley.



Tech Tips!**Jane McKee, CGCI Communications Director**

Some tips, tricks and reminders when using the internet

- The "**spoofers, scammers and phishers**" are still out there (and will not go away any time soon). If you receive a suspicious email always check the sending email address. Following are examples of such mail and can be ignored and deleted:
 - ◊ The address does not match one you know to be the sender's.
 - ◊ It looks like a legitimate address but the message asks for funds, wire transfers or other activities not appropriate for you or your organization.
 - ◊ The message is strangely worded - uses your last name first (Hello McKee Jane) or has definite grammar or punctuation errors. Most likely comes from a non-English speaking writer.
- CGCI online forms:
 - ◊ Please DO NOT CAPITALIZE your entries. Information from the forms are bulk uploaded to various lists and databases. Capitalizing all words means the administrator must manually correct before uploading.
 - ◊ Form submissions are automatically sent to the appropriate CGCI chairman, officer and Website Administrator. Copies do not need to be mailed or emailed.
- Replies to bulk mail distribution:
 - ◊ If asked to reply to an email distributed via Mail Chimp, DO NOT reply to the sent email. Create a separate email to the address provided in the text by the CGCI officer or chairman. Direct replies come only to this administrator so be careful what you say!!!

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

Chairman: Berni Hendrix
Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould
Online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Josie Goodenow
9003 County Road 6470
West Plains, MO 65775

♥ 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

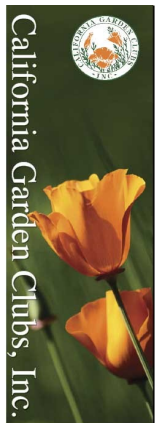
♥ Long-Term Certificates

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 promo-
tional and informa-
tional materials and
many are FREE*!

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

(Check the website for ordering
details)

Parades are EXCLUDED from CGCI Liability Insurance Policy & Other Reminders Shane Looper, Insurance Chairman

As summer approaches and local parades may be on your club's horizon, let's review
what activities are included for CGCI's Liability coverage:

- Normal activities typically include meetings, luncheons, volunteering at public gar-
dens (under the direction of the agency), garden tours, field trips, flower and plant
shows, sales, workshops, etc. Signs and banners are fine. It is expected, as a non-
profit organization, you will have guests from the general public at your activities.
- Normal activities do not include work done on the behalf of others usually under
contract. Premises liability is not included without specifically scheduling on the poli-
cy. CGCI's program has determined premises *liability exposures not eligible for the
program include owning real estate, exclusive ongoing use of building premises or
having primary use of, or any degree of ongoing maintenance responsibility for gar-
dens or land (including Community Gardens.)* There are many situations that are not
immediately clear in this regard and need to be individually evaluated. DO NOT AS-
SUME COVERAGE! ALL Liability exposures must be insured.

What Activities Would Need to be Added?

Additional premium will normally be charged in the following cases:

- Outings over two days;
- Activities/events out of the usual scope such as a street fair where the streets are
blocked off, an Oktoberfest, etc.
- Activities with more than 1000 in attendance (1001 or more)
- Parades: Underwriting information needs to be gathered and submitted to the under-
writer for review for any parade activity. Individuals could be held responsible for legal
liability and defense since club is NOT COVERED unless the parade exposure is under-
written by completing Parade Questionnaire and approved.
- Work done for others for a fee or trade.

Contractual agreements - Why do we ask for contracts?

- We need to see the entire contract to determine the relationship between the club
and the other party and the nature of the activity involved and how it relates to insur-
ance coverage.
- There are many different additional insured endorsements and the contract will deter-
mine which to use.
- Certain wording is required to be in the contract in order to issue certain endorse-
ments.
- Other insurance requirements may be tucked away in the agreement that are not im-
mediately obvious to the casual observer.
- A copy of ALL PAGES of any agreement requesting an Additional Insured must be sent
in along with your application and fee BEFORE any Additional Insured endorsement
can be issued.

Carpools and Errands

- Clubs should verify that drivers have legal limits of insurance coverage before allowing
volunteers to drive on their behalf. Carpools can be encouraged but never assigned.
People must be free to decide who they will ride with.
- In addition, do not make a map showing directions people should travel on or provide
specific written directions. If using a map, state that it is not to scale. Show locations
only, not turn-by-turn directions, on how to travel from place to place. If someone is
injured following your map, you could be sued as they were following your written
directions. Providing copies of MapQuest, Google maps or something similar with their
directions is a "safer" way to protect the club.

Final Tip – Start Early

Sometimes, handling the insurance takes a surprising amount of time, particularly if con-
tracts have unusual or impossible requirements or if the contract needs to be renegotiat-

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**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 2019, Van Nuys, California

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 newsletter of the Pacific Region?

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ed or if there are exposures that need to be quoted and added to the policy. Please make 'asking about the insurance requirements' one of the first things you do when planning an activity.

Please contact CGCI's Liability Insurance Chairman, Shane Looper, with any questions: slooper@sbcglobal.net or 650-871-0172.

NOTE: The above information is for summary information purposes. Please refer to the policy for full information. The policy is the legal governing document and supersedes any information herein.

NGC's Gardening Schools**Greg Pokorski, Chairman**

As this garden club year quickly draws to a close, I can help you make plans to begin a Gardening School (GS) in your new garden club year. What is this school and why should you want one?

- It is one of the four educational schools developed and administered nationwide by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC). It began as a 1975-77 pilot program of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, becoming NGC's third school in 1977 before many Master Gardener Programs were founded (California's Master Gardener Program did not begin until 1980). This four-course (six classes and ten hours of instruction per course) program can help fulfill CGCI's and NGC's education mission. This school is intended to help novice and experienced gardeners become accomplished horticulturists. Classes cover basic botany, soils, plant propagation, diseases and pests, growing flowers, fruits, vegetables, trees, lawns and lawn alternatives. Each course includes one supplemental subject which can specifically cover local interests.
- CGCI's clubs or districts may sponsor this or any NGC School. NGC provides the infrastructure with this well-established educational program for you to provide education to your members and to the public. Instructors can be found in your local colleges and universities, community colleges, high schools, occupational education programs, nurseries, botanic gardens and in private practice as garden and landscape designers, arborists etc. By sponsoring a school, you should be able to increase the visibility of your garden club, district and CGCI and the good works they do while attracting some new members, encouraging future gardeners, and hopefully making a little money – while developing teamwork and cooperation among those who perform the work of conducting the school. I can assure you that holding a school can bring you new members and can make money because my club, Southern California Garden Club, has sponsored three of the 25 Gardening School series that have been held in California from 1979 to 2016.
- Garden club members who complete the school may be certified as NGC Gardening Consultants. See the roster of Gardening Consultants listed on pages 56-58 of the current *Yearbook, Manual & Roster* (all club presidents and all CGCI board members have a copy). Some of these people may be willing to provide advice or assist in various ways with your school. While we want Gardening Consultants to be involved in their communities and give back to their clubs, there is no obligation to provide community service as there is in the Master Gardener program.
- One state garden club president recently said about this school, "I can already heartily recommend it to any gardener who wants to sharpen their gardening skills, add to the depth of their horticultural understanding, and engage with other gardeners in a friendly social setting that encourages an exchange of knowledge and fosters questions common to gardeners."

Contact this chairman for details – GregPokorski@earthlink.net, 818-361-7873.

Continuing education is required for Gardening Consultants to maintain their status and my club is offering such an educational event on June 25. Come check it out and we can discuss getting your school started.



DONATIONS 2018
Total this month: \$4,012.00
Carol Vallens, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
\$14,486.00

**ARBORETUM**

Floralia Guild Chapter 20\$136
 Honor: Helen Novell, Club members

BUTTES

Paradise GC\$68

CASCADE

Lake California GC\$136

Memory: Roy Haines, Bill Law

Red Bluff GC\$136

Honor: Vickie Gray, Dale Tenneson

Redding Wonderland GC\$748

Memory: Tom Brown, Those
 who suffered losses in the California
 wildfires

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Pleasant Valley GC\$68

Honor: Grace Kelly

COSTA VERDE

Long Beach GC\$68

DIABLO FOOTHILLS

Blackhawk Bloomers GC\$136

Honor: Kim Chandler, Carol Nothorn

Livermore-Amador Valley GC\$136

Honor: Linda Jensen, Don Person

LUTHER BURBANK

Petaluma GC\$68

Memory: Sandra Compagno-Withers

MONTANA DE ORO

Multiflora GC\$68

Memory: Joann Fender

ORANGE COUNTY

Del Norte GC\$68

Memory: Edna Vivian Brown

Niguel Shores GC

Donor: Karl Kuhn\$68

Memory: Jack Sweeney

PALOMAR

Bonita Valley GC\$408

Memory: Captain Jack M. Matthias

Chula Vista GC\$136

Honor: Connie Guzman,

Amelia A. Eckert

Fallbrook GC\$68

Memory: Bruce Dennett

Point Loma GC\$68

Memory: Penny Cellini

Ramona GC\$204

Honor: Maryanne Rodarte,

Liz Horelick, The Kerscher

Foundation

San Carlos GC\$68

Honor: Jo Cormier

SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY

Elk Grove GC\$68

Honor: Barbara Johnson

Folsom GC

Donor: Ron Byrd\$68

Honor: Jennie Lewis

Geranium City GC\$68

Honor: Ginny Hall

River Valley GC\$68

Memory: Bonnie Foley

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Burbank-Valley GC\$136

Honor: Sharon Springer

Memory: Will Rogers, Mayor,

City of Burbank

West Valley GC\$136

Memory: Mary Valente,

Berniece Wilson

SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS

Bakersfield GC\$68

Honor: Laura Jason

TOP O' THE STATE

Yreka GC\$136

Memory: Alice Rogers

VALLEY LODGE

Ceres GC\$204

Honor: Ceres Garden Club Speakers

2018, Cal Fire Firefighters

Memory: Cyndi Passalacqua

Newman GC\$68

Honor: Firemen from Gustine,

Newman and Cal Fire

The Lodi GC\$136

Honor: Carol Marvel,

Anna Scholzen

Reminder: CGCI does **not** issue the certificates acknowledging Penny Pines donations or track checks. If you have questions about a donation or a certificate please contact the appropriate Forest Service office. Addresses and telephone numbers are listed on the [Penny Pines](http://PennyPines.com) page of the CGCI website.

President's Travel Schedule

June 4-8 CGCI's 87th Annual Convention, Tuolumne

June 18 San Fernando Valley District, Encino

June 19 Southern California Garden Club, Encino

